



# The Circuit Rider

## Salmon Creek Church



# October 2023

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Grace and peace to you, friends and family of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church!

Can you feel the arrival of fall? Even as I write this, I can feel a crisp coolness in the air! October is going to be a great month here at Salmon Creek. I am excited about all of the special things we have

happening here throughout the month! Please make plans to join us for worship and the special events we have planned.

October 1<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate World Communion Sunday by gathering at the table of our Lord, while across the hall, a delicious breakfast for a great cause will be served up before and after worship. I hope you will join us for breakfast and support our mission work with Habitat for Humanity!

Do you have a special pet in your life? Sunday afternoon, October 8 at 3 pm, we will gather on the back patio and between the buildings for a special Blessing of the Pets Service. All of God's creatures are welcome, we just ask that, for the safety of all the animals, all dogs be on a leash and other animals be in some type of animal carrier. We will also be accepting a special offering that will go to a non-profit cat rescue organization in Vancouver, Furry Friends ([furryfriendswa.org](http://furryfriendswa.org)). I hope you will make plans to join us as we give thanks to God for all God's creatures.

On both October 8 and 15, we will have special guests with us in worship. We have invited a representative from Family Promise to join us in worship on October 8 to receive a check from our church to support the work of "Family Promise Cares" a program of Family Promise designed to help vulnerable families remain in their homes through providing assistance for rent, utilities, and other needs. The following Sunday, October 15, our annual Charge Conference will be held after worship, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Kathleen Webber will be our guest preacher for worship.

We will wrap up the month with a fun event for everyone, Eek at the Creek Trunk or Treat. This will take place in the front parking lot and on the lawn in front of the chapel and gazebo. Please join us by decorating a trunk or table and handing out candy or other goodies to the children of our church, preschool and community who will come by. Costumes are encouraged, but not required!

It will be a month full of wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship and service! I pray you will join us as you are able, and throughout the month, may we all take time to be mindful of beauty around us in the changing of the seasons!

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies; Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

United Methodist Hymnal 92, For the Beauty of the Earth

Peace and joy,  
Rev. Kim Poer

## CHURCH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Oct 1	World Communion/Habitat Breakfast 9 – 11:30 in the Gym
Oct 8	Blessing of the Pets—3 pm Church porch and between buildings
Oct 15	Charge Conference (9 am SPRC & DS in Library, 11:15 all in Gym with Coffee Fellowship)
Oct 22-29	Hosting Family Promise
Oct 29	Eek@the Creek 4 – 6 pm Trunk or Treat in front parking lot & lawn
Nov 5	All Saints Sunday
Nov 12	Veteran's Day Observance
Nov 18	Basket Auction & Dinner Event
Nov 19/25	Hanging of the Greens - 3pm
Nov. 20-25	Kim away
Nov 26	Observe 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 9	Saturday – Lessons and Carols Concert—6pm
Dec 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 16	Bells of the Cascades Concert
Dec 17	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 18	Night of Hope worship service in Pioneer Chapel—6 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve worship 5, 8, 11 pm
Dec 31	Christmastide Hymn Sing

### Day School Special Dates

Dec. 1	Happy Birthday Jesus 6:00 pm (sanctuary and fellowship hall)
Dec. 25-Jan 2	Day School and church office closed for Christmas break
March 13	Walk-a-thon (Gym 10-12)
May 10	Muffins with Mom (fellowship)
June 14	Donuts with Dad (fellowship)
June 28	Graduation



# October Events

**BE SURE THAT THESE OCTOBER EVENTS ARE ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT MONTH!**

**Benefit Breakfast for Habitat—October 1st**



**Blessing of the Animals—October 8th**



**Charge Conference—October 15th**



**Hosting Family Promise—  
October 22-29th**



**Eek at the Creek—October 29th**



How is your HOPE holding up these days? Do you remember when we started the HOPE campaign back at the beginning of this year? We were going through the storm -- tattered, divided, and hurt. The anchor became our symbol of hope – The Anchor Holds Steadfast and True. Then, slowly but deliberately, the clouds gave way to sunshine – enthusiasm, joy, positivity, energy, love, acceptance and most of all, Christ. We rebounded well, our troubles turned into triumphs, our woes became victories. The church pews filled up again with smiles, connections, and purpose. Do you remember feeling the wonderfulness in the air as you arrived for Sunday morning service? It was there, for sure.

Is it still there? I believe it is! Are we still feeling the excitement of a thriving, successful, Christian-filled, loving church today? I believe I feel it! Do you feel it too? Are you doing all you can to be a part of that wonderful feeling of beating the storm and going forward as if this was the plan all along? Are you excited and smiling when you come to church? Do you look forward to all the events coming this fall? Are you doing everything you can to make the operation of the church go on, as if there were no barriers or stumbles in the way? Are you giving your time, talents and tithes generously so that our church has the means to grow, succeed, be better, be all that we want and need?

I hope so! This is the time when we need everyone to pull together - be all that you can be, be a small part of this giant machine that makes SCUMC so warm, inviting, loving, and spiritual. Take part in the leadership or serve on a committee or in a ministry. Your participation is greatly needed. It takes a village to make all the great things happen here. Prayerfully consider where you will fit in and I guarantee you'll receive many blessings in return.

Let's keep the HOPE alive! Keep up the energy, the smiles, the excitement! This is our church! Let's make it better than anyone can imagine.

To volunteer, please contact Lila DeBolt or Pastor Kim. For further questions, don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you.

“There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something tomorrow.” --- Orison Swett Marden

Lila DeBolt  
Chairman of the Administrative Board



**In keeping my promise to inform you of the happenings, activities and business of the Administrative Board, here are some highlights from the summer meetings. The members have been working very hard to keep the Church operations running as smoothly as possible.**

**The Safe Children's Ministry Policy was revised and approved for use.**

**The Listening and Visioning sessions were completed with great success. As a result, a new Mission Statement was created – "We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ, uniting in fellowship, missions and service." One more session is being planned to finalize this discussion, focusing on improved church management.**

**Day School operation was discussed with resolution of an occupancy issue.**

**Finances have been continuously monitored for income revenue and expenditures.**

**We are currently under-budget for Pledge income, but staying stable or even under budget in some expenses. The 2024 Stewardship Campaign kicked off last month.**

**Missions and Committees have been highlighted during Sunday morning services with the Chairs or Team Leaders giving presentations about each area of leadership in the church. Knowledge of how and why each entity operates is provided to educate the congregation and hopefully, recruit some volunteers to serve on these various committees.**

**The Trustees continuously work to improve, clean, replace and manage the facilities. New parking lot lights were installed, a new computer in the Media booth was put in place, the music room roof leak was fixed – just to name a few of the many tasks performed to keep our church operational, safe and beautiful.**

**A welcome dinner for Pastor Kim was held in July. What a fun time for fellowship and getting acquainted with our new leader – everyone enjoyed the cookout!**

**Discussion has been on-going concerning use of the Good Samaritan Funds. A decision was recently made regarding this. Please see upcoming news.**

**VBS was planned and executed with Tiffiney doing an outstanding job as the Director. Plans are already being made for next year.**

**Rally Sunday was planned by the COM. What a great way to gather information about our Church!**

**Missions served lunches at Sarah J. Anderson School this summer.**

The Membership records are being updated with great care, thanks to Sally DuPree. She is also assembling a new church-wide Directory for all members to have.

Youth went on a mission/fun trip. Gavin is doing a great job in leading our young adults.

A new agreement for Building Use Fees was approved. Our facilities – the Chapel, Main Building, FMC and FH - are being rented for a variety of occasions with modest compensation.

Plans are being made for the Annual Charge Conference to be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Reports, evaluations, pastor salary, and nominations for 2024 leadership will be presented for approval. District Superintendent Kathleen Weber will be present to give the sermon that morning, as well as lead the Conference.

A school supply drive was held for our Day School and Gaiser Middle School with great success.

Vacancies are being filled for next year's Leadership teams.

An informational Membership Class was held for interested persons who want to join SCUMC. Larry Siewert gave a history of the church with Pastor Kim talking about what church membership means here.

Updated Emergency Plans and Facilities Orientation were presented to all staff, with copies in the church office, Day School and FMC.

Many activities are being planned for the fall and holidays. Please check your calendars often and plan to attend.

So, as you can see, we have been BUSY!! It is with great pride, enthusiasm, faith and love of God that we work to provide these opportunities for the congregation. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of us. We are here to serve you and our Church.

**Lila DeBolt**

**Chairman of the Administrative Board, 2023**

**Members: Jim Roberts, Steve Enyeart, Ed Grubel, Winston Asai, Jan Asai, Pam Copeland, Karen Beilsmith, Teddy Ernster, Tom Shumaker, Dan Kingsley, Pastor Kim**

**The Administrative Board has been busy developing a working policy for distribution of the funds in the Good Samaritan Fund. There is a substantial amount of money in this fund that has been donated by our very generous congregation. We would like to inform you on how we are proposing to make it available for good usage.**

**First of all, a portion of the fund will be given to the Family Promise Cares Program. This is a program that is dedicated to the prevention of homelessness by assisting with housing/rent costs, utility payments, or application fees when seeking housing. Since we already have a missional relationship with Family Promise, and in keeping with Bishop Bridgeforth's M.I.L.E. initiative, we felt this was an excellent way to use these funds. By looking out our window into the community, we can be more in-tune with addressing the current needs of homelessness around us. Our work with Habitat for Humanity also defines our spirit-led mission in addressing the homelessness crisis. Presentation of the donation check will be given to Family Promise in October.**

**Secondly, we want to be able to help our congregation in need with the remaining portion of these funds. Are you experiencing a hardship such as loss of a job, housing/rent payment deficits, utility payment, a medical illness or disability, food needs, or transportation costs? We want to help you and we have the resources to assist you. Please see the Distribution Policy that follows this article to start your conversation.**

**Thirdly, our food pantry continues to serve our community in need. The shelves are full of cans, boxes and bottles, ready to be packed in a bag when someone comes to the church looking for this assistance. This is a great ministry that we can provide to anyone in need. While our pantry is full of food now, be on the lookout for ways you can contribute to keep this ministry going strong.**

**At any time throughout the year, you may contribute to the Good Samaritan Fund. Your monetary donations are certainly welcome. Giving so that others may benefit is a heart-warming, Christ-like action that will give joy and comfort abundantly. Please consider giving to this fund so we may continue to provide assistance when a brother or sister needs help.**

**If you have any questions concerning this policy or fund, please reach out to me.**

**Lila DeBolt  
Chairman of the Administrative Board**

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND**

**Distribution Policy**

**PURPOSE**

To inform the congregation of this fund, its purpose and to fairly distribute funds for community outreach in an effective and secure manner, as well as for personal hardship assistance within the church body. Assets from this account may be used to re-stock the existing food pantry when needed, and for additional expenditures whenever deemed appropriate by the Pastor.

This Fund exists to assist attendees or members who are experiencing any hardship such as loss of job, medical illness or disability, housing/rent deficits, utility payment, food, or other need deemed appropriate by the Pastor. Monetary assistance will be provided to ease the hardship. All conversations and decisions will remain discreet and confidential.

Larger sum donation(s) from this fund may be given to local charitable organization(s) to assure proper usage of the assets. This will require a unanimous vote by the Administrative Board. This is another missional opportunity to serve our community in need.

No monetary donations will be given to outside individuals who present at SCUMC seeking aid. Food bags will be given to those seeking this assistance.

**WHO QUALIFIES**

Any member or attendee of SCUMC who has been an active participant in our church fellowship through regular attendance, service on a committee or ministry, or currently is on staff.

**PROCESS**

The individual seeking assistance will notify either the Pastor directly, the Office Administrator, or the Chairman of the Administrative Board. This may be achieved by an in-person conversation, phone call, letter or email. The Pastor and Chairman of the Admin Board will meet to discuss the validity of the request and determine the appropriateness of funds to be given. An in-person discussion with the Pastor may be required, depending on each situation. The Pastor will then notify the individual of the decision and distribute funds accordingly. Again, all conversations and transactions will be discreet and confidential.

**RE-FUNDING**

At any time throughout the year, attendees or members may contribute to the Good Samaritan Fund with monetary donations. Checks may be placed in the offering plates on Sunday mornings with a designation of "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. In-person donations may be given to the Office Administrator or to the Financial Secretary.

When appropriate, food donations may also be made when the need arises.

## **GIVING STATEMENTS IN THE MAIL**

**Statements have been mailed to all individuals who have donated to the church during the period 1 Jan 2023 to 19 Aug 2023. These are "interim" statements designed only to allow you to manage your giving to the church. "Year end" statements will be mailed in January or February 2024.**

**Please do keep in mind that if you have not given funds to the church this year, you will not receive a statement.**

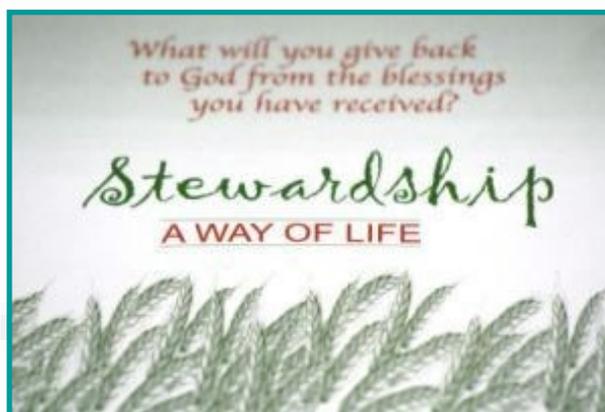
**Please feel free to contact me directly at the below number, or email, should you have questions about your statement or failure to receive one.**

**Thank you.**

**Jim Roberts, Financial Secretary**

**Email: [jimpamrobert@gmail.com](mailto:jimpamrobert@gmail.com)**

**HP: 360-573-0446**



## MISSIONS TEAM

The Missions Team at Salmon Creek Church would like to invite you to join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the library to plan missions opportunities for our congregation. Here are some current opportunities to serve our church by being in service to our community. We have a number of community partnerships that need support!

**Gaiser Middle School** partnership - thanks to everyone who donated school supplies! People can continue to be involved by praying for the students and staff at Gaiser and by joining the Gaiser PTSA:

<https://gaisermiddlepta.memberplanet.com/Home.html>

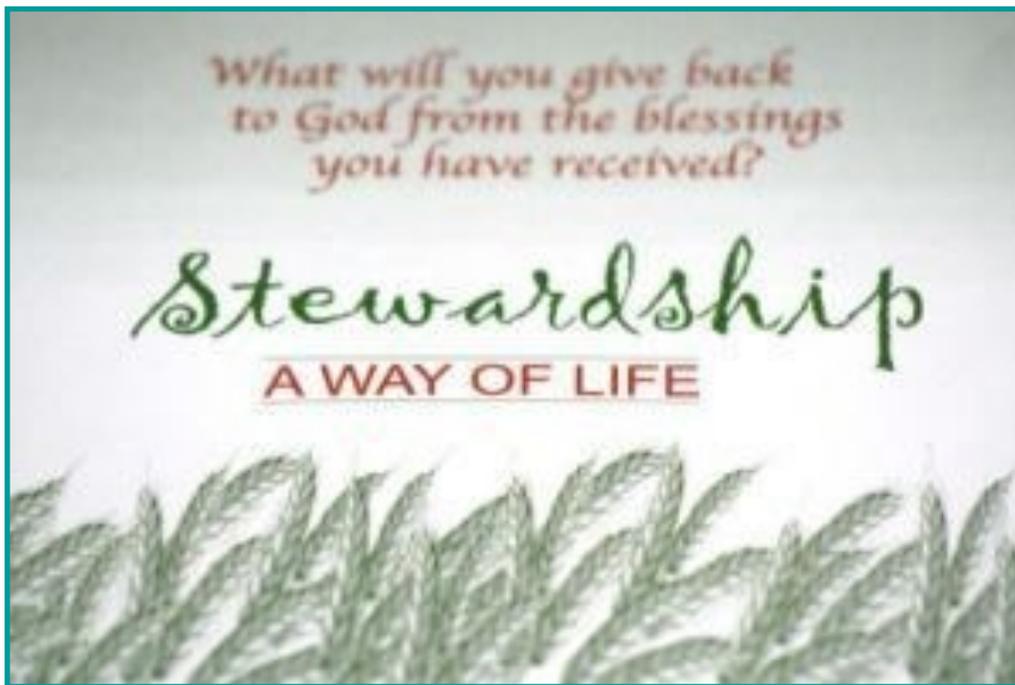
**Family Promise** - we will host Family promise again on Oct. 22 - 29, sign up to bring a meal, serve as a host or be a volunteer driver.

**Habitat for Humanity** - work days planned for October 21st and November 4th, the houses are coming along quickly, we may be doing flooring. Salmon Creek is sending a check for \$5000 to Evergreen Habitat for Humanity, it will be matched. Sunday October 1st will be a benefit breakfast for Habitat before and after church.

**Missions Basket Auction** - save the date for November 18th as we come together for dinner and an auction. It is a time of fun, food and fellowship and also a chance to support local community ministries - Friends of the Carpenter, Safe Choice Women's Shelter, Open House Ministries, Share, Ft. Vancouver SeaFarer's center and a new agency - Battle Ground Health Care.

Coming later this year - Winter Hospitality Overflow and a Christmas Sharing Tree!

— Kathy Hardy and Larry Siewert



## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**In the youth department, with God as our guide, we work to continually build an environment of intentional spiritual growth, service and fellowship, while maintaining a safe space for creative expression and worship. Understanding that we are better together, we strive to strengthen our relationships within the youth group so we can be effective with our invitation to newcomers, as well as efficient in our outward service and ministry.**

**There is, of course, no harm in having some fun along the way, so we make sure to do that, too.**

**— Gavin Huckins**



## COUNTERS/MEDIA TEAM

### MINISTRY MATTERS

#### Media Team and Counters

Two very necessary and important ministries in our Church...two among many!...are the folks who count our offerings and those who do the sound and video each Sunday in support of the service. It behooves us to know a little bit about the services provided by these "unsung heroes."

#### MEDIA TEAM

Every Sunday, two members of the Media Team come in a little before service begins to set-up for sound and video presentations. For the sound portion, they set up microphones, turn on speakers, and prepare other sound devices (such as the Pastor's lavalier) to ensure the correct and appropriate amplification of the service for those present in the Sanctuary, as well as those joining from home. Part of the job is adjusting the sound-board in just the right manner to ensure that all can hear the various speakers, vocalists, and instruments which comprise our usual Sunday Worship. In the same manner, the other member of the team is setting up the computer to manage the various cameras, projectors, and computer-generated video for projection on the screen in the Sanctuary as well as for broadcast to those watching over the internet (Normally 10-15 people on any Sunday). Not limited to Sundays, the dedicated members of this team ensure Sanctuary and livestream support on holidays and for various special needs such as memorial services.

#### THE COUNTERS

Counters exist in every Methodist Church for the sole purpose of having an assigned, known group of people to count funds coming into the church. The Counters, so named because they "count" the dollars and cents donated on Sunday mornings, identify the source and amount of all donations and then assign them to the correct "fund" in the church (ex: Trustees, Youth, General Fund) while subsequently depositing those funds in the church account at the bank. They also have the responsibility to ensure all church funds are documented in an assigned computer program. Generally speaking, they work one day per week in support of the usual Sunday collections, but they are also responsible for receiving funds from various church activities as they occur (Basket Auction, for instance). The Counters group includes the Church Financial Secretary and selected members of the congregation.

Having specific, trusted, and responsible members of the congregation assigned to the specific functions in our church ensures our church operates smoothly and predictably.

— Jim Roberts

## **Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader** **Become a Volunteer Reading Mentor**

**In Clark County, approximately 45% of 3rd graders do not read at grade level and approximately 3,500 kids in Clark County need reading support. 75% of children who enter 4th grade behind in reading, never catch up. 60% of young men entering prison cannot read above a 3rd grade level. Study after study confirms that at-risk kids who do not read at grade level by 9 years old (3rd/4th grade) are destined for delinquency.**

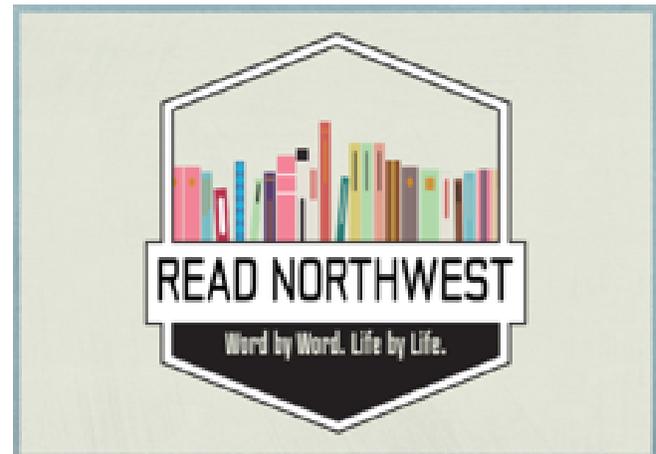
**Read Northwest is a non-profit organization that is launching a Volunteer Reading Mentor Program at Pleasant Valley Primary. Read Northwest's mission is to get children reading at grade level by the 3rd grade. We partner with schools, non-profit organizations, faith-based communities and individuals.**

**[Please visit Readnw.org](http://Readnw.org) for more details.**

**More information on the next page ...**

# Become a Reading Mentor

Volunteer with Read Northwest at Pleasant Valley Primary



## Reading Mentor Program

- Meet once per week
- 20-30-minute reading sessions
- Student driven program (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- Training provided to volunteers
- Volunteers must be 16+

## Join Today



**Read Northwest exists to elevate Early Childhood Literacy in Southwest Washington.**

Email Jennifer Dondero  
 South Battle Ground Volunteer Coordinator  
[jennifer.dondero@readnw.org](mailto:jennifer.dondero@readnw.org)  
[Readnw.org](http://Readnw.org)

**Elevate. Encourage. Inspire. Impact.**

Disclaimer: Read Northwest is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization partnering with local schools to provide volunteer reading mentors to students in the no-cost program.



**Bring your beloved family member to be blessed  
by Pastor Kim!**

**Sunday, October 8th, 3:00 pm—in between  
the two buildings.**

**Even if you don't currently have a pet, come join the fun!**

**Dogs must be leashed, all other animals in carriers.**

**Donations are welcome—we will be giving those to Furry Friends—  
Vancouver's no-kill Cat rescue shelter.**

**[Furry Friends No-Kill Cat Rescue of Vancouver, Washington](http://furryfriendswa.org)  
 [\(furryfriendswa.org\)](http://furryfriendswa.org)**





# Charge Conference

***SAVE THE DATE:***

**ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

**SUNDAY, **OCTOBER 15TH****

**AFTER WORSHIP**

**PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!**



REMAINING HOSTING DATES FOR  
2023  
October 22—29  
December 30—January 6, 2024



*Serving Promise*

Dinner + Auction

*Raising Hope*

*Join us* Wednesday October 18, 2023

**Mark your calendar! We'd like to invite you to Family Promise of Clark County's Annual Fundraiser, Serving Promise Raising Hope.**

***What:*** A fun night to celebrate and support FPCC

***When:*** Wednesday, October 18, 2023, doors open at 6:30pm

***Where:*** Adventist Community Church | 9711 NE St. Johns Rd. | Vancouver, WA 98665

[Purchase Your Tickets to the Event \(ejoinme.org\)](https://ejoinme.org)



***Please join Friends of the Carpenter on October 20, 2023***

***Guests will learn about the impact of our programs.  
Enjoy fun live auction packages, as well as peruse wonderful silent  
auction packages. Just in time for the holiday season!***

***Tickets are \$75.00 each on website:***

***[www.friendsofthecarpenter.org](http://www.friendsofthecarpenter.org)***

***Location: ilani Casino Resort***

***1 Cowlitz Way***

***Ridgefield, WA 98642***

***Doors open at 5:00 pm***

***Program begins at 6:00 pm***



# EEK at the Creek

EEK AT THE CREEK October 29<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm

Join us for a not-too-spooky Halloween *trunk or treat*. SCUMC will be hosting this event in the front parking lot and lawns. Volunteers are needed. Decorate your trunk in a Halloween overlay for a chance to win the top spot prize. If you need ideas or supplies, we have you covered. We are excited to offer this event to our church families, day school and community. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, email Tiffiney Nordby at:

[Tiffiney.nordby@salmoncreek.church](mailto:Tiffiney.nordby@salmoncreek.church)





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### Stephen Ministry Training Opportunity

East Woods Presbyterian church is offering a Stephen Ministry training to start in November and end around Palm Sunday. The Stephen Leaders have extended the offer to our congregation. If you have ever considered being trained as a Stephen Minister, to walk beside someone who is going thru a crisis, here is a great opportunity to receive the training. It entails about 50 hours of training, meeting once a week for about 2+ hours. If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Sandie Hollister 360-576-7709.

# BASKET AUCTION

***SAVE THE DATE!***

**ANNUAL MISSIONS**

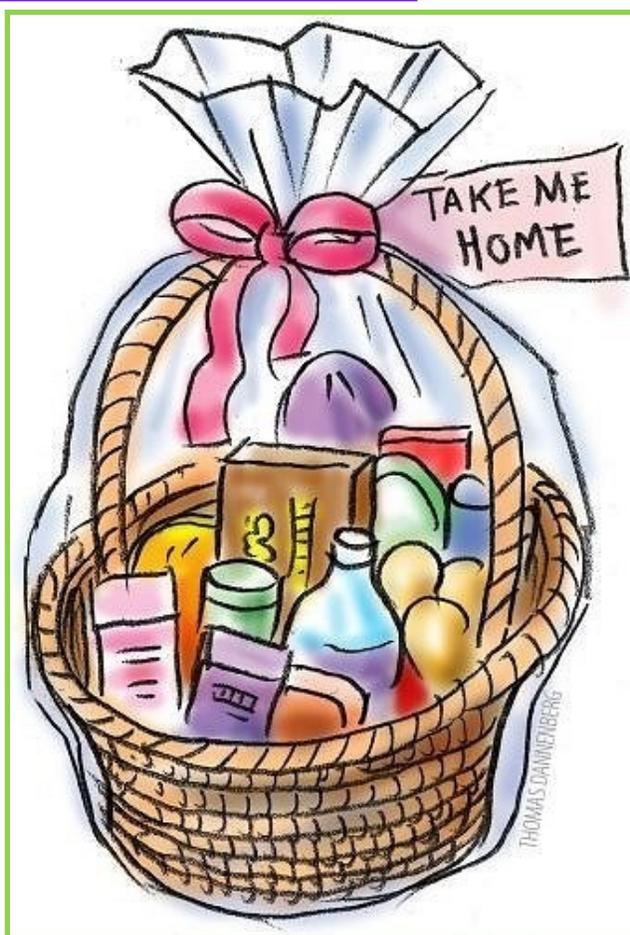
**BASKET AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER**

**18TH**

**5:30 PM IN THE FMC GYM**

***Tickets go on sale October 15th!!***



Salmon Creek United Methodist Church  
12217 NE Highway 99  
Vancouver, WA 98686

# Save the Date!

SATURDAY

18

NOVEMBER

## Fall Missions

### *Dinner & Basket Auction*

Join us for an evening of fun, food & fellowship to benefit our community's local missions!

**Tickets go on sale October 15**

5:00 PM Doors Open (Silent Auction)

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Live Auction

Contact the Church office for more info - 360.573.3111



#### **MENU:**

Appetizers

Banger Mash w/Onion Gravy

Braised Red Cabbage w/Apple

Dessert from Dessert Dash

Coffee/Tea/Cider



## ANNUAL MISSIONS BASKET AUCTION – Saturday, November 19

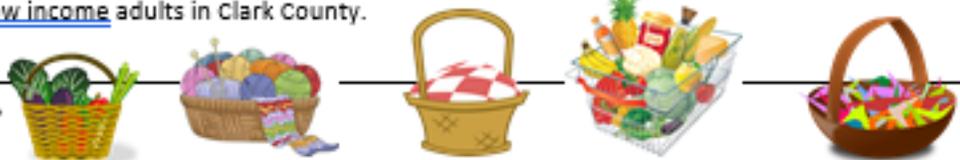
### What is a basket?

Baskets are collections of items, homemade or purchased by church members and combined together with a theme...baking, pampering, movie night, etc.

We encourage individuals, families and groups in the church to put together baskets to be auctioned off at our annual basket auction! There will be a silent auction and an oral auction of baskets by our own Roger Brindle.

### Where do auction funds go?

1. **Share Inc.** – Non-profit organization that provides food and shelter to the homeless and low income in Clark county. School food backpacks and summer lunches are provided by Share.
2. **Seafarers Center** – Welcomes and provides services for international mariners while docked at the Port of Vancouver and Portland.
3. **Safe Choice** – Shelter and services for women who are victims of domestic violence.
4. **Friends of the Carpenter** – A ministry that serves the homeless and less fortunate in Vancouver. Projects of 'wood' allows those participating to become friends around a table with Christ at the center.
5. **Open House Ministries** – A ministry that serves families who are in transition. A way for them to 'get back on their feet'. Providing them housing, counseling, goal setting and hope.
6. **Battle Ground HealthCare** – Salmon Creek is looking to provide support for this non-profit, faith-based clinic that provides health care to low income adults in Clark County.



### How do I donate a basket?

Sign up at our display in the back of the church. Then complete this form and leave it in your basket when you bring it to the church. You may also submit the information prior to bringing in your basket – be sure you also identify the basket at the time it is brought to the church. In order to compile the information for the auction we need a description of the basket by November 16<sup>th</sup>, all baskets must be at the church by November 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**Name of person or group donating a basket:**

**Type of basket or brief description of contents:**

**Estimated retail value: \$**

Thank you for your contribution towards missions work in our community and around the world. Your expenditure on your basket is tax deductible, please keep your receipts or you may get a receipt from the church office or the treasurer following the Auction.

## A New Quilt group at Salmon Creek

Come and join us if you are interested in quilting. This group is for beginners as well as those who are more confident in Quilting. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the each month at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Paul Room. Our next meeting will be on October 2nd, at which Sharleen will do a bit of reviewing safety measures when using quilting tools and show us how to make a block. There will be time to sew on the new block or work on your own projects. This is a great time to enjoy fellowship. We hope to end by 12:30, but can go longer if there is interest. Please bring your own sewing machine. Call Sandie Hollister if you have questions. 360-576-7709





**We will be having another Benefit Breakfast for Habitat on Sunday, October 1st in the FMC Gym. Breakfast is served from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Please join us!!**

There are two new dates to volunteer for Habitat this year: **October 21st and November 4th**, both are Saturdays. If you are interested in helping, please talk with Larry Siewert. This is an extremely rewarding way to serve!



***BENEFIT BREAKFAST MENU:***

**Cheesy potatoes with spinach and Canadian bacon, egg casserole, link sausage, fresh fruit, donut holes, orange, apple and V-8 juice, coffee and tea.  
Thank you in advance for your generous donations to this great cause.**



# Habitat Work Day

9-16-23

Habitat Work Day September 16th:

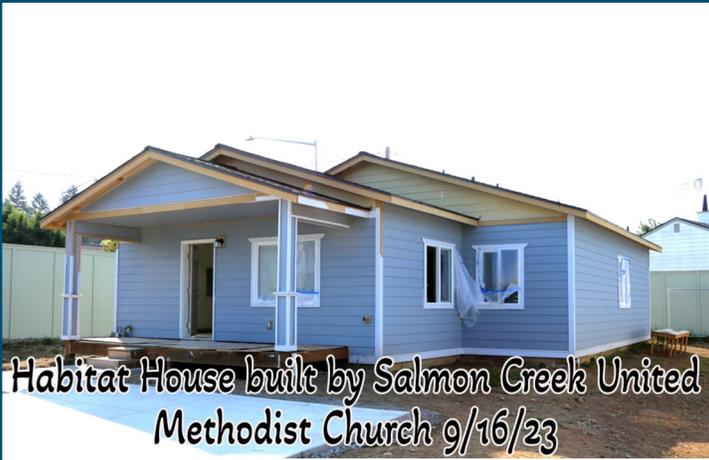
We had a delicious lunch provided by a supporter. The cookies were amazing - in the shape of tools, a hard hat and Habitat House!





# Habitat Keynotes

9-16-23



Habitat House built by Salmon Creek United Methodist Church 9/16/23





# Work Day Habitat

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**Welcome**  
**New Members**

**Welcome NEW members! Mike and Betsy Bannow  
joined the church on Sunday, September 17th.**





# Handbell Musicians OF AMERICA

## Matthew Compton Wins David Davidson Composition Contest



The David Davidson Composition Contest Committee met earlier this week and have chosen Matthew Compton as the winner for his work, *Soundscapes*. The Committee also recognized composer Caleb Onstead with Honorable Mention for his piece, *The Crucible*.

The Davidson Composition Competition Committee is an anonymous group appointed by the executive director. The Committee reviewed ten entries in this year's competition.

The David Davidson Composition Fund was created in October 2009 to encourage the creation of original works for advanced handbell ensembles. Works selected for awards from this fund illustrate the high musical standards embodied by Maestro David Davidson. Davidson was a nationally recognized church music, choral, and handbell clinician, who was instrumental in creating Distinctly Bronze, Handbell Musicians of America's event for highly accomplished handbell musicians to ring advanced literature.

Previous recipients of the David Davidson Composition Competition are Ron Mallory (2010) for *The Stars Ascent*, Anthony Chapman (2011) for *Black Bellini*, David Tiedman (2014) for *Cascades*, and Robert Riker (2015) for *WonderDance*.

Matthew Compton's *Soundscapes* will be published by AGEHR Publishing, Inc., and performed on March 3, 2024, at Distinctly Bronze East's 25th Anniversary concert in New Bern, North Carolina. This performance will be conducted by Emily Li and livestreamed. Compton will receive a cash prize of \$1,500, and transportation/lodging so he may be present for the premiere performance in New Bern.

Compton is a native of Colorado Springs and has been composing, arranging, and conducting music for handbells since 2007 when he was in the eighth grade. He had his first composition published at the age of fifteen, making him one of the youngest published handbell composers. Compton graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music with an emphasis in Composition and Conducting. Now based out of Vancouver, Washington, he is the music director of the Bells of the Cascades in Portland, Oregon, Director of Music Ministries at Salmon Creek Church in Vancouver, and recently has become the new Artistic Director of Pikes Peak Ringers in Colorado Springs, CO. In addition to being a guest clinician at handbell festivals across the country, his music is frequently used at local and national handbell festivals, like the Bay View Week of Handbells and Distinctly Bronze East and West. He has been the recipient of the Donald E. Allured Composition Award.

# Congratulations, Matt!!



**September 10, 2023**



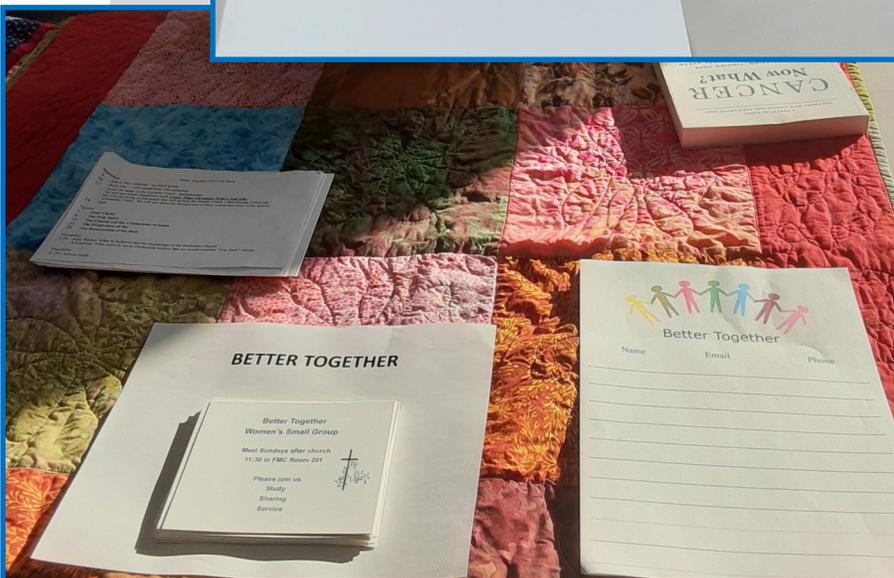
Rally Day was a wonderful start this year for church committees! Seventeen committees were represented in the Fellowship Hall following our Sunday service on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Many folks enjoyed learning more about the functions of each committee and several of our church family signed up to be a vital part of these committees.

Many thanks to all the chairs and/or representatives of the various groups for their extra work that day. Many thanks to those who signed up to join committees. If, by chance, you were not able to attend or if you are still considering helping, do let Nancy, our Office Administrator, know and she will direct you to the person who chairs that committee.

It is going to be a great year here at Salmon Creek United Methodist Church!



September 10, 2023



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# Blessing of the Backpacks



Back to School  
**August 27, 2023**





**Kathy Hardy—October 2**

**Roger Horner—October 3**

**Joanne Horner—October 7**

**Faye Wells—October 7**

**Sandy Bippes—October 9**

**Barbara Graham—October 11**

**Ron Wiltsey—October 13**

**Jan Asai—October 16**

**Elaine Gilbert—October 25**

**Dan Kingsley—October 26**

**Bob Gordon—October 30**

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update records!



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