



The Circuit Rider

Salmon Creek Church



As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

Genesis 8:22

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

As I write this note today, it is hard for me to believe I have been with you as your pastor for only 12 days! Of course, by the time you receive this August newsletter we will have been together over a month! Yet, as I write this, I want you to know that you

have extended such a grace-filled welcome to me and Brian that we feel like we have been part of your family for much longer!

In the short time we have been here, I've planted a garden in our God's garden, we enjoyed meeting many of you at a welcome (indoor) picnic, Brian had his first Sunday serving in the sound booth, I've enjoyed time visiting at coffee fellowship, met with Stephen Ministers, Administrative Board, and your Listening Sessions Visioning Committee, visited with staff and church members, attended our Day School Chapel gathering, and more! Brian and I joined our Habitat for Humanity workers for a day of mission and fellowship, and I'm looking forward to helping the 60+ children signed up to attend our VBS have an out-of-this world experience of God's love in our "Stellar" Vacation Bible School!

One thing I have taken away from every meeting and conversation over the past week and a half, is the energy and commitment of the members of this congregation. There are long-term roots and relationships in this family of faith that are important to people, and I hear, in those I've visited with, a deep desire to help this congregation thrive again. I believe the future God has for this church is filled with hope and possibilities. The work and witness God calls us to do and be here on Hwy 99, has a place for all of us. Just as our little white chapel stands as a lighthouse of hope on this hill, bearing witness to God's faithful presence to all those passing by on the highway, so too can each of us bear such witness of grace and love in our lives. We can work together to strengthen the ministries of this congregation that share this same grace and love with our community and everyone who walks through the doors of this church!

I have also been impressed with the commitment of your leaders here to really listen to and respond to the hopes, dreams, and concerns many of you shared through recent listening sessions. We are already setting in motion some responses that I hope will foster positive changes for our congregation. One request that we have taken action on is to offer Membership Information gatherings for anyone considering joining Salmon Creek as a member. Our first opportunity for this will be on Sunday, August 20 at about 11:15 to allow for having a little time to get coffee before gathering. Another action we have scheduled is to begin quarterly Town Hall congregation gatherings to facilitate better communication between congregation, leadership, and staff. Our first Town Hall gathering is scheduled after worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 15. We will plan to start about 11:15 so that folks can get coffee and a small snack before settling in for the conversation. It is my prayer, as we move together through summer towards the fall, that all of you will be in prayer about how God can use your gifts to strengthen the work of this congregation. As we serve together, yoked with Jesus, we will be able to accomplish all to which God is calling us. The road ahead is full of new possibilities as we follow Jesus together, sharing the love and grace of God with new people, in new ways!

Peace and joy, Rev. Kim Poer

July 12, 2023

Hello Friends of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church:

In keeping with our commitment to keep you all informed, this is what's happening, as we look to the future of Salmon Creek UMC. The Listening Sessions went very well! Thank you for your active participation in the program. You gave us your heartfelt feelings and thoughts about Salmon Creek UMC: what initially brought you to the Church, what has kept you here, and what you want to see for the future of our Church. We heard what you said. By far, most of your responses to the questions asked were positive and constructive. You were also candid about the things that we, as a Church, need to improve. All of this information will be part of the process to set goals and plans to become the great church we want to be.

The goal of the Listening Session program has been to renew and reaffirm our Mission Statement. Your input has been integral to focusing on our Church identity. Five strengths of our Church which you identified are: (1) Worship (especially the music programs); (2) Fellowship (a welcoming Church); (3) Discipleship (including prayer and Bible study groups); (4) Missions; and (5) Service. Utilizing this information, the following Mission Statement has been developed:

WE ARE A WELCOMING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONGREGATION THAT WORSHIPS TOGETHER AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, UNITED IN FELLOWSHIP, MISSIONS AND SERVICE.

This Mission Statement will be the foundation that, we as a Church, will build upon as we go through the process of setting goals and plans of action for our future. Over the next few months, we will have discussion opportunities for the responses given during the listening sessions, and how our Mission Statement was crafted based on these responses. Further information will be provided as to the timing and settings for these sessions.

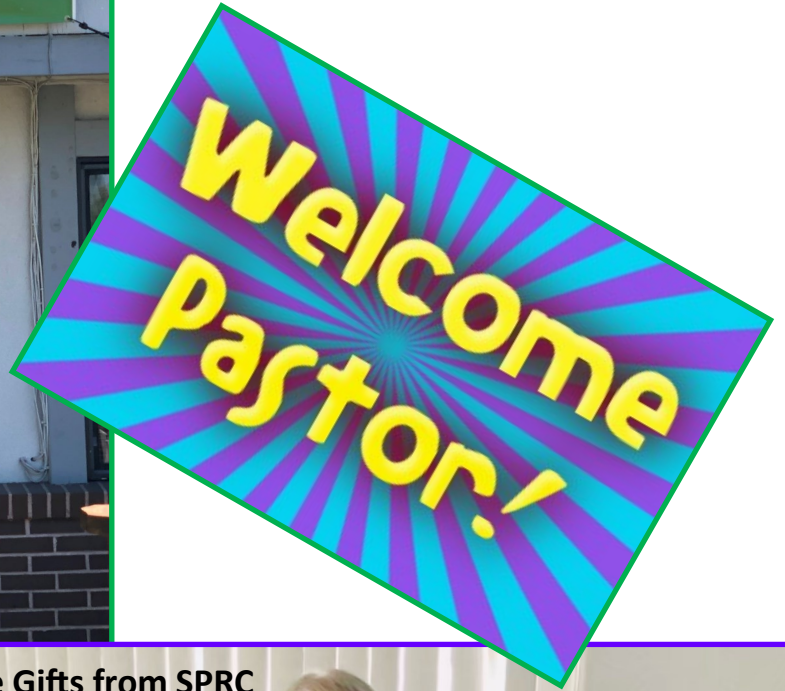
One of the best things coming out of the listening sessions is that worship service is starting to feel alive again. We are moving forward in fellowship as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Lila DeBolt , AD Board Chair and Dan Kingsley, SPR Chair



Welcome Home, Pastor Kim!!



Welcome Gifts from SPRC

Pastor Kim Poer

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Our new Pastor, Pastor Kim was born in Hudson, Wisconsin and moved early in life to Ohio, thereafter living in Texas and Louisiana. She lived the longest and grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After getting married, she and her spouse, Brian, moved back to Texas. Pastor Kim attended college, graduating from the University of Texas in Dallas. Thereafter she attended and graduated from Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Pastor Kim has had five appointments prior to coming to Salmon Creek. Most were in Texas; she actually spent 15 years at St. Peters UMC in Cady, Texas where she served in a number of positions including pastoral care and worship. She was the lead pastor at The Woods UMC in Plano, Texas. Pastor Kim moved to the Great Northwest in 2022 with an assignment to Woodinville UMC in Woodinville, WA.

In Woodinville, Pastor Kim served a church which chose to disaffiliate from the UMC. She comments that serving such a church through that challenging time was difficult, but felt she was able to provide comfort during their change from a United Methodist to a community church.

Pastor Kim currently resides in a nearby Vancouver community with her spouse and two dogs. They have three grown children, one of whom resides in nearby Portland...with the grandchild!...another in Minneapolis, MN.

Even as she was initially drawn to the pastorate, Pastor Kim comments that she chose United Methodism because she “fell in love with John Wesley and his theology!” She also comments that she and her husband come from different faith backgrounds and the UMC serves both of their belief systems well.

After our time without a Pastor, we welcome Pastor Kim and wish her a long and fruitful ministry with us here at Salmon Creek!





Hello Fellow Congregants:

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church (SCUMC) continues to move forward from the pandemic. Our Children’s, Youth, and congregante attendances (both in-person and streaming) all continue to rise. The Church is on a firm financial foundation as we engage in our mission of reaching out to our community in bringing the word of Jesus Christ to those around us and those who we meet.

Financially, our operating income continues to be below our projections (\$14,908). As fall activities at Salmon Creek arrive, we are hopeful that income will rise as well. The support that you, the congregation, have shown these past months is appreciated.

Our staff has closely monitored expenditures, and as a result expenses are below budget except for Ops and Admin where several unforeseen expenses have occurred.

The Church leadership understands that, in this time of pushing our outreach mission forward, funds need to be expended to reach out to our community as well as to motivate ourselves, however, this level of expenditures can not continue for long as the church’s overall strength will be diminished.

2023 Budget vs Actual Church Profit & Loss Statement January 1 – June 30, 2023

	2023 Year To date			2023 Annual
	Actual	Budget	Over/(under)	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$135,092	\$150,000	\$(14,908)	\$300,000
Other Operating Income	<u>10,277</u>	<u>11,046</u>	<u>(769)</u>	<u>22,092</u>
Total Operating Income	145,369	161,046	(15,677)	322,092
Expenses				
Ops & Admin	55,597	46,122	9,475	92,244
Apportionments	22,938	23,574	(636)	47,148
Program Expenses	3,786	6,744	(2,958)	13,488
Salaries, Labor & Related Exp	<u>90,168</u>	<u>117,563</u>	<u>(27,395)</u>	<u>235,126</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>172,849</u>	<u>194,003</u>	<u>(21,154)</u>	<u>388,006</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$(27,480)</u>	<u>\$(32,957)</u>	<u>\$5,477</u>	<u>\$(65,914)</u>

Blessings, Ed Grubel, Finance Committee Chair

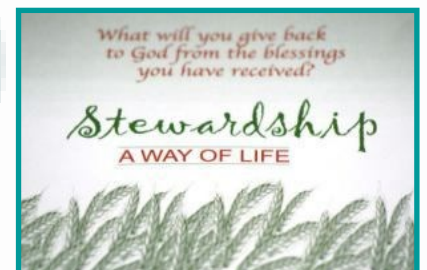
This series was devised to give you, the congregation, a look at most of the leadership committees and ministries that are present in our church. It takes a huge team to run this church and your participation is crucial for the continued operation. Stewardship involves not only tithing your financial gifts, but it also includes giving of your time and talents. Read these Stewardship Moments as we give you information about each important aspect of what we do here as a church body. Hopefully, you'll receive a calling to be a part of one of the committees or ministries.

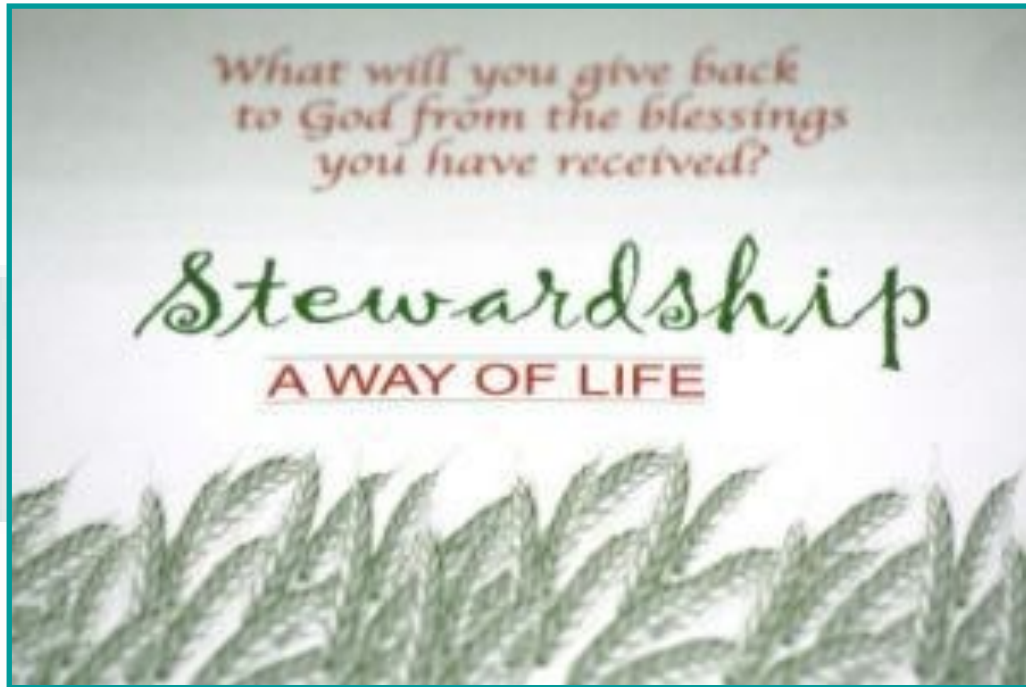
I am the Chairman of the Administrative Board. The Ad Board's purpose is to provide planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness and resources in our church. It also provides for the administration of its organization, as well as envision, plan, implement and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of this church. Other duties include reviewing the membership, filling interim vacancies in the lay officers, approving the budget as submitted by the Finance Committee, working with the SPRC on staff issues and salaries, just to name a few. Members of the Ad Board include myself, the Chairpersons of the Finance, SPRC, Trustees, COM and Memorials committees, the Financial Secretary, the church Treasurer, the youth representative, the Day School representative, the Lay Leader, the annual delegate to Annual Conference, and the Pastor.

We meet every month on the first Tuesday at 7pm in the St. Paul Room. You are invited to attend any of our meetings. Come, see what we do.

Last October when I signed on to be your Chairman of the Administrative Board, I had no idea of what was ahead for our church. Then, the storm came. And honestly, it has been more than I ever imagined it could be. But I will tell you this: for all the work I've put into this job, it has been the most rewarding job I've done in a very long time! I worked for 40 years doing the same thing and none of that time has given me more satisfaction than what I've received from YOU.

Seeing this church fight, survive and be even better has been worth every hour of time I've put in. I would strongly and whole-heartedly encourage anyone to be a part of this committee. --- Lila DeBolt





Council on Ministries

The Council on Ministries is the gathering of most of the major ministries of the church. It is comprised of Better Together, Coffee Fellowship, Family Ministries, Family Promise, Friends in Faith, Membership Secretary, Missions, Stephens Ministry, United Women in Faith, Welcoming, Worship Committee and Youth Ministries.

When we meet, we share what our ministry has done and what we have planned. We look for ways that we can support each other and work together. We meet every other month on the first Tuesday at 5:30 in the library. Karen Beilsmith is the chair and reports to the Ad Board what the Council on Ministries is doing.

We need someone to represent/lead United Women in Faith and someone to take on Welcoming. Welcoming entails the scheduling of greeters & ushers, assembling our welcoming bags. If you think this is something that you would be interested in, please pray about it and then let Karen Beilsmith or Lila DeBolt know you are interested.

Stewardship is about more than just money. Steve Enyeart spoke about the Trustees Committee, and while he did talk about the costs to maintain and operate our Church, he also talked about the people who make up the Trustees committee and the work they are doing to support our Church. Supporting our Church with our SERVICE, TIME, and TALENTS is another major piece of Stewardship.

In that regard, I would like to tell you a little about the Staff Parish Relations Committee and what we do to support the Church. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is another committee mandated by the Book of Discipline. The current committee at Salmon Creek is comprised of the following persons:

Ed Grubel, Libby Montoya-Bunkley, Maggie Mikalatos, Jim Roberts, Pastor Kim, and Myself

Staff Parish Relations Committee is at the minimum size recommended. We have room for more members if any of you are interested. In general terms, the responsibility of SPRC is to provide a supportive environment for the Pastor and the Church Staff. To accomplish this, we function as the Church's Human Resources Department. Working with the Pastor, we support the usual HR functions:

Hiring Staff

Defining/maintaining staff job descriptions

Defining the work and benefits for the staff positions

Setting compensation levels for staff positions

Participating with the Pastor in Staff evaluations

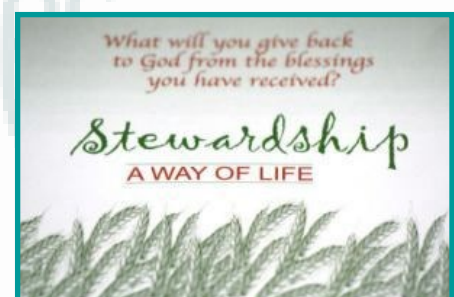
Providing counseling/mediation support to the Pastor, Staff and congregation in resolving operational issues/concerns and work relationship issues; this is probably the most important function we perform.

As a member of the congregation, if you have concerns, you can bring those concerns to SPRC. 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 the Conference on the Pastor status.

As you can see, there is a lot that SPRC can be involved with, but in reality, most of these activities in our church happen infrequently. Your participation in SPRC or any of the other Church committee is an opportunity for stewardship. Please consider doing so.

Thank You.

Dan Kingsley, Chairman, SPRC



The Trustees are responsible for the facilities of the church - repairs, capital replacements and operating costs for the facilities. The chair is 'President' of the church, for legal matters, etc. Including Building Uses and agreements.

Current Members – Richard Beilsmith, Greg Berry, Jim Costello, Larry Siewert, Kristy Huckins, and Jim Roberts.

Richard and Larry take care of most of the outside yard maintenance including the Cemetery. Kristy is overseeing janitorial services and supplies.

All help out with projects.

Pay It Forward was approved in 2019 for funding over 5 years; \$384,000 for the Capital Replacement Program – replacing aging equipment and buildings components – 15 HVAC's, carpets, parking lot surfacing, etc. So far, we have replaced 4 HVAC units – at \$70,000, resealed the parking lot \$12,000, and replaced carpets in the Sanctuary and Narthex \$18,000. There is more to do as funding permits.

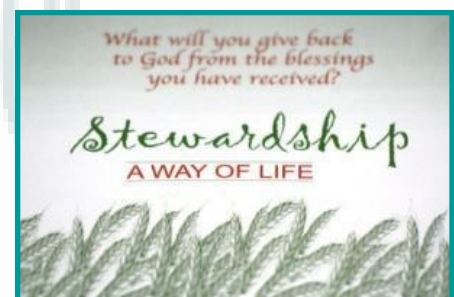
Separately, the Trustees and others started replacing old light fixtures with new LED lights – including most recently, the parking lot lights. We also undertook painting ceiling projects - most of the main building and the Daycare rooms have been completed, replacing lights with LEDs at the same time.

During COVID, we remodeled the Sanctuary, replaced carpets, lights, painted and revised the altar area; again, with help from many in the church.

We are responsible for overseeing many of the facility costs. The yearly cost of “keeping the lights on”, so to say, is over \$90,000: An average of over \$7,500 per month, which includes utilities (\$18,000), Landscape and Janitor services, HVAC servicing and repairs, computers, phones, internet, TP and paper towels, and insurance at \$10,000 per year.

Our small group of Trustees are “hands on” mostly now, living with the reality of funding shortfalls. Following are snapshots of our annual Facilities costs and the Pay It Forward campaign goals from 2019.

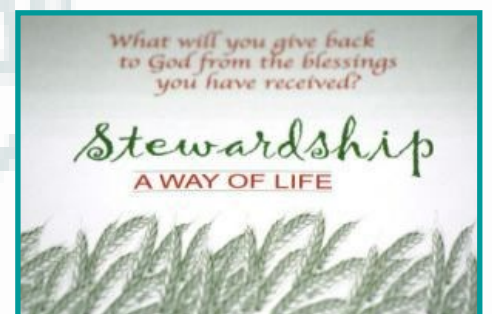
Steve Enyeart, Trustees Chair



FACILITY COSTS

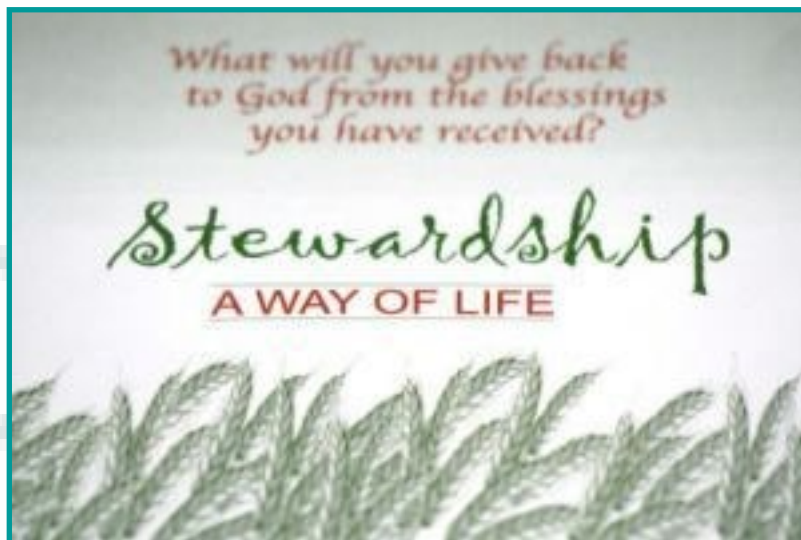
Expenses

6000 Operations & Administration	actual	Budget	Year
6001 Copier & Printing	540.10	417.00	5004
6002 Office Supplies	303.36	104.00	1248
6003 Computer and Internet Expenses	570.48	500.00	6000
6004 Advertising and Promotion	292.18	458.00	5496
6006 Postage and Delivery	9.60	125.00	1500
6008 Insurance Expense	1,012.50	833.00	9996
6200 Utilities	1,728.29	1,542.00	18504
6205 Telephone	260.56	250.00	3000
6250 Miscellaneous Expense	50.00	83.00	996
6255 Bank Service Charges	105.87	108.00	1296
6300 Facilities	2,604.04	1,000.00	12000
6305 Landscaping Expenses	897.30	917.00	11004
6310 Taxes and Fees	2,551.92	229.00	2748
6315 Janitor and Supplies	1,230.60	1,083.00	12996
Total Expenses	12,156.80	7,649.00	91,788.00



FACILITY COSTS

Carpet - total 25,000 SqFt							\$61,150
HVAC, Gas Furnace and Combo Unit Replacement (notes 1, 2)	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$70,000		\$210,000
Parking Lot Lighting and Poles Note 10		\$1,000			\$5,000		\$6,000
Roof Main Building Replacement in 10 yrs (note 3)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$25,000
Painting - Sanctuary 6000 sq ft (note 12)			\$7,000				\$7,000
Painting - Gym, stage (note 8)					\$10,000		\$10,000
Gym Floor Resurfacing, leveling work (note 9)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$25,000
Replace Main Doors, hardware (8 total)			\$2,000		\$2,000		\$4,000
Parking Lot add'l repaving (Paved 2016 - \$75,000 - note 4)					\$10,000	\$15,000	\$25,000
Inflation Estimate (10% adder)							\$10,945
						Total 5 Yr:	\$384,095



Youth Group Road Trip 7/5 - 7/8



What a trip it was with the SCUMY crew! Having felt like we were planning the trip and driving the van, it turns out God was at work as our true Captain. With Safe and comfy travel, we hit the road ready for whatever lay ahead. On the

first night, we set up camp at Martin Landing in Idaho and did the whole camp act, including Hiking, BBQ, Fire, Smore's, Music, Tents, Hammocks, and even some rest. Day two packed us in the van quickly for a day of service in Meridian, ID. We spent some hours volunteering at the Idaho Youth Ranch sorting, stocking, organizing... Maybe a little shopping. We made a quick stop for lunch at the local Red Robin and we were off to the food bank for a refreshing appointment with a pressure washer, maybe 50 shopping carts, 100 trash bins, and other various items. The group made quick work of a large task and we had time for a tour of the inner working of the food bank and the outpouring of God's love through their wonderful volunteer-driven organization. Day 2 continued into the evening with a special youth event hosted by the Meridian UMC youth director Nicole!! A wonderful evening of "get to know you" games and of course "Sardines" and "Body Body"! Nicole's church put us up for 2 nights, making our stay central and convenient. Day 3 kept us "on our toes" literally, as bare feet hit the water-park pavement on a 92-degree day. In and out of the water, slides, rides, food, sun, go carts, bowling, lazy river, more slides, more food, more sun and so on.... 10 and a half hours later (in a SpongeBob voice of course) back to the church for some rest before another long drive home. We couldn't have asked for a smoother trip as all prayers were answered. Thank you

God, for letting us be a small part of your BIG PICTURE!

Gavin Huckins









RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 10th

PLEASE PLAN TO BE PRESENT AND SEE OUR CHURCH COMMITTEES IN ACTION!!! THERE WILL BE A VERY SPECIAL TREAT FOR ALL WHO ATTEND.

Some Other important upcoming dates to keep in mind:

Sunday, August 6—VBS Sunday—children who attended VBS and their families are invited to attend!

Sunday, August 13—Communion Sunday

Sunday, August 20—Membership Sunday

Sunday, August 27—Back to School Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 3—Communion Sunday

Sunday, September 10—Rally Sunday/Commitment Sunday

Saturday, September 16—Habitat Work Day

Sunday, October 1—Communion Sunday and Benefit Breakfast for Habitat

Sunday, October 8—Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 15—Charge Conference

Sunday, October 22—Family Promise Week begins

Sunday, October 29—Eek at the Creek

MORE COMING IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

women's ministries

Women's Ministries Trust Committee
met on July 13th and will meet again on
August 10th after JOY Bible.
If interested, please join us.
Joan Stuart - 360-573-4356



Share Summer Lunch

Monday - Friday, 11:30am - 1:15pm., until August 11th Share prepares and delivers the lunches we provide them to children at Sarah J. Anderson elementary. Volunteers can help every week or on an occasional basis.

If you want more information or want to volunteer contact:

kathy.hardy@vansd.org



Lynne Kingsley, Lynne Nieda, Brian Ernster, Teddy Ernster, Charlie Ernster





We had another Build/work day for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, July 15th. A great time was had by all! We had so many volunteers that, along with First United Methodist Church, we had to actually send some folks home! There was a lot of work done; much of it was caulking. Because the day was so hot, we stopped work at noon.

Next Work Day: Saturday, September 16th—talk with Larry Siewert if you would like to join the team!

We will be having another Benefit Breakfast for Habitat on Sunday, October 1st in the FMC Gym. Breakfast is served from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Please join us!!

Enjoy the photos on the following pages!

**NEXT PAGES: PHOTOS FROM
HABITAT WORK DAY
SATURDAY, JULY 15th**









VBS

JULY 31—August 4

We look forward to hearing all about how things went for our VBS this summer in our next Circuit Rider issue!





UPCOMING HOSTING DATES FOR

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Dear Faithful Volunteers, Sadly I need to share that Family Promise is not ready to restart the shelter program before our August 6th host week.

As shared in the past few months, there were some staff changes and the Day Center needed to be relocated in order for St. Thomas Aquinas to restart their school. The Day Center move was completed on June 25th. There are some needed changes to be made before hosting, such as showers and plumbing for Family Promise Laundry needs. They have hired the Executive Director, Shane Scalf.

They have started the interview process for a Program Coordinator (Shelby's old position) and may change the title to Intake Coordinator/Administrator. The job announcement will close for this position soon. We need to hire someone soon and we do have a small pool of good candidates already. Another position will be a Program Development Coordinator/Case Manager.

They are officially working out of River City Church, 2400 E Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver 98687. One of the many reasons we chose River City church is because of their outreach efforts in the community. They have been featured in *The Columbian* newspaper 18 times in the last 4 years for their outreach to homeless and low income people. If anyone is interested in helping to unpack, please reach out. We are going to be downsizing a bit and need to sort through items to donate elsewhere.

As you can see, there are some important pieces of the puzzle that are needed to be in place before they can start.

We will be hosting October 22-29th, so mark your calendars!

Thank you for your prayers, patience and understanding,

Karen Beilsmith



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June 23, 2023

We hope this communication finds you looking forward to the vibrant summer season. As we head into this new chapter, we are thrilled to share exciting new developments.

First and foremost, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Shane Scalf as our new Executive Director, effective July 1, 2023. Shane initially joined us as our Interim ED on May 1st and emerged as the top candidate during the interview process. His exceptional leadership experience, combined with his understanding of Family Promise of Clark County (FPCC) as the Meadow Glades Church Volunteer Coordinator, and his genuine commitment to serving the homeless community made him the ideal choice.

In his capacity as Interim Director, Shane has demonstrated a remarkable ability to keep our Host and Support Churches engaged and well-informed. His dedication to involving our valued volunteers showcases his profound understanding of our program and the critical role that each person plays in its success.

Additionally, Shane played a pivotal role in the search for our new location. We are thrilled to announce that the FPCC Board of Trustees has entered into a lease agreement with River City Church, located at 2400 E. 4th Plain Blvd. Our offices and day center will be situated in the Northeast Wing of the church. RiverCity Church is an exceptional partner in our mission to support families facing housing insecurities. They have a commendable history of service, as highlighted in the June 10th Columbian Article. The article underscores the significant volunteer hours contributed by their members over the past year, further exemplifying their commitment to the community.

Under Shane's guidance, we have successfully coordinated FPCC's move from St. Thomas Aquinas to our new facility at River City Church. With the invaluable assistance of numerous volunteers, who dedicated their time and effort to pack, lift and transport our belongings, we are gradually settling into this generous space. The new facility boasts a fenced-in playground for children and offers convenient access to public transportation. On behalf of the FPCC Board of Trustees, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to these incredible volunteers and all our supporters.

Despite the pause in our sheltering program, we want to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional work of Niccole Fuller, our dedicated FPCC Case Manager. Throughout the second quarter of 2023 (April-June), Niccole ensured the smooth operation of our diversion program, FPCares. Thanks to her unwavering efforts and collaboration with other non-profit organizations, 13 families, comprising 34 children and 16 adults were prevented from eviction. Additionally, 6 families, consisting of 18 children and 11 adults, were successfully housed. Niccole's hard work, adaptability, and commitment to these families have not only strengthened our community but also honored the principles of our program.

As we enter this season of warmth, we feel immensely blessed by the progress we have made and the unwavering support we have received from incredible individuals like you.

We are excited to embark on this new chapter together, empowering families and making a lasting impact in our community.

Warm regards,

The Board of Trustees | Family Promise of Clark County



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FAMILY PROMISE NEWS:

It's official, we are going to restart our rotational program. August 13th, Zion church in Camas will get set up to host. We will be diligently trying to find a good family for our rotation.

August 9th from 3pm to 7pm, we will have an **open house. It will be a drop in event with hotdogs, chips and drinks. See the “flyer” on the next page. All volunteers and other church members are invited to this event. We will also be inviting many people to this event from the community and we are trying to get a little publicity. People can tour the day center, meet staff and Board members.**

River City Church, 2400 E 4th Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

One last date to remember, Oct 18th, is our fundraiser dinner! Just a heads up; we are hoping that each church will be able to contribute a basket for the auction. More info to come!

Thank you all so much for your continued support!

Shane Scalf

**Executive Director | Family Promise of Clark County
2400 E 4th Plain Blvd, Vancouver WA 98661
(503) 608-8511 | www.familypromisemofclarkco.org**



Come join us for our
Family Promise
Open House

Meet Family Promise Staff,
Board of Trustees and take a
tour of our new Day Center.

WHERE: River City Church
2400 E 4TH PLAIN BLVD
VANCOUVER WA 98661

DATE: August 9, 2023

TIME: 3:00PM-7:00PM

*Hot Dogs, Chips & Drinks
will be provided*





We said goodbye to Pastor Anna Cho on Sunday, June 25th. The Sunday school kids presented her with a sign, and the congregation presented her with a farewell gift. A coffee fellowship in her honor was held after worship. Thank you so much, Pastor Anna for all you did for us in your time here. You brought a true sense of joy and community and nurtured our movement forward.





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**Gift given to Pastor Anna,
made by Karen Beilsmith.**



I have been raising tomatoes for 70 years and I learn something new every year about what works best for raising them. I attended a *tomato seminar* at the 78th St. Extension service gardens about four years ago and an *organic tomato seminar* in Oakland, CA, about five years ago. Both had this tip: Do Not let the bottom limbs of your tomato plants touch the dirt below, even if you have straw over the dirt. Those leaves will pick up soil-borne pathogens which can promote fungal diseases in your plants and shorten your tomato season considerably!

When the plants are 3 feet high, I prune tomato limbs off, up to the one-foot level, to prevent the limbs from touching the ground, and clip off leaves at which any level are yellowing. By October, the fungus takes over in the Pacific Northwest, regardless of limbs touching or not touching the ground, but by then you may be sick of tomatoes!

Tips for Growing

Jim Selby

Great Tomatoes



Want to control your weeds? Lay down a couple of sheets of newspaper over the area where you do not want growth. Then put straw or grass that has not been treated with herbicides on top of the newspaper. We have been doing this in our God's Gardens at church for overwintering as well as keeping weeds out of tomatoes. Hopefully you can find seed-free straw but even then you may have a few sprouts which are easy to pull up.

- Jim

Good to know!

Trustees Larry Siewert, Jim Costello and Richard Beilsmith completed repairs to the parapet roof above the Sanctuary music room. It started leaking last December; a plastic tarp covered the area until dry weather arrived. The metal top cap flashing developed leaks at some joints. No structural damage was found under it, so it was a matter of properly sealing those joint areas. Maddie Siewert was the 'top dog' supervisor. The repairs have the 'Larry Siewert seal of approval/guarantee' that Matthew and the choir will not be 'singing in the rain'.





Many thanks to Rich Bippes for taking the time to refinish and paint the table in the Fellowship Hall — it was in need of major help and Rich stepped up! It looks great!!

Thank you
so much!

August Birthdays



Betty Selby	August 4
Lola Vaughn	August 6
Susan Scott	August 11
Joanie Dudley	August 14
Jeanne Eten	August 16
Sally DuPree	August 20
Tina Hunter	August 23
Douglas Lehrman	August 28
KD Donna Hardy Caballero Encalada	August 29

Don't see your birthday?

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



Charge Conference

**SAVE THE DATE:
ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
AFTER WORSHIP
PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!**



SUMMER PRAISE

Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

PSALM 34:3

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