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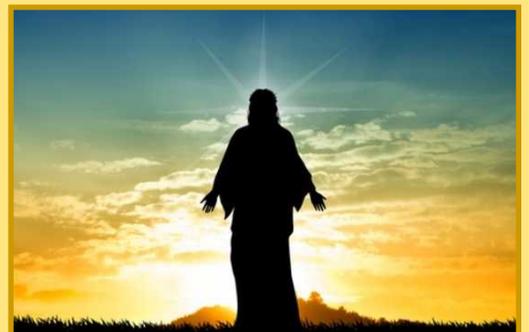


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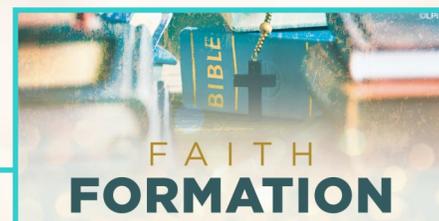
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a note from Pastor John



Salmon Creek Church Faith Formation for Everybody

I am excited about a new approach to scripture, Bible Study and family faith formation that will debut on September 12th. Some of it will be online, some in-person, but no matter what the delivery method, everyone at church will have the opportunity to engage with the same topics across generations. The hope is to not only energize our faith formation practices individually, but to generate some interesting dinner table or living room conversations about our faith.

Here's how it will work: I have set out "themes," including scriptures and discussion questions, for every Sunday this fall. These themes and scriptures will be sent to our Children's ministry, our Youth ministry, and leaders of small groups to incorporate in an age appropriate way into their lessons. In other words, everyone across generations will have the opportunity to engage on the same topics.

These "themes" will also be posted to a new website: www.salmoncreekchurch.online, along with links to more resources, that day's sermon recording, and a forum for community discussions about that topic. Finally, on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm, I will host a Zoom meeting called "Afterwords," where we can discuss the readings and the sermon, and their applicability to daily life.

Small groups, Children's ministry and Youth Ministry can continue with their own plans for this fall, while still having an opportunity to engage in a church-wide discussion about the Bible, God and Jesus.

The "Online Faith Formation" website and the first Zoom call will premiere on Sunday, September 12, and the children's and youth programs the following Sunday, September 19. Look for notices in your email inbox in early September for more details on how to participate with Faith Formation for Everybody. We keep saying we need to be on the same sheet of music, so here's our chance!

Blessings, Pastor John



Rally Sunday!

Our annual Rally Sunday will be on **Sunday, September 12** at 10:00 am. We will meet outdoors on that day (in the FMC if the weather is bad) to celebrate our new J.O.Y Academy for our kids, kick off the season for youth, and will be recognizing all of our volunteers who teach and lead. After the service, we will have a Ministry Fair where you can check out the myriad of ways you can become involved with Salmon Creek Church. Oh, and yes, there will be food! So please, bring a lawn chair, a hat, and the spirit of God to church on September 12.

We'll meet you out back behind the FMC.



Church Ministries Fair

Tired of being cooped up and want to get out? Want to find a way to get more involved with your church family? Ready for a boost of spiritual adrenalin? If you answered yes (*or even maybe*) to any of these questions, you will want to visit our Ministries Fair on Rally Sunday - Sept. 12. There will be presentations by different ministries of the church - different ways you can become more involved in serving in the church or community, and ways you can grow your own faith. Just a few of the opportunities available:

Join a small group, provide a meal for homeless families, work with children, ring hand bells, serve communion, visit shut-ins, drive youth, and more! Be sure to stop by!

Inspiring children to follow Christ

Desperately Needed: The Primary P's for Children - Two positions still need to be filled in order for our Children's Ministry to succeed: **Picture and Prayer Partners**.

Our **Picture Partners** will attend key events and take clear pictures of our children, youth counselors, and adult leaders throughout the year. Children will look forward to seeing themselves and their friends of all ages in new pictures posted in our children's area and other places throughout the year. No need to be at every event – we'll work together as a team to make sure someone is always there to record the fun! Please let Pastor Vivian know that she can count on you for this ministry of encouragement (email her at vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church or call her at 360-844-0440).

Our **Prayer Partners** will storm the gates of heaven with prayers for our children, youth, and leaders. No need to leave your home to be on this team – just contact Pastor Vivian (vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church, or by phone at 360-844-0440). You can pray for just one event; take on a specific child, youth, or leader and pray for them throughout the year; or pray throughout the year for our ministry in general. Prayer Partners can be anonymous or they can form a relationship with one child/youth and their family and send cards, make calls, and become a mentor in Christ throughout the year. Just knowing that people have made a commitment to pray for us will provide our ministry with the power we need to re-create a dynamic, faith-filled ministry.

A BIG VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU! We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School experience and many people contributed to its success. The children and I owe a BIG thank you to:

Karen & Richard Beilsmith
Jean Berkheiser
Greg Berry
Brian & Janice Ernster
Steve Enyeart
Pastor John Hiestand
Echo Langley
Pete & Maggie Mikalatos
Jim Roberts
Claire Russell
Zach Scott
Allison King and our ENTIRE youth group



You filled our day with faith and fun! **THANK YOU!!!**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – As we make a new beginning with our Children's Ministry we are going in a new / old direction – a worship service just for children in elementary school. All the essential elements of adult worship will be there – Scripture, prayer, ritual, offering, and sermon – but done in a way that's engaging and meaningful for children. All these activities – plus our Nursery Care - will take place in rooms 201, 202, and 203 in the Family Ministry Center (FMC). Room 202 will once again become our Nursery for children age 0-4 (see article about Nursery below).

Beginning September 19th, when families come to church the parents will check their children into Children's Church at a kiosk we will set up in the Welcome Booth located in the main entryway. Pastor Vivian and volunteer Shepherds will escort the children to room 201 in the FMC which is being transformed into a Children's Sanctuary (those serving as acolytes for the adult worship will join us once they have completed lighting the candles in the Main Sanctuary).

The children will begin worship just as adults do – with music as they bring the Light of Christ to the altar. But their music will be more like what we enjoy during Vacation Bible School – music designed to inspire and uplift children.

Their worship will include Scripture and prayer, with one Scripture highlighted each month. On September 19th the Salmon Creek Church Mission Committee will tell the children about some of the mission projects supported by our church. The children themselves will choose which mission their offerings will support through the end of 2021. (And don't worry – if a child forgot their offering we will have a bucket of coins from which they can take their offering – no child will ever be left out).

After music, Scripture, offering, and prayer the children will go to Room 203 where they will do the "sermon" part of worship, exploring more deeply what the Holy Spirit is saying about the theme for the week. Sometimes they'll act out a Bible story, sometimes they'll find God through science; sometimes they'll explore through arts and crafts or games – who knows? They might even find God through cooking! The experience will vary so our children, who all have different interests and abilities, will all have a chance to be inspired and to help inspire others.

When our time for exploring is done we'll return to our worship space to bring all the experiences of the morning and learn how to lay them before God as we pray for one another. Then we'll close our time together by blessing and thanking each and every child and giving them a cookie (or other treat).

Beginning in September everyone in our church will be exploring the same themes and Scriptures.

Pastor John will have a theme for each month – the theme for September is Creation. Pastor John will offer a family devotional/study guide for each theme so families can explore the theme at home. Even adults with no children at home can use the study guide and be available to our children as mentors and encouragers.

You will still see children in church - every time there are 5 Sundays in a month, our children and youth will lead worship in the Main Sanctuary. And the first time that happens will be on October 31st – which is both Halloween and Reformation Sunday! I can hardly wait to see what they come up with as our worship theme!

The children will focus on just one or two Scripture passages so they become meaningful and memorized. After all, how often has the 23rd Psalm come to your mind throughout the years when you needed to feel reassured of God's loving presence? This is how our children will soak in the goodness of God – one passage at a time.

We recognize that this is a big change for our church. The adults will miss having a Children's Moment in worship, something we all enjoy. But we know this new approach will work because it's the same approach we did when Kathy Hardy led our Sunday School. This approach was meaningful to the families who experienced it then so we trust it will be meaningful to families now.

Nursery changes – Beginning Sunday, September 12th, our nursery care will once again take place in Room 202 in the Family Ministry Center. Pastor Vivian will lead the children and Zach Scott will continue as our Nursery Care Aide. With all children's activities located in the FMC, one additional adult will satisfy our Safe Sanctuary protocol that ensures our children are managed appropriately. **We need one volunteer Shepherd each week to make this happen – PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE A SHEPHERD** on the list at the Welcome Center, or email Pastor Vivian at vivi-an.hiestand@salmoncreek.church.



Salmon Creek Church Financial Standing

Hello Fellow Congregants:

Salmon Creek Church (SCUMC), through efforts by everyone, has weathered the past 18 plus months reasonably well, financially speaking. A few brief comments and a chart of our income and expenses over the last seven months follows:

Salmon Creek Church

Statement of Income and Expense

January 1 through July 31, 2021

Income

General Fund 183,495

Other 40,577

Total Income 224,071

Expenses

Operations & Administration 43,944

Apportionments 26,581

Program Expenses 3,519

Salaries, Labor & Related Expense 125,613

Total Expenses 199,657

Net income 24,415

You, our congregation, have supported our efforts to stay connected through these months of Covid with your loyalty and devotion to the mission of SCUMC. For this we are truly thankful. Our income for the first 7 months of 2021 has been over our projections due to individuals paying ahead of an even flow throughout the year as well as several special contributions.

Expenses have been closely monitored and are running under what was budgeted. As a result, the Church is showing a net income for the 7-month period.

As we look to the last 5 months of the year and an increase in Church activities as we exit the pandemic period, we will no doubt see a change in this 'income versus expense' ratio. The Church leadership is reviewing the ways in which we will meet our new challenges in reaching out to our community.

Ed Grubel

Chairman Finance Committee.

BASKET AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mission Basket Auction - Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tickets will go on sale in Mid October.

Here are the community agencies we support:

Friends of the Carpenter - ministries to homeless & disabled

<http://friendsofthecarpenter.org/>

Share Vacouver - food and housing for those in need in our community

<https://sharevancouver.org/>

YWCA Safe Choice Women's Shelter - domestic violence shelter

<https://ywcaclarkcounty.org/how-you-can-help/wish-list/safechoice-domestic-violence-program/>

Open House Ministries - program for homeless families

<https://www.sheltered.org/>

Seafarer's Center - support to seafarers from all over the world

<https://www.seafarerhelp.org/en/>

Salmon Creek UMC will be hosting Family Promise in the FMC **September 19-26**. If you would like to volunteer in some capacity please contact Karen Beilsmith, kbeilsmith@yahoo.com.



**GIVE
MORE 24!**

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

The annual "GiveMore24" event takes place on
September 23rd.

See the flyer on the next page for details.

Please consider giving your support.



Family Promise

of Clark County

On **Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021**, Family Promise of Clark County is participating in a community-wide event called **Give More 24**.

Donations made through this event **will be matched** by our corporate and community partners. Your dollars will go further, and we'll be able to make a bigger impact in our community.

You are also invited to join us on Sept. 23rd, from 3:00-7:00pm at our Day Center, located at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, for a Open House and Family BBQ! We will have free carnival style games for kids, Free BBQ, and provide tours and information regarding the impact we are making in the lives of homeless families with children!

Please call or email us if you have any questions!

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Free!
SUMMER MEALS
For All Kids Ages 18 & Under

Grab-n-go meals will be available at multiple sites from June 22 to August 14.
Children must be present to receive a meal.

Lunch at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary

This year, our Salmon Creek Family spent 39 days and handed out over 1000 lunches to children and youth in our community! We also shared craft projects, smiles and words of encouragement! We had a great group of volunteers and so many helpers that we were able to help out at some of the other sites hosted by Share and the YMCA. We are excited about expanding our service next summer. If you would like to be involved, you will be able to sign up at the ministry fair on Rally Sunday.

Thank you to our *fabulous* volunteers!

Christina Hunter, Scott Fuller, Greg Berry, Lynne Nieda, Sammy Nieda, Zach Nieda, Jim & Betty Selby, Ann & Saul Jovet, Karen Bielsmith, Gwen Heynen, Kathy Hardy, KD Hardy Caballero, Andres Caballero, Darcy Davis, Claire Davis, Claire Russell, Henry Russell, John & Elliott Hiestand, Terry & Kristie Brown, Susan Bell, Jane & Frank Clark, Bob Cooke, Bob & E-Lois Gebhart, Lynne Kingsley, Pam Hutcheson, Liz Taylor, Tom Shumaker



3 on 3 B-Ball Tournament

3 on 3 Basketball Tourney at Salmon Creek Church August 1st & 2nd

Brandon Richardson, head of the Flames Basketball Organization, asked to hold a 3 on 3 tournament at our church. Brandon and his coaches hold year around training for kids 7-8 to 18 years old. They have been using our gym for several years, especially the last year after activities were allowed indoors again following Covid. They attract kids from all over Clark county and are part of an AAU style organization within the NW. Before Covid, the Flames used several facilities around Vancouver for their training program and participated in tourneys and events around the greater Clark county area and beyond.

This tournament had 50 teams signed up and with coaches, referees, and families - over 1000 attended the two-day event. Coaches and paid referees provided control over the event. No incidences were reported to me. The parking lot was filled and so was the field next to it. The weather was great. They had 4 courts set-up in the back parking lot and the gym provided 2 more courts. Each team was allowed 5 players playing in double elimination games. It was good to see how well some of the younger kids played, and how competitive all were.

Winners bracket was on Sunday, with several age groups competing for trophies. Several kids from our church participated and it was good to see them and their parents. The Bell Choir did pizza and drinks and made \$1000. Kona Shaved Ice van was there and donated over \$350. As Brandon said, this was one of the first large events since Covid and the community needed this. Please enjoy the photos of the event!

All in all, it was a great event.
Steve Enyeart



From Brandon Richardson, Head Coach
Flames Basketball Organization

3 on 3 B-Ball Tournament

Over the past 15 years, FLAMES has served roughly 4000 families per year and through our events we impact the community in many ways. During that time, Salmon Creek United Methodist church has become a more and more vital partner. Your kindness and cooperation allowed us to serve over 300 families during the Coronavirus. In a time of darkness and uncertainty, FLAMES was able to be a light in the community providing fellowship and health between the lines of your gym.

There was no better example of this than HoopFever, our 3on3 event in August. We served over 2000 people that weekend. We were the first 3on3 in Southwest WA, in Clark County, since the pandemic and we brought a feeling of normalcy to a dark time.

With God, anything is possible, and I truly believe that message has shined through this last year. As I mentioned to you prior to the event, we were running a raffle to benefit fallen Clark County Sheriff's Sergeant Jeremy Brown. He was a personal friend and was gunned down in a way that truly impacted our community. His death made national news. During the event, we raised monies that have been deposited into his family's account for their personal use as they navigate his loss. Each event we run, we help a family or a cause.

Below is a youtube video highlighting the event and our raffle to benefit Sergeant Brown. Thank you for your leadership in Vancouver and for being a light in the darkness.

JER 29:11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7kbanNASFc>



3 on 3 B-Ball Tournament



Bell Choir cooking pizzas
for the fun day!!



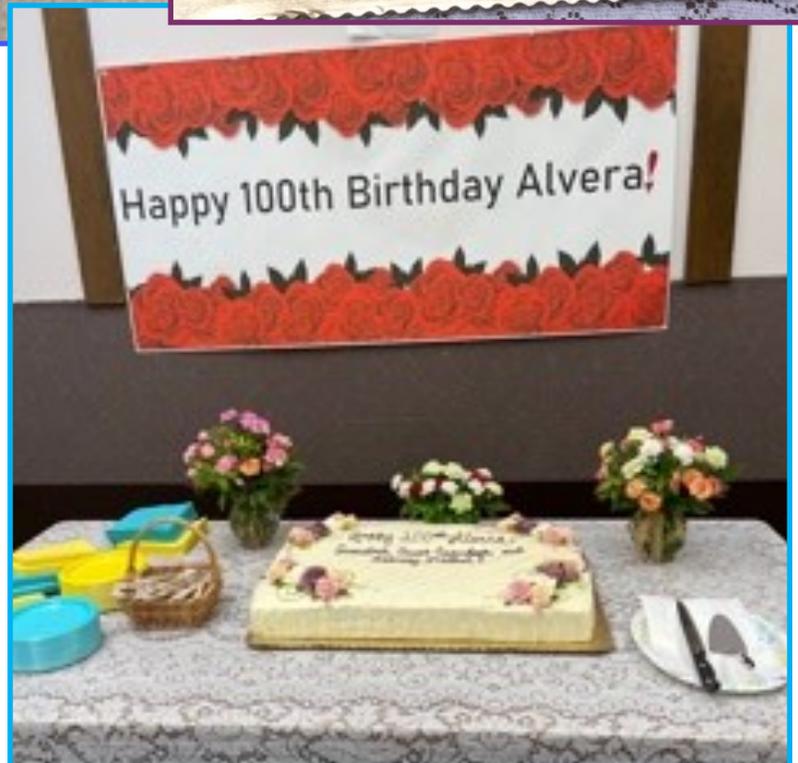
Alvera Kelly's 100th Birthday!



Several members of District 6 of Clark County Fire Department stopped by to wish Alvera the best on her 100th!! Alvera's husband, Glen, was a retired Clark County Fire Chief.



Alvera was greeted with balloons, flowers, a huge carrot cake and lemonade as she celebrated her 100th Birthday. Her daughter, Judy, had a big banner made for her which was displayed in the room; Larry Siewert shared many photos of Alvera and husband Glen. Alvera and Glen were very active members through the years at SCUMC. Alvera requested no gifts but suggested to those who wanted to leave a gift, that it be in honor of the SCUMC Handbell Choir.





We continue to have a lot of produce from God's Garden on the table just outside the east entrance to the sanctuary. Be sure to check during the week as well as on Sundays. If you have extra veggies at home, feel free to put those out as well (several of you are doing so—thanks!)

GOD'S GARDEN

Meet the missionary with whom our church has entered into a new covenant agreement, Dr. Desiree Segura-April. She is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, serving as a Resource Person for *Children at Risk* Ministries in Latin America & the Caribbean, living in Honduras. Her role is to equip partner churches and organizations for mission with children-at-risk, helping them to develop holistic ministries, create safe sanctuaries and child protection policies, and implement creative Christian education models. She was commissioned in May 2016.



Her husband, Osia Segura-Guzman, is also a missionary, and they have one son who attends school in Tegucigalpa, where he plays and learns with children from 22 countries (61% Honduran and 39% international). Desiree is from the state of Washington, where she is a member of Covenant United Methodist Church, Spokane, in the Pacific Northwest Conference. She is passionate about wholistic ministry with children and youth and is excited to partner with God's mission through creating and collating resources and facilitating trainings, workshops, and retreats for pastors and lay leaders of the Methodist churches and partner organizations. She believes "we should all learn and work together to empower children to fulfill their God-given potential."



Silly Shirt Sunday

August 15, 2021



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September Birthdays

- 2. Gordon McAllister**
- 2. Liz Taylor**
- 5. Kay Cooke**
- 19. Pam Johnson**
- 19. Brynn Skelton**
- 20. Berniece Winters**
- 21. Weston Beilsmith**
- 21. Kathy Scott**
- 22. Josie Siewert**
- 23. Denise Erkkila**
- 23. Logan Siewert**
- 24. Pam Lehrman**
- 24. Melissa Ralston**
- 26. Jane Dudik**
- 27. Maxine Lien**
- 28. Jackson Bunkley**
- 29. Claire Russell**

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