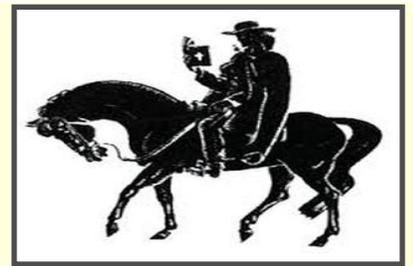


The Circuit Rider



SALMON CREEK CHURCH
A United Methodist Ministry



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FROM THE PASTOR

Do you want to live a good life? A satisfying life? Do you want to invest in ugliness, or in beauty? Do you want to be good, or just good enough?

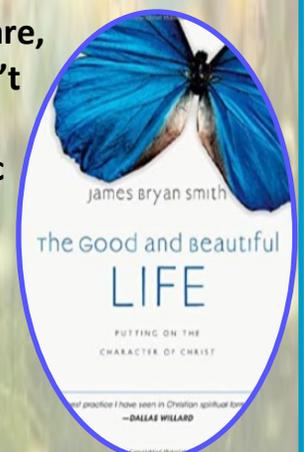
Beginning September 9th, our church will be undertaking an all-church book study with a book entitled “The Good & Beautiful Life” by James Bryan Smith. This book will be offered by many of our small groups, and if you aren’t already in a small group, you’re invited to join. Please see the article elsewhere in the Circuit Rider on small groups. I chose this book because it helps us find answers to those questions I posed earlier. Perhaps it will help you sort out the difference between a quick fix and lasting happiness. Perhaps you will find your faith rekindled, even if it’s only a spark of hope. Maybe you think you’ve got this life all figured out: in that case I especially recommend you find a small group!

I will be doing complementary sermons in September to supplement the concepts of the book, and one of those sermons is based on a quote from C.S. Lewis from his book *Mere Christianity*. It might give you a hint as to what “The Good & Beautiful Life” is all about. Lewis writes that our faith is not a matter of our hearing what Christ said long ago and then “trying to carry it out.” Rather, “The real Son of God is at your side. He is beginning to turn you into the same kind of thing as Himself. He is beginning, so to speak, to ‘inject’ His kind of life and thought, His life, into you: beginning to turn the tin soldier into a live man. That part of you that does not like it is the part of you that is still tin.”

Christ’s goal is to transform you into your true, Christ-like self. The more Christ-like we become, the more “good and beautiful” our lives become. In other words, we aren’t to imitate Christ, we’re to become Christ-like. When we buy into the idea that we can never come close, or that being Christ-like is some kind of punishment, the less good and beautiful our lives become.

Do you want to remain a tin soldier? Both Lewis and Smith agree that the closer we come to God, the more we allow our Christ-ness to come to the fore, the better off we are, regardless of life’s circumstances. And this is definitely not a self-serving, “don’t worry, be happy” kind of doctrine. Part of our Christ likeness is serving others selflessly. Part of our Christ likeness is moving away from a self-centered, egoic life. Part of our Christ likeness is understanding our trials and pain in the light of Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection. Life may not be easy, but in the likeness of Christ it can be good and beautiful.

Pastor John Hiestand



SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Sunday September 1 – Labor Day

8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Series: "Paul All Summer"

Sermon Title: "To Whom Are We Accountable?"

Scripture:

Romans 12:9-21

Romans 14:1-12

Sunday September 8 – Rally Sunday

8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Title: "The Good & Beautiful Life"

Scripture:

Matthew 6:25-34

Matthew 7:7-11

Sunday September 15

8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Title: "Will We All Go To Heaven?"

Scripture:

Matthew 7:15-20

Matthew 7:21-23

Sunday September 22 – Capital Campaign Kickoff:

"Pay It Forward"

8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Title: "Pay It Forward"

Scripture:

Psalms 102:18-22

Matthew 7:24-27

Sunday September 29 - Healing Service

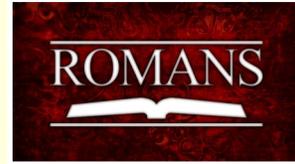
8:30 "Traditional" and 10:30 "Modern" Services

Sermon Title: "The Tin Man"

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:17-24

John 13:12-20



Our summer study on Romans continues through October

Ripples of Faith, a small group meeting on Tuesdays from 6 to 7pm, extends an invitation to join us for this Bible Study: "Invitation to Romans". It will take an 8 week study and extend it to 12 weeks to allow for in-depth discussions that attempt to view the gospel, and apply its principles, through the lens of the world we live in today. At the end of this study you will have a more informed commitment to Paul's radical vision of God's relationship to both Christians and Jews and to their relationship to each other, thanks to the "love of God in Christ Jesus."

Contact Echo Langley for more information.

New Small Group Study This fall, we are planning a church-wide book study called "A Good & Beautiful Life" by James Bryan Smith. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the Welcome Center by the end of August, and we encourage new and existing small groups to begin the book around September 8, Rally Sunday. Pastor John will be leading a Pastor's Book Study on Monday evenings at 6:30 beginning September 9.



Have you ever wondered how our Sanctuary gains its decorations for special church holidays and events? What about the special services we have during the year? Who makes sure Communion Elements are ready, candles are changed, and banners are displayed? How are Readers and Communion servers recruited and scheduled? All these things and other items are part of your Worship Committee. You are invited to join us. **We are IN NEED of more willing volunteers in these areas of church service.** Call the church office or Phyllis Browning if you would like to be involved.

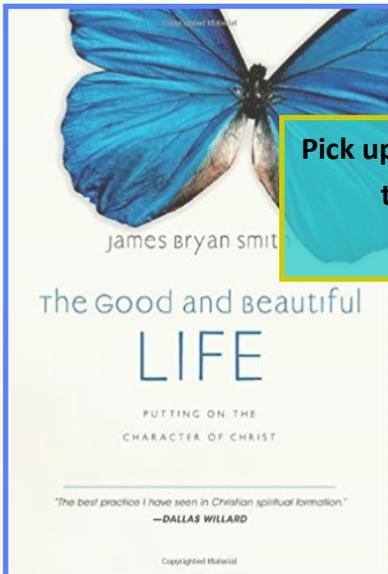
RALLY DAY



Rally Day is Sunday, September 8, 2019

Mark your calendar for Rally Day 2019 -- the kickoff for our new season at Salmon Creek Church! We will worship September 8th at both services, where the blessing of backpacks/school bags will take place. Then at Coffee Fellowship, we will celebrate and honor students and school staff. The recognition of our students and school personnel will happen at 10 am, so please be present. Worship committee will be providing cake and other snacks. You can also find out about small group opportunities on this day. It is always sad to see Summer end, but exciting for the new season of learning to begin!

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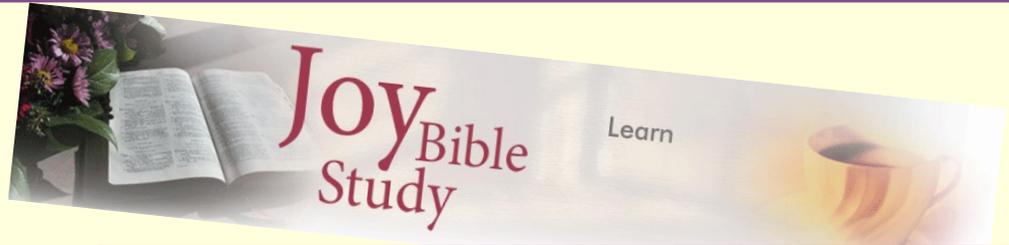


Pick up your copy of The Good and Beautiful Life at the Welcome Center and start reading!



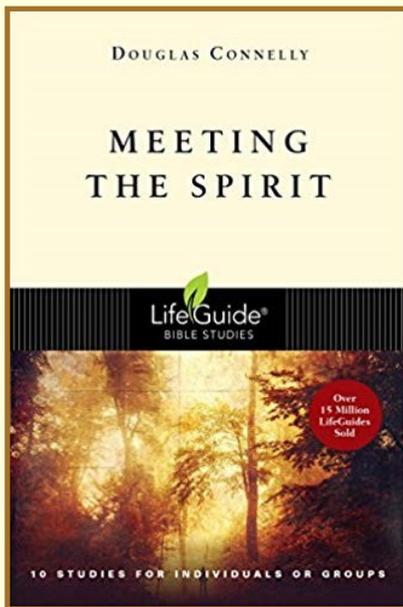


Support the Students in our Community—For our own Salmon Creek Christian preschool and daycare, contact Gayle Horwitz 360-573-9541. Volunteer for games at lunch at Salmon Creek Elementary, Volunteer at **Gaiser Middle School**: contact Kathy Hardy 360-910-2315, provide school supplies: mechanical pencils, composition notebooks, 5-color highlighter sets, tape, black dry-erase markers, dry-erase board cleaners, erasers, rulers, tissues, individually wrapped snacks (no nuts), clear plastic water bottles (no PFC's). Bin to collect supplies is in the entry way.



JOY BIBLE STUDY

Our Fall study on The Holy Spirit will be “**Life Guide—Meeting the Spirit**”. Ordered books will be available on Sunday, September 15th at the Information Center in the church. Joan will have five extra books for newcomers. **JOY starts on September 19th at 9:30 a.m.** in the St. Paul room. It will be great to be together again! Hopefully newcomers will join us. Questions, call Joan Stuart: 360-573-4356



Salmon Creek Women's Retreat 2019

All women are welcome to join in this special time. Please take this opportunity to relax, spiritually renew and grow in Christ, with good friends.

Theme: “Fear Not”

Where: Alton Collins, Eagle Creek, OR

When: **Oct. 5, 10am to Oct. 6, noon, 2019**

Regular Registration is until September 3, Cost: \$120

Currently, registration is full. Please sign up if you would like to be on a waiting list.

Questions? Please contact Jane Clark at janealt3641@comcast.net and phone 360.887.8633

or Linda Garrison at

lindagarrison@comcast.net and phone 360.258.8600



Come Join Us!!!



Dear Congregation:

The Trustees, thru our volunteer time, continue to do as much maintenance as we can to forgo hiring to have it done.

Lighting program – We have well over 150 fixtures at the church. Last year, the FMC outdoor lights were all replaced with LED's, for the cost of the LED light bulbs and some hardware; and new LED fixtures were installed in the Pastor's office and hallway. This year, the Sanctuary lights on each side have been replaced with LED bulbs, reusing the fixtures. The spot lights have been replaced with LED bulbs (although the light controller continues to have issues). Next up will be the Narthex lights (new round LED fixtures), including repainting the ceiling and walls. It was decided that the Narthex needs a fresh look to make a good first impression for visitors and the congregation.

We now have security cameras for the main building, again installed by the Trustees. This was deemed necessary due to the break in last year, and increased concerns about safety for church users and the day school.

We had the furnace go out in the Chapel in January – cost ~\$1400 and it took 2 weeks to get parts for this 23- year-old furnace. Also, the Air Conditioner in the FMC (rooms 4, 5, 6 unit) was finally fixed, after a long debate on replacing (\$15-19,000) this 23+ year-old unit (11 units are beyond recommended replacement life).

Tight funds have made it a priority to do what we can to control costs and do ourselves what we can. I'm really proud of the Trustees' willingness to volunteer their time, so we could avoid several maintenance issues that may have been completed in the past by contractors. Last year's exterior painting was a big volunteer success and we are still at it this year.

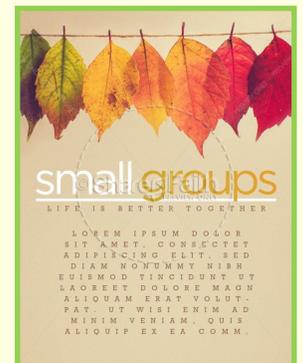
That said, there are big costs on the horizon that will need to be addressed by the congregation. Both buildings have several large maintenance/replacement items that will need to be addressed if we are going to keep this church as it is for the next 20 years.

Sincerely
Steve Enyeart
Chair, Trustees

Small Groups are back!

Salmon Creek church has had a vibrant small group ministry for many years, and it's exciting to see a renewed interest in participating in this Wesleyan form of fellowship, learning, accountability and spiritual growth. If you are not currently a part of a small group, check the box on the Connection Card that says, "I am interested in joining a small group." Then, check out the Small Groups display in the foyer of the church and either sign up for an existing small group, or contact Pastor John if you are interested in starting a new small group

Small groups are where it's at! We hope to see you join with a group this fall.





Many people in our church are eager to learn more about the role of women in the growth and success of United Methodist churches. We are grateful for the women who are helpful in many areas. In July this year, three members of Salmon Creek Church excitedly headed east to Ellensburg for a weekend of learning at the annual Mission U, sponsored by United Methodist Women and the Pacific Northwest Conference. Under this year's theme of "Radical Discipleship—Then and Now," the courses offered were at college-level, providing Continuing Education credits for clergy and others engaged in ministry. Patti Petersen enrolled in "What About Our Money." Presenter Sara Culp focused her group's thinking on their personal relationship with money. She shared a history of how money became important to mankind, along with interpretations from the Bible and how money impacts today's society. Larry and Clare Kennedy signed up for "Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship," taught by a real-live missionary to Nepal. Looking at Mark Chapters 5, 7, 10, and 15, we were encouraged to describe how specific characters in each of the stories might have felt about their roles in the action that took place, and to see how each story invites us into the radical discipleship of walking with Jesus into "kin-dom," into living and loving here and now. All three participated in the all-school study entitled, "Women United For Change: 150 Years in Mission." They learned that Methodist women in the 1800's formed alliances with women of other denominations who, like them, had no rights to vote, preach, or own real estate, but felt a burden for the souls and living conditions of women in other parts of the world. They saved pennies from their grocery allowances to send women missionaries—teachers, doctors, and others— abroad. The work they began continues today in the form of churches, schools, and universities around the world. Please feel free to join us on **September 17 at 1:00 p.m.** in the St. Paul Room, where we'll be pleased to share with you the insights we've gained. So don't be shy, come be with us to enjoy worship, singing, a brief video, fellowship, and refreshments!

By Clare Kennedy

UMC Women meet every third Tuesday of the month (September through May, excluding December) at 1:00 pm in the St. Paul Room. Fellowship and study on the concepts of UMW's mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.





Women's Worship Ensemble

On August 4th, we had some special music by our very own Women's Ensemble which was conducted by Matt.



The special music was called "Sing To the Lord
A Marvelous Song", by Eugene Butler.



Betty Selby, Kay Cooke, Linda Garrison, Liz Taylor, Debbie Troyer, Joan Stuart, Sandy Hollister, Dorrie Estribou, Matthew Compton

Jackson Bunkley received the \$5,000.00 Virginia Scherer Memorial Scholarship on August 11th. Jackson has grown up at Salmon Creek and said a few words of thanks and appreciation to his church family. Jackson is pictured below with his parents Libby and Jack and Pastor John. We are so proud of Jackson! He will be attending WSU Vancouver this Fall. Congratulations, Jackson!



A heart felt thank you for all the prayers and support for our second round of hosting Family Promise families. Thank you to every volunteer who served food, set up tables, helped get rooms ready, took home laundry to wash and then put it all back together again to make it a successful week. Everyone's help made it possible for us to host 3 families for a total of 12 people. There were 6 adults and 6 children.

There is nothing better than a smile from a little child. If you have any questions about Family Promise and what it is like to host families with children, contact one of the members of the Family Promise committee or mark your connection card in Sunday's bulletin.

Our next host date is **September 29 through Oct 6**. We will be announcing this during both services as we get closer. We ask for prayers to make it possible for the families to stay at our church. Volunteers will be needed for setup, bringing food and hosting dinner with the families, spending the night, and then once again clean-up and putting it all back again.

Thank you all for your support and may God bless our church and the families that we host.

Family Promise Committee



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We seem to have bountiful blessings each week with a table full of fresh produce outside, between the sanctuary and the Family Ministry Center. Produce pictured above was from the garden of Ivan Zanetti. The other produce which shows up most weeks often comes from the gardeners who have raised beds in God's Garden, which is on the church grounds.



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ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE METHODIST?



What is the person called who assists in a worship service, including the lighting of candles?

The correct answer is acolyte. Typically, the role of acolyte is filled by a young person, but adults are allowed to serve as acolytes, too. The local pastor can decide who serves and what duties are appropriate.

A way to partake of the elements in the Lord's Supper is:

The correct answer is intinction, the act of dipping the bread into a chalice filled with wine, then eating the moistened bread.

If you are outside the church and want to enter the sanctuary, what do you usually go through?

The correct answer is the narthex, the part of the church building that connects to the entrance door of the sanctuary.

What is a station?

The answer is a pastor's only church. A station is a pastoral assignment that is made of only one local church. This is in contrast to a circuit, which contains two or more churches.

When local churches send part of their offerings to their district and conference, it is called...

The correct answer is apportionment, a long-standing tradition in The United Methodist Church.

Before we have a relationship with God, he offers us what kind of grace?

The correct answer is prevenient grace, a presence that does not depend upon our actions or response.

What's the name of the four-year period after each General Conference?

The correct answer is quadrennium. The quadrennium is the four-year period after each General Conference during which the church carries out the policy and plans approved during that General Conference.

If you want to serve as a local pastor, deacon, or elder, you would apply for what?

The correct answer is candidacy, a discerning and preparatory period of time for the candidate. Those who want to serve as local pastors, deacons or elders use this time to explore their calling. During this time, the candidates also guided and evaluated by their annual conference.

What do we call the bread and wine used in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

The correct answer is elements, the bread and wine used in the Lord's Supper.

If you want to know what United Methodists believe, you would start with what section of The Book of Discipline? In 1808, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church passed the first Restrictive Rule, ensuring that the Articles of Religion may not be changed. To this day, **the articles are printed unchanged in each edition of The Book of Discipline.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Communion</i> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Yth Bible Brunch 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Modern Worship 5:00 Youth	2 9:00 Felida Friends 6:00 Scouts Venture Crew 6:30 Boy Scouts	3 <i>Labor Day Church offices/Dayschool Closes</i> 11:00 Fresh Start-AA	4 10:00 Cinda's Quilting 12:30 Grant Quilters 2:00 Prayer Class 5:30 Flames BBall 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir	5 7:30 AM Men's Group 11:00 Fresh Start 5:30 Flames BBall 5:45 Handbells 6:30 Resistance Stretching 7:00 Men's Small Grp	6	7 8:15 Fitness Bootcamp 10:00 Carpet Cleaning
8 <i>Rally Day Fair Trade Coffee Lighting One Candle</i> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Yth Bible Brunch 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Modern Worship 5:00 Youth	9 <i>Circuit Rider Articles Due</i> 9:00 Felida Friends 9:30 Friends in Faith 11:00 Sm Group Org. 6:00 Scouts Venture Crew 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Pastor's Book Study	10 <i>Serving at Share</i> 11:00 Fresh Start-AA 5:00 Ripples 6:30 Emotional Eating 7:00 Stephen Min	11 10:00 Cinda's Quilting 11:20 Games with. 12:30 Grant Quilters 2:00 Prayer Class 5:30 Flames BBall 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 SCCPD Bd.Mtg 7:00 Choir	12 7:30 AM Men's Group 11:00 Fresh Start 5:30 Flames BBall 5:45 Handbells 6:30 Resistance Stretching 7:00 Men's Small Grp	13	14 8:15 Fitness Bootcamp Vancouver Lions Breakfast
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Family Birthdays in September

1—Julia Rapp	19—Katie Yotsuuye	27—Maxine Lien
2—Gordon McAllister	20—Rod Rippe	28—Jackson Bunkley
2—Amy Rapp	20—Berniece Winters	29—Claire Russell
2—Parker Synon	21—Weston Beilsmith	
2—Liz Taylor	21—Kathy Scott	
3—Patrick Synon	22—Josie Siewert	
5—Kay Cooke	23—Denise Erkkila	
11—Susie Pervere	23—Logan Siewert	
16—Hayden Rapp	24—Pam Lehrman	
19—Pam Johnson	24—Melissa Ralston	
19—Brynn Skelton	26—Jane Dudik	



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