



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church



July
2020

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Dear friends and families of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,

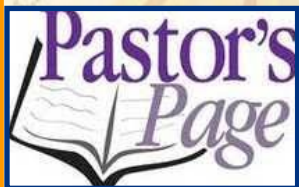
Here we are about to flip the page on our calendars from June to July! Summer is upon us, and the church is moving into the church season of Ordinary time, sometimes observed as Kingdomtide.

Throughout the month of June our sanctuary has been clothed in the vibrant colors of Pentecost! Thank you to our wonderful worship committee for all they do to enrich our times of worship! As July arrives you will see our colors change from red to green altar cloths, and our banners will remind us of our walk of faith.

For the month of July, we will be following a Lectionary series from Discipleship Ministries called *Core Faith*. This is how they describe the series:

The eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans is one of the most loved chapters in the Bible. As the crux of this important epistle, this chapter provides insight into some of the core elements of our faith. How does the law function in our faith? What does it mean to set our mind on the Spirit? What is our relationship with all creation? How are we bound together with other disciples in suffering and joy? St. Paul sets out to answer these and many other questions as he weaves a poetic vision of what it means to be a follower of Jesus and a part of the body of Christ.

This month, on July 19th, we will also have an opportunity to worship with our hands and hearts in a special way with Church Without Walls Sunday. We will gather in the sanctuary for some music and prayer then we will be sent out in service! I expect that on this first time trying this new



trying this new thing, many will stay on campus for a hands-on project that looks outward to the needs of others as we assemble UMCOR Cleaning Kit Buckets. Other folks, will go as a group to Gaiser Middle School to do work outside cleaning up the gardens and grounds, helping to prepare them for a new school year in the fall.

We are also working on a possible project for members of our choir to share some music at one of our local senior living residences. We are hoping to firm up those plans soon. That Sunday afternoon everyone will be invited back to church to share ice cream Sundays and stories of their day of service! I am hopeful that this can be a new tradition that grows each year!

As we move through summer, enjoying the growth of our gardens and the beauty of blooming flowers all around us, my prayer for you is that you would seek opportunities to grow in your faith by setting aside some time for devotional reading and bible study, that you will find an area to serve in which you can use the gifts God has given you, that you may choose to be more intentional in your prayer life, and that you might make the effort to learn more about even one issue in the world where you can work for justice on behalf of another.

Peace and hope,
Kim
Rev. Kim Poer

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:22

PNW

CONFERENCE 

Welcome to our Conference!

It is with great joy that we announce that Pastor Kim has finally received transfer approval from the Bishop's and Conference Offices! She is officially a part of our Pacific Northwest Conference of the UMC. Confirmation came in early June and this allowed Pastor Kim to have all voting privileges at the Annual Conference.

Congratulations, Pastor Kim! You're now formally part of us!!



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Serve Joyfully

Lead Courageously

 PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 2026

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

Pastor Kim and Lila DeBolt attended the conference in Spokane. In the next month's issue of the Circuit Rider, look for information and articles from their experiences.

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TENTATIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 4 – Independence Day
- 7 – COM meeting (NO Ad Board meeting)
- 7-10 – VBS
- 9 – Trustees meeting
- 14 – Missions meeting
- 16 – SPRC meeting
- 19 – Church without Walls
- 20–24 – YMCA summer camp
- 27–31 – YMCA summer camp
- 28 – Finance meeting

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

DATES TO REMEMBER



**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:

June 29 – July 3
July 20 – July 24
July 27 – July 31
August 3 – August 7



Hello Salmon Creek friends!

I wanted to share some exciting travels that I am about to take this summer. As you know, I've been a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Portland State University, getting my MM in Conducting! I've had the distinct pleasure of being a graduate student not only taking classes to improve my own rehearsal technique and conducting but also conducting choirs on campus and teaching classes—an equal joy and challenge for me. Salmon Creek has always been supportive of me and my development as a leader and conductor as I continue to enjoy being the Director of Music Ministries here with the praise team, choir, and Exultation Ringers!

Summertime has always been a time for me to go out and work at conferences, direct summer handbell festivals, and take time for composing while the music ministries enjoy well-earned time off. This summer is no different and even has brought an additionally unique experience through PSU. The Chamber Choir, under the direction of the incredible Ethan Sperry, has been invited to participate in an International Choral Competition in China in July! We are the only American choir invited and directly sponsored by the organization running this competition. We are thrilled and honored to have this distinguished opportunity. With that, I will be out of the country from July 11th through July 25th where we will be in Beijing, Chengdu (the hometown of the giant pandas!!), and Shanghai, competing and collaborating with choirs from China, Germany, Russia, and the UK. I am so excited about this. If you remember, I was in Hong Kong in 2024 and am very much looking forward to being back in Asia in just a few weeks!

Following this trip to China, I will immediately head directly from Beijing to Minneapolis to conduct Zenith with Alex Guebert again. Josh will once again be performing with this incredible ensemble of handbell musicians from around the world! This is our 4th concert season, and we're excited to bring this double handbell ensemble to the Midwest this summer. This will take place from July 16th through August 1st, and then Josh and I will return to Vancouver on Sunday, August 2nd in the evening.

— *continued ...*

What this means is that I will be gone for four Sundays in a row, the most I've missed in a row in my almost 10 years here at SCUMC! However, please know that the music ministry is well taken care of with Josh and other wonderful volunteers who are helping to coordinate music while I am gone! Pastor Kim and I have planned hymns through the middle of August, and you will feel completely supported while I am gone! I appreciate all your support as these opportunities continue to present themselves, and I cannot wait to share all about my experiences with the congregation upon my return and am excited to implement things I learn into our own congregation's music ministry this fall when we start back up!

Matthew Compton, Director of Music Ministries



Closer to the Ground: A team approach to Superintendency

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

As we continue to adapt to this season's needs, we are moving more fully into a team-based model of superintendency across the Greater Northwest Area. This change is both practical and missional. Our churches and pastoral leaders need connection, support, and guidance that are closer to the ground, more collaborative, and more sustainable.

The traditional district superintendent model has carried more than any one person can faithfully sustain. At the same time, our ministry contexts are changing quickly. We need superintendents who can work together, lead from their gifts, stay connected to local ministry, and help congregations and leaders remain connected to one another and to the wider United Methodist connection.

This new model does not mean every superintendent will do everything. It means superintendents will serve as part of a team, under the authority and direction of the resident bishop, for the sake of the whole Area. We are not centering districts or teams for their own sake. We are centering the mission of the Church across Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

[Attached is the list of churches and their primary superintendent designations.](#) Your primary superintendent is your first point of connection for congregational support, pastoral leadership matters, appointment-related conversations, and connectional care. That superintendent is not working alone. Each one serves as part of a team, and those teams serve with the Cabinet in support of the whole Area.

This shift will require patience, clarity, and grace from all of us. Superintendents will not be able to attend every meeting, respond to every need personally, or serve as the only source of support. Their work will be to connect, guide, strengthen, and help build healthier patterns of ministry and leadership.

I am grateful to those stepping into this work, to the congregations making space for their pastors to serve the wider connection, and to the faithful leaders who have helped bring us to this point.

Finally, a request for us all. Transitioning into a new role brings with it additional work, for which your prayers are certainly welcome. You can also help by delaying any questions or requests of the new superintendents until after they begin their new roles on July 1.

Please review the attached list and use it as a starting point for the next season of shared ministry. We will continue learning, adjusting, and leading together.

Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth

Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth
Greater Northwest Episcopal Area

[Primary superintendent designations](#)



May, 2026 Financial Update

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

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Pledges	16,469	27,500	(11,031)	165,261	137,500	27,761
Other Income	1,971	2,267	(266)	10,800	11,333	(533)
Investments	<u>10,606</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,606</u>	<u>19,702</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,702</u>
Total Income	29,046	29,767	(721)	195,763	148,833	46,930
Expenses	28,467	30,947	<u>2,480</u>	157,914	162,333	<u>4,420</u>
Operating Income / (Loss)	<u>579</u>	<u>(1,180)</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>37,850</u>	<u>(13,500)</u>	<u>51,350</u>

Our pledge income was behind budget again in May at only 60% of Budget. Our YTD pledge income remains strong at 120 % of Budget and ~ 28,000 Favorable to Plan, due primarily to two large one time donations earlier in the year. Our expenses were very close to Budget for both May and Year to Date, with variances of 2,480 and 4,420, respectively.

Our YTD profit for the Church is now ~ 38,000 and ~ 51,000 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.

Our Preschool program has increased its enrollment recently, and we actually had a profit of ~600 in May! Praise be to God, primarily due to some generous donations last month. This reduced our YTD loss to (4,400). 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.

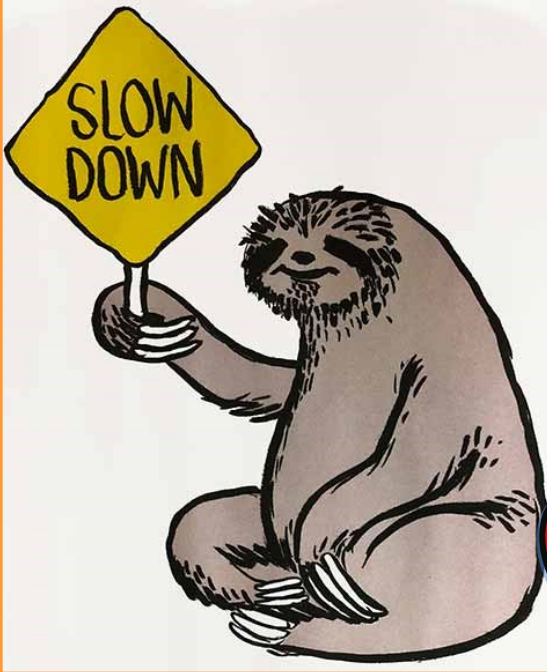
If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee

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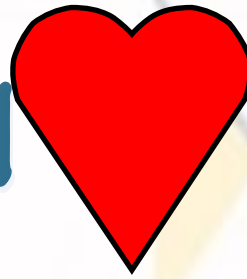
Please
SLOW DOWN!

At any time during an average week, there can be a multitude of people on our campus. There are music groups practicing, support groups meeting, committee meetings, youth activities, composters, maintenance workers – just to name a few. This means there is a lot of activity in the parking lot with people walking to and from the buildings, and around their cars.

Please, everyone, be mindful of the surroundings. Slow down as you navigate the parking lot. Watch out for people walking about. There is no need to speed through. Take your time and be safe. Let's all remember to "watch out for the other guy".



We love our Preschool



CHANGES IN LITTLE FISH PRESCHOOL

With sad hearts, we announce that Ashley Skelton has resigned as Director of the Little Fish Preschool here at SCUMC. She has accepted a position with the Battle Ground School District. We wish her the very best as she moves forward in her career. She has been a part of little children ministry for many years and we are very grateful for her dedication, love and service to our church. She will be missed, but she will stay in our prayers and hearts forever.

Taking over the Director position will be our own Angela Parrish, who also has been with SCUMC for many years. We congratulate and welcome her into this new role. Please, give her your support, love and enthusiasm as she transitions into this important position.

We are in the process of hiring a new teacher for the Preschool to work with Angela. Lynetta Anthony has experience in Special Needs education, which will be a definite bonus for the Preschool. We welcome her into our church family!

While there is no summer session of the Preschool, Angela (and soon Lynetta) will be working on plans for a great fall program. Please, continue to hold the Little Fish Preschool in your prayers for continued success. Watch for more information to come on how you can support the Preschool in the near future.

The school supply drive will be happening soon. Make a note on your calendars now for another great Christmas Cookie Bake sale in December! Your involvement in the Preschool is always appreciated. Stay tuned! — *continued ...*



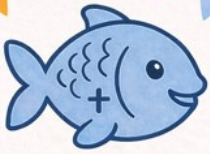


There are still openings for Fall! If you know someone who would benefit from a morning session of fun, learning, crafts, Bible lessons and love, then please contact Angela for more information on how to enroll.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Angela, Pastor Kim, Lila DeBolt, Nancy Volgamore or Jan Asai. The Advisory Board is always ready to help and we appreciate any ideas or suggestions you may have.

— Lila DeBolt

We love our Preschool!



Little Fish
— CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL —



School Supply Drive



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 will be 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
 - Vinegar
 - Baking soda
 - Printer paper



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 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](#)



FIRST FRIDAYS

at

Share

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. There is no lunch on Friday, July 3rd, so our next date is August 6th.

[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.



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 or visit 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.

CCMYC

Upcoming events.



JUNE 28
-
JULY 3

SLAM

See website for details.

JULY 12
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JULY 17

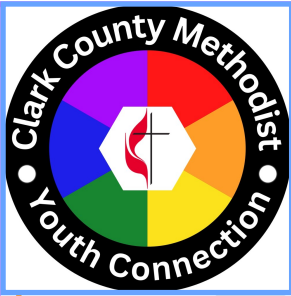
MID/HIGH SUMMER CAMP @ OCEAN PARK

Contact Lacey for details.

AUG
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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?

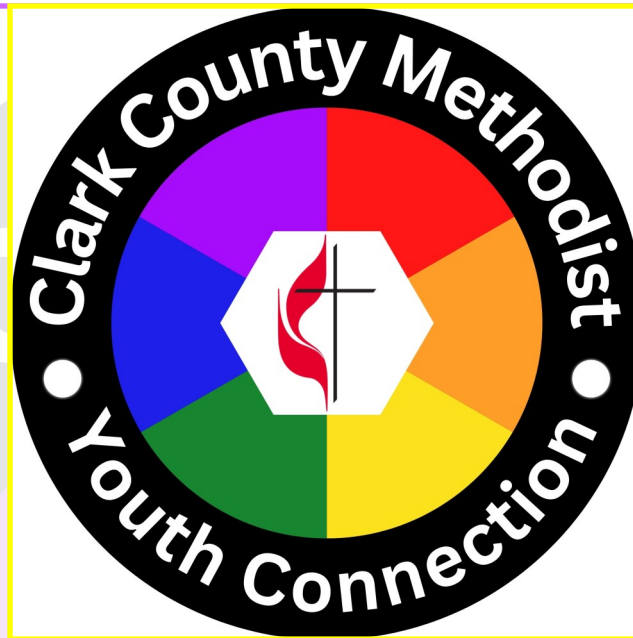
Help with meals, games, activities, and discussions. Build positive relationships with youth. Support special events, retreats, camps, or transportation as available.

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 you would like to be involved with CCMYC.

[CCMYC Volunteer Sign Up](#)

CREATION CARE

Creation Care Task Force:

Next meeting:

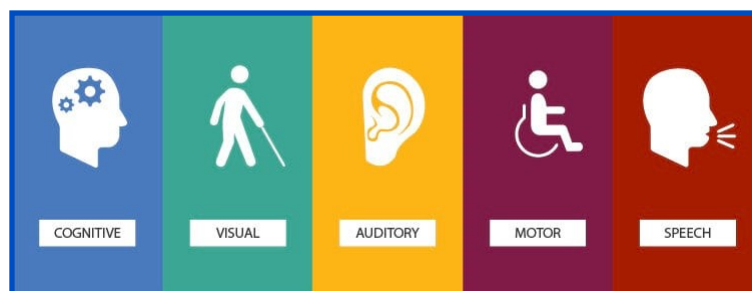
Friday, August 7th at 9 am
in the office workroom

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

Accessibility Task Force:

Next meeting:

Sunday, June 28th at 11:30 am
in the FMC Library





A Wheel Chair User's Perspective

When I could still drive, I had an accessible van with a magnetic sign on the passenger side sliding door that read "Please leave room for wheelchair ramp." One day, I went to Mayer's Meat Market, where their parking lot was gravel, with no marked parking spaces.

I went in, bought what I needed, and came out to find a man standing between my van and a big truck (parked way too close), looking quite puzzled. He was staring at the sign on my van. As I wheeled toward my van, he looked at me and said, "How much is enough room?"

What a great question!

8 feet is needed to allow accessible ramp vans to discharge the ramp and get the wheelchair user on/off the ramp to/from the ground at its end. A FULL 8 feet. So, if an adjacent vehicle is parked over the line and in the striped area—even by inches—there is no longer enough room for a wheelchair user to safely enter/exit.

I so appreciated that man's thoughtful desire to do the right thing! It turned out that we both learned something. He learned 8 feet is enough room. I learned that I needed a more definitive sign.

Lilly Longshore
Accessibility Taskforce



God's Garden



The new God's Gardens are totally full with quite a variety of plants being grown by eight gardeners in the seventeen two-foot high beds. The new garden boxes are much more comfortable than the eight inch high gardens we had before. Zander Earl, the Scout who planned and coordinated building the gardens for his Eagle Scout project, also procured twenty large bags of topsoil to add to the gardens as the new dirt settles. The hot weather may have fried a few tomato blossoms, but all of the plants look great. With the dry weather, we have had to water longer cycles and increase the waterings to four times per week. Stop by the disabled parking area sometime to have a look!

Jim Selby

CREATION CARE CORNER

Summer Produce Recipes



The Creation Care Task Force has come up with a great idea: making available to all of us recipes that use many of the produce vegetables that will be harvested from God's Garden during the summer. Each month, we will feature several and if I'm able to figure out how to create some sort of link on our website, they will also at some point be featured there for you.

These recipes will feature the following garden crops: acorn squash, basil, cabbage, carrots, celery, corn, onions, parsley, red peppers, spinach, cherry tomatoes, Roma tomatoes, zucchini. Get your free compost pail located on the bookcase in the foyer. Then recycle any food waste in the SCUMC We Compost carts in the parking lot. Contact Aileen Maddox if you have questions.



CRISPY PAN-FRIED GNOCCHI WITH CHICKEN, ZUCCHINI, TOMATOES, AND FETA

Yield: 2 servings

- 1/2 lb. shelf stable DeLallo Gnocchi (in pasta aisle)
- 1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)
- 1/8 c. onion, chopped
- 1 zucchini (8 oz.), quartered lengthwise and sliced 1/2" thick
- salt to taste
- 1 garlic clove, minced*
- 1/8 c. roasted tomatoes, chopped**
- 1/8 c. roasted red pepper, chopped***
- 3/4 c. cooked chicken or rotisserie chicken, chopped
- black pepper to taste
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
- dry sherry or broth
- 1/8 c. feta cheese, crumbled



Separate gnocchi and arrange in single layer in a large 12" nonstick skillet. Drizzle EVOO evenly over gnocchi. Place skillet over medium heat and cook, without moving gnocchi, until well browned on 1 side, 5 to 8 minutes. Turn over gnocchi and continue to cook until second side of pieces is lightly crisp, 1 to 2 minutes longer. Using slotted spoon, transfer gnocchi to a plate covered with a paper towel, leaving EVOO in skillet.

Add onion to skillet and sauté until just starting to brown. Add zucchini to skillet and stir occasionally. When zucchini is almost tender crisp, lightly salt. Stir in garlic and continue sautéing for about 30 seconds. Stir in roasted tomatoes, roasted red pepper, chicken, black pepper, and oregano. Add a few tablespoons of dry sherry to boost flavor and keep mixture moist.

Stir in reserved gnocchi and heat through all ingredients. Stir in additional oregano if desired. Sprinkle feta cheese over top.

Substitutions/Notes:

* Granulated garlic—add with broth or dry sherry because liquid reactivates the enzymes responsible for its signature flavor.

** 1/2 lb. cherry tomatoes—add after zucchini sautéed.

*** 1/4 red pepper, stemmed, seeded, and cut into 1/2" pieces—add with zucchini.

Yield: 2-3 servings

2 medium zucchini (7"–8"), sliced in half lengthwise, reserving scooped centers*

extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)

salt to taste

black pepper to taste

1/8 lb. ground turkey**

2 Tblsp. onion, diced

1/2 stalk celery, diced

2 large cremini mushrooms, diced

salt to taste

roasted red pepper to taste

roasted tomatoes to taste

black pepper to taste

pinch of dried basil

pinch of dried marjoram

pinch of dried rosemary

pinch of dried thyme

pinch of rubbed sage

1 Tblsp. fresh parsley

1/2 c. sharp cheddar cheese, grated, divided in half



1. Adjust oven rack to bottom position. Place rimmed baking sheet with a silicon baking sheet or parchment paper on rack in *COLD* oven. Heat oven to 400°. Halve each zucchini lengthwise. Use a scoop or rounded measuring spoon to remove most of the flesh so the walls of each half are 1/4 inch thick. Chop scooped centers of the zucchini and set aside. Brush cut sides of zucchini halves with EVOO and season *lightly* with salt and black pepper. When oven is hot, set zucchini halves cut side *DOWN* on hot baking sheet on lowest rack. Roast zucchini until *slightly* softened and skins are wrinkled, about 10 minutes. Do not overcook! Now set oven to 350°.
2. Meanwhile, cook ground turkey in a skillet. Transfer turkey to a plate. Heat same skillet to medium temperature. Add a little oil and sauté onion until it starts to brown. Add celery and mushrooms and stir occasionally. Sauté until golden, for about 8 minutes. Add reserved centers of chopped zucchini to the mixture. *Lightly* salt. Add roasted red pepper, roasted tomatoes, black pepper, and dry herbs. Return turkey to skillet. Cook until chopped zucchini softens, for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in parsley and *half* of the cheese. Taste mixture in case additional salt, black pepper, or herbs are desired.
3. Position zucchini halves cut side up and mound the mixture in the zucchini halves. Bake at 350° until heated through. Top with remaining cheese and bake until it has melted.

Substitutions/Notes:

* Easier to use zucchini that are straight rather than curved.

** Cooked sausage, or cooked hamburger. If using ham, add to skillet with the chopped zucchini.

TORTELLINI WITH MUSHROOMS, ZUCCHINI, & SPINACH

Yield: 2 servings

1 medium zucchini (7"–8"), quartered and sliced into 1/2" chunks

extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)

salt to taste

4.5 oz. cheese tortellini

4–5 large cremini mushrooms, sliced

extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)

onion, chopped

salt to taste

1/2 tsp. dried thyme

2/3 c. dry sherry or broth

granulated garlic, to taste

4 oz. fresh baby spinach, torn

black pepper to taste

2 Tblsp. Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, grated*

1. Slice zucchini lengthwise into quarters and then chunks. Heat a large 12" nonstick skillet to medium temperature. When hot, add a little EVOO and sauté zucchini in a single layer so chunks can caramelize instead of steam. Sauté until browned on both sides and tender crisp. *Lightly* salt zucchini. Remove to plate and set aside.
2. Cook cheese tortellini per package instructions until al dente. Set aside.
3. Meanwhile, slice mushrooms. Heat same skillet to medium temperature. Add a little EVOO and sauté onion until it starts to brown. Add mushrooms and occasionally toss mushrooms around with a wooden spoon. Sauté until golden, for about 8 minutes. *Lightly* salt. Add thyme. Then add dry sherry and granulated garlic. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes.
4. Add reserved cooked tortellini to mushroom mixture and stir. Add spinach and turn ingredients occasionally until spinach begins to wilt. If getting too dry, add a splash more of dry sherry.
5. Season with black pepper and gently stir in reserved sautéed zucchini. Heat through. Sprinkle a thin layer of cheese over top. Add lid over skillet and turn off heat. Let sit for about 5 minutes to melt the cheese before serving.

Substitutions/Notes:

* 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.





WE COMPOST REMINDERS

FOOD WASTE: YES	NOT ALLOWED
Meat, Bones, Fish, Shellfish	Plastic Bags
Fruits, Vegetables	PLU Stickers
Tea Bags (paper) Coffee Grounds & Filters (paper)	Tea Bags (plastic) Coffee Filters (plastic)
Egg Shells, Cheese, Bread	Yard Waste



VBS

JULY 7 to JULY 10

Take kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As they trek the tundra, they'll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Kids will foster a deeper connection with our faithful friend, Jesus, while discovering the great Alaskan frontier. As kids trek through the tundra of Alaska and experience what it means to trust in Jesus, prepare for amazing faith connections to unfold!

[VBS True North Registration Form.pdf](#)

Video on True North VBS program

[true-north-vbs-2025-teaser.mp4](#) | Powered by Box



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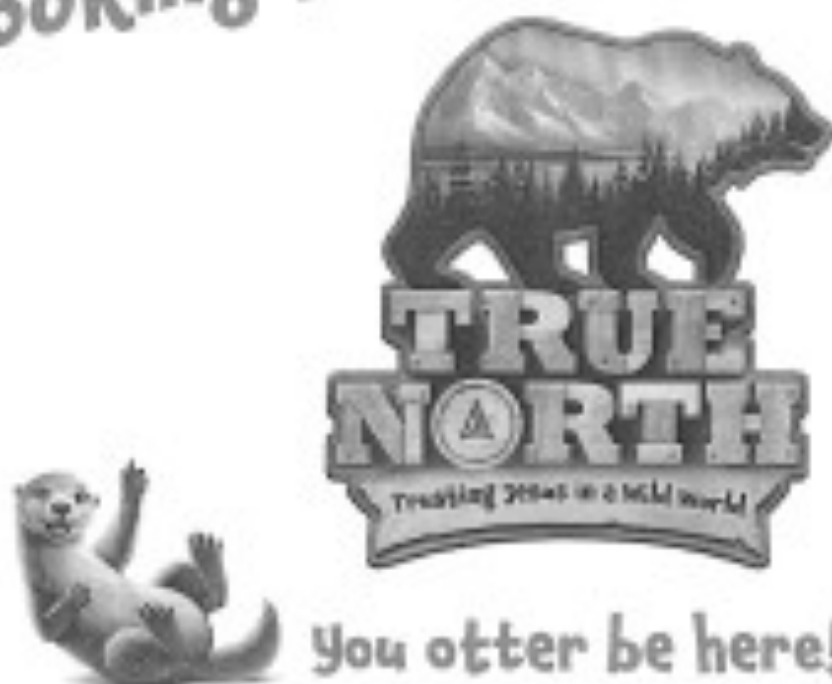
JULY 7 to JULY 10

VOLUNTEERS:

VBS SET UP:

**Sunday, July 5th
after worship**

Looking for mountains of fun?



You otter be here!

New friends > Amazing experiments > Creative games
 Super-fun snacks > Surprising adventures > Incredible music

Location: Salmon Creek United Methodist
(church name)

Save these dates: 7/7-7/10 & Sunday 7/12
(YES dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 9:00 am -12:00 noon
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: 360-573-3111
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: Salmoncreek.church
(registration web address)

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

Register for Mission u!

Experiencing Emmanuel

**Friday, July 10, and ends Sunday, July 12
at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center**



**More
information
& Forms**



**Online
Registration
Form**

**Cost includes 2 nights' lodging
and 5 meals. Adults—\$150;
Children (6-12) &
Youth (13-17)—\$50**

Find out how to register at [pnwumc.org/
uwfaith/2026/01/11/mission-u-2/](https://pnwumc.org/uwfaith/2026/01/11/mission-u-2/)

Church Without Walls



FLOOD BUCKET ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, July 19th, we will have “*Church Without Walls*”. This is a mission in which churches go out and serve the community in a number of ways. Two projects have been planned so far. For anyone who does not wish to go to another site, we will assemble UMCOR Flood buckets here at Salmon creek UMC. For those who wish to go out into the community, we will be going to Gaiser Middle School to clean up grounds.



SCHOOL GROUNDS CLEAN UP!



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 199th 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 Orchard's 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 riversa.slc@comcast.net or call at 801-557-4319



Choosing Joy Registration Form September 12, 2026

Battleground UMC
10300 NE 199th St. Battleground WA

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Church (optional) _____

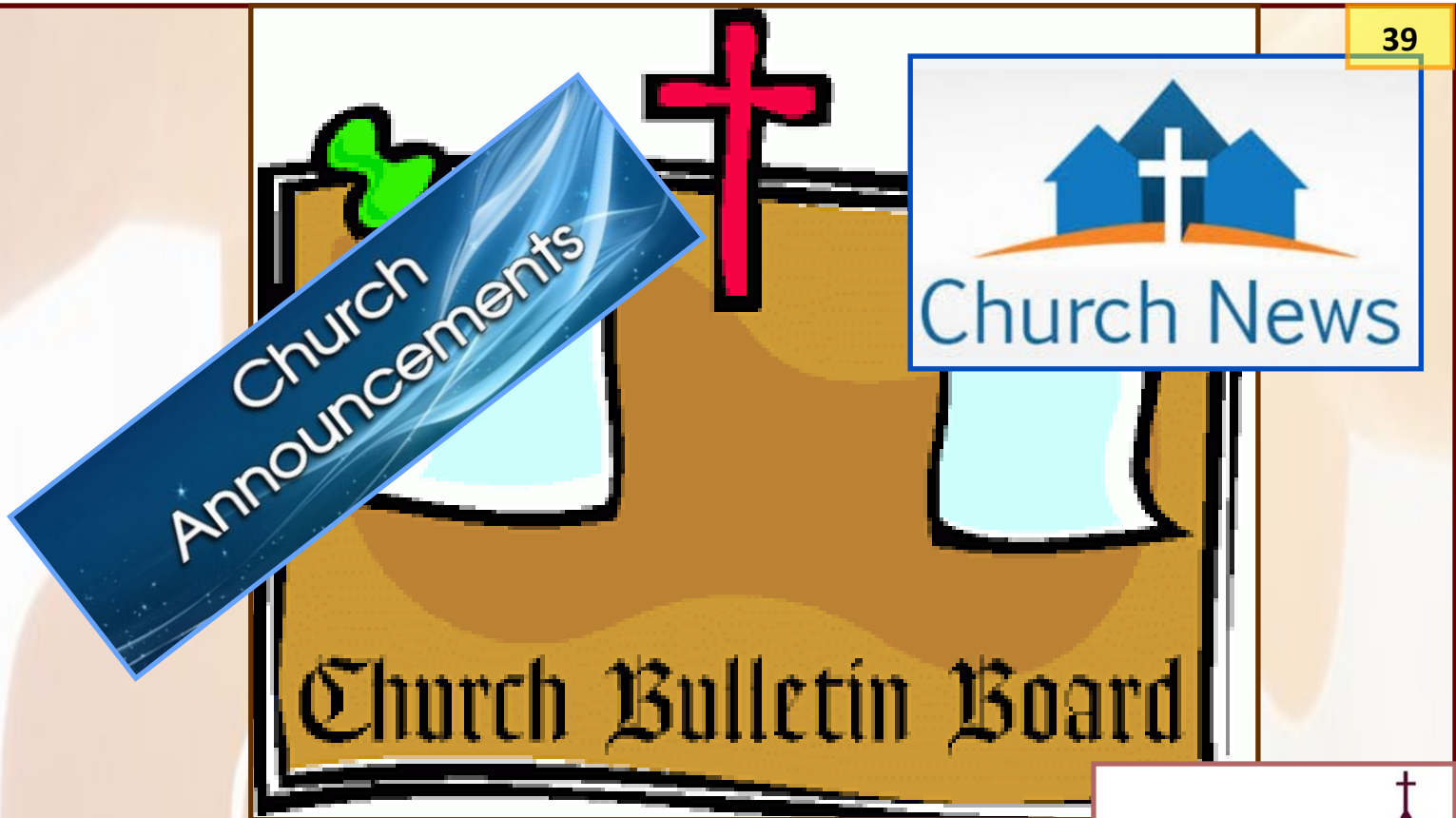
List all Food Allergies and Dietary Restrictions:

If Childcare needed, please list names and ages:

Please send registration and payment to:

**Teresa Rivera
5006 NW 137th Way
Vancouver, WA 98685**

Questions, email rivera.slc@comcast.net or call at 801-557-4319



Come see the church bulletin board!



Did you know we have two large bulletin boards? One is located in the hallway where the church office, the pastor's office and the restrooms are situated. The other is in the hallway in the Family Ministry center so that community people who use our facility might know about church activities. We try to post all the important events and announcements there, so if you missed the newsletter information, or the paper inserts in the Sunday bulletin, or the pre-service slide show, you can catch up by visiting the board. We want everyone to know about news and events.

Honoring our beloved Larry Siewert



Thank You

Heart of a Servant

Give me the heart of a servant,
Tender and faithful and true.
Fill me with love, then use me, O Lord,
So that the world can see You.



In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35



Thank you
for being such
a pillar to this family
we all love you so much!



On Sunday, June 21st, our beloved and faithful servant, Larry Siewert, was honored with special recognition for his amazing dedication and service to our church family for so many years. We are so deeply grateful to Larry for all that he does. A Pink Dogwood tree was planted on Earth Day, and a special plaque was created in Larry's honor. We gathered outside and Lila Debolt read a dedication and Pastor Kim blessed Larry. We thank Larry, Steve Enyeart and Richard Beilsmith, whom many of you don't know are here at the church nearly every day, making sure things run properly. Next time you see them, please thank them for all that they do "behind the scenes".

Annual CHURCH PICNIC



June 14, 2026



We had 45 people at the picnic; we braved the 90 degree weather! 68 hotdogs were consumed as well as numerous pasta salads and other yummy dishes. A great time was had by all as we shared laughter, stories and fellowship. Thank you to all who helped with set up and clean up.

Annual CHURCH PICNIC



June 14, 2026





Twenty six years ago, the church lost one of our children to a sneaker wave on the Oregon Coast. Ryan Davis was six years old. He and his mother Angela and two sisters Briana and Mariah had been attending Salmon Creek Church since visiting a VBS.

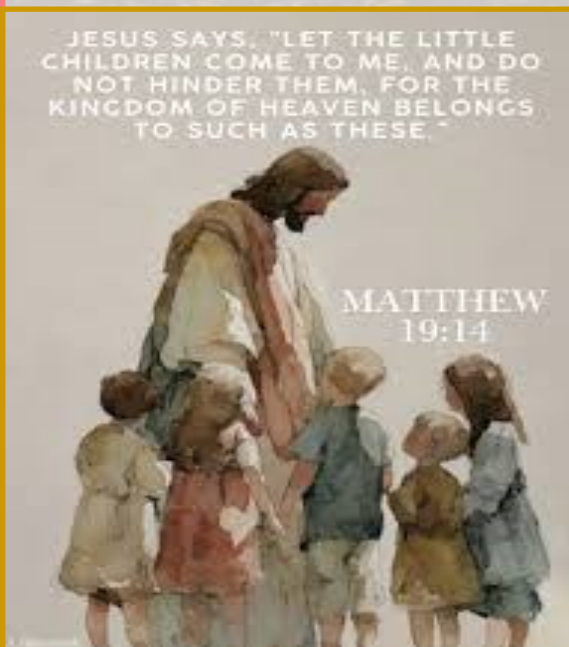
The loss of our sweet Ryan rocked the Sunday School program and prompted the children to dedicate a memorial on his behalf. A butterfly bush was planted in front of the church and a plaque remembering Ryan was placed with it.

Over the years, the butterfly bush had to be replaced by trees, which mysteriously didn't survive in the same spot, but the plaque remained. This year, in honor of Ryan's 32nd birthday on June 5th, a new tree is being planted in front of the church (away from the contamination that killed previous trees.)

The memorial is sponsored by the estate of Judy Kemp (Kathy Hardy's mom) who was a regular Sunday School volunteer and knew Ryan and the Davis family. Thanks to Larry Siewert and the trustees for putting this all in place.

Salmon Creek Church remained a support for the Davis family; Angela worked at our day-care. Eventually Angela remarried and the Beyers family now attends church closer to their home in Ridgefield. Please stop by the memorial and think of all the countless families that have been nurtured by Salmon Creek United Methodist Church over the years.

— *Kathy Hardy*



On Monday, June 1st, some of the ladies from the Monday JOY Quilters group had a tea party in honor of Sharleen Rainville's birthday, which was on May 30th. It was a lovely time! And thank you Sharleen, for your incredible generosity in encouraging us, teaching us and sharing so much with us.

Pictured from left to right:

Sandy Bippes, Phyllis Browning, Faye Wells, Teresa Rivera, E-Lois Gebhart, Sandie Hollister and Sharleen Rainville.





On This day we memorialize those brave men and women who donned the uniform, answered the call to serve, helped protect our country and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Veterans interred in our historic cemetery served in the American Civil War, The Spanish American War, WWI, WWII , The Korean War and the Vietnam War. We pledge to always remember their bravery, sacrifice and patriotism to this great country.

Honoring all veterans we've lost, the Cub Scouts from Pack 435 placed American Flags and White Crosses on each grave in both the SCMUC and St John's Lutheran cemeteries on Thursday May 21st and will remain there until removed by them the following Wednesday May 27th. Our thanks to Lee Phares, BSA Scout leader for his leadership role with these scouts, where they learn the importance of duty to country and of honoring the people who served it through the values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law.

Memorial Day
Thank you for your service!





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Military Veterans in Salmon Creek United Methodist Cemetery

Military Veterans in Salmon Creek United Methodist Cemetery		
Old Pioneer Section		
Ross M. McFadyen	Maj. US Army Korea, Vietnam	
Thomas Timm Goddard	MSGT US Air Force WW II, Korea	
Joseph E. Goddard	Spanish American War Veterana	
Berton C. Ogden	14 Inf. 10th Div WW I	
Pioneer Section		
James Walter Woolf	PVT CO. G. 1 Regt Wash Inf. Spanish American War	
John James Bartram	Oregon-Pvt Coast Artillery Corps	
Samuel H. Huckins	CO. G. 16 IA. Inf. (Civil War)	
Sam Nicterio Jr.	Specialist US Army WW II	
Morton J. Byham	WA Corp, 161 Inf. 41 Div.	
Frank H. Holsman	WW II US Army	
Grover Cleveland Everitt	Cuban War	No Military Designation on Headstone
New Active Section		
Charles Scherer	US Navy Veteran	No Military Designation on Headstone
Lindy Albrici	US Air Force Veteran	No Military Designation on Headstone
Merlyn Robert Gilbert	US Army Veteran	No Military Designation on Headstone
Gordon T. Wells	US Army Veteran	No Military Designation on Headstone
Robert Leroy Colgrove	US Air Force Veteran - Korea	
Richard W. Sielaff	US Army Veteran	No Military Designation on Headstone
Robert Hughes	US Navy Veteran	No Military Designation on Headstone

Thank You for Being a Part of Our Family Promise Story

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."

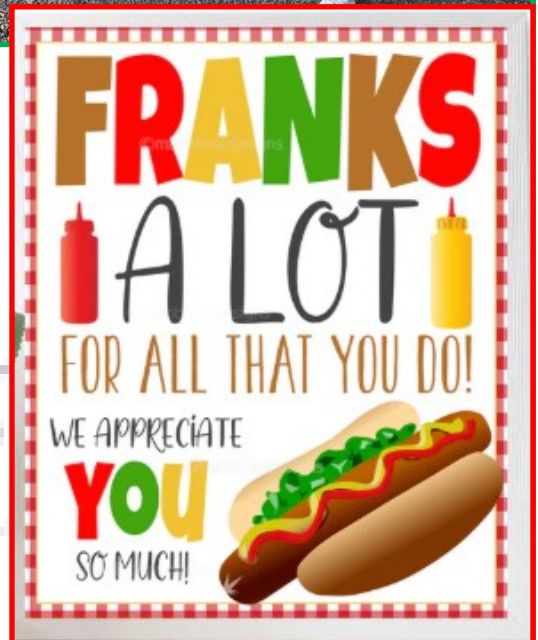
John F. Kennedy



On Friday evening, May 22nd, we had a "Family Promise Volunteer Appreciation Hot Dog roast" to

celebrate our many years of service and show how much we appreciate the support and help.

Our sincere gratitude to everyone who volunteered, prayed or provided food over our years with Family Promise of Clark County. It took a village to help the families.



I SPY CHALLENGE

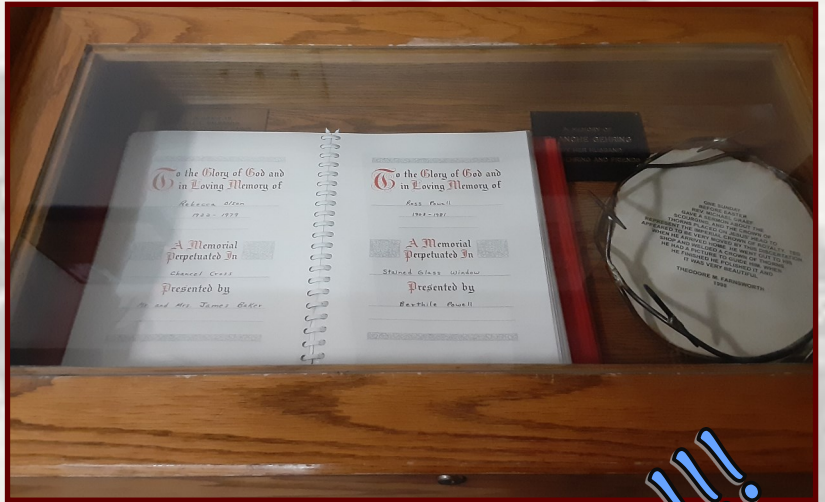
A FUN AWARENESS & OBSERVATION GAME



I Spy!!!

Do you know where this case and book are in our church? Look around you while you worship. We have so many items of historical interest and meaning!

I Spy!!!



I Spy!!!

I Spy!!!

Do you know where this lamp is in our church? Look around you while you worship.

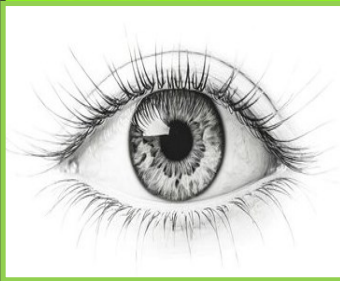


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I Spy!!!

Do you know where this beautiful lighthouse is in our church?

I Spy!!!



I Spy!!!

Do you know where this periodicals shelf is in our church?



I Spy!!!



Angela Williams—July 9

Ed Grubel—July 10

Bonnie Jacquemin—July 20

Sandie Hollister - July 23

Samantha Nieda—July 23

Craig Johnson—July 26

Joan Stuart—July 28

Darcy Davis - July 30

Aileen Maddox—July 30

Monica Tanner—July 31

Don't see your birthday?

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



*It will be a shelter
and shade from*

from the heat of the day ...

Isaiah 4:6

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10

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