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

Fall is a season of returning; to school, to church, to Bible study. It is a season of recommitting our hearts to grow in our knowledge and love of God, a season for committing to disciplines of spiritual practice, study, and service!

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

Throughout most of September in worship, we will be considering passages from the message of James. I encourage you in the weeks ahead to read all of it, as it is not too long.

On September 8, we will celebrate Rally Day! This year it will be a fun opportunity to learn about the many ministries of our church as we build our own ice cream sundaes! As you visit the ministry displays, I encourage you to consider where God may be calling you to serve in the coming year!

Our Women's Ministry Team has been hard at work planning a wonderful 'day away' retreat to be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Ridgefield UMC! All women are invited to attend and now is the time to register! Look for registration forms at the welcome desk beginning Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fall is also Charge Conference season! So, we have begun working on our reports to share with our district superintendent about the ministry we have done over the past year and our plans for 2025. An important piece of work to prepare for Charge Conference is the assembling of our 2025 Lay Leadership Roster. This is a great time to prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to serve in one of our administrative or ministry areas. If you would like to know more about opportunities to serve, please reach out to me and I will be happy to visit with you.

Following worship on Sunday, September 22 we will have 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.

October also has several great opportunities for fellowship, fun, spiritual growth and service. Save these dates and plan now to join us!

October 6: Missions Breakfast Supporting Habitat for Humanity

October 19: Women's Retreat Day

October 26: Eek at the Creek

October 27 – November 3: Family Promise Week

Peace and joy, Rev. Kim Poer



Jeremiah 24.7

I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

### Church Leadership

Be sure to take a look at the new "church leadership/staff" poster graciously created for us by Lila DeBolt. The poster is displayed next to the welcome desk. Get familiar with your church leaders and staff, take questions, suggestions, interest and concerns to them any time!





### July, 2024 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church as of July 31, 2024.

	Month <u>Actual Budget Fav/(Unfav)</u>			Year to Date  Actual Budget Fav/(Unfav)		
Income	36,526	28,792	7,734	332,854	201,544	131,310
Expenses	29,220	31,472	2,253	215,003	227,924	12,303
Operating Income / (Loss)	_7,306	(2,680)	9,986	117,841	(26.380)	144.221

The financial results for the Church continue to be very strong through July 31, 2024, as we continue to move through the "dog days of summer". We continue to want to thank the congregation for your continued gifts of time, talent and monies that are necessary to support the mission of our Church, which is "We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ, uniting in fellowship, missions and service." As a reminder, our YTD results were significantly bolstered by a large one-time donation from a Church member's estate earlier in the year.

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

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair - Finance Committee



## Serving Families Raising Hope



Family Promise of Clark
County dinner and
auction is your invitation
to be a part of something
extraordinary. Together,
let's raise funds and
provide a home for
children and their family!



Dinner



Auction for a



\$100 per person



Inspiring Stories

### **BUY TICKETS NOW**





Thursday, September 5, 2024 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Deadline to buy tickets August 26 Please provide the names of the attendees



Royal Oaks Country Club 8917 NE 4th Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98662



Family Promise of Clark County / SFRH Event P.O. Box 873308 Vancouver, WA 98687



Visit Our Website https://familypromiseofclarkco.ejoinme.org/2024Home



Well Salmon Creek, WE DID IT! For the pillow drive for Family Promise, we filled the crib and then some. We filled Karen's car with pillows and cleaning supplies. It was like the fish and loaves story. I asked for a bottle of different cleaning supplies, and I got two of most of them! You are so amazing and have such huge hearts!

And then you volunteer. There were people who set up, took down, did the dishes, cooked the meals and spent the night. WE have an amazing village.

This week we hosted two families. We started with a family of six, plus a pregnant mom. They were quiet and shy, but thankful and appreciative. Dad worked until 11, but never grumbled about having to get up and leave by 6:30. Every morning, their room was tidy and clean. The kids loved the fresh fruit that people brought in. And they were jumping for joy for Winston's chicken and fried rice. I tried some and it was YUMMY!

Thursday, we had a mom with a cheerful 8-month-old. He just discovered his voice, and he loved to join in the conversation. She was very appreciative and couldn't believe how big her room was.

I always wish I could bottle the joy I hear from the children and record the appreciation that I hear from the parents. They appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, said a prayer or rearranged your schedule because of Family Promise Week. You are truly amazing.

Speaking of thank you. I volunteered every Thursday to serve summer lunches at Sarah J Anderson. On Thursdays, we gave out between 30-50 lunches. During the last week, I had a sixth grader stop as she was leaving to say, "Thank you for being here this summer. It has meant a lot to my family." As she left, she said, "See you next year!" It was so sweet to hear. That day, many of the families said thank you.

That 'Thank you' was to everyone from Salmon Creek who volunteered. The kids appreciated getting lunch, but they also appreciated seeing a familiar face, having someone say hi to them and ask how they were. I remember hearing a bus driver from Salmon Creek reflect on being a bus driver. He commented that he might be the only person, or the first person to speak to them that day. Sadly, he is right, but I am so grateful that he is there to say hi and offer his support!

They always say that it takes a village to raise a child. Salmon Creek is an amazing village.

**Karen Beilsmith** 





Open House Ministries is a faith-based family shelter in Vancouver, Washington, housing 100-plus residents a night. More than half of our residents are homeless children.

Open house Ministries began in 1985, when a small group of individuals met for Bible study at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Washington. The group became increasingly aware of the homeless population in and around the park and was especially touched by the number of mothers they met who slept in cars with their children. When offering help, the most frequent requests the group received was for diapers and food.

Open House Ministries was incorporated in 1986. The original shelter building opened its doors in a large, leased boarding house that stood on what is now our parking lot. The boarding house provided 10 rooms for up to 25 people.

During the first few years, much was learned about the complex needs of people in homeless situations. Eventually, the shelter evolved to include case management of residents, professional counseling, a day care, work development, transitional support and a large array of community networks geared toward meeting needs common among homeless populations.

In 1996, construction was completed on a new 28,000-square-foot building to serve as a shelter and house more people in need. It took over two years to build the new shelter, but when the doors opened, the building was and remains mortgage free.

Our focus and resources are committed to equipping homeless families with the tools necessary for resolving the underlying issues that lead to poverty and homelessness. After gaining life skills and practical tools, residents can lead healthy, independent lives. We accomplish this through personalized case management, a strong community network, volunteer support and generous donations.

In time, Open House Ministries' residents regain sustainable housing and, even more importantly, healthy relationships with each other, their community and Christ. We're far more than a shelter

Thank you, Open House, for bringing my family back together and bringing me closer

to God!" — Former







### **Support our Schools:**

Thank you for bringing in school supplies for Gaiser Middle school and for supporting the Vancouver Public Schools foundation at our benefit breakfast on August 25th.

Here is some information on the Foundation for VPS:

When the community comes together, students succeed and thrive. Imagine what is possible when students come to school happy, healthy, and ready to learn!

Our <u>Community Impact Report</u> includes the many ways donors helped students this past year. Monetary and in-kind donations provided food, housing assistance, medical care, transportation, clothing, schools supplies, personal hygiene items, family engagement and student enrichment opportunities – and much more.

Thousands of people and organizations—including Vancouver Public Schools teachers, staff, parents, community partners and individuals—provided a network of wrap around services and supports to help students thrive.

Together, we help students overcome barriers to learning. Together, we create opportunities to cultivate and inspire student success.

Thank you for making a difference for Vancouver Public School students!

**Kathy Hardy** 

## Enroll Now for Fall Little Fish Christian Preschool A ministry of Salmon Creek UMC



Half-day Program for 3 - 5 yearolds

Monday - Thursday 8:30 -12:30

salmoncreek.church 360-573-3111

### **Coming this Fall!**

Salmon Creek UMC is excited to launch a new *part-time* preschool program this September! It will be called

### Little Fish Christian Preschool.

Ashley Skelton will be running this program and will be responsible for the daily operations as well as teaching side-by-side with Angela Parrish. The Little Fish Christian Preschool will offer one morning class, Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm and will serve 3 year-olds (potty trained) through 5 year-olds.



Rally Day, Sunday, September 8, 2024

All of the Committees, Boards and Ministries will be gathered in the Fellowship Hall after church to invite you to join them in the life of the church. Opportunities are so varied that we hope you will join us to find out what would work for you. It is also a beautiful window into how we work together to make our church so special for the congregants and the community beyond.

This year the refreshments are "a progressive ice cream sundae party" hosted by all the groups and offering a creative collection of sundae toppings. Please plan to join us!



### SAVE THE DATE!

Our next all-church Potluck/Townhall:
Sunday, September 22nd after worship.
Please plan on coming;
bring your questions, suggestions,
concerns.

If you are able, bring a dish.





Join us for this special event.!!!

A day of love, fun music, thought and prayer.

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Register in the Narthex or with Nancy



## zekat the creek



SAVE THE DATE: Salmon Creek Church annual Trunk or Treat "Eek at the Creek" is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. More details coming soon about time. Start thinking about how to decorate your car trunk. Sign-ups will be available soon, and candy donations will be open soon.



### **Annual Missions Basket Auction:**

Mark your calendar for our Missions benefit auction
Saturday November 16th! We will be supporting several
community agencies - Open House Ministries, Battle
Ground Health Care, Share Vancouver, Safe Choice Women's Shelter, Ft. Vancouver Seafarer's Center,
Friends of the Carpenter.



Stay Tuned for the date of this year's Charge Conference; we are in the planning process and will let you know the date chosen as soon as possible.

It will most likely be some time in November.



### **Summer Lunch:**

Thanks to the team that served lunch at Sarah J. Anderson this summer! The team handed out lunches from 12 -1pm Monday - Friday from June 24 to August 9. Over the summer, we served hundreds of lunches to some wonderful kids! We had a lot of kids and parents thank us for being at the school!

### Our team:

Winston Asai, Karen Beilsmith, Greg Berry, KD & Andres Caballero, Jane Clark, Bob Cooke, Kathy Hardy, Gwen Heynen, Tom & Bonnie Jacquemin, Ann & Saul Jovet, Lynne Kingsley, Lynne Nieda, Kimberly Prater, Sharleen & Mike Rainville, Jim & Betty Selby, Ann Wear, Faye Wells

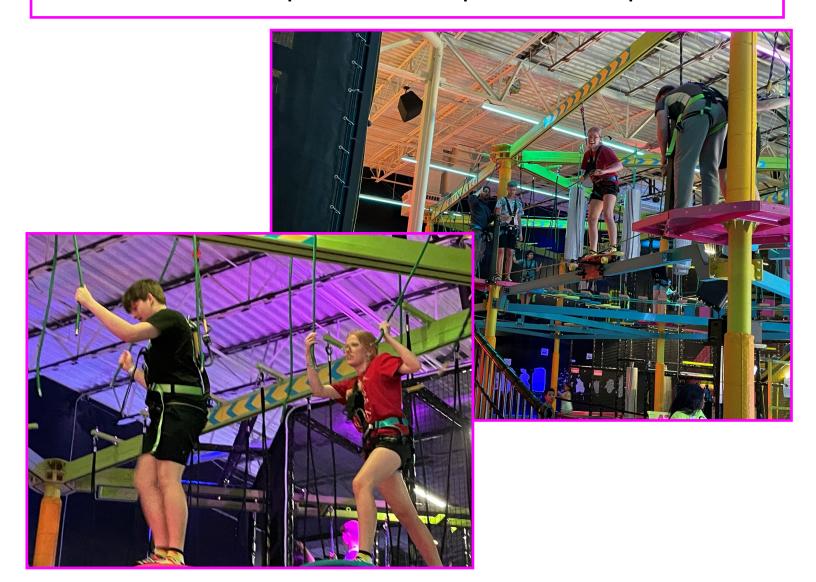
During the school year, Share runs the food backpack program, delivering bags of food to students to take home over the weekend. Volunteers interested in helping with the backpack can reach out to share at <a href="https://sharevancouver.org">https://sharevancouver.org</a>.



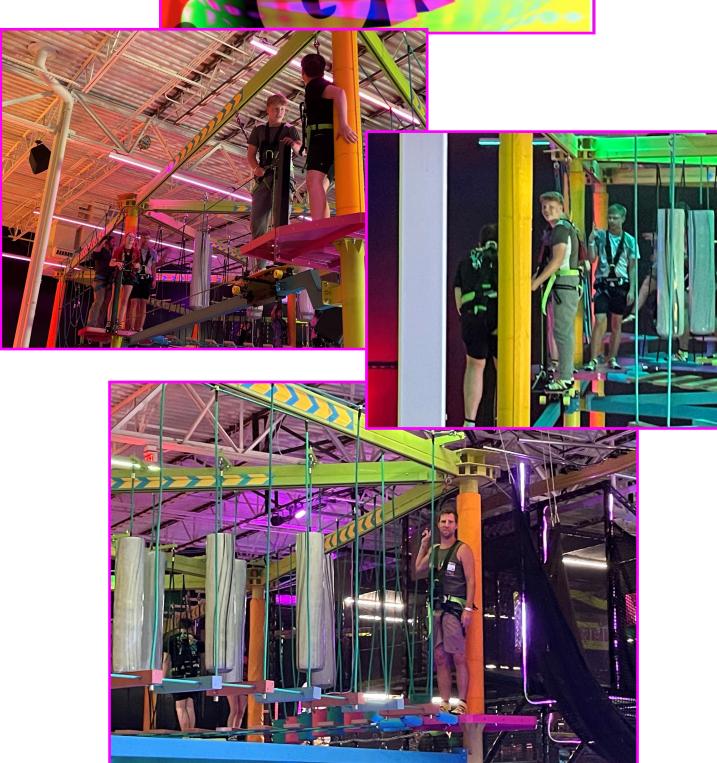
Our youth group enjoyed a special outing to Urban Air on July 10th to kick off summer break!

Five youth and four adults spent the afternoon there, Gavin and Zach joined Teddy, Charlie, Claire, Sam, and Kate in the activities while Kim and Darcy set up a spot in the snack area to be home base.

The youth enjoyed the race cars, trampolines, jousting, zip line, VR game, and ropes course. Here are a few pictures that Kim captured from the ropes course!









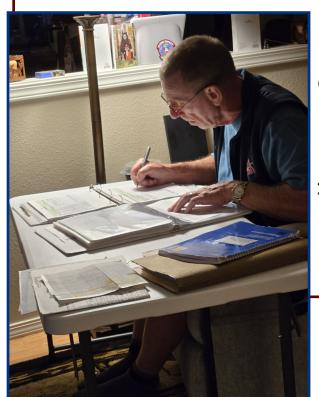
You may not be aware the our church has a cemetery, adjacent to Sacajawea elementary school in Hazel Dell. Cemetery plots are available at very low cost to members of the church.

Richard Beilsmith and Larry Siewert diligently care for and maintain the cemetery. You may not know how much effort they put into this endeavor. Much of the work goes on behind the scenes. The photo below shows Richard hard at work updating some of the records.

If you haven't seen the cemetery, it is worth a short trip to see it. It is a lovely area, very peaceful and serene.

The cemetery is located east of Hazel Dell Avenue,

near N.E. 111 Street, Vancouver, Washington.



It is on land which was part of the Goddard Land Claim and was deeded to the Salmon Creek Methodist Church by Goddard in 1893.

It was established as the *Pioneer Cemetery* in the 1850's. This ground is hallowed by hearty settlers, who value neighborly Christian character above denominational creeds.

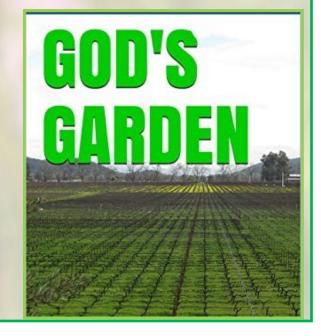
### Wedding of K.D. Hardy and Andres Caballero August 10, 2024



# GARDEN

Some of you may not know that there is a table set up outside the east doors of the main church building where gardeners put extra vegetables and garden produce. These are free to take to whomever would like them. Help yourself!

Enjoy some photos of our beautiful, bountiful gardens!



### **TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR**

### <u>September</u>

9/8 Rally Day

9/22 Town Hall Potluck



### October

10/6 Mission Breakfast – Habitat

10/19 Women's Ministry Retreat Day

10/26 Eek@the Creek—4-6 pm (Saturday)

10/27 – 11/3 Family Promise Week

### November

11/15 Set up for basket auction

11/16 (Saturday) Basket Auction & Dinner

11/24 Hanging of the Greens – 3:00 pm

11/28 Thanksgiving Day

### 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

12/15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent/ Lessons and Carols

12/16 (Monday) Night of Hope

12/20 BOC Rehearsals and set ups

12/21 BOC Concert – 7:00 pm

### 12/21 - 1/2/25 - Church office closed

12/22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

12/24 (Tuesday) Christmas Eve Services: 5pm, 8pm, 11pm

12/29 Hymn Sing



Liz Taylor—September 2

Kay Cooke—September 5

Kathy Scott—September 21

**Berniece Winters—September 20** 

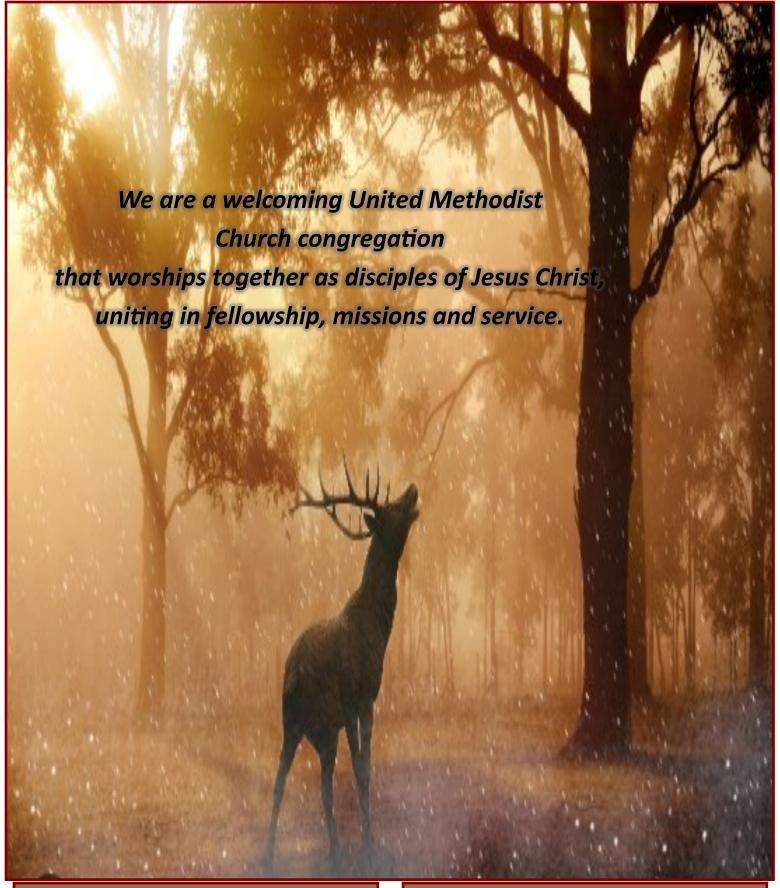
Pam Lehrman—September 24

Jackson Bunkley—September 28

Don't see your birthday?

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

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