



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church

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

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Dear Friends and Families of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,

As I write to you this morning, the postponed 2020 United Methodist General Conference is underway in Charlotte, NC. It will run through May 3, 2024.

General Conference is a complex gathering of United Methodists from around the globe. Delegates from Africa, Europe, Asia and the U.S. are attending the 11-day gathering to set policy and direction for the church, as well as handle other important business.

The global nature of the United Methodist Church has seen rapidly growing membership in central conferences (outside of the U.S.). Voting delegates come from the United States (55.9%), Africa (32%), the Philippines (6%), Europe (4.6%) and concordat churches that have close ties to The United Methodist Church (1.5%). Half of the delegates are clergy, half lay. The percentage of delegates from central conferences, which was 16% in 2000, has increased significantly since the start of this millennium. The percentage of delegates from central conferences for the most current four quadrenniums was 29% in 2008; 38%, 2012; 42%, 2016; and 44%, 2020.

Those gathered and leading the conference are hopeful this gathering will be an opportunity for the United Methodist Church to move forward into the future with new energy, united in mission. In his message during opening worship, Council of Bishops President Thomas J. Bickerton began with the questions, "Do you want to be in this room?" and, "Are you willing to move forward in a spirit of hope and embrace a season of reformation, commit to the revitalization of The United Methodist Church and work for a culture marked by compassion, courage and companionship?" Adding, if not, "Maybe you are in the wrong place."

I have been able to tune in for bits and pieces of the conference and have seen clips from several church leaders I follow from around the country. They all express a feeling of hopefulness for the future. The worship services shared in this large gathering of faithful United Methodists are truly inspiring. I encourage you to set aside some time to join your heart in worship with those gathering for General Conference. Recordings of worship services and business meetings (found under the Multimedia tab), as well as articles about the work taking place, are available online at this link: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>

Our PNW clergy delegate Elizabeth Schindler described three areas of focus for many delegates in this pre-conference video: <https://vimeo.com/935942728>

I hope you will take some time to learn about the work being done at General Conference and will be inspired by sharing in the worship gatherings. At the very least, I hope you will join me in praying that the work being done will be led by the Holy Spirit and will carry us forward into a hope-filled future for the work of God through United Methodists around the world.

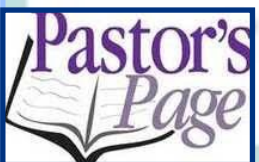
Peace and hope,

Kim

Rev. Kim Poer

Be still, and know that I am God!

Psalm 46:10





The United Methodist Church General Conference 2024



There is still time to tune in to the General Conference. During the last days, many resources will be available to view and learn. Please join us in getting involved and being in the know.

**For more information on the General conference and to watch live coverage of General Conference, April 23 – May 4, 2024—
click link below:**

[General Conference 2024 Resource Page – The Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church \(pnwumc.org\)](https://pnwumc.org)

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church Cemetery

On this 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, the Cub Scouts from Pack 435 will place American Flags and White Crosses on each Veteran's grave in both the SCUMC and St. Johns Lutheran cemeteries on Friday evening, May 24th and will remain there until removed by them the following Wednesday, May 29th. Our Thanks to Lee Phares, BSA Scout leader for his leadership role with these scouts, where they learn the importance of duty to country and of honoring the people who served it through the values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law.

Military Veterans in Salmon Creek United Methodist Cemetery

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| Old Pioneer Section | |
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| Ross M. McFadyen | Maj. US Army Korea, Vietnam |
| Thomas Timm Goddard | MSGT US Air Force WW II, Korea |
| Joseph E. Goddard | Spanish American War Veteran |
| Berton C. Ogden | 14 Inf. 10th Div WW I |
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| Pioneer Section | |
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| James Walter Woolf | PVT CO. G. 1 Regt Wash Inf. Spanish American War |
| John James Bartram | Oregon-Pvt Coast Artillery Corps |
| Samuel H. Huckins | CO. G. 16 IA. Inf. (Civil War) |
| Sam Nicterio Jr. | Specialist US Army WW II |
| Morton J. Byham | WA Corp, 161 Inf. 41 Div. |
| Frank H. Holsman | WW II US Army |
| Grover Cleveland Everitt | ?? |
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| New Active Section | |
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| Charles Scherer | US Navy Veteran |
| Lindy Albrici | US Air Force Veteran |
| Merlyn Robert Gilbert | US Army Veteran |
| Gordon T. Wells | US Army Veteran |
| Robert Leroy Colgrove | US Air Force Korea |

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 that honors them on Memorial 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, the 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.

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION SALMON CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

For ALL emergencies, dial 9-1-1

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First Aid Kits: FMC Kitchen FMC Entrance
Main Office Main Building, rear exit



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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.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN



The purpose of the Emergency Action Plan is to provide for the safety and well-being of the staff and anyone else present on the grounds of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church.

For this plan, an emergency is defined as a situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property or environment, but is within the abilities of local persons or agencies to treat. Most emergencies require urgent intervention to prevent a worsening of the situation.

Whenever any type of emergency occurs, **the first concern is the safety and well-being of the staff and anyone else present on the grounds. People first – stuff later!** In all cases,

Immediately identify the responsible person who will serve as the point person for the emergency response plan. That person could be the pastor, the church secretary, the dayschool director, the lead usher, or a person in charge of a program being run on the campus. Immediate action is critical. In the absence of any of the named parties above, individuals present are expected to take the lead and proceed according to this Plan. The responsible person will implement the plan to its conclusion.

Then:

Keep your eyes, ears, and all other senses alert and be aware of what is happening around you.

REMAIN CALM – EVALUATE THE SITUATION-TAKE ACTION

Use your best judgement.

Call 9-1-1 whenever you feel that you or other people are in danger, or the solution to the problem exceeds your capabilities.

If you call 9-1-1, and if possible, send a person out to the highway to hail the Emergency response team and direct them to the appropriate area on the grounds.

If you are told to evacuate the building, proceed calmly and orderly into the parking lot. Insure that all persons are outside. Do not go back into the building until someone of authority has given the “All Clear”.

In each of the following situations, guidelines are given for the appropriate action to be taken. These are only guidelines and each situation may call for different actions. Use your best judgement and in every case, calling 9-1-1 is the BEST action.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Remain calm - Evaluate the situation – Take action.

Use first- aid first

Treat minor injuries from supplies in the first-aid kits

Know who is trained and certified in first- aid and CPR

If the problem is beyond your capabilities, call 9-1-1.

Be prepared to give the following information:

Name and phone number

Location

Number of people involved

Nature of injury or illness

If at all possible, stay on the line until help arrives.



While waiting for professional help, do NOT move the ill or injured person unless safety considerations necessitate movement or transportation to a safer location. Send a person outside to flag down the emergency response team.

When professional help arrives, allow them to take control of the situation. Stand by to assist, as needed.

If the spouse, parent, responsible adult or next-of-kin was not present during the emergency, someone on staff must notify them of the occurrence. Do not attempt to make a medical diagnosis or the problem. Tell them what happened and what steps are being taken for care.



**Would you like to know a great way to give back to our community?
Come and join our group for the next Habitat Build!**

**Saturday, May 18th—for most of the day.
Interested? Contact Larry Siewert.**



Fern Prairie United Methodist Church Celebrates 150 Years on the same site!

26112 NE Brunner Road (PO Box 626)

Camas WA. 98607

Please help us celebrate the Grand Finale of
our Sesquicentennial in May.

Saturday May 18, 2024, 3:00 pm

“Sesquicentennial Scenes” A Pageant

From the beginnings of Methodism... to the Northwest... to Fern Prairie...
featuring...the pioneers... the preachers...the congregation ...the children
the connexions...the celebrations.

Free Tickets by Reservation – EMAIL: info@fernprairieunitedmethodist.org

Donations accepted for the *“Firm Foundations Future Fund”*

To maintain the well, the roof, the basement and the firm foundation on solid rock of
the *“The Little White Church on the Hill”* for the next 150 years, and
on request, donors will later receive a commemorative compilation of *“Sesquicentennial Scenes”*
and Connexions of FPUMC.

Sunday May 19, 2024, 10:00 am Worship

**Preacher & Communion Celebrant: Bishop Mary
Ann Swenson**

Bishop Mary Ann was the pastor at Orchards UMC -1974-
83.

She was the Bishop in the Denver Area 1992-2000 & Cali-
fornia Pacific 2000-2012.

Anniversary Luncheon to Follow





**Join us on Sunday, May 19th for a benefit breakfast for
Family Promise of Clark County.**

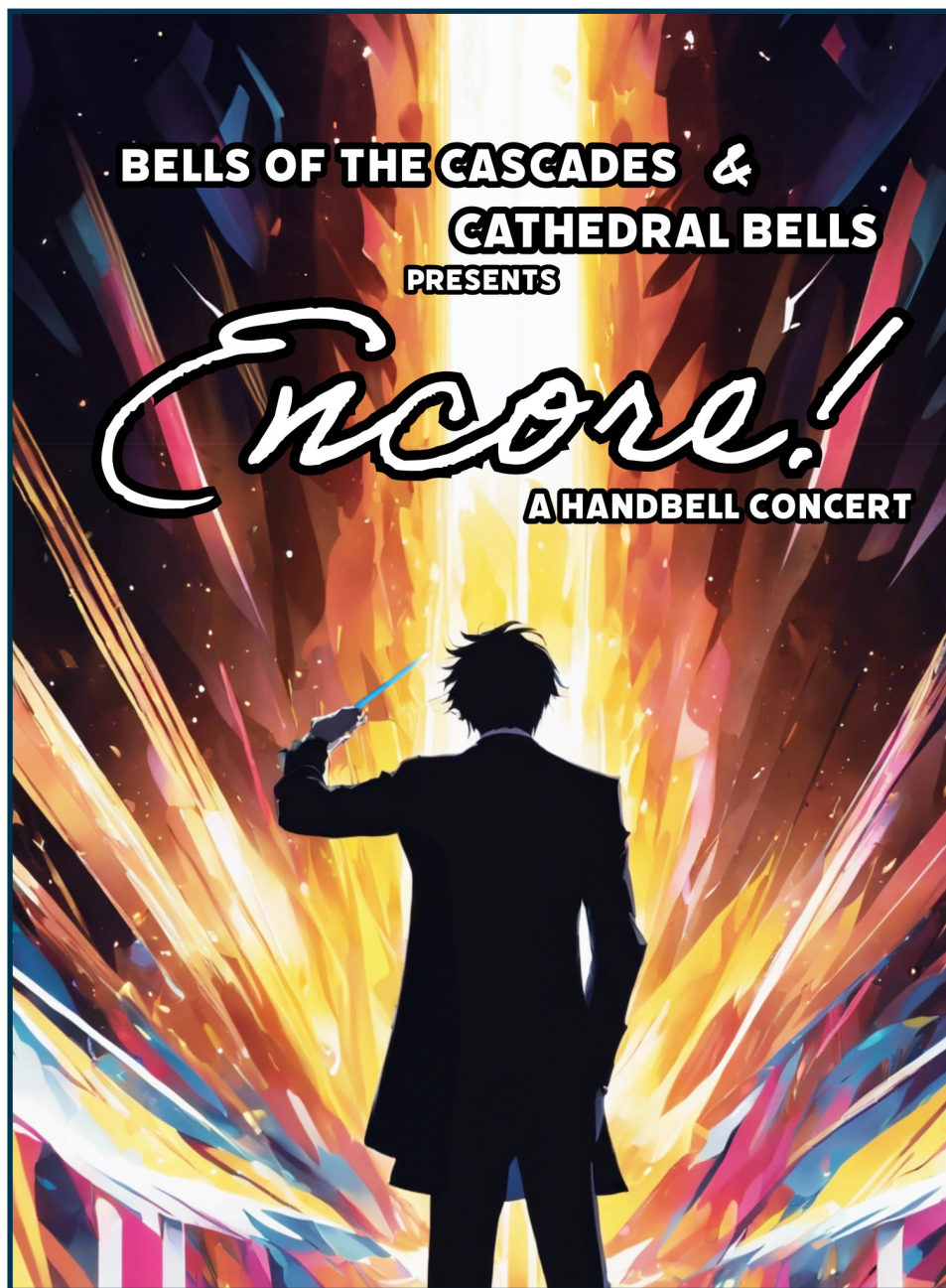
**Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 11:30 am in the FMC.
Come by and eat and make a generous donation to
our mission of Family Promise of Clark County.**

Our Host Dates:

April 28—May 5

August 4 – 11th

October 27 – November 3



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

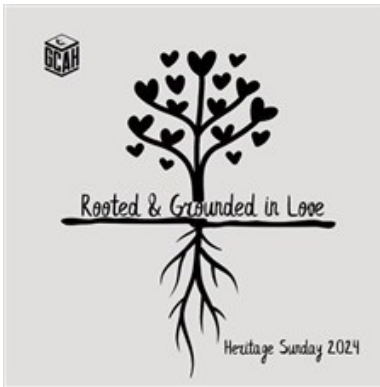
Sunday, June 2 at 4pm

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.



Our Purpose is Love

From resourceumc.org

'ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE': WESLEY'S EMPHASIS ON LOVE IS FOCUS OF HERITAGE SUNDAY 2024

History course, podcast, liturgy, video and more available now

Madison, N.J. – Methodism's founder John Wesley has been called a theologian of love, writing and preaching about love as the heart of true faith. Heritage Sunday resources will highlight Wesley's emphasis on love in its 2024 theme, "Rooted and Grounded in Love." Heritage Sunday traditionally is recognized the third Sunday in May (**May 19** this year), but congregations may choose to commemorate the special Sunday at any time.

"The people called Methodists cannot easily be defined. When we seek to celebrate our heritage, we recognize that we represent different cultures, varying theological interpretations and may not agree on some issues. However, at our core, we know that God's love is a common denominator and that we are to be beacons of this enduring love to all we meet," says Dr. Ashley Boggan D., general secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH.) "This Heritage Sunday, all of us at the General Commission on Archives and History thank you and your United Methodist congregation for how you live out God's love in the world. Our hope is that in honoring our past, we may envision a future where all of God's children know they are loved and valued."

The General Commission on Archives and History has partnered with other United Methodist general agencies to provide a number of resources to local congregations in recognition of this special Sunday in the life of our denomination. All Heritage Sunday 2024 resources are available at ResourceUMC.org/ArchivesandHistory.

Below are details about the 2024 Heritage Sunday resources.

Free history course with introductory video

"Radicle Methodism: Back to our Roots" is a free, in-depth, four-module online course that examines Methodism from the earliest days to the present. The course is perfect for small groups, confirmation classes, new member classes and anyone interested in learning more about our denomination. [View the introductory video here](#) to learn more.

The General Commission on Archives and History has partnered with Discipleship Ministries to produce liturgy, sermon notes and hymn suggestions for Heritage Sunday. Find all the resources at [this link](#).

A previously-released volume of Heritage Sunday liturgy titled “To Remember and Celebrate” can be downloaded [here](#).

Pew cards, produced by UMCGiving, are available for download at [this link](#).

Bulletin inserts featuring quotes on love from John Wesley are available to be downloaded and printed. You can [access the resource here](#).

'Un-Tied Methodism' podcast

From the archives, we share a popular episode of GCAH’s “Un-Tied Methodism” podcast, hosted by Boggan, with guest the Rev. Dr. Paul Chilcote. Chilcote, a renowned Wesley scholar, discusses his book, “Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together.” During the conversation, Chilcote asserts that in a world that is radically divided, we don’t need a bold witness, but, rather, a gracious witness that is centered on holiness connected to love and not law. Watch for a re-release of the podcast on May 9. (The podcast link will be shared at GCAH’s social media accounts and at ResourceUMC.org/ArchivesandHistory.)

Heritage Sunday explainer video

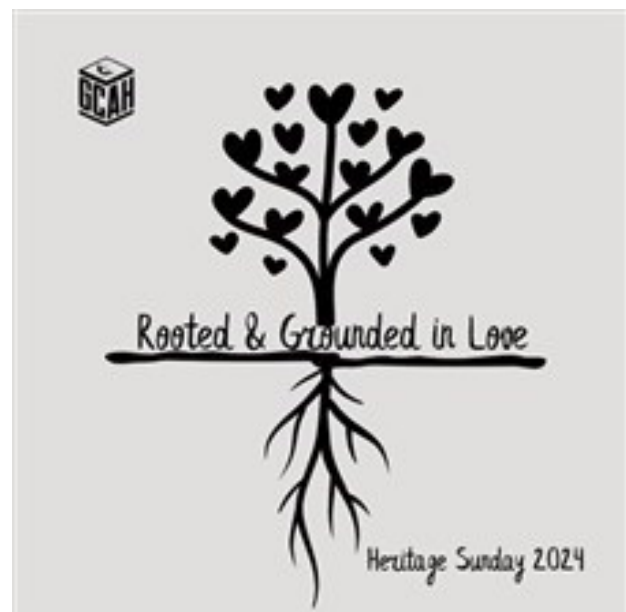
A video produced by United Methodist Communications explains why we celebrate Heritage Sunday and the importance of this special Sunday for all United Methodists. The video, which is available for download, can be viewed [here](#).

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Many thanks to all who decorated our cross with beautiful fresh flowers Easter Sunday. Every space on all sides was adorned with flowers.





Women's Ministries News

Our Women's Ministries is in its 28th year of serving our Church. Originally founded to provide Bible study opportunities and support to the women of Salmon Creek UMC, our group is still going strong. Funded by the Dorothy Northrup Trust and led by their board, we provide help to others in a variety of ways, while keeping our 'JOY Bible' and 'Better Together' Bible study groups. We provide the "Upper Room" devotional publications for members of the church, provide materials for Stephens Ministries, sponsor the 'Celebration of Life' teams who host and prepare receptions for Celebration of Life services. We support the Basket Auction and dinner, the Giving Tree, and help supply school supplies for Gaiser Middle School, JOY Quilters, the history and archival room of the church, and this past year, we hosted our Spring tea and sponsored and led the "You Only Die Once" workshop just completed.

We welcome all who would like to join our Women's Ministry and/or the Dorothy Northcutt Board, and all who want to participate in any and all of our activities. For more information, contact Sandie Hollister, Laurie Doering or Jayne McCarley or fill out the form at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. (A copy of that form is on the next page.)

- By Jayne McCarley



I would like to know about the _____ ministry.

I would like to participate in the _____ ministry.

I would like to be on the Women's Ministry/Dorothy Herbert Trust Board _____.

I would like to share the following ideas with the Women's Ministry/Trust Board:

(Use the back of this slip if more space is needed)

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please put this slip in the information center basket. Thank you for your interest!

We appreciate it and cannot wait to connect with you!



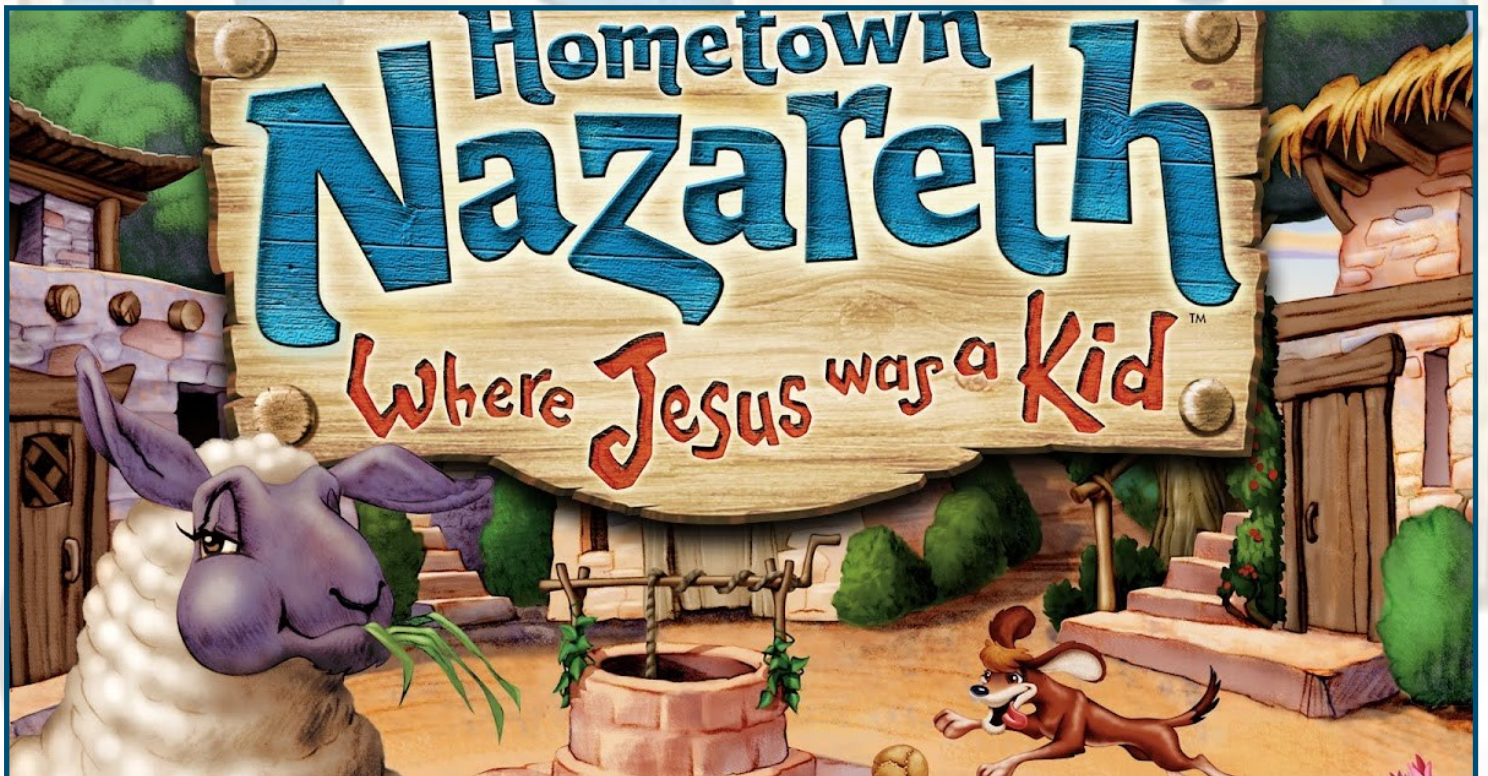
JOY Quilters

The special JOY quilters group is also part of our Women's Ministry. It was founded in 2007, and it provides "Passage Quilts" to Legacy Hospital for those passing on from this life. We are also fortunate to have Sharleen Rainville, who is an expert teacher, to provide us with lessons and guidance in our endeavors.

The quilts are presented to a Chaplain at the hospital who finds out from the family the colors, hobbies and likes of the person for whom the quilt is intended to go and then chooses one for them. Members of Salmon Creek UMC may also obtain one directly for family members by contacting Sandie Hollister, who will see that one is provided for them whether their loved one is in Hospice at home, or another facility. We would like to share with you some of the JOY we have in creating these lovely quilts through these pictures, and to invite anyone interested in quilting to join us, whether a beginner or expert. - By Jayne McCarley



**This summer's VBS is "Home Town Nazareth" -
from June 24th through 28th
Volunteer sign-ups are available NOW!**



TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

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

May

- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/19 Missions Benefit Breakfast
- 5/27 Memorial Day – Church closed
- 5/30 BOC Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
- 5/31 BOC Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

June

- 6/7 – 6/12 Pastor Kim out of town at Clergy Conference in Houston
- 6/8 Music Ministries Concert – 6:00 pm
- 6/14 Vancouver Public Schools last scheduled day of school
- 6/16 Father's Day
- 6/24 – 6/28 VBS week
- 6/28 Day School Graduation (Sanctuary)
- 6/30 VBS Sunday

July

- 7/7 Tentative all-Church picnic
- 7/28 Town Hall/Potluck after worship

August

- 8/4 – 8/11 Family Promise Week
- 8/25 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 8/28 First day of school – Vancouver Schools



DATES TO REMEMBER

September

9/8 Rally Day

October

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

12/6 Happy Birthday, Jesus – 6:15 pm

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)**



Laurie Doering—May 3

Sally Bowlin—May 11

Jerry DuPree—May 11

Allen Deaver—May 24

Susan Marie Knowles-Berry—May 27

Nancy Volgamore—May 29

Susan Wiltsey—May 31

Don't see your birthday?

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



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

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