



The Circuit Rider

Salmon Creek Church



Praise God from whom
all blessings flow

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Grace and peace to you, friends and family of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church!

As I write this article, the final details for our Eek at the Creek event are falling into place. So far, the weather for that day is expected to be mostly sunny and cool. It should definitely feel like fall! I hope you are planning to join in the fun! Costumes are encouraged, but not required!

November will get off to a very special start with an observation of All Saints Sunday. We will name and thank God for those from our church family who have passed away over the past year. Music from our Exultation Ringers and sharing the table of Holy Communion will make this part of the service even more meaningful.

As we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, we will also celebrate 170 Years of Salmon Creek ministry by sharing a special slideshow during worship. Larry Siewert will also be presenting to us a special exhibit from the archives in the Fellowship Hall! I hope you will join us for birthday cake, and take some time to view these special pieces of Salmon Creek history. Please invite others who may appreciate and want to celebrate the history of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church.

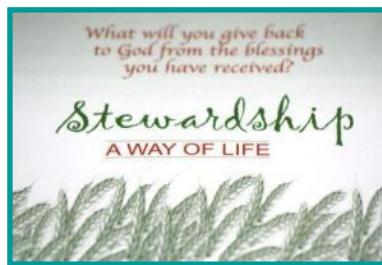
November reminds us that we have so much to be thankful for, so our worship will focus on gratitude for the first three Sundays of this month. November 12, we will recognize and honor our veterans, thanking them for their faithful service. As we begin the week of Thanksgiving, on Sunday, November 19, we will consider how we are called as people of faith to be perpetually thankful. Later that afternoon, we will gather to prepare for the Advent season with the Hanging of the Greens. All are invited to come help decorate our sanctuary.

On the final Sunday of November, our Advent season begins! Our theme this year will be "The Gift of Being Present"! November will be a month full of wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship and service! I pray you will join us as you are able, and throughout the month may we all take time to be grateful!

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

United Methodist Hymnal 102, Now Thank We All Our God

Peace and joy,
Rev. Kim Poer



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Over the past several weeks, I have arranged for our Leadership and Ministry Chairpersons and Directors to bring you information regarding all the work we do here at our church. The intent was to be enlightening, motivational and inspiring. I wanted you to know how hard this entire team has worked, using all their spiritual gifts and talents to run and support the ministry and operation of SCUMC.

It takes everyone here today and those at home watching to keep going forward with our Christ-driven ministries, missions, and outreach to our congregation and community. I believe God is working here and now and speaking to everyone to use your gifts and talents to support our church. Your tithes are greatly appreciated and needed to continue on. Giving of your time and talents are just as important, as we need volunteers to provide consistency in our programming and missions. What are your gifts? How can you use them for the growth, prosperity and betterment of our church? Everyone of God is called to ministry. We need you to help us continue on, grow, reach farther with God's hand guiding us every step of the way.

If you have already submitted your pledge card for 2024, thank you very much. If you have not, please do so soon. The budget planning for next year has already begun and we need your pledge information to plan accurately and efficiently.

If you have already volunteered to serve on a committee or mission area next year, thank you as well. Your service is greatly appreciated. We still have 2 openings that are crucial to fill – Lay Leader and Secretary of the Administrative Board. Please search your heart and soul – is this something you can do?

I encourage and challenge everyone here to come forward. Put your gifts to work to do amazing things here at SCUMC. When we all participate, we all reap the benefits of a unified, dedicated, and loving church that can go forward doing Christ's work in an enthusiastic and purposeful attitude. Thank you.

Lila DeBolt
Chairman, Administrative Board, 2023

SCUMC Finance Committee

For this month, I would like to briefly list some of the things the Committee does and present a new "Scorecard" showing where we stand financially.

Duties:

- The Finance Committee meets at least 6 times each year.
- The financial statements (Income Statements and Balance Sheet) for the Church, Dayschool and "B" accounts are reviewed and compared to the annual Ad Board approved budget. Significant deviations of actual to the budgeted amount are reviewed.
- Provide for an annual audit of the church's financial records.
- Prepare an annual Church budget and adjust expenditures to revenue as needed. Present to Ad Board for approval. As may be needed, propose and present to the Ad Board any adjustments to the approved budgets.
- Prepare and adopt appropriate procedures to safeguard and protect church resources.
- Manage funds donated to the church.

Where we stand:

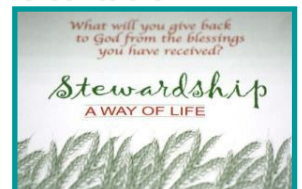
Salmon Creek Financial Scorecard September 30, 2023

Operating Results					
	Revenue		Expense		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Jan-Sep	\$ 226,330	\$ 241,571	\$ 266,458	\$ 294,485	
October					
November					
December					
Total YTD	226,330	241,571	266,458	294,485	
Jan thru Dec 2023 Budget		322,100		387,977	
Balance sheet					
Bank Accounts	\$ 389,408				
Investment Faith Foundation	789,722				
Fixed Assets	2,729,920				
Total Equity	3,906,515				

The financial stability of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church(SCUMC) remains strong. However, Operating Expenses (\$266,458) continue to exceed our Operating Revenue (\$226,330). This year (2023) has been a difficult transition year for the Church. We lost members attending services as well as pledge income during the first 3 months of the year. Attendance has begun to increase since the second quarter, but we still are running short to both our budget and prior levels of giving. The Church's investment position has regained some of the losses sustained during the economic downturn during the pandemic years.

SCUMC has benefitted substantially from several government programs instituted to assist in retaining employees during the pandemic. This assistance has allowed SCUMC to maintain a comfortable cash/investment position. It also will provide funds to launch programs designed to grow the Church in its mission as we look to the future.

FINANCE





Grief Release, by Joanne Petrie

A Grief Support Group will be offered Wednesday afternoons from 1 – 3 pm beginning **November 1, 2023**, using resources from the program "Grief Release" by Joanne Petrie. This group will be led by Pastor Kim Poer and one of our Stephen Ministry leaders, Sandie Hollister. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please email Pastor Kim at kimp@salmoncreek.church or call Nancy in the church office.





Habitat House built by Salmon Creek United Methodist Church 10/21/23

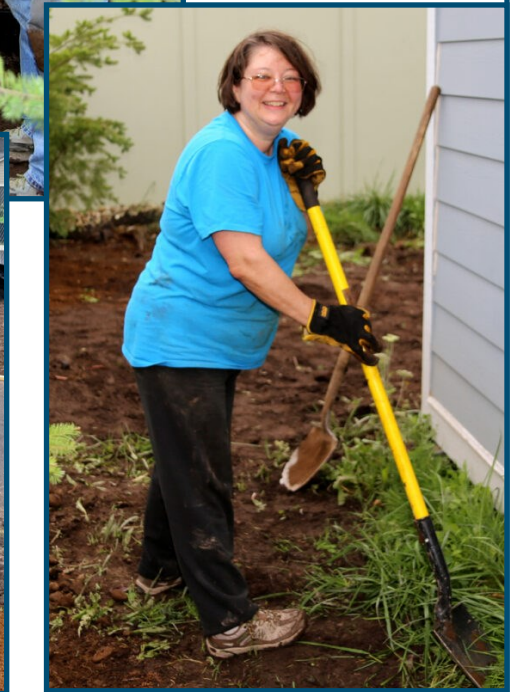
**Next Habitat Build Day:
November 4th. If you are interested in helping, please talk with Larry Siewert. This is an extremely rewarding way to serve!**

Habitat Build Day 10-21-23





Habitat Build Day 10-21-23





**All Saints Remembrance
and Celebrating 170 Years
of Salmon Creek Ministry
November 5, 2023**

On November 5th we will be observing All Saints Sunday during worship with a special time of remembering and thanking God for the lives of our members who passed away over the past year.

We will also be celebrating 170 years of ministry since the founding of Salmon Creek Church in 1853! During worship, there will be a special slide show celebrating the origins and history of Salmon Creek UMC. Then, following worship, we will share birthday cake and enjoy a time of fellowship with an opportunity to view some displays from our archives, put together by Larry Siewert.

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SALMON CREEK CHURCH Fall Missions

Dinner & Auction

NOV 18 2023

5:00 PM Doors Open (Silent Auction)
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Live Auction



A ticket to this event includes a delicious sit-down dinner, admission to the live and silent auctions, and our famous Dessert Dash. All proceeds go to benefit community missions.



To purchase tickets contact the church office at 360-573-3111 or email admin@salmoncreek.church.



MENU

Appetizers

Banger Mash w/Onion Gravy
Braised Red Cabbage
w/Apple
Famous Dessert Dash
Coffee/Tea/Cider

Support our local missions!

Open House Ministries

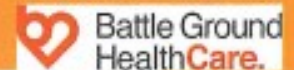
Share, Inc.

Friends of the Carpenter

Safe Choice Shelter

Vancouver Seafarers Center

Battle Ground HealthCare



SafeChoice

YWCA



OPEN HOUSE
MINISTRIES
We're a family shelter



ANNUAL MISSIONS BASKET AUCTION – Saturday, November 18

What is a basket?

Baskets are collections of items, homemade or purchased by church members and combined together with a theme...baking, pampering, movie night, etc.

We encourage individuals, families and groups in the church to put together baskets to be auctioned off at our annual basket auction! There will be a silent auction and an oral auction of baskets by our own Roger Brindle.

Where do auction funds go?

1. **Share Inc.** – Non-profit organization that provides food and shelter to the homeless and low income in Clark county. School food backpacks and summer lunches are provided by Share.
2. **Seafarers Center** – Welcomes and provides services for international mariners while docked at the Port of Vancouver and Portland.
3. **Safe Choice** – Shelter and services for women who are victims of domestic violence.
4. **Friends of the Carpenter** – A ministry that serves the homeless and less fortunate in Vancouver. Projects of 'wood' allows those participating to become friends around a table with Christ at the center.
5. **Open House Ministries** – A ministry that serves families who are in transition. A way for them to 'get back on their feet'. Providing them housing, counseling, goal setting and hope.
6. **Battle Ground HealthCare** – Salmon Creek is looking to provide support for this non-profit, faith-based clinic that provides health care to low income adults in Clark County.



How do I donate a basket?

Sign up at our display in the back of the church. Then complete this form and leave it in your basket when you bring it to the church. You may also submit the information prior to bringing in your basket – be sure you also identify the basket at the time it is brought to the church. In order to compile the information for the auction we need a description of the basket by November 16th, all baskets must be at the church by November 18th at noon.

Name of person or group donating a basket:

Type of basket or brief description of contents:

Estimated retail value: \$

Thank you for your contribution towards missions work in our community and around the world. Your expenditure on your basket is tax deductible, please keep your receipts or you may get a receipt from the church office or the treasurer following the Auction.

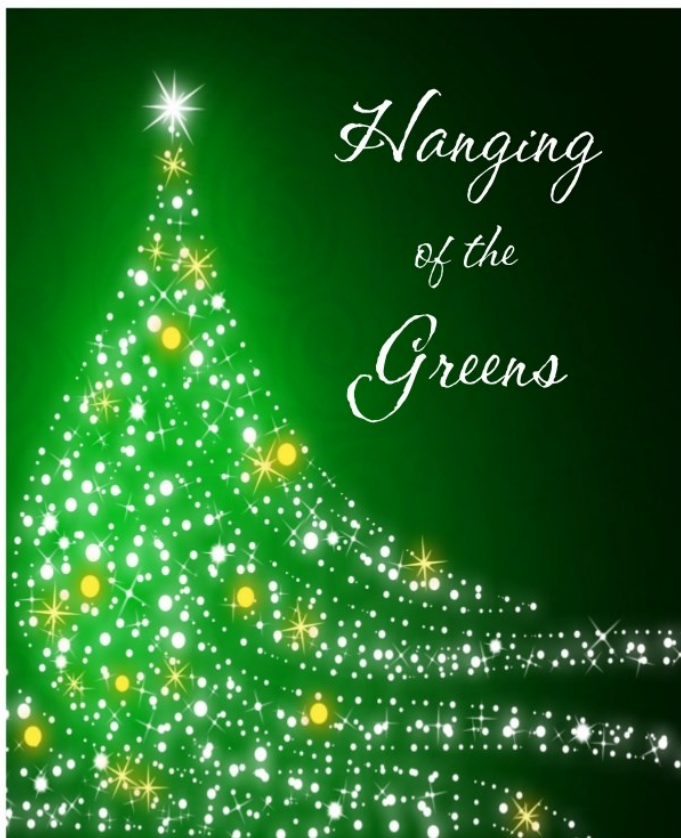
Hanging of the Greens

Christmas is coming and we, as members of SCUMC, are preparing for this blessed event. The church family is asked to join the Worship Committee to prepare the sanctuary for the Advent Weeks. The Hanging of the Greens will be held on **Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19th at 3:00 pm**. Please join us as we put up the Christmas tree and hang all the greens for the birth of Jesus.

Then mark your calendar as we take them down after Christmastide
on **Saturday, January 13 at 9:00 am**.

As always, our mothers were correct in saying, "many hands make light work."

We hope you will join us!



**Mark your calendars for Friday evening,
December 1st at 6:00 pm.**

**Join the children's church in celebration
of Jesus' birthday.**

**The children will delight us with their presence with a sing-
along show that everyone will enjoy. And don't forget, there
will be cake after the show to end our party for Jesus.**

Happy Birthday
JESUS

WE ♥ YOU!



Cookies, Cocoa, Stories & Photos with Santa!

Saturday, Dec. 2nd
3pm - 6pm



Bring your children
& grandchildren

Please bring unwrapped
toys or cash to donate to
the C.A.R.O.L
Program



Fern Prairie United
Methodist Church

26112 NE Brunner Road

HO-HO-HO!





Fall will soon be past us and winter on its way, and we are thinking about our houseless neighbors. We need hats, gloves, and scarves to add to our “Grab & Go” food bags. Whether you like to knit, crochet, or can donate new items, your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help keep someone warm when they are cold. Items can be left *in the food pantry cart at the east entrance of the Narthex* nearest the Family Ministries center. We can also use rain ponchos or tarps!

Questions? Contact Angie Williams at 360-281-5618

Thank you!!



Be a better neighbor to people experiencing homelessness

The logo for the Town Hall Meeting features the words "TOWN HALL" in large, white, sans-serif capital letters, with "MEETING" in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters below it. The text is set against a background of three overlapping speech bubbles in teal, orange, and pink.

Sunday, September 24, 2023





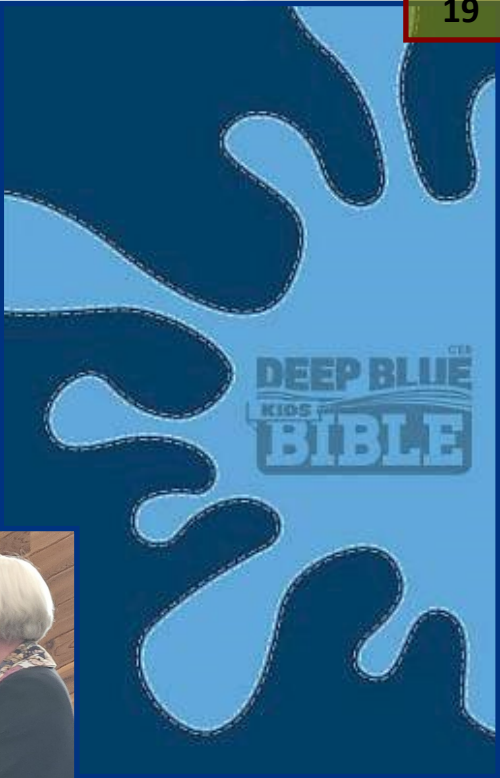
Allured composers at Distinctly Bronze: Cathy Moglebust, Hart Morris, Matthew Compton. Thank you for your inspiring contributions to handbell literature!



**Breads from around the
world for
“World Communion
Sunday”
October 1, 2023**

World Wide Communion was represented with a special table you can see in these pictures. Worship Committee members, Echo Langley and Lynne Nieda found the breads from seven different countries. The covering was borrowed from Libby Montoya-Bunkley, who was given this beautiful cloth from Mexico. The gluten free bread is baked each month by Pam Roberts. Thanks to all for your contributions.

**Our children received Bibles on
Sunday, October 8th, 2023.**



**Mila Ortiz, Elise Nordby,
Liam Holden, Oliver Holden**



October 8, 2023



October 8, 2023



BLESSING OF THE PETS





ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2023





ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

SCUMC CHARGE CONFERENCE

MINUTES

October 15, 2023

The Charge Conference was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Admin Board Chairperson Lila DeBolt in the FMC Gym at SCUMC.

Welcome by Admin Board Chairperson Lila DeBolt.

Pastor Kim opened with prayer.

DS Kathleen Weber presided over the official vote at the Charge Conference.

Clergy Compensation: Dan Kingsley broke down the compensation for Pastor Kim. 5% increase over last year. Cash salary \$51,111; Housing Allowance \$27,043; Cash Salary plus Housing \$78,154 total compensation; Professional Expenses \$3,000. **Question from the audience:** Where does that put SCUMC in the conference? Minimum Conference salary is \$49,600; SCUMC is above the minimum.

Nominations Report: Lay Leadership and Admin Board Secretary positions are open. It was voted to allow filling these positions later with an Admin Board vote only.

United Methodist Church Declaration Of Candidacy Charge Conference or Equivalent Body Recommendation: Dean Anderson has declared his candidacy for licensed or ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. He is relocating his membership to SCUMC. **Question from the audience:** Is this a paid position. It is not a paid position.

Membership: The 2023 Annual Report for membership was reviewed. Pastor Kim led us in prayer for this membership listing.

2023 Quick Minutes

Appointed Clergy Compensation: Passed

Report of the Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations): Passed

Continuation of Candidacy Recommendations: Passed

Accountability Questions

Have the church's financial activities been audited for 2022? In Process

Are your corporate status and property tax exemptions current? Yes

Is your insurance current and paid? Yes

Does your church have a current and enforced "Safe Churches" policy? Yes – located in the workroom and in employee booklets.

Are you doing national background checks on volunteers and staff? Yes

Is your church current on its apportionments? Yes

Has at least one person taken a lay servant/speaker course this year? Yes Lila DeBolt – Kathleen Weber advised she would like to see this multiplied.

Has your church completed the M.I.L.E. Assessment? Yes

SCUMC Video: A video about SCUMC accomplishments and celebrations was put together by Glenn and shared with those in attendance.

Video from Bishop Cedrick regarding M.I.L.E:

What do each of the letters in M.I.L.E stand for?

M – Ministry That Matters – Housing; Health, mental, physical, general health; Measuring – team of organizers to keep track.

I – Itineracy and Location – Assigning pastoral leaders.

L – Lay Ministry Enhancement – Every person to live out what God has called us to do.

E – Elimination of Racism – This is a challenge and will always be a priority for SCUMC.

Question Posed by Kathleen Weber: What excites you the most about The Bishop's M.I.L.E video?

More ministry in the community.

Holistic way of what God is calling us to do.

Lay Service

Good Samaritan – Step out to help others; Kindness

Offers resources and training.

What was challenging in what was put forth in the video?

Figure out where your gifts lie.

How the church can help with homelessness.

Collaborating with other churches – can be overwhelming.

Measurements – not all stats but stories behind the stats.

Under Elimination of Racism – Possible book study "Diversity is to be celebrated not feared"

Hearing the Stewardship Moments the last couple of months has encouraged participation.

On-going Summertime meals for kids.

New partnership with Battle Ground Health Care – Need volunteers.

Excitement and participation with Habitat for Humanity.

We have a good quality pre-school.

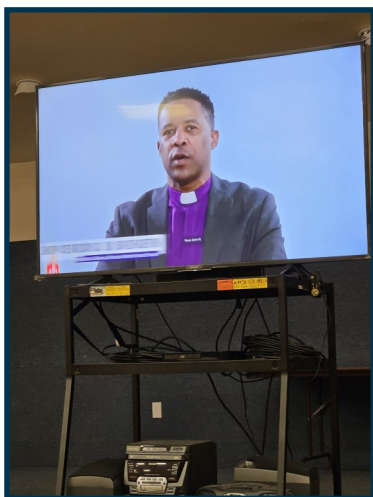
Faith Action Network – Statewide inter-faith – Only does advocating.

Kathleen Weber gave the closing prayer.

Conference adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Copeland





Bishop Bridgeforth's M.I.L.E. initiative:

VIDEO SHOWN DURING CHARGE CONFERENCE:

<https://vimeo.com/862258068?share=copy>

The M.I.L.E. video sermons:

M: Ministry that Matters. Preached at Alaska Annual Conference opening session on June 3.

Ministry that Matters is about how churches and ministry settings can go outside of themselves to turn from the mirror and look out the window to be part of their communities. Specifically, Bridgeforth preached about the need to be engaged in the work of houselessness and health in our communities.

Watch [on Vimeo](#), or [click here to download](#).

I: Itineration and location. Preached at the OR-ID Conference opening session on June 8.

Bishop Cedrick encouraged churches to be window people, not mirror people, and spoke about Itineration [and Location] as it relates to clergy who are called to lead and the ministry settings in which they serve. In his sermon he asked people to think about how we might address inequities in the itineration system within The United Methodist Church to best suit the pastor, church and community in which they are all serving.

Watch [on Vimeo](#), or [click here to download](#).

L: Lay Ministry Enhancement. Preached at the PNW Conference opening session June 13.

At the opening of the PNW Conference, Bishop Bridgeforth preached about the importance of lay ministry enhancement as the church changes shape. Laity are already a critical resource in our congregations and ministry settings, but there is a need to equip and empower laity to be a more active voice in our churches and communities we serve.

Watch [on Vimeo](#), or [click here to download](#).

E: Eliminating Racism. Preached at the GNW Area closing session on June 15.

As people of faith, we need to renew our efforts to eliminate the racism that is pervasive not only in society, but within our congregations, ministry settings and the institution of the church in general. During this sermon at the close of Annual Conference season, Bridgeforth laid out plans for resources to be developed to engage churches and ministry settings in meaningful discussions and evaluate practices that lead to institutional racism and societal harm.

Watch [on Vimeo](#), or [click here to download](#).



DONATIONS TO FAMILY PROMISE

On October 8, the Administrative Board, on behalf of the entire congregation, made a donation from the Good Samaritan Fund to the Family Promise Cares Program. Executive Director Shane Scalf was present during the service to receive this gift. He told a very heart-warming story about how his childhood experiences led him to his work here in Clark County, helping our community members to stay in, or acquire, housing. If you felt a tug on your heart strings, you were not alone. Giving of yourself in so many ways, helping our neighbors in need, and witnessing the appreciation on their faces -- this is what our mission work is all about here at SCUMC. If you would like to make a personal donation to Family Promise of Clark County, there are envelopes now in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Your generous gifts will help many families who need assistance to stay in their homes. Prayerfully consider making a donation to this great and necessary organization so that more families in our community have a home to call their own. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Kim, Lila DeBolt, or Karen Beilsmith. Thank you.

Thank you to those who rearranged their schedules so that we could host Family Promise the week of October 22—29th. By adjusting your schedules, we were able to help two families sleep safe and dry, not in a car, in the rain.
Both moms are working and saving up for that first month's rent.

TENTATIVE

2024 UPCOMING HOST DATES

February 4—11

May 5—12

August 4—11

October 27—November 3



Hello Fellow Members and Constituents of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church:

I'm Doug Lehrman, fellow member of Salmon Creek Church and member of the Board of Trustees of Family Promise of Clark County, an organization that helps homeless families with children in our community. As most of you already know, our church hosts families for this organization

about 4 times each year. Many of you have helped to support that hosting through your donations of money, food, and volunteer hours at the church when hosting happens. Karen Beilsmith does a great job as our volunteer coordinator for that ministry, assisted by many of you.

There has been some recent confusion about ways to financially support Family Promise, which recently held a fundraising dinner event on October 18th and also sought donations through a "Day of Giving" entitled, "From Homelessness to Hope". A number of you supported both of these events, which was greatly appreciated. Your support will help many families. In addition, our church donated some unused Covid support funds to FPCC for use in serving families. Executive Director Shane Scalf was in worship to thank us on October 8th. As some of you will recall, there was formerly a 'day of giving' countywide, operated by the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington, that was called "Give More 24". Family Promise participated in this day of giving and a number of you donated in that way. "Give More 24" was discontinued this year by the Community Foundation, which meant that Family Promise had to rely on outreach to donors through Facebook and other social media to support the recent "Day of Giving" appeal. Some of you may have missed the opportunity to donate in this way, thinking that "Give More 24" must be coming soon, as it used to do in September.

For any of you who missed the opportunity to attend the fundraiser, or to donate online to the "Day of Giving: From Homelessness to Hope", you can still support Family Promise of Clark County by sending a check to:

**Family Promise of Clark County
PO Box 873308
Vancouver, WA 98687**

Family Promise is a 501 (c)(3) Nonprofit organization that is qualified to accept charitable donations. Any amount of donation helps to serve families experiencing homelessness with children in our community. Please help us to serve these families in need right here in our local community. Thanks to all of you who support Family Promise through your donations and your volunteer service.

**Doug Lehrman
Member, Salmon Creek United Methodist Church and Family Promise Board of Trustees**

EEK at the Creek



October 29, 2023

A great time was had by all!!

There will be photos in next month's

Circuit Rider!

**Thanks so much to all who participated and
made this a great event!!**



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MINISTRY®

Christ caring for people through people

Stephen Ministry Training Opportunity

East Woods Presbyterian church is offering a Stephen Ministry training to start in November and end around Palm Sunday. The Stephen Leaders have extended the offer to our congregation. If you have ever considered being trained as a Stephen Minister, to walk beside someone who is going thru a crisis, here is a great opportunity to receive the training. It entails about 50 hours of training, meeting once a week for about 2+ hours. If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Sandie Hollister 360-576-7709.

Welcome, new member, Ted Sherwin! Ted transferred his membership from St. John's UMC in Anchorage, Alaska. Please introduce yourself to Ted and welcome him into this wonderful church family!





I leave my garden going as long as I can, usually until late October or whenever we get a killing frost. Then, I clear my beds, making sure I have only soil in the beds, not plant residue. For God's Garden, we lay down two layers of newspaper over each 4 by 8 foot plot, then put weed-free straw on top of the newspaper. The newspapers keep weeds from growing; you can till the newspaper under in the spring, or rake them off.

Jim Selby



CELEBRATE

NOVEMBER

Birthdays!

AIR!

Tiffiney Nordby—November 3

Richard Ernest Bippes—November 5

Greg Berry—November 7

Stacey McAllister—November 27

Don't see your birthday?

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

Happy Birthday



Give Thanks

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

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