



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church



SEPTEMBER



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

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Fall is a season of returning to routines of learning—to school, to church, to bBible study. It is also a wonderful season for returning to our Wesleyan roots, recommitting our hearts to grow in our knowledge and love of God, and focusing on disciplines of spiritual practice, study, and service!

As we turn the calendar to September, I am excited about all of the great things we have planned and hope you will make it a priority to join us for worship and the special events coming up!

Throughout September, we will continue our Wesleyan theme in worship. While the series “Wesleyan Rooted” will be completed on September 7th, we will finish the month focusing on John Wesley’s three General Rules and how to incorporate them into our lives in practical ways.

After worship on September 7th, our Council on Ministries will sponsor our annual Rally Day! We will celebrate the many great ministries we have at Salmon Creek UMC! It will be a fun opportunity to learn about our church as you build your own ice cream sundae! As you visit the ministry displays, I encourage you to consider where God may be calling you to serve in the coming year!

Following worship on Sunday, September 14th Tiffiney and I will host training for all who are interested in helping with our children or youth ministry programs. Having a second adult present when our children or youth gather is critical to our ability to follow the Safe Sanctuary policy the congregation has in place to protect our children and youth. It is important for you to sign up ahead with Tiffiney so we can have the online portion of the training sent to you to complete ahead of this training.

Sunday, September 21st after worship will be a great opportunity for fun and fellowship as we gather for church picnic: food, games, and conversation on the south lawn! Sign up at the welcome desk so our Council on Ministries will know how many to prepare food for!

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

Our Women’s Ministry Team has been hard at work planning a wonderful day retreat to be held on Saturday, October 18th at Salmon Creek UMC! All women are invited to attend, and NOW is the time to register! Look for registration forms at the welcome desk.

October also has several great opportunities for fellowship, fun, spiritual growth and service. Save these dates and plan now to join us!

October 5: 9am – 12 noon, Missions Breakfast Supporting UMCOR

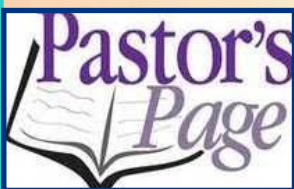
October 5: 3pm—Blessing of the Pets

October 18: 9am – 4pm, Women’s Retreat Day

October 25: 4 – 6pm, Eek at the Creek

Peace and joy,

Rev. Kim Poer



Jeremiah 24.7

I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.



NEW SERMON SERIES and SMALL GROUP STUDY

The second week of August, we began a 5-week series called "Wesleyan Rooted". It is a series created by the Florida Conference UMC. The program has material for small group lessons if your group is interested, or if you would like to pursue individual study. The series concludes with the September 7th message.

The weekly themes are as follows:

- 1 - Grow Deeply (August 10 worship)
- 2 - Read Faithfully (August 17 worship)
- 3 - Love Actively (August 24 worship)
- 4 - Embrace Wildly (August 31 worship)
- 5 - Serve Impactfully (September 7 worship)

We are really excited about this series and hope you will join us
in pursuing further study!

For more information:

www.wesleyanrooted.org



Week One



Week Two



Week Three



Week Four



Week Five

For more information:

www.wesleyanrooted.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

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	Safe Sanctuary Training Briefing 11:00 am
9/18/25	SPRC 6:30 pm
9/21/25	Church Picnic
9/23/25	Finance 6:00 pm

October 2025

10/5/26	Missions Breakfast—UMCOR
10/5/25	Blessing of the Pets 3:00 pm
10/7/25	Ad Board 6:00 pm
10/9/25	Trustees 5:30 pm
10/11/25	SC Lions Shred Event 9:30 am
10/13/25	Worship Committee 5:30 pm
10/18/25	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

11/4/25	Ad Board 6:00 pm
11/13/25	Trustees 5:30 pm
11/15/25	Missions Basket Auction
11/20/25	SPRC 6:30 pm
11/23/25	Hanging of the Greens
11/25/25	Finance 6:00 pm
11/27/25	Thanksgiving—church closed

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2025

- 12/2/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
- 12/7—14 Family Promise Week
- 12/8/25 Worship Committee 5:30 pm
- 12/11/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
- 12/14/25 Lessons 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
- 12/24/25 Church Office closed for the holidays until January 5th
- 12/28/25 Christmastide Hymn Sing

REMINDER:

The church office e-mail is:

admin@salmoncreek.church

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admin@salmoncreekchurch.org

July, 2025 Financial Update

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

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	24,972	29,000	(4,028)	242,082	203,000	39,082
Expenses	42,970	31,926	(11,044)	229,374	219,552	(9,822)
Operating Income / (Loss)	(17,998)	(2,926)	(15,072)	12,708	(16,552)	29,260

The "dog days of summer" have arrived, and Pledge income declined this month as expected with only 78 % of Budget achieved, and ~ (6,000) Unfavorable to Plan. YTD Pledge income is still strong, and we are at 110 % of Plan. Your commitment to our Church and our Community remains steadfast and we appreciate everyone's generosity. Expenses hit a major bump in July with the FMC Facilities project hitting our budget for ~ 12,000 this month. This caused our expenses to be ~ (11,000) unfavorable for the month and drove our YTD unfavorable variance to ~ (10,000).

The aforementioned FMC cost resulted in a negative result for July, with a loss of ~ (18,000). Still, on a YTD basis we are marginally profitable with ~ 13,000 in YTD profits, which is still ~ \$ 29,000 Favorable to Plan. The profitability has been significantly supported by a gain in some of our investments in the Mutual Funds Market, with a YTD profit in investment income of ~ 20,000. Praise be to God! Without this, obviously we would be an Operating Loss position for the year, so we are keeping a watchful eye on our income and expenses every month.

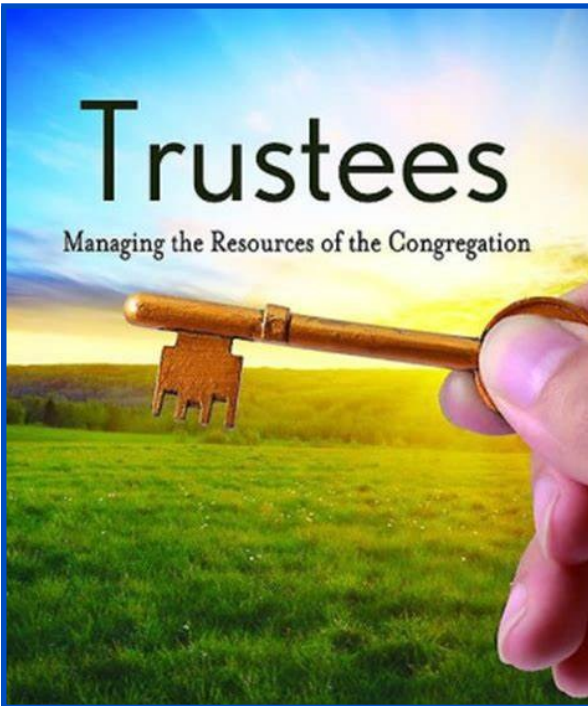
With respect to our Preschool program, we still continue to operate at a loss as we strive to add more students. YTD Losses approximated (11,000) through July. We had a Special Offering in August and a Rummage Sale, so August results should reflect some additional income. We are vigorously pursuing additional enrollment and remain optimistic that we will hit our enrollment goals for the School Year starting next 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



Trustees Update:

As you read this, the main projects undertaken by the Trustees this year should be completed. The Family Ministry Center (FMC) water piping has been replaced. The old CPVC piping was cracking and had created water damage in the floor requiring repairs – still have one smaller one to fix. The contractor did a great job, not only replacing the water lines, but improving the water pressure and shortening the time to get hot water in the kitchen and bathrooms. We do have some issues with the corrosion that builds up from hard water deposits in faucets.

The HVAC above the Narthex was replaced with a Heat pump. This will reduce energy costs as the old HVAC was over 28 years old. Importantly, all of the flat roof penetrations were sealed or replaced, including the 10 vents above the Narthex. Just look at the spots in the new carpet and you can see how many leaks we had been having. A special thanks to Ed Bennett, the roofer, who donated his services to replace the vents.

Hopefully, we are done for now with major expenditures and can grow the Pay-It-Forward account for a while. The list of projects completed with PIF funds over the last 5 years is due in no small part to the donations made by you and all of the volunteer help.

Thanks for all of the support the congregation has provided.

Steve Enyeart, Trustees

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ICE PREPAREDNESS

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Background

- Early 2025, a series of executive orders with an emergency declaration was announced to carry out mass deportations against immigrants.
- ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement – is now raiding and detaining immigrants across the country.
- These “raids” are occurring at their homes, workplaces, on the street, in public places.
- The targeted immigrants are those with final orders of removal, criminal convictions, and presumed undocumented and potentially anyone in the vicinity of a raid event.
- Any individual might become collateral damage in a raid. Anyone is “removable” and becomes a victim including: 1. Undocumented people – those who entered unlawfully over a border. 2. Individuals who entered lawfully on a visa and have overstayed their allowed time in the US. 3. Documented non-citizens who have committed a crime or fraud.
- Note – Citizens cannot be deported, but can be swept up in raids.

Federal Action

ICE is now entering places of worship, schools, hospitals. Often, they wait in parking lots to pursue immigrants of interest.

The Fourth Amendment protects a facility from a “warrantless search”, and staff at these facilities can deny ICE entry unless they present a warrant with the signature of a judge that lists the precise location of the facility.

PNW Conference View

- Do good. Do no harm. Stay in love with God (Wesleyan Principles).
- If our church is affected or potentially affected, move carefully, prayerfully and wisely.
- Develop a plan. Educate everyone. Support each other. Listen to the needs of anyone affected.



ICE

SCUMC Action in the event of an ICE Raid

- We – on behalf of our facility – and/or any threatened individual(s) have these rights:
- **WE HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO OPEN THE DOOR.** Communicate through a window or closed door. ICE agents can only enter with our consent or with search warrant issued by a court and signed by a judge or magistrate.
- **WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT AND NOT TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENT.** You can say out loud that you will not answer any questions or sign a document without an attorney present.
- **WE HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO CONSENT TO A WARRANTLESS SEARCH.** We can refuse the agents' entry to our facility. We can refuse warrantless searches of a person's body or car.
- **WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, & WRITE DOWN DETAILS.** You can inform the agents that you are going to use your right to record. (You must not interfere with the agents' duties or the safety of others.)
- **REPORT THE ACTIVITY TO THE WAISN DEPORTATION DEFENSE HOTLINE.** WAISN has rapid response teams that can be activated to verify and document immigration activity and offer support to those affected. (Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network at: 1-844-724-3737).
- **STAY CONNECTED.** Visit WAISN.org



Documentation during an occurrence

- ICE officer identification – name, badge, uniforms, vests.
- Date, time, location. Be specific.
- Language used by officers. Hate speech and identity speech (racist, sexist, homophobic), incorrect or unproven statements.
- Enforcement Agency Vehicles. Are they marked or license-plated Police, Sheriff, Homeland Security (DHS), ICE? Unmarked?
- Violence or physical force. Pushing, shoving, grabbing, violence during arrests, damaging of property.
- Stay at a safe distance. Follow appropriate instructions.
- Protect video content on your phone. Make sure your phone is passcode protected. Not thumbprint or face recognition protected.

- Focus your recording on the ICE officers. Narrate what you are seeing. Say the date and time.
- Do NOT go on live social media. Protect people's privacy.

Civil Legal Aid

- WAISN hotline for a legal consultation 1-844-724-3737
WAISN.ORG
- Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program 360-695-5313
1104 Main Street, Suite 1
Vancouver, WA 98660
Info - ccvlp.org
- Pancic Law Office 360-696-9096
1923 Broadway Street
Vancouver, WA 98663

ICE Stories and Support

- Substack.com@mattmikalatos



More information, Contact:

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- Maggie Mikalatos maggie.mikalatos@gmail.com
- Pastor Kim kimp@salmoncreek.church

This information is being presented to the congregation as suggested by discussions at the Annual Conference of the PNW Conference of the UMC. It is intended to inform and educate in the event of an occurrence here on our campus. While the possibility of this is low and unlikely, it is not zero. Our plan is to enlighten and prepare.

Do you know that this year is the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)? This is an historic civil rights law which protects the rights of disabled people. This landmark legislation improved access, made discrimination against disabled people illegal, and transformed our systems to become more inclusive. At SCUMC, are we doing everything in our power to comply with this mandate? Are we totally compliant with our facilities? Can we be inclusive to everyone who enters our doors who may have a limitation?

Jesus’ ministry focused on healing by restoring people to relationship, respecting their personhood along the way as he helped marginalized people find their way back into community. Following in Jesus’ footsteps, we must take stock of where we are in this fight for accessibility - we must celebrate our successes, we must identify existing barriers, and we must set goals for improvement. We want everyone who enters our doors to feel accepted, comfortable and loved as they worship and fellowship with us.

A new Taskforce is being established to address this issue through evaluation and implementation of better standards. This Taskforce is open to ANYONE who has a passion for the betterment of our surroundings. You are invited to join us as we strive to improve our physical spaces and well as our attitudes of acceptance. This Team will consist of some of our Leadership members as well as members from the congregation. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Kim or Lila DeBolt. Your presence on this Team will make a Difference! Thank you.

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

Lila DeBolt, Chair Administrative Board



SCOPE

In accordance with the PNW Annual Conference, it is recommended that all churches evaluate, audit, and improve their facilities for total accessibility and acceptance of all persons – regardless of any apparent or non-apparent limitations - on our campuses. The ultimate goal is to reduce Ableism in our faith communities – the negative bias and discrimination towards persons with disabilities that limits full participation through attitudinal, architectural, and programmatic barriers.

PURPOSE

To strategically be committed to and take action to improve the structural, linguistical, programmatic, logistical, and attitudinal barriers that will enhance the worship and fellowship experience at SCUMC for all persons, regardless of any limitation. This team will perform the audit as outlined in the UM Book of Discipline and make suggestions for further and total compliance. This team will be committed to ensuring that all people can access, feel included, lead, and not be harmed by our faith spaces.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT – among others

Restroom facilities – are they compliant?

Signage – is it adequate?

Door thresholds – are they navigable?

Hearing- and sight-impaired – do we have proper equipment?

Alternative language – verbal and written.



MEMBERS OF THIS TASKFORCE

Pastor

Chair of the Administrative Board

1-2 Members from the Board of Trustees

1 Member from SPRC

2-3 At-Large Members from the Congregation

REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVING

Have a passion for making all people feel comfortable at SCUMC.

Have an insight for making improvements.

“Within the Body of Christ there is no “other” – we are all one, siblings created in the image of our loving Creator.”

Do you know:

1. In the last century carbon dioxide levels in our atmosphere have increased by more than 25%.
2. Only 9% of all plastic produced is actually recycled.
3. 1 million sea creatures are killed each year due to plastic waste in the oceans.
4. Energy conservation helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which is a major contributor to climate change.
5. By 2050, it is estimated that we can reduce total energy usage by as much as 60% thru simple conservation measures.

If any of these facts have prompted you to be passionate or have reinforced your passion about our environment and its protection, and you want to convert that faith and energy into action, there is a place for you here at SCUMC!! A new “Creation Care” taskforce is being assembled to address the appearance of our footprint here on our campus. The General Conference of the UMC has encouraged all churches to participate in this care of God’s Creation. As a member of the Pacific Northwest conference, we are following the guidelines set before us to establish this Care Team so that we are compliant with, and working towards, the goal of carbon neutrality and more efficient and consistent recycling/reuse policies. This Taskforce will consist of some members of our Leadership Teams, as well as ANYONE in the congregation who has an interest in sharing ideas, working to make improvements, educating the congregation, and mostly, caring about the ecological future of our church in our environment.

The Global Ministries of the UMC have formed a grass-roots and entrepreneurial mission called “Earthkeepers”. This is a training program that provides a collaborative space for United Methodists to develop and grow environment projects in their communities. Topics include eco-theology, antiracism, community organizing and project planning. This year’s training will be October 2-5, 2025 in Des Moines, WA. If this sounds appealing to you, you are invited to attend, representing our church and community. Please, talk with Pastor Kim for more information or visit this website: umcmmission.org/earthkeepers

If you are interested in serving on the Creation Care Taskforce, or would like more information, please reach out to Pastor Kim or Lila DeBolt. Your devotion and interest in preserving our environment are vital to its future. Prayerfully consider how you can play a role in this on-going mission we have to protect and preserve all that we have.

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

Lila DeBolt
Chair, Administrative Board



SCOPE

In accordance with the General Conference of the UMC, the Pacific Northwest Conference recommends the formation of a Creation Care team to oversee and improve the environmental footprint of churches in the jurisdiction, with the intent to “implement actions in their settings that bring their land back in harmony with God’s intentions and systems”. *(From The Book of Resolutions of the UMC, 2020/2024)*

PURPOSE

To strategically be committed to, and take action to, improve the ecological environment on the campus of Salmon Creek UMC. The formation of a “**Green Team**” will work to ensure compliance in green energy, improved recycling and reduced waste. The Team will encourage Worship, Education, Practice and Advocacy to the entire congregation.

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES - Points of Interest (among many)

1. Avoidance of plastic
2. Reducing 1-time only usage
3. Net-zero emission of greenhouse gases
4. Annual evaluation of carbon neutrality
5. Conserve energy

MEMBERS OF THIS TASKFORCE

Pastor

Chair of the Administrative Board

1-2 Members from the Board of Trustees

2-3 At-Large Members from the Congregation



REQUIREMENT FOR SERVING

Have a passion for energy conservation and environmental protection.

Willingness to share ideas for improvement and ability to make changes.

*“God saw everything that (He) had made and indeed, it was very good.”
(Genesis 1:10)*



REMINDER – ROOM RESERVATION AND USAGE

We are very fortunate here at SCUMC to have numerous rooms and facilities available on our campus for meetings, mission work, gatherings, social functions, and outside rentals. If you are desiring to reserve a room for your group, please See Nancy in the office AND complete a room-reservation form. These forms are located on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Outside groups wanting to use our facilities must complete a Building Use Application, and if approved, then a formal contract.

For our own groups, **please do NOT assume** a room is available to you without making a formal reservation for it. **Do not use a room – even though it appears empty at first glance – without consulting with Nancy.** Also, please be respectful of the duration time that was asked for. There may be other functions happening in the same room later in the day or evening. The church calendar is filled with many events and meetings, and Nancy does an amazing job in juggling and coordinating all these. She is always ready to assist you in planning and reserving a room that fits your demands and is available when you desire.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. We want everyone to enjoy the space we have. Let's help keep this process hassle-free!

Lila DeBolt

Hi Friends, I am excited to share with you information about our first youth gathering for the Clark County Methodist Youth Cooperative (CCMYC). Our new director, Lacey Kelley, will be introduced as we all gather at Vancouver Heights UMC on Sunday afternoon, August 24th at 4:00 pm for a fun Back-to-School Celebration. CCMYC is a new area-wide youth program sponsored by FUMC Vancouver, Vancouver Heights UMC, Salmon Creek UMC and Orchards UMC. If you have a youth entering 6-12 grade, I hope you will consider joining us, as we kick off this new program! Peace and joy, Kim Poer

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Food, Fellowship, & Fun!

Bring Your Friends!
The More, the Merrier!

Clark County Youth
6-12 GRADE

More Info :
(360)217-9097

FREE
Event

August 24, 2025
4PM

Vancouver Heights United Methodist
5701 MacArthur Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661

Rally Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
AFTER WORSHIP

Where can you serve?

The following pages contain brief descriptions of all of our groups and committees so that you can prepare for Rally Day.

Find your place!





WHO DOES WHAT

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

This Board is the administrative agency of the charge conference whose purpose is to envision, plan, implement and annually evaluate the ministry of this congregation. The members strategize to make disciples of Jesus Christ and determine God's call to us for ministry that is transformative. The Board consists of Chairs from the various ministry teams – Trustees, COM, SPRC, Finance, and others – who work supportively together to plan, implement, evaluate, promote and understand all the elements that make our Church the most welcoming, accepting, and missional congregation in North Vancouver.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee provides financial oversight for the finances of the Church. The functions/responsibilities of the Finance Committee include, but are not limited to, the following: 1. Review the Church's financial statements at least quarterly. These include, but are not limited to, Income Statement(s), Balance Sheet, and Designated Funds report. 2. Prepare an annual budget to be submitted to the Administrative Board for approval. 3. Manage funds donated to the Church. 4. Provide for an annual audit of the Church's finances. 5. Develop procedures to protect and safeguard the Church's financial resources. 6. Review expenditures for appropriate approvals, and compliance with the Church's policies and procedures regarding Church spending. The Finance Committee includes the Administrative Board Chair, Finance Committee Chair, Pastor, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Lay Leader, representatives from Trustees and Staff-Parish Relations Committees, and three At-Large members.

Make a Difference...

Join a Committee!





WHO DOES WHAT

BETTER TOGETHER SMALL GROUP

The Better Together Study Group is a small group of women that meet after Sunday worship for book discussion, fellowship, prayer and support. Maggie Mikalatos leads the weekly discussion on various selection of books that enhance our understanding of the bible, worship and Methodism. The meeting is hybrid, allowing you to join via zoom or in person in FMC 201. We will resume our meetings after the summer break on September 8th and have selected the book "The Women of the Bible Speak" for our next discussion. In addition to study, the group has worked on projects that celebrate the diversity of our community, putting our faith in action. Grab a cup of coffee in fellowship hall after worship and join us at 11:30! For more information contact Maggie at 925-980-1141.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The Coffee Fellowship teams provide the refreshments after worship. You would need to arrive by 9:30 to make the coffee, set up the serving area and also set up tables & chairs. Refreshments can be homemade or bought. Typically it is a team of two or more. Don't have someone to work with, no worries we will pair you up with someone. Currently we have 5 teams, the more the merrier. There is a schedule, depending on the number of teams determines how often you serve, currently it is about every 5 weeks.

Make a Difference...

Join a Committee!





WHO DOES WHAT

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise of Clark County is a local affiliate of a national program that works with unhoused families by providing counseling and assistance in getting into housing. They rely on a network of churches that provide an evening meal with hospitality, and a safe place to sleep. Salmon Creek UMC hosts the families four times a year. Volunteers are needed to prepare an evening meal, for under 14 people, and someone to spend the night in a comfy bed. There are always at least two people volunteering, you are never alone.

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Friends In Faith's focus is to reach out to our church family members who are homebound, live in assisted living, or have lost a spouse in the last year. We do this by sending each of them monthly cards, which typically runs between 25 to 30 cards. Birthday cards are sent to all our church family. We also make many monthly visits to these folks and enjoy phone calls with them. The committee currently has 14 members. If you would like to help, we will welcome you to do so; contact Betty Selby for more.

Make a Difference...

Join a Committee!





WHO DOES WHAT

JOY BIBLE

JOY Bible was started 28 years ago to fulfill a desire of the women at Salmon Creek UMC for a spiritual Bible study. The acronym JOY represents Jesus, Others and You. Prayer and praise songs always began the JOY time and this group continues today. The Rev. Dorothy Herbert gave short teachings and biblical background on the lesson for the week. Joan Stewart co-led discussions. Many books of the Bible have been studied as well as topical ones. The key purpose at that time, and still today, is fellowship, discipleship, ministry, mission and worship. JOY women serve in many capacities at the church, but as a group have always “filled in” in so many ways in support of the church’s ministries.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff Parish Relations committee is responsible for providing a supportive work environment for the Pastor and the Church Staff to perform their functions. SPRC functions as the Church’s Human Resources Department. Working with the Pastor, we support the usual Human Resource functions: overseeing staff working conditions, defining staff salaries, work hours and benefits, and providing counseling/mediation support to the Pastor, Staff and congregation in resolving operational issues/concerns and work relationship issues.

The second major responsibility of Staff Parish Relations is to conduct an evaluation of the Pastor each year for the Charge Conference. In conjunction with the Conference, we establish the Pastor’s compensation package. We are also required to submit a recommendation to Conference on the Pastor status.

Make a Difference...

Join a Committee!





WHO DOES WHAT

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Trustees are responsible for the facilities of our church, including the cemetery. This includes repairs, maintenance, landscaping, janitorial services and supplies, and replacement of equipment, both hands on support and contracted services. The chair is also the president of the church and, among other duties, responsible for use of the facilities (Building Use Agreements). The Trustees approve expenditures for services like the janitorial staff and lawn mowing, HVAC maintenance, parking lot sealing and striping, carpet and flooring replacements etc. Many big projects have been undertaken over the last 10 years as equipment and facilities have aged to the point of replacement. I'm especially proud of the Trustees and other members of the congregation that have supported our church and its facilities.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Team at Salmon Creek Church strives to find ways to support community ministries through contributions of time and resources. Four times a year, we host benefit breakfasts to earn funds for Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity and the Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools. We also support the agencies through volunteering with Family Promise at Salmon Creek, participating in Faith Builds with Habitat for Humanity and holding supply drives for Gaiser Middle School. During the summer, we work with Share Vancouver to serve lunch to kids under 18. Each November, we host an auction to support 6 local agencies - Friends of the Carpenter, Share Vancouver, YWCA Safe Choice Women's Shelter, Ft. Vancouver SeaFarer's Center, Battle Ground Community Health Care and Open House Ministries. The Missions Team meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Library; we always welcome new members with new ideas!



WHO DOES WHAT

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee wants you! We meet every other month to discuss and support important events in the Christian calendar and within the church. Some of the ways we give our support: setting up Communion and arranging for servers, organizing Lay readers, changing the paraments, setting up for Easter and hanging of the greens. We welcome new members and creative input!

Make a Difference...

Join a Committee!





We need Communion Servers and Communion Set Up Volunteers!

If you are interested in helping set up for Communion, or in serving Communion during the service, please let Angie Williams know and she can provide you with details. You can also make a note of your interest on the communication card in the Sunday bulletin. We welcome your support and would love to have you involved! To everyone that has served this year, thank you! Your presence in this role has been a real gift.

Angie

360.281.5618



Sign up with Tiffiney to receive the link to our Safe Sanctuary Training. On **September 14th after worship**, we will gather to review this training. This will be an opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns. This is for anyone wanting to work with children on Sunday mornings or with youth, as needed, for events in our new area youth program.

Annual
**CHURCH
PICNIC**



*Sign up sheets at
the Welcome*

Desk

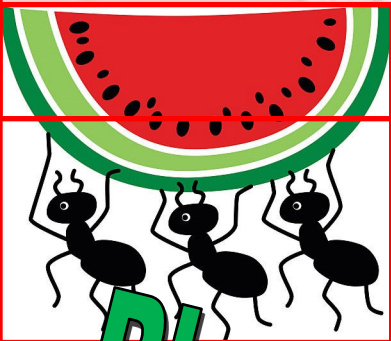
Sunday, September 21st
Hotdogs and all food provided!

11:30 am Outside on the “green”.

**Please sign up at church so that we can plan for how
many are attending.**

**Celebrating all volunteers past, present
and future.**

**If you have lawn chairs, bring them, and if you have
yard games, bring those.**



Fun for All!!!

Plan to attend!





**OCTOBER 5th—to benefit
UMCOR**

United Methodist Committee On Relief

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



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



SALMON CREEK LIONS

Shred Event

Saturday, October 11th from 9:30 to 1:30





Council for the Homeless

Wishes to say thank you to all who donated to their Hot Weather Drive!!

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

Purchase tickets and learn more below:

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

Gathering *for*
CHANGE
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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

Presented by:



Sign up sheets at
the Welcome Desk



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



Registration begins August 3rd through September 30th. We are encouraging early registration, as we are limited in the number of attendees, and we are inviting other women's groups to join us, after September 1st! For only a \$20.00 registration fee, you will have lunch, and a full day (9AM-4PM) of inspiration and renewal. Lunch will consist of Sandwich and chips, or Salad and fruit, both served with a cookie! Dietary restrictions can be accommodated if you let us know on your registration.

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

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

Many of us enjoyed what Chaplain Mary had to share last year, and we are certain her interesting delivery and sharing will give us much to consider at this year's event. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us and REGISTER in AUGUST if possible.

For more information call Laurie Doering (360) 606-7494,
or Nancy at the church office.

Women's Ministry

2025 Annual Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Hearts Desire

Connecting our Hearts
with GOD through prayer.

IN ALL WAYS

Speaker: Chaplain Mary T. Mahoney

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

Cost: \$20.00 which includes lunch

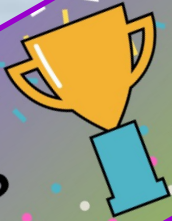
Register in the Narthex or with Nancy

Week at the Creek

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th

4:00—6:00 pm

PRIZES





Save the date - November 15, 2025

Annual Church Basket Auction

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Tickets available beginning October 12, 2025 for \$15

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

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

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

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

Tickets go on sale October 12th for only \$15.00. Such a bargain!

Your Missions Team



Annual Church Basket Auction

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Tickets available beginning October 12, 2025 for \$15.00

Your Missions Team is bringing back something that has not been done for a while. You will have a chance to buy raffle tickets. The baskets for the raffle will be from the organizations that our church supports; Friends of the Carpenter – which provides resources, fellowship and skills training to homeless in the community; Fort Vancouver SeaFarers – which provides welcome and resources to international mariners; Share – which provides food to homeless and low income families through a variety of programs; YWCA Safe Choice – which provides safe shelter and services to victims of domestic violence; Open House Ministries – which provides housing and resources to help families out of homelessness; and Battle Ground HealthCare – which provides free & sliding scale health care to low income adults in Clark County. You can put as many tickets as you want in the basket you would like to have.

Some items we know for sure that will be in the auction are: a group of gift cards to various restaurants, a night at the Heathman Lodge with a gift certificate for dinner, a sound bar, Grandfather Clock and 2 rounds of golf with a cart at Green Meadows.

Please contact Teresa at 801-557-4319 if you want to advertise an item. We can advertise them in the October and November Circuit Rider. If you can help in any way, contact Kathy at 360-910-2315.

Your Missions Team

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Annual Fall Missions Dinner & Basket Auction

SATURDAY

NOV | 15 | 2025

Tickets—\$15.00

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

**6:00 pm—Dinner &
DESSERT DASH**

*Sweet Rewards for
Generous Hearts*



**Tickets on sale
October 12**

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



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

**SafeChoice
YWCA**

**FRIENDS
of the
CARPENTER**

Share



**Battle Ground
HealthCare**

Support our local missions!

Silent Auction—Bid with Purpose

Browse, bid, and make an impact!

Raffle Tickets—Win While You Give

Enter to win exciting prizes. Every ticket supports missions.

Paddle Raise—Give to Change Lives

Raise your paddle to fund life-changing projects.

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2025 HOSTING:

December 7-14

Sign up to Volunteer

Talk with Karen Beilsmith!

**When the December date gets closer,
watch for sign up link!**

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

We can always dream!



HELP US FIND A NEW HOME!

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

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



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

What we are looking for:

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



Contact Shane Scalf
Executive Director
360-210-5165
sscalf@familypromiseofclarkco.org
www.familypromiseofclarkco.org

Missions Agencies – Battle Ground Health Care

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

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

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

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

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



Battle Ground
HealthCare

70 hours of Summer Lunch!

42

This summer, from June 23rd to August 8th Salmon Creek Church participated in the Share Summer Lunch Program. At Share's request, we covered 2 different sites – Sarah J. Anderson Elementary – where we have served for 5 years, and Willow Creek Apartments – new this year.

Each day, two or more volunteers handed out lunches to children who came by. All total, we handed out over 800 lunches, feeding 25 – 30 different children and youth – and the occasional adult.

In addition, we provided over 150 volunteer hours – part of Share's funding comes through the use of volunteers.

Many thanks to the amazing group of volunteers who made this happen:

Kathy Bachman, Karen Beilsmith, Greg Berry, Dana Biles, Darcy Davis, Kathy Hardy, Lynne Kingsley, Lynne Nieda, Jim & Betty Selby, Teresa Rivera, Winston Asai, Terry Brown, Jane Clark, Andy Clayton, Pam Copeland, Lila DeBolt, Laurie Doering, Jeanne Eten, Kinton Fowler, Linda Garrison, E-Lois Gebhart, Sandie Hollister, Tom & Bonnie Jacquemin, Gwen Heynen, Judy Kemp, A.J. Mich, Laurie Schmitz, Sue Simon, Debbie Troyer, Lola Vaughn, Faye Wells, and anyone else who did a shift whom I missed – thank you so much!

We plan to continue working with Share and are even looking at picking up a shift making hot meals at Share House – be on the lookout for how to be involved!

Here is a picture of our set up at Willow Creek, and our after action potluck!





QUILTERS RETREAT

August 4, 5, 2025

The ladies make quilts for Legacy Hospital and were able to create a beautiful quilt together during the retreat!



*Songs for our
Family of Faith*



Salmon Creek United Methodist Church
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Maggie Mikalatos and Linda Garrison



Creating new songbooks

Linda Garrison, Faye Wells and E-Lois Gebhart

We had a fun group of ladies (and one gent who stopped by!!) helping to put together the new songbooks for the Women's Retreat!

We had a LOT of laughs!!

Last week of July, 2025



E-Lois and Bob Gebhart

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/
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Thank you to all who volunteered, donated and helped out—a total of \$1359.50 was made with the sale!!

GO LITTLE FISH!!





On Sunday, August 10th, we had a “Special Offering” for our Little Fish Preschool. A huge thank you to our so generous church family for donating \$1,200.00 to our school!!

THANK YOU

Benefit Breakfast to Support Victory Outreach Sunday, July 20th, 2025

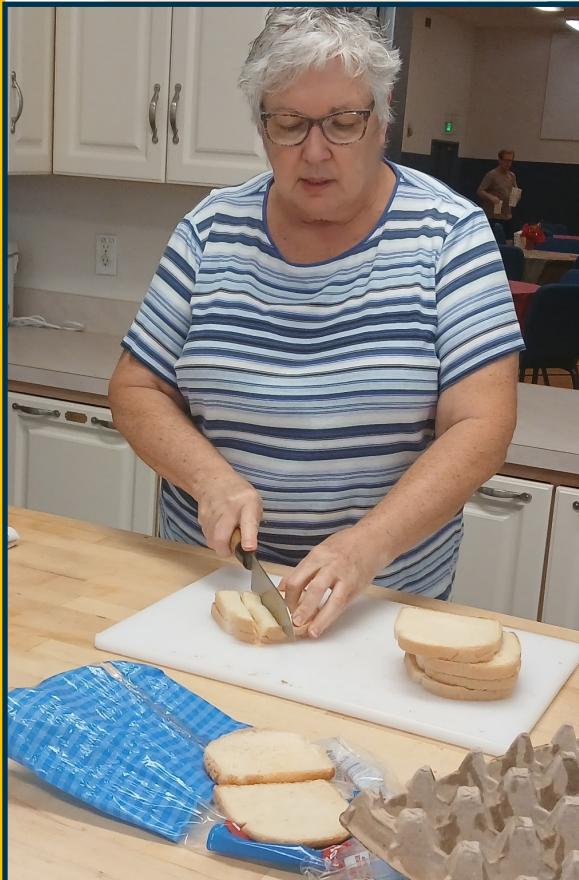
I want to thank everyone who made this breakfast a success: Lila Debolt and Steve and Gay Enyeart in the Kitchen on Saturday for 2 hours getting food ready. Larry Siewert's small group set up tables on Thursday night. Kathy and Don Hardy decorated on Saturday morning. Sunday morning, Steve and Gay arrived at 7:30 to start cooking and warming up food, Larry Siewert made coffee and did dishes, Kathy and Don Hardy, Teresa Rivera, A.J. Mich, Claire Davis, Charlie Ernster and Dakota Johnson served food, and helped with dishes and clean up.

Donation total \$1143.50 for Victory Outreach. *That is amazing!*

We served 73 breakfasts as follows:

64 Blueberry French Toast, 66 Egg Casserole, 59 Sausages, 58 Fresh Fruit Cups, 7 Apple Juice, 25 Orange Juice and 7 V-8 Juice, and donut holes for those who wanted.

Gay Enyeart Co - Chair Missions Team



Name: _____ Table # _____

Check the items you would like:

☐ Blueberry French Toast

☐ Breakfast Egg Casserole

☐ Link Sausage

☐ Fresh Fruit

Special dietary request: _____

Circle the Beverage you would like:

Orange Juice Apple Juice V8 Juice

Coffee Tea

The Victory Outreach folks clean our church twice a week. Hopefully this benefit breakfast will help them to attend a conference in the L.A. area later this year. Thank you for your donation!

Benefit Breakfast to Support Victory Outreach

Sunday, July 20th, 2025





Liz Taylor - September 2

Randy Maddox - September 3

Kay Cooke - September 5

Debbie Pratt - September 7

Andy Clayton - September 21

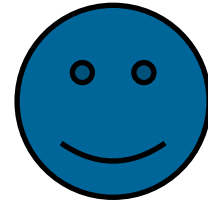
Kathy Scott - September 21

Pam Lehrman - September 24

Don't see your birthday?

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

**Trustees Chair
Hudson Enyeart,
and his assistant, Steve.
We know who is REALLY
in charge!**



***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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