



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church

November
2024



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**kindness.
compassion.
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respect.
love.**

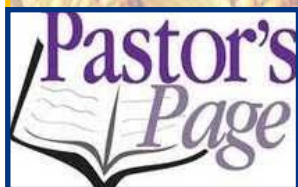
Grace and peace to you, friends and family of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church!

As I write to you today, we are fully immersed in purple, and nearing the end of our sermon series, “Do Unto Others”. It is my prayer that the lessons we have shared will continue to guide our life together and with those in our community well past November 5th as we strive to treat one another with kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love.

During the month of November, we will be asking all of our church family to consider prayerfully how God might be calling you to support our congregation in the coming year of 2025. When individuals join the church as members they respond, “I will” to the question, “Will you faithfully participate in the ministries of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.” We believe that faithfully participating with our gifts includes giving back to God a portion of the financial gifts we have been given and recognize financial stewardship to be an important spiritual practice.

If you have been faithfully participating in the ministries of Salmon Creek UMC with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, I want to thank you! We are the Body of Christ together and are best able to share the love of Christ with one another and with our community when all of us are participating fully in the work Christ calls us to do! If you have been giving financially to support the ministries of Salmon Creek UMC, I want to thank you for your support and gifts that have made it possible for us to share the love of Christ in so many ways! We could not do the ministry God calls us to every day without your financial gifts!

As we mature in our faith, our practices should grow as well, including our practice of financial giving. If you are not yet in the practice of giving weekly or monthly, it is important to prayerfully begin somewhere. Make it a disciplined practice that you commit to and grow in that practice yearly. If you already give regularly, the goal, as in all of our faith practices, is to grow each year as we are able. As Christians, our goal to strive for is at least the biblical tithe of 10% of our income returning to support the work of God.



Our Stewardship Campaign for 2025 is *What Gift Can We Bring*, inspired by Hymn 87 in our UM Hymnal.

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it,
the joy of this day?*

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer
in honor and praise?*

*Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.*

*Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us
turn prayer into deed.*

*Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever
tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever, we rest in God's keeping
and live in God's love.*

*This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it,
the joy of this day!*

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer
in honor and praise!*

We will “*give thanks for the past*” Sunday, November 3, as we celebrate All Saints Sunday, giving thanks to God for the lives of our members who have died in the past year, and for the legacy of all the saints who have invested in our lives and in Salmon Creek UMC to bring us to where we are today.

November 10 we will “*give thanks for the now*” as we celebrate the *study, worship, and mission* that we are engaged in today as a congregation. Also, as a way to celebrate Veterans Day, we will recognize and give thanks for those connected to our congregation who are currently serving in the military, as well as those who have previously served.

As we wrap-up our campaign on November 17, we will “*give thanks for tomorrow*” by looking ahead to the future and considering how we can *plant and water* now to empower a fruitful harvest for those who will follow us. We will have an opportunity during worship for those present to offer their pledge cards to God.

If you are unable to be with us for worship on November 17, pledge cards can also be mailed to the church, dropped off in the office, or placed in the offering on another Sunday in worship. I thank you for your faithfulness and pray you will be able to join us!

Fall is also Charge Conference season! So, we have begun working on our reports to share with our district superintendent about the ministry we have done over the past year and our plans for 2025. An important piece of work to prepare for Charge Conference is the assembling of our 2025 Lay Leadership Roster. This is a great time to prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to serve in one of our administrative or ministry areas. If you would like to know more about opportunities to serve, pick up an 'Opportunities to Get Involved' tri-fold from our Welcome Desk (or view it on our website)! You can also reach out to me and I will be happy to visit with you.

Peace and joy,
Rev. Kim Poer

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?"
John Wesley





What gift can we bring?

Our stewardship campaign kicked off last month and by now you should have received your letter, pledge card and statements in the mail. We ask you to prayerfully consider making your pledge for the coming year to your church.

Stewardship talent
commitment growing vision support
blessing sharing PLEDGE giving planning
LOVE treasure faith caring time
community



September, 2024 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church as of September 30, 2024.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	39,554	28,792	10,762	393,924	259,128	134,796
Expenses	32,415	31,937	(478)	307,661	298,485	(9,176)
Operating Income / (Loss)	<u>7,139</u>	<u>(3,145)</u>	<u>10,284</u>	<u>86,263</u>	<u>(39,357)</u>	<u>125,620</u>

September's results were strong, with pledges at 112 % of Budget. YTD pledge income was 137 % of Budget, and with expenses running very close to Plan, our profit for the month was 7,000 and YTD profits approximated 87,000 through September 30, 2024.

As mentioned previously, we have had several non-recurring items that impacted our results this year, and a quick recap is shown below:

YTD Profit per above	86,263
Income from a member's estate	(50,000)
Investment income	(28,796)
Furnace replacement program	<u>24,000</u>

YTD Profit after "one time financial events" 31,467

So on a YTD basis, our results still remain very strong even after taking into effect these unusual non-recurring items.

We continue to want to thank the congregation for your continued gifts of time, talent and monies that are necessary to support the mission of our Church, which is "We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ, uniting in fellowship, missions and service."

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

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee



WE NEED YOU!

There are so many areas in which you can get involved in your church and we need everyone. If you were not here for worship service on October 13th, Lila DeBolt made a short presentation about opportunities for you to find a place to become involved. Lila and Nancy Volgamore created a pamphlet which outlines all of the different committees and groups within our church. They also created a document describing what is involved in all of those committees and groups so that you can determine which would best fit you.

These materials can be accessed on our website (click the link below), or copies are available at the church.

Please prayerfully consider where you might find a place to serve and deepen your relationship with Salmon Creek Church.

[Ways to get Involved! | Salmon Creek Church](#)



Current Hosting:

October 27—November 3

Next Hosting:

January 26—February 2

April 27—May 4

September 7—14 (tentative)

December 7—14 (tentative)

Sign up to Volunteer:

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/5080C4EABAD2EA3FB6-51842063-family](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4EABAD2EA3FB6-51842063-family)**

Or talk to Karen Beilsmith!

Poinsettia Sale



Our church family is invited to buy poinsettia plants to adorn our sanctuary during Advent. Please consider purchasing a plant that you can take home after the Christmas Eve services.

Please complete the form below which will be in the Sunday bulletin **beginning Nov. 3rd**, and place it the offering plate on a Sunday, or call the office to order a plant. Be sure to include your name and to whom you wish to honor as a memorial, or honor a family or friend, and include cash or a \$15.00 check made out to the church. We must have all of the requests **no later than DECEMBER 1st** as the plants will be delivered to the church on Dec 5th. Thanks for considering honoring special people in your lives in this way.

Together we will celebrate the Birth of Jesus.

The Worship Committee

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

YOUR NAME: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Check to SCUMC for \$15.00 or cash enclosed _____

Thank you,
The Worship Committee



Our annual auction will be here before you know it! Tickets for the dinner can be purchased every Sunday before and after service. Cost is \$15.00 each. Exact change would be welcome.

The dessert dash is a popular part of the fundraiser. Sign up to bring your favorite dessert.

Each item donated will need a mission auction basket sheet. This describes the item(s), person or group donating and estimated retail value. Forms for basket submissions are available now. There is one following this section in this newsletter.

Ask your favorite business if they would like to donate something. We will provide donations letters and donations receipts for businesses who donate. Both letters list the charities we support. My experience has been that, when we keep all money local, folks are very excited to help.

Gay Enyeart

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SALMON CREEK CHURCH

Fall Missions

Dinner & Basket Auction

Nov 16
2024

5:00 PM Doors Open (Silent Auction)
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Live Auction

A ticket to this event includes a delicious sit-down dinner, admission to the live and silent auctions, and our famous Dessert Dash. All proceeds go to benefit community missions.



To purchase tickets contact the church office at 360•573•3111 or email admin@salmoncreek.church.



M E N U



Banger Mash w/Gravy
Cabbage & Carrots
Famous Dessert Dash
Coffee/Tea/Cider

Support our local missions!

Open House Ministries
Share, Inc.

Friends of the Carpenter
Safe Choice Shelter
Vancouver Seafarers Center
Battle Ground HealthCare



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ANNUAL MISSIONS BASKET AUCTION – Saturday, November 16

What is a basket?

Baskets are collections of items combined together with a theme...baking, pampering, movie night, etc. Items may be homemade, purchased, donations by businesses – or a combination of all three!

We encourage individuals, families and groups in the church to put together baskets to be auctioned off at our basket auction! There will be a silent auction and an oral auction of baskets by auctioneer Roger Brindle.

Where do auction funds go?

1. **Share Inc.** – Non-profit organization that provides food and shelter to the homeless and low income in Clark county. School food backpacks and summer lunches are provided by Share.
2. **Seafarers Center** – Welcomes and provides services for international mariners while docked at the Port of Vancouver and Portland.
3. **Safe Choice** – Shelter and services for women who are victims of domestic violence.
4. **Friends of the Carpenter** – A ministry that serves the homeless and less fortunate in Vancouver. Projects of 'wood' allows those participating to become friends around a table with Christ at the center.
5. **Open House Ministries** – A ministry that serves families who are in transition. A way for them to 'get back on their feet'. Providing them housing, counseling, goal setting and hope.
6. **Battle Ground HealthCare** – Salmon Creek is looking to provide support for this non-profit, faith-based clinic that provides health care to low income adults in Clark County.



How do I donate a basket?

Sign up at our display in the back of the church. Then complete this form and leave it in your basket when you bring it to the church. You may also submit the information prior to bringing in your basket – be sure you also identify the basket at the time it is brought to the church. In order to compile the information for the auction we need a description of the basket by November 14th, all baskets must be at the church by November 16th at noon.

Name of person or group donating a basket:

Type of basket or brief description of contents:

Estimated retail value: \$

Thank you for your contribution towards missions work in our community and around the world. Your expenditure on your basket is tax deductible, please keep your receipts or you may get a receipt from the church office or the treasurer following the Auction.

HO-HO-HO!

Cookies, Cocoa, Stories & Photos with Santa!

Saturday, Nov. 23rd
2pm - 5pm



Bring your children
& grandchildren

Please bring unwrapped
toys or cash to donate to
the C.A.R.O.L
Program



Fern Prairie United
Methodist Church

26112 NE Brunner Road



COME ONE, COME ALL

Please join the Worship Committee for the “Hanging of the Greens” as we prepare our church for the Advent Season. All are invited to help decorate on Sunday, November 24th at 3:00 pm. Come and join in the fun and get into the spirit of this beautiful season.

**Plan to help out as well for the
“Taking Down of the Greens”
on Sunday, January 5th at 3:00 pm.**



**HANGING
OF THE GREENS**



This Christmas we will again be supporting the graduate families from Family Promise. Be looking for our Sharing Tree on November 24th. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned by Dec. 8th.

SHARING TREE

**HELP SOMEONE
IN NEED HAVE A GIFT
UNDER THE TREE**





Monday, November 25th

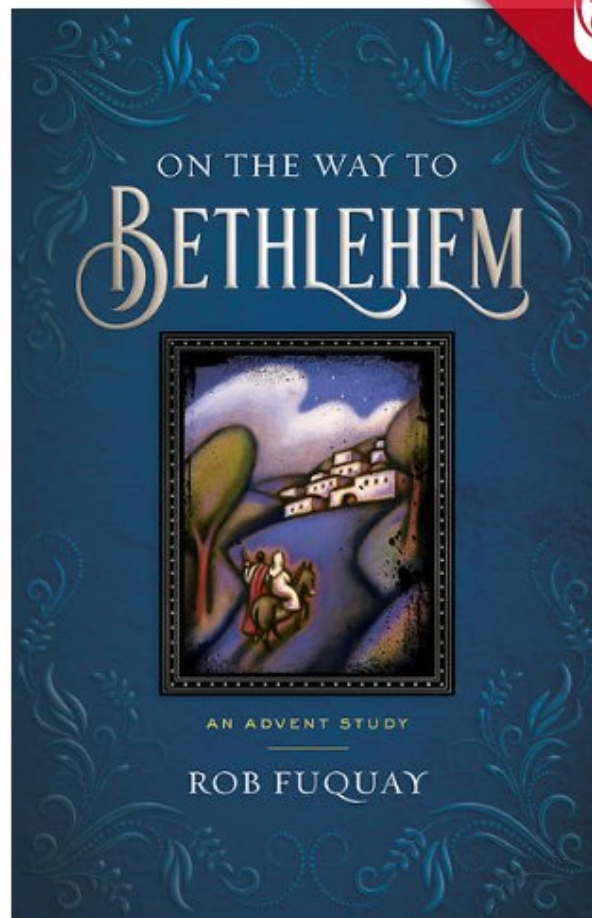
6:00 pm

In the sanctuary, or virtually.

**We will be honored with the presence of our
District Superintendent, Kathleen Weber.**



Advent Study



Our small groups will be doing a new Advent Study: Rob Fuquay's "On the Way to Bethlehem". Books are available in the church office, \$15.00 each. If you are not in a small group, and would like to do the study, we are trying to form more small groups; talk with Pastor Kim. More information coming soon!



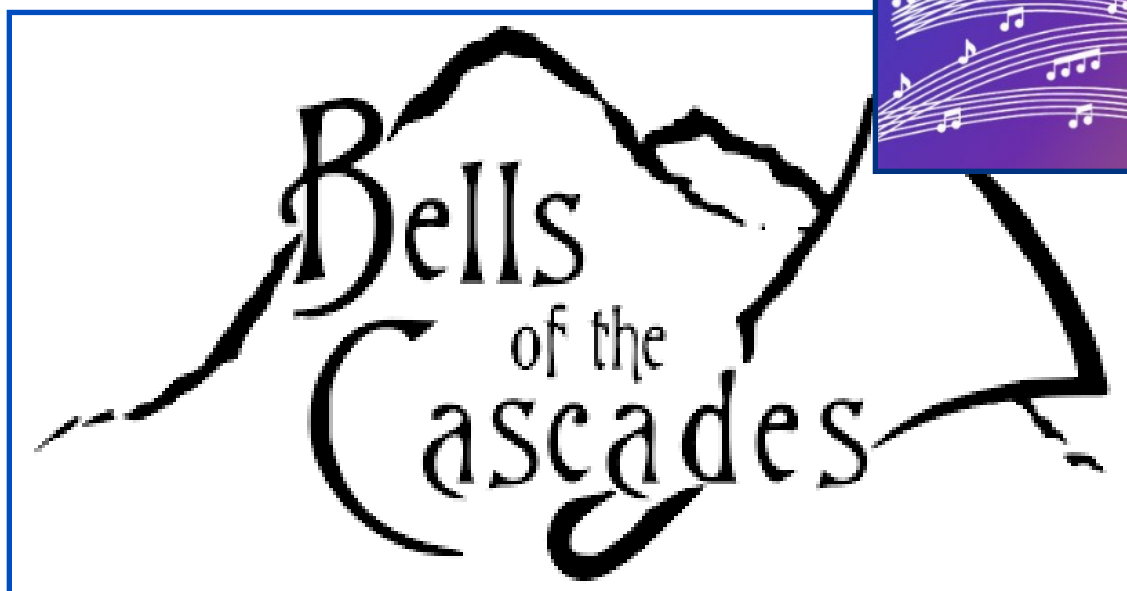
**Our Boy Scout Troop #14 will be having their
annual Christmas tree sale in our front lot; open
from Saturday, November 30th through**

Sunday, December 15th

Monday - Friday, Noon—8pm

Saturday and Sunday, 9am—9pm

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON



Save the date:

Bells of the Cascades

Holiday Concert

“The Spirit of the Season”

December 21, 2024

7:00 pm

Here at Salmon Creek Church!

Missions Benefit Breakfasts

Benefit Breakfast Oct 6, 2024

Habitat for Humanity

We had a very successful benefit breakfast for Habitat for Humanity on October 6th. Before service, we served 24 breakfasts, after church 42 + 19 'breakfasts to go' for a total of 85 breakfasts.

I would like to thank Lila DeBolt, Bonnie Jacquemin and Steve Enyeart for helping with food prep on Saturday. Larry Siewert, Kathy & Don Hardy along with KD and Andres helped set up and decorate the tables.

We served 73 egg casseroles, 73 cheesy potatoes, 67 link sausages, 68 fresh fruit, 28 Orange Juice, 10 Apple Juice, 5 V-8 juice 29 coffee and 3 tea.

Donations total was \$1,686.00.

Helping today with serving, washing dishes and putting tables and chairs away and waiting tables: Larry Siewert, Steve Enyeart, Bonnie Jacquemin, Kathy and Don Hardy, Charlie and Teddy Ernster, Dan and Lynne Kingsley, Zack Scott and Brian and Janice Ernster.

- Gay Enyeart





Getting prepared for the Missions Benefit Breakfast:

CLOCKWISE from TOP:

Gay Enyeart, Steve Enyeart, Hardy Family, Bonnie Jacquemin and Lila DeBolt

We held our annual "Blessing of the Pets" on Sunday, October 13th.

We raised 100.00 for our charitable contribution
for "Furry Friends" Vancouver cat rescue.

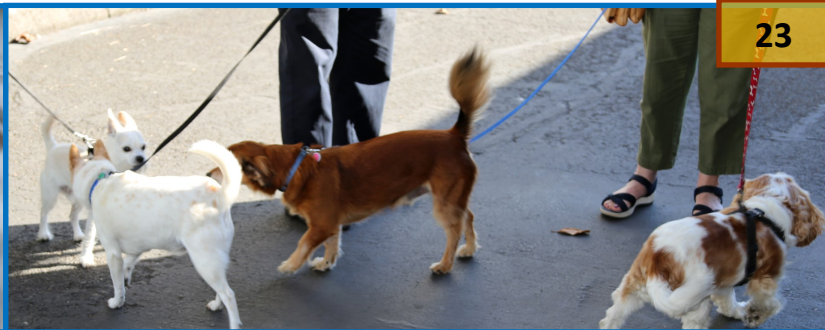
Many of our church families brought their beloved pets to be blessed by
Pastor Kim and a good time was had by all! Check out our Facebook page
for a video of the blessing ceremony.



New friends were made!!



ed cats





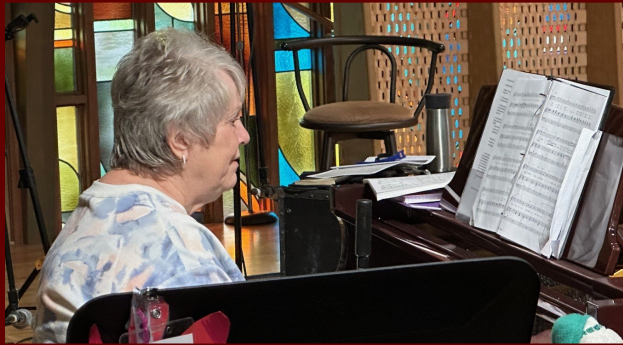
Women's RETREAT

Saturday, October 10

Saturday, October 19, 2024



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Shown in front of the refurbished and almost rebuilt God's Garden shed are (right to left) Troop 14 Life Scout Jonathan Wood, God's Gardens Chair Jim Selby, and Chris Wood, Jonathan's father. Jonathan's Eagle Project was to refurbish the shed. When Jonathan and fellow Scouts were getting ready to work on the siding they discovered a lot of rot in the 2x6 boards that support the shed. Richard Beilsmith jacked up the building and put temporary concrete supports under the shed's corners. Then he and Larry Siewert used the better part of a day replacing the boards and building even taller supports at the corners. (Photos on next page).

Now water will run freely under the shed.

The Scouts replaced the sagging doors with new ones, scrubbed the roof of moss and debris, scrubbed the siding, painted everything, and built a new ramp/entrance to the shed. The shed is more versatile than the previous one with the ramp replacing steps into the shed. We thank Jonathan, Troop 14 Bob Scouts and Chris Wood for giving us a great new shed and Richard and Larry for making sure water will flow under the shed rather than up against it.





Richard Beilsmith and Larry Siewert (and Maddie Siewert) helped a lot on the Eagle Scout project to repair the shed in God's Garden, in the back area of the church. Trustees are always working on something and we so appreciate each of them! Do you like to do repair work and building maintenance work? We can certainly use your help!





November

11/15	Set up for basket auction
11/16	(Saturday) Basket Auction & Dinner
11/25	Charge Conference
11/24	Hanging of the Greens – 3:00 pm
11/27-28	Church Office closed
11/28	Thanksgiving Day

December

12/1	1 st Sunday of Advent
12/6	Happy Birthday, Jesus – 6:15 pm
12/8	2 nd Sunday of Advent
12/15	3 rd Sunday of Advent/Lessons and Carols
12/16	(Monday) Night of Hope
12/20	BOC Rehearsals and set ups
12/21	BOC Concert – 7:00 pm
12/22	4 th Sunday of Advent
12/24	(Tuesday) Christmas Eve Services: 5pm, 8pm, 11pm
12/29	Hymn Sing
12/23 – 1/2/25 – Church office closed	

January 2025

1/5	Taking Down the Greens—3:00 pm
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NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS


Tiffiney Nordby—November 3

Richard Ernest Bippes - November 5

Greg Berry—November 7

Don't see your birthday?

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



GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES;
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD
IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

***We are a welcoming United Methodist
Church congregation
that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ,
uniting in fellowship, missions and service.***

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

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