



# The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church



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2024



Dear friends and families of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,

As I write to you today, we have just finished the first day of VBS! I look forward to it every year. God can do beautiful things with a little holy chaos and the gift of faith through the eyes of children!

Summer is upon us, and on the heels of traveling for my Texas Annual Conference, joining the PNW Conference remotely, and trying to catch up on all that had to continue during them both, Nancy has been patiently waiting for me to complete this note to be included in our Circuit Rider.

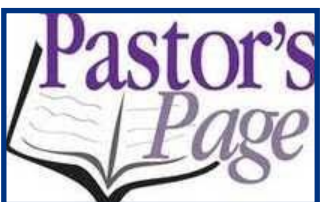
In the interest of time, I have decided to share with you a devotional I wrote in 2001 that shares a little of my backstory and fits well with the message of opening your heart to God's, that is our focus as we end June and begin July. I hope you find it meaningful.

Trust your Navigator 2.19.2001

"However, as it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him', but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God." I Corinthians 2:9-10 NIV

I have often thought of the Holy Spirit as my Navigator. But many times, I have not been too quick to understand or follow the directions I have been given. God's patience and persistence is certainly divine!

A few years ago, I came to understand that the Spirit moves and guides us in many amazing ways. It was a time when I was earnestly seeking God's will for my life. The question, 'what do you want me to do Lord?' seemed to always be in my mind. But, as the mother of three young children, I often found it difficult to find time to listen for an answer. One afternoon, I was driving to church with my son, who was four years old, riding behind me in his car seat. Suddenly out of nowhere, my son says to me, "Mommy, God talks to me". Feeling a little proud of his young spirituality, I told



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him I was glad he was able to talk to God and that he understood God also talks to him. Then he surprised me by replying, “Mommy, God talks to lots of people, but they don’t hear because God talks so quiet”. Still a little stunned this wisdom was coming from my four-year-old, I told him that was something a lot of grown ups are still learning. His comment had brought me back to a recent Disciple Bible study class I had been in, where we had talked about God’s voice coming in the quiet whispers rather than the mighty winds.

As his remarks sank in, I realized this message was just what I needed to hear. Answers to my questions of God had been placed quietly in front of me, in the form of opportunities. Like a traveler who must choose between two directions at a fork in the road, after asking my navigator for guidance, it was me who had to make the choice and move forward. I began to understand it is up to me to recognize the opportunities presented to me each day and act on them in a way that will please God.

In this passage from I Corinthians, Paul teaches his young church at Corinth the differences between earthly wisdom and spiritual wisdom. He assures these new Christians that God cannot be understood through human reason or wisdom, but rather things of God are revealed to those who love God only through the Spirit of God. In discerning God’s will for their lives, they must trust in the spiritual guidance they receive as they live as Christians in loving relationship with God.

Like these Christians in Corinth, we must choose God as our source of wisdom, understanding the difference between human wisdom and spiritual wisdom. God often calls us to stretch, beyond what we thought were our limits, as we strive to be the servants, witnesses and teachers God calls us to be.

Holy Loving God, Wise Navigator, thank you for your guidance. Forgive us for failing to let you lead us when we stubbornly rely on our faulty human wisdom. Thank you for expecting more of us than we do of ourselves. Help us recognize and seize the opportunities you place before us daily that shape our lives and grant us discernment to choose the path you will for us, Dear God. Amen

Peace and hope,

Kim

Rev. Kim Poer

*Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:22*



# Church FINANCES

## May, 2024 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church for May, 2024.

|                                 | Month         |               |                    | Year to Date   |               |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
|                                 | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Fav/(Unfav)</u> | <u>Actual</u>  | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Fav/(Unfav)</u> |
| Income                          | 85,585        | 28,792        | 56,793             | 256,765        | 143,960       | 112,805            |
| Expenses                        | 29,686        | 31,472        | <u>1,807</u>       | <u>157,259</u> | 164,979       | <u>7,720</u>       |
| Operating<br>Income /<br>(Loss) | 55,920        | (2,680)       | 58,600             | 99,506         | (21,019)      | 120,525            |

The financial results for the Church continue to be very strong through May 31, 2024, and we want to express our appreciation to the congregation for your continued gifts of time, talent and monies that are necessary to support the mission of our Church. The May results were bolstered by an unrestricted generous donation from the estate of a long-time church member who recently passed away.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee



BEing WELL

2024 Pacific Northwest  
Annual Conference Report

## 2024 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Report

Much great work happened as our PNW Annual Conference gathered from June 13—16th for a hybrid conference with some participants attending online and others in-person in Richland, Washington.

You can read about the worship and work, and find additional links to view recordings, in the report by Patrick Scriven, the Director of Communications for the Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church, through this link:

[2024 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Report – 2024 PNW Annual Conference Session \(pnwumc.org\)](https://pnwumc.org)





In an effort to make sure that we are all prepared, we have been publishing 2-3 pages from our SCUMC Emergency Action Plan booklet each month in the Circuit Rider. This is the final installment. Thank you so much for taking the time to read through these procedures.

### Page 5 of the SCUMC Emergency Action Plan booklet

#### 7. UNHOUSED PERSON SEEKING HELP WITH/WITHOUT A MENTAL CRISIS

Do not invite any unhoused person into the building, especially if children are present in either building. He/She may seem harmless and is only seeking assistance. But a dangerous situation can evolve quickly if assistance is denied. Talk through the intercom system at the front door.

Call 9-1-1 if this person does not leave, or becomes agitated or violent.

#### 8. TORNADO EMERGENCY

The National Weather Service has developed a method for identifying storm conditions that foster the development of tornadoes. A tornado Watch or Warning may be announced for the Salmon Creek area. The Weather Service will provide an approximate time of detection and arrival of the storm and its direction and movement. If a tornado situation arises:

- Move away from windows. If you have time, close any blinds or shades to help prevent flying glass and debris
- Move away from large expanses of unsupported ceilings
- Move away from building perimeter areas
- Move to an interior room away from windows- to an enclosed room
- Crouch down or get under tables
- Protect your face and head from flying debris
- Stay until given an "All Clear"
- If you are outside, get inside quickly, if possible
- If you can't get inside, take cover near objects that are low and securely anchored to the ground, such as culverts or retaining walls.

#### 9. BOMB EMERGENCY

A bomb emergency exists when a bomb has been located, or a bomb has exploded.

DO NOT TOUCH, MOVE, OR IN ANY WAY HANDLE A SUSPECTED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Call 9-1-1

Cease any radio communications on site

**Page 6 of the SCUMC Emergency Action Plan booklet**

Evacuate in a mannerly order, and stay clear of the device in question, as well as trash cans, lockers

Move all people a safe distance from the buildings

Open areas are best for gathering after evacuation

Account for all people

Be aware of a potential second device – stay away from explosion area

Remain outside until an “All Clear” is given

If you receive a bomb threat, try to obtain as much information as possible:

When is the bomb going to explode? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the bomb? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it look like? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of bomb is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Method of activation? Mechanical, clock, movement, chemical

Method of deactivation? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you place the bomb? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you calling from? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your address? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_

Call received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event you receive a bomb threat:

Call 9-1-1

Identify yourself

State: “I have received a bomb threat.”

Give your location and phone number

REMAIN CALM!



**10. THREATS**

In the event you receive a threat call (ie. bomb threat, armed assault, custody issues, campus damage, or others), remain calm. On another phone, call 9-1-1. Try to obtain as much information as you can from the person making the threat.

Threat Checklist

Complete this list if you receive a threat.

Exact time of call \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exact words of caller: \_\_\_\_\_



Caller's Voice: (circle) Male Female Adult Youth

Black White Hispanic Asian Other \_\_\_\_\_

Calm Disguised Nasal Rapid Accent

Nervous Angry Sincere Slurred Loud

Excited Giggling Stressed Crying

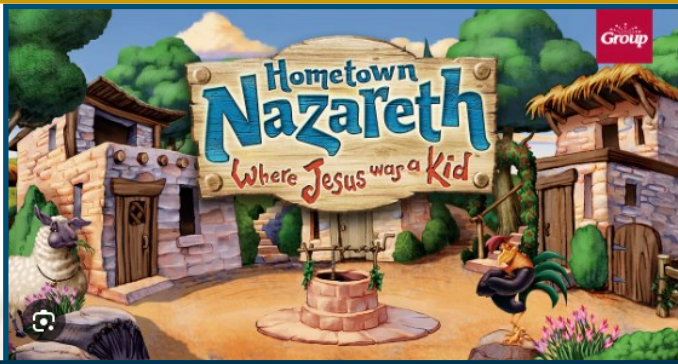
Background Noise: (circle)

Music Children Typing Airplane Machinery Cars/Trucks Dishes

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT HANG UP!**





The Nazareth Marketplace set up for VBS; thank you Tiffney and volunteers for making this VBS week amazing! Next month, look for more photos and reports of how things went!

# GOD'S GARDEN

**We have rhubarb in God's Gardens, planted by Katie Albrici several years ago, and available to anyone who wants to pull some. However, do not cut it off with a knife. Instead, grab at the base of the stalk and then pull the stalk straight out. If you cut it off the bottom portion of the remaining stalk has to rot to get new growth started again which can take many weeks; if you pull the stalk a new stalk will start to form in about a week. Enjoy some rhubarb pie or sauce or juice or jam, plenty available!**

**Jim Selby**



**GOD'S  
GARDEN**



**SIGN UP TO ATTEND (or not, please let us know)**

**There is a sign up sheet at the welcome desk for the all-church picnic to be held on July 14th. We need to know if you plan to attend, and if so, how many of you, and whether or not you have a special dietary concern.**

**Salmon Creek Church will provide hotdogs and brats, and we asking everyone to bring along a potluck side dish.**

**If the weather is inclement, we can move to the gym.**

**Please plan to come and join us!**



If you are like me, you cringe when you go shopping these days and must buy cleaning supplies. Now think about what it would be like if you were homeless, and you finally get the keys to your new apartment. There is joy and then there is the anxiety about how you will pay for everything you need to start over. It isn't the same as if you were moving from one home to another.

**You are starting with basically nothing!**

Family Promise of Clark County has asked churches if they could help by putting together cleaning kits for the families. We have decided that, in addition to a volunteer sign-up, we will also create a wish list for the cleaning kits. These items can be brought in on Sundays and collected at the back of the church. There will be a Family Promise tote to collect. See the links for the sign-ups on the following pages dedicated to Family Promise.

**As always, thank you for your generosity! *Karen Beilsmith***

### Family Promise by the numbers

If you are like me, I want to know if my donations are really helping. Here are the year-to-date numbers from June 1<sup>st</sup>:

**Total FP Cares Number we are tracking with 2024 Goal of 100 YTD 44**

**Prevention: Helped with funds to maintain housing and prevent homeless situation YTD 30**

**Total Housed: Includes Shelter and Diversion numbers YTD 14**

**Shelter families graduates: Rotational Shelter Program - now housed TYD 7**

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Family Promise of Clark County Board and staff recently completed a 3-year strategic plan that includes a big vision to grow our impact significantly over the next three years. In fact, we are already out-growing the space we occupy at River City Church. As such, Family Promise of Clark County temporary lease with River City Church will come to an end June 30, 2024.

The decision to move to another temporary location was not taken lightly. River City, whose church and community service work has also been growing, will resume their good work in the area FPCC once occupied. Family Promise will move into a larger temporary facility at Center Point Community Building in Battleground while we search for our permanent home.

The move will allow us to welcome more families into our shelter program and help us reach our 2024 goal of assisting 100 families with housing, all without interruption to our program services.

Clark County is a community with a growing demand for affordable housing. Both Family Promise of Clark County and River City Church, who work with homelessness, need to expand our reach and impact, it has become increasingly clear that both parties require more space to fulfill our missions effectively.

We wish to thank River City Church for creating an immediate space for our Day Center and offices. Their generosity over the last year allowed us to carry out our mission of helping 72 families find or remain in their own homes, allowing them to resume their lives.

Family Promise of Clark County is confident that this temporary move will provide us with the infrastructure necessary to better serve families who need assistance and to further our mission: *To help homeless children and their families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.*

Thank you for your continued support!

**Shane Scalf**

**Executive Director | Family Promise of Clark County**

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**Our Next Host Dates:**  
**August 4 – 11th**  
**October 27 – November 3rd**

**Our summer service week is a little over a month away, August 4-11th. Summer is a great time to include your kids since there isn't school the next morning. Some churches have had families spend the night too, there just needs to be two adults.**

**Please look the signup over and see if your summer schedule has an open date to serve.**

**We just love getting to know the families from all three churches who come together to serve. Our next host week is October 27th thru November 3rd. Yes, we get Halloween!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4EABAD2EA3FB6-50023400-family>



**Sign up below to provide items for a “Move-in basket”. Items needed are household products such as laundry baskets, window cleaner, Swiffer and pads, broom and dust pan, other cleaning products, supplies.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4EABAD2EA3FB6-50023621-family#/>

# Welcome New Members



**We had three people become members on Sunday, June 23rd:  
Pictured from left to right: Tom and Bonnie Jacquemin, Pastor Kim,  
and Randy and Aileen Maddox**

**Randy Maddox is an ordained elder of the UMC and has  
membership in the Dakota conference. We WELCOME you  
all to our family!**



## TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

(just to keep in mind what's coming up)

### July

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 7/1 – 7/3   | YMCA Summer Camp                                       |
| 7/4         | Holiday—church closed                                  |
| 7/11        | Picnic Planning Meeting                                |
| 7/8 – 7/12  | YMCA Summer Camp                                       |
| 7/11—7/15   | Church office closed (Nancy out of town)               |
| 7/14        | 2:30 pm Church Community Picnic with SCUMC and Joyland |
| 7/22 – 7/26 | YMCA Summer Camp                                       |
| 7/29 – 8/2  | YMCA Summer Camp                                       |

### August

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 8/4 – 8/11  | Family Promise Week   |
| 8/12 – 8/16 | YMCA Summer Camp  |
| 8/25        | Blessing of the Backpacks   |
| 8/25        | Mission Breakfast – Back-to-School SOS (Support Our Schools, VPS) |
| 8/28        | First day of school – Vancouver Schools                           |

### September

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 9/8  | Rally Day         |
| 9/22 | Town Hall Potluck |

### October

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 10/6         | Mission Breakfast – Habitat    |
| 10/19        | Women's Ministry Retreat Day   |
| 10/26        | Eek@theCreek 4-6 pm (Saturday) |
| 10/27 – 11/3 | Family Promise Week            |





# DATES TO REMEMBER

## November

- 11/15 Set up for basket auction
- 11/16 (Saturday) Basket Auction & Dinner
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/30 Hanging of the Greens

## December

- 12/1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 12/6 Happy Birthday, Jesus – 6:15 pm
- 12/8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 12/14 Lessons and Carols – 6:00 pm
- 12/15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 12/16 (Monday) Night of Hope
- 12/20 BOC Rehearsals and set ups
- 12/21 BOC Concert – 7:00 pm
- 12/22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 12/24 (Tuesday) Christmas Eve Services
- 12/21 – 1/2/25 Church office closed**



Hugh Van Male—July 4  
Angela Williams - July 9  
Ed Grubel—July 10  
Larry Scherer—July 11  
Bonnie Jacquemin—July 20  
Sandie Hollister—July 23  
Vivian Peterson—July 24  
Craig Johnson—July 26  
Joan W. Stuart—July 28  
Darcy Davis—July 30  
Monica Tanner—July 31

**Don't see your birthday?**

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



***We are a welcoming United Methodist  
Church congregation  
that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
uniting in fellowship, missions and service.***

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

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