



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek
United Methodist Church

JULY
2025

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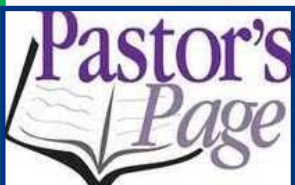
Dear friends and families of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,

Here we are about to flip the page on our calendars from June to July! Summer is upon us, and the church is moving into a new season, Kingdomtide! You may be asking, "What is Kingdomtide?"

Throughout the month of June our sanctuary has been clothed in the vibrant colors of Pentecost! Thank you to our wonderful worship committee for all they do to enrich our times of worship! As July arrives, you will see our colors change from red to green altar cloths, and our banners will remind us of our walk of faith.

But what exactly is Kingdomtide? Many people are familiar with the seasons of the church year such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter that surround major holidays, and Pentecost, during which we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that gave birth to the early Christian Church. Yet, Kingdomtide, while it is the longest season, is much less understood, and less recognized than these others. In 1937, the Federal Council of Churches (now known as the National Council of Churches) recommended that the entire part of the Christian calendar between Pentecost and Advent be named Kingdomtide. Yet, how, when, or even if Kingdomtide is observed varies widely between churches. The season is intended to focus on Christian social concerns and the teachings of Jesus concerning the kingdom of God. Green, used during this season, is a color that symbolizes growth, reminding us to take time to nurture our faith through the practices of compassion, justice, worship and devotion.

As Jesus taught throughout his ministry, the kingdom of God often turns our expectations upside down, it is here and yet not fully here. We have a choice each morning when we wake up and put our feet



on the ground concerning how we will live in relationship with others that day. Will we choose to reflect and embody the grace of God's kingdom in what we do and say that day? Will we live in charity and love with our neighbors, friends, and enemies? Will we resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? Will we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done" and mean it?

As we move through summer, enjoying the growth of our gardens and the beauty of blooming flowers all around us, my prayer for you is that you would seek opportunities to grow in your faith by setting aside some time for devotional reading and bible study, that you will find an area to serve in which you can use the gifts God has given you, that you may choose to be more intentional in your prayer life, and that you might make the effort to learn more about even one issue in the world where you can work for justice on behalf of another.

Peace and hope,
Kim
Rev. Kim Poer

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:22



New UMC Mission Statement



The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, **serve joyfully**, and **lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.**

For more information, check out the UM News site:

[The Vision of The United Methodist Church | ResourceUMC](#)

TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 2025

- 7/1/25 COM 4:00 pm, Ad Board 6:00 pm
 7/7—10 VBS Compassion Camp
 7/10/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 7/13/25 VBS Sunday
 7/17/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 7/18—19 Preschool Rummage Sale
 7/20/25 Missions Benefit Breakfast—Victory Outreach mission
 7/22/25 Finance 6:00 pm

August

- 8/5/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
 8/10 – 8/17 Host Family Promise
 8/11/25 Worship Committee 5:30 pm
 8/14/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 8/21/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 8/26/25 Finance 6:00 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
 9/18/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 9/21/25 Church Picnic
 9/23/25 Finance 6:00 pm

REMINDER:

The church office e-mail is:
admin@salmoncreek.church
NOT
admin@salmoncreekchurch.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2025

- 10/5/26 Missions Breakfast—UMCOR
 10/7/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
 10/9/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 10/13/25 Worship Committee 5:30 pm
 10/18/25 Possible Women's Retreat
 10/23/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 10/25/25 Eek @the Creek – Trunk or Treat
 10/28/25 Finance 6:00 pm

November 2025

- 11/13/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 11/15/25 Missions Basket Auction
 11/20/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 11/25/25 Finance 6:00 pm
 11/27/25 Thanksgiving—church closed

December 2025

- 12/7—14 Family Promise Week
 12/8/25 Worship Committee 5:30 pm
 12/11/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 12/14/25 Lesson and Carols worship
 12/15/25 Night of Hope Worship 6:00 pm
 12/18/25 SPRC 6:30 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

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May, 2025 Financial Update

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

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	36,984	29,000	7,984	180,821	145,000	35,821
Expenses	32,169	30,149	(2,020)	157,628	157,477	(151)
Operating Income / (Loss)	4,814	(1,149)	5,963	23,193	(12,477)	35,670

Pledge Income remained close to Budget in May at 99 % of Plan, or (240) unfavorable to Plan. On a YTD basis, we remain above Plan at 120 % of Budget. Your contributions are especially appreciated as we enter the "dog days of summer". Expenses in total were very close to Plan, (2,020) unfavorable for May and (151) unfavorable on a YTD basis.

From a profitability perspective, we realized a profit of ~ 4,800 in May and on a YTD Basis, we have realized a net profit of ~ \$ 23,000, which is ~ \$ 35,000 Favorable to Plan. Praise be to God!

Our Pre-School enrollment has increased but we still continue to operate at a loss as we strive to add more students. YTD Losses approximated (9,300) through May, with May close to break even at a loss of only (405) for the month.

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

Reimbursement Form & Check Request Form

There is a new form for obtaining reimbursement of expenditures and check origination. This new form replaces the former, obsolete one. These new forms are located in the Office Workroom and on the hallway bulletin board located outside the office. Each Committee Chairperson will also have a supply for his/her committee members.

Please use this form when requesting reimbursement for any expenses you incur (upon appropriate approval) or when a check needs to be originated.

Submit the form, with receipts as appropriate, to the Office Administrator (Nancy Volgamore). She will forward this to the Finance Chairperson (Winston Asai) or Church Treasurer (Nancy Heup), with subsequent forwarding to the Bookkeeper (Michelle Westlund) and/or Pastor Kim as needed. Reimbursements will be made by the Bookkeeper and checks will be drawn by either the Office Administrator or the Bookkeeper. Please don't assume any payments will be made without submission of this completed form.

This new form will hopefully streamline this process and eliminate the confusion of "how, when, where, and who ". If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Nancy, Winston, or myself.

Please see the following form.

Lila DeBolt, Chair Administrative Board

SALMON CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Check Origination and Reimbursement Request

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Submit this completed form to the Office Administrator. Attach receipts if appropriate. The Office Administrator will forward this to the Finance Committee Chairman or to the Church Treasurer, and to the Pastor, when needed. Requests for reimbursement will be forwarded to the Bookkeeper. Origination of checks will either be handled by the Office Administrator or the Bookkeeper. All expenditures greater than \$5000 must be approved by the Administrative Board.

NAME OF PERSON MAKING REQUEST _____

PHONE _____ DATE _____

REQUEST FOR: _____ Reimbursement _____ Check Origination

AMOUNT _____

DESCRIPTION / REASON FOR REQUEST _____

ACCOUNT TO BE CHARGED (check one, if known)

<input type="checkbox"/> General Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Printing	<input type="checkbox"/> Office supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> IT	<input type="checkbox"/> Preschool
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Postage	<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Janitorial	<input type="checkbox"/> Music
<input type="checkbox"/> Children/Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Missions	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Welcome	<input type="checkbox"/> God's Garden	<input type="checkbox"/> SPRC	<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Min	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Expense
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Pastor/Musician				
<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Family Promise	<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Habitat for Humanity		
<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Memorials	<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Music	<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Missions		
<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – PIF	<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Trustees	<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Women's Ministries		
<input type="checkbox"/> B acct – Youth				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other				

Approved by: _____

B Accts – Chairperson	Programs – Chairperson	Admin Expenses – Pastor/Finance Chair
Operating Expenses - Admin Board Chair	Facilities – Trustees Chair	Payroll - Pastor

Reimbursement check made out to _____

Mailing address _____

Payment check made out to _____

Mailing address (if requested) _____

OR Check to be picked up in Admin Office _____ (Office Admin will call when ready)

Pay It Forward

Please prayerfully consider your pledge to your church. Pick up a pledge card today and return it to the church.

We are asking that cards be returned by August 15th, though no cards will be rejected after that!

2025 Pay It Forward 3-year Capital Campaign Pledge Card

As a congregation we are called to be good stewards. We are blessed by the faithful legacy of all those who have called Salmon Creek their church home, establishing and caring for this church campus. Now we are called to continue the good stewardship of this church campus. Please consider joining us to support this important and faithful work.

Pay It Forward

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I/We plan to give:

2025: \$ _____

2026: \$ _____

2027: \$ _____

Total 3-Year Pledge: \$ _____

In gratitude to God, and as an expression of commitment to Salmon Creek UMC, I/We confirm my/our 3-year financial pledge to the Capital Expenses Campaign Pay-it-Forward. Please bring this card to Church in person or mail to the church. *(Estimates of giving may be changed at any time by contacting the Church.)*

Payment Frequency (check one):

☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly

☐ Annually ☐ One-time gift

As head of the Trustees, I want to thank you again for the funds that have been so far provided. We completed most of the critical replacements over the last 5 years. (See list below.) We still have many replacement projects that need to be completed.

I'm happy to announce that we are replacing the Narthex HVAC unit with a new heat pump, and are replacing the failing CPVC plumbing in the Family Ministry Center (FMC). The remaining funds in the old PIF (~\$20,000) campaign will be used, but the remainder of the more than \$60,000 cost will come from other church funds. These projects were needed this year.

The Narthex roof area has many vents and 4 ducts for the HVAC, many of which have leaked over the last 4-5 years. The contractor will reseal them while they are replacing the HVAC. The FMC plumbing has had 4 breaks over the last 3-5 years and needs to be replaced (CPVC is brittle and breaking). Without replacing, more leaks could result in water damage, mold and rot, potentially increasing the cost in the future.

That said, we still need to ask for funds over the near term to build up reserves for future efforts, as they become necessary. We ask that you return a pledge card to help build up this new fund. We are hoping to have all pledge cards returned by the August 15th. The congregation has funded most of the church we have now. This congregation needs to step up and help maintain it. The Trustees will continue to do as much as we can to minimize costs to the congregation, but capital replacement projects can only be deferred so long.

Besides these 2 critical near-term efforts, we have the following list of projects that will need to be funded:

Flat Roof areas. Water damage could include rot as time goes on. We may replace areas as we replace other roof mounted HVAC units and will likely reseal the remainder of the roof rather than replace.

4 HVAC Units nearing 30 years old (in addition to Narthex unit), 2 Sanctuary and 2 FMC.

Main Building Fire alarm panel and required upgrades. The fire alarm panel in the FMC was replaced as it was deemed obsolete. Main building unit is older and has minimal sensors to protect life and property.

Parking lot repaving of areas not repaved in 2016. We will continue with sealing as needed, but will need to replace several areas.

Carpets in offices, St Paul room, hallways and FMC rooms and hallway. Replacement is low priority, but they are quite worn now.

We really appreciate all the funds that have been contributed and all the volunteer hours. We ask again for help to fund these projects, as you are able. We promise to be good stewards. I'm very proud to be part of this congregation.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Steve Enyeart, Chair, Trustees

Projects completed:

2020 - Sanctuary and Narthex – new carpets, Trustees and volunteers painted Sanctuary and Narthex, revised the altar area, added handicap access, and replaced all lights with LED lights.

2020 - 2 HVAC replacements – main building offices and the St Paul/Choir rooms.

2022 – Reseal Parking Lot and striping. Several areas still need to be repaved eventually.

2022 – Replace 2 HVAC Units - Daycare and Chapel. The chapel unit was failing.


2023 – Daycare and Fellowship Hall Flooring – carpets were really worn, health issue.

2023 – Parking Lot Lights replacement. Replaced 10 light fixtures, added a new one.


2024 – Fixed water damage in youth room (FMC 206) and installed new flooring.

2024 – Replaced 4 HVAC units in the FMC with high efficiency heat pumps.

2025 – Replaced Fire Alarm panel. It was obsolete, replaced it as part of new heat pumps.



Summer Kindness Bucket List Challenge

This summer, let kindness be your compass.
Check off as many as you can—and invite someone to join you.
Every act is a spark. Together, we can make kindness the norm. 



Kindness to Others

- ☐ Compliment three people you don't know.
- ☐ Leave a kind note on someone's windshield or bike.
- ☐ Help a neighbor with yard work, groceries, or errands.
- ☐ Offer cold drinks to delivery drivers or postal workers.
- ☐ Pick up litter at a park, trail, or beach.
- ☐ Write a thank-you card to someone who quietly makes life better. (custodian, bus driver, teacher, etc.)



Kindness to Your Community

- ☐ Donate summer clothes or school supplies.
- ☐ Visit a local library and leave a positive note in a book.
- ☐ Support a small or minority-owned business.
- ☐ Share a free community resource online.
- ☐ Leave chalk art messages around your neighborhood.
- ☐ Organize a "kindness scavenger hunt" with friends or family.



Kindness to the Planet

- ☐ Plant flowers for pollinators.
- ☐ Start a water bowl station for pets and wildlife.
- ☐ Walk or bike instead of driving when you can.
- ☐ Reuse something instead of tossing it.
- ☐ Bring your own bag, bottle, or container.
- ☐ Host a "no waste" picnic.



Kindness to Yourself

- ☐ Spend 30 screen-free minutes doing something creative.
- ☐ Write a love letter... to yourself.
- ☐ Try one new activity that scares or excites you.
- ☐ Say no to something that doesn't serve your joy.
- ☐ Create a playlist that makes you feel unstoppable.
- ☐ Go outside just to watch the sunset or count stars.



Bonus Round: Inclusive Kindness

- ☐ Learn to say "hello" in five languages.
- ☐ Ask someone about a tradition that's different from yours.
- ☐ Invite someone new to join your group, game, or table.
- ☐ Read or listen to a story from a perspective you've never considered.
- ☐ Make space for someone else to shine.



At the end of summer, ask yourself:

What act of kindness felt the most meaningful?

What surprised you?

How will you carry kindness into fall and beyond?

make kindness the norm.

randomactsofkindness.org

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION

Don't forget to tag us in your summer kindness adventures!
#MakeKindnessTheNorm



JOIN US FOR

VBS COMPASSION CAMP

July 7—10, 2025

9am to noon



Do you have children, grandchildren, neighbors with children, friends with children?? Tell them about our VBS Compassion Camp! This year it runs from Monday, July 7th through Thursday, July 10th from 9am to noon.

Sign up to help as a volunteer!

Sign up sheets available at the welcome desk.

Talk with Tiffiney for more information!



SAVE THE DATE:

Rummage Sale to benefit the Little Fish Preschool: **July 18 and 19th**. Also, if you have items for donation, contact Ashley or Angela at the preschool.

They could also use volunteer help!



Benefit Breakfast July 20, 2025

The Mission team is having a benefit breakfast July 20 to raise money for our Victory Outreach Ladies. These wonderful ladies clean our church twice a week. This service is offered by a church in Portland that provides an opportunity for those in recovery to find a Christian way to rejoin the world and gain some training in working with others. They all live in a home at the Portland church. We pay the church for their service. The recent group has been very good at following the weekly schedule and finds time to do extra household chores on a list we provide, and other special requests.

These ladies have the opportunity to attend a Christian conference in the LA area in August. We would very much like to support this mission and offset some of their costs to travel there and attend the conference. So, mark your calendar and plan to attend. Like always, we could use help in the kitchen, in set-up and serving.

Our menu will be Blueberry French Toast, Egg Casserole, Link Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Donut Holes, OJ, Apple and V-8 juice.

See you then!

Gay Enyeart and Kathy Hardy for the Mission Team

Interfaith Prayer Gathering

People throughout our nation and across the globe are weighed down with concern for the current state of our world.

Let's gather in prayer together to replace fear with hope, divisiveness with unity, and violence with a commitment to non-violent peace.



You are invited to the
Interfaith Prayer Gathering on
Sunday July 27th 2-3 pm

Hosted by
Immanuel Lutheran Church
8310 MacArthur Blvd, Vancouver
Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

For more information contact us at SWWAinterfaithCoalition@gmail.com



SEVERE HOT WEATHER ALERT

Supply Drive

Help Protect Our Unsheltered Neighbors This Summer Donate to the Salmon Creek Church's Severe Weather Supply Drive

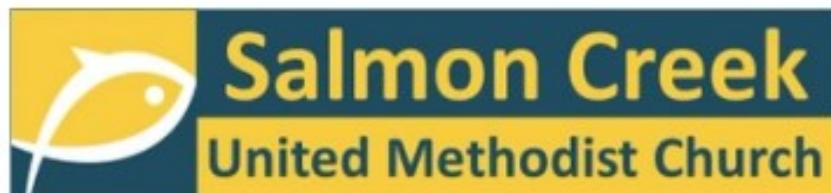
When the weather heats up, so do the risks for people experiencing homelessness. You can take meaningful action by donating essential items that help keep our neighbors safe during extreme heat.

Most Needed Items:

- Reusable water bottles
- Sunscreen (travel or full-size)
- Hygiene items (wipes, deodorant, soap, etc.)
- Ready-to-eat snacks (protein bars, fruit cups, etc.)
- Baseball caps or sun hats
- Cooling towels
- Lip balm with SPF
- Electrolyte drink packets



Let's work together to make sure no one faces the summer heat alone.



All donations directly support individuals and families served by Council for the Homeless.



Council for the Homeless (CFTH) believes that housing is a human need. Our mission is to provide community leadership, compelling advocacy, and practical solutions to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County, Washington.

Learn more at councilforthehomeless.org

Enroll Now for Fall

Little Fish Christian Preschool

A ministry of Salmon Creek UMC



Half-day Program for 3 – 5 yearolds

Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 12:30

salmoncreek.church

360-573-3111

We are still trying to grow our preschool! If you have neighbors, friends, family who have 3-5 year olds, please tell them about our preschool!!

Now enrolling for Fall!

If you are on Facebook, click below to watch the amazing video created by our preschool teacher Angela Parrish: (Be sure to turn on your sound!)

[https://www.facebook.com/
reel/1889902291509897](https://www.facebook.com/reel/1889902291509897)



PEACE POLE PROJECT

What is a “Peace Pole”?

A peace pole is a monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the language of the country where it has been placed, and usually some additional translations. The message is often called a peace *prayer*.

The power of the Message, ***May Peace Prevail On Earth***, lies in its capacity to bring people of various cultures, faith traditions and political ideals together as one united global heart and mind. ***May Peace Prevail On Earth***, allows us to sincerely focus on our mutual desire to serve, create and manifest true peace on earth while transcending our differences and celebrating our common humanity.

The **May Peace Prevail On Earth** movement is a grassroots global movement to inspire, and re-awaken the inherent consciousness of love, peace and harmony which exists in everyone of us. It is a movement to bring inner peace of mind and to foster peace in the world at large.

The power of **May Peace Prevail On Earth** lies in its capacity to bring people of various cultures, faith traditions and political ideals together as one united global heart and mind. The Message allows us to sincerely focus on our mutual desire to serve, create and manifest true peace on earth while transcending our differences and celebrating our common humanity.



PEACE POLE PROJECT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Power of Thought

Thought forms create an energetic field strong enough to empower the course of planetary destiny.

The Power of Words

Words carry vibrations strong enough to inspire, heal and transform the human heart as well as the Kingdom of plants, animals and all creation.

The Power of May Peace Prevail On Earth

May Peace Prevail On Earth is an all inclusive message and prayer. It is a meeting place of the heart bringing together people of all faiths, backgrounds and culture to embrace the Oneness of our planetary family.

Our Mission is Simple

To spread the Universal Peace Message and Prayer, May Peace Prevail On Earth, far and wide to embrace the lands and people of this Earth.

SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF PEACE
MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH



PEACE POLE PROJECT

Every action causes a ripple effect to be felt energetically around the world.

Here are some simple steps you can take to spread the Message,
May Peace Prevail On Earth, in your heart and in your community

- Live, think and act in the spirit of May Peace Prevail On Earth!
- Tell your friends about May Peace Prevail On Earth International.
- Place a May Peace Prevail On Earth sticker on your car or in your shop window.
 - Invite Schools to get involved with Peace Pals International.
- Plant a Peace Pole at your School, Park, Community Center or Home.
 - Organize a Peace Event and hold a World Peace Flag Ceremony.
- Put a May Peace Prevail On Earth Peace Pole Wallpaper on Your Cell Phone.
 - Share The May Peace Prevail On Earth Website with everyone.



[Peace Pole Project – May Peace Prevail On Earth](#)



Our Troop 14 scouts working on the installation of the Peace Pole. A lot of time and dedication went into this.



PEACE POLE PROJECT



Larry Siewert and some of our Troop 14 scouts working on the installation of the Peace Pole.





Peace Pole dedication

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Thank you all for taking time to be there after worship service on Sunday, June 15th as we offered a prayer of thanks for our new Peace Pole.

Thank you to our Better Together small group and our local Rotary Club, who worked together to make this possible. Thank you to Larry Siewert, the Boy Scouts and several others who cleared this garden space and installed the pole for us. Thank you to Doug Lehrman who provided the wood base under the pole.





Salmon Creek UMC Peace Pole Dedication

June 15, 2025

Congregational Prayer:

God of wisdom and grace, we gather here today to dedicate this Peace Pole, a symbol of our shared hope for peace and harmony on earth. We are grateful for the message 'May Peace Prevail on Earth,' which is inscribed on this pole in many languages, reminding us that peace is a universal aspiration.

Lord, grant us the wisdom to make choices that promote peace, the strength to overcome conflict, and the courage to forgive and heal. In all we do, may we be people of peace, working towards reconciliation and understanding. May peace prevail in our hearts, in our communities, and in the world.

We pray, merciful Lord, that this Peace Pole will honor the memory of all those who have suffered from conflict, here close to home and around the world. In your name, Lord, we pray that this Peace Pole may serve as a constant reminder of our commitment to peace and an inspiration for us to work daily towards a future where peace prevails. Amen.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me,
let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.





MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH INTERNATIONAL



May Peace Prevail On Earth is an all inclusive message bringing together people of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures to embrace the Oneness of our planetary family.

Projects of May Peace Prevail On Earth International

The Peace Pole Project: peacepoleproject.org

World Peace Flag Ceremony: worldpeace.org/flagceremony

Peace Pals International: peacepalsinternational.org

Youth Art Peace Pole Project: yappp.org

ShopPeace to Spread Peace: shoppeace.org

International Headquarters

at The World Peace Sanctuary

26 Benton Road, Wassaic, NY 12592 USA

845.877.6093 • info@worldpeace.org • worldpeace.org

Offices in the United States, Germany, Japan & Scotland

Facebook: facebook.com/maypeaceprevailonearth

May Peace Prevail On Earth

世界人類が平和でありやすきに



2025 HOSTING:

August 10-17

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!



Family Promise Update

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Family Promise of Clark County has evolved and changed in many ways since the inception of our local affiliate in 2019. Salmon Creek United Methodist Church has been a hosting congregation since the beginning of the affiliate with Karen Beilsmith serving as Volunteer Coordinator and Doug

Lehrman serving as a member of the Board of Trustees since that time. Many of our members have contributed their time, talent, and volunteer hours on the board, hosting families, preparing meals, and preparing a warm, comfortable, and inviting environment for the families we serve. Many thanks to all who have volunteered and continue to volunteer to support this important organization. It's important that the congregation understand some of the changing dynamics of homelessness in Clark County that have impacted the organization and the churches that serve the families with children experiencing homelessness. First, some facts:

3,500 children ages Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade are experiencing homelessness in our community this past year. The problem continues to increase nationally, as well.

There are severe shortages of affordable rental housing in our community. The incomes of renters has increased only slightly but costs of housing have risen dramatically and rent increase moratoriums that were in effect during Covid have been lifted, increasing the problem.

Our guests have many barriers to sustained housing independence, including low income, low credit scores, poor rental histories, eviction histories, criminal histories in some cases, and substance abuse and mental health challenges in some cases.

The goal of FPCC is to assist families in achieving sustainable housing and to help families to reduce the barriers. As the number and severity of barriers have increased, FPCC has had to screen out a number of potential guests because their barriers make them a high risk for housing in church environments. We have the goal of becoming a "Low Barrier Shelter Program" but need to increase our staffing to provide more social work case management to help manage substance abuse, mental health, and other challenges presented by some families. We are in the process of doing just that, having added a Shelter Program Manager position to help sheltered families to navigate their challenges. "Low Barrier" does not mean "No Barrier". We still must assure that safety is paramount for guests and hosting volunteers, that weapons possession and drug use are not on-site, and that violent behavior in any form is not tolerated.

It's important to recognize that the organization is evolving and changing and that we now offer an array of prevention and diversion services that have helped many families to achieve housing

independence without needing to be in shelter. Also, we offer follow-up case management services for families that have been in shelter to help them to continue to sustain housing independence, which can include rental on their own, shared housing with others, etc.

Some members of hosting churches, including ours, have questioned why we are not always full with guests and sometimes we have only one, or no, families in shelter when it's our church's turn to host. Some of these reasons are related to the barriers discussion above. Also, there are cycles of families coming into and graduating from or voluntarily leaving shelter before graduation. We would ask that volunteers remain patient with the cycles as they occur and that our church continue its commitment to hosting, despite these cycles.

Another challenge we face is the search for a long-term solution to the problem of having a centrally located, public-transportation accessible, adequate space for our Day Center and office space. We had a potential solution at a church in downtown Vancouver which would have been ideal, but church leadership and FPCC leadership were not able to come to terms that were mutually agreeable. We are able to remain in our Battle Ground location as long as is necessary, but we are actively looking for a better location that meets the above criteria. Please let us know if you have ideas for location that we should explore.

Finally, the long-term vision for FPCC includes expansion of our staff resources to include a development professional, increased social service staff capacity, administrative support, and ultimately a building or buildings that are owned by the organization to house Day Center services, office space, and potentially transitional housing capability like independent apartments that can be used by families as they graduate shelter and as a step toward housing independence. Many mature affiliates throughout our region and the country have such services.

We thank the congregation for its continuing support of FPCC and we invite your questions or suggestions. Feel free to contact Doug Lehrman or Karen Beilsmith or Executive Director Shane Scalf at any time. Family Promise of Clark County deserves and appreciates our continuing support through prayer, voluntary service, and donations of cash or household goods.





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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LUTHERAN
**Community
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NORTHWEST

Last month to donate

Better Together, one of our women's small groups, is working to support local refugees through Lutheran Community Services NW, who oversee the refugee program. We are collecting needed items in the Restart Kits and would welcome the contribution of **diapers, all sizes, and baby wipes for the Baby Kit**. They are also in need of **personal hygiene items like deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving lotion, bath and hand soap, sanitary pads**. There is a bin in the narthex for your contributions. Thanks for helping the "stranger who sojourns among us" as God has requested of us in Leviticus.



Crew Members of the Sydney Eagle with FVSC ship visitor Rod Cusic at the initiation of our Tech and Electronic Shopping Service.

OUR MISSION CONTINUES!

In conjunction with our ongoing Care Package program when visiting ships at the Port of Vancouver USA we have launched a special Shopping Service directed at purchasing assists for tech and electronics that otherwise crews have no way of obtaining. Laptops, particularly, are important in keeping crews in contact with home and vital information. Under current regulations the Seafarers cannot be taken shopping in FVSC Vans as they have been for so many years. The appreciation of the mariners who pooled their funds for specific items was heart warming. This 'technical shopping' is no easy task but performed admirably by Rod Cusic.

The crew was so happy about this they even baked Rod a cake!

— Kent Williams, Executive Director & Chap



VANCOUVER SEAFARERS

In November, our church will have our 2025 Basket Auction for 6 different non-profits in the Greater Southwest Washington area. One of them is the Vancouver Sea Farers Center at the Port of Vancouver.

The Mission of the Sea Farers Center is to provide the best care and respite for visiting seafarers of the world. This care is done in a very Christian manner. The center provides an area where sailors can pray, no matter their religion. This photo was taken af sailors during Covid times.

Greg Berry



**This year Share's Summer Meals program will operate
from June 23 to August 8 at two locations:**

Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School

And

Willow Creek Apartments

Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered! All of our time slots are full! As the summer rolls along, we will likely need to add more workers and make some changes.



Save the date - November 15, 2025

Annual Church Basket Auction

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Tickets available beginning October 12, 2025 for \$15

We are planning on having a bountiful Silent Auction, delicious Dessert Dash and exciting Paddle Raise as they have been so successful in the past.

Please contact Teresa at 801-557-4319 if you have a large item for the live auction as we want to advertise them in advance of the event. Examples of items we have had in the past include a group of gift cards, night at The Heathman, quilts or handmade wood items.

We would love extra one-time help for this event. If you can help, please contact Kathy at 360-910-2315.

A lot of work goes into the planning and some responses from folks have been, "My basket/item never sells for its value" and "The live auction items should have sold for a higher amount."

Please let us know if you have ideas on how to make the auction better. We would appreciate your input... And your help!



Report from the Benefit Breakfast Habitat for Humanity April 27, 2025

We served a total of 79 breakfasts. Don and Kathy Hardy always decorate the tables, our youth set up the tables and I would like to thank those who helped with this breakfast. E-Lois Gebhart helped with the preparation on Saturday, Larry Siewert for making the coffee and washing dishes, Dan Kingsley helps with washing dishes, Lynne Kingsley helps with dishing up the food along with Steve Enyeart and Larry Siewert. Don and Kathy Hardy, Greg Berry and Charlie Ernster served you at your table.

Orders were as follows: Egg Casserole 67, Cheesy Potatoes 68, Link Sausage 66, Fresh Fruit 64, Orange Juice 23, Apple Juice 8, V-8 Juice 3 and coffee and tea.

20 breakfasts were served before church and 59 after service which included 13 to go orders.

Steve and I spent 2 hours shopping, 2.5 hours prep on the day before and 5 hours on Sunday. Donations were \$1,064.00. I love doing this and thank you so much for supporting our missions.

— Gay Enyeart

Our next breakfast is July 20 to support our Victory Outreach folks.



Ground has been broken on the new Cottage Homes site. Those of you who have expressed interest in being on the new build team will be contacted soon!





Cottage Homes

13210 NE 44th St. Vancouver, WA 98682

About the Project

This is a new construction project of **32 unattached, single-family cottage homes built on 1.82 acres**. All homes are 2BR 1.5BA homes with two stories. Two different layouts will be built, one of which is 1063 sq ft and the other 1167 sq ft.

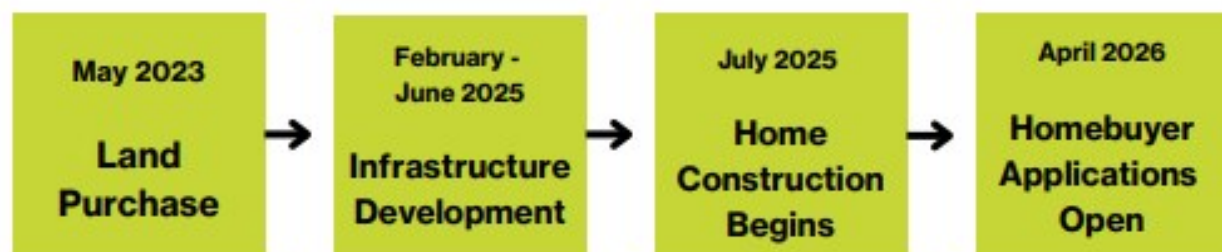
Each home will be sold to income-qualified homebuyers who fall under 80% of the Area Median Income through affordable mortgages by 3rd party partner lenders.

All 32 cottage units will be **permanently affordable and utilize a land-trust model** with shared equity, allowing homeowners to gain equity while ensuring this property remains a permanently affordable homeownership community asset.

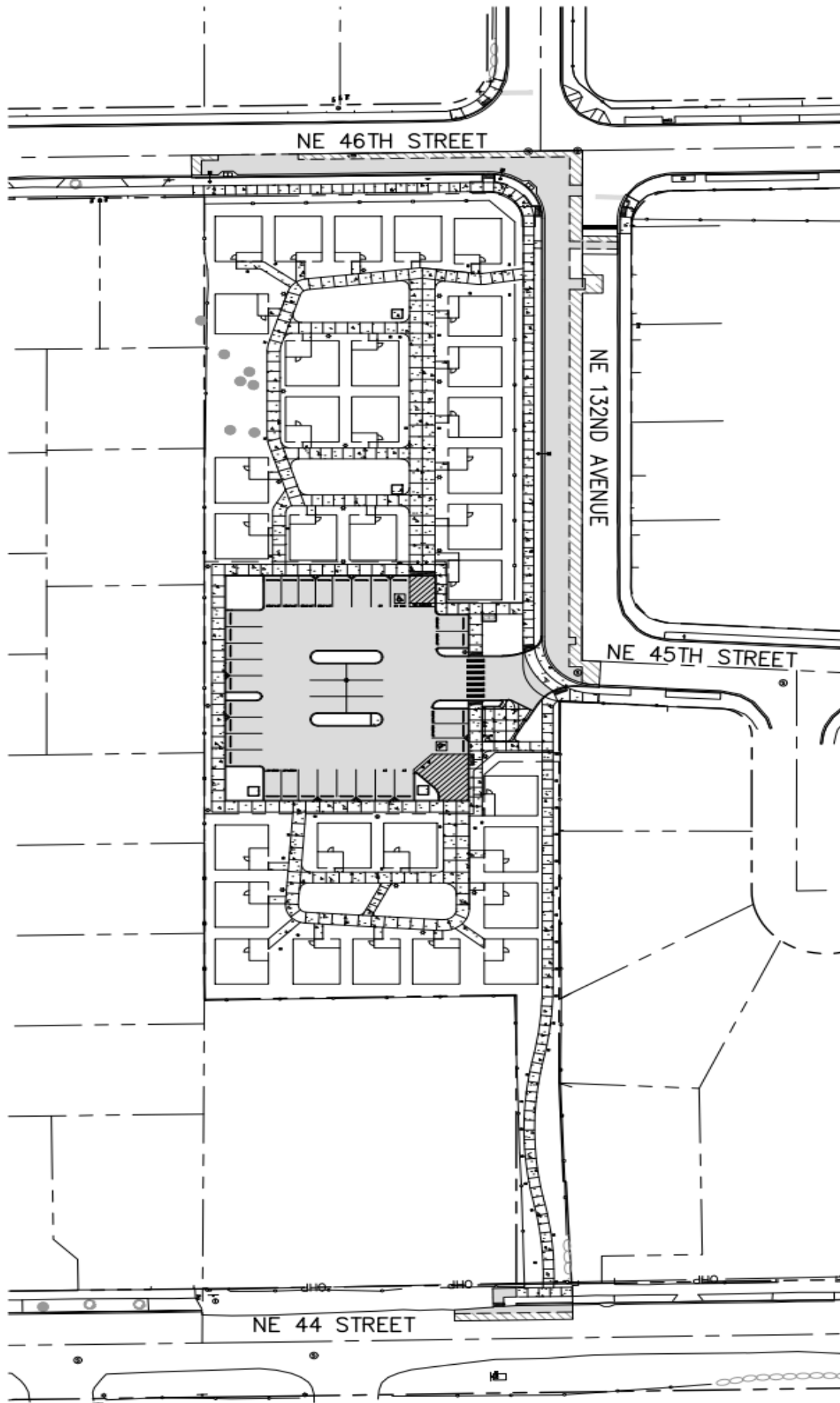
Total Cost of Project: \$11,209,485



Project Current Timeline*



**subject to change*





GRADUATION SUNDAY 6-1-25

Honoring Zach Nieda and Teddy Ernster

We will miss them both so much next year!!





Hugh Van Male July 4

Angela Williams July 9

Ed Grubel July 10

Larry Scherer July 11

Ashley Skelton July 14

Bonnie Jacquemin July 20

Sandie Hollister July 23

Vivian Peterson July 24

Craig Johnson July 26

Joan Stuart July 28

Darcy Davis July 30

Aileen Maddox July 30

Monica Tanner July 31

Don't see your birthday?

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

*Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I carried you
on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.*

• Exodus 19:4



*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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