



# The Circuit Rider

## Salmon Creek Church



*Hello,*  
OCTOBER

**October 2022**

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# a note from Pastor John

I made the mistake this morning of turning on the news right after I got out of bed. As I watched the parade of sin, and in some cases the celebration of sin, I thought, *I should know better*. That's when I looked at my golden retriever, Pippin, looking at me with those expressive eyes as she patiently waited for me to feed her, and I had another thought: *she has her priorities in order*. So I turned off the blare of the world, fed her, then actually had a third thought – a record for me in the morning – *I need to get my priorities straight*.



In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, St. Francis of Assisi had a similar battle with the world and its worldliness, although the world never invaded his living room like the TV does. This battle occasionally drove him to extremes, and for a time he wandered around the streets of Assisi naked, trying to shed himself of all worldliness. He gained a reputation for his attachment to the natural world. He received a vision that he should repair the church, which he at first took literally, rebuilding many chapels in and around Assisi. But in 1208 he was attending mass and heard the story of the Great Commission, and set out to found an order that later became known as the Franciscans. He was canonized just a few years after his death, and the Catholic Church celebrates the feast Day of St. Francis on October 4.

In later years, it was his attachment to the natural world – God's creation uncorrupted by human sin - that gave rise to services of Blessing of the Animals. We'll be celebrating that on October 8, and I plan on bringing both of my dogs, including the expressive Pippin. She, like all of our pets, may occasionally be naughty, but she has no sin within her. Even the most ferocious lion kills his dinner from God's unfettered design within, not out of malice. I know that as each long day unfurls I will have to deal with sin, the world's and my own, but in my final thought of the morning, I have resolved to begin each day with a reminder from my dog of the uncorrupted nature of God's natural world.

***Blessings, Pastor John***



# CHURCH SECURITY

## Facility Security Reminder

We are blessed with a multi-use campus at Salmon Creek Church. In addition to worship services, the facilities are shared with many ministries and committees. The trustees have installed door bells at both entrances to the sanctuary and Family Ministry Center. As church policy, we are locking all doors once worship service, children's church, rehearsals, and meetings, etc. have begun. Please instruct late comers to utilize the door bells for entrance. Please **do not prop open any exterior doors.**

Once your business at the church is complete, please remember to turn off all lights, lock all doors and set the alarm when exiting.

Thank you for helping to keep Salmon Creek Church a safe and welcoming ministry.

# The J.O.Y. Academy

*Jesus – Others – You*

Inspiring children to follow Christ

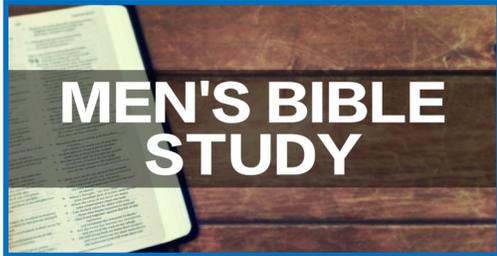
The J.O.Y. Academy got off to a great start on September 11<sup>th</sup> with another installment of the exciting story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt. Over the weeks, the children ate crackers, put their names on the cross they made with masking tape on the door of Room 203 (to symbolize their bond with Jesus, just as the Israelites symbolized their bond with Yahweh by marking their doorways with the blood of a lamb), and crossing the Red Sea as the powerful wind sent by God drew the waters into a wall, leaving dry land for them to cross. (Of course there were sea creatures on the ground, so the children had to hop to avoid crabs, lobsters, star fish, and sea horses!)

We will focus on Jesus for the month of October, beginning by making our own bread for World Communion Sunday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our children will learn the meaning of Holy Communion and celebrate it together with Pastor Vivian (who is an ordained minister). The other Sundays will talk about one of Jesus' miracles, His sacrifice, and finally His resurrection. They will learn that Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection shows us God ensures that Love is stronger than hate, good always defeats evil, and life is stronger than death.

We also look forward to welcoming Tiffiney Nordby as our new Nursery Attendant. Her enthusiasm for children is contagious, so she should fit right in with our church's approach to children's ministry!

The new Children and Family Ministry team will meet after worship one Sunday in October. This team only meets three times a year: in the Fall, to chart our course for the year; in late January, to complete planning through Memorial Day; and in May, to finalize summer plans and begin work on our Vacation Bible School event in August. Look for more information in our weekly bulletins and *Currents*.

# Upcoming Events



The Salmon Creek Men's Bible study will be starting up again on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We meet in room 204 in FMC at 7pm on Thursdays. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Larry Siewert or Richard Beilsmith.

## BLESSING OF THE PETS

Saturday, October 8th, 4:00—6:00 pm

Pastor John has blessed all sorts of our animal friends, including snakes and spiders, and chickens!

Bring your beloved family members to receive a blessing.



## BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR NEW HOME

**SPONSORED BY SALMON CREEK CHURCH**

For HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - October 16, 2022. Save the Date. We will be serving from 9:00 to 11:30.

Menu: Pancakes, Egg Casserole, Cheesy Potatoes, Link Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Donut Holes, Orange, Apple, V-8 Juice, coffee and tea

Please Sign up. Sheets will be in the back of the church - This will give us a better idea of how many to expect.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

## ONLINE DONATIONS AND PROCESSING FEES

Many of our congregation donate to the church via our online giving portal, VANCO. Many prefer donating in this manner finding it an easy and convenient method of donation. Donations can be one-time or they can be automated to occur on a recurrent basis. In addition, the various missions of the church are prominently displayed to allow donors to direct their donations in whatever manner they choose.

What some may not realize, however, is that our church compensates VANCO for this service via fees that are assessed on each transaction. The church pays a charge for all of our transactions as well as fees on each individual credit card and debit card transaction. These can amount to over 3% on each transaction depending on type.

Credit card transactions are the most expensive, costing about 3% each; money coming directly from a checking account (called an "EFT") is the least expensive for the church. This is not to say, however, that anyone need reconfigure their donations to benefit the church; individuals and families should continue to donate in whatever manner they prefer.

VANCO has added a service which enables our donors to offset some of the costs of their online donation. An "offset fee setting" has been added to the online portal which allows those making donations and payments the option to contribute additional funds to help cover the costs of processing. This setting allows a donor to add 3% to their donation, thereby increasing the donation to cover the processing fee associated with that particular contribution. The setting is activated by the donor during the course of making each individual donation. If the setting is activated, an additional 3% amount is added to that donation; if not activated, the exact amount of the donation is credited.

Please note that paying extra on a donation is completely voluntary and not expected. No one should feel obligated to donate beyond their intentions.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to consult with our Financial Secretary, Jim Roberts. He can be reached at [jimpamrobert@gmail.com](mailto:jimpamrobert@gmail.com) or 360-573-0446.

# Women's Ministries



**L to R: Joan Stuart, Phyllis Browning, Sandie Hollister, Jessica Santillan,  
Kathy Hardy, Faye Wells,  
Maggie Mikalatos, Lilly Longshore**

What an amazing time we had together welcoming Jessica to her new role as Assistant to the Women's Ministries. Great fellowship time being able to talk about all the different ministries we have at church! So many great leaders, and these are just a few. If you have any questions on any Women ministries, please always feel free to ask or email Jessica.

Thank you!

# Salmon Creek Church Financial Standing

## Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

### 2022 Budget vs Actual Church Profit & Loss Statement

January 1 – August 31, 2022

	2022 Year To date			2022 Annual
	Actual	Budget	Over/(under)	Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledges	\$196,582	\$217,432	\$(20,850)	\$326,150
Other Income	<u>16,197</u>	<u>20,393</u>	<u>4,196</u>	<u>20,600</u>
Total Income	212,779	237,825	(25,046)	346,750
<b>Expenses</b>				
Ops & Admin	54,587	60,432	(5,845)	90,650
Apportionments	29,128	28,128	0	43,671
Program Expenses	7,236	7,152	84	10,722
Salaries, Labor & Related Exp	<u>165,680</u>	<u>171,624</u>	<u>(5,943)</u>	<u>252,132</u>
Total Expenses	<u>256,631</u>	<u>268,336</u>	<u>(11,704)</u>	<u>397,175</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$(43,852)</b>	<b>\$(30,511)</b>	<b>\$(13,341)</b>	<b>\$(50,425)</b>

Hello Fellow Congregates:

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church (SCUMC continues to move forward from the pandemic. Our Children's, Youth, and congregante attendances (both in-person and streaming) all continue to rise.

The Church is on a firm financial foundation as we engage in our mission of reaching out to our community in bringing the word of Jesus Christ to those around us and those who we meet.

Financially, our income from all sources continues to be below our projections. As fall activities at Salmon Creek arrive, we are hopeful that so too will income. The continued support you have shown these past months is appreciated.

Our staff has closely monitored expenditures and as a result expenses are below budget.

The Church leadership understands that in this time of pushing our outreach mission forward that funds must be expended to reach out to our community as well as to motivate ourselves and they are committed to responsibly reaching that end.

Blessings

Ed Grubel

Chair Finance Committee

Thank you to all of Salmon Creek for a successful week of hosting Family Promise last month. Even if you didn't physically volunteer, you helped by giving to Salmon Creek Church, providing a building for shelter and a safe place for families. Some of you answered my request with grab and go breakfast and lunch items, which went quickly. I wish you could see the joy on the kids' faces in the evening when I enter the gym and see the kids playing! It warms your heart.

I do want to extend a thank you to my set-up and take-down crew: Larry Siewert, Greg Berry, Pete & Maggie Mikalatos, Lori McRae and Lloyd Kegney. Then, there are the amazing cooks and evening hosts: Vivian and John Hiestand, Cathy Melson, Deb Troyer, Gay & Steve Enyeart, Jim and Betty Selby, Jim & Pam Roberts, Tyler Welsh home group from Felida Bible, Lori McRae, Carrie Campbell, Jessica and our amazing youth group. Thank you to Greg Ackley who provided fresh corn on the cob for their first dinner at Salmon Creek! Then, there are those adventurous souls who spent the night: Phyllis Browning, Dan & Lynne Kingsley, Jim Selby, Dani Wisner, Susan Ojala, Kristy Huckins, Sandy Bippes, Joan Stuart, Greg Berry and myself. Then, there is the after party crew of Pete and Maggie, plus some small group members who do the laundry — bedding for ten! And, thanks to Richard for checking out the A/C unit and unclogging the toilet! As you can see, there were many volunteers who made light work of the week.

The families appreciate the meals and comfort of all of your warm hospitality! Thank you for working together to be the hands and feet of God!

Karen Beilsmith, and Lori McRae, coordinator from Felida Bible



#### FAMILY PROMISE NOTE

The youth hosted a Saturday evening of Family Promise. One of the moms mentioned how awesome it was. She said they were great with her when they played dodge ball, allowing her to get them out. When the guest went to bed, the youth; Juan and Jessica enjoyed a rowdy game of cards.

## October Birthdays

<b>Kathy Hardy</b>	<b>October 2</b>
<b>Allen Tibbs</b>	<b>October 2</b>
<b>Sheena Birthmark</b>	<b>October 3</b>
<b>Roger Horner</b>	<b>October 3</b>
<b>Anastasia McAllister</b>	<b>October 4</b>
<b>Noelle Young</b>	<b>October 4</b>
<b>Jeff Hildreth</b>	<b>October 5</b>
<b>Bill Kimsey</b>	<b>October 5</b>
<b>Joanne Horner</b>	<b>October 7</b>
<b>Faye Wells</b>	<b>October 7</b>
<b>Sandy Bippes</b>	<b>October 9</b>
<b>Barbara Jean Graham</b>	<b>October 11</b>
<b>Ellen Prichard</b>	<b>October 13</b>
<b>Ron Wiltsey</b>	<b>October 13</b>
<b>Jan Kristan Asai</b>	<b>October 16</b>
<b>Tatyana Christensen</b>	<b>October 18</b>
<b>Julie Steinbrenner</b>	<b>October 18</b>
<b>Devan Feb</b>	<b>October 19</b>
<b>Kristin Asai</b>	<b>October 21</b>
<b>Gavin Peterson</b>	<b>October 21</b>
<b>Matthew Robert Berry</b>	<b>October 24</b>
<b>Elaine Gilbert</b>	<b>October 25</b>
<b>Dan Kingsley</b>	<b>October 26</b>
<b>Carol Kimsey</b>	<b>October 29</b>
<b>Bob Gordon</b>	<b>October 30</b>
<b>Holly Wormer</b>	<b>October 30</b>



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

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