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Salmon Creek
United Methodist Church



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Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously

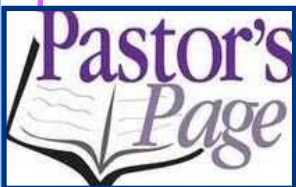
PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 2026

Dear friends and families of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,

As I write to you with thoughts of June and summer, the roses, irises, and rhododendrons are bearing witness to the approach of summer! The end of May also signals the beginning of an important season in the life of the church for United Methodists ... Annual Conference gathering season!

For most of my pastoral ministry in Texas, our Annual Conference gathering always began on Memorial Day weekend and ran through at least half of the week. I have always enjoyed gathering for Annual Conference, sharing wonderful worship, reconnection with friends, remembering colleagues who died since we gathered last year, celebrating clergy retirements, commissioning and ordaining new clergy into ministry, hearing reports about conference-wide ministry done over the past year, reports on the business of the Conference, and voting on all sorts of things – from approval of financial and business reports, to the approval of candidates for ministry, and more.

If you want to learn more about the work of Annual Conferences, check out this article on UMC.org:



[What is the annual conference? What does it do? | UMC.org](https://www.UMC.org)

In the United Methodist Church at all levels of conference gatherings, the voting members are half clergy and half laity (not clergy). This year the PNW Annual Conference will be held in Spokane, June 23rd - 25th. Lila DeBolt and I will travel there together, as she will be our lay voting member. Many of you know I have been working through the process to transfer my clergy membership from the Texas Conference to the PNW Conference. I'm happy to share that it looks like that will happen at this PNW Annual Conference. The last piece to make it official is a 'yes' vote by the PNW clergy at their online Clergy Session on the afternoon of June 3rd! If all goes as it should, I will be received as a member of the PNW Conference this June!

The PNW Conference is part of a larger Greater Northwest Area, led by Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth. GNW area is made up of three conferences, Alaska, Pacific Northwest (primarily Washington), and the Oregon-Idaho Conference. Bishop Bridgeforth shared an inspiring message at the GNW Opening Session online on May 20th that can be seen at this link:

[Home - 2026 PNW Annual Conference Session](#)

The Annual Conference theme for 2026 is the 'Love Boldly' portion of the UMC Vision Statement released this time last year:

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.

You may remember the 3-week series inspired by this vision that we shared last fall, 'Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously'.

The vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

Love Boldly: Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life.

Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35

Serve Joyfully: With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.

*Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15
and 1 Peter 4:10*

Lead Courageously: Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation.

Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10

A great vision to inspire all of us as we strive to live faithfully as followers of Jesus.

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



Love Boldly



Serve Joyfully



Lead Courageously

TENTATIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 2 – AD Board meeting
- 9 – Missions meeting
- 11 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 14 – Church Picnic
- 21 – Father’s Day
- 23 – Finance meeting
- 23 – 25 Annual Conference
- 28—Accessibility Task Force
- 29—7/3—YMCA summer camp



July

- 4 – Independence Day
- 7 – COM meeting (NO Ad Board meeting)
- 7-10 – VBS
- 9 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 14 – Missions meeting
- 19 – Church without Walls
- 20—24—YMCA summer camp
- 27—31—YMCA summer camp
- 28 – Finance meeting

August

- 8/3—8/8—YMCA summer camp here

- 4 – Ad Board meeting
- 7—Creation Care
- 11 – Missions meeting
- 13 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 22 – Set-up mission breakfast
- 23 – Mission Breakfast for VPS
- 25 – Finance meeting

April, 2026 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church for April, 2026.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	42,035	29,767	12,268	166,717	119,067	47,650
Expenses	29,177	30,947	1,770	129,446	131,386	1,940
Operating Income / (Loss)	<u>12,858</u>	<u>(1,180)</u>	<u>14,038</u>	<u>37,271</u>	<u>(12,319)</u>	<u>49,590</u>

The high income figure for April deserves further explanation, and the chart below details the main components of revenue for the Church. The stock market ticked up in April, thus the positive impact on our income for the month.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Pledges	19,064	27,500	(8,436)	148,791	110,000	38,791
Other Income	2,075	2,267	(191)	8,829	9,067	(238)
Investments	20,896	0	20,896	9,097	0	9,097
Total Income	42,035	29,767	12,268	166,717	119,067	47,650

Our pledge income was behind budget again in April at only 69% of Budget. Our YTD pledge income remains strong at 135 % of Budget and ~ 39,000 Favorable to Plan, due primarily to two large one time donations earlier in the year. Our expenses were very close to Budget for both April and Year to Date, with variances of 1,770 and 1,940, respectively.

Our YTD profit for the Church is now ~ 37,000 and ~ 49,000 favorable to our Budget. Due to the Q1 traditional anomaly with pledge income, we will continue to closely monitor our income levels, especially pledge income as we head into the summer. In a repeat comment, your commitment to our Church and our Community remains steadfast and we appreciate everyone's generosity.

Our Preschool program has increased its enrollment recently, and we actually had a profit of 700 in April! Praise be to God. This reduced our YTD loss to (5,090). With the increased enrollment and getting closer to breakeven with existing enrollment, the Administrative Board voted to keep the school open through the next school year!

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
FINANCES





Salmon Creek UMC discontinues partnership with Family Promise of Clark County

In the Spring of 2016, Salmon Creek UMC decided that we wanted to be missional in Clark County. After serving Family Promise of Clark County for eight years and acting as the launching pad for them in 2016, the difficult decision has been made that it is

time to separate our ways.

It is always important for us to assess things in our daily lives:

- Why am I on this committee?**
- Why do I give to this or that**
- Is this job still a good fit for me?**

Churches need to do the same:

- Is this mission serving the way we want?**
- Is it the best use of our resources?**
- Could we maybe do something different?**

Over the past year, I have been pondering those types of questions. Did you know that, on average, 200 people use our Family Ministry Center? That when we host Family Promise, there are, on average, 35 volunteers that put in around 300 hours for the week? In the last 6 host weeks, we have averaged 1.5 families. Is that the best use of our facility when we are displacing over 200 people?

This past week while hosting 3 families, there were many bumps in the road. The feeling was that the respect for the volunteers and their time did not reflect the guidelines of the program. God was tapping me on the shoulder saying, "It's time."

As of May 5th, we have parted ways with Family Promise. We will no longer participate in the hosting rotation. All monies raised or donated for Family Promise will be given, in some way, to Family Promise of Clark County. For example, we purchased five queen and five twin mattresses for graduating families.

The laughter of children playing in the gym will remain in my heart forever. While I can't give you an exact number, we have assisted over 50 families in getting their lives back during challenging times. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, donated or prayed for Family Promise of Clark County.

- Karen Beilsmith

We love our Preschool!



Enroll Now for Fall
Little Fish Christian Preschool
A ministry of Salmon Creek UMC

Half-day Program for 3 - 5 year olds
Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 12:30
salmoncreek.church 360-573-3111

LITTLE FISH PRESCHOOL REMAINS OPEN!

After months of discussion, number crunching and scrutiny, the Administrative Board voted – by a majority - to keep the Preschool open for another year! This ministry within our church is vital in the lives of our young children who attend. We are exposing them to the life of Jesus Christ; we are encouraging socialization among their peers; we are lovingly surrounding them with structure, safety and fun. Our church greatly benefits from having children present on our campus – we instill young enthusiasm and spirit. We see frivolity and laughter. We witness growth. We smile when they are in our presence.

This ministry benefits the community in providing an opportunity to serve parents in need or desire of preschool learning for their children. Our attendance is increasing as we are becoming better known in the surrounding Vancouver area. We faithfully hope to obtain more participants over the summer as parents prepare for the Fall school year. Our Director and Teacher – Ashley Skelton and Angela Parrish – have been working very diligently to make our preschool top-notch. They are to be congratulated for their contributions of love and dedication to this ministry! We are so fortunate to have them.

The Fall school year will start on Tuesday, September 8. If you have grandchildren, great-grandchildren, neighbors, or friends who may be interested in attending Little Fish, there are still vacancies open. Please reach out to Ashley, Angela, Nancy in the office or Pastor Kim for more information.



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Successful operation of the Preschool can only be achieved by many hands and a multitude of prayer. Please keep the Preschool, the children, and the leaders in your daily prayers. Watch for announcements, accolades and events from Little Fish this fall! You will truly want to be a part of all that will be happening!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the Preschool Advisory Board – Lila DeBolt, Jan Asai, Nancy Volgamore, Ashley Skelton, Angela Parrish, and Pastor Kim.

We love our Preschool

Little Fish

— CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL —



May is Teacher Appreciation Month

**Congratulations to our Little Fish Preschool Teachers
Ashley Skelton and Angela Parrish**

On Wednesday, May 13th, The Preschool Board presented Ashley and Angela with gift cards in honor and appreciation of all the hard work they have put in getting our Preschool up and running.

During the last week of school, each member of the board (Lila DeBolt, Jan Asai, Nancy Volgamore and Pastor Kim) presented both teachers with special gifts each of those days.

We are so grateful to Ashley and Angela, our wonderful teachers who make such a difference in the lives of our sweet little children.

We are so fortunate to have them ministering to our young ones.

Thank you for all you do!!

We really appreciate your love and dedication.





Bells of the Cascades and Pikes Peak Ringers When All Else Fails...

Premier of "When All Else Fails..."

A Groundbreaking Work for Handbells and Ensemble

This June, audiences in Vancouver and Portland will experience the premiere of a remarkable new musical work, "When All Else Fails...", composed by Matthew Compton, Director of Bells of the Cascades. This piece is Compton's first major large-scale composition and introduces a bold new direction for handbell music.

Saturday, June 6th—7:00 pm

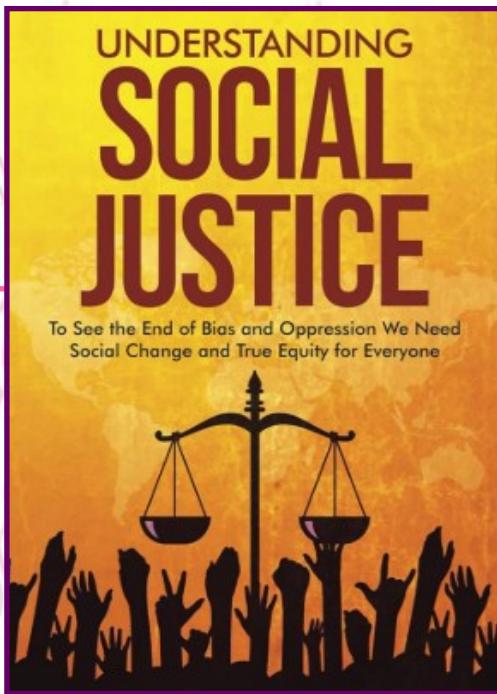
Sunday, June 7th—6:00 pm

**Portland First United Methodist Church
1838 SW Jefferson Street
Portland, OR 97201**

**Admission is \$30 adults, \$10 students, children under 6 free
Tickets can be purchased at the door with cash, check or card.
No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**

[First United Methodist Church of Portland OR](#)

[Portland Area's Finest Handbell Ensemble - Bells of the Cascades](#)



Report on Washington State Legislation dealing with Social Justice issues

Part of our Social Justice efforts involved praying for and contacting our state representatives to support bills promoting areas of social justice. Here is the report we shared with our Social Justice email group. We thought perhaps others would find it interesting and join us in praising God for this progress.

SB 5855 – The bill, now law prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing face-concealing coverings while on duty.

HB 2165 – Makes it a crime for people who are not law enforcement to wear badges or other law enforcement insignia.

HB 2105 - The bill, now law will enhance protections for immigrant workers by regulating how employers interact with federal immigration authorities during workplace inspections.

HB 2411 – The bill, now law, allows the use of shared leave for work absences if they are victims of hate crimes or affected by ICE actions.

SB 6002 – Now law, prevents ICE from using surveillance tools like automatic license plate readers.

SB 5906 – Passed into law in February, it restricts federal immigration agents (ICE) from entering "nonpublic areas" of schools, healthcare facilities, and ballot processing sites without a judicial warrant or court order.

Many of these we prayed for and also contacted our representative and asked them to support. A thank you to them might be in order so I have attached the contacts again.

Continued

Additional laws are not in place to support working families. Here is a list:

SB 6162 – change property tax structure so more seniors, veterans and people with disabilities can stay in their homes.

HB 1903 – will help low-income household manage rising utility costs

HB 2294 – protects access to groceries and medications by allowing grocery stores and pharmacies to reopen in vacant buildings. These are usually in low- or no-income communities.

HB 2296 – Makes energy efficient improvements more affordable by allowing customers to pay for them over time with their monthly utility bill.

HB 2242 – Ensures that preventative medical services like cancer screening and vaccines are available without out-of-pocket costs.

HB 1302 – Allows local governments to waive upfront utility connection fees

Please contact Maggie Mikalatos if you would like to be added to the Social Justice Email List.

maggie.mikalatos@gmail.com



Annual
**CHURCH
PICNIC**



Sunday, June 14th

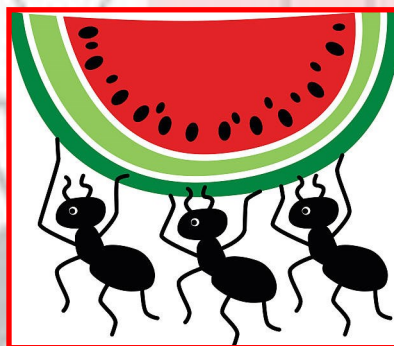
Bring a salad or a pie if you wish.

Hotdogs, chips and lemonade provided!

We are asking you to bring lawn/yard games if you have them, lawn chairs if you have them, and in accordance with our Creation Care “go Green” theme, if you can bring your own dishes and tableware, great. We will of course provide these if you don’t want to bring your own, but we are trying to respect our efforts at lessening our waste output. Please sign up at church so that we can plan for how many are attending.

Plan to attend!

Fun for All!!!

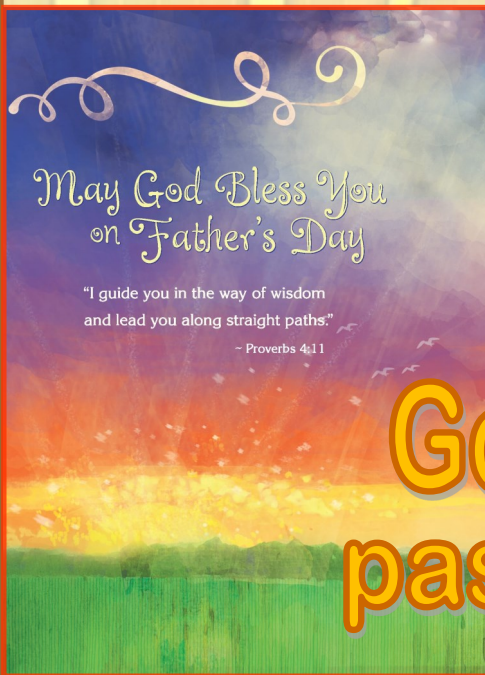


Sign up sheets
at the
Welcome Desk

Be sure to be here on *Sunday, June 21st* as we celebrate all fathers, in every capacity. We will have a special treat for all of our men!

**FATHER'S
DAY**
SUNDAY 21th JUNE

God Bless all fathers
past, present & future.



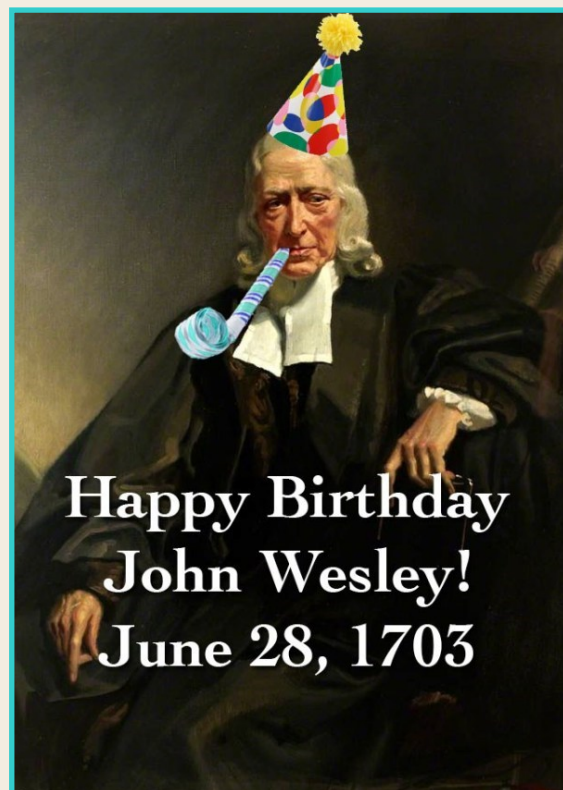
BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrate with us!

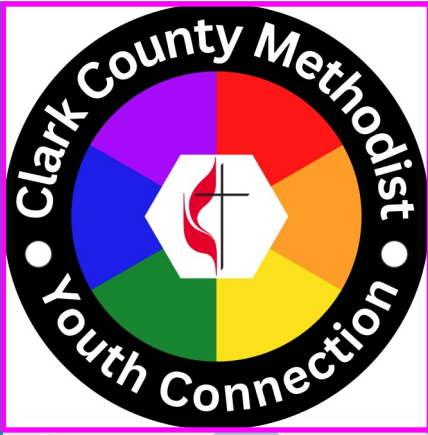
On Sunday, June 28th, we will be celebrating John Wesley's birthday! We will be singing Wesley hymns and the service will be focused on our founder with help from Wesleyan scholar, Randy Maddox.

We will have cake during coffee fellowship!!

Happy Birthday, John!!



**Happy Birthday
John Wesley!
June 28, 1703**



CCMYC Church of the Month

2026

JANUARY

**ORCHARDS
UNITED
METHODIST**

FEBRUARY

**SALMON
CREEK
UNITED
METHODIST**

MARCH

**VANCOUVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST**

APRIL

**VANCOUVER
HEIGHTS
UNITED
METHODIST**

MAY

**ORCHARDS
UNITED
METHODIST**

JUNE

**SALMON
CREEK
UNITED
METHODIST**



CCMYC

Upcoming events.



JUNE
5

HIGH SCHOOL COFFEE HOUR

Stop by **Metallion Cafe (1906 Main St, Vancouver, WA 98660)** any time between **3-5pm**. Get a coffee or treat with Lacey and check in for a little bit!

JUNE
7

NORMAL YOUTH GROUP

We will be exploring the history of UMC in the PNW and enjoying dinner together.
Salmon Creek UMC, 4-6pm

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14

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JUNE
21

END OF YEAR PARTY

Join us in celebrating our first full year of CCMYC! More details to come.

JUNE 28
-
JULY 3

SLAM

See website for details.

JULY 12
-
JULY 17

MID/HIGH SUMMER CAMP @ OCEAN PARK

Contact Lacey for details.

AUG
30

START OF YEAR KICK OFF

Join us in kicking off the 2026/2027 school year with CCMYC! More details to come.

CREATION CARE

Creation Care Task Force:

Next meeting

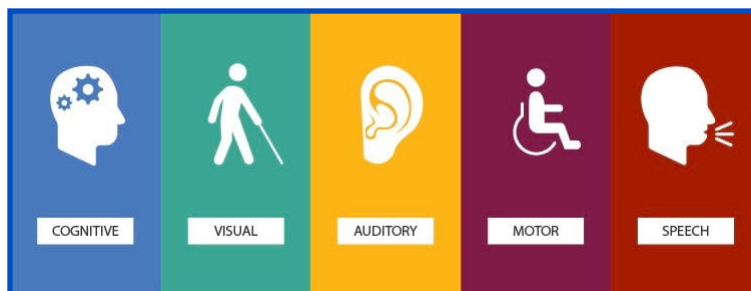
Friday August 7 at 9 am
in the office workroom

Is one of these important ministries calling you? Talk with Lila DeBolt or Pastor Kim for more information!

Accessibility Task Force:

Next meeting:

Sunday, June 28th after worship
in the FMC Library





Just a reminder -- when you add materials to your compost bins, don't forget to remove the PLU code sticker from your bananas, avocados and other fruits and vegetables.

They are NOT compostable.

Also, please don't put any plastic bags in the large compost bins.

Only organic wastes go in these bins for composting.

Thank you.

The Truth About PLU CODES

4 DIGIT CODE
Usually starts with 3 or 4

 4011
CONVENTIONALLY GROWN

5 DIGIT CODE
Starting with 9

 93423
ORGANIC

5 DIGIT CODE
Starting with 8

 83137
GENETICALLY MODIFIED

These are more like "General Guidelines". These are not hard set rules. PLU Codes are voluntary, meaning the producer is not required to use them. To our knowledge, no code starting with an 8 is currently being used in grocery stores.



CREATION CARE CORNER



It's that time of year again when many of us will visit the ocean or local rivers to enjoy their beauty and majesty. We play in the waves, we explore the beaches, we feel the coolness of the water on our warm bodies. Our oceans and water playgrounds truly provide endless hours of pleasure, calm, and reverence. We have been given such great treasures from our Creator – we thank you, God of infinite power!

Unfortunately, now our oceans are suffering from an urgent environmental challenge – pollution. Ocean pollution refers to the introduction of harmful substances into the ocean. The most common types of ocean pollution include:

Plastic pollution – bottles, bags, microplastics

Chemical pollution – fertilizers, pesticides, industrial waste

Sewage and wastewater – untreated or poorly treated runoff

Noise pollution – from ships and sonar disrupting marine life

Here are some disturbing facts regarding ocean pollution from [Ocean Blue Project](#) (2026):

Over 8 million tons of plastic enter the ocean every year

More than 100,000 marine animals die annually from plastic entanglement

Microplastics have been found in seafood, drinking water and human blood





While these facts are truly disheartening, there are ways for everyone to play a part in the reduction of ocean pollution.

- Reduce your use of single-use plastics**
- Support legislation to curb plastic production and waste**
- Recycle properly**
- Participate or organize a beach or river clean-up**
- Spread the word**
- Support organizations addressing plastic pollution**

So, this summer while you are vacationing at the beach, lake or river, be diligent on how you dispose of your waste products. Don't throw anything into the water. Be mindful of the beautiful creatures that call the waters their home. Hopefully, with everyone on the planet working mindfully towards the goal of plastic reduction, we will have sustained ocean beauty and majesty for centuries to come!

Lila DeBolt, Creation Care Taskforce





A Request from the Friends In Faith Committee

Have you thought of someone in our church family and then thought, “I should give them a call”, but then you don’t. You are not alone when thinking of them and not reaching out to them. We are all guilty of thinking of friends and not following through. The Friends In Faith Committee encourages you to just give them a call to say, “Hi, I have been thinking of you.”

The next time you think of someone, let the SPIRIT MOVE YOU to give them a call. They will so appreciate your checking in on them. A call to a friend will also give you joy in visiting with them on the phone.

FRIENDS IN FAITH

— MINISTRY GROUP —



We need help!!

Attention bakers and sweet lovers! Do you have a passion for whipping up delectable desserts? We're inviting new teams to become Coffee Hosts providing their tasty creations after morning worship. Whether you bake or simply adore sweet treats that you can get at the store, now's your moment to share some joy and deliciousness.

A new schedule will start in August. Talk with Suzy Clayton:

360-721-9455 / acscllc@live.com.



We are looking for an additional person to help on the Congregational Care committee to plan, assist and carry out a new ministry for our church family members. We will be starting a “Meal Ministry” that will help when a member is facing difficult, maybe debilitating, times – like a planned surgery, an extended illness or injury. This Ministry will facilitate a plan for gifts of meals that will be delivered to the member’s home as needed. When someone is returning home from the hospital or nursing an injury, what a relief it will be to have a good meal taken to them. At SCUMC, we care for our members as if we are all one family. Let’s continue to show our support for those in need by helping them at their most vulnerable time. This ministry will not fall onto 1 person’s shoulders. Rather, it is meant to be a coordinating position so that many people can participate in the joyous task of providing comfort and support. You will be working with the other members of Congregational Care – Dana Biles and Teresa Rivera. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please talk to Pastor Kim or Lila DeBolt. Thank you for giving of your time to help someone in need!

**We also still need more
Ushers and Greeters!!
Talk with
Kathy Bachman**

Congregational
care



Bags for the Homeless



Please remember, the bags we make up are for *INDIVIDUAL* people **living on the street**. They don't have kitchens, ovens, stoves, microwaves; they can only carry individual, light items.

People keep bringing in things like: bags of dried beans, boxes of macaroni and cheese, rice, flour, cookie mixes, microwave popcorn!! **WE CANNOT USE THESE ITEMS!** If these items are brought in, they have to be taken to Clark County Food bank by someone on staff, making more work for us.

& **NO:**

- Cans needing a can opener
- Foods needing to be cooked, baked or microwaved (ie. mac n cheese, rice, flour, dried beans, cookie mixes)
- LARGE items (ie. large peanut butter, large bags of *anything*, large boxes of cereal, etc.) – the bags we make up are for **INDIVIDUAL** people.

[Clark County Food Bank](#)

PLEASE Take these types of items to
CLARK COUNTY FOOD BANK





LUTHERAN : CHORAL ASSOCIATION

SINGING SINCE 1938

The Lutheran Choral Association will begin its 2026 season on Monday, June 1st. With an 80+ year history, this 70-voice ecumenical group continues its long tradition of singing praises to God with members from churches of various denominations. The choir repertoire includes old and new sacred music in a variety of styles. The choir rehearses throughout the summer in preparation for the four Sunday concerts beginning September 13th. All voices are welcome! No audition is necessary but experience in singing choral music is helpful.

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97217. Please arrive a bit early for our first rehearsal on June 1st.

For more information, talk with Laurie Doering or click below for the website, or contact LCA president, Mark Hoelter at mark@hoelter.net or 503-936-4916.

<https://www.lutheranchoral.org/>



GOD'S
GARDEN

God's Garden

God's Bounty!

All of our new garden plots have been rented out. Stay tuned as the summer progresses for many produce “gifts” on the table outside the east entrance!

Fresh Garden Vegetables!





**VBS
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



JULY 7 to JULY 10

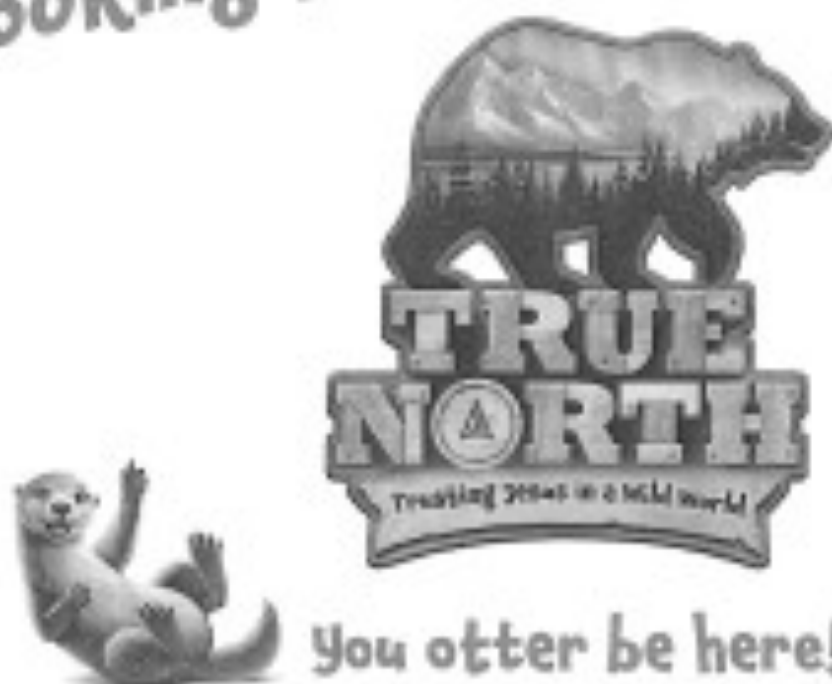
Take kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As they trek the tundra, they'll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Kids will foster a deeper connection with our faithful friend, Jesus, while discovering the great Alaskan frontier. As kids trek through the tundra of Alaska and experience what it means to trust in Jesus, prepare for amazing faith connections to unfold!

[VBS True North Registration Form.pdf](#)

Video on True North VBS program

[true-north-vbs-2025-teaser.mp4](#) | Powered by Box

Looking for mountains of fun?



You otter be here!

New friends > Amazing experiments > Creative games
 Super-fun snacks > Surprising adventures > Incredible music

Location: Salmon Creek United Methodist
(church name)

Save these dates: 7/7-7/10 & Sunday 7/12
(YES dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 9:00 am -12:00 noon
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: 360-573-3111
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: Salmoncreek.church
(registration web address)

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

Register for Mission u!

Experiencing Emmanuel

Friday, July 10, and ends Sunday, July 12
at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center



More
information
& Forms



Online
Registration
Form

**Cost includes 2 nights' lodging
and 5 meals. Adults—\$150;
Children (6-12) &
Youth (13-17)—\$50**

May 27 Registration Deadline

Find out how to register at [pnwumc.org/
uwfaith/2026/01/11/mission-u-2/](http://pnwumc.org/uwfaith/2026/01/11/mission-u-2/)



If you need medical equipment or adult sanitary supplies, and many other helpful equipment, remember to check out "A Caring Closet" off of 78th Street in Vancouver.

If you have items to donate, please also remember them. For more information, click for the website below.
- Monica Tanner

[A Caring Closet | Free Durable Medical
Equipment in SW Washington](#)

Have you read this yet?

In the
**Church
Library**

From time to time, I have run into a book that I had a really hard time putting down. This one is in the Church Library. "Because I Knew You" by Robert Macauley is on the shelf. Written by a doctor at OHSU, it is his memoir of an unexpected life.

Here is a quote from one of the doctors who wrote in the preface:

"A pround and totally engrossing exploration of the painful, yet beuatifu lworld of children facing serious illness. To their remarkable courage, Bob Macauley adds his own fascinating journey, not only as the doctor who care for them but someone in need of healing, too. Pick up this book to be inspired, but rest assured that the human stories and life lessons will remain with you long after you put it down." Elisha Walsman, MD

because i knew you

*How Some Remarkable Sick Kids
Healed a Doctor's Soul*

ROBERT MACAULEY

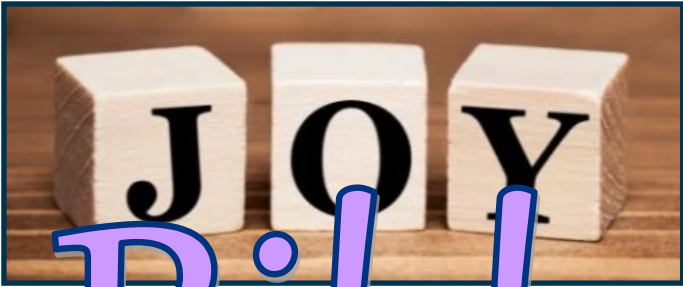
"courageous, intimate, and revealing,
at turns exruciating and exhilarating."

—Ira Byock, MD, best-selling author of
*The Four Things That Matter Most, Dying Well,
and The Best Care Possible*

I will say, You just might need a box of Kleenex nearby: my eyes leaked while reading it. I would be happy to chat with you when you are finished with the book.

PS, Our local public library also has it available to check out.

— Elaine Gilbert



Bible

JOY (Jesus, Others, You) Bible group had its end of the year special brunch and gathering on Thursday, May 14th. During that meeting, passage quilts were blessed, and Joan Stuart was honored: see the coverage on the following page.

Laurie Doering and Sandy Bippes will co-chair the group moving forward.



Women's Ministry Honoring



Joan Stuart



Joan Stuart was honored on Thursday, May 14th for her 30 years as Chairman of Women's Ministries. Joan was given a commemorative window hanging which was personalized, in honor of her service:

Never underestimate the difference you made and the lives you touched

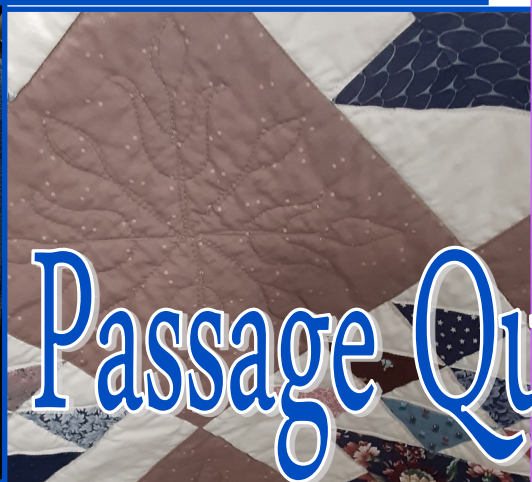
Joan
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Thank you, DEAR Joan, for all you have done over the years, not just in Women's Ministries, but in so many different areas. You are loved!

To Salmon Creek United Methodist Church:
Thank you so much for being my loving church family!
Love and Prayers Always,
Joan Stuart



During the season ending of JOY Bible on Thursday, May 14th, the quilts for Legacy Hospital were blessed. So very many absolutely beautiful quilts to be given to those patients at Legacy who are transitioning. These quilts are made and blessed with love and prayers and are of immense comfort to those patients and to their families. We thank all the many, very talented ladies who create these works of art.



Passage Quilt Ministry



Every First Sunday of the month, join us at the Peace Pole at 9:45 am for prayers for World

On Sunday, May 3rd, we had our first Peace Pole Prayer gathering. We had about 25 attend with Pastor leading. We gathered and read the prayer below.

May peace prevail!!

God of Peace, grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. God of all ruling powers, make our leaders sensitive to the plea of their citizens who long for peace and help them find ways to turn weapons of war into implements of peace. Compassionate God, help us to trust in you and not lean on our own understanding. Turn any fear into confident trust, help us to lovingly disagree and to forgive rather than quarrel. Renew our hearts and minds, so that our way of life will always be that of: Peace!



Dedication of our Peace Pole June 15, 2025

May peace prevail



MISSION BREAKFAST



Benefit Breakfast for *Habitat for Humanity* April 26, 2026

We served a total of 76 breakfasts: 19 before the service which included 6 scouts and 57 after the service. Kathy and Don Hardy set up and decorated tables on Saturday, while Lila DeBolt, her two granddaughters Dharma and Daphne Matheis, Gay and Steve Enyeart did food prep for Sunday. Thank you to Richard Bielsmith for making coffee and to Don Hardy, who stepped up to help with dishwashing in the absence of Larry Siewert. Dan Kinglsey also washed dishes after service; Lynne Kingsley and Steve Enyeart served food, and Gay filled in where possible. In addition to Scout Troop 14 serving, Kathy and Don Hardy were serving as well.

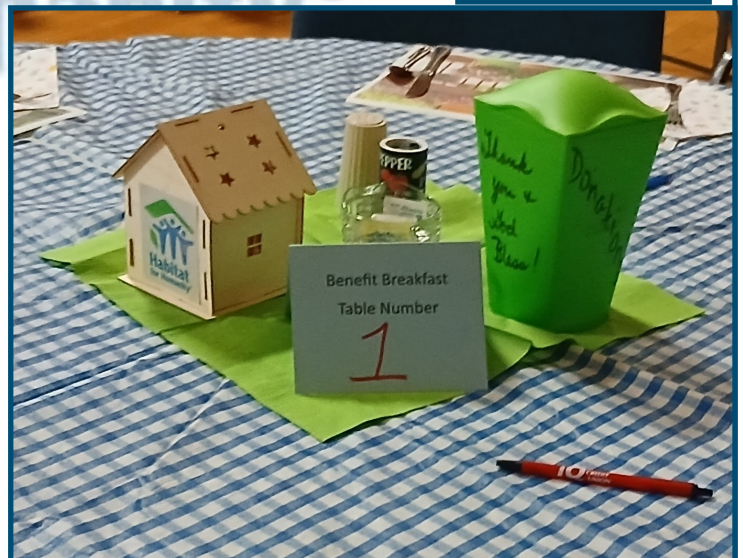
Orders were as follows: Blueberry French Toast 70, Egg Casserole 59, Link Sausage 59, Fresh Fruit 65, Orange Juice 34, Apple Juice 10 and V-8 8. Money raised for Habitat for Humanity was \$1,392.00. Thank you for supporting this great cause. It is wonderful to support Scout Troop 14 and we appreciate their help. It is a learning experience for all of us.

Gay Enyeart Co-Chair Mission Team

Lila DeBolt and granddaughters
Dharma and Daphne Matheis



Table settings



CUB SCOUTING

Because Too Much Fun Is Never Enough



A big thank you to our Cub Scouts who tackled the many weeds in our preschool playground on 4-26-26! They did an amazing job!



BEFORE



AFTER



Happy
50th
Anniversary



On Saturday, May 2nd, Steve and Gay Enyeart gathered family, and friends from many walks of their life, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary! They had a small, intimate “vow renewal” ceremony in the Pioneer Chapel first, presided by Pastor Kim, and then all gathered in the Fellowship Hall to help them celebrate. Your church family wishes you heartfelt congratulations on this amazing milestone, and many more years together! Their actual anniversary was May 1st.



Below: Steve and Gay in front of their actual wedding clothes from 1976!!

**JUST
MARRIED**
←—♡—→
50 YEARS AGO





Linda Garrison—June 4

Pastor Kim Poer—June 7

June Bennett—June 9

Mike Pratt—June 11

Marilyn Forman—June 13

Kristie Brown—June 20

Jerry Davis—June 20

E-Lois Gebhart—June 20

Jayne McCarley—June 22

Bob Cooke—June 24

Karen Beilsmith—June 26

Lynne Kingsley—June 26

Don't see your birthday?

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



Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10

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