



# The Circuit Rider

## Salmon Creek Church



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

September has arrived, and I am excited about all of the great things we have happening here at Salmon Creek this month! Please make plans to join us for worship and the special events we have planned.

Throughout the month of September in worship, we will be considering what our vows of church membership mean, and how our life of faith is enriched by living into them. By now, you have likely received a letter and 2024 stewardship pledge card in the mail. Financial stewardship is an important spiritual practice. I pray that as you consider your pledge for the coming year, you will ask God to guide your decision. During worship on September 10, we will have an opportunity to offer our stewardship pledges for 2024, celebrating all we will commit to do together with the help and guidance of God in the year ahead. Making our pledges for 2024 now will empower our ministry areas to better plan for the coming year. How will God use our financial gifts to strengthen the ministries and reach of this congregation? I am looking forward to finding out!

On September 10, we will celebrate both Commitment Sunday and Rally Day. Following worship, everyone is encouraged to gather for our Rally Day event! We will enjoy some ice cream and visit information tables set up by our many ministry areas and committees. Perhaps you will find a new ministry or study that you are interested in trying this year.

Saturday, September 16, will be a Habitat Build Day. If you are interested in serving with us in this meaningful ministry, just let Larry Siewert know and he will add you to our work team! Meeting and serving alongside the future homeowners as they work towards their dream is very inspiring. If you are not able to join us on the work day, you can still support the important ministry of Habitat by attending the Habitat Breakfast Fundraiser that will be held in our gym on Sunday morning October 1 from 9 – 11:30.

Following worship on Sunday, September 24 we will have Church Family Town Hall and Potluck! Plan to join us for a fellowship meal, bring a dish to share if you are able. In addition to visiting with one another, we will hear church updates from some of our leaders and have an opportunity for questions.

Peace and joy,  
Rev. Kim Poer

August 23, 1923

Dear Friends of Salmon Creek UMC,

*WE are the Church...*



We The Church  
Will ...

"Thank you" to each one of you for being an important and integral part of our **WE**. |

Together, **WE** make our Church stronger, our programs more varied, and our community a better place to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

For the past several weeks, you have been hearing about the various committees, programs, and activities happening here at Salmon Creek United Methodist Church. It is our sincere hope that you can find a place where you are called to share your own gifts and talents with us to make Salmon Creek the best it can be.

We are seeing our worship attendance grow and our ministries continue to thrive. All our ministries are made possible because of your gifts to our Church. Without your continued support, these programs will not be able to benefit our congregation and our community.

Every fall, Salmon Creek Church looks ahead to the upcoming year by preparing a budget. The budget not only lays out our financial requirements for our basic overhead but also budgets for all the various ministries within our Church. By submitting your pledge card on Rally Sunday you greatly assist our Ad Board and Finance team in preparing our budget and (hopefully) assuring our program directors and staff that they will have the resources they need for the upcoming year.

Please, prayerfully consider your pledge; this is an important decision. Let the spirit lead your decision on how much to pledge. What we are able to do together depends upon our united giving.

We are heading into 2024 in only four more months and the time to prepare is now. Rally Sunday is coming up soon on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will be there to share in the food, fun, visit the many display tables hosted by our Church committees, and to **turn in your 2024 Pledge Card!**

Again, "**Thank you!**" **WE** truly make a difference in our world.

Your Stewardship Team:

Pastor Kim Poer  
Lila DeBolt  
Jan Asai  
Ed Grubel  
Nancy Volgamore

## CHURCH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sept 7	Bells Practice returns
Sept 10	Rally Day & Commitment Sunday
Sept 11	Day School Back-to-School Blessing and Open House at 6 pm
Sept 13	Choir Practice returns
Sept 16	Habitat Build Day
Sept 24	Church Town Hall & Lunch Potluck (11:15 Fellowship Hall)
Sept 27-29	Kim away at Conference Clergy Gathering in Yakima, WA
Oct 1	World Communion/Habitat Breakfast 9 – 11:30 in the Gym
Oct 8	Blessing of the Pets—3 pm Church porch and between buildings
Oct 15	Charge Conference (9 am SPRC & DS in Library, 11:15 all in Gym with Coffee Fellowship)
Oct 22-29	Hosting Family Promise
Oct 29	Eek@the Creek 4 – 6 pm Trunk or Treat in front parking lot & lawn
Nov 5	All Saints Sunday
Nov 12	Veteran's Day Observance
Nov 18	Basket Auction & Dinner Event
Nov 19/25	Hanging of the Greens - 3pm
Nov. 20-25	Kim away
Nov 26	Observe 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 9	Saturday – Lessons and Carols Concert 6pm
Dec 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 16	Bells of the Cascades Concert
Dec 17	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 18	Night of Hope worship service in Pioneer Chapel 6 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve worship 5, 8, 11
Dec 31	Christmastide Hymn Sing

### Day School Special Dates

Sept. 11 6pm	Blessing of the backpacks (fellowship hall)
Dec. 8	Happy Birthday Jesus 6:00 (sanctuary and fellowship hall)
Dec. 25-Jan 2	Day School closed for Christmas break
March 13	Walk-a-thon (Gym 10-12)
May 10	Muffins with Mom (fellowship)
June 14	Donuts with Dad (fellowship)
June 28	Graduation



**This congregation has done a fantastic and very generous job of bringing in donations for both Gaiser Middle School and our own Salmon Creek Christian Day School!! Thank you all so very much! We will continue to accept donations through around mid-September, but our Day school can always use extra supplies through the year! Again, thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity!!**





**BE SURE THAT THESE SEPTEMBER EVENTS ARE ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH!**

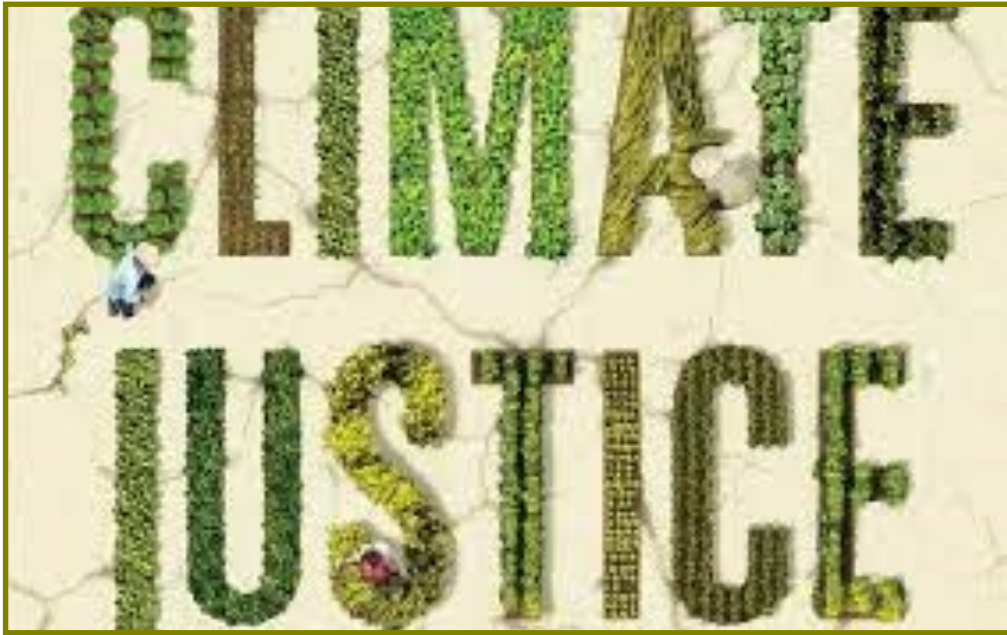


**Rally Day—September 10th**

**Habitat Build Day—  
September 16th**



**Church Town Hall meeting—  
September 24th**



**Climate Justice**--Caring for Creation is the topic of the United Women in Faith meeting on **Saturday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m.** The program will feature Don Steinke, climate justice activist and former science teacher, and Marilyn Oltmann, Fern Prairie UMC member, who will both speak on climate justice issues. Marilyn planned and hosted an Earth Event at Fern Prairie, and will discuss how and why to plan an event. Don is well-known for his role in Clark County environmental issues and will delve into specific activities and events.

**Vancouver Heights United Women in Faith** will host the program at Fern Prairie UMC, 26112 NE Brunner Rd., Camas. Light refreshments will be provided, and the event is open to everyone.



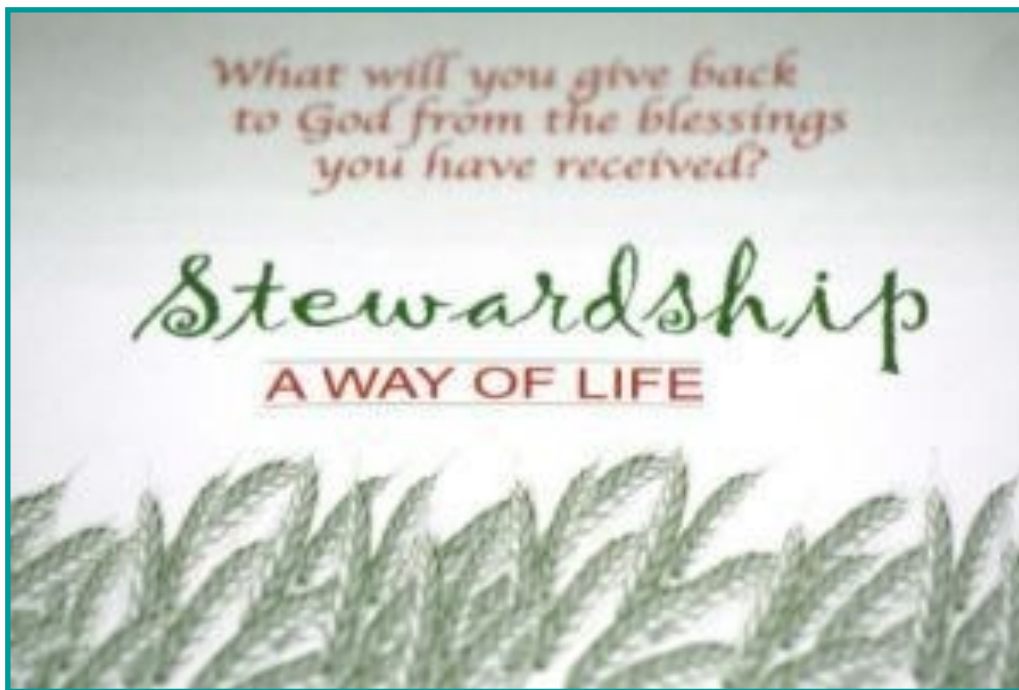


**RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPT. 10<sup>th</sup>. You may ask, what is this all about? For the past weeks each Sunday the chairs of all our church committees have been informing us just what their committees do to make our church function extremely well. Rally Day is the day each person can come to the Fellowship Hall after church and visit with a committee member of each committee. You will have a chance to ask questions about committees, music groups, youth and adult groups.**

**NOW FOR THE OTHER GOOD NEWS – A special treat will be waiting for you as soon as you finish stopping at the various tables. YOU'LL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS INFORMATIONAL TIME visiting with various team leaders and having a treat.**

**RALLY DAY**  
**SUNDAY**





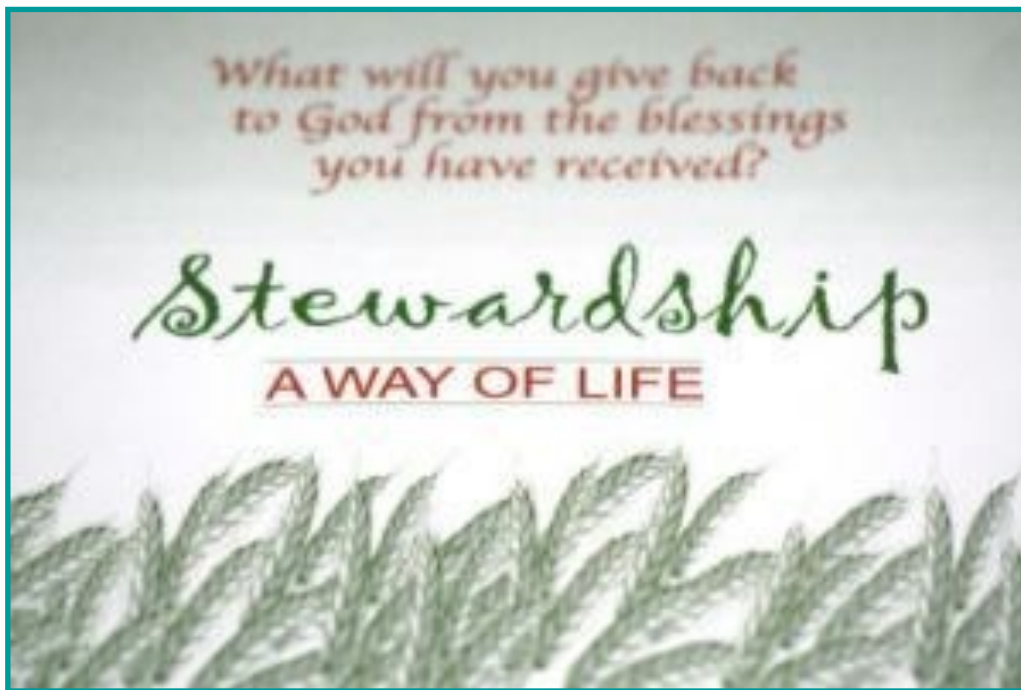
## Music Ministries

As we round out the summer, we begin to look at the fall and beyond here at Salmon Creek. Programs all around the church will be picking up and we'll start seeing more people around the church campus going to Bible studies, meetings, and in my case in particular - rehearsals! As we've discussed stewardship here at Salmon Creek, I'd like to invite you to consider what it might mean to be involved in the music ministry, either directly or through giving.

Our whole music department is made up of volunteers, both members and community members, many of whom participate in any number of ensembles here just to be involved in a community. A community of believers, of musicians, and friends who share a common goal - sharing our love of music and worship with anyone who might be here. The music ministry is one of the more visible ministries, being seen and heard every single Sunday, sometimes with only one musician, sometimes 30-40! What would the music ministry look like if YOU were one of those people? I invite you to try something new this coming fall, music or anything else! Become involved, and share in our time together. We have space in the choir and the praise team, and would love to expand our numbers! Music reading experience is helpful, but not required, you need only a loving spirit!

If you do not feel called to join an ensemble, consider donating financially to the music ministry. There are plenty of costs and expenses that sometimes stretch the budget (piano tuning, hiring guest musicians, new sheet music) and in order to keep maintaining our incredible program, we need that support as well.

Matthew Compton



### **Day School Stewardship Moment:**

I have been associated with the Day School for almost 40 years. First, as a parent with two young daughters, Winston and I enrolled them at the school. Then later, I taught Sunday School in those same classrooms. And for the last 15 years I have been a liaison to the Ad Board on behalf of the Day School.

The Day School is one of the many Missions of our Church. Providing a safe and loving place for the youngest in our community to learn with a Christian perspective is so very important. Over the years, our congregation has supported our Day School, whether it was with a fundraiser or a project like putting our new sandbox together and hauling a pallet of sand for our little diggers. Other ways that the congregation has contributed include sewing projects, gardening, and reading stories. The Trustees have also worked so very hard over the years keeping our classrooms safe and in good repair. This month there is a school supplies drive happening. Our Church family members have been involved in the life and well-being of our preschool. Thank you to you all!

Currently we have some employment possibilities either for Full Day or Part Day teacher assistants. If you would also like to be more involved with the Day School, please contact Director, Gayle Horwitz, for more information. 360-573-9541

Jan Asai



**Next Work Day: Saturday, September 16th—talk with Larry Siewert if you would like to join the team!**

**We will be having another Benefit Breakfast for Habitat on Sunday, October 1st in the FMC Gym. Breakfast is served from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Please join us!!**



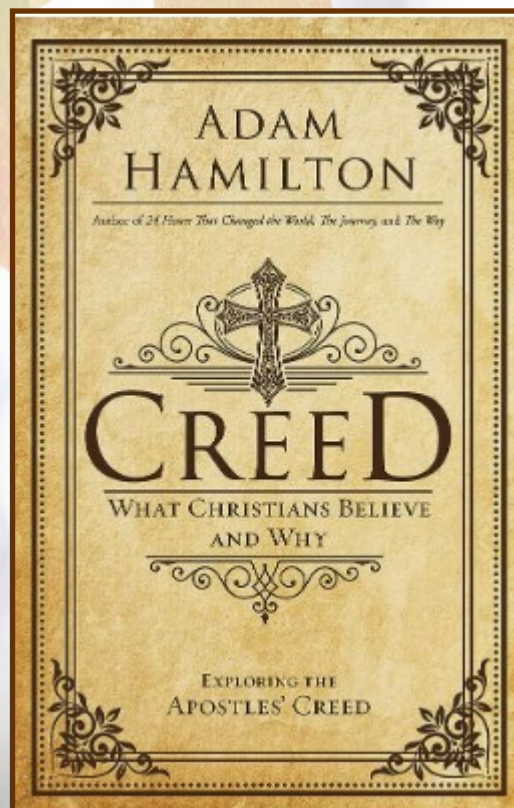
**Pastor Kim says, "Come Join US! It's a lot of fun!"**



## BETTER TOGETHER

**September 17** - begins our weekly meetings  
Sundays at 11:30 in room 201.

Our Fall study will be on key beliefs of our Christian faith. We will use Adam Hamilton's book **Creed, What Christians Believe and Why** as the backbone of our study and also bring in some history and background that extends beyond the book. **All women** are welcome.





### **JOY Bible Starts in September**

Mark your calendar for Thursday, Sept. 21st for the kick off of JOY Bible for interested women. We will have a brunch that morning (please bring a little something to share) starting at 9:30 and our guest speaker will be Larry Siewert sharing about the history of Salmon Creek Church and the role that women played in the early years of the church.

Our Fall study will start on the following Thursday, Sept. 28 as we start season 3 of THE CHOSEN. We meet in the St. Paul room and try to be over by 11:30. If questions, please contact Sandy Bippes 360- 887-8102 or Sandie Hollister, 360-576-7709.



### **Are you interested in Quilting?**

We are having a meeting for people interested in quilting- either as a beginner or just to work with others who like to quilt. Mark your calendar for Monday, September 18th at 9 am in the St. Paul room as we explore if there is enough interest to start a small quilt group at church. We would meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and share ideas about quilting or you could bring your actual machines and sew away. You could work on your own projects or make passage quilts for Legacy Hospital. Any questions, call Sandie Hollister 360-576-7709.



**BE SURE THAT THESE OCTOBER EVENTS ARE ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT MONTH!**

**Benefit Breakfast for Habitat—October 1st**



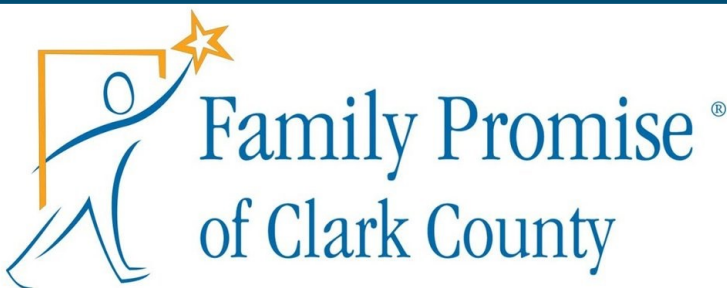
**Blessing of the Animals—October 8th**



**Charge Conference—October 15th**



**Hosting Family Promise—  
October 22-29th**



**EEK at the Creek—October 29th**





# Charge Conference

***SAVE THE DATE:***  
**ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**  
**AFTER WORSHIP**  
**PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!**



The installation of the new sandbox at the Day School was completed last month with the help of Larry Siewert and Richard Beilsmith. Over the years, the kids dug enough holes that required almost half a pickup truck load of dirt to fill them back in, ... they never made it to China though! Once that was done, some landscape ground cloth was put down as a barrier between the sand and dirt. All the bags of play sand that came on the pallet were used to fill in that box, so we hope it takes the kids longer to take it all out than it did for us to put it in. Canine Trustee, Maddie, did a final inspection after the cover was put on and confirmed "no cats are allowed"!

Hope the kids enjoy the "new digs"! — Richard Beilsmith







# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

This summer's VBS was "Stellar". It was 'out of this world' fun! The event hosted 60 kids. With help from the congregation and our amazing volunteers, we were able to provide the kids with a healthy lunch, cool experiments, fun games, and a spiritual experience. The kids got to participate in being part of a bigger community with their faith. Everyone came together in such a wonderful way. The kids made friendships and connected with Jesus in a positive, learning atmosphere.

*"Shine Jesus' light."*

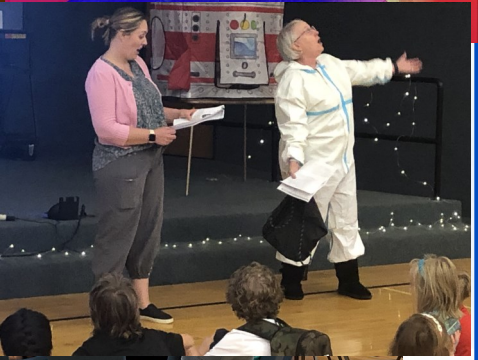
*Tiffiney Nordby*

**ENJOY THE PHOTOS OF THE EVENT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE!**



**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023





## REMAINING HOSTING DATES FOR 2023

**October 22—29**

**December 30—January 6, 2024**



Thank you to our Sarah J. Anderson lunch crew! This summer we served up hundreds of lunches with a smile and the love of Christ!

Our Crew: Karen Beilsmith, Gwen Heynen, Greg Berry, Betty & Jim Selby, Ann & Saul Jovet, Brian, Teddy & Charlie Ernster, Lynne, Sammie & Zach Nieda, Lynne & Dan Kingsley, Kathy Hardy, Jayne McCarley, Jane Clark, Andres & KD Caballero, Bob Cooke, E-lois Gebhart



# BASKET AUCTION

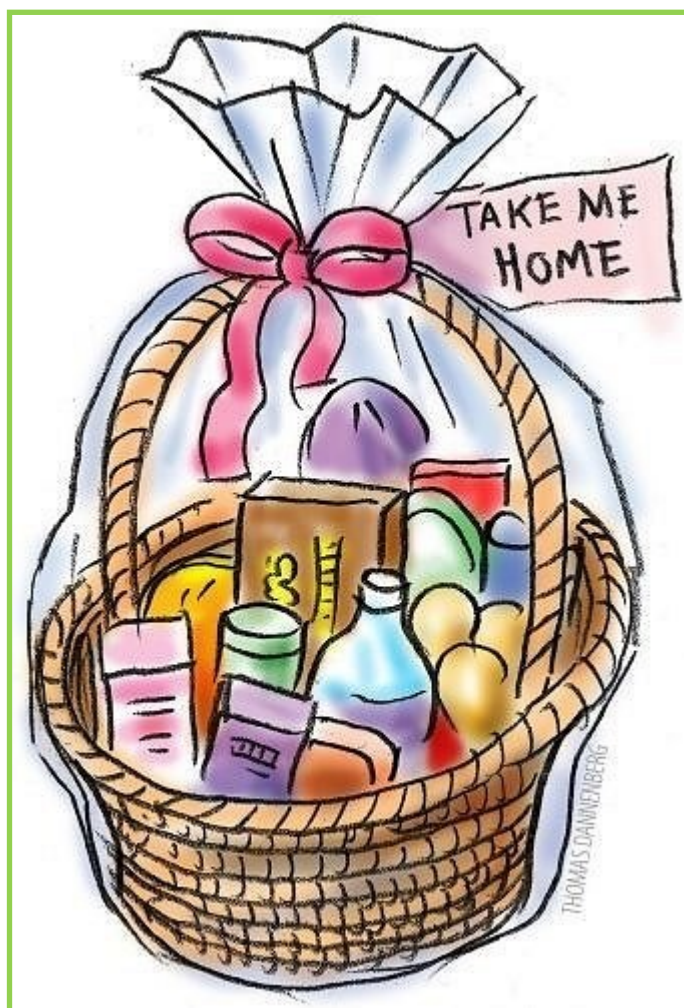
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ANNUAL MISSIONS BASKET AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

**5:30 PM IN THE FMC GYM**

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING YOUR BASKETS!**





Members are doing a great job of getting the rhubarb from God's Garden. However, it is better to pull rhubarb than to cut it off the base. To pull off rhubarb, grab the base with one hand and pull as low on the stalk as you can with the other hand. If it pulls out nicely another stalk will form very quickly, allowing for second and third pickings each year.

Looking at my gardens, the only damage I can see from the extreme heat we had for four days is that some tomato blooms got fried. If that happens, just clip off that part of the tomato plant. By the Sunday after Labor Day I begin clipping off tomato blooms anyway because any resulting tomatoes will not mature and ripen quickly enough before cold weather sets in, better to let the plant use that energy to produce bigger tomatoes which ripen before the first frost, usually late October.

In the October issue of the Circuit Rider, I will cover when and how to prepare beds for winter.

Thank you!

Jim Selby



CELEBRATE  
SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS

**Gordon McAllister September 2**

**Liz Taylor September 2**

**Kay Cooke September 5**

**Berniece Winters September 20**

**Kathy Scott September 21**

**Denise Erkkila September 23**


**Pam Lehrman September 24**

**Melissa Ralston September 24**

**Jackson Bunkley September 28**

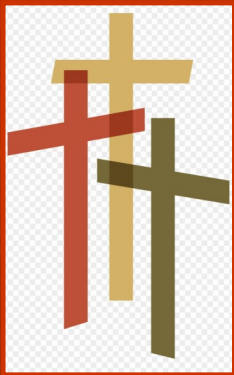
*Don't see your birthday?*

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



Break forth into singing  
*forest*, and every tree  
for the Lord hath redeemed...  
and glorified himself.

-Isaiah 44:23



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

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