



# The Circuit Rider

## Salmon Creek Church



July  
2023

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the  
Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
2 Corinthians 3:17

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## ***Hello Friends:***

**Well, it is July. The storm has passed, our sails have held strong and we have blue skies abundantly around us! Thank goodness for our HOPE in God and for allowing Him to show us faith, healing, growth, rejoicing, survival, visions, love and excitement for the future! I am very proud of this congregation for pulling together to do the work we needed to do to get through the past few months. You have excelled in being positive, you were present and you worked hard. Amen to HOPE!!**

**We have been blessed to have had Pastor Anna with us for a few weeks. Thanks for all that she brought to our Sunday services and to all that she gave us with her inspiration and motivation. Thank you, Pastor Anna. God bless you as you take your next step forward.**

**We welcome Pastor Kim to our church family! We look forward to working together with you to continue moving our church into the future. You will find that SCUMC is a church filled with Hope, Love and Spirit.**

**As we think about and prepare for moving forward, let's think about how we can make that process go smoothly, better, more energetically, more passionately, more missional and more intentional. We have faced some changes and we will face more, for sure. Let's keep an open mind and maybe a new mindset about how we face those changes. The old adage "We've always done it this way" needs to go away and be replaced with, "Hey, I have a new idea". If we put those new ideas to work, there is no end to what we can accomplish. SCUMC will make its mark in the community as a place of worship, a place of hope, and a place where your future lives. Does it give you a warm, fuzzy feeling to think of what we can be? Let's make it happen!**

**Thanks, again, to everyone for keeping the HOPE alive. A special thank you to all the committee members and staff who have worked so hard in keeping us afloat. This has definitely been a group effort. Thanks to each congregant who didn't give up on SCUMC. You are why this effort was so successful!**

**Sincerely,  
Lila DeBolt, Chairman of  
The Administrative Board**





## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS – *BEYOND THE CHECKBOOK*

As a way of promoting our various leadership committees, ministries and hospitalities at SCUMC, we will begin having ‘Stewardship Moments’ each Sunday at the beginning of the service. Our goal is to inform you of the purpose for each committee, why its function is so important to our church and how you can become involved to further the ongoing operations for the prosperity of our church. Stewardship not only means giving of your Tithes and resources, it also includes giving of your Talents and Time. So, starting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, you will hear from the Chairpersons, Coordinators, and Point-Persons for many areas in which we need volunteers to serve. Listen and let the Spirit speak to you to find your interest. We need everyone’s involvement to bring new ideas, and leadership to carry us into the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask each week’s speaker. You are also cordially invited to attend any of the committees and ministry meetings to “check them out” – EXCEPT SPRC. This is a closed meeting format for confidentiality purposes. But, all the other meetings are open to anyone. Go to a meeting, see who is participating, find out what happens and maybe you will receive that little nudge that is telling you to get on-board!

For questions, see Lila DeBolt:

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LJSDEB56@aol.com



## WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

There is still a great need for volunteers in the church so that we can operate fully, perform administrative duties efficiently, and provide adequate and meaningful programming. Some of the needs are:

Lay Leader  
Chairman of Finance Committee  
Ushers and Greeters  
Coordinator of Women's Ministries  
Coffee Fellowship providers  
Shepherds for Children's church  
Media booth  
Stephen Ministers  
Music Ministries



This is the time you need to ask yourself: Do you want to be a *spectator* in

this arena? Do you want to sit back and wait for the next act to happen? Do you want to see if anything will happen? OR Do you want to be a participant? A provider? Do you want to make stuff happen?

Will you be proactive in making change in this arena? Will you be a worker?

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church needs YOU to be the participants, the providers. Please, prayerfully consider what you can do to make change happen in our moving-forward process. It takes a village to make our church come together to be a great church. Please, be a part of that village!

For more information or questions, please contact:

**Please?!**

Lila DeBolt  
Chairman, Administrative Board  
360-600-8521 (call or text)



We desperately need media booth volunteers. We currently only have a handful of operators, which makes it so that they never get a break. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please talk with Jim Roberts. You will receive full training. Ladies welcome, too!!  
We really, really need your help!



## CELEBRATION DINNER TO WELCOME PASTOR KIM

The Welcome Dinner for Pastor Kim will be on Saturday, July 8 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a 'picnic' dinner with all the food being provided. Donations may be given to cover food costs, at your discretion. This will be another evening of fun, fellowship and laughter! So that we may prepare enough food and have ample seating, please sign-up for your reservation. You can sign-up in person at the welcome center on Sunday mornings - by July 2nd. You may also call the Church office at 360-573-3111.

OR call or text Lila DeBolt at 360-600-8521.

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Have you ever tried to plan a surprise for someone, but you needed to involve about 30 people, in two different groups, who spent time weekly or daily with that someone? Well, that is what the Exultation Ringers of Salmon Creek and Bells of the Cascades did for our beloved director, Matthew Compton, at the Bells of the Cascades concert on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In July 2021, Josh approached Alex Guebert, a dear friend and fellow composer of Matthew's, to compose a piece for Matthew's 5+ years of directing Bells of the Cascades and the music program at Salmon Creek.

Matthew and Alex have known each other since 2018, after meeting at the National Handbell Seminar in Grand Rapids, MI. Alex is the music director at St. John's Lutheran in Orange, CA, which includes the Cathedral Bells, the advanced group at the church. He also directs the Concert Handbells at Concordia University in Irvine.

In November 2022, Josh received the piece from Alex and went to work on the bell assignments for each group and the bass bell assignments (with the help of Arthur Pascual). Josh worked with members of both groups to coordinate how and when we could surprise Matthew with the piece. Trust us, this was no easy feat!

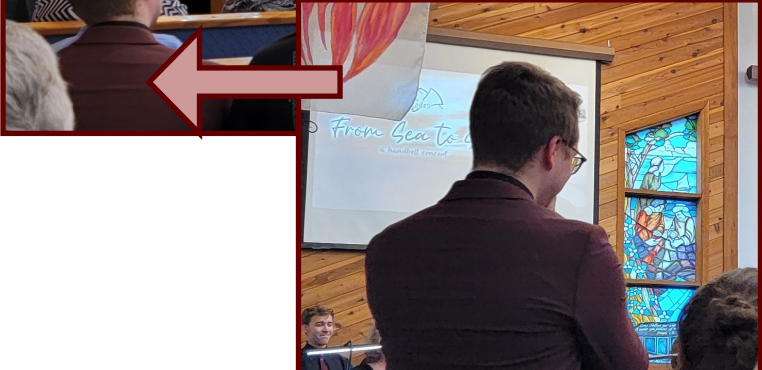
In January, Exultation Ringers began their "secret rehearsals" under the guise of "Living in Harmony" Bible Study, while Matthew was at Bells of the Cascades rehearsals in Tualatin. They had to be sure to return things to how they found them so as not to raise suspicion. Not every ringer could attend all of these secret rehearsals, so they would be missing some parts, but with the help of an audio recording and Jerry Davis keeping time, rehearsals went well. Faye Wells was awesome at communication, both with the group and with Josh, on updates of challenges and progress of the piece. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, members of both Exultation Ringers and Bells of the Cascades were able to get together to rehearse the piece while Matthew was conducting a festival in Pennsylvania. There was never a time (until the moment in the concert) that both groups were able to fully play the piece.

This surprise did not go without its obstacles, especially the week of the concert: what tables would be used and how to get foam from the Bells of the Cascades trailer, as they would be playing on tables and foam that Salmon Creek would normally use. Not to mention, a last-minute bell handle snap, which required the use of yet another bell. Josh was able to navigate all of the challenges that were thrown at him so as not to blow our cover!

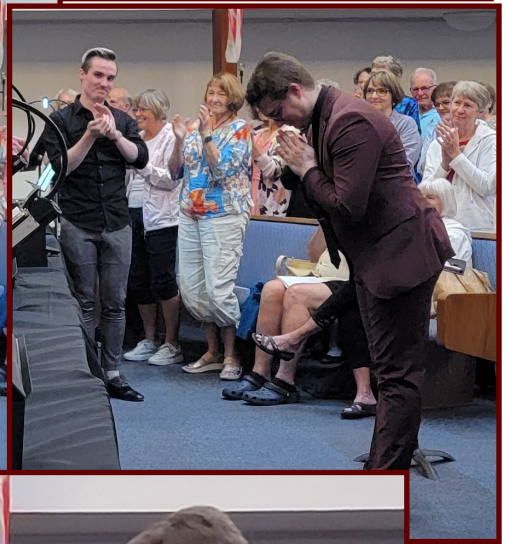
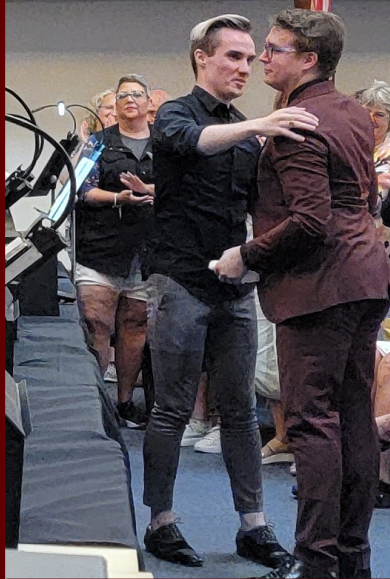
The day of the concert arrived, the extra tables were set-up out of sight until they were needed. Everything was ready for the big surprise and Matthew still had no idea of what was going to happen.

Bells of the Cascades finished their second to last piece and Matthew began to introduce the final piece but was kindly interrupted by Josh as the extra tables started to come out. It was at this point, Matthew said, that he finally knew something was going on. Josh began to introduce the surprise piece, *Inspiring Presence*. Josh talked about how the piece came about and also read many of the ringers' written responses to how Matthew has been an inspiring presence to them.





**Music Director Matthew Compton being given a special performance in his honor at the Bells of the Cascades Concert on June 3, 2023.**







# From Sea to Skye

*a handbell concert*

We enjoyed the amazing concert of Bells of the Cascades, led by Matthew, on Saturday, June 3rd.

Saturday, June 3 @ 7:00 pm  
Salmon Creek UMC  
11217 NE Hwy 99,  
Vancouver, WA

Sunday, June 4 @ 2:00 pm  
Tualatin Presbyterian Church  
9230 SW Siletz Dr,  
Tualatin, OR

Admission is \$15 adults, \$5 students, children under 6 free, and as always, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Tickets can be purchased at the door with cash, card, or check.



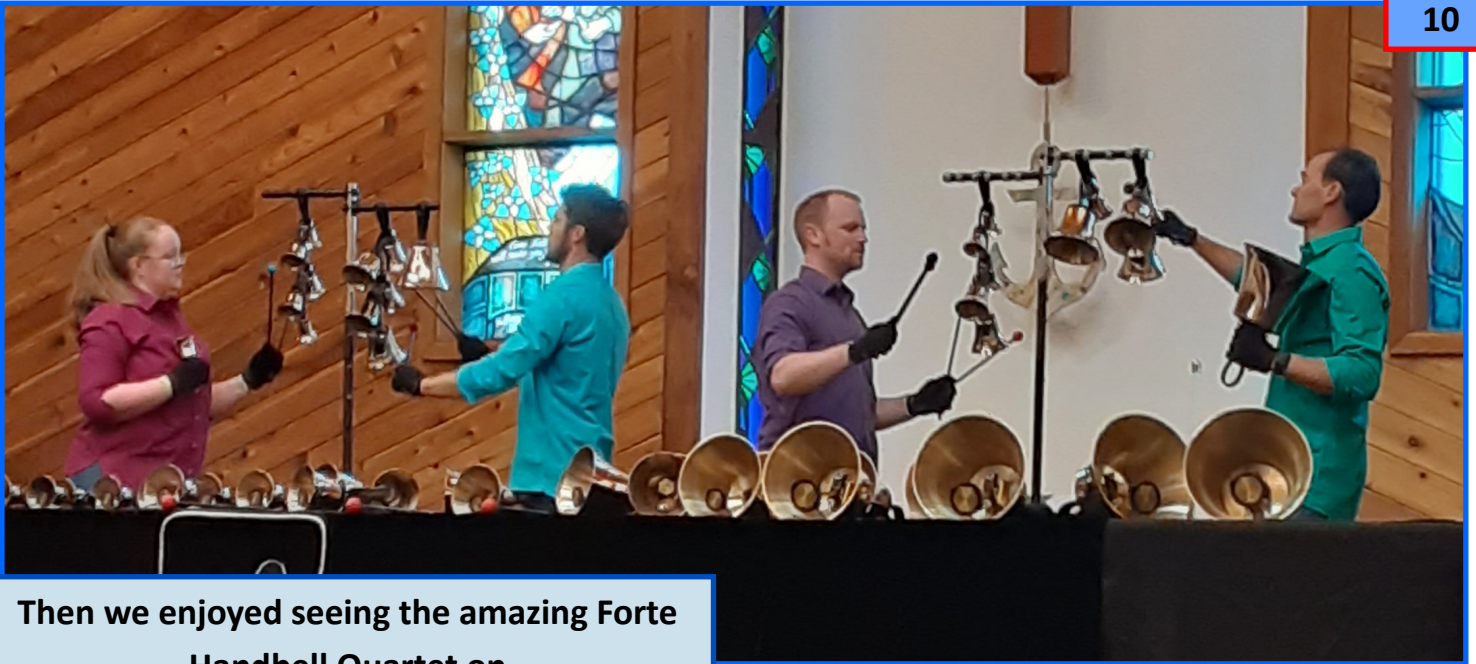
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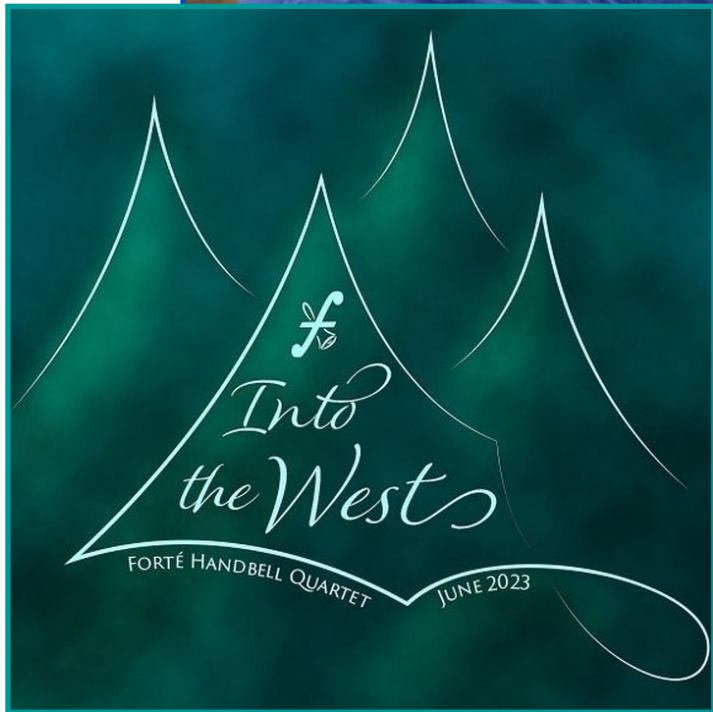
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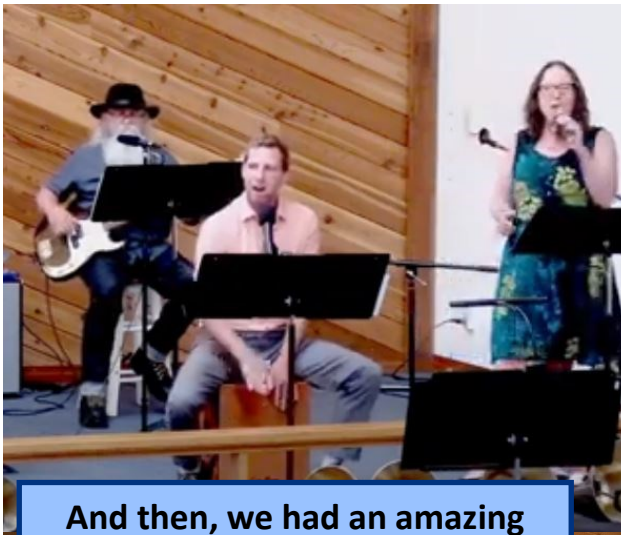
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Then we enjoyed seeing the amazing Forté Handbell Quartet on Saturday, June 10, 2023



And then, we had an amazing  
MUSIC MINISTRIES CONCERT  
On Sunday, June 11, 2023

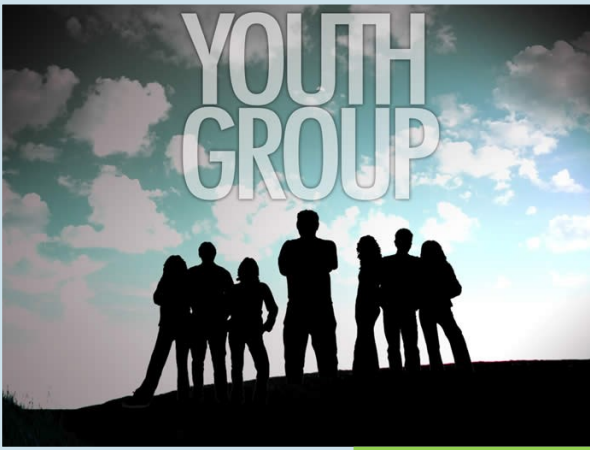


# “What’s In a Bell?!”

If you’ve walked into the St. Paul room in the last week or so, you’ve probably noticed what looks like a factory line of handbells pulled apart into many pieces! This is part of a larger refurbishing project. The old handles on these Bells of the Cascades handbells were so difficult to read that sometimes a wrong note was played, simply because the ringer couldn’t even tell which bell they were grabbing! We have also been replacing the clappers - the part of the bell that strikes the casting to actually make the sound. The set hasn’t been refurbished, except maybe once in its near-35-year history, so this has been long overdue to make the instrument sound and play the best it can! Each bell has 15-18 parts, depending on the size and range, so it takes quite a long time to work through the set to make it all sound great!

Matthew Compton





**Youth Group Road Trip 7/5 - 7/8**  
**SCUMY will be hitting the road for fun in the sun at Roaring Springs water park and Service in the community in Meridian, Idaho.**

**Reach out to Gavin Huckins for more information.**

**Female Chaperone needed!**

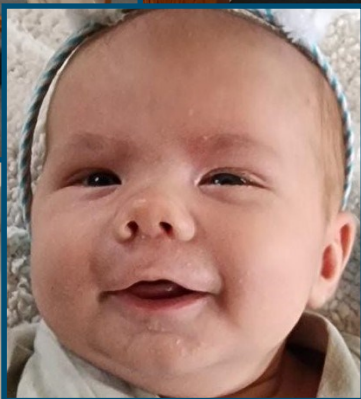
**360-606-6922**

**[hands2God@hotmail.com](mailto:hands2God@hotmail.com)**





On Sunday, June 18, Keith Daniel Aker was baptized by Pastor Anna. Keith is the son of Dan Aker and Erin Montenegro, who is the daughter of our own Lila DeBolt. What a blessing to be part of this special event!





## Share Summer Lunch

Monday - Friday, 11:30am - 1:15pm. 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](mailto:kathy.hardy@vansd.org)





**Do you like to bake? Do you like to visit during Coffee Fellowship? The Coffee Fellowship team could use a few more coffee hosts. What you need to do is provide a simple finger snack, and the making of coffee. You do need to set up 5-6 tables. Richard and Karen will provide you with training. Please let the office or Beilsmiths know if you are interested.**



**On July 2, we will have a special "Welcome and Hello" to our new Pastor, Kim, during coffee fellowship time.**



Larry Siewert and the Nang Hee family at the Habitat "Taste of Home" event on May 20th.



HABITAT WORK DAY Saturday, June 10th



Dear Salmon Creek Church:

Thank you all so much to everyone who volunteered this past Saturday at Johnson Village! It is thanks to volunteers like you that the dream of homeownership is possible for the nine families moving into Johnson Village.

Your hard work made a lasting impact on creating affordable housing for families and individuals partnered with Evergreen Habitat for Humanity. Each volunteer hour dedicated to Johnson Village is equivalent to \$29.95 of full-time labor.

Your team dedicated 78 hours, which is worth over \$2,300 in hard work, time, and support.

Thank you all so much for everything you did to support Evergreen Habitat for Humanity at Johnson Village and thank you again for your sponsorship!

We would love to have each of you back again some time! If you are interested in volunteering with Evergreen Habitat for Humanity again, whether through the Store, construction, home repairs, special events, etc., please visit [ehfh.galaxydigital.com](http://ehfh.galaxydigital.com) to see available opportunities.

With gratitude,

[Miranda Martin \(She/Her\)](#)

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**NEXT HABITAT WORK DAY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 15th**

**TALK TO LARRY SIEWERT TO  
GET INVOLVED!**



**HABITAT WORK DAY**  
*Saturday, June 10th*





## VBS

Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4

*Sign up to volunteer!!*

Tell your friends and families!

For more information, talk with Tiffiney Nordby.

[tiffiney.nordby@salmoncreek.church](mailto:tiffiney.nordby@salmoncreek.church)





**CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRIES**

### **Calling all creative minds!**

**Are you artistic? Thoughtful? Love Jesus? In touch with your inner child? You just might be the person we're looking for...**

**Childrens ministry needs a new logo and catch phrase. Ideally something easy to remember and that works well with what Salmon Creek United Methodist offers. This logo would be used in the Childrens Ministry for a new outdoor banner and all the communication needed for the program.**

**If you're interested in submitting your ideas or artwork, please get in touch with Tiffiney or Gavin. You can stop in for a chat on Sundays before or after church service or email us.**

**Thank you for your interest!**

**Tiffiney Nordby, [tiffiney.nordby@salmoncreek.church](mailto:tiffiney.nordby@salmoncreek.church)**

**Gavin Huckins, [hands2god@hotmail.com](mailto:hands2god@hotmail.com)**

UPCOMING HOSTING DATES FOR  
2023

August 6—13

October 22—29

December 30—January 6, 2024

**FAMILY PROMISE NEWS**

In case you did not hear, we have moved our Day Center to River City Church in Vancouver (2400 E 4th Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661). They have opened their doors to us and have been extremely welcoming. There is a minimal amount of work that needs to be completed on site initially but we have plans to hopefully add a couple more showers soon. It is centrally located and very accessible for our families. We are thrilled to be blessed with the new location and excited to continue to work towards getting families back in rotation!

# God's Garden

We still have a lot of 4x8 foot gardens available this year for only \$10 per garden which covers watering costs. All available plots this year are watered plots so you do not have to worry about getting over to water your plants. A number of gardeners who had marvelous plots last year cannot garden this year. If you are interested please contact Jim Selby, 828-508-5094 or email at [jimselby419@gmail.com](mailto:jimselby419@gmail.com).

You can begin gardening anytime.



“The best place  
to seek  
GOD is  
in a  
garden.  
You  
can dig for  
Him  
there.”

- George Bernard Shaw

*One is never  
Closer to God  
Than in the Garden*



How many Trustees does it take to change a light bulb? Four: two on ladders and two to supervise, plus one doggie! But boy will our back parking lot be brighter and safer! Jim Costello, Larry Siewert, Richard Beilsmith and Steve Enyeart worked on the project. Thank you for making our parking lot safer!! And, thank you so much for ALL that you do for Salmon Creek UMC!!



Honorary Trustee Maddie Siewert



Trustees get a little help from Miss Maddie!





**Hugh Van Male July 4**  
**Angela Williams July 9**  
**Ed Grubel July 10**  
**Larry Scherer July 11**  
**Sandie Hollister July 23**  
**Samantha Nieda July 23**  
**Vivian Peterson July 24**  
**Craig Johnson July 26**  
**Joan W. Stuart July 28**  
**Darcy Davis July 30**

*Don't see your birthday?*

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

# THE LEGEND OF THE SAND DOLLAR

Upon this odd shaped sea shell  
a legend grand is told  
About, the life of Jesus  
the wondrous tale of old.

The center marking  
plainly shows  
the well known Guiding Star  
That led to tiny Bethlehem  
the Wise Men from afar.

The Christmas flower,  
Poinsettia for his Nativity  
The Resurrection too is marked  
the Easter Lily, see.

Within the shell, should it be broke  
five Doves of Peace are found  
To emphasize this legend  
so may Peace and Love abound.





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

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