



# The Circuit Rider

## Salmon Creek Church



May  
2023



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**Hello Friends:**

**Well, did you feel it? On Easter morning in church service, did you feel it? Did you feel the positive energy and enthusiasm in the air? Did you notice that some of the stormy clouds lifted away and some blue sky appeared? Did you feel the warmth from all the smiles, the laughs and personal greetings? Did you feel like you were in a church that is regaining strength and even thriving? Well, I sure did! I felt the love and hope and faith all around us. I felt the spiritual connections to each other. I felt the Lord working and giving us all praise for coming so far in this adventure. Easter Sunday was one of the best experiences we've had in a very long time.**

**We needed that! We need to feel that having Hope is the key to keep on keeping on. We are bouncing back and going forward at full speed. Amen! Let's keep that feeling going; let's continue to grow our faith and hope even bigger and stronger until we are so strong that we might just burst open with Joy, Love, Compassion, Excitement, Fulfillment and Peace. Wouldn't that be awesome?**

**My Friends, the Anchor holds! The storms are slowly dissipating, our sails are becoming less tattered, and the blue sky will prevail. Keep your Hope alive. Keep praying, keep working, keep being positive, keep volunteering, keep being together, keep worshipping every Sunday, keep on keeping on.**

**To show your hope, wear your anchor proudly. Show everyone that you are committed to moving forward with great anticipation and joy. We will get there!**

**Blessings of Hope to each and everyone of you!**

**Lila DeBolt  
Chairman, Administrative Board**



**Our Easter Cross**





## VISION LISTENING SESSIONS:

We are now ready to schedule you for the Vision Listening Sessions. These are intended to allow YOU to speak about our church - Who are we? Who do we want to be? Where are we going? How do we get there?

The input from these sessions will be used to formulate our updated Mission Statement and Vision Statement. This process will allow us to move forward with a renewed and unified purpose so that we can serve God, each other and our community in the best way possible.

These sessions are open to EVERYONE in the congregation - members and non-members. We want to hear all opinions about how we put our Hope to work for the future.

There are many session times available, so we can hopefully accommodate everyone. Each session will be limited to 8-10 people each, and each session will follow the same format. Please sign up ASAP so we can get started! It is exciting to plan what comes next for us. Be a part of the planning!

Sign-up sheets will be located in the Narthex at the welcome desk.

You may also call, text or e-mail Lila DeBolt to sign up:

Phone 360-600-8521

[ljsdeb56@aol.com](mailto:ljsdeb56@aol.com)

You can also call Nancy in the church office:

360-573-3111.

### Session Dates and Times:

**Mondays and Wednesdays:**

**May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24**

**3:00 to 4:00 pm AND 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday, May 16 and 23:**

**3:00 - 4:00 pm**

**All in the St. Paul room**





## CHURCH CONTACTS LIST

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**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:

Lila DeBolt  
 Chairman, Administrative Board

**Needed: Greeters!!**

We have dedicated crew for Ushers and Greeters, but we need more Greeters. If you want to be a Greeter, the duties are simple—greet folks as they come in our doors: smiling and eye contact is all we ask. If you can do that, we could use your help. Please email Jim Selby at:

[Jimselby419@gmail.com](mailto:Jimselby419@gmail.com) if you can provide a warm welcome for services.



## **Sign-up to Serve for Coffee Fellowship**

**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.**

**COFFEE**  
*How*



# Church Financial Report

## Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

Financial Position as of March 21, 2023

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church (SCUMC) has many things going for it. We have a wonderful campus and facility with many amenities. Our attendance is growing and activities are expanding following the COVID pandemic

With all of this said, there are conditions that do not bode well for the Church. Over the past several years our stewardship revenue has been declining while the costs to maintain our Church have been increasing.

Our operating expenses, while increasing, have been closely monitored to keep them at the lowest level consistent with good management practices. We budget and expend very limited funds for programs attracting and nurturing prospective and established members. This can be reduced to the simple statement that CASH INCOME does not meet the CASH OUT FLOW.

This situation can exist for a limited time as we recover from the recent pandemic and move through the transitions occurring within the Church. However, if the Church continues to receive less funds from our congregates than what we spend in ministering to our membership and community, ultimately we will no longer be able to carry-out the mission of the Church of making disciples for Christ.

A look at the chart below puts numbers to this picture. Cash inflow has decreased over the last three years from \$101,826 to 73,269 or 28%. Other income has decreased from 19,084 to 5,323 or 72%.

As for expenses, they have increased from 78,932 to 97,018 or 22%.

### Income and Expenses January thru March 2021, 2022, 2023

	2021	2022	2023
General Fund (Pledges plus Regular Giving)	101826	76241	73269
Other Income	19084	2997	5323
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>120910</b>	<b>79238</b>	<b>78592</b>
Operations & Administration Expenses	15441	21303	28468
Program Expenses	1188	2326	1331
Apportionments	11392	10923	11784
Staff & Related Expenses	50911	60599	55435
<b>Total cash expended</b>	<b>78932</b>	<b>95151</b>	<b>97018</b>
 Difference	 41978	 -(15913)	 (18426)

# Spring Tea Party



## **SALMON CREEK SPRING TEA**

**Join us for an "Afternoon Tea"**

**Women's Ministries invites you to enjoy an afternoon tea on Saturday, May 6th from 2 - 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sandie Hollister will present a program on the history of quilting. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Donations accepted at the tea.**





***SAVE THE DATE!***

**Benefit Breakfast for Habitat for Humanity**

**Sunday, May 28th**

**9:00—11:30 am**

**If you would like to help with this event, contact**

**Larry Siewert.**

**Habitat  
for Humanity®**

# The Columbian

## ADVERTISING TO CONTINUE!

It was previously announced that weekly advertising in The Columbian newspaper would decrease to every other week, as approved by the Administrative Board. This decision came as a result of trimming expenditures in our budget.

Well, a good Samaritan has come to our rescue! A very generous donation was made by an anonymous congregant which will provide funds to continue the weekly run of our advertisement. At the end of this year, The Admin Board will again re-evaluate the effectiveness and timing of our newspaper advertising. Thanks so much to this very kind person for allowing us to continue this small but important method of invitation to our church. We are so appreciative of the gesture!

Lila DeBolt

Chairman, Administrative Board



Hi Everyone!

We are still having difficulty assuring that everyone who attends on Sundays is filling out the Communication cards. Some people write only a last name, which doesn't tell us which family members are present, some folks only write a first name with a last initial, and not everyone here knows all of our congregation well enough to help input the data. I have received notes on the "comments" section, indicating they need a nametag, or want to participate in something, and then NO NAME on the other side of the card. I would like to ask that everyone fill out a card on Sundays, with your full name, and all the names of the family members attending with you. I would also ask that you complete the address/phone information only if there are changes, because if you write something on that section, that forces us to check the record in CDM (our data management system), which is just a bit more work. We use attendance statistics for the conference, so getting a truly accurate count on Sunday worship is very important. We pay apportionments based on data submitted to the conference. The Ushers do a manual "head count" on Sundays, but since their count is usually about 30-40% more than what is indicated on the Communication cards, we know that many people are not filling them out.

I really appreciate your help in this! It is a time consuming task for us to keep the records. The Communication cards are a great venue to communicate anything with the church administration, but only if they are used.

Nancy Volgamore and Sally DuPree

*My Salmon Creek Communication Card*

*April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday*

*Guest Attending*  
  *1<sup>st</sup> Time Attending*  
  *2<sup>nd</sup> Time Attending*  
  *3<sup>rd</sup> Time Attending*

*Regular Attender*  
  *Member of this Church*

*Please Print (Please list ALL family members attending with you)*

**Name**

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**FILL OUT ONLY IF THERE ARE CHANGES:**

*Address*

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**Please check appropriate boxes:**

I/We would like information about:

I/We would like to serve as ushers/greeters  
  serve communion

I would like to serve as a reader

I would like to serve the Prayer Shawl Ministry (contact Echo Langley)

I need a name tag

I am interested in the next Habitat Build day

**Please Pray for:**  
  Confidential  
  Prayer Chain



**Bells  
of the  
Cascades**

# From Sea to Skye

*a handbell concert*

<p><b>Saturday, May 20 @ 7:00 pm</b> Rose City Park UMC 5830 NE Alameda St, Portland, OR</p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 21 @ 4:00 pm</b> Forest Grove UMC 1726 Cedar St, Forest Grove, OR</p>
<p><b>Saturday, June 3 @ 7:00 pm</b> Salmon Creek UMC 11217 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 4 @ 2:00 pm</b> Tualatin Presbyterian Church 9230 SW Siletz Dr, Tualatin, OR</p>

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.bellsinthecascades.org/>  
 <https://www.facebook.com/bellsinthecascades>

## SAVE THE DATE

### Bells of the Cascades Concert

**Saturday, June 3, 7:00 pm**

**Salmon Creek United Methodist Church**

**Other local performances—see poster above**



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 Website: [www.familypromiseofclarkco.org](http://www.familypromiseofclarkco.org)  
 Email: [info@familypromiseofclarkco.org](mailto:info@familypromiseofclarkco.org)

April 5, 2023

**Re: Announcement from Family Promise of Clark County**

Dear Partners of Family Promise of Clark County,

After the announcement that the Executive Director for Family Promise of Clark County, Lois Smith, will be stepping down from her position, effective 4/24/23, the Board received additional news impacting the program. Last week we were given notice by the owner of the facility where the FPCC Day Center is located that they need the space for a new program of their own. We were told that we need to vacate the facility no later than June 30, 2023.

Given those two unforeseen events, we have decided to pause the shelter program so that the Board can focus our attention on hiring a new ED and locating a new site for the FPCC Day Center. We expect that the families currently being served by the shelter program will graduate by the end of this month. We are currently not bringing new families into the shelter program. We will continue providing services to families facing homelessness through our FPCares Diversion/Prevention program as well as providing graduate support services for the families who have been placed in permanent housing over the past year.

We have also made the decision to postpone our annual dinner/auction, *Serving Promise, Raising Hope*. The event had been planned to take place on May 10, 2023. The new date is Wednesday October 18, 2023. It will be held at the same place and time as originally planned. A formal announcement for the new date will be sent out to the broader community later this week.

With your prayers and continued support for the work ahead, the FPCC Board is confidently looking forward to be in the position to resume full operation sometime this summer. As we progress toward that goal, we will make every effort to keep you updated and informed on our progress.

Gratefully yours,  
 Board of Trustees  
 Family Promise of Clark County

**OTHER UPCOMING HOSTING DATES FOR 2023**

**August 6—13**

**October 22—29**

**December 30—January 6, 2024**

**Working together as a community of faith!**

**We had 16 Salmon Creek UMC volunteers the week of Family Promise; 17 from the Vancouver Apostolic Lutheran Church and 6 from Felida Bible. They helped with everything from breakdown, meal preparation, evening hosting, overnight hosts and then breakdown/room set up. Larry Siewert washed the dishes and dumped the trash!**



**Volunteers Debbie Troyer, and Lorinda from Vancouver Apostolic Lutheran**

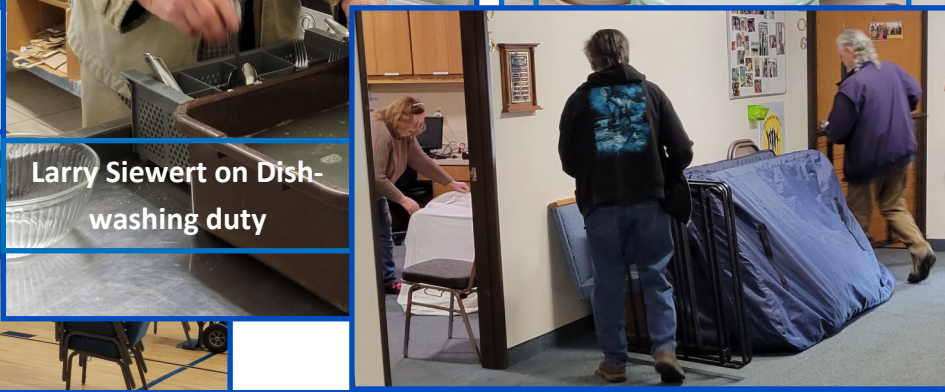
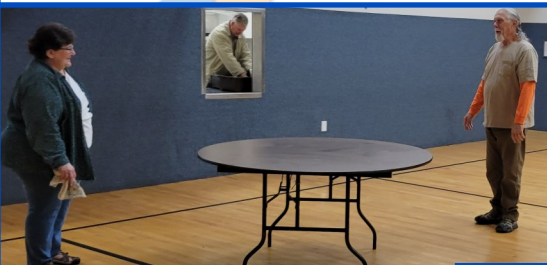


**Larry Siewert on Dish-washing duty**



**Volunteer Cathy Melson**

**GOOD TIMES!!!!**



**Karen Beilsmith, Richard Beilsmith, Lloyd (Felida), Maggie Mikalatos, Pete Mikalatos, Lori (Felida), Larry Siewert and Maddie!**



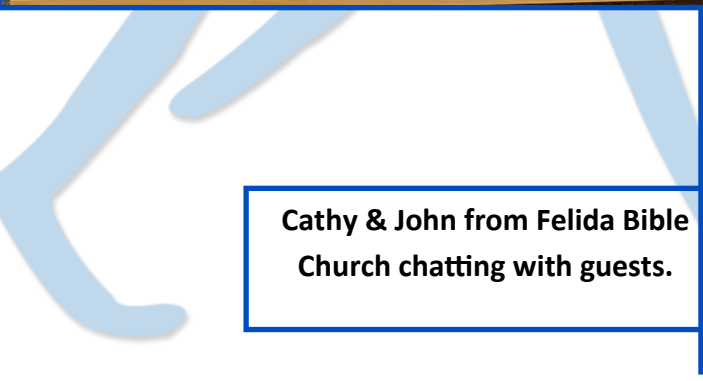
Karen Beilsmith and Kristy Huckins in their overnight "cots" — very comfy!!



Guest Bedroom



Pastor Jason from Vancouver Apostolic Lutheran Church his wife, Brooke and two of their kids, plus friend Emily.



Cathy & John from Felida Bible Church chatting with guests.



# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*Knit one Pray two*

**"You created every part of me, knitting me in my Mother's womb.**

**For such handiwork, I praise you. Awesome this great wonder!" Psalm 139:13-14**

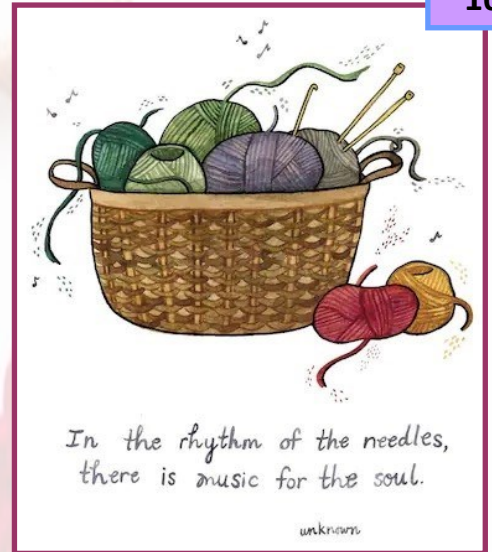
**"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."**

**Care and the love of knitting (and crochet) have been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Many blessings are knitted into every shawl. The knitter begins each shawl with prayers for the recipient. Intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. When the shawl is completed it is offered a final ritual before being sent along its way.**

**As this gift has been sent along, some recipients have continued the kindness by making one themselves and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing is rippled from person to person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!**

**Besides knit and crochet; the shawls can be woven, sewn, quilted, machine knitted, etc.**

**The Prayer Shawl ministry at Salmon Creek church would love to welcome you. We can provide pattern, yarn and even teach you to knit or crochet. For more information contact Echo Langley: [elangleyrn@gmail.com](mailto:elangleyrn@gmail.com) or by phone at 573-220-5220.**



YOU GAVE ME COMFORT



# God's Garden

We 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. Scouts in Troop 14 will be spreading new bark chips in the Gardens as soon as the chips are delivered so the slightly muddy conditions will go away!



“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*



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

The next All-Church fellowship dinner will be Saturday, July 8, 2023. This will be a time to welcome and greet our new Pastor as well as enjoy each other's company with some fun.

The theme will be a "Cook-out" with hamburgers and hotdogs - YUMM!! And there will be a scavenger hunt! Mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information and reservation opportunities will follow soon.



# May Birthdays

**Laurie Doering May 3**

**Stephen Levitt May 3**

**Art Burges May 7**

**Gail Levitt May 7**

**Sally Bowlin May 11**

**Jerry DuPree May 11**

**Carolyn Jean Officer May 12**

**Nancy Volgamore May 29**

**Sue Wiltsey May 31**

**Don't see your birthday?**

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

# Memorial Services



## ***SAVE THE DATES:***

### **Memorial Services for:**

**Ken Brandt—May 27th—2:00 pm**

**Bill Howell—June 17th—1:00 pm**

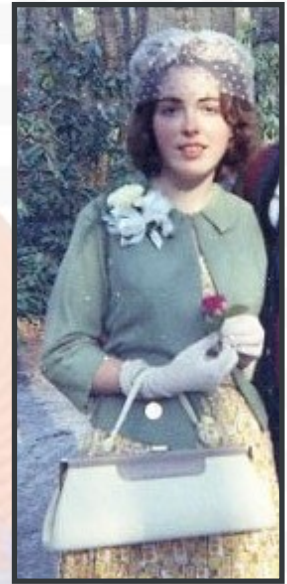
**Ned Stuart—June 24th—1:00 pm**



Nancy Volgamore—Age 5



Maggie Mikalatos—Age 5



Maggie Mikalatos—Age 15

An Easter bonnet is any new or fancy hat worn by tradition as a Christian headcovering on Easter. It represents the tail end of a tradition of wearing new clothes at Easter, in harmony with the renewal of the year and the promise of spiritual renewal and redemption.



Maggie Mikalatos, Bonnie Jacquemin, Nancy Volgamore, Kristy Huckins  
These ladies brought to life the tradition of the Easter Bonnet! Happy Easter!!



# Happy Spring!

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

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