



# The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church



August  
2026

Christ  
is  
enough!



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



As I write this note today, I am filled with gratitude to be beginning my fourth year serving with you at Salmon Creek United Methodist Church! Brian and I have truly come to feel like part of the family.

My first impression of this great congregation three years ago has held true. The energy and commitment of the members of this congregation, along with the long-term roots and relationships in this family of faith, are its great strengths. I am so grateful to the many very capable, wise and faithful people who serve in lay leadership at Salmon Creek. It is such a pleasure to work alongside of you as we bear witness to God's faithful presence of grace and love in our lives, working together to strengthen the ministries of this congregation that shares this same grace and love with our community and everyone who walks through the doors of this church!

The beginning of August is upon us, and it has already been a summer full of meaningful ministry. All involved in our True North VBS had a great time learning to trust Jesus and as always, it was so much fun experiencing this adventure through the eyes of our children! We also did a new thing together, or for some of the long timers, we did an old thing in a new way! On July 19<sup>th</sup>, our worship was service! After a brief time of prayers and music, two teams went out into our community, one group to clean the grounds at Gaiser Middle School, and the other to share the joy of music with the residents and staff at The Hampton. The rest of us remained on campus as we assembled UMCOR Cleaning Kits (aka Flood Buckets) and blessing bags with water and snacks to share with those we encounter on the streets in need of a reminder that God loves them.

Another new thing we began this spring is First Sunday Prayers for Peace at our Peace Pole. Each first Sunday since May, a group of us have gathered at 9:45am, just before worship, to share prayers for peace for our community, our country, and the world. If you have not yet joined us, I hope you will make a effort to be with us for this prayer time soon.

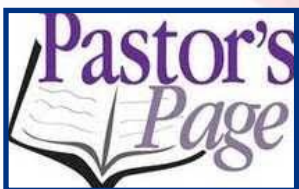
As we move together through summer towards the fall, I encourage all of you to pray about how God can use your gifts to strengthen the work of this congregation. As we serve together, yoked with Jesus, we will be able to accomplish all to which God is calling us. The road ahead continues to be full of new possibilities as we follow Jesus together, sharing the love and grace of God with new people, in new ways!

Peace and joy,

Rev. Kim Poer

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Be Thou My Vision, UMH 451





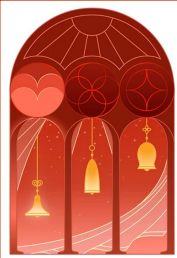


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*Serve Joyfully*  
*Lead Courageously*

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**PNW Annual Conference  
June 22—June 25th, 2026**

*Pastor Kim and Lila DeBolt attended the conference in Spokane. The next several pages will be articles about their experiences and observations.*



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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AND EXCITING ADVENTURE AT PNW ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

This year's Annual Conference in Spokane provided another uplifting and informative opportunity for me to learn, be inspired and reset. Pastor Kim and I started our trip to Eastern Washington with a short plane ride. Once in Spokane, we navigated our way downtown, where we embarked on a daring gondola ride over the Spokane River and Waterfalls. We witnessed God's majesty in the beauty and power of the water.

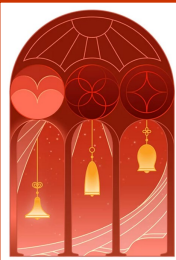
Rising early the next morning for the opening session, we were blessed to hear Bishop Cedric Bridgeforth give the sermon. What a dynamic, genuine, down-to-earth, and honest speaker he is! He proclaims the truth of the gospel in a way that makes you so happy to be a Christian and instills an instinct within you to be a better Christian. This year's conference theme was the first part of the UMC logo – **LOVE BOLDLY**. (The next 2 years' conference themes will be the second and third parts – **SERVE JOYFULLY AND LEAD COURAGEOUSLY**.)

While loving boldly may sound like an easy and automatic Christian thing to do, I dare say it is not. This task requires deliberate thought to every action and word. In today's social environment, it is obvious that Loving Boldly is not practiced as God intended. We must all work diligently to speak, serve, act, profess and care in the most loving manner we can.

During the plenary sessions, the business of the conference was managed with many, many votes. Another order of business was the announcement of new pastoral appointees. Pastor Kim was introduced and honored as an official elder within our conference. It was exciting to have her and SCUMC recognized!







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The last day of the conference was the ordination service. Pastor Kim joined the procession of elders. This is a one of my favorite services – seeing all the pastors in white robes with the many-colored stoles. It's quite impressive and sacred.

Another very special component of the conference is the great music. Music has always played a very important role in my life. Songwriters somehow put words together with harmony that invokes such deep feelings that inspire, rejuvenate, and enliven. The many musicians that presented God's music at Conference performed pieces with such soulful energy. I found myself closing my eyes and drifting into another place to find peace, solitude and purpose. A couple of memorable songs that inspired me are, "I'm going to live so the Lord can use me" and "God has work for us to do." If you have a moment, find these on YouTube and listen to the words. These are such simple titles, but generate very powerful motivations.

I feel truly blessed to have been able to attend Annual Conference as your representative. I am ready to get back to work - planning and keeping a balance of all that is good at SCUMC. I would like to give a special thank you to the Women's Ministries for their financial assistance which allowed me to attend. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Lila DeBolt

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, 2026





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## SCUMC PAID ITS APPORTIONMENTS!!!

Once again, SCUMC has been successful in paying our yearly apportionments to the Conference at 100% ! Yay!! Whoopee!! This is a great accomplishment and we should all be very proud. Our contribution to the Conference allows so much more work to be done through service and missions. When we pay, everyone benefits. So, thank you to all who give so generously in your tithes and offerings.

A Certificate of Accomplishment was presented to Pastor Kim at the Annual Conference, while all churches in our District were being recognized for their apportionment contributions. Our Certificate is displayed on the bulletin board in the main office hallway. Stop to take a look at it. Smile with a feeling of accomplishment and pride. Know that we must continue to give and support our Conference.

Thank you to all! We are "Greater Together" when we come in unity to show and demonstrate our loyalty and faith.

- Lila DeBolt







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## NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

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The Crest-2-Coast District of the Pacific Northwest Conference will have 2 new superintendents starting July 1, 2026, as appointed by Bishop Cedric Bridgeforth.

Rev. Bruce Smith will cover the southern portion of our district, while Rev. Katie Ladd will be responsible for the northern half. SCUMC will be served by Rev. Smith, who serves as the Pastor of Camas UMC. These appointments were formally appointed and celebrated at the Annual Conference in Spokane. Rev. Kathleen Weber was honored as the outgoing DS with many thanks for her years of service in our district.

Having shared responsibilities within our district, the hope is that these servants may perform their duties more effectively and thoroughly with a smaller geographic area to cover. We wish Rev. Smith and Rev. Ladd very successful terms as our Superintendents, and we look forward to having Rev. Smith – “Bruce” – so close! Let’s continue to pray for these leaders and give them our support, grace, and thanks as they transition into their new roles.

- Lila DeBolt



Reverend Katie Ladd  
and  
Reverend Bruce



# TENTATIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

## August

- 8/3—8/8—YMCA summer camp here
- 4 – Ad Board meeting
- 7—Creation Care
- 11 – Missions meeting
- 13 – Trustees meeting
- 20—SPRC meeting
- 22 – Set-up mission breakfast
- 23 – Mission Breakfast for VPS
- 25 – Finance meeting

## September

- 1 – COM and AD Board meetings
- 7 – Labor Day
- 8 – Missions meeting
- 10 - Trustees meeting
- 13 - Rally Day and Potluck in the gym
- 14—Worship Committee
- 17—SPRC meeting
- 22 – Finance meeting

## October

- 4 – Blessing of the Pets
- 4 – Stewardship Campaign begins
- 6 – AD Board meeting
- 8 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 10 – Set-up for breakfast
- 11 – Mission Breakfast for UMCOR, Pastor Appreciation
- 13 – Missions meeting
- 17 – Women's Retreat
- 25 – Eek at the Creek 4-6 pm
- 27 – Finance meeting
- 31- Halloween





**GREAT  
SUMMERS**  
START AT THE YMCA!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**  
There is NO daytime access to the  
FMC building during our annual  
hosting of  
YMCA Summer Camp:

**Final Week:**  
**August 3 – August 7**

### June, 2026 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church for June, 2026.

|                                 | Month         |               |                    | Year to Date  |               |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
|                                 | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Fav/(Unfav)</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Fav/(Unfav)</u> |
| Pledges                         | 43,330        | 27,500        | 15,830             | 208,591       | 165,000       | 43,591             |
| Other Income                    | 1,415         | 2,267         | ( 852)             | 12,215        | 13,600        | ( 1,385)           |
| Investments                     | 5,964         | 0             | 5,964              | 25,667        | 0             | 25,667             |
| Total Income                    | 50,709        | 29,767        | 20,942             | 246,473       | 178,600       | 67,873             |
| Expenses                        | 31,056        | 30,947        | ( 109)             | 188,969       | 193,281       | 4,312              |
| Operating<br>Income /<br>(Loss) | 19,653        | (1,180)       | 20,833             | 57,504        | (14,681)      | 72,185             |

Our pledge income was very strong for June with a favorable variance of 15,830 and 157 % of budget ! On a YTD basis, we're 126 % of Plan, 43,000 favorable to Plan. Our expenses were very close to Budget for both June and Year to Date, with variances of (108) and 4,312, respectively.

Our YTD profit for the Church is now ~ 57,000 and ~ 72,000 favorable to our Budget. Due to the Q1 traditional anomaly with pledge income, we will continue to closely monitor our income levels, especially pledge income as we head into the summer. In a repeat comment, your commitment to our Church and our Community remains steadfast and we appreciate everyone's generosity. It is good to see these kind of numbers as we head into the "dog days of summer".

Our Preschool program has increased its enrollment recently, but is now closed for the summer, so our YTD losses now amount to ~ (8,400). In a repeat comment, with the increased enrollment and getting closer to breakeven with existing enrollment, the Administrative Board voted to keep the school open through the next school year!

Thank you to everyone for your contributions of time, talent and financial resources as we continue to worship together as disciples of Jesus Christ, united in missions, fellowship and service.

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

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee

CHURCH  
FINANCES





## 7/2026 Update

**Trustees Update.** We continue to address maintenance and replacement projects. I'd like to thank all of the Trustees and others who help to maintain this campus. Small items like broken faucets and door issues have been addressed lately as well as the continuing maintenance, janitorial contract, landscaping contract, etc. Trustees' efforts, especially Richard Beilsmith - taking care of the cemetery, mowing the field, parking lots, etc., Larry Siewert - yard work, spraying, working with the janitors, etc., Terry Brown helping out with our Fire marshal inspections, Andy Clayton and the Marquee sign contract. We are also grateful to all the rest of you who help out from time to time as needed.

**FMC Gym HVAC Units:** As it would happen, both units had the air conditioning systems fail recently and we are now in the process of having these old units replaced. The cost is almost \$38,000 for the 2 units and will be funded using the PIF funds. Hopefully, we won't have any really hot heat waves in the meantime.

### Other projects/tasks:

**Narthex Lights Replacement** – The Narthex light fixtures were over 6 years old and have been replaced using Trustees funds. The remaining light fixtures are being saved as spares for the other rooms in the main building.

**Marquee Sign** – Trustees voted to replace the lower lights (brighter lights behind messages) of the sign board near the street. The Admin Board voted to replace the marquee (top part) with a lighted marquee that would clearly illuminate the Salmon Creek UMC church – hopefully, making it easier to see for people at night attending events, as well as visibility from Hwy 99. Trustees are working with a contractor for the rebuild.

### **Pay-It-Forward Projects 2025**

As head of the Trustees, I want to thank the congregation for the funds that were provided. The new campaign is off to a great start - \$117,950 pledged over 3 years. As of 5/31/2026, \$98,487 has been received, which includes \$49,169 in non-pledged gifts. The current amount available is \$ 89,000, with \$67,000 pledged remaining. We still have needs beyond funds and are looking for additional funding for Capital/PIF projects. See as follows:

**Gym Lights – Paint Ceiling.** We are currently working on replacing the light fixtures in the gym and painting the ceiling. We hope to issue contracts this summer using PIF funds. The old light fixtures (30+ years old) were fluorescent and the fixtures themselves have plastic covers which are degrading to the point that they are breaking. The new fixtures will be LED. We plan to paint the ceiling before having the new fixtures installed.

The gym is getting more use with girls' basketball, softball, volleyball, boy scouts, cub scouts, dances and other events, some of which (quilting bazaars) have filled the gym.

**Main Building Parapet / Soffits.** The Trustees are looking at the need to repair /replace the outsides of the top edges of the main building. Water damage has created rot along the lower edges and some interior wood supports. We have had many bird holes in the exterior panels as they find it easy to peck through the soft rotting wood. Looking for alternative funding, estimated \$30-35K.

We have the following list of Capital Replacement projects that will need to be addressed:

**Flat Roof Repairs/Replacement.** The plan may be to replace portions of the roof as we replace other roof mounted HVAC units. Complete roof replacement is not being considered.

**4 HVAC Units 30 years old** – the two Sanctuary units and two remaining units in the gym. 2 units in daycare area were replaced 10 years ago, they are not included. Estimated cost \$110K.

**Main Building Fire alarm panel and required upgrades.** The fire alarm panel in the FMC was replaced as it was deemed obsolete. We spent \$20K on replacing the FMC Alarm panel with some minor alarm additions. Estimated cost is \$40K.

Main building unit is older. We have only one smoke detector in the Narthex hallway for the entire newer sanctuary, offices and meeting rooms. The preschool has smoke detectors only in the hallway and kitchen. \$40-50K including adding new detectors in each room and an upgrade of the alarm sound system.



**Women's restroom; convert to ADA compliant,** replace drinking fountain.

Recommended by the Accessibility committee and a compliance concern of the conference. \$8K

**Parking Lot Repaving, Sealing and Striping.** Parking Lot Repaving of areas not repaved in 2016 and sealing and striping. We spent \$70K on major repaving in 2015. Then \$15K in 2022 for sealing and striping. Recommend use **PIF Funds** as this is more repair and is included in the PIF funds. Estimated cost is \$35-40K.

**Carpets in offices, St Paul room,** hallways and FMC rooms and hallway. Replacement is low priority, but they are quite worn now.

We will address these projects as time and funds permit.

Thanks,

Steve Enyeart Chair, Trustees

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church



*Laundry ... Don't go yet! ...*

Did you know that no one is officially assigned to do the laundry here at the church? Back when we had the Day School, the teachers would throw

**The Laundry Fairy Does Not Live Here**

whatever was piled on the washer in with their laundry. The Victory Outreach team will do the same, however their laundry is usually mopheads and cleaning rags. Do you want dish towels washed with mopheads? In the Fellowship Hall, there is a tub under the sink into which people throw dish towels, dish rags and our white linen tablecloths; hoping that the laundry fairy will come along and wash them. They pile up and get very smelly. Plus, a wet red towel next to white is never a pretty combo.

So, please, if you are part of a group that uses the kitchens and soils a towel, rag or tablecloth, could you ask someone to help, and do your laundry. You don't need to rush; you can bring it next time you are at the church.

**ALSO**, for the composting green buckets, if you put something in it, make sure it gets dumped. A loaf of bread molds quickly.



Relax! I'm going to get done by myself!



Just kidding!  
**APRIL FOOLS!**





**PRESCHOOL  
MINISTRY**



## Preschool Supplies Drive

It isn't too early to start collecting supplies for the Fall school start-up. Our Preschool has already come up with some of their needs for the Fall. There is a bin in the Narthex to begin collecting these supplies. We are so grateful for your support of our preschool!

- AA & AAA batteries
  - Water colors
  - Paper towels
    - Kleenex
  - Paper plates
  - Plastic spoons
- Washable markers
- Washable crayons
  - Flour
- Printer paper

# FIRST FRIDAYS

at



**First Friday at Share. Volunteers still needed for first Friday at Share - August 6, 11:30 - 2pm. Sign up in the back of the church, reach out to Kathy Hardy or Teresa Rivera for more information.**

## First Fridays at Share!

Interested in reaching out to the vulnerable in our community? Salmon Creek UMC sends a group of volunteers down to Share House - (1115 W 13th Street) on the first Friday of every month to help prepare for lunch. We carpool down and have a lot of fun prepping and handing out lunches. The time commitment is 11:30am - 2pm. No experience is necessary, however, you will be asked to complete a Share volunteer application and watch a couple of food safety videos. If you are interested, you can sign up at the information desk at the church.

[Share Hot Meals - Share Vancouver - Making Our Community Home](#)

[Register to Volunteer with Share - Share Vancouver - Making Our Community Home](#)



Share  
**hot meals  
program**

Volunteer to Feed Our Community.



## Summer lunches at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary

Salmon Creek Church has been distributing lunches at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary for five years as a part of Share's Summer Lunch Program. The program runs Monday - Friday, from June 29 - **August 14**. We set up around 11:30, serve from noon - 1pm, and then clean up. We are looking for volunteers who are available to help out once, or on an ongoing basis. You can sign up in the back of the church! If you would like more information, talk with Kathy Hardy.

[Share Summer Meals Program - Share Vancouver - Making Our Community Home](#)







## Volunteer Service Opportunities



Hot Meals Program provides daily, free meals to the public, every day of the year. Currently we serve 10,000+ to-go meals a month. Much of the food used in the program is donated by area grocery stores and is prepared each day by volunteers and staff. Individuals and groups of 3-4 members are welcome!

Mon. to Fri. Volunteer Shifts: 8:00-10:00 a.m. | 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Weekend/Holiday Volunteer Shifts: 8:00-10:00 a.m. | Dinner 1:30-4:30 p.m.



Backpack Program provides food-filled bags for children and their families in need of food assistance during the school year. Volunteers work with staff to assemble and deliver 1,200+ bags to 85 Clark County schools. We also provide food at 18 Fresh Food Pantries in school Family Community Resource Centers through Evergreen and Vancouver Public School. Through these initiatives, food assistance is provided to about 2,000 kids per week. Individuals and groups up to 5 members are welcome to sign up!

Wed. Volunteer Shifts: 8:30-10:00 a.m. | Thurs. Volunteer Shifts: 8:30-10:00 a.m.



Summer Meals Program provides 18,000+ meals to children ages 0-18 from late June to mid-August. On weekdays only, volunteers prepare, pack and deliver meals to sites in Vancouver and greater Clark County. Individuals and groups up to 10 members are welcome to sign up!

Mon. to Fri. Volunteer Shifts: 9:00-11:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.



Donation Warehouse: Help to stock our shelves and prepare donated items for Share's clients. Every week our donation warehouse is supported by dozens of donors and volunteers to get essential items out to our clients who are unsheltered, in emergency shelter, moving into new housing, or in need of food assistance. Throughout the year we also host special resource programs such as our Spring Basket and Back to School Supplies programs. Join us for a Donation Warehouse activity as an individual or as a group! Openings vary throughout the year.

Volunteer Shifts Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00-4:00 p.m.



Outreach Supply Kit Packing: Share's Outreach Team serves hard-to-reach people by going into the community and bringing services to them. Many of our clients struggle in accessing services due to mobility, physical and mental health concerns, or difficulty in being around large groups of people. Our Outreach Team works to bridge that gap so that everyone experiencing homelessness in Clark County has access to a variety of services that can improve their situation. Volunteers support the community by preparing supplies for distribution. Program operates every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Individuals and groups up to 10 members are welcome to sign up!

Available opportunities will be posted online, please check out website"



Give with Cheer Program: The holiday season is a busy time for Share as we work with our community supporters to provide donations for food boxes, gifts, winter essentials, and the most needed items for clients for the year to come. As a volunteer, you will join our staff in accepting, sorting, packing, and preparing donations of food and resources for our clients. We always have a lot of fun while keeping busy during this cheerful time of year. Individuals and groups up to 15 members are welcome to sign up!

Available opportunities will be posted online in October, please check our website.



Special Projects, Events, Activities, Shelter Assistants, and More! In addition to the above programs, we also have many opportunities come available throughout the year. Join us at a special event, like the Annual Gala or Soup's On! ... volunteer to run a special activity for children or clients in shelter ... offer your skills in maintenance projects or as a clerical assistant ... help out with a neighborhood clean up or a special project for an upcoming program.

Available opportunities will be announced via email, posted online or we will contact you with a phone call. Feel free to reach out with an idea!

Learn more: Molly Evjen at [mevjen@sharevancouver.org](mailto:mevjen@sharevancouver.org) or visit [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)

Share's believes every person counts. Together we pursue a stronger community by building relationships, advocating for equitable access to housing and food stability while empowering every individual to grow and thrive.



**Mission Benefit Breakfast**

**Sunday, August 23rd**

**To benefit Vancouver Public Schools**

**VANCOUVER  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**





# Wedding Anniversary

# 50<sup>th</sup>

So Many Memories!

Come celebrate this  
special milestone with us!



August 29, 2026 10am - 2pm

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church  
12217 NE Highway 99, Vancouver, WA 98686

RSVP: [dcejme@comcast.net](mailto:dcejme@comcast.net)



The Reverends David and Joyce Emery would like to invite you to share in their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, which is taking place right here at Salmon Creek UMC on **August 29th** from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome, please let them know so that they can plan refreshments.

RSVP: [dcejme@comcast.net](mailto:dcejme@comcast.net)



# CCMYC

Upcoming events.

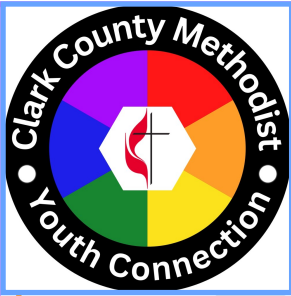


# YOUTH GROUP

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## START OF YEAR KICK OFF

Join us in kicking off the 2026/2027 school year with CCMYC!  
More details to come.



# Interested in volunteering to work with our youth?

## What is CCMYC?

A collaborative youth ministry serving youth ages 11–18 from multiple United Methodist churches in Clark County. Youth group meets weekly during the school year and rotates between participating churches. We help youth build community, explore faith, serve others, and have fun.

## Who are we looking for?

Caring adults who enjoy supporting youth. No previous youth ministry experience is required. Volunteers who are welcoming, reliable, and willing to learn.

## What do volunteers do?

Help with meals, games, activities, and discussions. Build positive relationships with youth. Support special events, retreats, camps, or transportation as available.

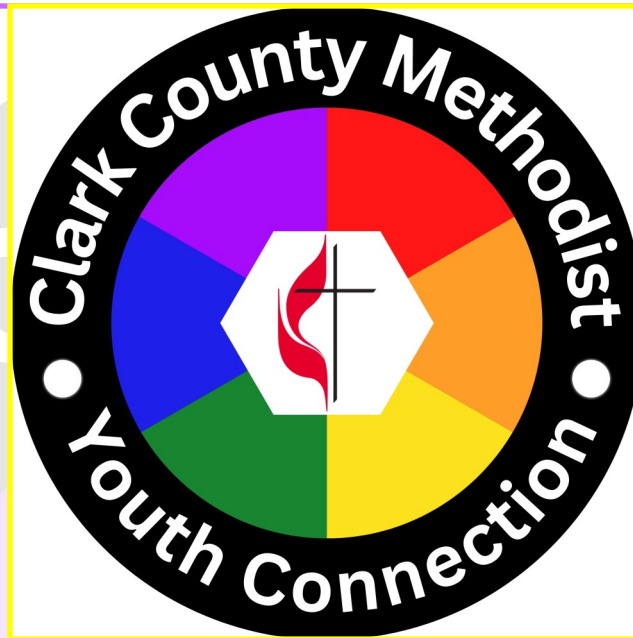
## What is the commitment?

Complete a background check. Complete Safe Sanctuary and volunteer training. Support youth group when CCMYC is hosted at your home church. Additional involvement throughout the year is welcome but completely optional.

See the next page for more details about how to apply to be a volunteer.

Join us as we prepare for the 2026–2027 CCMYC year! Volunteers will receive Safe Sanctuary and trauma response training, learn our youth group routines and facilitation approach, review the annual schedule, and explore communication and support systems. This is a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and get equipped for a meaningful year of ministry with our youth.





# **Interested in volunteering to work with our youth?**

Our volunteers help in many ways, including preparing lessons, leading small groups and activities, providing meals, chaperoning events, and supporting our youth and families.

After submitting the application form that you can access by clicking the link below, Lacey Kelley, CCMYC Director, will reach out to discuss volunteer opportunities, facilitate the required background check, share training information, and explore the ways in which you would like to be involved with CCMYC.

[CCMYC Volunteer Sign Up](#)



## **Creation Care Task Force:**

### ***Next meeting:***

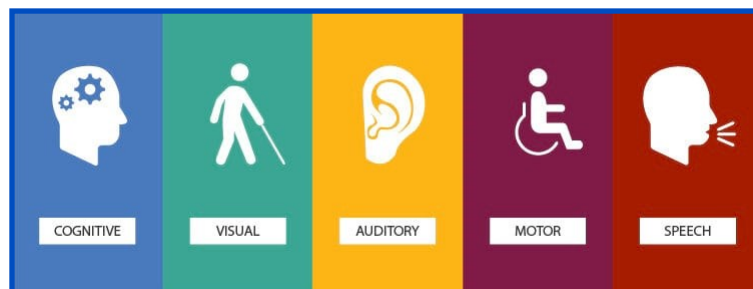
**Friday, August 7th at 9 am  
in the office workroom**

***Is one of these important ministries calling  
you? Talk with Lila DeBolt or Pastor Kim  
for more information!***

## **Accessibility Task Force:**

### ***Next meeting:***

**Sunday, August 23rd at 11:30 am  
in the FMC Library**



The Accessibility Taskforce of SCUMC has been working to improve our campus to be completely ADA compliant. While this will be an on-going endeavor, some plans have already been made for the first round of reconfiguring. The initial phase of concern will be the main building restrooms. These will be restructured to accommodate wheelchairs with total privacy and accessibility. Also included in the initial phase will be replacing the water fountains in both buildings to include lower fountains that are more accessible, and adding water bottle filling stations. These improvements will ultimately make us finally compliant with the UMC Annual Accessibility Audit. Cost estimates and finance options are still being examined on both of these projects. They are slated to begin in 2027. Look for more information as final preparations are made.

If you would like to make a financial donation that would assist in either of these projects, you may certainly do so. Your name will be recognized as a contributor. Please indicate “Accessibility – bathrooms” or Accessibility – fountains” on the memo line of your check. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

If you have any suggestions for improvements on the Accessibility around our campus, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the taskforce members – Lilly Longshore, Doug Lehrman, or Lila DeBolt, or Pastor Kim.

*“Accessibility isn't a privilege. It's a right.”*







## We Compost Tips to Reduce Odors and Pests

- Drop off frequently.
- Wash pail to reduce residue and odors.
- Store scraps in fridge or freezer.
- Keep pail outside in garage or on porch, out of direct sun.
- Sprinkle baking soda over scraps to reduce odors.



### **SCUMC We Compost Statistics (March 1-May 31, 2026)**

- Food scraps diverted: 2,171 lbs.
- Greenhouse gas emission savings equivalent: 1,808 miles driven by an average gasoline-powered passenger vehicle.

## CREATION CARE CORNER

# Summer Produce Recipes



**Our Creation Care Task Force is happy to share these recipes making use of produce from God's Garden donations and your own gardening sources. They can also be found on our website, click below to view (be sure to scroll to the bottom of the page):**

[CREATION CARE](#)





## BASIL PESTO

**Yield: ~1.5 c. or 24 Tblsp.**

**2.25 c. packed fresh basil leaves**

**granulated garlic to taste\***

**1/3 c. pine nuts\*\***

**1/4 c. roasted and salted pistachio nuts, shelled**

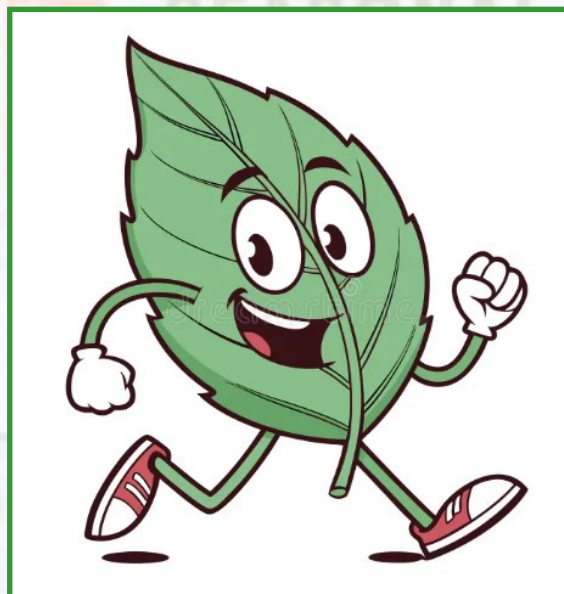
**3/4 c. extra virgin olive oil**

**3/4 c. Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, grated\*\*\***

**1 Tblsp. lemon juice**

**paprika to taste\*\*\*\***

**black pepper to taste**



- 1. Wash basil leaves and put them in a salad spinner to get rid of excess water. Then roll the leaves in dish towels to dry them further (basil leaves bruise easily so be gentle). When dry, pack them in the measuring cup.**
- 2. Combine all ingredients in a food processor.**
- 3. Pesto is very versatile and can be used in recipes, on pasta, on bread, in omelets, or as a sandwich spread with fresh tomatoes.**
- 4. Freezes well in any size amount. Silicon muffin cups work well to freeze the pesto in small increments before packaging them together to freeze. For example:**

**3 Tblsp. or 45 grams works well for 2-serving recipes.**

### **Substitutions/Notes:**

**\* Garlic cloves, chopped.**

**\*\* Combination of unsalted pumpkin seeds, unsalted almonds, and sesame seeds (in case of tree nut allergies).**

**\*\*\* Parmigiano Reggiano cheese that you grate yourself creates a richer, more vibrant flavor and texture than pre-grated store versions, which lack flavor, contain additives, and melt poorly.**

**\*\*\*\* Cayenne pepper to taste.**



**Yield:** 4 squash halves plus 3-1/3 C. filling

two 1-1.5 Lb. acorn squash

extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)

salt to taste

black pepper to taste

1/4 c. onion, chopped

1/2 c. carrots, chopped

1/2 c. celery, chopped

3 to 4 cremini mushrooms, chopped

roasted red pepper, chopped

1 c. cooked chicken chunks\*

1-1/2 c. cooked bulgur\*\*

1/4 c. dried cranberries\*\*\*

1/4 c. fresh parsley, chopped

6 Tblsp. orange juice with a pinch of orange zest

1/2 c. toasted pecans, chopped\*\*\*\*



Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a large baking sheet with a silicon baking mat; or line with foil that is lightly coated with cooking spray. Cut squash in half; remove and discard seeds in We Compost bucket. Brush cut side and inside cavity with EVOO; sprinkle lightly with salt and black pepper. Place squash cut sides *DOWN* on the prepared baking sheet. Roast about 25 minutes or until tender.

In a large 12" skillet, heat EVOO over medium to medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté until just starting to brown. Add carrots, celery, and mushrooms; sauté about 10 minutes or until tender crisp, stirring intermittently to promote browning. Salt lightly. Stir in roasted red pepper and cooked chicken chunks. Stir in bulgur, dried cranberries, parsley, orange juice, and orange zest; heat through. Add salt and black pepper to taste. Stir in toasted nuts.

Turn squash cut sides up. Fill squash halves with bulgur mixture. Any extra filling can be served on the side to add to the squash as it is eaten.

**Substitutions/Notes:**

\* Rotisserie chicken.

\*\* Cooked quinoa, or cooked Israeli couscous.

\*\*\* Dried tart red cherries.

\*\*\*\* Almonds, or cashews, or walnuts, or pistachios.

## CARMELIZED ONIONS WITH BROWN SUGAR

Yield: ~3/4 c.

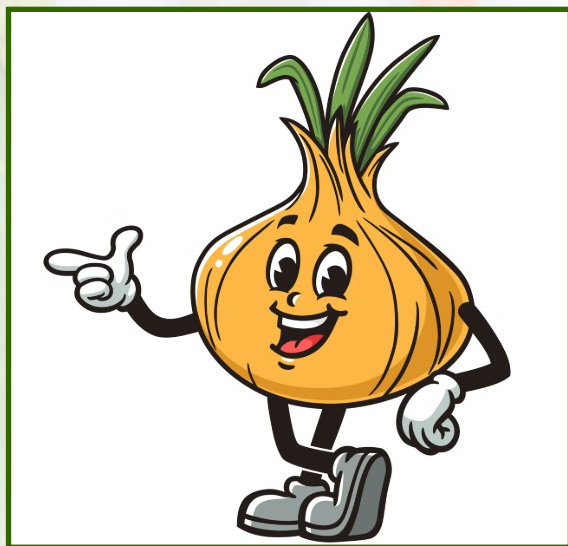
2 lbs. onions

2 Tblsp. extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)

1 tsp. brown sugar, packed

1/2 tsp. salt

1. Halve onions but leave a small amount of root end for easier slicing. Lay each half, cut side *DOWN*, and slice 1/4 inch thick through the root end.
2. Heat EVOO in a 12" nonstick skillet over medium-low heat until shimmering.
3. Stir in onions, brown sugar, and salt.
4. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are softened and have released their juices, for about 10 minutes.
5. Remove lid, increase heat to medium-high, and continue to cook, stirring often, until onions are deeply browned, 10 to 15 minutes.
6. Freezes well. Wrap in parchment paper before putting it in a freezer bag. When using, cut off the portion wanted from the frozen block and put the rest back in the freezer.



**Yield:** 24 to 32 slabs

**Supplies:** 13"x18" half sheet pan; 11-1/2"x16-1/2" silicon baking sheet; pastry brush; serrated paring knife; chef's knife; 6-ounce glass custard cup; We Compost pail for food waste

4 medium red bell peppers

extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)

balsamic vinegar

salt to taste

black pepper to taste

dried oregano

dried basil

dried marjoram



1. Line a rimmed half sheet pan with a silicon baking sheet or parchment paper to prevent sticking and provide easier cleanup.
2. To prepare the red peppers, position one washed red pepper upright with the base against a cutting board. Carefully use a serrated paring knife to cut around the green stem of the red pepper for removal, keeping your fingers away from the cutting blade. Using a chef's knife, slice downward to cut the red pepper in half. Then cut the 2 halves into 3 or 4 slabs each, depending on the size of the red pepper. Use the paring knife to remove any white membrane and seeds from the red pepper slabs. Repeat with the rest of the red peppers.
3. Preheat the oven to 450° on convection bake (or regular bake), with the oven rack on position 2 from the bottom.
4. Meanwhile place the red pepper slabs, skin side facing **DOWN** on the prepared baking sheet in a single layer. Into a 6-ounce glass custard cup, pour a small amount of EVOO. Brush the tops of the red pepper slabs with the EVOO, replenishing the oil in the custard cup as needed. Into the empty custard cup, pour a small amount of balsamic vinegar. Brush the tops of the red pepper slabs with the balsamic vinegar, replenishing the vinegar in the custard cup as needed. Sprinkle the red pepper slabs *lightly* with salt and black pepper. Then sprinkle the red pepper slabs with the dried herbs.
5. Put the red peppers in the hot oven on the oven rack position 2 from the bottom. Then reduce the oven temperature to 435°. Cook the red peppers for 25 to 30 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through baking. Cook until the tops are blistering and darkening (but not burned), and the flesh is easily pierced through with a fork.
6. Serve hot or at room temperature. To freeze, put the cooled red peppers that are on the baking sheet in the freezer, making sure the slabs remain in a single layer on the pan. Once frozen, keep the slabs in a single layer and wrap them in parchment paper before putting them in a freezer bag. Recipe easily doubles.





## Venezuela needs our help!

Venezuela experienced two major earthquakes on June 24, 2026. The pair of earthquakes were the worst to hit the country in nearly six decades. Global Ministries and UMCOR are responding through support to our humanitarian and ecumenical partners in Venezuela and Latin America. See response updates below.

Thousands have died and thousands more remain injured or missing, with several of the hardest-hit areas not yet searched. Though rescue and relief efforts are underway, recovery is expected to be difficult due to Venezuela's vulnerable infrastructure and political environment. Global Ministries and UMCOR are coordinating with partner organizations on the ground who are conducting assessments in order to provide emergency assistance.

You can help by donating to UMCOR's disaster relief fund, specifically Advance #982450; you can click below to go directly to the donation page.

<https://gbhem-umc.my.site.com/hemgm/s/campaign/a3fPo000000D49pIAC/umcor-international-disaster-response-and-recovery-idr>



# May Peace Prevail On Earth

Every First Sunday of the month, join us at 9:45 am outside at our Peace Pole to share prayers for the world, the people, the earth.





# United Women in Faith



**UWF presents "Choosing Joy"  
*Finding God's Presence, Purpose, and Peace  
in Every Season***

Join us

**September 12, 2026**

**9:30am-3:00pm Includes lunch**

**Battleground UMC  
10300 NE 199<sup>th</sup> St. Battleground WA**

**More information and registration form  
on the following pages ...**



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Take a moment  
to slow down and take time  
to find joy in your  
mind, body, and spirit

*Our retreat leader, Rev. Carol Davies, retired Elder pastored  
Fern Prairie, St. Paul's, Stevenson, Lyle and Orchards UMCs  
and is a strong supporter of United Women in Faith*

*Cost \$15 (no charge for children) payable to United Women  
in Faith Crest to Coast District*

*Childcare available if registered by September 1*

*Registration deadline September 1*

*Sponsored by United Women in Faith, Crest to Coast District  
Open to all Women*

Questions, email [rivers.slc@comcast.net](mailto:rivers.slc@comcast.net) or call at 801-557-4319



## Choosing Joy Registration Form September 12, 2026

Battleground UMC  
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

List all Food Allergies and Dietary Restrictions:

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If Childcare needed, please list names and ages:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please send registration and payment to:**

**Teresa Rivera  
5006 NW 137<sup>th</sup> Way  
Vancouver, WA 98685**

Questions, email [rivera.slc@comcast.net](mailto:rivera.slc@comcast.net) or call at 801-557-4319



# LUTHERAN : CHORAL ASSOCIATION

**SINGING SINCE 1938**

JOIN US for a concert hosted by our own choir  
as we welcome:

Lutheran Choral Association

September 20th

4:00 pm

Here in our sanctuary

No charge for performance, but donations  
are very welcome!

[Upcoming Events | Lutheran Choral Association](#)



# Soul Care

## SATURDAY

### — WOMEN'S RETREAT —

Saturday, October 17, 2026 9:00am - 1:30pm

*Reconnect. Renew. Refresh.*



Guest Speaker

**Poppy Smith**

Author, Speaker, and Spiritual Coach

**FLOURISH AS A WOMAN**

*"My longing is to see women flourish at every age and stage of life. I believe this is God's desire and that He wants us to grow spiritually, emotionally, and personally."*



Registration opens August 16 and closes October 4. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes a delicious Panera lunch. Registration forms will include lunch selections.



You can register in the Narthex or contact Laurie Doering (360) 606-7494 [lauriej0503@comcast.net](mailto:lauriej0503@comcast.net)



Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and plan to join us for this uplifting day of growth, connection, and encouragement.



For women of every age and stage of life!



July 19, 2026

## Church Without Walls

We had a special worship service, which met in the Fellowship Hall, beginning with a brief worship service, and then we went out to serve the community in many different ways.



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## Church Without Walls Worship through Service







# Church Without Walls Worship through Service

The group who stayed at the church assembled flood buckets for UMCOR, and also a whole lot of “Blessing bags”, Ziplock gallon bags containing bottled water, a snack, and a few other things that are a great thing to carry in your car to hand out to those standing on corners at stoplights, etc.







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# Church Without Walls

## Worship through Service



July 19, 2026

Another of our groups went to Gaiser Elementary school and weeded and picked up trash, while another went to sing songs at The Hamptons senior living center.





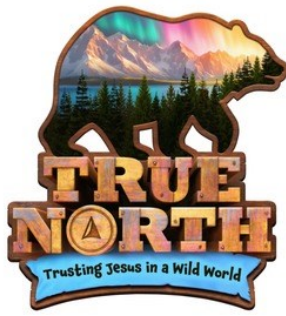
On Thursday, July 9th at 12 noon, the pile of chips sitting in the parking lot next to God's Garden was moved into the playground area by Cub Scouts and other adult leaders, led by Lee Phares of Pack 435. On short notice, and while they have the summer off, Lee was thrilled to take on this small project. The three girls who showed up worked hard shoveling and raking those chips. It took just about an hour for this team to complete the task of moving and spreading 5 cubic yards of chips. Lila Debolt became aware that the playground area was in need of some refreshing chips in areas and sought Larry Siewert's help to get some delivered so that this issue could be addressed.

A big Thank you to Cub Scout pack 435!

Lee is always looking for any type of community service project with which this Cub Scout pack could help, so please keep them in mind in the future when/if looking for help.







# V.B.S.

**This year's VBS program was a success! We had about 12 kids and the kids all enjoyed their virtual trip to Alaska!**

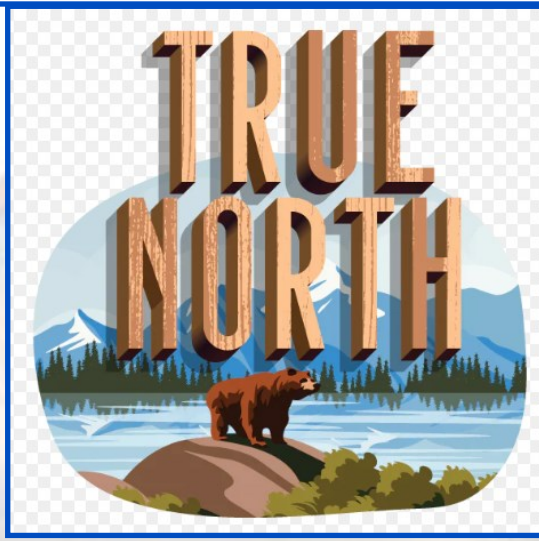
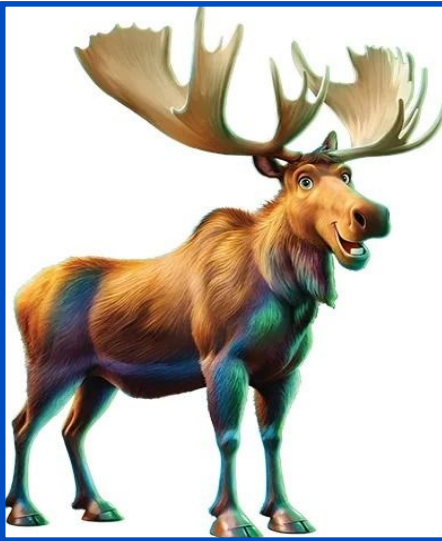
The entryway was made to look like a forest such as you would find in Alaska. One of the classrooms was decorated to be like a glacier. Snacks were designed with the Great North theme.



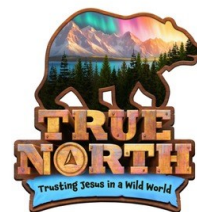
And a huge thank you to Tiffiney, Kim, all who volunteered their time and energy and all those who donated!!  
You are SO appreciated!!







**Betty Selby and Suzy Clayton assembling the snack  
for Tuesday VBS: S'mores!**



**V.B.S.**







# V.B.S.

## Sing & Play Peak Music

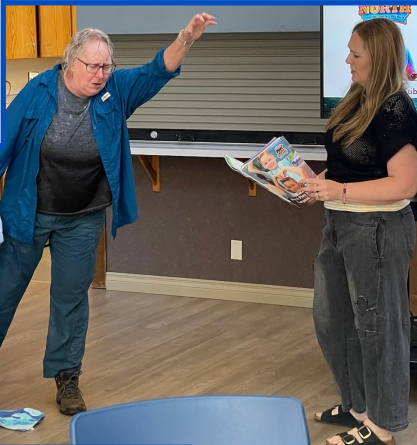
1. Let's Trust in Jesus (1:51)
  2. This Is the Day (Psalm 118:24) (1:49)
  3. 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (2:17)
  4. Hey, Hey, Hey (1:55)
  5. Power Shuffle (2:50)
  6. My God Is Powerful (3:28)
  7. My Hope Is in the Lord (3:04)
  8. Come to Me (2:41)
  9. Help Me, Jesus (Hebrews 13:6b) (1:27)
- Play All ► Main Menu







# V.B.S.







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# V.B.S.

Sunday, July 12th

VBS Celebration  
after worship service







CELEBRATING  
**AUGUST**  
BIRTHDAYS



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Betty Selby—August 4**

**Lola Vaughn—August 6**

**Susan Scott—August 11**

**Joanie Dudley—August 14**

**Jeanne Eten—August 16**

**Sally DuPree—August 20**

**Douglas Lehrman—August 28**

**K.D. Caballero—August 29**

**Don't see your birthday?**

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



# Legend of the Sand Dollar



Upon this odd shaped sea shell,  
A legend grand is told  
About the life of Jesus ~  
The wondrous tale of old.

The center marking plainly shows  
The well known Guiding Star  
That led to tiny Bethlehem,  
The Wise Men from afar.



The Christmas flower, Poinsettia ~  
For His Nativity,  
The Resurrection, too, is marked ~  
The Easter Lily, see



Five wounds were suffered by our Lord  
From nails & Roman's spear  
When He died for us upon the cross  
The wounds show plainly here

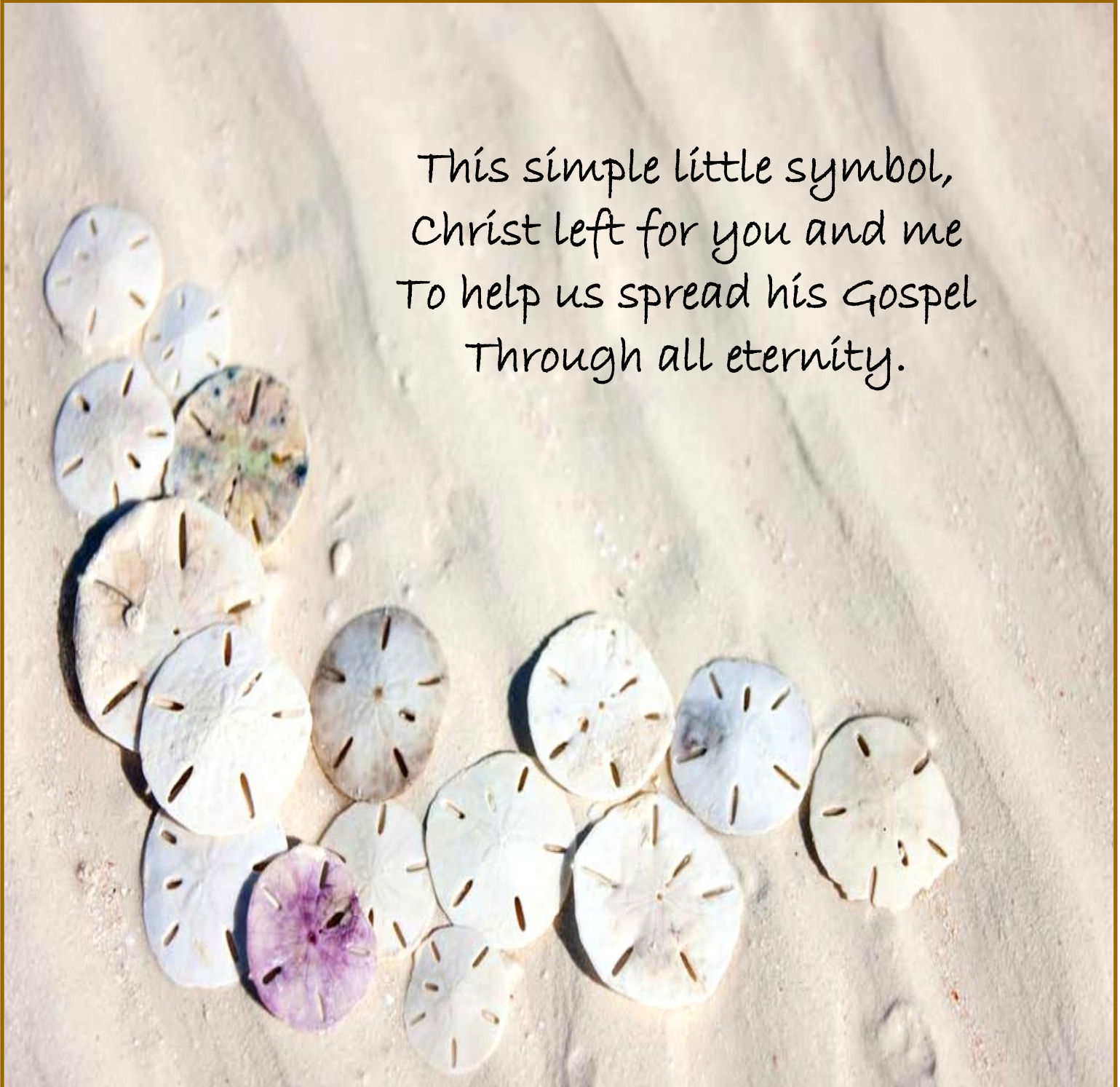
Within the shell, should it be broke  
Five Doves of Peace are found  
To emphasize this legend  
So may Peace & Love abound.

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Ann Kiessel





This simple little symbol,  
Christ left for you and me  
To help us spread his Gospel  
Through all eternity.

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