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Dear friends and family of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church, grace and peace to you all!

Recently, I've been thinking a lot about seasons; gardening seasons, seasons of the year, seasons of life, seasons of the church year.

Two different people told me last week it is time for pruning. In a conversation about roses, I was told it is time to prune roses for the spring, cutting just above the five-leaf grouping as you prune it back to shape it and encourage growth and blooming. Later in the week, I stopped to talk with Richard as he was pruning our apple tree on the south side of the church. He explained to me how it is now time to prune apple trees, pruning off specific branches to shape the tree and encourage its growth and health.

Before this week ends, we will be in the month of March, preparing to welcome the first official day of spring! The warmer, sunny days last weekend led me to share with someone that they were making me excited about the arrival of spring! They were quick to caution me that spring will usually bring rain, and the real sunny season more often comes with summer. It made me think of a great t-shirt I recently saw from a company called Portland Gear. It says, "May the roses remind us why the rain is so important." What a great perspective I thought! Of course we need the rain! But, when the occasionally sunny days punctuate the rainy stretches, it sure makes me celebrate the sunshine as it appears! On a sunny July day, shortly after moving to the PNW, a store cashier said to me and Brian as we finished a purchase, "Enjoy the sunshine!". We have come to understand that phrase of well wishes, and I now find myself saying it any time we have a clear, sunny day!

Last week, I had the pleasure of leading a session for our short-term end-of-life planning class, based on the book, You Only Die Once, by Margie Jenkins. Our chapter was designed to help people make a plan for what they want to do with all of their things. Is there a plan for who gets what we leave behind, especially the precious things whose stories have made them take on a life of their own. Margie Jenkins encourages us to think about what we will leave behind for our loved ones to have to deal with, and also how we might share the stories around our belongings that are a part of our story. It got me thinking about our seasons of life. Many of us are in a sort of clearing season, spring cleaning, downsizing, simplifying, prioritizing what we want to continue to carry with us. Or, maybe that is just me. I made a confession to the class as I was sharing with them that I have been carrying, and moving across the country, things that belonged to my mom, who died eight years ago this March. Many of these are things I will never use, but in my heart, they are pieces of my memories of her. And, for the most part, it is the memories that are worth carrying forward. So, this spring I am committing to myself to do some work on letting go of some of the things and only carrying forward the stories they hold.

March is upon us, friends! With it comes daylight savings time, the first day of spring, holy week, and Easter. So many seasons, so may opportunities for us to grow, worship and serve together!

Peace and hope, Kim Poer

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to

throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away.

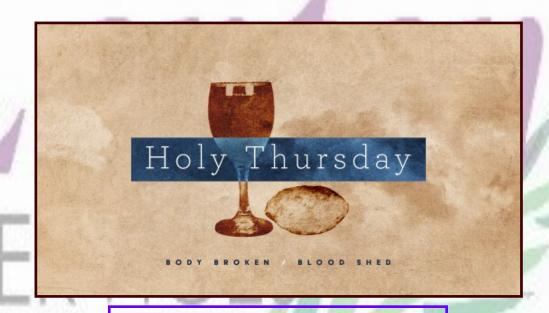
Ecclesiastes 3:1-6







March 24, 2024 10:00 am



March 28, 2024 6:30 pm





March 29, 2024 6:30 pm



March 31, 2024 8:30 am, 10:00 am

# Sunrise Service 6:30 AM

Vancouver UMC Co-Op Easter Sunrise Service:
Fort Vancouver Gazebo
1503 E Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver, WA
6:30 am—March 31st





Easter Sunday is truly a gift for us to celebrate our Risen Lord. Please bring a few fresh flowers on Easter morning to fill our wire cross which will be in the Narthex.

You may wonder why we have done this for years....

Many years ago, our dear friends, Roger and Peggy Brindle tragically lost their little boy in an accident. The Brindles gave this cross to our church with the purpose of filling it with fresh flowers on Easter Sunday. Please continue this memorial and take time as you place your flowers in memory of your loved ones who have passed away.



## JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP ON EASTER

for an EASTER EGG HUNT!

March 31st

Invite your friends!

We need volunteers to help us stuff all the plastic Easter eggs with candy; on Sunday, March 17th after worship, and we also need volunteers to help with the day of the hunt—sign ups are available now!







During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Part of faith formation at any age is compassion and offering a serving heart to our neighbors. Lent is a good time to take up a good cause to support. One way to involve the whole family is to collect coins during the season of Lent and then following Easter, donate the money.

We have chosen *Habitat for Humanity* as a good cause for us to support during this Lenten season. Our Sunday School and Day School children will be following "Coins for Lent" Calendars to collect coins during Lent for Habitat for Humanity. You are invited to join us and follow our *Coins for Lent Giving Calendar* as a guide.

Items on the daily guide will remind us of all we have and how little others may have. Each Sunday, pray as a family for the work of Habitat for Humanity and the people who will benefit from your gifts. Our giving begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with Holy Saturday. During Lent, Sundays are for worship and praise to God, and are reflected with a weekly day of prayer.

Peace and hope, Rev. Kim Poer Tiffiney Nordby We are in the stages of planning for a fun family evening with a movie, popcorn, goodies and fellowship!

(And of course, all are welcome

— not just families!)

Save the date: April 26, 2024

More details soon!



### January, 2024 Financial Update

The Church had a very strong start for January, and the generosity of the Congregation is inspiring. Following is a summary of our financial results for the Church for the month of January. We're off to a great start for the year; Praise be to God!

	January		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	60,952	28,792	32,160
Expenses	30,295	31,646	1,351
Operating Income/ (Loss)	30,657	( 2,854)	33,511

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee



### **FORT VANCOUVER SEAFARERS**

The Seafarers organization is world-wide. It is Christianbased group that supports all seafarers from around the world. Volunteers pick up the sailors from their ships and escort them to places that they would like to go. Our Van-



couver location takes the sailors all over the Vancouver/Portland area. Quite often, we will also bring them to our center where they can relax, and/or pick up a lot of free clothes and other items for their trip to their next destination. At the center, they can pray (for all religions), play pool, ping pong or simply listen to music. We serve mostly sailors from the Philippines, or India. Occasionally, we will see Ukrainian and Russian sailors.

Here are photos of some sailors and two photos from the center!





Women's Ministry was organized in 1996 to provide and/or support ways for Salmon Creek church women to get involved in our church. These ministries are designed to help you meet women, fellowship, grow in your walk with God, and feel more at home here. We hope you will take advantage of the variety of studies, service opportunities, and special events.

You will find a list of our ministries and the women who lead them in the information center. At the bottom of this list, you see the names of the board members who are currently meeting to support our ministries and allocate Dorothy Herbert's trust.

If you would like to share your needs, please fill out the information slip on the next page. The board appreciates your interest!

Joan Stuart



I would like to know about the	_ministry.
I would like to participate in the	
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)	
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We appreciate it and cannot wait to connect with you!	





### **WOMENS MINISTRIES LEADERS at SALMON CREEK CHURCH:**

- 1. Be Together: Special Events
- 2. JOY Bible: Sandie Hollister and Sandy Bippes
- 3. Better Together: Maggie Mikalatos and Kathy Valrejean (Women's Bible Study on Sundays after church)
- 4. Family Promise: Karen Beilsmith
- 5. Memorial/Celebration of Life Receptions:
  - A. Team 1—Betty Selby
  - B. Team 2—Joan Stuart
  - C. Team 3—Maggie Mikalatos
  - D. Team 4—Phyllis Browning and Kathy Hardy
- 6. Friends in Faith (Shut-in Ministry): Marilyn Forman and Betty Selby
- 7. Charity Auction/Dinner: Gay Enyeart and Kathy Hardy
- 8. Passing Quilt Ministry: Sandie Hollister
- 9. Library Ministry: Elaine Gilbert and Faye Wells
- 10. Welcome Center: Kathy Bachman
- 11. Coffee Fellowship: Karen Beilsmith
- 12. Stephen's Ministry: Sandie Hollister (and Greg Berry)
- 13. Book Club: Elaine Gilbert
- 14. Prayer Shawl Ministry: Echo Langley
- 15. Gaiser Middle School Supplies Ministry: Kathy Hardy

### **Women's Ministry & Dorothy Herbert Trust Board:**

**Sandy Bippes** 

**Phyllis Browning** 

**Kathy Hardy** 

**Sandie Hollister** 

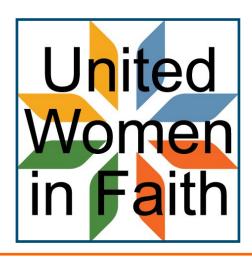
**Joan Stuart** 

Jayne McCarley

**Linda Garrison** 

**Laurie Doering** 

**Pastor Kim** 



### **UM Women, You're INVITED:**

United Women in Faith March Program

Focuses on Food Insecurity

Saturday, March 2. 10:30 a.m.
Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church
5701 MacArthur Blvd.

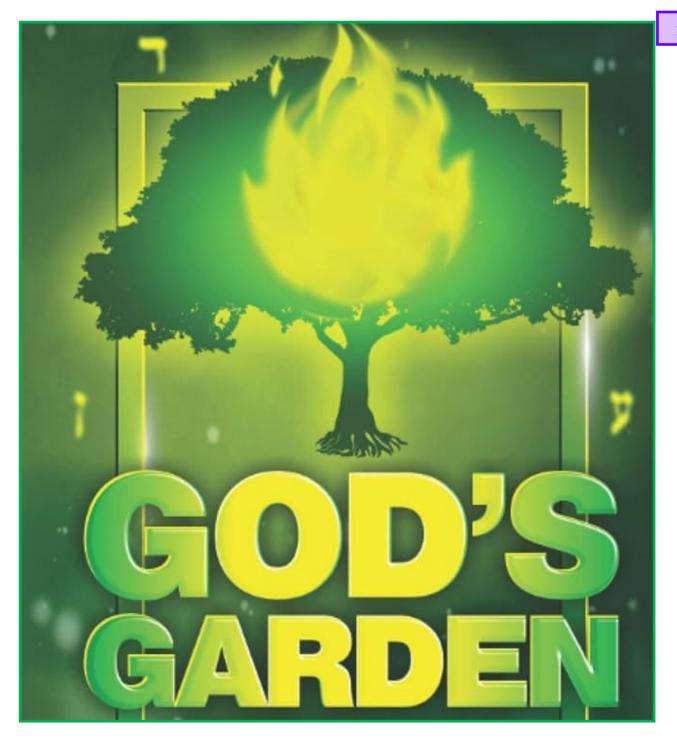
Join United Women in Faith at Vancouver Heights UMC to learn more about a priority mission issue—Food Insecurity. We will hear from speakers from the Clark County Food Bank and Martha's Pantry.

We encourage everyone to attend and if able,

bring a non-perishable food item and/or cash donation.

All are welcome to attend!





Interested in having a great garden plot, 4x8 foot size, with perfect sun and light breeze exposure? Then consider having a plot in God's Gardens behind the Family Ministries Center. Each plot is only \$10 for the year to cover the cost of watering; watering is set up to water all except four plots which are reserved already. We usually have plenty of rain until late May when the sprinklers are turned on; we have a hose with a sprinkler nozzle to use until then. Some plots may require additional soil depending on what you plant, but otherwise they are ready to go. There are plenty of garden tools in our garden shed along with stakes, tomato frames, and various fencing (to protect against squirrels and birds for some crops).

Jim Selby, 828-508-5094 will be glad to meet with you and show you what is available.



During the February 6<sup>th</sup> Ad Board meeting, the Board visited the "Nut Free" policy that was adopted in March 2017. After some discussion, it was decided that the nut free policy was no longer relevant. The student that required the stringent restrictions has not been a part of the Day School for four years. With all of the groups using the building, we are not able to police the groups or enforce the policy. People are asking if they can bring items with nuts to potlucks, coffee fellowship or other social functions such as funerals and weddings. We have discussed this with the Day School. The policy limited staff or others from snacking on nuts while in the building. The policy is being replaced with the practice of labeling all items with nuts or nut products. Coffee Fellowship will have signs similar to the picture above to alert parents and individuals that the item contains nuts. For our potlucks, there will be a small form for anyone bringing something with nuts to be filled out and placed by the dish.

We will also have signs that say "Gluten Free" for our friends needing gluten free items.

The important thing with this is labeling, labeling, labeling!



## **School supplies needed for Gaiser Middle School:**

We just passed the halfway mark for the school year and we are starting to run low on some supplies. Pencils and college ruled notebook paper are the greatest need.

There is also a need for individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars and crackers with cheese (no peanut butter). There will be a box in the Narthex during March to collect the supplies.

Contact kathy.hardy@vansd.org with questions.

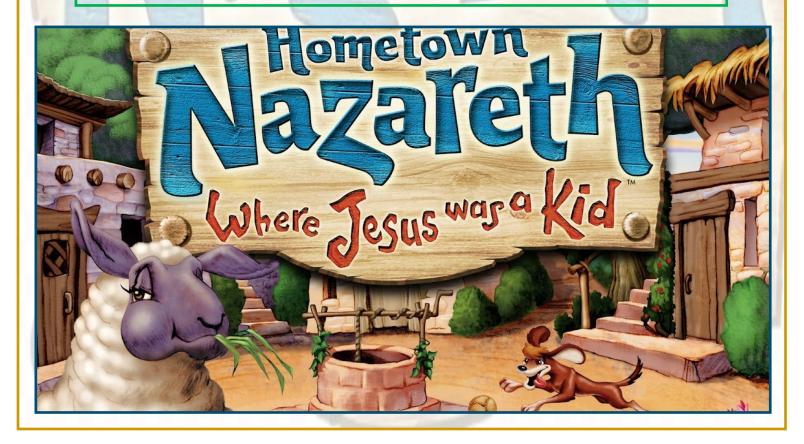




We are collecting small jars (baby food size) for a project that the kids will be doing this summer in VBS. If you have small jars, please bring them in.

There will be a donation box for these.

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





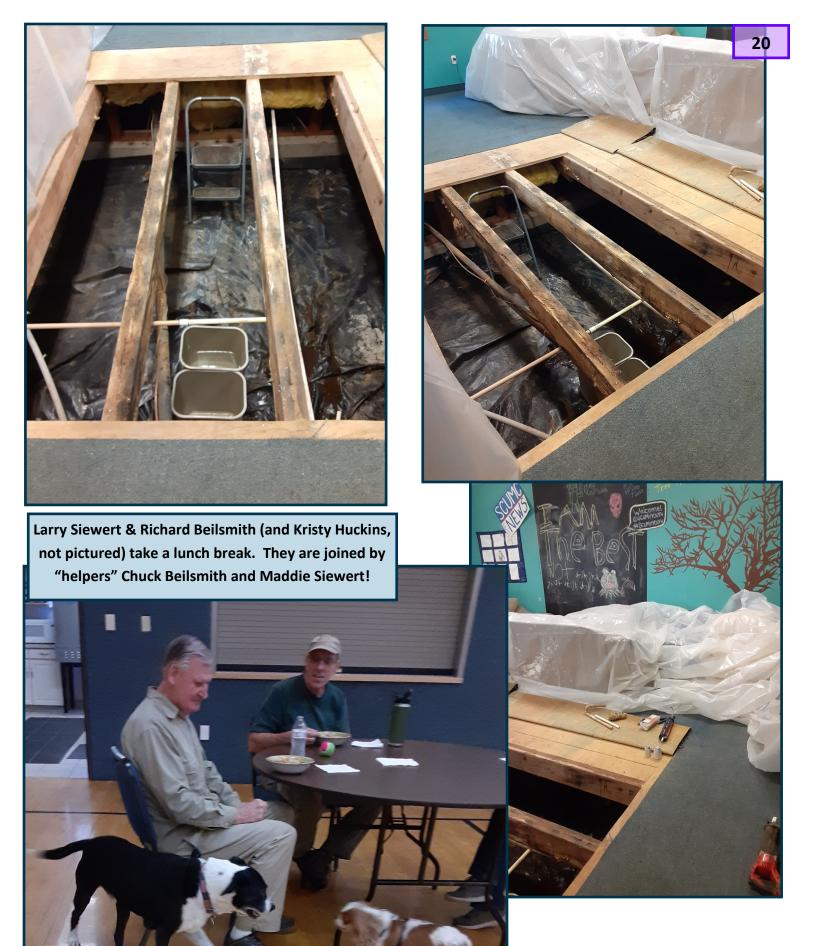
# We're so happy to welcome you to our church family!!!





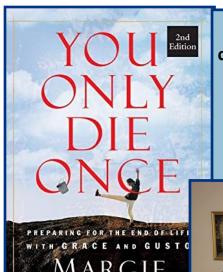
NEW MEMBERS on Sunday, February 18, 2024: Leah Emery, Robin Bowman, Pat Murphy, Ann Wear, Brian Poer Last year, it came to the attention of the Trustees there was a issue with the floor under the carpet in the youth room. Further investigation revealed the subfloor plywood was rotted in several areas due to a leaking water pipe. Recently four Trustees, Larry Siewert, Kristy Huckins, Greg Berry & Richard Beilsmith got together and tackled this project. It required pulling the old carpet away to expose the bad subfloor. The rotted plywood section was removed and the leaky pipe repaired. New plywood was applied and carpet temporarily tacked down. We are looking at replacing the old carpet, which had to be cut and is very old with new LVP floor-











Women's Ministries Presented an "End of Life preparation"

course entitled, "You Only Die Once" from January 31st through

March 12th, and we were so pleased by the resulting attendance! It

was a great course with so much information and we are so happy to

have had the opportunity to make this available

to our congregation and several others of the public.

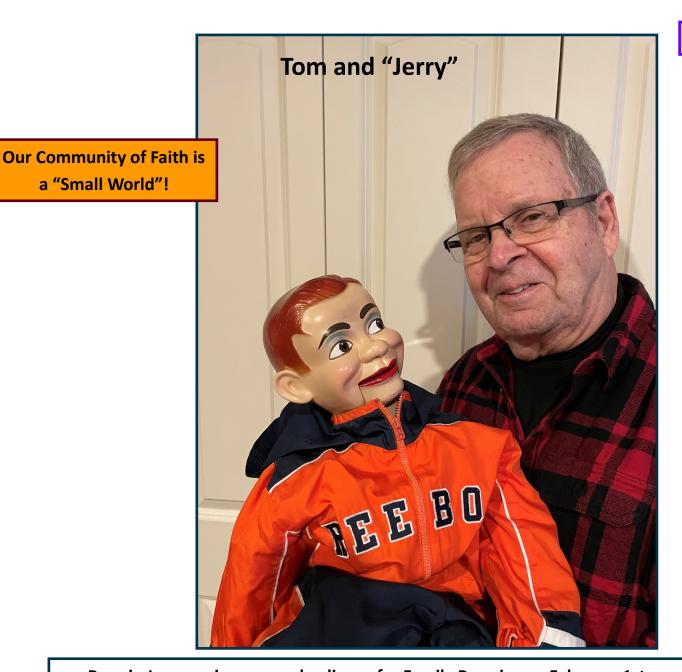




The Youth Group sponsored a Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday evening, February 13th. Pastor Kim took this photo of her plate ... A great time was had by all; we even had a visit from the Skyview

High School band!





Bonnie Jacquemin prepared a dinner for Family Promise on February 1st.

She shared this story with some of us afterwards....

I prepared a dinner with Kay Holmquin and her husband Eric, from the Apostolic Lutheran Church, for a Family Promise family that was staying at our church. As we chatted to get acquainted, I asked Kay if she was from Vancouver. When she told me that she had grown up in Sherwood, Oregon, I told her my husband, Tom Jacquemin, had been a school counselor there in the 1970s and 1980s. Kay got a big smile on her face; she said when she saw my name on her text exchanges, she had wondered if Tom could be my husband! Kay remembered him coming into each classroom at the beginning of the school year with his ventriloquist dummy Jerry, letting his all the students know he was available to listen to them and help with their problems.



### **2024 UPCOMING HOST DATES**

April 28-May 5
August 4-11
October 27-Nov 3

### GREAT FAMILY PROMISE NEWS:

Remember that \$6,000 we donated to Family Promise in October? Well, Meadow Glade Seventh Day Adventist Church added another \$4,000 to it! That allowed Family Promise of Clark County to apply for a grant from Help Us Move In. They gave Family Promise of Clark County a \$10,000 match. This money is to be used for the homeless prevention and aversion program that prevents families from becoming homeless. So, our \$6,000 donation became \$20,000! Thank you!

The Family Promise Van, all packed and ready to move our family to St. John's Lutheran Church, their next stop during the hosting week.



### Family Promise Week: January 28 through February 4th, 2024

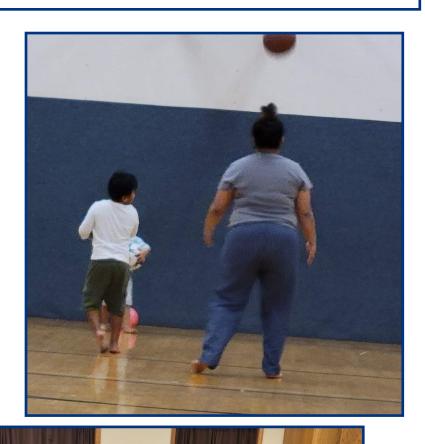
What characters we had this week! The two kids were very outgoing and engaging.

I have never laughed so HARD with a family before.

At dinner one evening, the 7-year-old asked what we were having, when I answered "fish", I heard, "I don't like fish". Then he took a bite and said, "this is good!" Then he asked, then pretty much told us, that we "will be playing basketball after dinner". During our basketball game, he coached us on how to shoot the ball. After an hour of 'sort of' basketball, we played games and built with Legos. Mom did take a break and read her Bible.

- Karen Beilsmith















On Jan. 4, 2024, Ft. Vancouver Chapter #19 of Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington "DPW" (of which our own Jayne McCarley is a member) were privileged to have been given a tour of our Salmon Creek Church Chapel and Archive room by Church Historian, Larry Siewert. Larry presented a history of the church and how our Archive room came into being, along with some interesting fun stories about members. Salmon Creek UMC is very lucky to have been able to preserve our history as we have. The Daughters would like to thank Larry for his continued efforts in preserving the history of this valuable Clark County Historical Pioneer building and the history of its members.



# Ft. Vancouver Chapter #19 Jan 4 2024 DPW Meeting



Ft. Vancouver Chapter #19, Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington met Jan.4, 2024 in our new meeting place at the **Salmon Creek United Methodist** Church. Our program and al tour of Chapel and Archive room was presented by Larry Siewert, Church Historian. The Church was founded in 1864 and the Pioneer Chapel has been restored and still exists. The church's Family Ministry center also contains a archive room which stores the history of the church. So wonderful to see all of the history of this church preserved in the way it has been.

This page is from the DPW Chapter and State and Facebook page.



Members braving the wind and rain to go to the Pioneer Chapel



Hester Goddard Tea Set that she brought with her over the Oregon Trail.. She was one of the original members of the church.

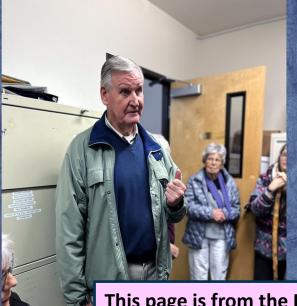


Larry Siewert telling us about the Pioneer chapel

Larry tells us about the archive room

# In the Archive Room

Members listening intently



This page is from the DPW Chapter and State and Facebook page.





Church dog "Maddie" learns too.



Judy B.





And we have our meeting!

# TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR (just to keep in mind what's coming up)

3/10	Daylight Savings Time begins
3/24	Palm Sunday Worship
2/20	LLa lee Tla considere NA / a mala ! a

3/28 Holy Thursday Worship 3/29 Good Friday Worship

3/31 Easter Worship followed by Egg Hunt

**April** 

4/1 Monday after Easter (CHURCH CLOSED)

4/1 – 4/5 Vancouver Schools Spring Break
TBD Leadership Retreat – all day in gym

4/26 Family Fun/movie night

4/28 Town Hall/Potluck after worship

4/28 – 5/5 Family Promise Week

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

7/28 Town Hall/Potluck after worship

### <u>August</u>

8/4 – 8/11 Family Promise Week

8/25 Blessing of the Backpacks

8/28 First day of school – Vancouver Schools

### **September**

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

12/6 Happy Birthday, Jesus – 6:15 pm

12/8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

12/14 Lessons and Carols – 6:00 pm

12/15 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

12/24 (Tuesday) Christmas Eve Services

12/23/24-1/2/25 Church closed (excepting worship services on 12/24)



I wanted to share the kind of dedication and effort that Tiffiney puts in for our kids. She and her daughter, Elise, made these landscapes for children's church, and they cut out frogs and polliwogs for the children to stick onto the boards while a story was told about frogs. Tiffiney has the kids enthralled with her Bible-based stories, activities, music and interactive lessons. She is a jewel!





## IMAGES FROM THE ATTIC: CLARK COUNTY HISTORY

By MARTIN MIDDLEWOOD

for The Columbian

In 2940, the construction of Highway 99 nearly demolished one of the oldest church buildings in Clark County. The Salmon Creek United Methodist Church had to be moved to its current location on the east side of the road. Today, those driving northbound along Northeast Highway 99 by the creek can't miss the small white church.

The Methodists who founded what would become the Salmon Creek United Methodist Church crossed the Oregon Trail together in 1852. Their seven-month journey brought them to Fort Vancouver, where they stayed ustil they could file claims under the Bomestead Act. Their church symbolizes the Methodist incursion into Clark County, the first since

only shortly before turning his the West, it was comattention south of the Columbia River to create a mission near Salem, Ore.

The Methodists' leader, Joseph Goddard, was steeped in religion by a family of Methodist preachers, including his grandlather, father, and later his son. One in three religious believers were Methodists by 1850, giving the sect a seriout influence on the thinking of the day. Goddard and his wife, Hester, trudged six miles north of the fort through a heavily wooded area with no made, to strike a claim near what today is Northeast Hazel Dell Asenue and Bassel Road. There, they built a home, which from 1853-1855 held the first regular Methodist meetings since Juson Lev's

Jason Lee arrived at Fort Van-rough log cabin to serve as a church as the Pisseer Chapel. couver in 1834. Lee stayed church and schoolhouse. In

use the same building to mix religion and education, with Sundays reserved for church gatherings and weekdays for schooling. The congregation outgrew the cabin and replaced it with a larger one in

preachers at Salmon Creek. During territorial days, no community could afford to pay a curver as a minister there. parson, and itinerast preachers. rode circuits to bring religion to the wilderness. The Rev. James. Gerrish was the first circuit. Highway 99, the church would missionary to preach at Salmon Creek. Others followed, but Gerrish is seen as the organizer of the Methodist congrega- to move the church to its prestion in Vancouver. In his diary, Goddard wrote, 'Father Gerrish's circuit includes Astoria, services 20 years earlier. Dur Vancouver, Salmon Creek and ing the week, Hester schooled The Dulles, "noting the preach-her children there.

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As the 1890s blended into gradiom,

of the worst economic depres sions, the Salmon Creek Methodists turned to constructing a new church on the north side of the creek, on land donated Goddard's descendants. They incorporated it as the Salmon Creek Methodist Epis Circuit riders were the first copal Church in 1897. Upon its completion, the Rev. James Mc-Queen started a half-century

The old road to Salmon Creek was pased, narrow and full of curves. To make way for have to be moved. Arthus Northcutt and Will Galbraith negotiated and received \$4,000 ent location. In the move, they added a basement and a septic synteen.

#### Martin Middlewood is notice

of the Clark County Historical Society. Arread, Reach him at ClarkCoRectif



In 1906, the year the bell tower was added. the congregation gathered in front of the Salmon Creek Methodist Church dressed in their Sunday finest. The church later was moved from this location to the east side of Northeast Highway 99.

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## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Jane Clark March 6

Roberta E. Gapsch March 10

Jim Selby March 13

Karen West March 15

Phyllis Deaver March 16

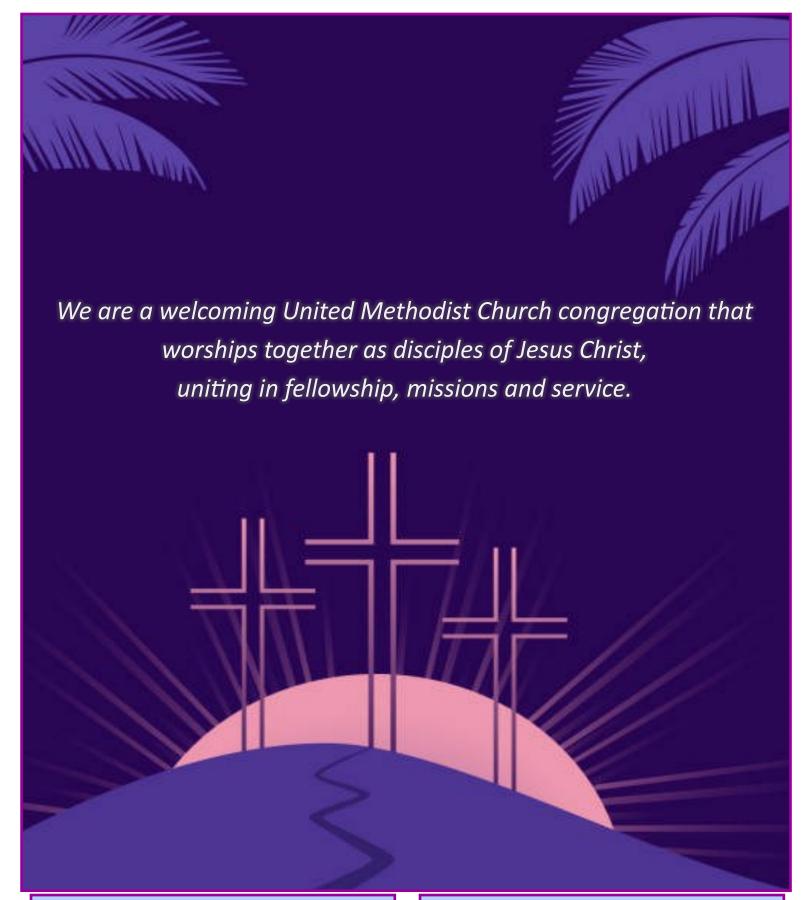
Lance Bachman March 19

LaVeta Scherer March 19

Katie Albrici March 23

Patricia Petersen March 24

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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