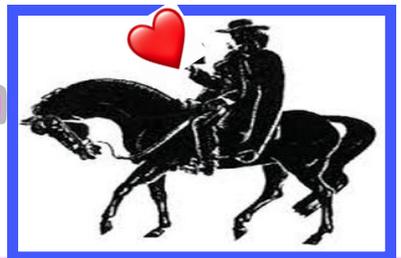




# The Circuit Rider



## Salmon Creek Church

FEBRUARY

GOD IS LOVE.  
WHOEVER LIVES  
IN LOVE LIVES  
IN GOD, AND GOD  
IN THEM.



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## a note from Pastor John

**Uncertainty.** It is nobody's favorite word. Most of us like things to be calm and predictable. We don't like drama, except occasionally when it's safely confined to a stage or screen. But as much as we like certainty, we rarely get it. Friends and family can be unpredictable, sometimes in fun, surprising ways, but sometimes in sad or hurtful ways. Sports teams that should have a lock on a game or title suddenly underperform. And we sometimes surprise ourselves and find ourselves asking, "Why did I do that?"

This is why it is so important for us to remember our source of certainty: the Word of God given through Jesus Christ. The house built on rock. When Jesus talked about the man who built his house on shifting sands, he was talking about the constantly changing culture and values that are the hallmark of all secular societies. How can anyone possibly keep up and still close the day with the same set of values with which they started the day?

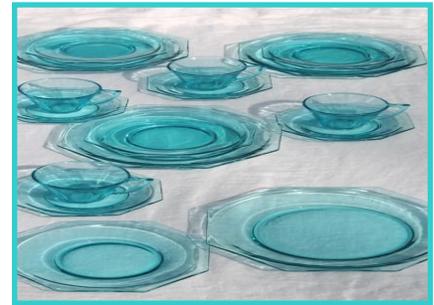
Like individuals, the church is also subject to the pull of secular culture. This isn't new to our time. Look at virtually any controversy the church has experienced since it was founded, and you will find this tug-of-war between God's will for humanity and humanity's will for God. In case you're wondering, humanity is waaaaay overmatched.

When the shifting sands of culture begin to engulf you, stop, breathe, stay calm. God is revealed in all things either by demonstrating that thing's truth in God or demonstrating that thing's falseness. Is it good? Will it help bring God's kingdom to fruition? Is it selfless?

The storms of life will assail us. That is a certainty we can count on. The question is, will we be blown away or pushed off course? By anchoring our values and our views on the certain rock of Jesus, we can weather these storms. We can answer anger with love and faithlessness with faith whether these occur at home, at work, in church or in the world around us. Even when we ourselves stumble, we won't be swept away if we are anchored in faith. And we can steer through the traffic of a fickle and unpredictable culture, no matter what that culture is, when we embrace the certainty of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Pastor John Hiestand

# February Sermon Series



## Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Series: "The Arc of Scripture"

Sermon Title: "Relationships"

Scripture: Genesis, Samuel, John

The Coffee fellowship kitchen has dozens of glass plates (and matching cups) party sets. They were very popular in the 50s and 60s. I have checked with the Day School and they don't use them. They are collecting dust and taking up storage space.

If you know of someone who could use them, it would be greatly appreciated. Have them contact Karen Beilsmith [kbeilsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kbeilsmith@yahoo.com)

## Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Series: "The Arc of Scripture"

Sermon Title: "Justice & Consequences"

Scripture: Exodus, Kings, Revelation

## Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Series: "The Arc of Scripture"

Sermon Title: "Selfless Servants"

Scripture: Isaiah, Matthew, Acts

## Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>

8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Series: "The Arc of Scripture"

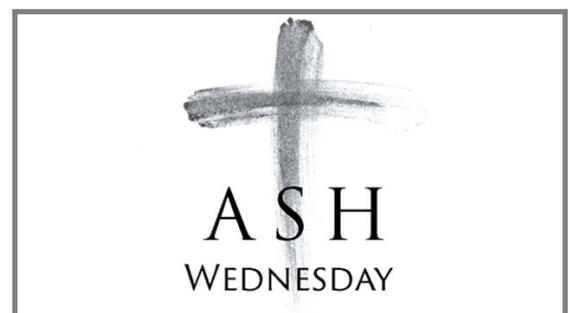
Sermon Title: "Living the Scriptures"

Scripture: Genesis, Psalms, John



## Wednesday February 29<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm service of prayer & repentance



On January 3<sup>rd</sup> a private group of Bishops and clergy in the United Methodist Church released a proposal called "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation." The proposal lays out a protocol for the denomination to split into at least two separate, but affiliated, denominations, reflecting the denomination's long standing discord over human sexuality.

This announcement created a lot of buzz in the media, but the Protocol is in no way a done deal. Any changes made to the denominational structure must be approved by the General Conference, which meets May 5 – 15 in Minneapolis. The Protocol remains one of about a half dozen proposals that will go before the General Conference. Although the Protocol appears to be a strong contender, there is opposition to it from a variety of sources.

As a congregation, we are likely at some point to have to make some choices, but the bottom line truth is we won't even know what our choices are in regard to denominational affiliation until the conclusion of General Conference, and perhaps not even then. In the meantime, church leadership is organizing informational, educational and discussion sessions in which every member of the congregation can have their voice heard. These will take place both before and after General Conference. We can take this time to better define who we are as a congregation, where we fit in our community, how we perceive Salmon Creek Church to be equipped to deliver God's Word, and how we wish to operate. By understanding ourselves better, we will be able to understand our choices for affiliation better, if and when, the time comes to make those choices.

Learn more about this at: <https://www.resourceumc.org>



### **Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation**

Representatives of advocacy groups with contrasting views and bishops from around the world collaborated on and unanimously support a compromise proposal for the separation of The United Methodist Church.

### **"New Denominations" (Indianapolis Plan)**

This plan envisions the creation of new expressions — traditionalist, centrist/progressive and progressive — that will share a common heritage from the roots of Methodism.

### **"New Expressions Worldwide (N.E.W)"**

Proposed by UMForward, this legislation would dissolve The United Methodist Church and form four new global denominations instead — traditionalist, moderate, progressive and liberationist.

### **"Next Generation UMC" (UMCNext)**

This plan would eliminate the Church's restrictions against LGBTQ ordination and same-sex weddings, while allowing local churches that disagree to depart and organize into new forms of Methodism.

### **"U.S. Regional Conference" (Connectional Table)**

The Connectional Table plan would create a new decision-making body for U.S. matters — a place for United Methodists to vote on clergy pensions, retirement plans, property matters, resolutions and other initiatives that solely affect the United States.

### **Comparison of plans headed to GC2020**

A handy chart compares the main proposals for restructuring of the denomination that will be considered by the General Conference.



### BOY SCOUTS 25th ANNIVERSARY!!

On December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Boy Scout Troop 14 celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with Salmon Creek United Methodist Church. It was in 1994 that the troop started meeting at our church and that the church officially accepted to be their sponsoring charter representative.

The Troop celebrated by inviting all present and past scouts, along with their leaders and families, to a dinner in honor of the occasion. Over 160 people showed up along with the current and past church charter representatives Steve Enyeart and Larry Siewert.

The dinner was quite successful, and the Troop enjoyed meeting and socializing with their past and current scout brothers and leaders. Salmon Creek Church has benefited greatly from the tremendous number of Eagle Scout projects performed around our church during these past 25 years. Just to name a few:

- Building and designing the landscaping behind the Chapel
- Repairing and painting our church storage shed
- Restoring the wetlands and rebuilding the fire pit
- Erecting the large playground structure for the daycare school
- Rebuilding the God's Garden area and building a garden shed
- Restoring the churches historic directional signs

We thank God that Troop 14 has always been there when the church Trustees needed an extra hand in keeping our church grounds looking beautiful.

By Larry Siewert



We are now accepting applications for the Virginia Scherer Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to one or two graduating seniors who are moving on into higher education in the fall of 2020. The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to students who have a financial need, academic ability and personal qualities which permit them to benefit from post-secondary education.

Applicants for the scholarship must be:

- Students who are graduating high school seniors and who will attend an accredited college or university, including all forms of post-secondary education, including: vocational schools, Bible colleges, technical schools, immediately in the Fall.
- Students whose parents (or guardians) are members of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church.
- Students entering their freshman year of college immediately upon graduating from high school.

Please see Pastor John or our Youth Coordinator, Allison King, for more information and an application.



"The foreign missionary societies established by women in the Methodist tradition have been serving and advocating in Asia since the 19th century. United Methodist Women continues this partnership today with Bethune House and Mission for Migrant Workers, supported by members' Mission Giving." This is a quote from Rev. Paul Jeffrey who wrote the article to be presented for our February program.

This article features stories and insight into how the migrant domestic workers of China and Hong Kong have been empowered to deal with the sometimes harsh and brutal conditions of their employment. Bethune House offers shelter for abused women while they await court cases. The Mission for Migrant Workers helps counsel women with legal problems, at times providing them with attorneys, and then refers them to Bethune House for shelter. Come and learn more: **February 18th at 1 pm in the St. Paul room.**

## Let's "Be Together!"

Salmon Creek Women's Ministry invites the whole family to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in the genuine style of the Irish!

Come to our next Be Together Event to learn:

***Who was Saint Patrick, really?***  
***What did he do to capture the hearts of the Irish?***  
***Why is he still celebrated worldwide today?***

Speaker Tim Birr from the All Ireland Cultural Society will present the history and life of Saint Patrick, followed by traditional Irish dancers from the Oregon Irish Dance Academy.

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to come enjoy this fun-filled evening and celebrate in true Irish tradition. We will share a simple meal, and enjoy each other's company, family style. The whole family is welcome!

**Date: Thursday, March 5, 2020**  
**Time: 6 PM to 8 PM**  
**Location: SCUMC Fellowship Hall.**  
**Donation: \$10 per family**

Childcare will be provided, but please sign up!

Women's Ministries will meet again on February 13 after Joy Bible study (11:45am) also in the library. Any ladies who would like to participate are welcome to join us to help plan the final details of next be together event.

We are also seeking two women (who will have the help of many others) to coordinate our 2020 Fall Retreat on the weekend of October 10 & 11.

PLEASE contact Linda Garrison @ 360-258-8600 or Lilly Longshore @ 360-991-5013 if you are interested.





TO Karen & Salmon Creek UMC:  
**Thank you** for gathering all of those generous donations for our graduate families. I personally delivered to three of them and they were so grateful and what a help you gave them this Christmas! You were so helpful to me this year!  
Thank you!  
Gwen Paperfuse, **Case/Resource Manager**  
**Family Promise of Clark County.**

**If you make coffee or clean up for a small group or coffee fellowship please read:**

While most of you don't do much more than pour yourself a cup of coffee from our urns, there is a coffee elf who makes the coffee and elves who clean up later. This isn't just the Sunday morning team, it could be the Bible study groups, a meeting or any other reason you make coffee.

Last spring, we moved the urns to a spot under the island to reduce clutter and create space for when we bring in food for events. The space under the island was tight and the urns had to be stored closed. The Science lesson for the day is: **closed, moist, dark spaces grow things.**

We moved the urns to under the coffee maker where they can be stored with the lids open. The insulated coffee pitchers that were under the coffee maker were moved to under the island.

When you are cleaning up, please rinse the urns out with water, then turn upside down for a minute to drain. When you store the urns and insulated coffee pitchers, please leave the lids open so they can dry out.

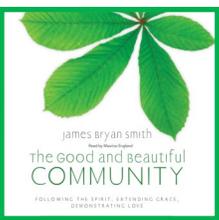


Thank you for your help with this. Any suggestions, **contact Karen Beilsmith**

**Mini-muffin to benefit Family Promise**

**Sunday, Feb. 9th - 9am - 10:30am**

**Menu:** Pancakes, sausage, egg casserole, fresh fruit, cereal, coffee, tea, juice



**Pastor's Book Study** continues on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the St. Paul Room. We are reading "The Good & Beautiful Community" by James Bryan Smith. Copies of the book can be ordered through Amazon (look for used copies - they're much less expensive), or see Pastor John if you need help getting a book.



In December, our church family was blessed to gain 12 new members. Here are 6 of them this month, and we'll meet 6 more next month. If you haven't had a chance to meet them and say hello, please do so next time you see them at church!

**Lynne and Dan Kingsley:** Dan grew up in Oregon and graduated from OSU with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He worked as a Health Care Management Consultant for 40 plus years. Lynne was raised in Richland, WA and graduated from OSU with a degree in Food and Nutrition. She worked as a clinical dietitian in hospitals, as a private consultant, also with Head Start, and for the last 13 years, in Long Term Care and Rehabilitation. The Kingsleys have 2 grown sons and 3 grandchildren. They moved here 5 months ago from the outskirts of Philadelphia, PA. In visiting Methodist churches in the area, Salmon Creek felt the most comfortable. They enjoyed Pastor John's sermons and the music ministry. They have already signed on to serve at Family Promise and are looking forward to joining other ministries in the future.



**Nelson Copeland:** Nelson worked as an Electrician upon graduating high school. He joined the Navy at 18 and after a 5 year stint on active duty, he returned to Vancouver and back to being an Electrician. He went back to school in the 80's to learn computers. Starting with a data entry position, he worked his way up to System Administrator.

After joining the Oregon Air Guard in 2005, he was deployed in 2008 -09 to Iraq and Qatar from 2010-11. Nelson retired in 2018. His girlfriend, and a member of Salmon Creek, Pam Hutcheson, invited him to attend services with her. He and Pam were married in the church in July 2018. It was the first wedding Pastor John officiated at Salmon Creek, having only been here 2 weeks. We are very appreciative of the dedication Nelson gives to volunteering in the media booth this past year and to stepping up to serve on Trustees beginning this year.





**Ron and Lois Vail:** Ron remembers being in Sunday school at Salmon Creek with Caroline Officer when they were just 6. And, he recalls a very vibrant youth group having a great time playing, "Kick the Can" for fun in the church's gravel parking lot. In his senior year of high school, he met his future wife, Lois, who recently had moved from Indiana to Vancouver. After high school, Ron served in the Navy in Korea for 5 years, and upon returning home, he and Lois were married. They have been married for 65 years. They have 3 sons and 1 daughter. As a family, they attended Salmon Creek when worship was in the chapel only. But, family health circumstances arose, which prevented them from attending for quite a few years. During that time, Ron worked as a Longshoreman. His second career was as an Industrial Salesman. Lois worked for a law firm doing bookkeeping for 25 years.



They are amazed at how Salmon Creek has grown and evolved. Ron wanted to say he especially appreciates Allison's beautiful interpretations on the piano at the Offertory. They are very happy to be back. And we are so very glad that they are.

**Sue Richard:** Sue grew up in New York State. She comes from a long line of Methodist preachers. Sue recalls family stories of a great, great grandfather who was a Methodist Circuit Rider in Southern New York. There were also many teachers in her family - her mother, sister and Sue as well. Sue taught elementary education in the Vancouver schools and was working towards becoming a principal. Her goal changed when she had the opportunity to work for the HOSTS corporation.

(HOSTS is a nationally recognized mentoring program that pairs a student who needs help in reading with a community member who wants to make a difference in a student's life. With help from volunteer mentors, students receive the extra attention and encouragement they need to be better readers and better students.) For the remaining years of her career, Sue traveled all over the country helping school districts implement the HOSTS program into their curriculum. She is also the mother of two sons and the grandmother of 8. Welcome, Sue!



## Men's Service Weekend

Set your calendar for **March 27 – 29** for the second annual MEN'S SERVICE WEEKEND for men of the United Methodist Churches of Clark County and the Pacific Northwest. It will be held at Ocean Park Retreat Center. This will be a great opportunity to get to know men from fellow churches while serving a great cause.



We will not only have outstanding fellowship, we will perform a variety of important tasks to help your camp prepare for the busy summer season. The projects were chosen to allow various abilities and capabilities so that all may participate. The projects include, but are not limited to: updating exterior lighting, maintaining the ocean view from Sea Breeze Lodge, trail clearing, challenge course clearing, and interior painting. This is rain or shine. If the weather is too harsh for outside, there is the painting and repair work.

There is a \$40 fee to cover the cost of meals for Saturday and Sunday morning. If anyone has concerns about the costs, please contact Brandon Scheer, camp director. To register, go to [opretreat.org/retreats](http://opretreat.org/retreats)

Our camp relies on volunteers in order to provide the important ministry that it serves. Please plan to come and meet new friends while enabling our Ocean Park Retreat Center to thrive.

If you have any questions, please contact **Tom Musser by text or voice at 360-607-3472**



Please save the dates of **12-16 February!** Salmon Creek United Methodist Church will be working at the St Paul Lutheran Church in helping them complete their WHO (Winter Housing Overflow) mission. This mission is a Christ-Centered mission in support of Homeless men in Vancouver. The St Paul Church has been doing this mission now for over 20 years and we have supported them for most of that time. Minimum age to help is 16. There are 3 shifts.

Evening shift: Requires 3 people and goes from 6pm-12 midnight. Here, you get a chance to meet the men before they settle down for bed around 9:30pm. There will be at least 1 social worker present to check the men in.

Overnight shift: Requires 2 people from 12 midnight to 6am in the morning. Essentially they conduct indoor security/fire checks—usually very quiet.

Morning shift: Requires 2 people from 6-9am in the morning. Responsibility is to wake up everyone and get them out the door.

I will be putting sign-up sheets up at church Sunday the 19th of January and every Sunday through the 9th of February.

Please consider helping out....if you do you will feel rewarded I guarantee! Questions? **Please see Greg Berry!**

# February 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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That He gave  
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That whosoever  
Believeth in Him  
Should not perish  
But have everlasting life  
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3. Linda Sloan
4. Sue Sloan
5. Bill Forrester
5. Pete Mikalatos
7. LaRoy Herndon
9. Joyce Murphy
13. Joyce Kidder
14. Dick Garrison
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