



The Circuit Rider

Salmon Creek Church



Summer of the Spirit

JUNE

2023

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Hello Friends:

Well, June is here with all its glory! The days have been hot, the sun is out and beautiful, and the smell of flowering trees and shrubs is abundant. What majesty the Lord gives us to enjoy in spring! I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the loveliness that is all around.

We have only 1 more month to go before our full-time pastor is with us! Pastor Kim will be here on July 2. The Transition team has worked very hard to make the church operations run as smoothly as possible. Yes, there were some glitches, but we managed to work through them all. We are moving forward quickly and happily as we see progress in the Congregation's spirit and energy. I give my sincere and much-appreciated thanks to Everyone who has helped during these last few months – Nancy in the office, Steve and the Trustees, Dan and Jim and the SPRC, Winston and Ed in Finance, Gay Enyeart, and Karen with COM. They have worked hard to make sure you can enjoy the Sunday morning services and all other functions we are accustomed to having. It takes a village to run our church and these fine people did not disappoint!!!

Our Vision Listening Sessions occurred during May and were well received. We have gained much feedback and we are now ready to focus on writing our Mission and Vision Statements. We will present them to the Congregation soon! Thanks to everyone who attended a session and gave your input. This Church will be a Church of the People. We are excited to move into our future with well-prepared plans and goals. Of course, there will be bumps in the road; there always are. But, with a solidarity of mind and spirit, we will be able to overcome the bumps that come before us. We will maintain our HOPE that gives us a purpose to go forward with renewed energy and love of God! We can only prosper when we have the positivity that ALL WILL BE WELL.

I encourage everyone to constantly remind yourselves of where we were, and NOW where we are going. It is so exciting to prepare for a future of greatness in our church body, and with helpful hearts and minds, go out into the community to raise awareness of our church's mission and actually fulfill our missional purpose. What an exciting time for Salmon Creek United Methodist Church!!! I hope everyone will be on-board!

**Lila DeBolt
Chairman, Administrative Board**



VISION LISTENING SESSIONS WERE A SUCCESS!

The Listening Sessions have concluded and were a big success! We offered 10 sessions and over 60 people attended. The feedback was great with many recurring themes – we are a welcoming, loving and warm church; we have a wonderful music program; our missional work is diverse, very effective and current, but may be lacking in the greater community, just to name a few. Many other comments regarding our current and future needs for growth and diversity were also brought forth. We certainly appreciate everyone who attended for giving their time and opinions. This information will be most valuable as your Leadership begins to formulate our Mission and Vision Statements.

In early June, we will meet with our facilitators to start the writing process. As soon as we have these guiding documents, we will share them with the congregation. We, then, will begin to look at how and when we get started on putting these documents of purpose and hope to work for the betterment and growth of our church.

As we go forward, we hope everyone will find a way – big or small - to participate in the growth of SCUMC. There are tasks of all sizes so that each and every person can be a Participant and not a Spectator.

Watch for more information as it becomes available. The energy level of the congregation as witnessed in the Listening Sessions is HIGH! There is high hope and enthusiasm for our future. But, we have much work to do to accomplish our goals. So, keep your energy level high and your commitment to being a part of this endeavor strong! We WILL thrive!

Thanks to all for your continued support, prayers, participation, and hard work. It is greatly appreciated!

Lila DeBolt
Chairman, Admin Board



LEADERSHIP COMMITTEES 2023

Below is a list of all the members of our leadership teams. This is being given to you so that you may contact any of the members of any team if you have a concern. My apologies – this should have been given out earlier in the year. A lot has been going on, and I overlooked this. We truly want to be visible and available to everyone who needs us. --- Lila DeBolt, Chairman, Admin Board

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CELEBRATION DINNER TO WELCOME PASTOR KIM

Mark your calendars! Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is the place to be for good food and a fun time with your Church Family. We will be gathering to Welcome Pastor Kim Poer to our family. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and lots more to eat. There will be a scavenger hunt to test your investigative skills (no experience required)!! This will give everyone an opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Kim and let her see what a great congregation we have! This is also a wonderful time to renew friendships, make new ones, and catch up with those you may not have seen for awhile. Let's make the evening memorable with everyone attending and having fun!

So that we may accurately plan for food amount and seating, please sign-up if you wish to attend. This will begin on Sunday, June 18th in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Lila DeBolt. (This is not a pot-luck – we will provide all the food. However, you may make a donation to cover some of the costs, if you desire.)

Lila DeBolt

Chairman, Administrative Board

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WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

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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:

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

Please?!



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!



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.



Be sure to join us on Pastor Anna's last Sunday, June 25th, for a special "Thank you and Farewell" fellowship time to show our appreciation for her wonderful service to us.

And on July 2, a special "Welcome and Hello" to our new Pastor, Kim, during coffee fellowship time.



HABITAT WORK DAY
Saturday, June 10th
 Please contact Larry Siewert if you are
 interested in helping in this
 very rewarding ministry!

Habitat for Humanity

I had the privilege to attend The Evergreen Habitat for Humanity dinner and auction held on May 20th. The event was held at the Johnson Village building site which allowed us to visit the homes under construction, including our sponsored home of Hpong and Chan Zi. Right now, there are five homes that have been framed with windows and doors. I believe on June 10th our building team will most likely be installing siding. The auction was very successful, raising over \$30,000.

Larry Siewert

Benefit Breakfast May 21, 2023 for Habitat for Humanity

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped in making this breakfast such a fun and successful event: Cathy Melson, Larry Siewert, Lila DeBolt, Steve and Gay Enyeart, Karen and Richard Beilsmith, Charlie and Teddy Ernster, Kathy Hardy, Gavin Huckins, Lynne and Dan Kingsley and Greg Berry, these many hands made light work.

68 breakfasts were served. Donations were just under \$1285.00.

Another BIG THANK YOU to the congregation who supports our benefit breakfasts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I appreciate you very much.

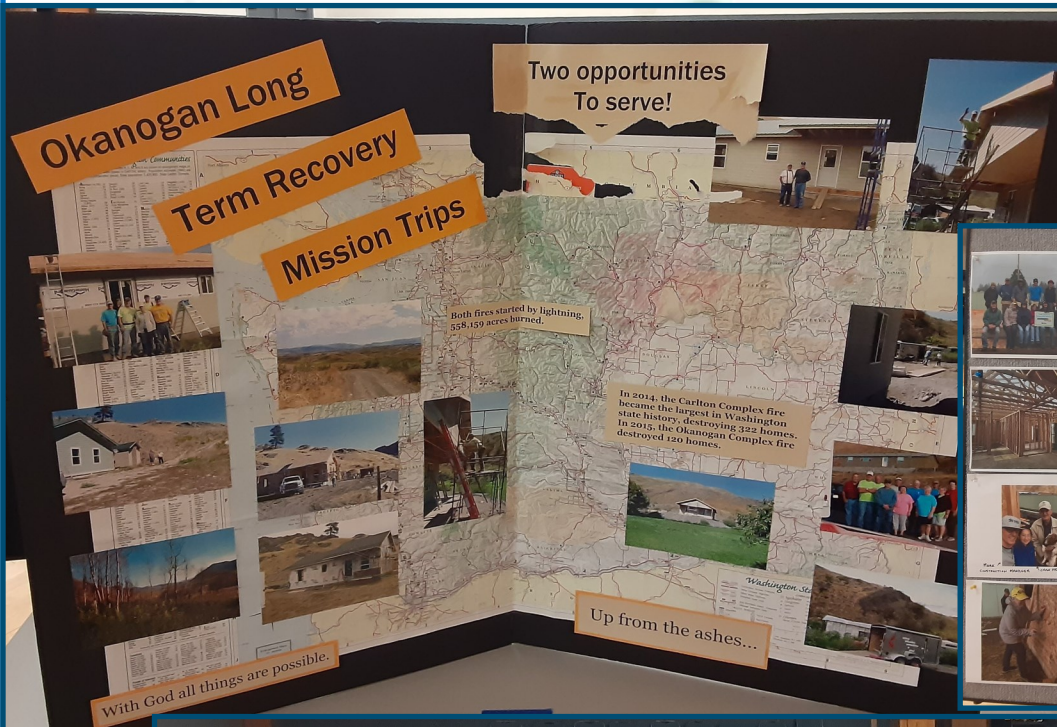
Gay Enyeart





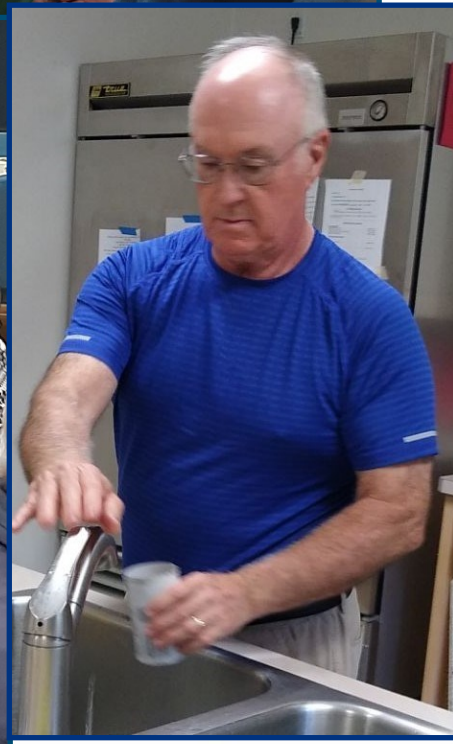
Habitat for Humanity Benefit Breakfast
May 21, 2023





Habitat for Humanity Benefit Breakfast

May 21, 2023



Upcoming Musical Events



Bells of the Cascades
a handbell concert

From Sea to Skye

Saturday, May 20 @ 7:00 pm
Rose City Park UMC
5830 NE Alameda St,
Portland, OR

Sunday, May 21 @ 4:00 pm
Forest Grove UMC
1726 Cedar St,
Forest Grove, OR

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.

OREGON ARTS COMMISSION

For more information:
Website: <https://www.bellofthecascades.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bellofthecascades>

Bells of the Cascades Concert

Saturday, June 3, 7:00 pm

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Other local performances—see poster above

And



Saturday, June 10, 2023
7:00 PM

Salmon Creek United Methodist
12217 Northeast Highway 99
Vancouver, Washington

Into the West
Forte Handbell Quartet
June 2023

Forte Handbell

Quartet Concert

Saturday, June 10, 7:00 pm

Salmon Creek United Methodist
Church

Other local performances
(see poster)

And



**MUSIC
MINISTRY**

Music Ministry Concert

Sunday, June 11th—6:00 pm

Join us for this very special showcase of our
Choir, Praise Team, Exultation Ringers and
Guest Musicians

You are invited!

Fern Prairie United Methodist Church

26112 NE Brunner Road † Camas † Washington 98607



Sesquicentennial Anniversary

1873 ~ 2023

Celebrating 150 Years

Saturday ~ June 10, 2023 ~ 3:00 pm

"Music to a Tea" featuring The Stebbins Sisters

Carol, Kathy & Merry

Hats & 19th Century Costumes Appropriate

All donations will be split equally
half for the new furnace and half to UMCOR Ukraine

Limited Seating ~ Reservations Requested

revkeithjoan@hotmail.com - (360) 696-1615

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know where the Church Library is located? Did you know we have one?

Did you know you can check out books, movies, books on disc?

First where is it? It is located in room 205 in the Family Ministries Building, the building just behind the Sanctuary Building. Access is a bit tricky, since are buildings are locked, but usually Sundays provide access and if there are no meetings during the week, Nancy, our Office Administrator can usually find someone to let you in to browse.

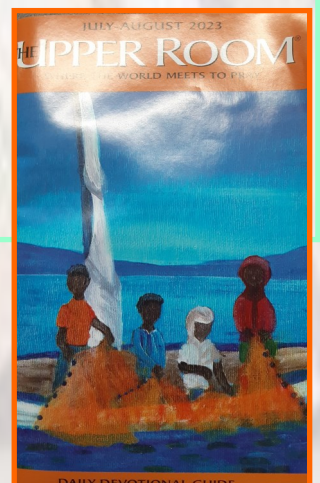
There are books on Prayer, Women's, Men's, Children's, Grief, Gardening, Christian life, Family Life, Biography, Fiction, Health, Book Club, lots of reference books on Christianity, Bibles, Books on Disc, Movies, and a wealth of Small Group Studies. We do ask you to fill out a 'check out' slip, located on the counter near the computer. There is no due date, we trust you will bring it back when you are finished.

On Sunday, May 21st, Pastor Anna Cho had two Adam Hamilton books in her hand when she started her sermon. We have a lot of Adam Hamilton books and, currently on the counter is, "WHY" his book on the questions about prayer, answered and unanswered or was it? We also have the small group set of "WHY".

So expand your horizons, browse the library!

Elaine Gilbert

**JULY AUGUST Upper Room books
are available now—in the Narthex.
Get your copy today!**





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

June 12 - June 16

STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

VBS

Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4

Sign up to volunteer!!

Tell your friends and families!

For more information, talk with Tiffiney Nordby.





**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, tiffineynordby@salmoncreek.church

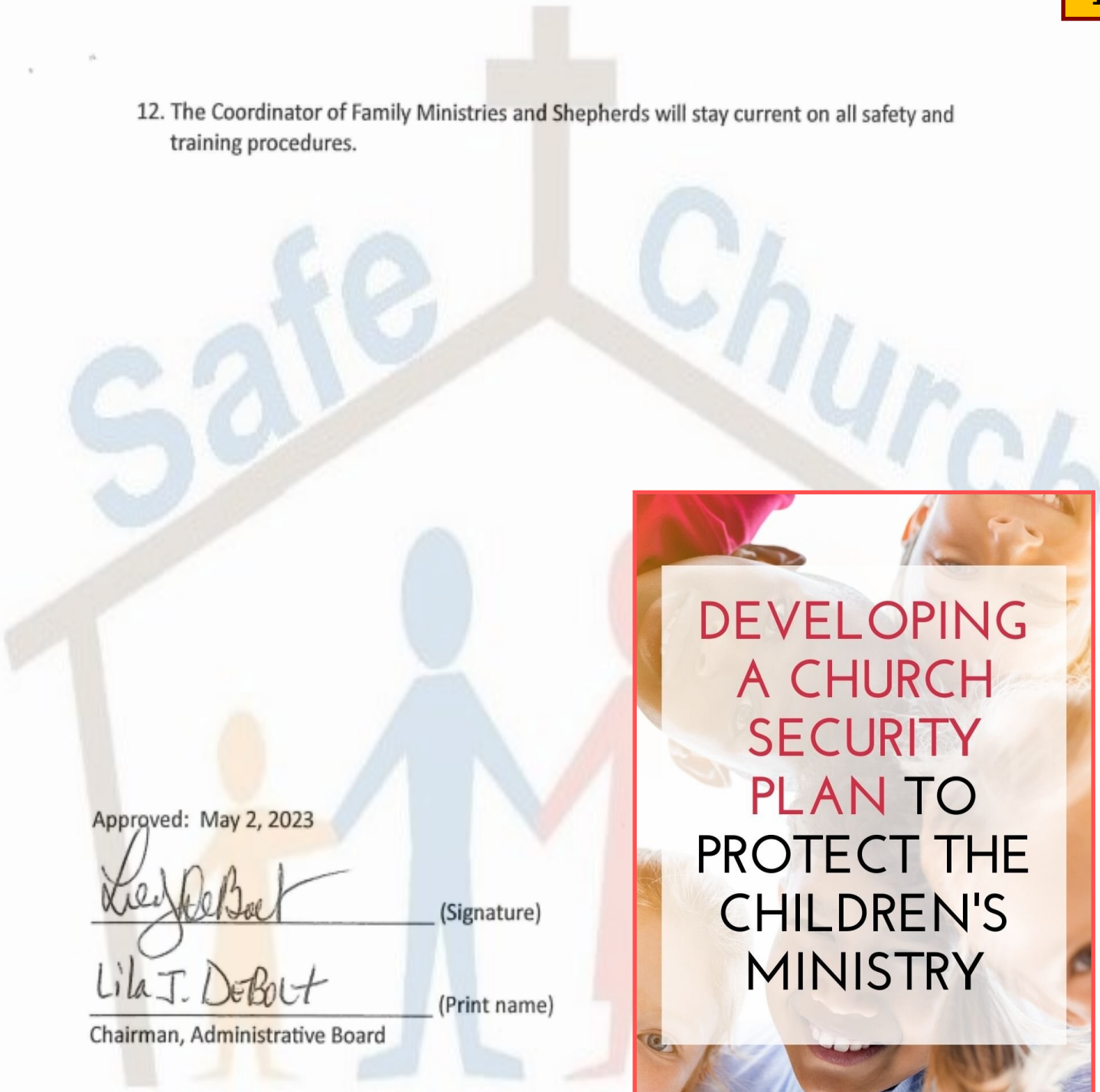
Gavin Huckins, hands2god@hotmail.com

**SALMON CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
POLICY OF SAFETY DURING CHILDREN'S CHURCH
FAMILY MINISTRY CENTER (FMC)**

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church places the highest value on maintaining the safety of children and leaders during the time of Children's Church usually located in the Family Ministry Center. We strictly abide by all Safe Sanctuary guidelines as printed in the Church's Safe Sanctuary Handbook. This includes background checks and safe sanctuary training for all leaders and shepherds that work with children. Salmon Creek UMC will implement the following procedures in regards to the operation and use of the FMC during Children's Church time (Sunday morning). The intent of these procedures is to ensure that children are never left alone or vulnerable to an unauthorized person.

1. The Coordinator of Family Ministries will be available in the FMC from 9:00 am to 11:30 am Sunday mornings for set-up, preparation and consultation, as needed.
2. During this time, limited persons shall be present in the FMC unless specifically approved by the Coordinator of Family Ministries.
3. During the time when children are present, no unauthorized persons shall be present in the FMC, unless specifically approved by the Coordinator of Family Ministries.
4. During those special times of communal use of the building (special breakfast or other celebration in the gym), the Coordinator of Family Ministries will be notified of the occurrence so that additional safety measures are in place. Only in these circumstances will others be allowed access to the FMC.
5. During Children's Church, only SCUMC members with a background check and safe sanctuary training will be permitted to act as leaders or Shepherds.
6. Parents or guardians will personally present their child(ren) to the check-in table in the FMC starting at 9:45 thru 10:00 am. Parents/guardians will sign-in the child(ren) personally. The Coordinator / Shepherd will ascertain that contact information and any special instructions are on file with the Children's Church.
7. At 10:00 am the outside doors will be locked to prohibit any unnecessary visitors.
8. At the conclusion of the church service or earlier to accommodate any special circumstances, parents/guardians will again personally present to the FMC to pick-up their child(ren). They will sign-out the child(ren) and the Coordinator / Shepherd will acknowledge the departure of the child(ren).
9. If, for any special reason, a child needs to transit between the main building and the FMC during Children's Church, this child will be accompanied by a parent or guardian, or an adult member of the Family Ministries Leadership team.
10. When the FMC gym is being used for another event, children will be confined to the Children's Church rooms (201, 202 or 203), except for bathroom breaks.
11. According to SCUMC's policy on Gender and Identity, children will be accompanied to the bathroom corresponding to their biological sex, or a unisex bathroom. The accompanying adult may only enter the bathroom along with the child if it corresponds with their biological sex, or if they are a parent or guardian.

12. The Coordinator of Family Ministries and Shepherds will stay current on all safety and training procedures.



DEVELOPING
A CHURCH
SECURITY
PLAN TO
PROTECT THE
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY

Approved: May 2, 2023

Lila J. DeBolt (Signature)

Lila J. DeBolt (Print name)

Chairman, Administrative Board

Making our Church
Safe for All

SAFE CHURCH

A note to all regarding the locked church doors:

I have been hearing that we've received a number of complaints about the doors of the church being locked. While I understand it is a bit inconvenient, I'm asking for your understanding. I am here at the church alone, most of the time. Yes, the day school teachers are here, but they are nowhere near me. Yes, often Matthew is here with me, but he is playing music in the sanctuary, so he can't hear what's going on in the front office, and he is not that close in range to me either. If an ill-intentioned intruder were to come in, I have no defense. I know it's sad, but it's TRUE, that this is an unsafe world now; all you have to do is read the news every day. Just because "nothing has ever happened" here at Salmon Creek in the past, that is no guarantee that something might not happen in the future. Armed gunmen have entered churches in the past and killed people, and I don't even want to bring up what can happen to a woman alone. I do not feel safe if the doors are unlocked. We get a high amount of traffic from homeless people, some of whom look pretty scary; often they are mentally unstable and/or on drugs; they are often very aggressive and will not leave when asked. I don't want to be put in that position, to feel so vulnerable, so I'm asking for your mercy in understanding that the doors need to be locked. Please consider that if you were here alone most of the time, would you feel safe? Thank you for caring about my safety.

Nancy Volgamore





For most of us, it has been a long time since we set up our household. However, you might have helped a child, grandchild or someone else get set up. Did you notice how much all those cleaning supplies cost?

Now, think about being a homeless family. You get approved for your apartment, YIPPEE! But then it hits you; you have nothing! Where do you start? How do you prioritize what to buy?

Recently, Family Promise asked churches if they could help by creating 'start-up kits' to be given to the families. The suggested list of supplies had 20 items on it. However, both *Joy Bible* and *Better Together* proved that we are indeed "better together". Both groups put together a kit. I was able to drop them off at the Day Center on May 22nd.

It is such a joy being part of the Salmon Creek UMC family. I love how big the hearts are. You are amazing!

Karen Beilsmith



UPCOMING HOSTING DATES FOR
2023
August 6—13
October 22—29
December 30—January 6, 2024

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.

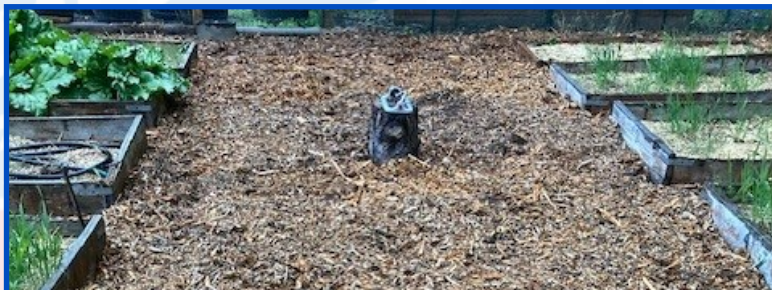
You can begin gardening anytime.



“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*



Nineteen members of Boy Scout Troop 14, which meets in the Family Ministries Center on Monday evenings, spread a very big pile of mulch onto God's Gardens on Monday evening, May 8th. We were unable to mulch last Fall so the pile was bigger than usual, but the Scouts scooped and hauled the huge pile in less than an hour. Betty and Jim Selby were there to help, but with the big Scout turnout, they were able to focus on where the mulch should be dumped and distributed. Of course it rained, hard at times, but that did not stop the Scouts or their Leaders. Many thanks to Troop 14 for the many projects they do for Salmon Creek UMC.

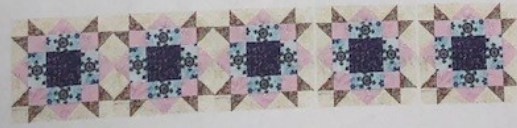




Salmon Creek United Methodist
Women's Ministry
Welcomes You to

"An Afternoon Tea"
May 6, 2023

With
Sandy Hollister presenting
The History of Quilting



Setting up for the May 6th
Spring Tea Party

The Seven Lovely Tea Tables!



Table by Maggie Mikalatos



Table by Karen West



Table by Linda Garrison



Table by Phyllis Browning



Table by Jane Clark & Faye Wells



Table by Jayne McCarley



Table by Laurie Doering

Salmon Creek Church Women's Ministries sponsored Spring Tea Party!



Maggie Mikalatos shared her hat collection so those who didn't have a hat could wear one! We were British for the day!





Linda Garrison June 4
Marilyn Forman June 13
Barbara Harmon June 13
Billie Brummel June 18
Nancy Schmahl June 19
Jerry Davis June 20
E-Lois Gebhart June 20
Jayne McCarley June 22
Bob Cooke June 24
Ron Vail June 25
Karen Beilsmith June 26
Lynne Kingsley June 26

Don't see your birthday?

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

Memorial Services



SAVE THE DATES:

Memorial Services for:

Bill Howell—June 17th—1:00 pm

Ned Stuart—June 24th—1:00 pm

I had my own notion of grief
I thought it was a sad time
That followed the death of
Someone you love.
And you had to push through it
To get to the other side.
There is no pushing through
But rather
There is absorption,
Adjustment,
Acceptance.
And grief is not something you complete
But rather you endure.
Grief is not a task to finish
And move on,
But an element of yourself -
An alteration of your being,
A new way of seeing
A new definition of self.

TOOL SALE



Friends of the Carpenter
1600 W 20th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

Saturday, June 17th
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wide variety of hand tools available!
Large selection of power tools!

TOOL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Call Friends of the Carpenter at 360-750-4752. Thank you!



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

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