



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church

March 2025

Lent



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Dear friends and families of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,
As we move into March, the season of Lent will come very quickly, but not before some fun!

I hope you will plan to support our Youth by attending their “Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper” on March 4th at 5:00 pm. Thanks to the efforts of Brian Ernster, we will again be entertained during dinner by some musicians from Skyview band! Those who attended last year really enjoyed the wonderful New Orleans jazz they shared with us. There will also be a craft table where you can decorate your very own Mardi Gras mask (while they last)! So put on your purple, green & gold, and join us for some fun fellowship!

The very next day, we will observe Ash Wednesday, with service at 12 noon in the chapel and at 6 pm in the sanctuary. Our 6 pm service will also be streamed through our YouTube channel.

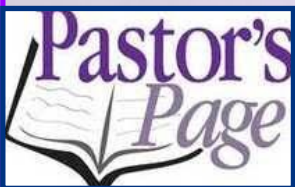
I hope you will make a plan to participate in one of these services as we enter this holy season.

Through the season of Lent in worship, my messages will be inspired by the book, *The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World*, by Adam Hamilton. Small groups have been invited to join in reading the book together and we will order some additional books for individuals who would like to read the book on their own as a Lenten devotional. More information and digital books can be found online through Cokesbury and other book vendors. <https://www.cokesbury.com/The-Message-of-Jesus>.

As our days are gradually getting longer and the season of winter begins to move towards spring, I am always filled with the hope of new life that is for all of us!

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Hymn of Promise, UMH 707



Spring Forward



March 9, 2025 • Set your clock ahead!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

March 9th, 2025

Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before bed on Saturday night, March 8th, otherwise you will be LATE for church on Sunday!

TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2025

- 3/2/25 Girl Scout Cookie booth
- 3/4/25 COM 4 pm
- 3/4/25 Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner supporting our Youth 5:00 pm
- 3/5/25 Ash Wednesday services: 12 noon in Chapel, 6 pm Sanctuary
- 3/8/25 Roberta Gapsch Celebration of Life 2:00 pm
- 3/11/25 AD Board 5 pm (special time)
- 3/11/25 Missions 6:00 pm
- 3/13/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
- 3/18/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
- 3/25/25 Finance 6:30 pm
- 3/29/25 Salmon Creek Lions Shredding Event

April 2025

- 4/1/25 Friends in Faith 1 pm
- 4/1/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
- 4/8/25 Missions 6:00 pm
- 4/10/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
- 4/15/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
- 4/20/25 Easter Sunday—Worship 8:30 am and 10:00 am
- 4/22/25 Finance 6:30 pm
- 4/27/25 Family Promise Week and a half
- 4/27/25 Missions Breakfast
- 4/28 – 6/9 You Only Die Once 6-week Workshop begins 6:30 – 8 pm

May 2025

- 5/6/25 COM 4:00 pm, Ad Board 6 pm
- 5/8/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
- 5/11/25 Mother's Day
- 5/20/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
- 5/26/25 Memorial Day holiday
- 5/27/25 Finance 6:30 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2025

6/1/25 Graduating Senior Recognition Sunday
 6/8/25 Pentecost Sunday
 6/10/25 AD Board 5:00 pm (special Time)
 6/10/25 Missions 6:00 pm
 6/12/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 6/15/25 Father's Day
 6/17/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 6/24/25 Finance 6:30
 6/26 – 6/29 PNW Annual Conference—Bothell UMC

July 2025

7/1/25 COM 4:00 pm, Ad Board 6:00 pm
 7/7—11 VBS Compassion Camp
 7/10/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 7/13/25 VBS Sunday
 7/15/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 7/20/25 Tentative Potluck
 7/22/25 Finance 6:30 pm

August

8/5/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
 8/10 – 8/17 Host Family Promise
 8/14/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 8/19/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 8/26/25 Finance 6:30 pm

September 2025

9/1/25 Labor Day holiday
 9/2/25 COM 4:00 pm, Ad Board 6 pm
 9/7/25 Rally Day
 9/11/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 9/14/25 Church Picnic
 9/16/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 9/23/25 Finance 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

DATES TO REMEMBER

2025

October 2025

10/7/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
 10/9/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 10/18/25 Possible Women's Retreat
 10/21/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 10/25/25 Eek @the Creek – Trunk or Treat
 10/28/25 Finance 6:30 pm

November 2025

11/13/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 11/15/25 Missions Basket Auction
 11/18/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 11/27/25 Thanksgiving—church closed

December 2025

12/7—14 Family Promise Week
 12/11/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 12/14/25 Lesson and Carols worship
 12/15/25 Night of Hope Worship 6:00 pm
 12/16/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 12/24/25 Christmas Eve Worship—5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm

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F.R.A.N. DAY

FRAN Day is coming in March!

**FRIENDS, RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES
AND NEIGHBORS**

**This is your opportunity to invite guests
to our worship services.**

Look for more information in
the worship bulletin on March 9th.

There will be special invitations
to pass on to your **FRAN** pals.

There will be extras at the Welcome Desk.

Let's reach out and invite!!!

*"Take a moment of time to
make a lifetime of difference."*

Questions? – see Lila DeBolt



Bring your checkbook, cash or card on
Sunday March 2nd, as our Girl
Scouts will be in the Fellowship Hall
after service, selling cookies!



PANCAKE TUESDAY



**PANCAKES MADE BY
THE YOUTH MINISTRY**

Tuesday, March 4th

Time: 5:00 pm


**Join us for a Mardi Gras
Pancake Dinner!**



Lent

Reflect and Prepare

March 5 through April 19, 2025



How will you observe Lent?



Ash

WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE

We will offer two services for Ash Wednesday this year:

Wednesday, March 5th at noon in the Pioneer Chapel

Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00 pm in the main sanctuary

ASH
WEDNESDAY



Celebration
— OF LIFE —
MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Memorial Gathering
for Roberta Gapsch
Saturday, March 8th
in the FMC Gym
2:00 pm**



We Serve

March 29, 2025

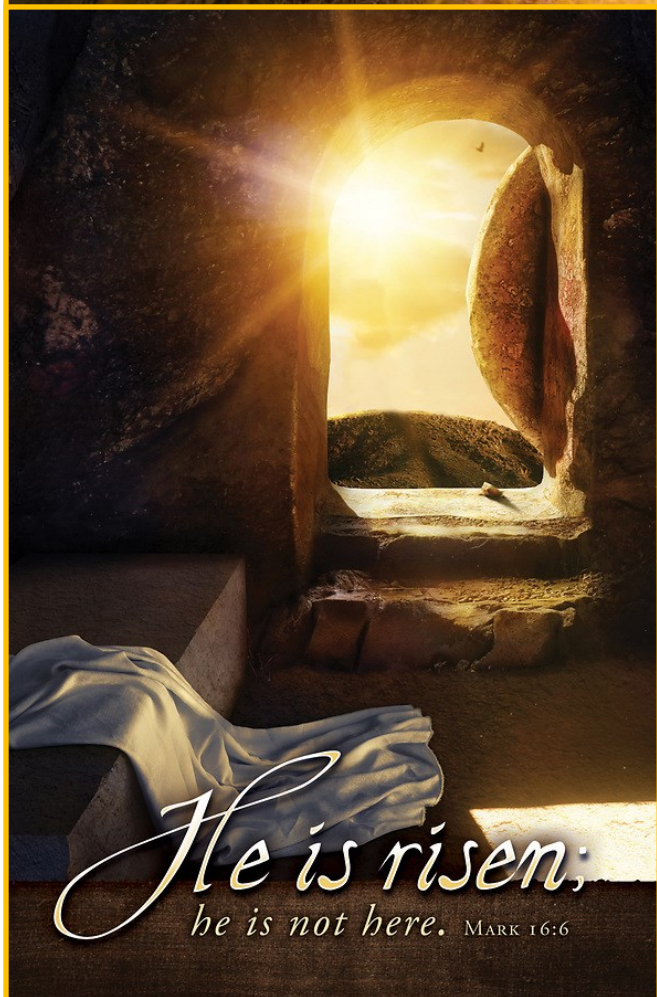
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church parking lot

**Bring your shredding to be done on site and make a donation
to the Salmon Creek Lions Club's many charities.**



Easter Service



We will once again offer two services on Easter Sunday this year:

Sunday, April 20th

8:30 am and 10:00 am



Salmon Creek UMC School Games Program

Before COVID, several of us from Salmon Creek Church went to Salmon Creek Elementary School from about 11:15 am-12:40 pm one day per week to play board games with children, starting with Kindergartners and finishing with Fifth Graders. Each grade level group of six was selected by teachers and they would bring students to the art room where we played board games with them for 20 minutes per grade level, not more than two groups at one time (max of 12 students). The games are still at the school and teachers are asking whether we would be interested in doing this game time again this Spring, beginning Wednesday, April 9 and finishing Wednesday, June 4.

Originally, teachers were to pick students with social-interaction issues (not behavioral issues) most were just shy or did not interact a lot with other students) but other students soon wanted to play as well, so each grade level focused on the group with whom they intended us to work, but added a few students who just wanted to play board games.

We could not, nor would not, advertise for our Church, but our Salmon Creek Church sign was up for all to see, and we answered questions about the Church if those came up. We rarely had a discipline issue; the students had fun and played well together.

Betty and I are interested in doing this project and wondered if other adults from Church would be interested as well. If you can just do some of the dates, that is fine. Betty and I each have conflicts a couple of Wednesdays. Just email us at JimSelby419@gmail.com or let Nancy Volgare (Office Administrator) know of your interest. We need four volunteers per week. We will be back in touch to set up a schedule and have a brief orientation following the April 6th services.

Thanks for considering this project!

Jim & Betty Selby



Spring Cleaning time! Do you have an extra supply of pencils, pens, or paper clips cluttering up your house? Do you have more staplers than you need? Gaiser Middle School has a shortage of some key office/school supplies. We would welcome donations of new or gently used items: Pencils, pens, paperclips, staplers, staples, tape, tape dispensers, and playground balls. All items can be brought to the church and will be delivered to Gaiser. Thank you! Go Grizzlies!!



Share
hot meals
program

Volunteer to Feed Our Community.

Kindness is Free & Changes Lives!

Just 3 hours a week
can help us with
preparing & serving
nutritious, free meals
to neighbors in need
in our community.

Become a Volunteer!



Share Vancouver is one of the agencies supported by our Annual Mission Auction.

Share was founded in 1979 by a group of volunteers whose compassion inspired them to take action to create this organization and help those in need in Clark County. Over the years, Share's programs have expanded to meet the needs of a growing community.

Currently, Share runs four shelters, in addition to providing hot meals and coordinating the food backpacks for school children. In the summer, Share coordinates the summer lunch program.

Salmon Creek Church has hosted a Summer Lunch site at Sarah J Anderson Elementary for the past four years. We have also completed food and socks/mittens drives for Share throughout the years.

How can you get involved?

Share is always looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve hot meals at Share House, 1115 W 13th Street, Vancouver, the time commitment is 2-4 hours.

If you are interested go to [Share Vancouver - Making Our Community Home](#) and register as a volunteer.

Monday to Friday:

- Breakfast 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- Lunch 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.
- Dinner 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday:

- Breakfast 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
- Dinner 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.



Thanks to everyone who brought soup to our Souper Bowl of Caring. We were able to deliver five boxes of soup (about 200 lbs.) to the Clark County Food Bank! That is a lot of warm meals for our community this winter.





2025 HOSTING:

***April 27 -May 7—(This is a week and a half.
The second half will be at St. John Lutheran.)***

August 10-17

December 7-14



Everyone was challenged to play a game of basketball when we hosted Family Promise. The nine year old was so polite and personable.



First, I want to thank everyone for their amazing support of Family Promise. Those who volunteer, who rearrange their schedules so that we can host, and those who donate to the yummy breakfasts that Gay & Kathy and their Missions team prepare. January's breakfast raised \$1,306. Some of you are wondering who we are helping and how:

These are the numbers for 2024:

Total FP Cares Number we are tracking with a 2024 Goal of 100

Prevention - 71 Families 161 Children and 92 Adults

Diversion- 31 Families 74 Children, 43 Adults

Shelter - 11 Families: 24 children, 20 Adults, 2 other families promptly were housed in 2025

Total: 102—All Families were called in Dec and they were all still housed!

2025

Total FP Cares - Number we are tracking with a 2025 Goal of 150

YTD 13

**Prevention: We helped with funds to maintain housing
and prevent homeless situations: YTD 8**

**Total Housed: Includes Shelter and Diversion Families:
YTD 5**

**Shelter families that graduated: Rotational Shelter Program - now housed:
TYD 2**

Karen Beilsmith



Hi Everyone! I want to thank all of you for your support of Family Promise over the past six years. It has been a rollercoaster.

I know that, in the past year, there has been frustration with the low numbers of guests. I hear you and understand that frustration. I have had many conversations with board members regarding this issue. I thought it might help to hear a little background on this subject.

Last spring, the city of Vancouver approached the church in which our Day Center was located, and they proposed a better offer for a warming and cooling center. That church then gave us two months to find a new location. Fortunately, Meadow Glade Seventh Day Adventist Church was willing to provide us a space until we could find a better, more permanent location. Unfortunately, they are located in the beautiful countryside of Battle Ground, where there are no sidewalks, no public transportation and Walmart is almost a mile away. This has been a barrier to families seeking our help.

The good news is that a new location has been found! I don't know if I can name it yet, but it is on Main Street in Vancouver, just blocks from the Safeway there and other services which our participants need.

My understanding is that the deal has been finalized, but the current users need to wrap up their commitments. We won't be able to move in until summer. So, please hang in there and bear with us over the next few months; we are almost there!

Our next host dates are: April 27—May 7th, August 10-17th and December 7—14th. In the meantime, please keep praying for everyone involved.

Karen and Lori



Alex Longshore—Mar 3

Jane Clark—Mar 6

Jim Selby—Mar 13

Karen West—Mar 15

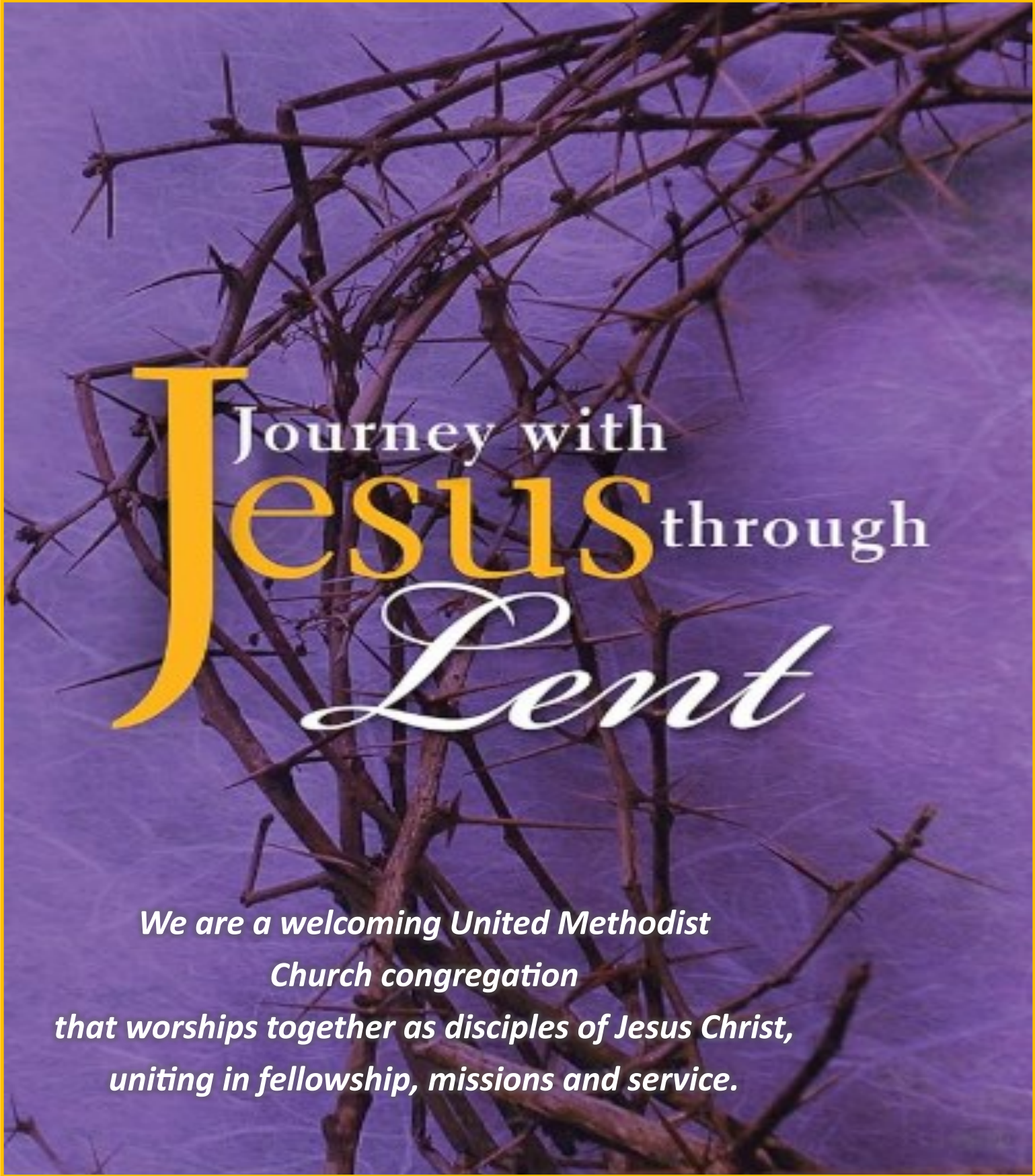
Lance Bachman—Mar 19

Katie Albrici—Mar 23

Don't see your birthday?

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

Happy
March
Birthdays!!



Journey with Jesus through Lent

*We are a welcoming United Methodist
Church congregation
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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