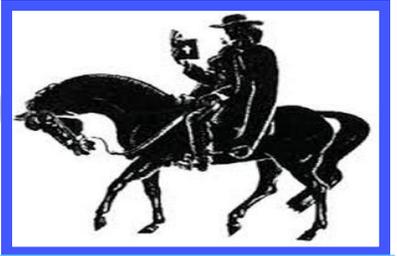




The Circuit Rider



2020



"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promises (to return) but He is patient with us not wanting anyone to perish but

For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of ourselves it is

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a note from Pastor John



Pray-It-Forward

Vision? Really? The church is trying to survive a pandemic, and you want to talk about vision? Well actually, this is the perfect time to step back, pray, and begin thinking about tomorrow, rather than just today. It might be nice to let our minds stroll around in a future time when a virus isn't controlling our lives. A time when the core elements of our life in Christ are in the forefront: prayer, community, trust in God, faith in action.

I know, I know; I've talked about the things that might change so much that maybe I haven't talked enough about the things that won't change. Mea Culpa. Because if we don't live out an authentic, true and faithful life at our church, it really isn't going to matter how we arrange the furniture.

That really is at the core of my vision for Salmon Creek Church. Simply put, I see our church being a place of spiritual rest and comfort for our members, an open door for those seeking God, and a place that challenges us enough to keep us growing in Christ. If we don't have a safe place to bring our true selves, how can we let the Shepherd do His magic? If we cannot welcome the stranger into our midst, how will we ever spread the Gospel? If we do not engage our faith in tangible action, how can we be true to our Wesleyan heritage?

In our *Pay-It-Forward* campaign, we made a commitment to keeping our facility in tip-top shape for future generations. I would like to unofficially inaugurate a *Pray-It-Forward* campaign, in which we include in our daily prayers a prayer for those who are not a part of our community today. People we don't know. People who may not be born yet. What we are praying for is the wisdom and creativity and courage to invite them into our authentic, true and faithful community. To express and live out for all the value of living a life of faith. Faith in action doesn't only mean charity and mission, it means risking revealing the Christ within yourself.

My vision for Salmon Creek Church is a place where everything – the facility, worship, music, classes, janitorial, Day School; everything – is done for the Glory of God. A place with a congregation that is equipped and ready to place their faith in action through selfless service and a desire to bring Christ to others. A place of peace and comfort when the inevitable battles of life pour in. Prayer, community, trust in God, faith in action. Let's begin our *Pray-It-Forward* campaign now, even when we are so constrained, that we may soon see it bear fruit.



Blessings,
Pastor John Hiestand

Until certain conditions are met, Salmon Creek Church will not be holding indoor worship services. Please join us for drive-in and outdoor celebrations as they become available, or continue to enjoy our online services.

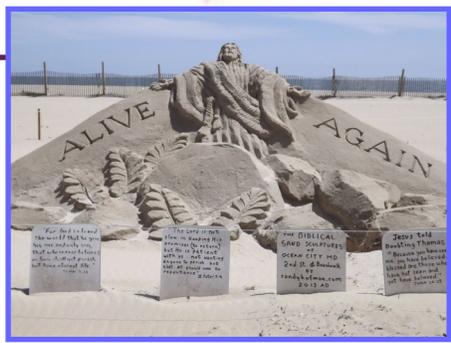
Pastor's Update: Reopening?

Everyone is asking when the church will reopen for in-person services. The best answer I can give right now is "as soon as safely possible." We have a holy commission from Christ to gather in worship. Of uppermost importance to John Wesley when describing how we keep the ordinances of God, is "the public worship of God." I don't think he meant YouTube!

There have been some incidents described in the media of churches reopening, then becoming a center for an outbreak of the disease. A recent case in La Grande, Oregon, is a good object lesson for any church hoping to reopen. Although the church met outside, they did not enforce social-distancing rules, or the wearing of masks. In addition, they did a "laying on of hands" during their prayer time. It is hardly surprising that many contracted Covid-19, and two were hospitalized. But my point is, they didn't spread the disease simply by "going to church." They spread the disease by "not following safety protocols."

Salmon Creek Church, when we do re-open for in-person services, will be well prepared, and we do expect our congregation to keep socially distant, wear masks, and follow other procedures and guidelines to maintain a safe worship environment. We will continue to offer online services for those who are not yet ready for in-person services.

Like many of you, I wish this whole "Covid thing" would go away. But God wants his people to deal with reality, not wishful thinking, even if that reality is difficult. This will cause us to have to adjust the manner in which we worship God. Honestly, 5 months ago, who ever dreamed of wearing a mask in a worship service? But if that's what it takes (along with some other things) to worship God together, then that is what we shall do. I remind everyone again that, though we may be physically separated, we are still spiritually bound as the Body Of Christ, and we will find the best way forward for our church to effectively and safely be a voice for Christ in our community.



DRIVE IN Church

WORSHIP WITH US FROM YOUR CAR

Our church family has been able to come together in Drive-in services for several Sundays during June. In July you can expect a variety of drive-in, outdoor and potentially indoor services as conditions warrant. Thanks to everyone who has made these services a success.

We've had a good time honking our "AMENS"!!



Greg Berry directs parking as an Usher.



Allison, Matt and Pastor John perform music as well as read scriptures.



Pastor John delivers the message.





June 18, 2020

Dear Fellow Congregants:

This letter is to advise you of proposed changes in the Sanctuary stage, which you may see when next you are able to attend church. I have included a diagram of the changes on the following page, but would also like to explain some of the main portions. This project has been some time in coming and this “down time” created an excellent opportunity to get them accomplished. They will be accomplished in concert with some other Sanctuary maintenance, which I will also explain.

The Trustees are currently hard at work giving the Sanctuary a much-needed facelift. As you read this letter, the globe lights are being changed to LED fixtures, walls are being painted, and the exposed wood is being oiled. Completion of the work will give way to actual construction on the stage area.

Working with Pastor John, and with input from our music director and Worship Chair, the Trustees have planned the following modifications:

1. The addition of an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp on the west side of the stage. The need has been long realized for access to the stage for those unable to climb stairs.
2. The addition of an extension to the center portion of the stage which serves as a terminus for the wheelchair ramp as well as allowing speakers to be closer to the congregation.
3. The addition of a storage closet on the east side of the stage. This will be constructed to match the opposite side of the stage.
4. Extending the lower step of the stage on the choir side by five feet to create an area for musical presentation.
5. Lastly, after the construction, the stage and Sanctuary will be re-carpeted.

In addition to the above, the pew area will be modified to accommodate four wheelchairs at the front and central area of the Sanctuary; currently we can only accommodate wheelchairs at the very back. The total number of pews will not change nor will the two kneeling rails at the front of the Sanctuary.

Funding for these modifications will come from two sources. The construction portion will be paid from Trustee funds. Because the work is being done by our Trustees, it is expected to cost only about \$1,000.00. The carpeting will be paid for through recently-raised funds from our Pay It Forward Capital Campaign (The same funds that paid for our automated doors).

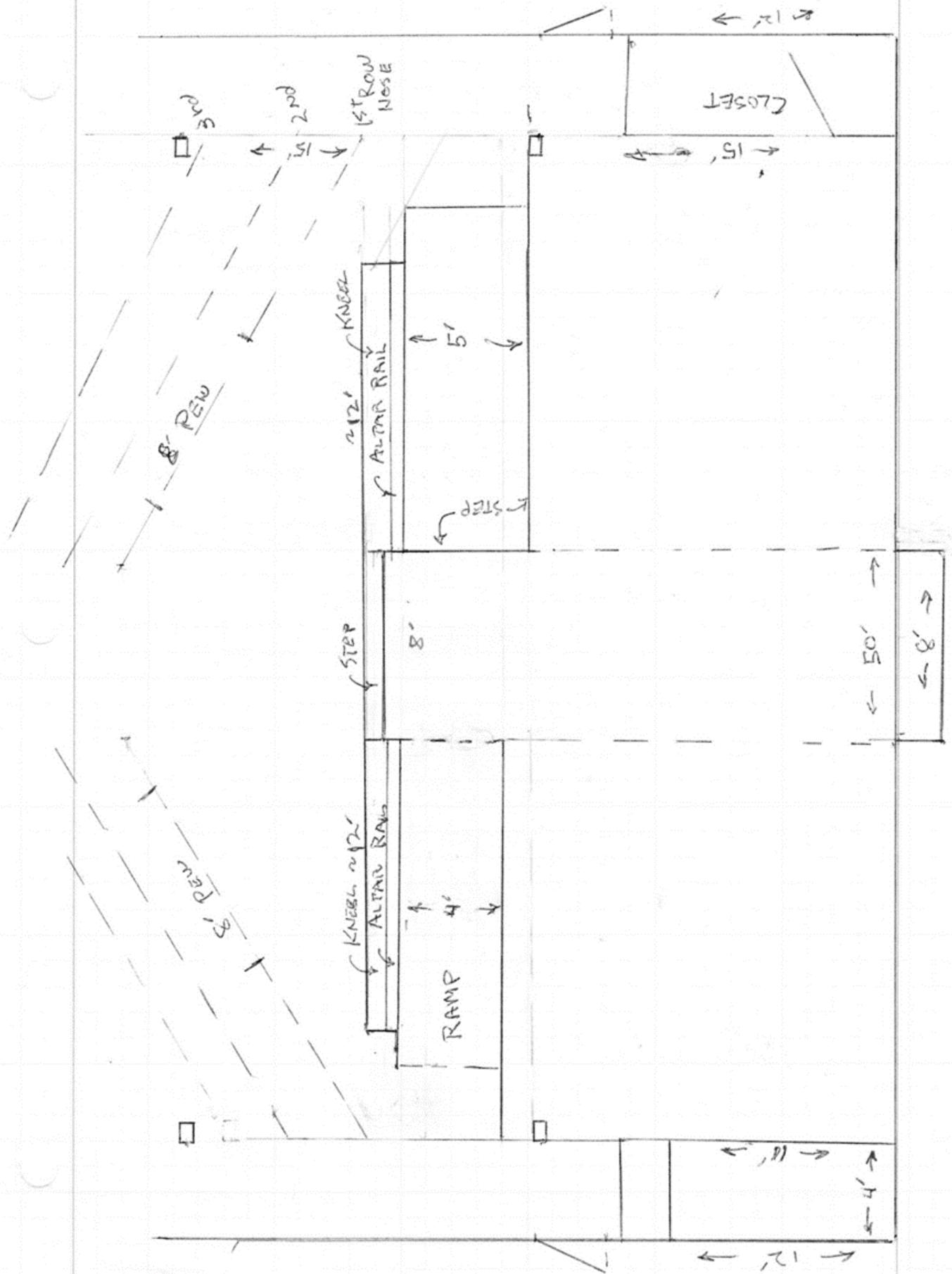
Thank-you for reading this letter. Like me, I hope you find these modifications to be a significant improvement in our church. I am expecting them to both enhance our Sacred Space and facilitate our worship experience.

This proposal is pending Administrative Board action. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know.

Thank-you.

Jim Roberts
 Chair, Administrative Board
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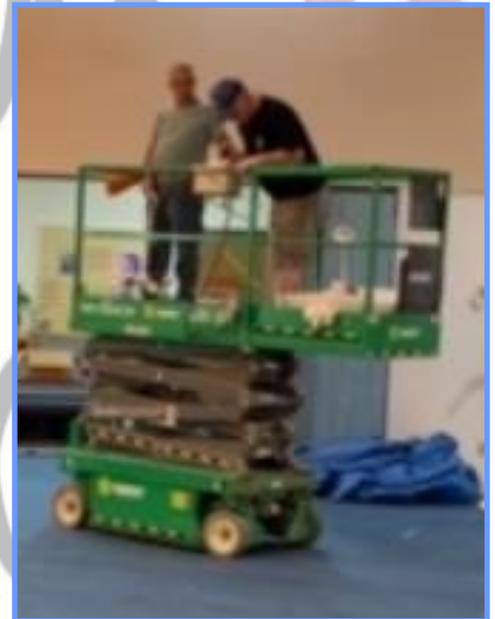


Sanctuary Lights, Cleaning and Painting

Dear Congregation:

The Trustees are nearly finished with the Painting project for the Sanctuary. After 20 plus years (was it since 1982?), we painted the walls, cleaned and oiled the arches and cleaned the wood wall on the altar. We used a scissor lift to reach the lights and peaks of the sanctuary. The lights have been remodeled to use LED lights now. The cross will be cleaned and have new lights as well. We had a great team helping to get this done rather quickly, including Jim Roberts, Richard Beilsmith, Greg Berry, Larry Siewert, Jim Costello, Nelson Copeland, Ron Doering and Lynne Nieda, some working more than 40 hours in one week. Following are pictures of work in progress.

Steve Enyeart, Trustees



Thank You!



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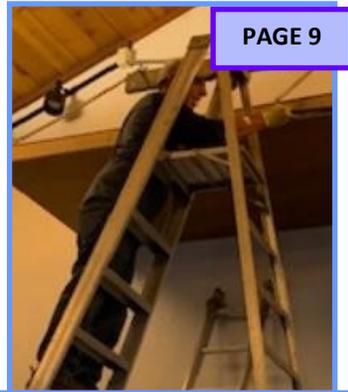


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Thank you for
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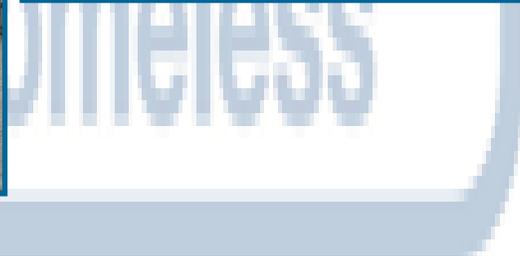


Share Backpack Program

Salmon Creek Church came together to gather 1,582 pounds of food for the Share back pack program. We also gathered \$1,950.00, which will be matched as part of Share's hunger appeal. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

This summer, Salmon Creek will be hosting Share's Sack Lunch Program at Sarah J. Anderson elementary school. Look for ways we can continue to support children and families in our community.

Thanks!
Kathy Hardy



Share Summer Lunch Program

School is out, which means that the hundreds of school children who rely on the free and reduced lunch program could be without two meals a day. Fortunately, there is the Share Summer Lunch Program. Funded by a grant from the USDA and staffed by community volunteers, the Summer Lunch Program provides sack lunches to hundreds of students at several sites throughout the community.



Salmon Creek has offered to host the site at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary school on NE 104th St. Lunches are prepared and delivered by other community volunteers and our team manages paperwork and hands out lunches from 12 to 1pm Monday through Friday. Our host team includes: Tina and Keeley Hunter, Diane Reid, Jim and Betty Selby, KD and Kathy Hardy.

Sarah J. Anderson is the furthest north lunch site, so it provides for a number of students, including students from Salmon Creek Elementary and Gaiser Middle School. The first day of the program, there were more than 75 lunches requested!

How can our church family help out?

Please pray for all the students who are receiving lunches, and for our site hosts, that everyone will stay well - Share has put many COVID 19 procedures in place. Pray also for the students to have safe, nurturing homes during the summer.

You can come down to the school and help out. We will have a trained host at the site every day, but an extra set of hands can be helpful!

You can sign up to deliver meals to Sarah J. or another site, this could be once or ongoing. Sign up at sharevancouver.org - click on the **volunteer!** link.

You can also sign up to help prepare the lunches either in the morning or in the afternoon, one day or several times. Sign up at sharevancouver.org - click on the **volunteer!** link.

For questions about the Summer Lunch Program, contact Kathy Hardy.

Salmon Creek Church also sends a team down to Share House once a month to serve lunch: contact Cathy Gerber to volunteer.

During this challenging and uncertain time, we have an opportunity to be in service to the most vulnerable in our community!

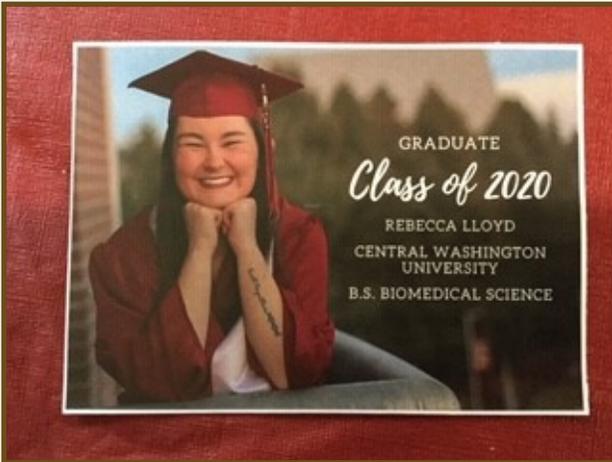
The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40



News of ...

Our Church Family



Rebecca Lloyd graduated from Central Washington University with a degree in Biomedical Science. Rebecca was a member of SCUMC and an active part of our youth group. She is active in campus ministry at Central Washington University. Several members of the church have supported her in ministry.



Pam Beggs Memorial

As you know, Pam Beggs passed away recently. Stacey & Gordon McAllister are helping organize a service for her, and they would like your help. If you have a favorite memory or story about Pam, would you please e-mail that to Stacey at Stjona2@hotmail.com. These will be collected and used as a part of the service for Pam.

A Moment in History



If you have some time, make a visit to our wonderful church Pioneer Cemetery. Our caretaker, Richard Beilsmith, and other church members have done a tremendous job in keeping the cemetery in tip top shape. It is a wonderful experience just driving through it, but also by walking among the head stones, you will discover some of our pioneer families' histories.

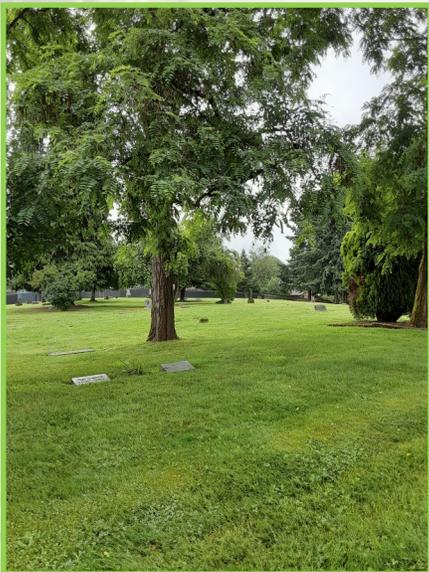
Author Joseph Anderson wrote, "The Christian cemetery is a memorial and a record. It is not a mere field in which the dead are stowed away unknown; it is a touching and beautiful history, written in family burial plots, in mounded graves, in sculptured and inscribed monuments. It tells the story of the past, not of its institutions, or its wars, or its ideas, but of its individual lives."

This cemetery was created by our church founders, Hester and Joseph Goddard, who set aside two acres of their donation land claim, and who we believe, buried their 7-year-old son Osse there in 1862. Joseph was a skilled woodworker who built many of the early caskets for the local pioneer families, but he also provided the horse and carriage team to transport the funeral processions up the hill for burial.

In 1893, eight years before she died in 1901, Hester Goddard deeded over the Goddard Cemetery to the Trustees of the Salmon Creek Episcopal Church, and today it is known as the Salmon Creek Methodist Cemetery.

Nancy Volgamore had a desire to see the cemetery, and a few weeks ago, she drove through and took these photos. It is just lovely.

By Larry Siewert



Directions to Pioneer Cemetery:

From the church:

Right on 117th St. at Chuck's Produce

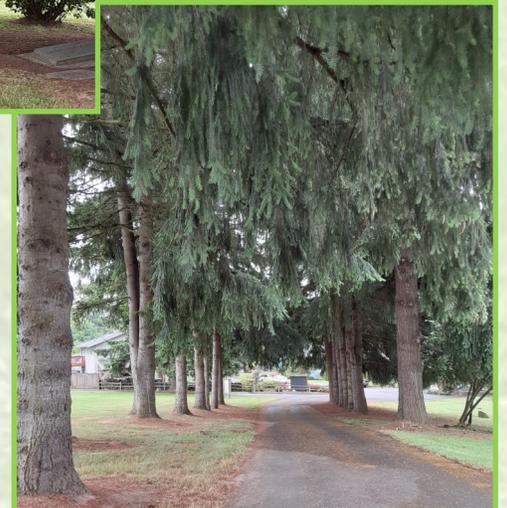
Go under I-5 bridge

Left on Stutz Rd. up the hill.

Right on 112th St.

Right on 10th Ave.

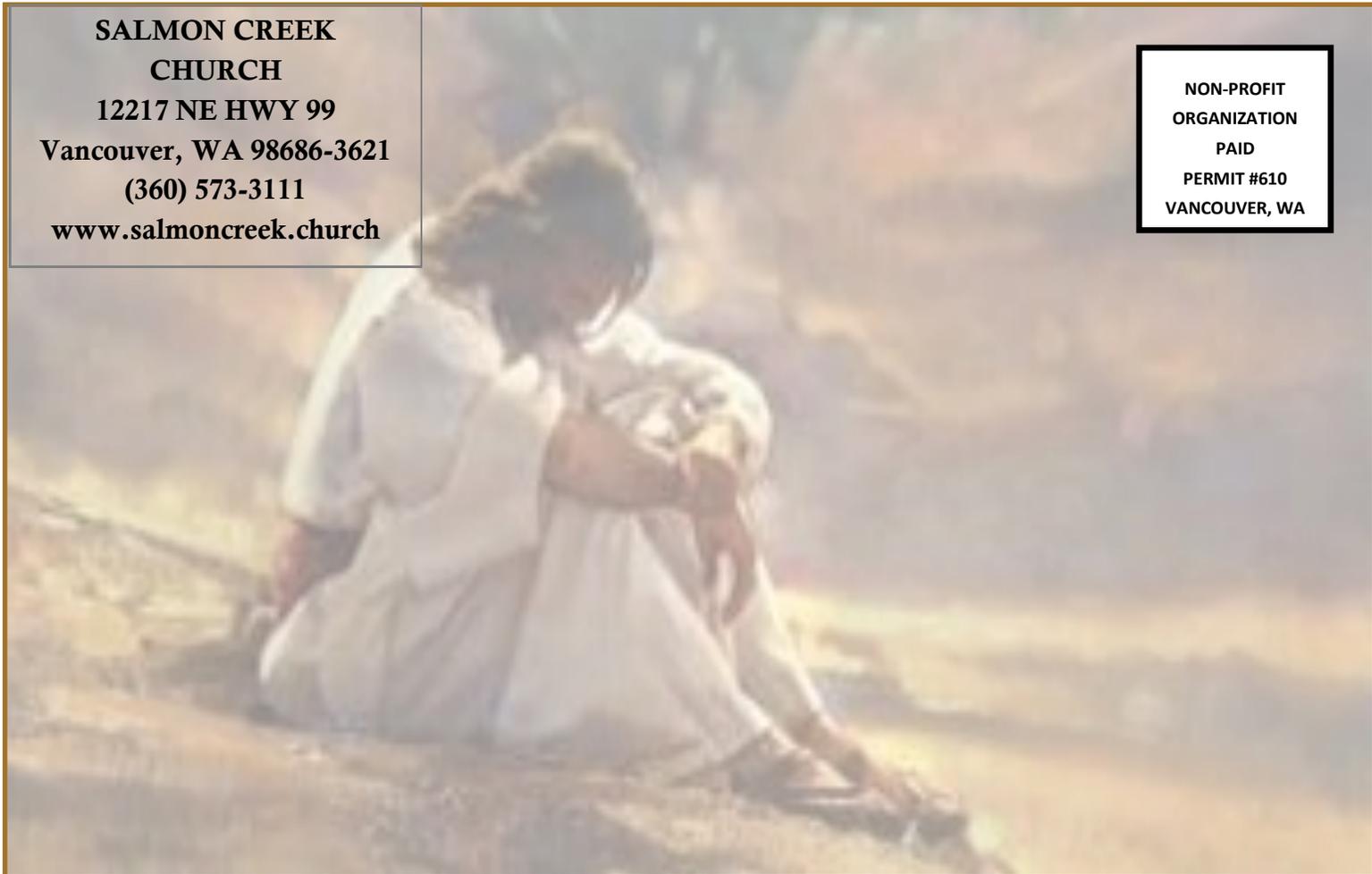
Cemetery is at the end of road.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FAMILY MEMBERS:

Due to the closure of the office, the list of family birthdays is unavailable this month. Our apologies for not being able to acknowledge your special day!



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

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