



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek Church July 2021

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Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12



a note from Pastor John

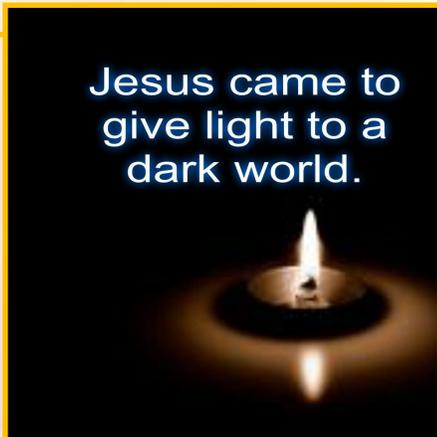
On June 6 our congregation returned to worship services in the sanctuary, with great joy and rejoicing. The bells rang, the Praise Team sang, and the Word of God rang out in our sanctuary for the first time in over a year. As pandemic restrictions wind down, we find ourselves on the road to “normal,” something we will likely achieve in a surface way over the summer. And while it might be comfortable to “go back to how it used to be,” we need to be aware that, at a deeper level, things have changed. If “the way it used to be,” was not very effective, then we have a golden opportunity to revitalize not just our church, but the whole ministry of Jesus Christ in our area.

There are technical and procedural things to do, like continuing to improve and expand our online presence and live-streaming. There are things that we have done well with in the past that are being expanded, like our music program. Efforts are already underway to reinvigorate other programs, such as children’s and youth ministries. But the most important thing we can all do is reinvigorate our commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ: to the Way, the Truth and the Life. All of our other efforts – programs, technology, music, preaching, teaching and mission – need to be centered not simply on a desire to “do good,” but on a desire to “pour out” the Gospel truth like living water in our community.

Christendom – the societal embracing of Christianity as the normal way of life – is gone. “If you build it, they will come” is no longer effective. What’s the point of having Open Doors if no one is walking through them, or even knows they are there? People still seek the Truth, but no longer have automatic guidance on where to find it. That’s where we come in, as vocal role models for how imperfect people can stay on the road to perfection when guided by the Truthful light of Jesus Christ. The light that will guide us into a fruitful, faithful future.

Jesus came to
give light to a
dark world.

Blessings, Pastor John





4th of July Service & Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, July 4 at 10:00 am for a special 4th of July Worship Service, followed by an all-church celebration. What better time is there to thank God for the blessings we have received this past year and celebrate our return from the Covidian exile!

The service will be outdoors (or in the FMC if the weather goes bad), so please bring your own lawn chair and wear a good sun hat. We will set up in the lot behind the FMC (it has the most shade) and communion will be served. Please plan to stay for a few minutes after the service for a brief all church meeting, followed by a celebration. There will be cupcakes and drinks, activities for the kids, and time to catch up with church family members you may not have seen for a while.



Welcome back to the Sanctuary!



HAVE YOU NOTICED THE BEAUTIFUL BANNERS

HANGING IN OUR SACTUARY?



We are sharing some history of the many beautiful banners that hang on the right wall of our sanctuary (and in the FMC this last year).

Most of them were designed and beautifully stitched and sewn by the talented team of Elaine Gilbert, Cindy Harrington and Susie Pervere. Several of them were designed and sewn by Lauren Hubbell. Others were made by Phyllis Browning and Sandie Hollister. If others contributed, we are sorry to not list you and please let us know so that we can acknowledge your talents.

A shining example of the banners is the stained glass one which is now displayed in the sanctuary. Elaine Gilbert saw this beautiful 1x2 " picture and immediately knew it should be a banner. Mike Pervere came to the rescue and made a print of the actual size needed. Elaine, Cindy and Susie used this huge print as a pattern to make this beautiful banner. When you see Elaine, ask her about images that are in special places within the blocks.

The next issue was where to store all these lovely banners. Of course, Red Gilbert figured it out and all are hanging in a closet in the St. Paul Room. We also have smaller banners that were created to use in the Pioneer Chapel. Years ago, the first service was held there. As the congregation grew, the service was moved into the sanctuary. You may notice banners hanging on the sides by the pews. Many were made by these same talented ladies.

When you come to worship, please take time to look at the various banners which are hung according to the church season. We all thank these ladies for sharing their talents with all of us.

Submitted by the Worship Committee



Pay It Forward – Replacement of HVAC Units This Year

First, it was great to see so many of you at our first service in the Sanctuary since Covid started! And thanks for the compliments we received on how nice it looks. All of the Trustees and others that helped would not have been able to make the Sanctuary look so good without the financial support of the congregation. The volunteers did save us much of the cost for painting that was included in the *Pay It Forward* (PIF) budget for the Sanctuary. Hopefully, the PIF funding will pick up again as the church gets back to being open, albeit with the ‘new normal’. We understand and appreciate all that has happened over the last 16 months. Thanks for your support.

The Trustees have enough PIF funds that we should consider replacement of 2 more HVAC units this year – the Chapel unit and the oldest Daycare unit. Each of these units cover an area without support from another unit and will require ‘special’ work to install, costing more and taking more time. The decision is to replace them this Fall, rather than deal with a failed unit, like we did last year. The Chapel unit has had two failures, is over 25 years old, and is in the attic with no way to remove and replace except in pieces or cutting a hole in the roof. The best plan so far would be to install a ground mounted unit that uses the old duct work under the floor (may need to replace/remodel). The Daycare unit would be replaced in the existing space in the attic, similar to the newer unit up there. Both units will require some time for the vendors to ponder how best to replace and make their bids.

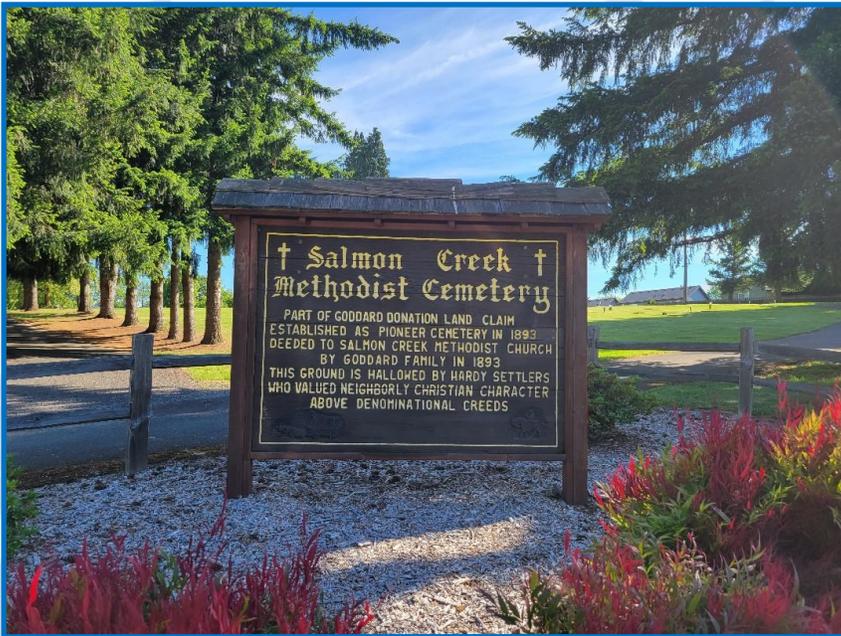
The remaining units that are over 25 years old, have overlapping coverage should one fail, the other(s) can provide some support. They are part of the PIF plan to replace over 5 years, and will be replaced when we have sufficient funding with some reserves for emergency replacements. Likewise, carpets and other PIF projects will be prioritized for replacement, when funding permits.

Again, thanks for all your support and it was good to see the congregation coming back.

Steve Enyeart, Chair Trustees

Memorial Day

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church Cemetery



On Memorial Day, we memorialize those brave men and women who donned the uniform, answered the call to serve, helped protect our country, and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Veterans interred in our historic cemetery served in the American Civil War, the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. We pledge

to always remember their bravery, sacrifice, and patriotism to this great country.

Honoring all those Veterans we've lost, Girl Scouts from GSA Troop 11934 and Cub Scouts from Pack 370 worked together to place American Flags and White Crosses on each Veteran's grave in both the SCUMC and St Johns Lutheran cemeteries. Our Thanks to Marcela Mahoney, Girl Scout Leader and her husband John Mahoney, BSA Scout leader for their leadership roles with these scouts, where they learn the importance of duty to country and of honoring the people who served it through the values outlines in the Scout Oath and Law.

Salmon Creek cemetery has several veterans with privately purchased headstones but have no indication of their service. However on the Lutheran cemetery side, I observed a few private headstones with a small emblem affixed, denoting veteran status and branch of service. It looks very nice on the headstone and helps those placing the flag and white cross which honors them on both Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. I did some research and found the following information:

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a medallion, by request, to be affixed to an existing, privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a Veteran.

This device is furnished in lieu of a traditional Government headstone or grave marker for those Veterans who served on or after Apr. 6, 1917 and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.





Bronze Medallion Sizes: The medallion is available in three sizes: Large (6-3/8"W x 4-3/4"H x 1/2"D), Medium (3-3/4"W x 2-7/8"H x 1/4"D) and Small (2"W x 1-1/2"H x 1/3"D). Each medallion is inscribed with the word "VETERAN" across the top and the branch of service at the bottom. Attached picture is actual size of the small medallion on a granite stone.

For family members of Veterans interested in obtaining a medallion, you will need to complete the **VA Form 40-1330M, Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery.** Once a claim for a medallion is received and approved, VA will mail the medallion along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the device to a headstone. I would be happy to assist in completing the form and attaching the medallion to the headstone.

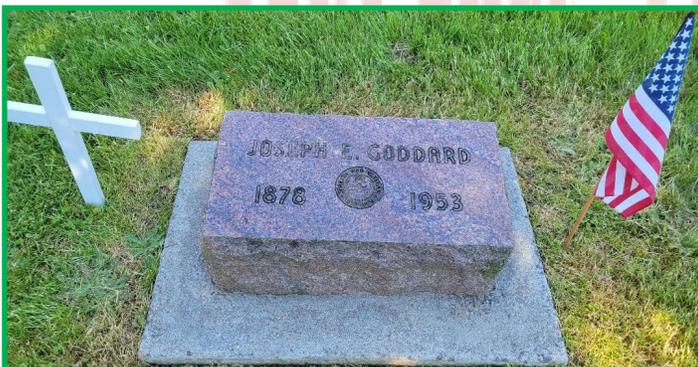
Richard Beilsmith
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Did you know

A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect.

Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited. A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with him/her in some capacity. By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he was killed.







Food Pantry Needs

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry shelves are very bare after being cleaned out due to expiration dates and donations.

There are many items that we could use to stock our shelves so that we are ready to help people in need:

Small peanut butter (creamy and/or crunchy)

Canned chicken

Canned and/or packets of tuna

Soup

Saltines / Crackers

Graham crackers

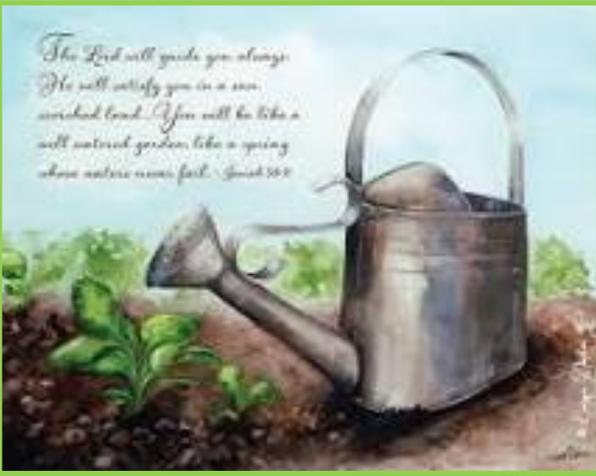
Individual snack items like pretzels and cheese, breakfast bars, protein bars, jell-O and/or pudding cups, fruit cups.

Water bottles

Small juice packs

Any other items that you think are portable and convenient.

It is very helpful if canned items are pop-top. All food pantry donations can be placed in the cart in the narthex of the church. Thank you in advance for your help, it is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Williams at 360.281.5618.



GOD'S GARDEN

Lots of wonderful veggies growing in God's Gardens. Pick rhubarb or clip herbs anytime, not just for gardeners. Expect cucumbers in August. Welcome new gardeners Henry Russell and Tina & Kevin Hunter!



July
Birthdays

Ginny Hazen	July 1
Bob Ives	July 3
Hugh Van Male	July 4
Paul Crogan	July 6
Matthew Mullen	July 7
Angela Williams	July 9
Ed Grubel	July 10
Larry Scherer	July 11
Braden Brink	July 13
Keith Hackett	July 13
Diane Horner	July 14
Cameron Prichard	July 14
Ashley Skelton	July 14
Matt Mikalatos	July 17
Rob Russell	July 18
Tom Harrington	July 20
Julie Lloyd	July 21
Sandie Hollister	July 23
Samantha Nieda	July 23
Mariah Davis	July 24
Vivian Peterson	July 24
Cyril Stokman	July 24
Anne Withee	July 24
Peggy Brindle	July 25
Craig Johnson	July 26
Marleen Johnson	July 27
Myca Mikalatos	July 28
Joan W. Stuart	July 28
Mark Price Mullen	July 29
Darcy Davis	July 30

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Claire Davis, Claire Russell, (Allison King), Henry Russell,
Charlie & Teddy Ernster



Ken and Bonnie Jean Brandt would like to thank the Salmon Creek Church Family for their prayers and cards after Ken's fall.

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

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