



The Circuit Rider

Salmon Creek Church



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We are looking to help the community with food cards. If you are able to help with gift cards please bring them to the church office and we will save them to hand out when someone comes looking for help.



a note from Pastor John

A Bigger Table

Autumn is nigh upon us! Summer vacations are wrapping up, the kids are going back to school, and the church is preparing to start up its regular programs and begin new ones. On Sunday, September 11, the church will celebrate Rally Sunday as a kick-off for all of this new activity.

I will also be winding down the “Biblical Worldview” series and beginning a new series called “A Bigger Table.” I was inspired to this from a new song by Matt Maher by the same title, and the Praise Team will be introducing this song and playing it regularly up until Advent begins at the end of November. The song emphasizes Christian welcoming and service: “A house for the hungry, a well for the thirsty . . .” The song illustrates the two-fold nature of service – the actual feeding of the hungry, and the spiritual feeding of the hungry. For Jesus, the first is a mechanism for the second, and so in our series we will explore how each of us individually and the church corporally can “up our game” in both ways.

This is a natural follow-on from “A Biblical Worldview.” As we ground ourselves in what it means to be Biblical Christians we can then embrace our Methodist heritage to “spread scriptural holiness throughout the land,” as John Wesley said. For Wesley, there was no gap, no space between scripture and service, and no gap or space between service and evangelism. This alignment is made abundantly clear in the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. The day after miraculously demonstrating that he is the Son of God, the people come back demanding more food for their stomachs, but Jesus insists that they first feed their souls. His reasoning is perfectly clear: what good is a full tummy if there is no spirit?

Salmon Creek Church has a good history with this kind of work, so it’s not as if we are starting from scratch. But I see a world around us desperate for the Word of God and yet trying to fill that void with materialism. Like Jesus, we can not feed the whole world, nor would it be valuable for us to do so if taken in just the sense of filling tummys. But we can set a few more places at the table of Christ and reach a little farther into our community to welcome and nurture. That is the bigger table we will be exploring this fall.

Blessings, Pastor John

Message from Sue Wiltsey

Salmon Creek Church Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful retirement party. It was so good to see so many people I haven't seen except for the back of heads online.

Ron and I have watched the Sunday services online since Covid started. So being in the sanctuary touched my heart.

Thank you to all who came to the reception in the FMC, what an exceptional time for me. Thank you for the gifts and \$ and the special words from former pastors. A special thanks to Larry and MaryeJo Siewert for the tree planted in front of the church next to the church sign. It will remind me of everyone here and the years we had together. It has been my honor to serve Jesus and the congregation at Salmon Creek. Every memory for the past forty years is intertwined with church and home. I pray God's blessing upon each one of you.

Again, thank you.

Sue Wiltsey





Inspiring children to follow Christ

WOW! Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School was a HUGE SUCCESS!!!

We had 27 children participate in the fun as they learned about the power of Jesus to carry them through life. SCUMY - Salmon Creek United Methodist Youth - not only took complete responsibility for the "Loco Motion" games, they also served as "Crew Leaders." They kept the children together, helped them enjoy each activity, and were a key reason why our event was such a success. Thank you Dakota, Teddy, Clare, Charlie, and Jessica Santillan (our Youth Director) for your excellent leadership of our youth!

Key to our success were a number of people who stepped up and made our VBS a place of wonder, faith, and excitement: Bob and Elois Gebhart led "Bible Adventures" and worked hard every day preparing to make the Bible stories meaningful and wonderful for the children. Sandi Bippes was there every day, going from one station to the next, helping children do the crafts, participate in the games, and provide the love of Jesus to them through her smiles, her patience, and her unfailing kindness. Karen Beilsmith jumped in and helped us be better organized so the children could focus on the fun! Pastor Vivian is especially grateful for her willingness to help lead "Imagination Station."

Greg Berry was amazing as "Cam Shaft" in the opening and closing skits, helping Pastor John get the children ready to learn about how "Jesus' Power Helps Them" - well, be bold, do hard things, and even receive eternal life! They opened and closed with songs and videos that got the children excited about Jesus. Debbie Troyer, Sandie Hollister, and Becca Johnson made sure the children had nutritious, fun snacks every day - each one bringing an aspect of the Bible lesson to life! And Judy Miller - new to our church - even made time to help with Bible Adventures on Wednesday. Glenn Ekberg and Kim Winters were there every day taking amazing pictures of the children and all the activities. The photos here are just a small sample of the dozens they took and shared with the children.

Of course, we are grateful to Karen and Richard Beilsmith for the hot dog cookout they provided the families and volunteers on Friday!

A big thank you to Erika Collins who donated MANY items we needed that hadn't been donated by others as well as a generous monetary donation to make sure everything was covered.

And our lovely team of decorators who did the hallways - Maggie Mikalatos, Kathy Valrejean, Linda Sloan, Jane Clark, and Marilyn Forman. But wait – they did more! Several of them stayed after worship on August 14th and took down all the decorating they had done the week before – WOW!!!

And of course - thank you to the many people in our church who donated the items we needed to make it all happen! Be on the lookout for the next issue of the Circuit Rider - it will include lots of pictures of the children and the amazing adventure they had this week at Salmon Creek Church.

The Children's and Family Ministries have had a blast jump-starting our programs over the last year and we can't wait to launch into the new school year in September!

Look for announcements in upcoming Currents for the announcement of the Children and Family Ministry Team's first meeting of the school year. We'll evaluate Rocky Railway VBS, make plans for the fall, and look over the materials for "STELLAR" – VBS for 2023!!!! We could use your help and doing Children's Ministry may be challenging, but it's mostly fun and very rewarding.

Salmon Creek Christian Preschool

Salmon Creek Christian Preschool & Daycare is currently "FULL" in the preschool and we may still have a little room for additional School-Agers from Salmon Creek Elementary once school starts in our Before and After School program. We had a great summer and there seemed to be more children participating than in other years during our traditionally lean months during the summer. Some of our students joined up for Vacation Bible School and appeared to have a good time! We have a fun and busy school year planned and staff will be getting their classrooms ready during our planning day on Friday, August 26th. We are looking forward to some of our favorite family events and fundraisers, including our exclusive STAFF HOLIDAY BAZAAR, an all-time favorite event. We are awaiting grant notices this Fall and Winter which will cap off the year in good-footing.

Blessings, Gayle



3 ON 3 Basketball Tournament 2022

Our Flames Basketball group hosted a 3 on 3 basketball tournament again this year. Like last year there were 50 teams, each with 5 members and up to 5 coaches / support. Due to the hot weather, the tournament was held in our gym only (no outside courts). And like last year, there were plenty of family and friends.



Coach Brandon Richardson, head of the Flames and organizer of the event.

Crowd was at times 5 rows deep watching the action.

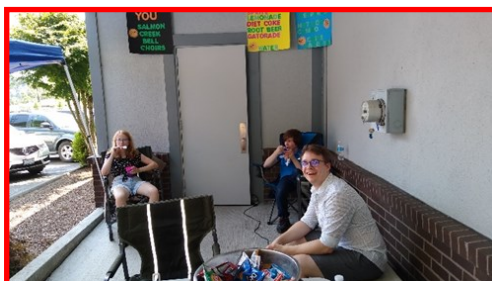


Teams came from as far away as Tri-Cities and Arlington Oregon. We had several fans going and the HVAC held up for the most part.

All ages competed in different categories. Teams were provided with 3 games minimum. staff spent much time logging in scores and setting up the next schedules.

Hallway was used to get out of the heat, sometimes overflowing. Church members helped with parking and monitored the FMC hallway and doors to keep the heat out and the doors closed. The Music group provided a stand for Pizza, Hot dogs and the like.

Kona Ice was a big hit again this year, especially with the hot weather. Thanks to them for their generous donation.





Have you visited the Church Library lately?

Have you checked out a book?

Do you know where the library is located?

Just what is in the Church Library?

Just so you can be informed! The Library is in Room 205 in the Family Ministries Building across the driveway from the Main Sanctuary Building. It's on the left almost to the very end of the hall.

The books are shelved by category, as in Youth, Children, Devotions, Prayer, Grief, Christian Action, Finance, Biography, History, Mens, Womens, Fiction, Book Club, etc. There is a wall of reference books including Bibles in several versions. In the cupboards above the desk area are Small Group Studies, dozens and dozens of them.

The library is used for small group meetings frequently. It is meant to be used. Please help yourself, check out a book, or a group study.

Since the building is not frequently unlocked during the week, stop by the office and someone can let you in. Please use the slips to check out your books so your volunteer librarians know where the books come and go. We don't have a limit or fines, just want you to use what is available. Happy Reading!

Your friendly librarians Faye Wells and Elaine Gilbert

Up Coming Events

A Quiet Ministry at Salmon Creek

Stephen Ministry is a quiet ministry that we have at this church which has the goal of walking beside a person that is in a crisis. The crisis could be the loss of a job, the loss of a loved one, a job transfer, etc. SM was started almost 50 years ago by a Lutheran pastor, Dr. Kenneth Haugk who found there was not enough hours in a day to meet the needs of his congregation. He and his wife, Joan developed this program that is now found in all 50 states, much of Canada and 33 countries around the world (according to their web site) Lay people are given 50 hours of training with an emphasis on becoming good listeners, the importance of confidentiality plus other relevant skills. Women always minister to women and men minister to men.

Salmon Creek trained it's first class of ministers over 25 years ago. We are grateful that every pastor since we started using SM at the church has embraced this ministry and have gone to Stephen Leader training. (that's 8 pastors that have become Stephen Leaders!!).

Greg Berry and Sandie Hollister are also Stephen Leaders and would very much like to start another **training class in early 2023.** Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. We will have a table at Rally Sunday on the 11th of September if you would like to stop by for information.

Meanwhile, if you need a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor John or the church office. Either Greg or Sandie will meet with you and match you up with a current Stephen Minister. We have people who are trained and willing to help. We are not trained counselors but with God's help we are there to listen and offer prayer, spiritual help and other ideas. The motto of Stephen ministry is "We care but God Cures".

Rally Day September 11th

The enthusiasm from Summer will now carry over to Fall as we celebrate Rally Day at Salmon Creek Church on Sunday, September 11! Find out what is going on at Salmon Creek Church in all areas of service that day. We all have different interests and different ways we can serve, You will find a way you can be a part of our vibrant church!

After a rousing worship service you will be welcomed to the Fellowship Hall to see displays on the various groups and committees which help us grown in faith and reach out to others. There is something for everyone---children, youth, adults of all ages. Then you can finish with a real treat---homemade ice cream outside the East entrance. You won't want to miss Echo Langley's famous home-made ice cream as well as great conversation with others.

Youth Group



We had a blast at Bullwinkle's!
Summer adventures with the youth is
always great! -Jessica



Flames Basketball Group

Flame Basketball Group Trip to California

The Flames organization practices at our gym 3 nights a week with 3 sessions each for youth instruction ages 10-12 to 18. They teach the fundamentals of basketball and respect for each other. The kids are always well mannered, take instruction seriously and comport themselves well around others. Of course, they are kids as well, so excitable. But the coaches are quick to call them out when needed. The Flames now have 20 plus coaches holding training sessions at 3-4 different gym including ours. I'd guess 8-10 kids per session, so they impact a lot of kids in our community. They play in local games with other similar groups at gyms around the greater Clark county area and participate in tournaments around the NW - similar to AAU.

A few months ago, they traveled to southern California and participated in 2 tournaments - such a great time for the team that went.

The following is Brandon Richardson's account of the trip:



We recently took our FLAMES U14 boys team to compete on the national level in California.

First stop Seal Beach, CA to play in the west coast elite showcase! We went 3-1 playing teams all the way from Singapore China! In between our first and second tourney the kids hit Disneyland, the beach and more! What a great trip. Back to games in San Diego to round the trip off where we went 4-0 beating Crown Hustle out of San Francisco CA for the San Diego Sol Showcase championship! - What an amazing trip for our families and players.



September Birthdays

- 1 Krista Mikalatos**
- 2 Gordon McAllister**
- 2 Parker Synon**
- 2 Liz Taylor**
- 3 Patrick Synon**
- 5 Kay Cooke**
- 11 Susie Pervere**
- 19 Pam Johnson**
- 19 Brynn Skelton**
- 20 Berniece Marlene Winters**
- 21 Weston Beilsmith**
- 21 Kathy Susanne Scott**
- 22 Josie Siewert**
- 23 Denise Erkkila**
- 23 Logan Siewert**
- 24 Pam Lehrman**
- 27 Maxine Lien**
- 28 Jackson Bunkley**
- 29 Claire Russell**

CELEBRATE

*September
Birthdays*

Hello fellow congregates,

Salmon Creek Church (SCUMC) has weathered the pandemic 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

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|--------------|---------------|
| General Fund | 157,443 |
| Other | <u>15,651</u> |

Total Income 173,094

Expenses

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations & Administration | 45,873 |
| Apportionments | 25,487 |
| Program Expenses | 5,429 |
| Salaries, Labor & Related Expense | <u>146,226</u> |

Total Expenses 223,015

Net income -49,921

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 2022 has been under our projections. We hope that as our activity at Salmon Creek kicks-off this fall our revenue stream will return.

Expenses have been closely monitored and are running under what was budgeted.

As we look to the last 5 months of the year and the continued increase in Church activities, we pray that we will 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



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

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