



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church



October
2025

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

As I write this note today, I am enjoying the beautiful sunshine and breeze through my window screen. While I appreciate each season of the year, there is something special about that window of time when the seasons are changing. We can all feel the anticipation of change that is sure to come as hot summer days begin to be replaced by cooler temperatures and days of refreshing rain. For many, this will be a welcome change, while others would rather keep the long and hot days of summer.

While we may not all agree on what changes are the best, I think we would all agree that *change is hard*. Yet, it's hard to deny Greek philosopher Heraclitus' claim that, *"The only constant in life is change."*

For the month of October, our worship will be shaped by the Worship Design Studio's short series, *The Changemakers*, inspired by the work of Changemaker Initiative. Marcia McFee describes the series this way: *"A Changemaker is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Jesus was a Changemaker. The Good News is... so are we. Made in the image of God, sharing in the purposes of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, we are the "assets" we've been looking for. Our wealth lies in the Compassion, Collaboration, Creativity, and Empowerment that sustains us through change, for change, for the sake of a better world. Join us as we hatch new ideas and fly to new heights, risking something big for something good."*

October also holds several great opportunities for fellowship, fun, spiritual growth and service.

Save these dates and plan now to join us!

October 5: Missions Breakfast UMCOR 9 – 11:30 am

October 5: Blessing of the Pets at 3:00 pm

October 18: Women's Retreat Day from 9 am – 4 pm

October 25: Eek at the Creek 4-6 pm



Register before the end of September for our Women's Retreat! This day away retreat will be held on Saturday, October 18th here at Salmon Creek UMC. Registration in September is needed for our team to order lunches and adequately prepare materials for all who will attend!

Fall is also Charge Conference season! So, we have begun working on our reports to share about the ministry we have done over the past year and our plans for 2026. An important piece of work to prepare for Charge Conference is the assembling of our 2026 Lay Leadership Roster. This is a great time to prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to serve in one of our administrative or ministry areas. If you would like to know more about opportunities to serve, please reach out to me or Lila DeBolt and we will be happy to visit with you.

Peace and joy,
Rev. Kim Poer

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?"
John Wesley



A graphic for October Pastor Appreciation Month. It features a dark blue hexagonal center with gold scrollwork at the top and bottom. The background is a collage of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The text "OCTOBER" is in a white serif font at the top, "Pastor Appreciation" is in a large white script font in the middle, and "MONTH" is in a white serif font at the bottom.

OCTOBER
Pastor Appreciation
MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Pastor Appreciation DAY is Sunday, October 12th.

Let's let our Pastor Kim know how much we love her!!



The formation of this group to serve the United Methodist Youth in Clark County has been a year in the making. Between the UMCs combining forces for the last several confirmation classes, and the friendships formed by youth from different churches attending summer camps such as Ocean Park, we felt the call to pool our resources and form a combined Youth Ministry under which all Clark County Methodist Youth can flourish. Already we have had a fun and welcoming kick-off event and are looking forward to many more such get-togethers.

We have had the great fortune to hire Lacey Kelley as our Director. She comes to us with a foundation of UMC Youth, and experience working with youth in school, camp, and counseling settings. Let her tell you in her own words!

Hi, I'm Lacey Kelley (she/her), and I'm so excited to serve as the new Clark County Methodist Youth Director! I grew up in Kelso, WA and have been connected to the United Methodist Church since I was a kid — from Sunday mornings as a kid to leading youth ministry in college at Garden Street UMC in Bellingham, leading as the Dean of OP's (Ocean Park) Elementary camp, and now serving as the mental health counselor at OP's Mid/High camp. Church has always been where I've found a sense of belonging and community that I want youth here in Clark County to experience, too.

Outside of church life, I'm a therapist and former school counselor, which means I spend a lot of my time listening to young people, cheering them on, and helping them discover how strong and resilient they really are. That same passion for supporting youth is what excites me most about this new role — creating spaces where teens can ask big questions, explore faith, build friendships, and know they are unconditionally loved.

When I'm not working, you'll probably find me hiking a new trail, getting creative with art projects, or spending time with my husband and our 5 cats. I believe faith should be full of joy, curiosity, and connection — and I can't wait to see what we'll create together here in Clark County!

Participating churches include Orchards United Methodist Church, Salmon Creek United Methodist Church, Vancouver First United Methodist Church, and Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church; however, all local UM Youth are invited to join us in our events and activities!



TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2025

- 10/5/26 Missions Breakfast—UMCOR
 10/5/25 Blessing of the Pets 3:00 pm
 10/7/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
 10/9/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 10/11/25 SC Lions Shred Event 9:30 am
 10/13/25 Worship Committee 5:30 pm
 10/14/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 10/18/25 Women's Retreat
 10/25/25 Eek @the Creek – Trunk or Treat
 10/28/25 Finance 6:00 pm

November 2025

- 11/4/25 COM 4:00 pm, Ad Board 6:00 pm
 11/13/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 11/11/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 11/15/25 Missions Basket Auction
 11/23/25 Hanging of the Greens
 11/25/25 Finance 6:00 pm
 11/27/25 Thanksgiving—church closed

December 2025

- 12/2/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
 12/7—14 Family Promise Week
 12/8/25 Worship Committee 5:30 pm
 12/9/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 12/11/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 12/14/25 Lessons and Carols worship
 12/15/25 Night of Hope Worship 6:00 pm
 12/20/25 BOC Christmas Concert 4:00 pm
 12/23/25 Finance 6:00 pm
 12/24/25 Christmas Eve Worship—5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm
 12/24/25 Church Office closed for the holidays until January 5th

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Are you looking for a way to help around the church that is fairly simple and doesn't require a lot of time? Do you need to find just that special niche where you can be very useful? Can you climb on a short ladder?

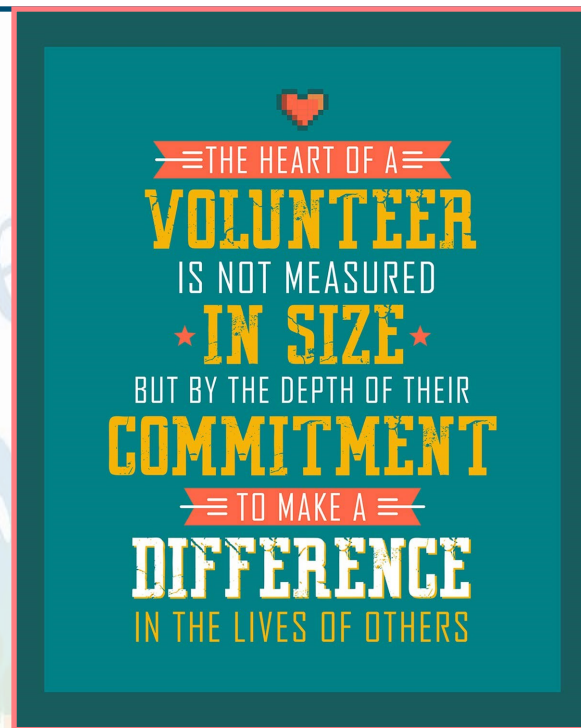
If you have answered yes to all these questions, this job is perfect for you!

We are in need of someone to change the announcements on the outside marquis sign. You will be instructed on what message goes up and how often the sign needs changing – perhaps only 1-3 times per month. Messages depend on the occurrence of special events and holidays. We would also like to display thoughtful messages to the public that might stir an individual's soul or invite them in to learn more about our ministry and worship experience. The letters are located in the Office Workroom and the only requirement is that you are able and comfortable climbing on a small ladder or step stool. If this seems like a job you can do, please contact Pastor Kim, Lila DeBolt or the Church Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Lila 360-600-8521 LJSDEB56@aol.com

Pastor Kim 360-573-3111 (church office)





LEADERSHIP RECRUITING FOR 2026

Well, it's fall again and that brings us to the time where we start to look at the Leadership Roster for next year. It takes many hands and hearts to make so many things happen here at SCUMC. The operational committees work very hard to sustain the building and facilities, the finances, the missions, the programming, the management of staff, and the overall administration of the church. Then, we add the availability of several small groups, fellowship opportunities, wonderful music programs, and pathways for children and youth. None of these various areas within our church structure can operate on their own. As you can hopefully imagine, it requires many dedicated volunteers to make all this great magic happen! We are so blessed to have such an enormous group of loving and caring leaders and members who share in the task of providing and coordinating these teams, tasks and events. God is so good in giving us people who want to give of their time and talent to make sure SCUMC runs smoothly, efficiently, spiritually, fulfilling with opportunities, grounded in Christianity, and focused on growth and forward movement.

Volunteering is a powerful and transformative force that benefits and enriches everyone who contributes. Those impacted by volunteers receive in return many riches that fulfill their lives. DeAnn Hollis says "The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." "Volunteering is the ultimate legacy we can leave behind. Proud to contribute, proud to inspire, proud to be a part of something bigger than myself" – Anonymous.

So, I would encourage everyone to look around the church and find a niche for you to jump into. There is a place for Everyone!!! If you need help in finding the best spot for you, don't hesitate to reach out. We will find the perfect group for you to be a part of. "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." - Mother Teresa

Here are a few of the groups that need help in 2026:

Nominations and Development Committee – 1 At-Large Member

COM (Council of Ministries) – Secretary

Co-Chair of the Better Together Small Group

SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) - 3 At-Large Members

Trustees – 2 At-Large Members

Youth Representative for Administrative Board

Please, take a moment to ask yourself – Can I fill one of these positions? Can I make a difference? Can I serve impactfully? Your faith gives you the special gifts to share with the body of Christ. Each one gives differently, but very importantly. Pray about it. Think about it. Do it.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions, or would like more information about any of these positions, please contact Lila DeBolt, Pastor Kim, or Greg Berry. We will be glad to help you make an informed and spiritually-led decision.

Thanks for being a part of the Leadership Recruiting for 2026. It's going to be another Great year! Wouldn't you like to be a part of the team!!

Lila DeBolt

Chair, Administrative Board

Chair, Nominations and Development Committee

VOLUNTEER



Enroll Now for Fall

A NEW YEAR HAS BEGUN AT LITTLE FISH PRESCHOOL!

Little hands and feet once again fill our Preschool hallway! A new year has begun with our little students eagerly playing with new friends and learning about Jesus. Our devoted teachers – Ashley and Angela – are filling these precious minds, hearts and bodies with fun activities, yummy snacks and good Christian lessons that will hopefully stay with them during their lifetime.

While the school is not at capacity for attendance currently, there is an abundance of joy, laughs, memories and goodness that sustain our mission to serve these children who have come to us for nurturing care and growth.

Thanks to our very generous congregation for the financial support during the Special Offering in August. Also, Ashley and Angela are very appreciative of the wonderful supplies donated during the School supply drive. Your on-going support is vital to the success of this ministry.

There are still enrollment opportunities available. Please, tell your neighbors, families, friends and others you encounter who may desire a morning preschool for their young ones. A tremendous amount of love and good quality care is still available to more children. Spread the word – Little Fish Preschool is Ready for You!

For more information, please contact Director Ashley Skelton at 360-433-8113 Or the Church Office – 360-573-3111.

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360-573-3111



OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

August, 2025 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church as of August 31, 2025.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	29,731	29,000	731	271,813	232,000	39,813
Expenses	66,133	39,551	(26,582)	295,507	259,102	(36,405)
Operating Income / (Loss)	(36,402)	(10,551)	(25,851)	(23,694)	(27,102)	3,408

Pledge income again declined this month as expected during the summer, with only 81 % of Budget achieved, and ~ (5,000) Unfavorable to Plan. YTD Pledge income is still strong, and we are at 106 % of Plan. Your commitment to our Church and our Community remains steadfast and we appreciate everyone's generosity. Expenses hit a major bump in August with the FMC Facilities project hitting our budget for ~ 27,000 this month, the remainder of the 40,000 budget adjustment made by the Administrative Board earlier this year. This caused our expenses to be ~ (27,000) unfavorable for the month and drove our YTD unfavorable variance to ~ (36,000).

The aforementioned Facilities costs resulted in a negative result for August, with a loss of ~ (36,000). This threw our YTD results into a loss of ~ (24,000). The financial results have been significantly supported by a gain in some of our investments in the Mutual Funds Market, with a YTD profit in investment income of ~ 29,000. Praise be to God! Without this, obviously we would be in an even higher Operating Loss position for the year, so we are keeping a watchful eye on our income and expenses every month.

With respect to our Preschool program, we still continue to operate at a loss as we strive to add more students. YTD Losses approximated (12,000) through August. We are vigorously pursuing additional enrollment and are vigilantly watching enrollment figures and daily expenses.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions of time, talent and financial resources as we continue to worship together as disciples of Jesus Christ, united in missions, fellowship and service.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee

Church Trustees

UPDATE



Trustees Update – Autumn

Narthex HVAC Thermostat: The new Narthex Heat pump is operational. It should be set to 'heat' now as we transition to fall and winter. Heat pumps should run several times per day to keep fresh air in the rooms. It would be better to use our heat pump to maintain the temperature in the narthex and sanctuary during the week. That said, the sanctuary thermostats should be set 1-2 degrees less during the week. Some continue to change the programmed settings on many of the thermostats – so you are responsible for following the concept so we can maximize the use of the new higher efficiency heat pump.

Thermostats in general: I will be changing the TStats in many rooms to 'heat' soon. The warm weather in September was warmer than usual, but after that, we should be done with the AC. Please note the changes to 'Heat' coming soon. As has been the case for years, changing the temperature setting should only be done using the arrows. Changing the programmed settings should only be done by the Trustees. Using permanent hold is not allowed without contacting the Trustees.

Fire Marshal Annual Inspection: They will be here in November with a check list of items of concern – updated extinguisher tags, exit sign testing, etc. Most importantly, there will be a change in wall decorations – hanging paper and cloth on walls will be strictly limited. Paper must be pinned tight to the walls / bulletin boards. Cloth decorations must be as well and must be treated, including window curtains. Next year all cloth decorations, banners may need to be made from factory treated cloth. We are going to ask for some clarification, especially on the banners we use in the Sanctuary.

Thanks, Steve Enyeart, Chair Trustees



Do you have an interest in serving the United Methodist Church Early Response Team? Training is available this October! See the following articles for more details and visit the website linked below.

UMCOR Disaster Response - Early Response Team Basic Training - Oct 2025

Be ready for when the next disaster strikes to help those most in need.

Train now to be an Early Response Team member.

Our next UMCOR Disaster Response - Early Response Team Basic Training is being offered on **Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. PT** at Faith Church - Issaquah, WA (3924 Issaquah-Pine Lake Rd SE, Issaquah, WA 98029).

The Early Response Team Basic Training will prepare you on ways to clean out a flooded home, haul debris, sift through ashes and work alongside survivors while staying safe. The class is taught by United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) certified trainers and includes examples of recent missions, hands-on activities and an opportunity to meet people with a passion to serve. Anyone 18 years or older is welcomed to attend.

The registration fee is \$26.57 and includes all training materials, lunch and snacks. The registration deadline is Monday, October 13th. There are several pre-requisites to complete before the class so please register ASAP.

Questions? Contact Kathy Bryson, PNW Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, at brysonpnw@gmail.com, (509) 539-2978.

[UMCOR Disaster Response - Early Response Team Basic Training - Oct 2025](#)

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DISASTER RESPONSE
ERT BASIC TRAINING

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM



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THI Pacific Northwest Early Response Teams



Fellow ERTs -

Our ERTs are back in the field and helping disaster survivors. Now is the time to get ready and join the next mission.

An ERT Basic Training is set for Saturday, October 25, in person at Faith Church in Issaquah (3924 Issaquah-Pine Lake Rd SE, Issaquah, WA 98029) from 8:30am - 5:00pm (PT). This Basic Training is open to anyone 18 years or older with a passion to serve.

For previous ERT members with expired badges this is your opportunity to take the course again and be ready to serve another three years.

Register now at: <https://gnw-reg.brtapp.com/ERTBasic202510>

Fee is \$25 and includes all training materials, lunch and snacks. Scholarships are available upon request. **Deadline for registration is Monday, October 13.** There are several prerequisites to complete before the class so please register ASAP.

Questions? Please contact me at brysonpnw@gmail.com, (509)539-2978.

Blessings,
- Kathy



Salmon Creek Games

Would you like to play board games with school children?

Salmon Creek UMC sponsored Salmon Creek Games some years back at Salmon Creek Elementary School. The school is interested in seeing that happen again. Volunteers will go to the school from 10:50 am to 12:15 pm on Thursdays, beginning **October 2 until November 20th**. Depending on interest, we could try games again in the Winter/Spring. The board games are at the school, so we do not need to bring our own games. We need about 5 volunteers to have a minimum of three volunteers for each session. You would not be expected to attend all eight sessions, but if you can do that, that would be great! The students are a joy to work with. What we do: We play board games with students, starting with kindergarteners and continuing every 20 minutes, through 5th grade. We never have more than 12 students at a time, with students picked by teachers at each grade level. Originally, the goal was to have students who needed encouragement in working with other students. But the games became so popular that some classes drew names from those interested in attending. That popularity never waned!

For more information, see Jim Selby.



OCTOBER 5th—to benefit UMCOR

Join us on October 5th before or after church for a Benefit Breakfast for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is a branch of the Methodist Church that supports missionaries and projects throughout the world. Church apportionments cover the administrative costs so donations through UMCOR can go 100% to fund the programs.

Breakfast starts at 9am until 10am and after service until noon. We are serving cheese potatoes, egg casserole, sausage links and fresh fruit.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Save the Date!! Our annual "Blessing of the Pets" will be Sunday, October 5th at 3:00 pm. Bring your beloved animal family member! Once again, our friends "Furry Friends" have been invited to attend and we will be collecting donations for their organization.



Visit Us



Salmon Creek Lions

Free Paper Shred Event

● **Saturday, October 11th, 2025**

10:00AM - 1:00PM

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church Parking Lot

(12217 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver WA, 98686)

● **Benefiting:**

Meals On Wheels People

Delivering healthy meals in Clark County to help older adults stay nourished, independent and connected

● Paper Shred is an environmentally friendly event to protect yourself or your business by safely destroying sensitive documents that are no longer needed, and will free up space in your home or office.



Thank You To Our Event Sponsors!

Umpqua Bank - Altech Financial - Vicki Fitzsimmons Edward Jones - Kay Hust
FBR Realty, Inc 360-696-4571 - Note Buyers, LLC 360-607-2314

Cash & food donations are welcome to benefit the Clark County Food Bank



Council for the Homeless

Wishes to say thank you to all who donated to their

Hot Weather Drive!!

They invite you to attend their "Gathering for Change",
at the Kiggins Theater, **Wednesday, October 15th, 6:30 pm.**

Purchase tickets and learn more below:

<https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/events/gathering-for-change/>

Gathering *for*
CHANGE
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Wednesday, October 15th 6:30pm
Kiggins Theatre, Vancouver
Livestream Available

Presented by:





**Sign up sheets at
the Welcome Desk**



**We are pleased to announce the sponsorship of our 2nd
Annual one-day women's retreat on **October 18,**
2025, here at Salmon Creek Church,
in the Family Ministry Center.**

**For only a \$20.00 registration fee, you will have lunch,
and a full day (9AM-4PM) of inspiration and renewal.
Lunch will consist of Sandwich and chips, or Salad and
fruit, both served with a cookie! Dietary restrictions can
be accommodated if you let us know on your registration.**

**Friend, educator, and Hospital Chaplain, Mary Mahoney, from Legacy Salmon Creek,
will again be presenting our topic, "Our Heart's Desire, Connecting with God in ALL
ways!"**

**Chaplain Mary will be using many of our learning styles in prayer settings. Samples of
logical, visual, verbal, musical and bodily (dance), as well as the Natural World will be
presented. These will be using sensory and experiential dimensions of prayer in a
spirit of restoration and renewal through small group exercises.**

**Many of us enjoyed what Chaplain Mary had to share last year, and we are certain
her interesting delivery and sharing will give us much to consider at this year's event.**

**Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. For more information call Laurie
Doering (360) 606-7494,
or Nancy at the church office.**

Women's Ministry

2025 Annual Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Hearts Desire

Connecting our Hearts
with GOD through prayer.

IN ALL WAYS

Speaker: Chaplain Mary T. Mahoney

Please join us for a day of love, fun, music & prayer

Cost: \$20.00 which includes lunch

Register in the Narthex or with Nancy



It is that time of year again - at Share they are gearing up for the cold winter months by starting to organize for their **annual Seats and Feets Drive!**

This is one of SHARE'S largest annual drives, and through the commitment and efforts of our partners, Seats & Feets brings in enough inventory to last us the entire year! These donations go directly into the hands of the community. Items are passed out by their Outreach Team to our neighbors living outside, to singles and families in our family shelters, and shared with partner organizations like Vancouver and Evergreen Schools, Council for the Homeless, and more.

Last year the Seats and Feets Drive brought in:

1,658 pairs of socks

439 pairs of underwear

3641 diapers

93 packages of wipes

And this year, with your help, we hope to bring in just as many!

Highest Need Items..

Our family shelters are filled with lots of babies right now! *Diapers and wipes* are a huge need right now- and we have some older babies so size 5 and 6 are very much appreciated.

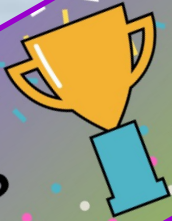
Men's underwear is one of our most requested items and we are completely out of multiple sizes.

Week at the Creek

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th

4:00—6:00 pm

PRIZES



Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Annual Fall Missions Dinner & Basket Auction

SATURDAY

NOV | 15 | 2025

Tickets—\$15.00

**5:00 pm—Doors Open
(Silent Auction)**

**6:00 pm—Dinner &
DESSERT DASH**

*Sweet Rewards for
Generous Hearts*



**Tickets on sale
October 12**

Contact Church office at
360-573-3111 or email
admin@salmoncreek.church



**OPEN HOUSE
MINISTRIES**
We're a family shelter

**SafeChoice
YWCA**

**FRIENDS
of the
CARPENTER**

Share



**Battle Ground
HealthCare**

Support our local missions!

Silent Auction—Bid with Purpose

Browse, bid, and make an impact!

Raffle Tickets—Win While You Give

Enter to win exciting prizes. Every ticket supports missions.

Paddle Raise—Give to Change Lives

Raise your paddle to fund life-changing projects.

12217 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver WA, 98686
360.573.3111—admin@salmoncreek.church



Save the date - November 15, 2025

Annual Church Basket Auction

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Tickets available beginning October 12, 2025 for \$15

How can you support the Salmon Creek UMC Mission Auction?

On Saturday, November 15, we will gather as we have for over 30 years to support these important local ministries:

Ft. Vancouver SeaFarers Center, Share Vancouver, Open House Ministries, Friends of the Carpenter, YWCA Safe Choice Women's Shelter, Battle Ground Community Health.

These agencies have continually been thankful for all the funds this auction has provided over the years!

So, how can you support the auction?

Purchase your ticket in October and plan to attend! Tickets for dinner are \$15 .

Invite, friends, neighbors, family to join you for fellowship and fund raising! Invitations will be available!

Recruit donations from local businesses – restaurants, hotels, services and stores. A donation letter is available; Salmon Creek is a 501c3 nonprofit.

Donate a basket – home made items, services and experiences have been the most popular over the years. Basket donation forms are available.

Donate a dessert to our dessert dash – it doesn't have to be homemade!

Support your favorite ministry by purchasing a ticket for a drawing to take home their basket!

Tickets are \$1 each and are available to purchase before the auction.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out the night of the auction.

For all this information and more, check out "Auction Central" in the Narthex/Welcome Desk area.

Dinner menu will be Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes and fresh green beans.

After dinner will be the dessert dash – Your table decides what you want to spend on dessert and the table with the most money gets first choice of dessert. Second most money gets second choice and so on. Lots of fun!

Paddle Raise – This is the time to donate whatever works for you. Various levels will be announced.

Auction items – A great variety of items to bid on. It has been decided there will be no live auction. High Value items will be on the stage and will be the last table to close.



Open House Ministries

Open House Ministries incorporated in 1986 to provide shelter, safety, and hope to families in need. They rely on private funding so that they can offer services and faith-based support for as long as needed to leave homelessness. Their focus is to provide the tools necessary for resolving the underlying issues that lead to poverty and homelessness. Their services include providing case management to help the residents gain life skills to lead a healthy independent life.

They have 2 stores where they offer vocational training for residents in their care. The thrift store, Secondhand Solutions, helps the residents gain job skills and self-confidence. The Wheel Deals Bicycles is a full-service bicycle sales and service shop run by Open House Ministries. This shop also provides residential job training and skill building programs under the careful supervision of experienced bike supervisors.

You can drop off donations for Secondhand Solutions at 900 W. 12th Street. You can drop off bicycle, helmet and lock donations to the Wheel Deals Bicycles at 1204 Jefferson Street. You can also support this worthy ministry by attending our Mission Basket Auction on November 15th!

Missions Agencies – Battle Ground Health Care

Battle Ground HealthCare is a non-profit faith-based organization dedicated to caring for our community. Our goal is to improve the medical and dental health of our community, reduce the costs of emergency room visits by managing patients with chronic care needs, and improve the overall quality of life for those around us.

Our mission is to provide compassionate, free healthcare to underserved adults in our community.

Our vision is that all adults in Clark County have access to health care.

At Battle Ground Health Care, we value relationships, diversity, equity and inclusion. We work to promote financial stewardship, and a positive patient experience focused on health, hope and healing.

Our clinic offers a wide variety of services to those individuals in our community under 300% of the poverty level. We are supported by our local community. Support from local churches, businesses, health care providers, and individuals are vital in helping us offer care and ensuring that we're able to carry out our mission. Donations of medical supplies and equipment, furniture and volunteer hours are just some of the ways that the local community supports our work.



Battle Ground
HealthCare



Looking for a way to get involved in the community! Salmon Creek would like to put together a team of folks to go down and serve a meal at Share House once or twice a month. If you are interested in participating, or just want to learn more, sign up in the back of the church!



2025 HOSTING:

December 7-14

Sign up to Volunteer

Talk with Karen Beilsmith!

Family Promise is in search of a permanent Day Center that is close to the bus line and hopefully more centrally located. If you know of someone who has a space that meets the criteria on the flyer on the next page, please provide them with this information. Some Family Promise affiliates have someone looking for a tax write-off and will provide a space for a dollar a year.

We can always dream!



HELP US FIND A NEW HOME!

We are a local 501c3 nonprofit and part of a Family Promise National network working to ending homelessness for families. Since 2019, we've helped families regain housing stability through prevention, diversion and shelter. We are now seeking a space that aligns with our mission to serve our community better.

Thanks to your support, we assisted 103 families in 2024.
In 2025, together we can help 150 more!



Whether you know of a space, own one or can help spread the word, your support can make a lasting impact!

What we are looking for:

- 5 Year lease
- 3,000 to 5,000 sq. ft
- Potential for tenant improvement to meet needs of FPCC
- In Vancouver WA area
- Access to public transportation
- Landlord with an interest in supporting families getting back on their feet
- Affordability: Budget conscious rent
- On site parking
- Near to park or outside area for children
- Comfort: heat and AC



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Habitat for Humanity update

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On Tuesday, September 16th, I had the privilege of attending the “Raising the Roof” Benefit Breakfast for Habitat. I was representing our Mission team to present two donation checks on behalf of our church. The first check was for \$30,000, which was given by an anonymous church giver, the second one was for \$5,000 from our congregation, who have been giving so generously during our church Habitat benefit breakfasts. Lindsi Smith, Chief Operations Officer for Habitat, informed me that the check for \$5,000 will be matched by another large donor.

Habitat’s largest building project, the thirty-two Cottage Homes site, is in the final inspection process for the understructure. Once the County Planning Division approves that inspection, we will be able to start volunteering.

Habitat also announced their new store, opening at 3200 NE 52nd Street. This will be another resource for selling donated furniture, home goods, and building materials at discounted prices.

- Larry Siewert





On September 7th, Larry Siewert was honored and recognized for his many years of service to both our church and Habitat for Humanity and many other missions. Larry has been a member here most of his life and is a treasured member of this church family. Larry was presented with a check for Habitat for Humanity for \$30,000.00! THANK YOU, dear Larry, for all that you do for everyone! We LOVE you!!

Rally Day



We celebrated "Rally Day" on Sunday, September 7th. A good time was had by all, and ice cream sundaes were served. We generated interest on some of our many committees.



August 24, 2025

Benefit Breakfast

Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools

On August 24th, we served 65 breakfasts, 21 before church and 45 after church. We raised \$825.31 for this event. Thank you to Don and Kathy Hardy for

the cute decorations, Greg Berry, Don and Kathy Hardy, Teddy and Charlie Ernster and Claire Davis for serving. In the kitchen, Larry Siewert, Steve and Gay Enyeart, Lynne and Dan Kingsley dishing up and cooking breakfast.

We served 57 orders of pancakes, egg casserole 53, link sausage 49, fresh fruit 51 orange juice 23, apple juice 12 V-8 juice 6. Folks really seemed to like the pancakes. We will always serve before service at 9:00 – 10:00 and after service 11:00 – 11:30. In addition to the breakfast, there was a basket for school supplies. This congregation is amazing in supporting our missions. Your mission team appreciates you very much.

Our last breakfast for this year is October 5. UMCOR is the organization we will be supporting with funds raised.

Name: _____ Table # _____

Check the items you would like:

☐ Pancakes

☐ Breakfast Casserole

☐ Link Sausage

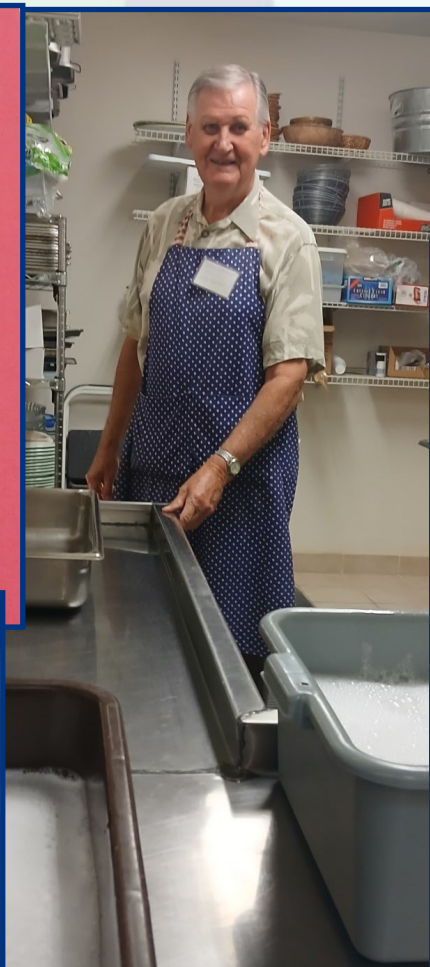
☐ Fresh Fruit

Special dietary request: _____

Circle the Beverage you would like:

Orange Juice Apple Juice V8 juice

Coffee Tea



Foundation

FOR VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our August missions benefit breakfast was in support of Vancouver Public School Foundation, and we received a nice thank you note for our donations.

Dear Salmon Creek Method,

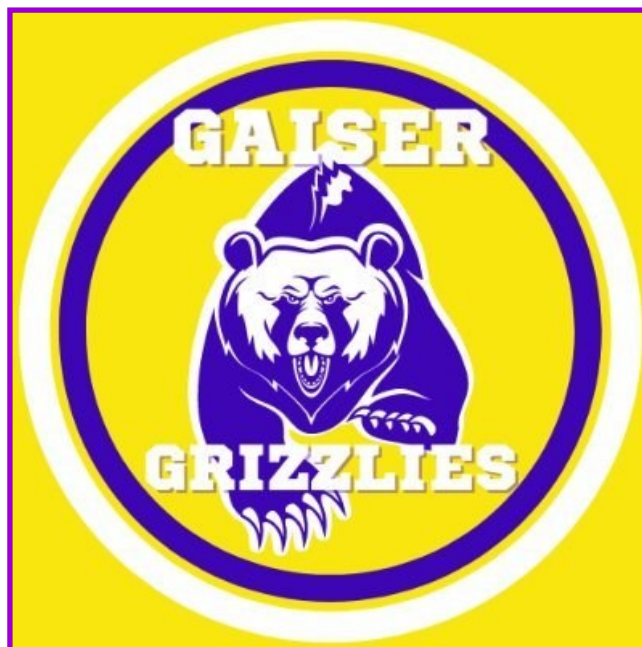
Thank you for once again supporting the child in our community through your fundraising! You are greatly appreciated!

FVPS Board



Gaiser Middle School would like to thank Salmon Creek UMC for the donation of school supplies!

Our congregation is always so generous and the donations are greatly needed and appreciated!





Kathy Hardy—October 2

Roger Horner—October 3

Joanne Horner—October 7

Faye Wells—October 7

Sandy Bippes—October 9

Barbara Graham—October 11

Jan Asai—October 16

Elaine Gilbert—October 25

Dan Kingsley—October 26

Bob Gordon—October 30

Don't see your birthday?

**Let us know when it
is and we'll
update records!**

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that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ,
uniting in fellowship, missions and service.*



Thank you for reading the Circuit Rider! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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