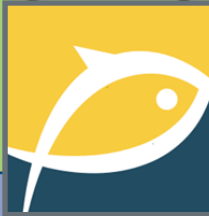




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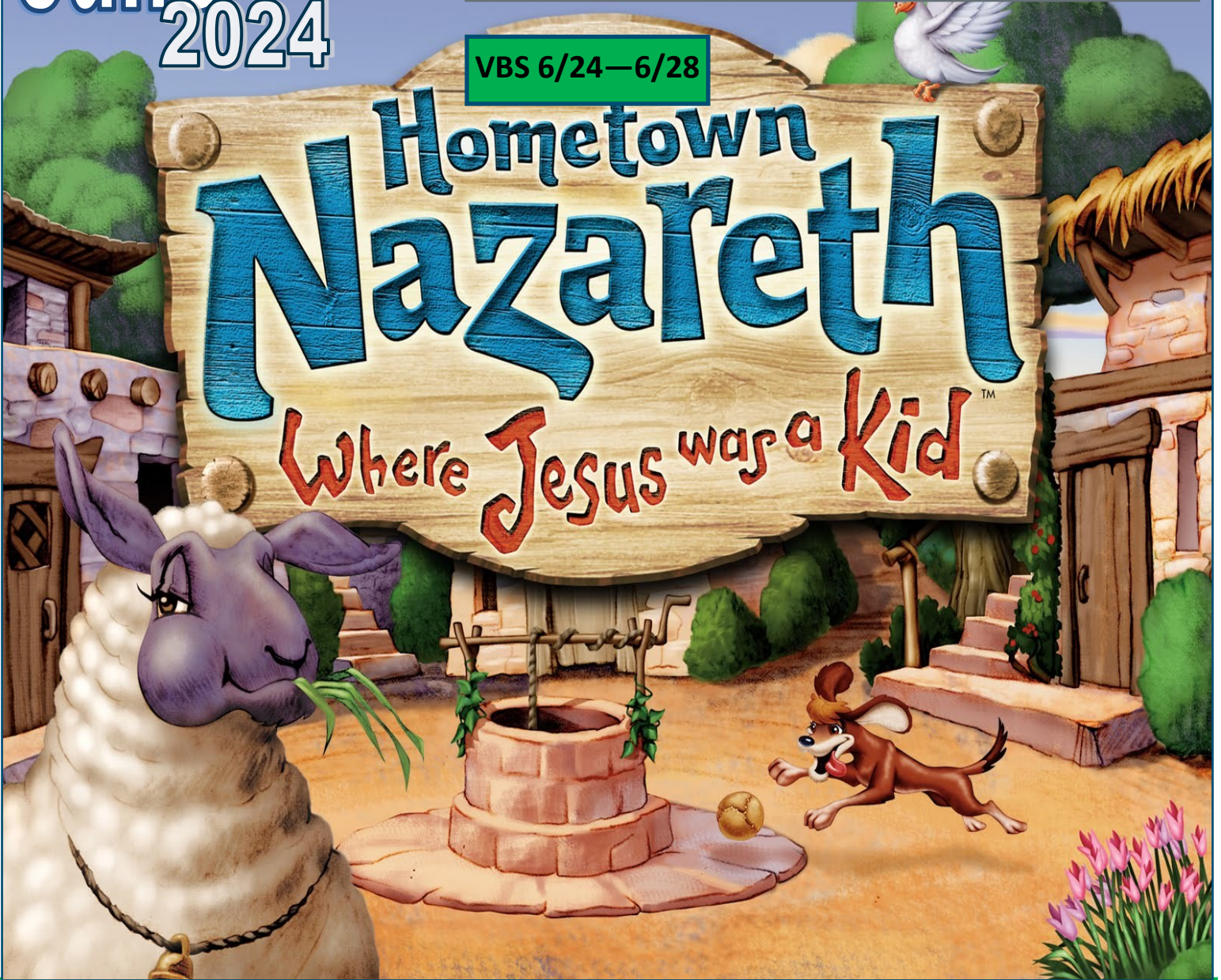
United Methodist Church

June
2024

VBS 6/24—6/28

Hometown Nazareth

Where Jesus was a Kid™



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Dear friends and families of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,

As I write to you with thoughts of June and summer, the PNW spring has swung back to its rainy and cool vibe. Yet, even with these cooler days, the rhododendrons are bearing witness to the approach of summer!

The month of June will bring some special events to Salmon Creek UMC! Saturday, June 8th at 6 pm, our Music Ministry will present their spring concert, *From the Heart*, featuring our handbells, chancel choir, praise band, and some special guests! This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to experience some of our church's best gifts! I will be traveling to Houston for my Annual Conference meeting on Friday, June 7th, so I won't be able to attend the concert on Saturday. But I will not miss it altogether! I will be attending their full rehearsal on Thursday, June 6th!

Our Pacific Northwest Conference will run June 13 – 16, with both online and in-person attendance options. Our lay delegate, Jim Roberts, will be attending online, with voting credentials. I will be attending online, as an observer only, as my conference membership is still in Texas. It is Annual Conference season around the country, so I encourage you all to hold in your prayers the work of all delegates gathering in Annual Conference meetings in the weeks ahead, those of our PNW Conference and others. Every Annual Conference will be working through what it will look like to live into the new hopeful future of unity in diversity embraced by the recent General Conference gathering. I am looking forward to discovering what God will do through the United Methodist Church, and how we will be part of God's mission in our community!

Each day during the week of June 17 – 21, we will be sharing special acts of appreciation and gratitude for our Salmon Creek Christian Preschool and Daycare staff as they approach the close of school. If you are interested in joining in this effort, please talk with Jan Asai, or with me, Kim Poer. We want to be sure all of our teachers and staff feel our appreciation for all they have done to love and teach the children in their care!

June 24 – 28, our FMC and Gym will be transformed into *Hometown Nazareth* for a fun VBS experience where we are all invited to be time travelers! There is a place for everyone to serve in *Hometown Nazareth*! Whether you are able to provide needed supplies, help with set-up, work in one of the hometown "shops", or guide one of our groups of children through the day, you can be part of bringing Jesus' hometown to life for our children. If you need more information on how you can help, please see or email Tiffney Nordby, tiffney.nordby@salmoncreek.church

The evening of Friday, June 28th will be our final Salmon Creek Christian Preschool and Daycare Graduation Ceremony as our daycare program comes to a close. Please join us in holding our children, families and staff in your prayers as this day approaches. We pray the season of change ahead for them, with endings and new beginnings, will all go smoothly.

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

April, 2024 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church for April, 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	42,839	28,792	14,047	171,180	116,168	56,012
Expenses	27,640	31,472	<u>3,832</u>	<u>127,594</u>	133,506	<u>5,912</u>
Operating Income / (Loss)	15,199	(2,680)	17,879	43,586	(18,338)	61,924

The financial results for the Church continue to be very strong through April 30, 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.

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

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee

Farewell to our Day school

Thank You to Teachers and Staff!

A time for gratitude, thankfulness, and pride for a job well done!

This spring, after much discussion, research and soul searching, it was decided that our daycare program will come to a close at the end of June. This decision was extremely difficult for all concerned, but in the end, the complexities, regulations, and liabilities surrounding the operation of a full-time daycare have grown past the capacity of our church.

Salmon Creek Christian Preschool and Daycare has provided care for children and families in our community for over 30 years. We are grateful to our staff, past and present, who have given their love and energy to the betterment of the children in their care. We are grateful to the many directors we have had over the years, and to Gayle Horwitz specifically for her current leadership.

We are also grateful for the hundreds of children and their families that have trusted our church with their most precious children over these many years.

You may still see some of our children and teachers here in July and August, as the church will be providing a Summer Gap Camp for one class of students to help our rising kindergarteners prepare for a successful move into kindergarten. This program will not be a continuation of our daycare program but rather, will be offered by the church as a separate program.

While this chapter of providing full-time daycare comes to a close, our church wishes to continue serving our community's children. Therefore, we are making plans to begin a program of part-time preschool to be offered from 8:30 -12:30, Monday – Thursday only. We believe this smaller program will be a better fit for our church at this time. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

In the meantime, please find some time to stop by and thank our teachers and staff for their faithful service to our church and to the children under their care. We plan on having a full week of appreciation treats for our staff the week of June 17-21. Also, please join us for the Salmon Creek Christian Preschool and Daycare Graduation on June 28th at 6:00pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either of us.

Gratefully,

Pastor Kim Poer

Jan Asai



Farewell to our Day school

We thank you all for your many years of service and dedication.

You will all be very much missed!! We wish you all the best in whatever comes next.



Gayle



Ashley



Angela



Debbie



Cheri



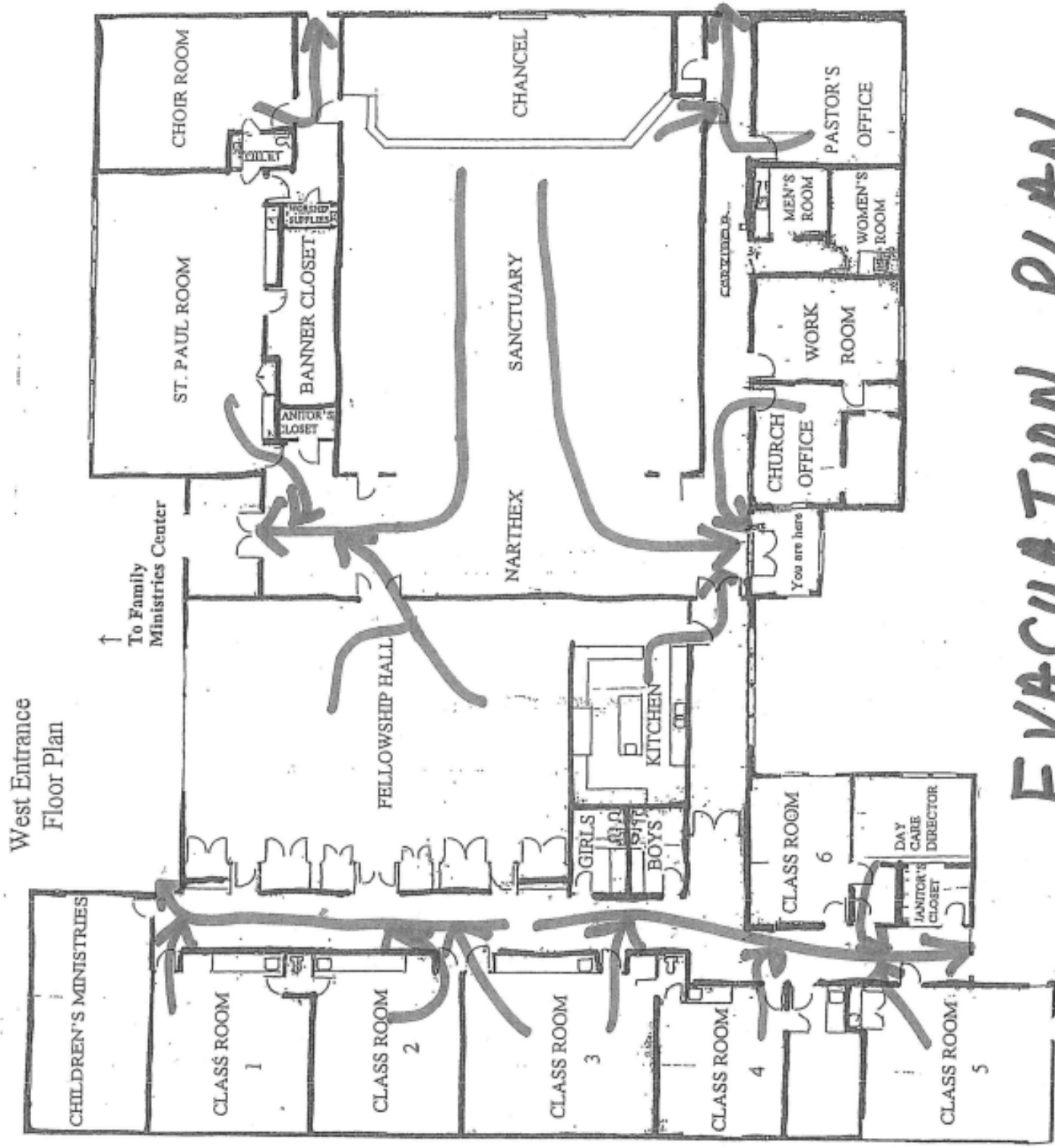
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Farewell to our Day school





In an effort to make sure that we are all prepared, we plan to publish 2-3 pages from our SCUMC Emergency Action Plan booklet each month in the Circuit Rider.



EVACUATION PLAN

2. BUILDING EVACUATION EMERGENCY

All staff and leaders should know the emergency evacuation routes and procedures for the building, and their designated assembly area outside the building. Memorize the exit route closest to your work or meeting area.

The designated assembly areas are: Children in dayschool – gazebo or fire pit area
All others – South parking lot

Should either of these areas be deemed unsafe, a new assembly area will be selected at the time of each situation, dependent of safety and accessibility.

If a Building Evacuation is initiated, follow these Do's and Don'ts –

- Remain CALM
- Follow the instructions of the in-charge person or emergency response team
- If you occupy an enclosed office, close the door as you leave
- Do not return for coats, purses, or any other personal belongings
- Do not smoke
- Do not re-enter the building until allowed by the emergency response team



3. EXPLOSION

Remain Calm – Evaluate the Situation – Take Action

Take the following actions if an explosion occurs:

- Assess the situation and inform the staff and all present as quickly and calmly as possible
- If there is any apparent danger, account for all people and evacuate in an orderly manner to the assembly area
- Call 9-1-1

4. EARTHQUAKE

Remain Calm- Evaluate the Situation – Take Action

If you are inside a building:

Implement DROP, COVER, AND HOLD. All people should immediately turn away from glass areas and place themselves under tables or desks. Move away from large panes of glass and out from under heavy suspended light fixtures. When the earthquake is over, evacuate the building if necessary to the assembly area. Advise people to NOT touch electrical wires and avoid using matches and lighters until the area is declared safe.



5. FIRE

Remain Calm – Evaluate the Situation – Take Action

- Activate the fire alarm and evacuate. Move people in an orderly manner to the closest exits and meet in the assembly area
- Call 9-1-1
- Clear rooms, close doors and windows.
- Teachers should account for all children; staff/leaders account for all people in the buildings
- An All Clear signal will be given indicating when it is safe to return

6. CIVIL UNREST

Civil unrest may result when people are moving about, challenging authority, committing acts of vandalism, gang activity, racial threats, etc. to the point where the safety of the staff and any other people gathered on campus is jeopardized. The goal is protecting all people from injury or harassment until proper help can be summoned, and keeping property losses and damages to a minimum.

- Call 9-1-1
- Get everyone inside, including anyone seeking shelter
- Lock the doors, close the curtains, remain together until an "All Clear" is given



SAVE THE DATE!

***Bells of the Cascades and Cathedral Bells* presents "Encore!" A Handbell concert:**

Saturday, June 1 at 7pm

First Presbyterian Church

4300 Main Street

Vancouver WA 98664

Sunday, June 2 at 4pm

Westminster Presbyterian

1624 NE Hancock Street

Portland OR 97212

Admission is \$20 adults, \$5 students, children under 6 free; as always no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Tickets purchased at the door: cash, check or card.

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church Music
Ministry Presents:

From the Heart

an uplifting concert about love and peace in our world



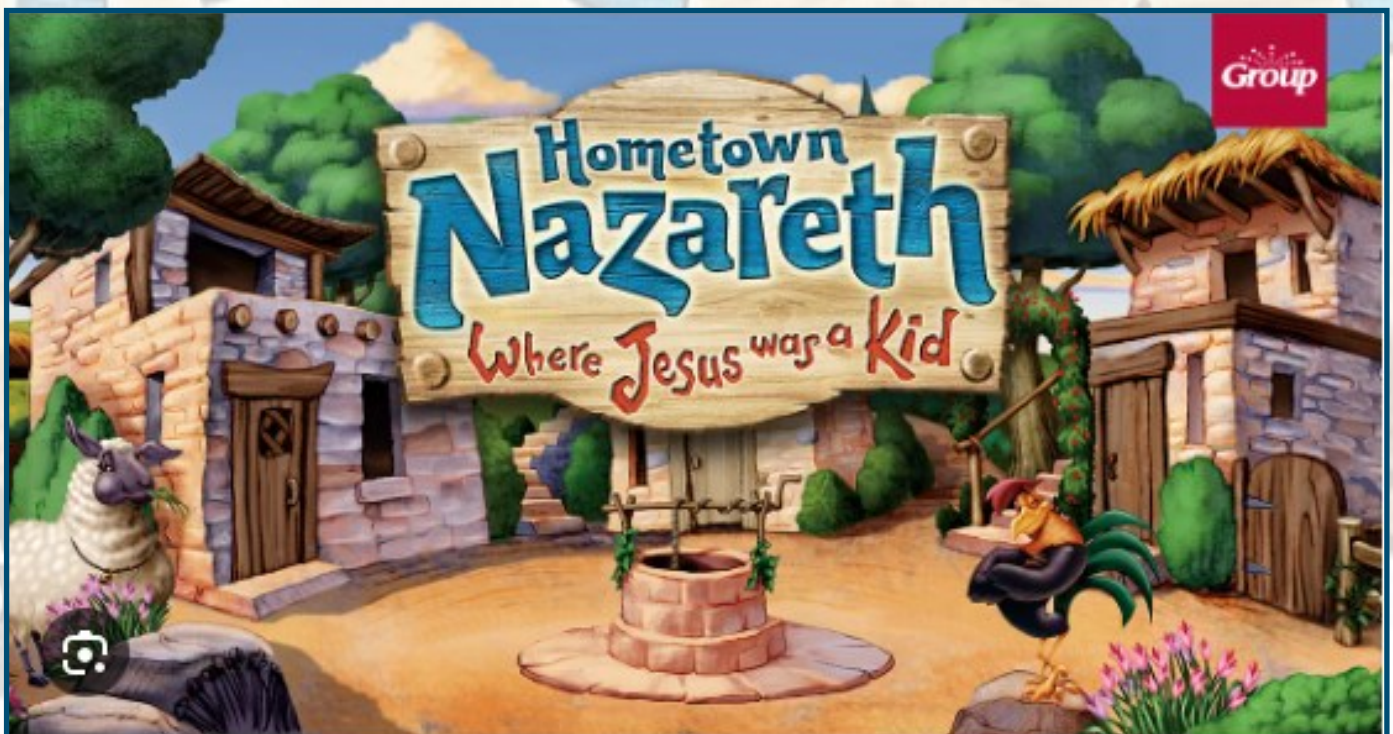
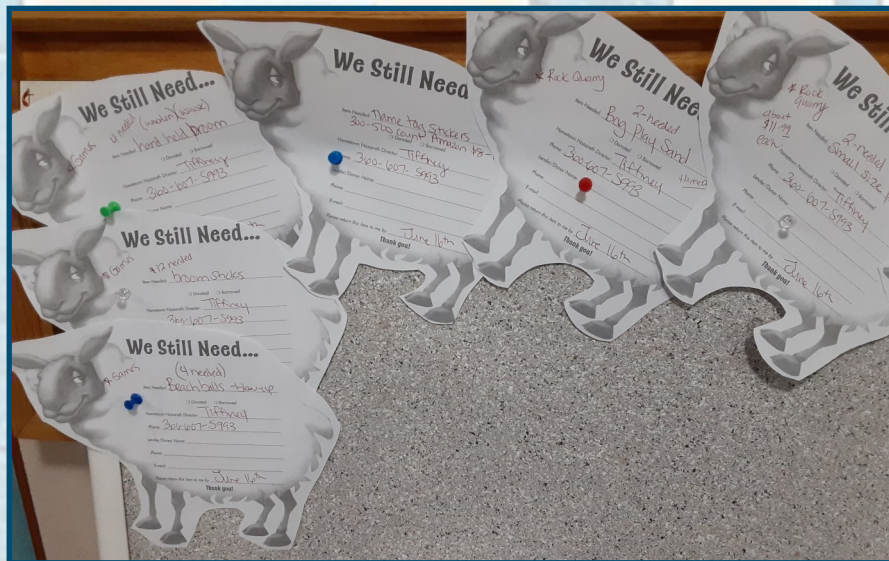
Saturday, June 8, 2024
6:00 pm
Salmon Creek United Methodist Church
12217 NE Hwy 99
Vancouver, WA 98686

This summer's VBS is "Home Town Nazareth"
from June 24th through 28th.

Registration is OPEN!

Volunteer sign-ups are available NOW!

Please check Tiffiney's posted listings for items
needed for projects, snacks, etc.



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**



SAVE THE DATE:

We are planning an all-church picnic, to include our Kenyan and Tongan friends, as well as our own congregation. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to fellowship together and get to know each other! Salmon Creek Church will provide hotdogs and brats, and we asking everyone to bring along a potluck side dish.

Sunday, July 14th, time TBD, in the back church parking lot. If the weather is inclement, we can move to the gym. Please plan to come and join us!

PENTECOST
May 19, 2024





Habitat for Humanity

On May 18th Salmon Creek Church had another successful build day at Johnson Village, thanks to 12 wonderful volunteers. We planted numerous trees, installed flooring, did some painting and caulking. The last four homes will be finished by next month and we will look forward to the dedication ceremony for the new homeowners. On Saturday, our church children were also present at the beginning of the workday to present a check of \$1,097 dollars to the Habitat Director, Lindsy Smith, with the monies they collected during Lent. Our church mission team added another \$1,403 dollars to make it an even \$2,500. Thanks again to all our church volunteers, and especially all those members who provided the funds during the last two years to make The Johnson Village development a wonderful undertaking for nine Habitat families.

By Larry Siewert



Habitat Build day at Johnson Village. May 18th, 2024. A check for \$2,500.00 was presented to Habitat by our children, who collected "Coins for Lent" during the Lenten season.

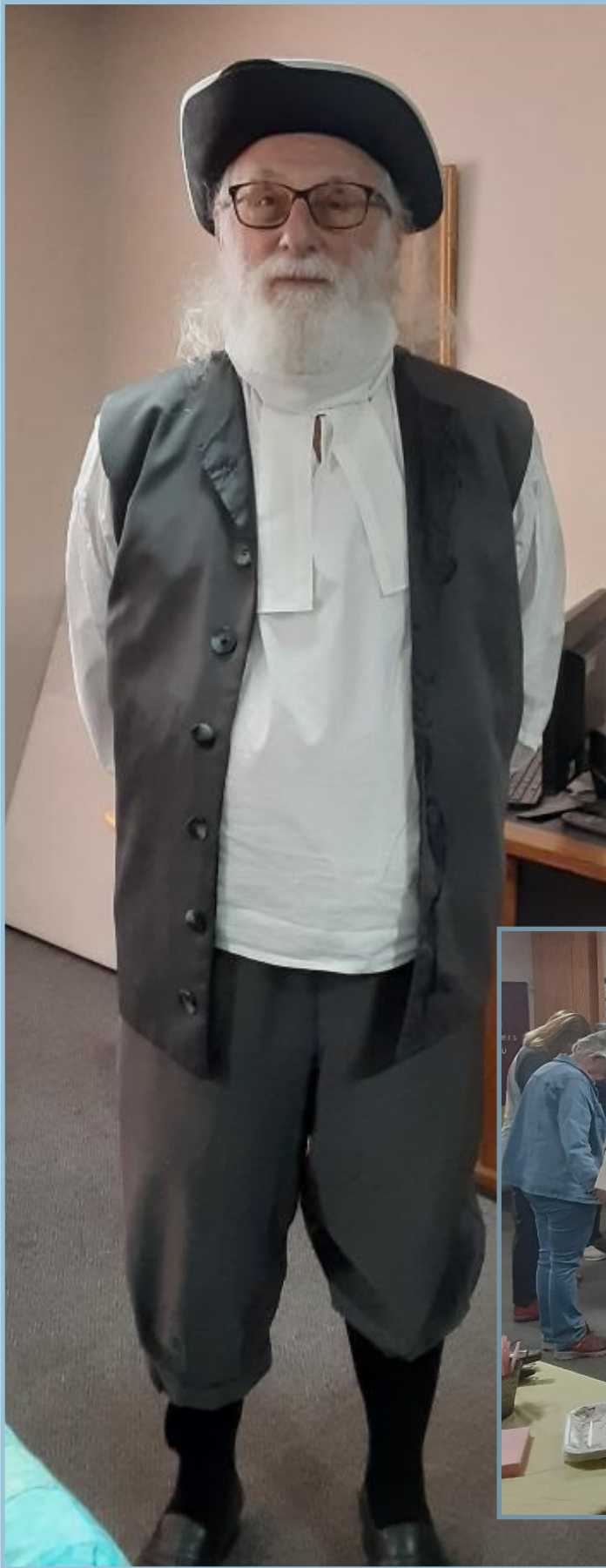


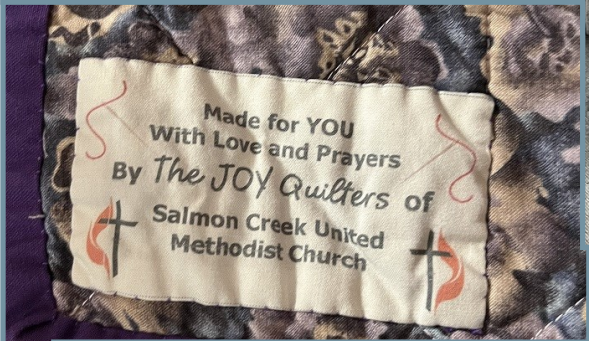


SCUMC Habitat Build Crew

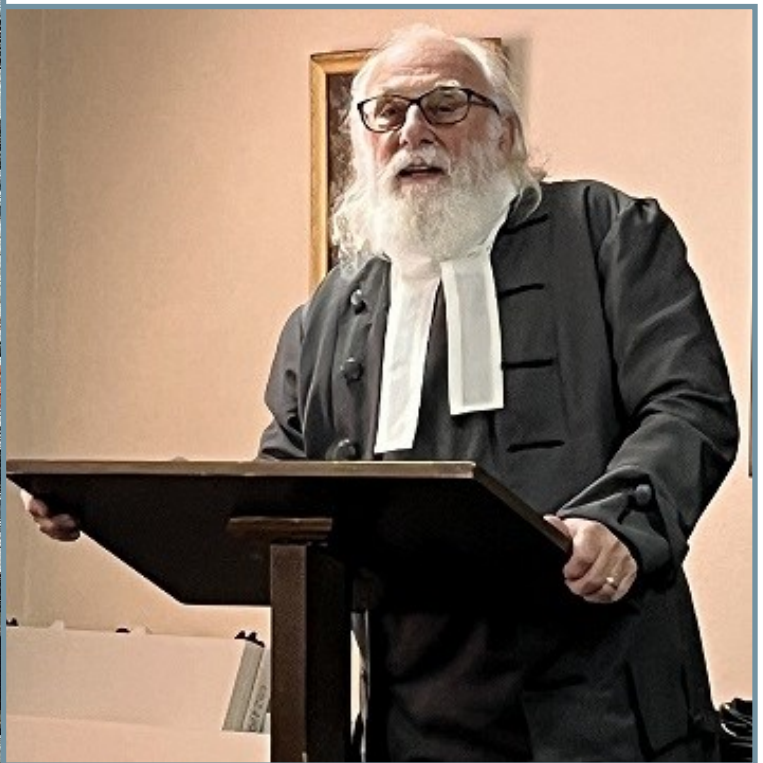
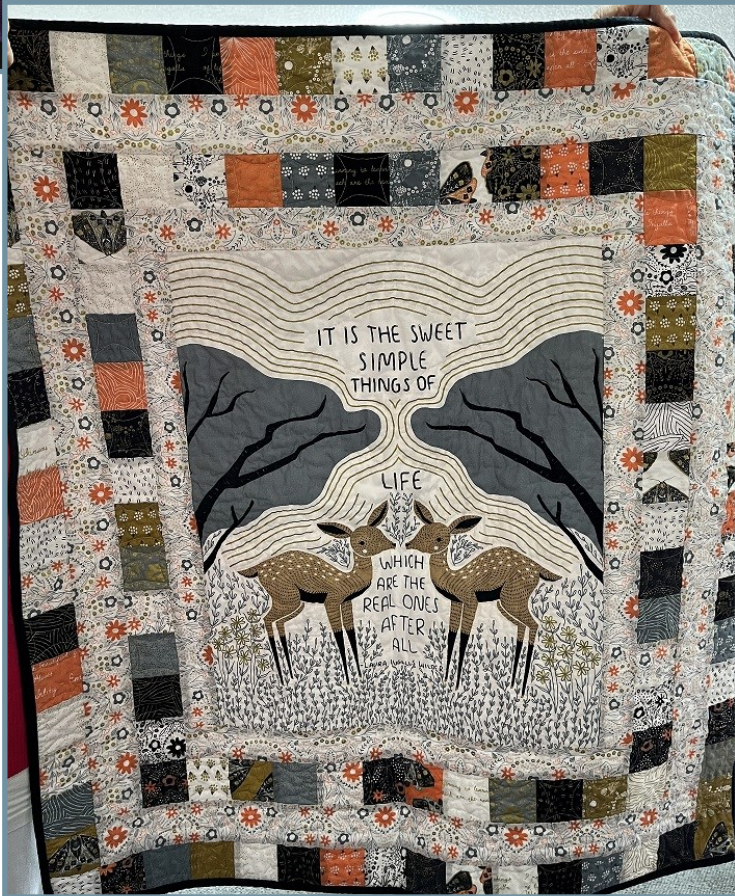


JOY Bible celebrated the end of the season with their annual potluck brunch on May 16th. Speaker John Wesley (aka Rev. Keith Hackett of Fern Prairie UMC) gave a presentation.





Scenes from the JOY Bible end of season brunch on Thursday, May 16th.





Dear Salmon Creek UMC,
+ volunteers from other churches
Thank you for the
kindness, love & support
you extended to our family
in our time of need.

You all made our stay
very comfortable and
enjoyable.

We are forever grateful
for your service to us!

Sincerely,
St S Family

When we host Family Promise, it is a community effort. Three churches come together: Felida Bible, Vancouver Apostolic Lutheran and Salmon Creek United Methodist Church. During our recent host week, there were 37 volunteers (ages 10-85) in the church helping, for a total of 308 hours.

We helped two families; three adults and six kids, ages 1.5 to 16 years old. During our week, a hard working single mother was getting up at 4am. She loaded her three children (1.5 - 7), drove them to Portland for child care and then arrived at work in a warehouse by 6am. On Friday, she got the keys to her apartment, and Saturday Morning she moved into the apartment. Now, her child care will stay at the apartment. She and the kids can sleep later in the morning. With the help of Salmon Creek UMC supporting Family Promise, she was able to get the support and connections to get back on her feet!

During the week, Salmon Creek gym was full of joy, laughter and love from us to them and them to us. Homemade meals were shared, basketball was played by young and old. I learned that Deb Troyer and Sue Lenski were dusting off their basketball skills. Thank you all for helping make Family Promise possible!

Karen & Richard Beilsmith

Our Next Host Dates:

August 4 – 11th

October 27 – November 3rd

Day school Director Gayle Horwitz was able to apply for grant money that funded the purchase of a new playground structure. She then coordinated with our local Boy Scout troop 14, which the church supports, for installation. Carson Ferrante (tall scout standing in center in the group photo) took this task on as his Eagle Scout project. He secured the necessary additional installation material of concrete and forms for the setting of the structures, posts and tools for assembly, also recruiting fellow scouts to help with construction.

On Saturday April 27th, Carson oversaw this project from start to finish, a job well done! This structure is designed for young children aged from 3 to 5 years old, and replaced a former structure that was no longer usable.





New Play Structure!



Carson Ferrante

TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

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

June

6/1	BOC Concert at First Presbyterian—7:00 pm
6/7 – 6/12	Pastor Kim out of town at Clergy Conference in Houston
6/8	Music Ministries Concert – 6:00 pm
6/18	Vancouver Public Schools last scheduled day of school
6/16	Father's Day
6/24 – 6/28	VBS week
6/24—6/28	Serving Lunches at Sarah J. Anderson school
6/28	Day School Graduation (Sanctuary)
6/30	VBS Sunday

July

7/11—7/15	Church office closed (Nancy out of town)
7/14	All-Church picnic
7/28	Town Hall/Potluck after worship

August

8/4 – 8/11	Family Promise Week
8/25	Missions Benefit Breakfast (Support Our Schools)
8/25	Blessing of the Backpacks
8/28	First day of school – Vancouver Schools

September

9/8	Rally Day
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DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 10/16 Missions Benefit Breakfast (for Habitat for Humanity)
 10/26 (Saturday) Eek@theCreek 4-6 pm
 10/27 – 11/3 Family Promise Week

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 1st Sunday of Advent
 12/8 2nd Sunday of Advent
 12/14 Lessons and Carols – 6:00 pm
 12/15 3rd 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 4th Sunday of Advent
 12/24 (Tuesday) Christmas Eve Services
 12/23/24– 1/2/25 **Church closed (excepting worship services on 12/24)**



Linda Garrison—June 4

Kim Poer—June 7

Marilyn Forman—June 13

Nancy Schmahl—June 19

Jerry Davis—June 20

E-Lois Gebhart—June 20

Jayne McCarley—June 22

Dean Anderson—June 23

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!



Nancy's Office Assistants

***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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