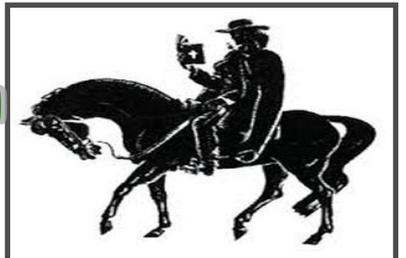




The Circuit Rider



November

SALMON CREEK CHURCH
A United Methodist Ministry

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5

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a note from Pastor John

Up until quite recently in human history, no one seriously questioned the existence of an objective reality; a reality that exists whether you exist or not. In most religions, there is a fundamental source of this reality, one that Christians refer to as God. But even atheists saw the inherent logic that things exist in the universe independent of ourselves, fully accepting that the sun will rise and gravity will still be in force on the day after we die.

But in the late 20th century a philosophical movement called “post-modernism” began to gain traction. Post-modernism sees everything as relative and contingent, with reality itself a construct of the mind. The sun only rises because I perceive it rising, and who can say what will happen the day after I die? There is no objective reality. Because everything is relative, post-modernist thinking can be used to provide moral justification for nearly anything, since moral standards are themselves relative and contextual.

The Bible warns about this kind of thing, repeatedly, from Noah’s Ark to the Book of Revelation. A moral philosophy that allows us to justify any actions solely on the basis of “it seems right to me” is antithetical to the gracious will of God. And even a thoughtful atheist should be able to see the social and personal damage that results from a social order with no common boundaries. Without an objective reality, we are left without a fundamental Truth, which leaves us, like Pilate, asking “what is truth?” Pilate was, of course, standing right in front of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, when he asked that question.

There is no conflict between behaving graciously and acknowledging a fundamental Truth. After all, Jesus did it, and so did his disciples. And so have billions of Christians throughout the ages, to the best of their ability. And so can you. By acknowledging God, you acknowledge an objective reality that holds everything together. By acknowledging God, you acknowledge a fundamental Truth. Post-modernism holds out a false promise of liberation by the elimination of boundaries, whereas if you acknowledge a fundamental Truth, then you will discover that the Truth will indeed set you free.

Pastor John Hiestand



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 11/3/19

**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, AT 2:00 AM,
OR BEFORE BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT,
NOVEMBER 2ND.**





Sermon Series

faith and finances

Sunday November 3 – All Saints Day
 8:30 “Traditional” and 10:30 “Modern” Services
 Sermon Series “Living Together”
 Sermon Title: “Building Up and Tearing Down”
 Scripture:
 1 Thessalonians 5:9-22
 Hebrews 10:19-25

Sunday November 10 – Veterans Day
 8:30 “Traditional” and 10:30 “Modern” Services
 Sermon Series “Living Together”
 Sermon Title: “Wounding and Healing:
 Fuchida & DeShazier”
 Scripture:
 Philippians 4:12-20
 John 15:7-13

Sunday November 17 – Stewardship Commitment
 8:30 “Traditional” and 10:30 “Modern” Services
 Sermon Series “Living Together”
 Sermon Title: “Giving and Receiving”
 Scripture:
 Matthew 25:35-40
 1 Peter 4:7-11

Sunday November 24 - Thanksgiving
 8:30 “Traditional” and 10:30 “Modern” Services
 Sermon Series “Living Together”
 Sermon Title: “Thanking Together”
 Scripture:
 Jeremiah 33:10-11
 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

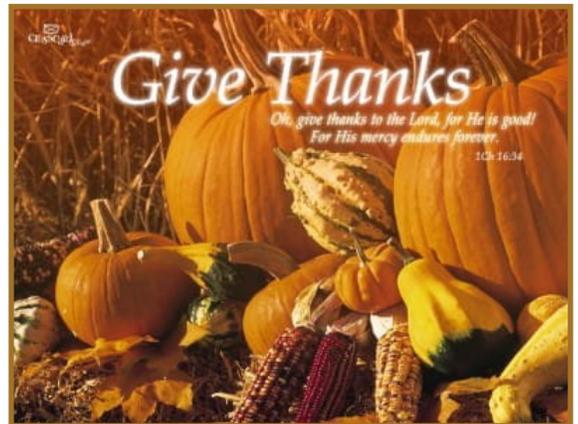
Budget Report through September

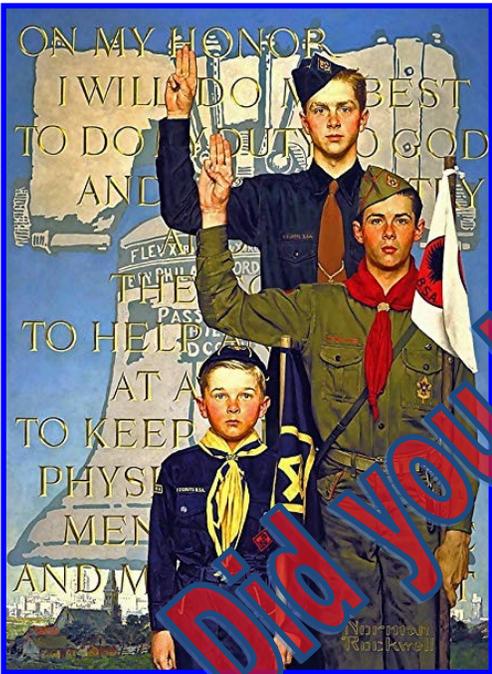
As anticipated, the budget surplus we had earlier in the year has disappeared and we are about \$6,000 behind on income for the year through September. If every family meets their pledge and we receive the usual number of new gifts and Christmas giving, we could finish the year near our \$410,000 goal for pledged income. That is a stretch goal at this point but one this church can meet. If you have not fulfilled your pledge for 2019 please try to do so.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all we have received, including what Salmon Creek Church has meant to us. If it is in your heart to do some additional giving this year, **Praise the Lord!**

But whatever you are able to give to your church is gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

Jim Selby
 Finance Committee Chair





Did you know??



Scouts Wilson Grant, Devin Deatherage, and Assistant Scoutmaster Nick Deatherage. Unavailable for the picture were Scout Nate Thibodeau and Scoutmaster Kevin Shaffer.



Troop 14 Completes God's Garden Projects

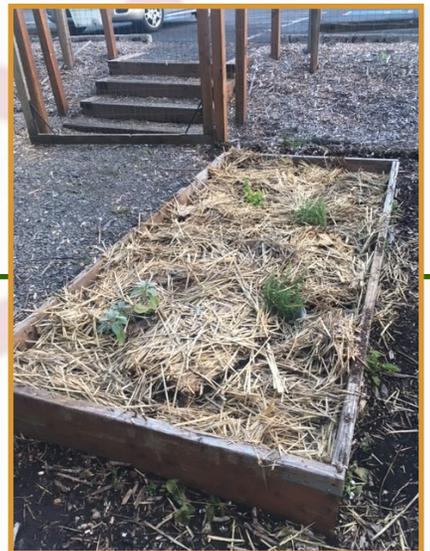
Three Scouts and Two Scout Leaders from Troop 14, sponsored by our church, completed two God's Garden projects in September. The East Gate area to the Gardens was rebuilt with a framed gravel walkway, replacing what had been a muddy area with the gate difficult to open at times. Scouts also pulled out the old herbs in the herb garden, some of which went down over 1 ½ feet into the clay, added six cubic yards of dirt, and they planted rosemary, thyme, chives, and sage.

The herb garden is available to anyone who needs the herbs; just come by and clip what you want. Chives and sage are ready to begin snipping, but the rosemary and thyme will need to wait until late Spring, 2020.



We really appreciate the many projects done by Scouts from Troop 14 at the church; they also help haul mulch to the garden from a dump-load delivered in the fall.

By Jim Selby



The completed East Gate project and the herb garden projects.



Another big thank you for a successful Family Promise hosting week. This time we helped two families: 3 adults and 3 kids. Many of you have been asking why the low numbers, when we know there is a bigger need.

It all depends on where we are in the guests' cycle. The week prior to

our hosting, we had a family transition into permanent housing. When this happens, we then request a referral from the Counsel for the Homeless for our next family. Once we have a referral, then our director does an intake screening to see if they meet the criteria for Family Promise. After clearing the screening, a background check is completed. If that is clear, then they are welcomed into our Family Promise program. If they don't clear the screening, background check, or they don't report for their appointment (which happened during our week), the director starts all over again.

Volunteers are still needed for when we host at Salmon Creek! We had a hard time filling our host schedule during our week of September 29-October 6. Part of it was due to health issues of previous volunteers, some were traveling, and then there was the Women's Retreat. All said, we need more volunteers so that we can avoid these hurdles. Fortunately, our support church had an abundance of volunteers who were able to step up to help. Volunteers can help by: providing a meal, sitting with guests during the meal, spending the night, or with set up, breakdown or laundry.

We will have another volunteer training on November 12 at 6 PM in room 201 in the Family Ministry Center. Come join us. If you have questions please contact Karen Beilsmith, kbeilsmith@yahoo.com or Connie Albin-Foster, calbinfoster@gmail.com.

From Doug and Pam Lehrman: "Just a word about our experience being 'sleepover hosts' on the night of October 1st. We were a bit apprehensive about doing it, but took a leap of faith and signed up for a night. It turned out to be a very easy way to serve.... the families were entering their quiet time before sleep when we arrived. There were no incidents or problems during the night. We were able to get a decent night's sleep on the relatively comfortable cots. We encourage all persons in the church to consider signing up for one of the many ways to host through Family Promise. Please consider this opportunity to 'be the hands and feet of Jesus' in providing Christian service".

Our next hosting date is January 12-19. So mark your calendars and pray about being the hands and feet of God.

By Karen Beilsmith

Salmon Creek Church received a letter of thanks from Linda Winnett, the Executive Director of Family Promise, on September 30th. She thanked us on behalf of the program for the \$500.00 donation that the church gifted during the "Give More 24" campaign. "Our program, staff and volunteers provide the stability and guidance these families desperately need and deserve. It is in partnership with community members such as you that we are able to provide the fuel for the transformation of lives. We truly appreciate you." Way to go, Salmon Creek!!

Family Promise of Clark County is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), secular organization that helps homeless children and their families transition into stable, permanent housing.

- providing a safe environment—a place to sleep, meals and hospitality
- supportive services—search for employment and affordable housing
- organizing congregations—to reach out to homeless families in Clark County

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

<p>WEEKEND DAY CENTER ASSISTANT</p> <p>Saturday & Sunday 3-hour shifts: (8-11am) (11am-2pm) (2-5pm)</p> <p>Easy! Relax in our comfortable Camas office and work on your laptop, or interact with guests or play with the children. You can buddy-up the first time with an experienced volunteer.</p>	<p>FAMILY PROMISE VAN DRIVER</p> <p>Monday - Sunday ~1.5-hour shifts: (6:30am-7:30am) (5pm-6:30pm)</p> <p>Driving our small, 14-passenger van is easy! No special license required. Transport families between the Camas Day Center and various host congregation sites in Clark County.</p>
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CONTACT US to complete 4 easy steps:

1. Attend a 1-hour orientation
2. Fill out a background check form
3. Complete a quick online child safety training
4. Schedule your shift through our website

Our need is urgent. Will you help us fill our shifts?

Lindsay Newcomer, volunteer coordinator
(360) 313-5165 • lnewcomer@familypromiseofclarkco.org
Day Center location: 124 NE Day Street • Camas, WA 98607
familypromiseofclarkco.org

Salmon Creek United Methodist Women November 19, 2019—“Building a Strong Community”

What constitutes a “strong community”? Would most of us say that Vancouver is such a community? And what would we mean by that? Do we mean all the homes are valued above a certain figure, all lawns are green, the public parks and roads are nicely maintained, that all residents are above the poverty line? Is a community’s strength up to its elected officials, or does it depend on how ordinary citizens treat each other? Other factors such as personal safety and a reliable support system may also be important criteria. The United Methodist Women organization provides financial support and assistance to the Wesley Community Center in the neighborhood of Westwood in Dayton, Ohio. The Center is surrounded by an area full of challenges for women and children. Back in the 1960s, the area was abandoned by whites, and now the poor quality of housing and its effects on children can be seen in several statistics: over 5 percent of children under age six are poisoned with lead paint. In terms of annual incomes, 17 percent of Westwood residents are well below the poverty line. One third of households receive food stamps. The unemployment rate is 17 percent. Does this sound dark and impossible to you? Not so, says Wesley Center’s Executive Director, Yvette Kelly-Fields, who grew up in Westwood and loves the place. She says, “There may be some dismal social indicators, but we are fighting, and we will win.”

Come learn with us **on November 19** as we hear the encouraging stories of progress as women and children have joined in the Center’s Baby Ready Program and many other programs, such as Job Search and Job Readiness, Culinary Training, Reading Enrichment, Senior Nutrition, Workforce Development, and Food Pantry, to name a few. We invite you to become a member of your local unit of United Methodist Women. You’ll be part of an international organization helping women, children, and youth in 60 countries worldwide not only to survive but to thrive. What a great feeling it is to be part of such a group, to learn and give and pray, and to hear the stories from all over the world about our fellow human beings who are in need and receiving help. Join us in the St. Paul Room at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, when Phyllis Browning will share with us the many ways the Wesley Community Center in Dayton, Ohio, is “Building a Strong Community.” You’ll feel warmed by the stories, as well as the worship time and fellowship with friends, and enjoy coffee and wonderful dessert too! To learn more, visit <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/international-ministries> or read the response magazines in the church library.

By Clare Kennedy

NEWS FROM SPRC

For the last few years, it has been my pleasure to serve as Chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations committee. It has been a great opportunity to be involved in the workings of the church. I have loved getting to know the congregation, the needs of the congregation and learning about the heart of the church. It is time for me to refocus on the classes I teach and some other life opportunities. Jim Gahagan will be guiding SPRC going forward. He is a willing listener and will perform the duties. Please continue to bring your joys and concerns to the members of the SPR committee.

You can contact Jim: jbgahagan@msn.com or 360-600-8780

Blessings,

Lisa Whitling

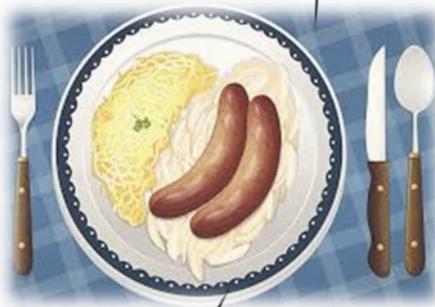


Fall is here!
Leaves are falling...
The smell of pumpkin spice is in the
air...
And, it's time for the Salmon Creek



Saturday, November 23rd

Doors open at 5pm
\$15 for dinner/auction
Tickets go on sale
October 28



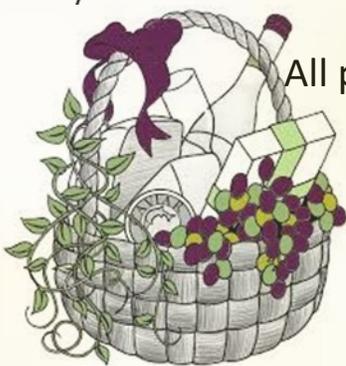
Menu
Appetizers
Bratwurst
Red Cabbage
Carrots & Potatoes
Coffee/Tea/Cider

Dessert Dash!

In lieu of our raffle, we will be hosting a dessert dash! Bring your cash to help your table purchase a delicious dessert!



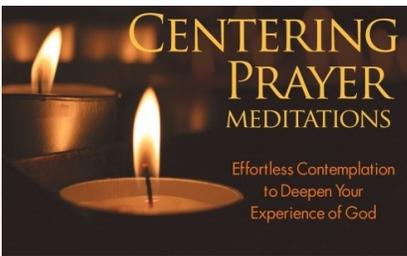
Donate a basket, or bid on one...



All proceeds go to benefit community missions:

Open House Ministries
Share Inc
Friends of the Carpenter
Safe Choice Shelter
Vancouver Seafarers Center

Our missions team meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the church library, we welcome new members! Contact Kathy Hardy, dkhardyfamily@q.com for more information.



CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is intentional silence as a way of cultivating a deeper relationship with God, resting in God beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Centering Prayer sets no goals, other than deep, open availability to God's presence.

"Centering prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer: rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ." — Contemplative Outreach (2016)

We are blessed to have Pastor Vivian Hiestand facilitate our Centering Prayer group meetings and invite you to join us to experience in community this contemplative practice. **Meetings are held every Wednesday in the St. Paul Room at Salmon Creek Church from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. All are welcome!**

Salmon Creek church has been blessed for many years by dedicated Stephen Ministers. These ministers take on a variety of Care Receivers and help them with many types of crisis. They also help with the healing service that we offer on the 5th Sunday of the month. Ultimately, the Stephen Ministers try to follow the motto of "We care and God cures".

Every other year, we offer a training class at Salmon Creek. That class is scheduled to start in January of 2020 and will last about 5 months. Class participants meet once a week for about 2 1/2 hours, working on topics that will help them become better listeners, learning about the importance of confidentiality, learning to pray and care for others. Men always minister to men and women to women. We are especially in need of men that might be interested in taking this training.



If you feel that God is leading you to this area but have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor John, Sandie Hollister, Greg Berry or Connie Foster for further information.



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Have you missed packing those shoe boxes? Our Family Promise Support Church has asked us to join them packing. Join with others from our community and pack gift-filled shoeboxes to give needy children around the world the good news of Christmas! All supplies will be provided, as well as refreshments for you and your family. Bring friends and help us reach our goal of 3500 shoeboxes! Please arrive in time for our "how to" orientation at 10 am, and then stay for as long or as short a time as you wish.

Saturday November 16 at Felida Bible Church • 3027 NW 119th Street • Vancouver

If you have questions, ask Diane Reid diane.reid@salmoncreekchurch.org or Karen Beilsmith kbeilsmith@yahoo.com



'The Committee' will spark discussion

"Chuck Knows Church: The Committee" was popular as a video series. Now, it is a free on-demand online course. While the video series focused on a church considering whether to close, the course will spark conversation around issues important to nearly every congregation.

Salmon Creek Women's Retreat 2019

Some of the women of Salmon Creek spent the weekend of October 5th and 6th together, at beautiful Alton Collins Retreat center in Eagle Creek, Oregon. Our speaker was Mick Johnson, who presented the stories of Sarah, Esther, and Mary: their fears, their choices, and how God worked in their lives. All these women exemplified our theme of "Fear Not". We listened, we broke off into small group discussions, we sang songs, we ate wonderful food, and we enjoyed wonderful fellowship. We shared laughter, tears, hopes and fears. The most wonderful thing about retreats is the opportunity to make new friends and get to know each other in a deeper way. We were truly blessed by God's presence, enriching our lives and reminding us to Fear Not, for HE is with us!

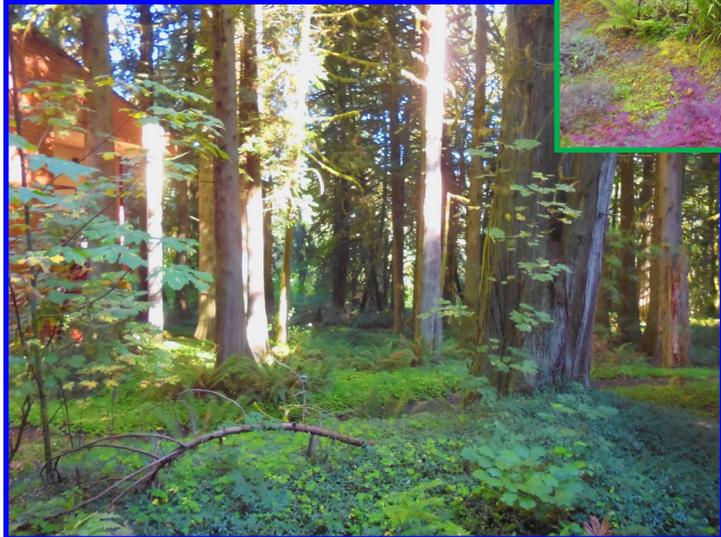
By Nancy Volgamore



Left to Right Back Row: Laurie Doering, Linda Garrison, Jackie Miller, Mick Johnson, Terry Fierst, Nancy Hill, Sue Sloan, Karen West, Joan Stuart, Faye Wells, Jackie Youngblood, Nancy Volgamore, Lilly Longshore, Susan Bell, Middle Row: Dorrie Estribou, Gay Enyeart, Sandy Bippes, Vickie Facchini, Kathy Hardy, Marilyn Forman, Diane Johnson, Front: Kathy Scott, Kathleen Zimmer, Ellen Hardy



WOMEN'S RETREAT



November 2019

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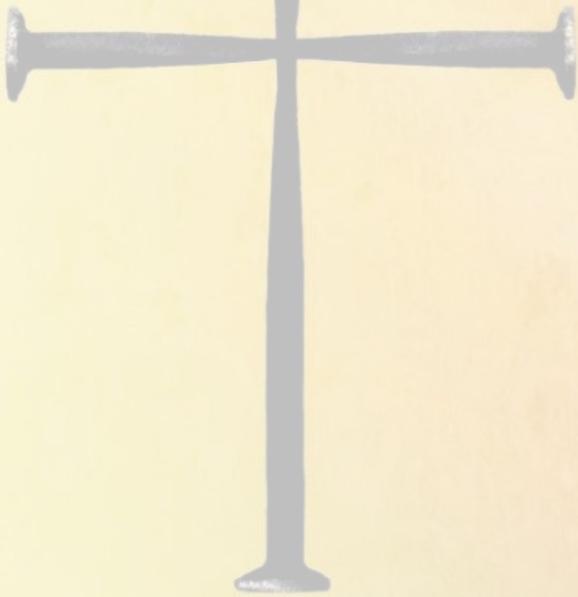
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November Birthdays

2—Katy Bachman	11—Heidi Hawn	27— Stacey McAllister
5—Richard Bippes	12— Rhet Young	
6—Becky Kelly	16—Susie Stuckman	
6—David Koeltzow	17—Diane Arp	
6—Mike Pervere	18—Richard Williams	
7—Greg Berry	21—MaryeJo Siewert	
7—Art Retzlaff	22—Ellen Ives	
8—Alice Love	23—Joy Olsen	
10—Mariah Williams	27—Mike Johnson	

Enter His gates
with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to Him
and praise His name.
For the LORD is good
and His love
endures forever;
His faithfulness continues
through all generations.
Psalms 100:4-5

Give Thanks



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