



The Circuit Rider

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That whosoever

Believeth In Him

Should Not perish

But have Everlasting life

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Salmon Creek Church

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a note from Pastor John

At our All Church meeting on January 9th, I alluded to church not being like it was in 1985. Always good for a laugh line, but what do I really mean by that? In other words, what are some practices that are no longer effective or meaningful, and what can we use – in becoming a 21st century church – to replace them. I want to emphasize I am not talking about our beliefs and our core ministries, which are timeless. What I am talking about are good practices for a church in a world where we can assume the unchurched know nothing about what going to church means, if they are even Christian at all.

Advertising: Placing ads in newspapers is basically a waste of money. People don't find churches through newspaper ads anymore. In response to this here are few things we will be doing in 2022:

We will continue to build and perfect our online presentation. The internet is by far the likeliest place a seeker will seek. I know it can seem *unseemly* to talk about "competition," but 21st century seekers are tech-savvy and they correlate the quality of the church experience with the quality of our online presence.

We will continue to use direct mailing advertising, as we did at Christmas. This was very effective, and it usually becomes more effective over time.

Continued



Music: In fact, the current United Methodist Hymnal wasn't even published in 1985 – it came out in 1989. And while it contains a lot of great hymns – which we will continue to use – in today's rapidly changing world, it is dated.

Today's seekers are more in tune with modern hymns. Please note, not all modern hymns are praise music. We are committed to expanding our repertoire of modern hymns and praise music.

We will continue to praise God with our bells and choir and will expand their scope to reach out into the community more often. Salmon Creek will remain a musically inspirational church.

Biblical and Wesleyan orientation: Our purpose statement: "To make and engage disciples of Jesus Christ" leads us, as it did Wesley, to a Biblical foundation for all the things we do. We will remain focused on this orientation even as we grapple with the issues that face Christians today (that they weren't necessarily facing in 1985). In general, seekers in the 21st century are looking for meaning in an increasingly confusing world. We must, first and foremost, be able to provide that.

These, of course, are just a few examples of ways to be an effective voice for Christ in the 21st century. Many other aspects of church from 1985 still hold true, like dynamic children's and youth ministries – though these also might look a little different. But the most important thing we will retain from 1985 – and 1885, and 1485, and 85 – is the centrality of Christ to all of our ministries.

Blessings, Pastor John



Dear Salmon Creek Church Family:

Salmon Creek Church (SCUMC) continues to be financially healthy. 2021 has been a challenging year in numerous ways. However, Salmon Creek has weathered the Pandemic in a good financial position. This has been the result of several factors: first, government pandemic assistance and second, a generous benefactor. The Church also has accumulated reserves from various sources from the past years.

As you can see from the chart below, our pledge income has dropped each of the last three years, yet unusual circumstances have provided SCUMC with the financial ability to navigate the storm. This ability can be used to meet the Church’s Mission of outreach to the community for only a limited time.

As we take the risk of recovering from the pandemic years, each of us must look to doing our part in spreading the word of Jesus Christ to our neighbors and the community in which we live.

NOW is the time for each of us to ask ourselves what we can do to launch us into this new and exciting time.

See you in Church!

Ed Grubel, Finance Committee Chair

Salmon Creek UMC

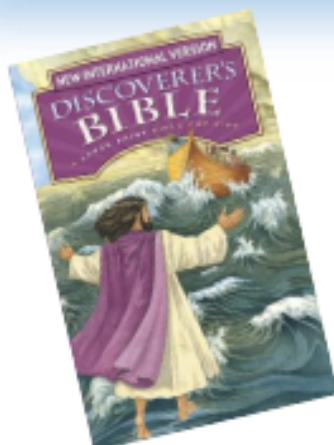
2019, 2020, 2021 Year-end Results and 2022 Budget

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Percent Change
	2019	2020	2021	2022	22 vs 21
Income					
Pledges	392,504	310,927	295,915	326150	10%
Other Income	27,523	53,978	148,809	20600	-86%
Total Income	420,027	364,905	444,724	346750	-22%
Expenses					
Operations & Administration	96788	89939	102406	90650	-11%
Apportionments	62745	54875	44498	43671	-2%
Program Expenses	11610	6315	7637	10722	40%
Salaries, Labor & Related Expense	226072	223036	222950	252132	13%
Total Expenses	397215	374165	377491	397175	5%



NEWSLETTER!

January - February 2022



January 30th is Children & Youth Sunday! and BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY!

Our congregation usually presents a Bible to all children in the 3rd grade every year. However, this practice was suspended for the past 2 years due to COVID restrictions.

We are very excited to announce that on Sunday, January 30th, Pastor John will present a brand-new Bible to the 3rd grade children who regularly participate in our church – Sophie, Penny, and Jameson. They will each receive a *Discoverer's Bible* – the complete text of the accurate, readable, and clear New International Version (NIV)—just like the one Mom and Dad use. Additional features include:

- 30 full-color pages of important Bible scenes and helpful study aids
- 8 color maps of key locations throughout the biblical world
- Large-print 11-point type for easy reading
- A Presentation page personalized for each child to commemorate this special day

Our children will also help lead worship that morning by:

- Leading the congregation in ringing their special color-coded bells
- Singing and signing the Lord's Prayer (as they do every Sunday)
- One child will read Matthew 6: 6 out loud (*Pastor Vivian will contact you about this*)

We hope all our children will attend church on January 30th so they can be a part of this special day!

Fruits of the Spirit – We will continue to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit through Feb. 27. On February 27th every child who has either attended every Sunday OR has completed a work sheet for the Sundays missed **WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!**



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FRIENDS of the CARPENTER

We received a hand written thank you note from Friends of the Carpenter for the funds sent to them from the Missions Basket Auction in November.

Dear S.C.U.M.C. friends

United together.... we are doing God's work! Salmon Creek United Methodist Church has been such an integral part of F.O.T.C.'s success ... and survival!

We are humbled by your support! Thank you for your gift of \$2,500⁰⁰ and so much more! God Bless
Jed

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Clark County

Through these uncertain times, your ongoing support of YWCA Clark County and our community continues to fill our hearts with joy. Together, we raised \$192,675! Thank you to everyone who donated to ensure our work persists in this new year! These funds are especially meaningful as the challenges of the pandemic are prolonged in our daily lives.

If you missed the video from Dunetchka, our Executive Director, as she discusses giving, gratitude and joy....

Watch it here :

<https://vimeo.com/661058785#t=73s>

Sending wishes of good health, safety and healing your way.



We are updating the Church Directory so that we are able to contact everyone efficiently and correctly. If you have updated information for your phone number, address and/or email address, please make sure we are notified and we will make the corrections. If you feel we have the wrong information, or are new to the church, this is the perfect time to be added or updated.

To make additions or corrections, you may :

- Call the church office - 360-573-3111
- Write it on the communication card found in the worship bulletin each Sunday
- Call or text Lila DeBolt (Lay Leader) - 360-600-8521
 - Or email LJSDEB56@aol.com

We want to everyone in the congregation to be connected and informed. Thanks for your help!!



Fruit of the Spirit Brunch!

Come support Family Promise and enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship at brunch on Sunday, March 6th. We will have community mission opportunities for those who want to "bear some fruit!"

Served in the FMC from 9am - noon.

The Exultation Ringers were invited by Pastor Joyce Emery to Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma. They played during the Sunday morning worship service and then did an afternoon concert on January 16th.





Sorry we missed you last month!

2. Steve Erkkila
2. Darrick Skelton
9. Pam Copeland
10. Lacy Williams
11. Phyllis Browning
11. Muriel Buriff
11. Greg Hazen
11. Barbara Sime
12. Gay Enyeart
12. Hannah Hawn
13. Cathy Gerber
14. Dannielle Tognetti
17. Kristin Reeves
18. Hannah Bachman
21. Pam Roberts
22. Caroline Wisegarver
24. Sue Richard
25. Ken Heup
26. Bob Gebhart
27. Jean Berkheiser
30. Mikala Williams



February

1st – Jim Roberts

2nd – Lila DeBolt

3rd – Linda Sloan

4th – Sue Sloan

5th – Bill Forrester

5th – Pete Mikalatos

6th – LaRoy Herndon

9th – Joyce Murphy

14th – Dick Garrison

17 – Aiden Horner, Jr.

18 – Roger Brindle

18 – Allison Hogan

20th – Jackie Youngblood

21st – Carolyn Fox

24th – Kathryn Bachman

25th – Zachary Scott

And now these three remain:



faith

hope

love

but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Thank you for reading the Circuit Rider! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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