



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek
United Methodist Church

October
2024



October
Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect joy. Be positive.
Serve with compassion.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give thanks for everything.
See goodness in others. mary davis

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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 enjoying the beautiful sunshine and almost 60-degree breeze through my porch screen door. While I appreciate each season of the year, there is something special about that window of time when the seasons are changing. We can all feel the anticipation of change that is sure to come as hot summer days begin to be replaced by cooler temperatures and days of refreshing rain.

There is another season in the midst of which we are in that will soon be drawing to a close, election season. Most people with whom I talk are ready for an end to the constant political ads and appeals for campaign donations. Yet, at the same time they express concern over navigating conversations with family and friends who have different political convictions, and they worry what the season that follows election season will look like.

Many churches and annual conferences across our country are being intentional to address these tensions and offer a grace-filled way to navigate this season. The Western North Carolina UMC Conference has developed a program called the 'Purple Church Initiative' designed to *"foster unity in our diversity, to bridge the political and theological divides in our churches and communities."*

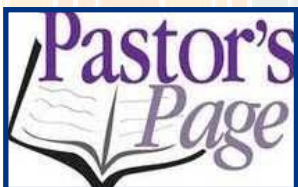
<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/fostering-unity-in-the-purple-church>

The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, led by Adam Hamilton, has collaborated with Marcia McFee and her creative team at Worship Design Studio to offer a series called 'Do Unto Others' as part of a larger Kindness Campaign effort begun by Church of the Resurrection. Beginning the last Sunday of September and through all of October, we will be joining their efforts in this #kindnesscampaign.

<https://resurrection.church/kindness/>

As United Methodists, we can also look to the teachings of John Wesley for guidance in this season.

Continued





“October 6, 1774. I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them (1) to vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy; (2) to speak no evil of the person they voted against; and (3) to take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.”

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I hope you will plan to join us over the next 5 weeks for our series ‘*Do Unto Others*’. Together, we will be reminded how we, as humans, are more alike than we are different, and learn how, with Christ as our center, we can navigate the remainder of this campaign season with kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love.

Salmon Creek UMC also has many great opportunities this month for fellowship, fun, spiritual growth and service. Save these dates and plan now to join us!

October 6: Missions Breakfast Supporting Habitat 9 – 11:30 am

October 13: Blessing of the Pets at 3:00 pm

October 19: Women’s Retreat Day from 9 am – 4 pm

October 26: Eek at the Creek 4-6 pm

October 27 – November 3: Family Promise Week

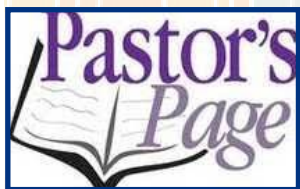
Register before the end of September for our Women’s Retreat! This ‘day away’ retreat will be held on Saturday, October 19th at Ridgefield UMC. Registration in September is needed for our team to order lunches and adequately prepare materials for all who will attend!

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, please 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



October is Pastor Appreciation Month



**THANKS
FOR ALL THE WAYS
YOU LEAD
& GUIDE
THE CHURCH.**

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Thank you, Pastor Kim!

August, 2024 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church as of August 31, 2024.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	21,515	28,792	(7,277)	354,369	230,336	124,033
Expenses	60,541	38,624	(21,917)	275,858	266,548	(9,310)
Operating Income / (Loss)	(39,026)	(9,832)	(29,194)	78,511	(36,212)	114,723

While the overall results YTD are still strong, the “dog days of summer” definitely took a “bite” out of our favorable results. In addition to pledges being only 49 % of Plan in August, the operating results were impacted by an Administrative Board decision to utilize Church funds (24,000) to assist our Paying It Forward monies to fund the replacement of our failing furnaces in the Family Ministry Center. This was a down payment of approximately 50 % so there will be another significant expenditure later this year.

A summary of some of the significant Favorable / (Unfavorable) variances from Budget for the month were as follows:

Pledge Income Shortfall	(14,000)	
50 % Down Payment	(24,000)	Furnace Replacement Project
Investment Income	5,000	
Expenses / Other	<u>4,000</u>	
Total Variance	(29,000)	

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

Little Fish Christian Preschool

Enroll Now for Fall

Little Fish Christian Preschool

A ministry of Salmon Creek UMC



Half-day Program for 3 – 5 yearolds

Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 12:30

salmoncreek.church

360-573-3111

Our new Preschool opened its doors on Monday, September 9th, after much hard work by our teachers, Ashley Skelton and Angela Parrish. We began with one child and now are up to 3, possibly 4, and we are confident that it will continue to grow. We are still accepting enrollment, so please tell your friends and neighbors!

Missions Breakfast

Please plan to join us!

Next Missions Benefit Breakfast

Sunday, October 6th

from 9am to 11:30am

Benefitting Habitat for Humanity



Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 13th at 3:00 pm

On Salmon Creek UMC

Back Patio



Offerings collected will be donated to
Furry Friends Cat Rescue!

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 13th, 2024

3:00 pm

**Bring your beloved family member to be blessed
by Pastor Kim!**

We will be collecting donations for Furry Friends. They will be joining us for the event. They can also use non-monetary donations such as cat food (both wet and dry), cat litter, all sorts of kitty supplies.

Women's Ministry Wants YOU

At the 2024 Annual Women's Retreat

TURN — TURN — TURN

October 19, 2024

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Ridgefield United Methodist Church

1410 Hillhurst Road, Ridgefield, WA 98642

Get in your car, a bus, your bike, on a horse
But get to Ridgefield United Methodist Church
any way you can !!! (car pool from SCUMC)



TURN—TURN—TURN

Speaker: Chaplain Mary T. Mahoney

A day of love, fun music, thought and prayer.

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Register in the Narthex or with Nancy

Join us for this special event.!!!

EEK at the Creek!



Salmon Creek Church annual Trunk or Treat
“EEK at the Creek” is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th from 4—6pm. There will be games, prizes, a raffle for a Family Fun pack, and trophy and prize for the best decorated trunk! Plan to join us, invite your friends! Candy donations will begin soon.



Next Hosting:

Sunday, October 27th to Sunday, November 3rd

Interested in Volunteering?

Talk with Karen Beilsmith!

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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





Monday, November 25th

6:00 pm

In the sanctuary, or virtually

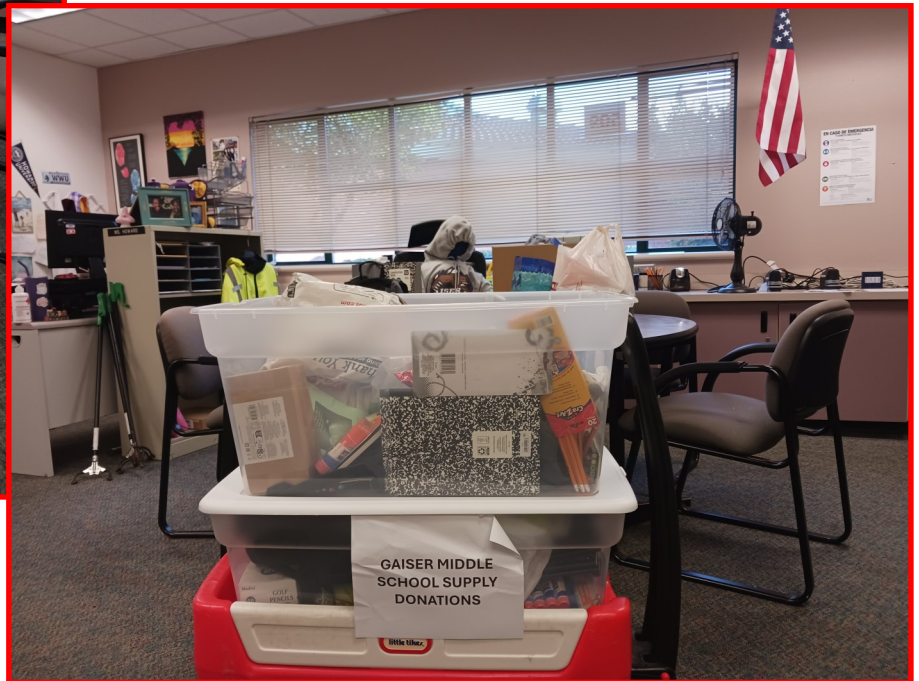
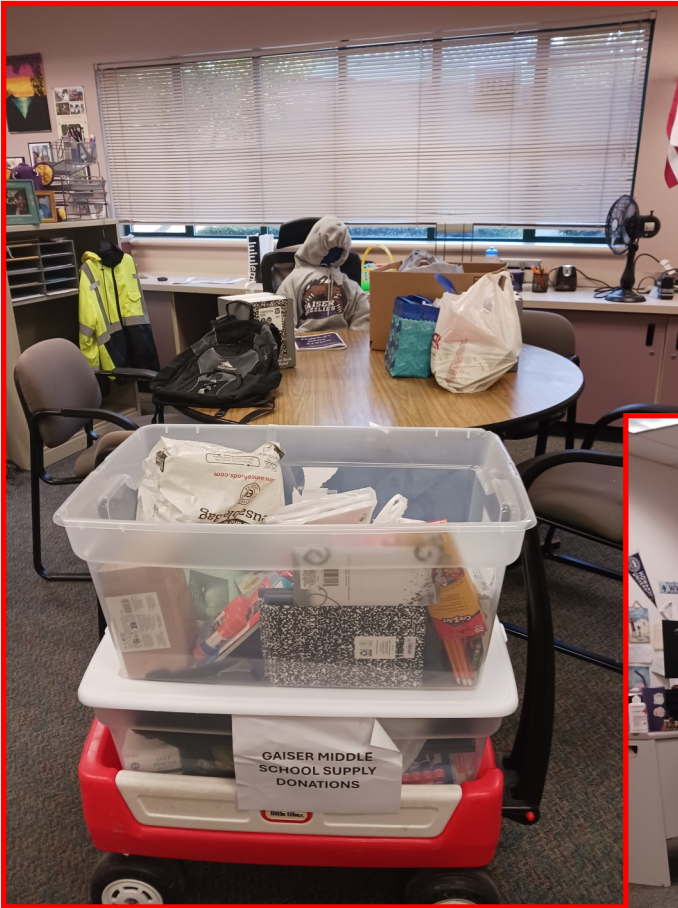
JOY BIBLE

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JOY Bible resumed their weekly meetings on Thursday, September 19th. We always welcome anyone who is interested in joining us! We do Bible studies, we sing, we sometimes watch shows such as "The Chosen". We always have a wonderful time!

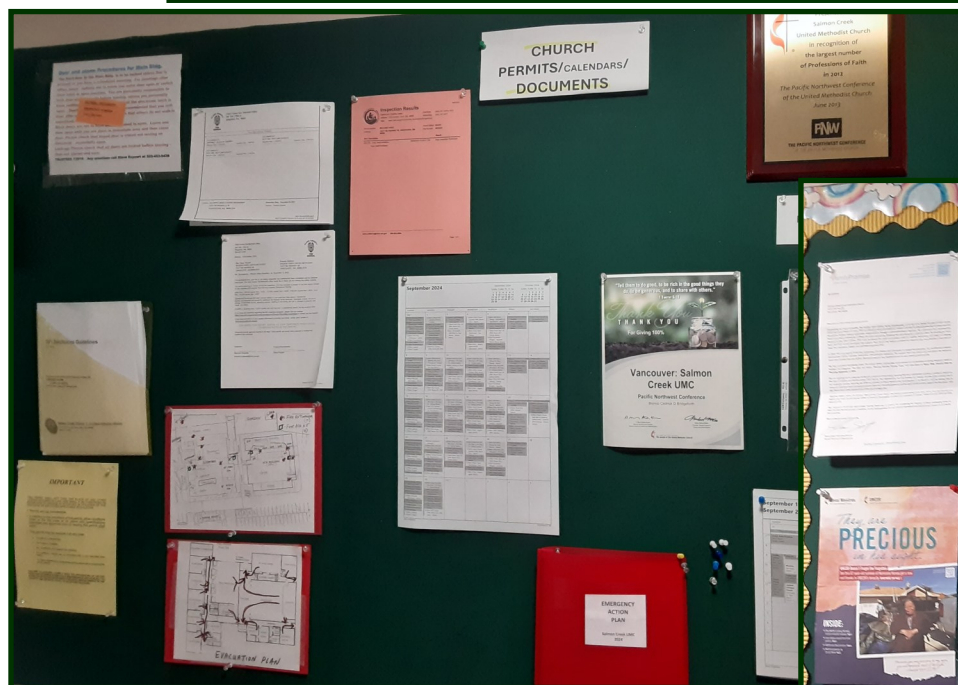


Gaiser Middle School thanks us for all the school supply donations! Your generosity is deeply appreciated!



Church Bulletin Board

Did you know that we have a large bulletin board in the church? It is south of the front entrance, in the front hallway. We post upcoming events, missions news, leadership information and there is also a section for church permits, building information, etc. Take a look when you have a moment!

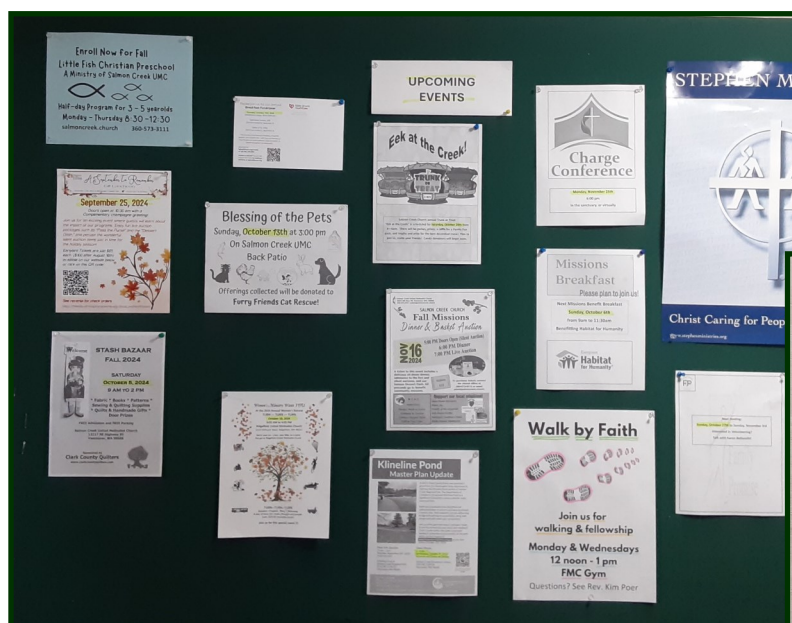


**CHURCH PERMITS AND
BUILDING INFORMATION**

MISSIONS INFORMATION



LEADERSHIP INFORMATION



UPCOMING EVENTS



Rally Day



Faye Wells and Jayne McCarley in front of the table for JOY Bible.

We had a great time on Rally Day, September 8th. All of our committees, groups and missions had tables set up with information about what they do. If you didn't get a chance to sign up to join one of our many committees and missions, you can sign up any time!

Servants of the church

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

Matthew 25:23



Above left, Kristy Huckins and Karen Beilsmith tend the Iris garden, U/R Larry Siewert trims and weeds the grounds, L/L Sally DuPree works on our membership records, L/R Pastor Kim and Larry Siewert hang up a sign for our Preschool.





Many of you will remember John Harrell, who was formerly part of our staff here at Salmon Creek. I thought I'd share this update of John and his family. Ana just finished 3 years as senior pastor of a church in Vandalia, Illinois. John has been working for several years for Ministry Incubators (ministryincubators.com) which helps early-stage Christian social entrepreneurs get new ministries clarified, launched, and sustainable for community impact; he also was assistant pastor on the side at the church that Ana served. They were ordained in the Free Methodist Church a couple of years ago. Now they're living in Wilmore, Kentucky, where Ana is a full-time divinity student at Asbury Theological Seminary for a season while also teaching kindergarten. Their boys are Josiah (4) and Jeremiah (2) and they all love to take adventures together.



October

- 10/6 Mission Breakfast – Habitat for Humanity
- 10/13 Blessing of the Pets—3:00 pm
- 10/19 Women’s Ministry Retreat Day
- 10/26 Eek@the Creek—4-6 pm (Saturday)
- 10/27 – 11/3 Family Promise Week

November

- 11/15 Set up for basket auction
- 11/16 (Saturday) Basket Auction & Dinner
- 11/25 Charge Conference
- 11/27-28 Church Office closed
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/30 Hanging of the Greens – 3:00 pm

December

- 12/1 1st Sunday of Advent
- 12/6 Happy Birthday, Jesus – 6:15 pm
- 12/8 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 12/15 3rd 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 4th Sunday of Advent
- 12/24 (Tuesday) Christmas Eve Services: 5pm, 8pm, 11pm
- 12/29 Hymn Sing
- 12/23 – 1/2/25 – Church office closed**



Kathy Hardy—October 2

Roger Horner—October 3

Joanne Horner—October 7

Faye Wells—October 7

Sandy Bippes—October 9

Barbara Graham—October 11

Jan Asai—October 16

Elaine Gilbert—October 25

Dan Kingsley - October 26

Bob Gordon—October 30

Don't see your birthday?

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

Klineline Pond Master Plan Update



In 2023, Clark County Parks was awarded a grant from the Washington State legislature to improve the Klineline Pond section of Salmon Creek Regional Park. The Department of Commerce recognized Klineline Pond as a significant community resource due for major improvements.

Staff and consultants have identified and addressed areas of concern and have developed a master plan. Improvements include addressing bridge and parking lot accessibility, along with playground and splash pad replacement.



Join us at the park info session and open house to see the revised plan and share your feedback. Clark County invites the public to provide feedback on barriers of accessibility at the park, which can be e-mailed to pwprojects@clark.wa.gov at any time before October 23rd, 2024.

Park Info Session

11 am - 1 pm
Saturday, September 28th, 2024
In person only

Klineline Pond at
Salmon Creek Regional Park
1112 NE 117th St
Vancouver, WA 98685

Open House

6 - 8 pm
Wednesday, October 9th, 2024
In person and Online via Webex

Salmon Creek Elementary School
1601 NE 129th St
Vancouver, WA 98685



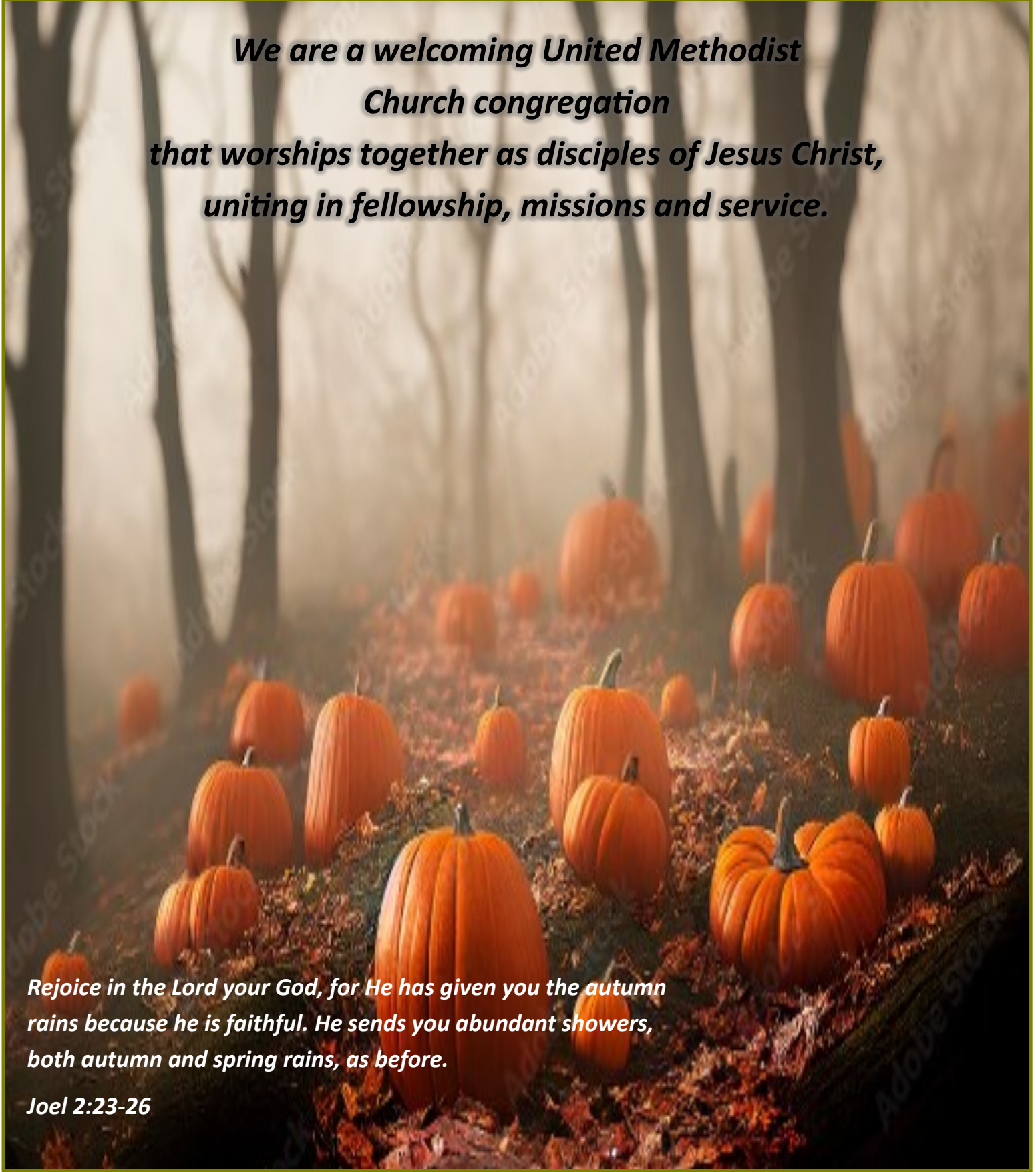
Scan with your camera
phone to go to the park
webpage

For more information
Michael Chau, Park and Trails Planner
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Translations and other accommodations can be requested by contacting Michael Chau, project manager.

A photograph of a field of pumpkins in a misty forest. The pumpkins are orange and scattered across a ground covered in fallen autumn leaves. In the background, there are tall, thin, bare trees. The overall atmosphere is soft and ethereal due to the mist.

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

Rejoice in the Lord your God, for He has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

Joel 2:23-26

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

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