July 2025 Volume 24, Issue 7

Evergreen Notes

What Is Required?

By Rev. Doug Avilesbernal



He has showed you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of

you?

To act justly and to love mercy

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

It seems to me that too many of us have lost a sense of what it means to love in a

Christian way. The problem might begin in that it is a love that goes far beyond our culture's definition of love. The love Christ asks from us is one which seems to be too much work or too unfair in our current world. One example is how our society prices tolerance and space as two of the best things we can do for our "neighbor." While Christ calls us to do that and more because each of them is a child of God.

But what does it mean to love others as children of God? The Gospels do offer us many illustrations of that love. Yet for me, few verses summarize that message better than Micah 6:8. Still, one might say, yeah that's great but how does that happen in real life? Where are the details?

The verse is clear "and what does the Lord require of you?" What follows is a reliable source on which to ground our faith as we move on to loving beyond our friends and family. The instructions are short, just three things, Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly.

Each of these words, justly, mercy, humbly, would require more space than this brief message can provide. However, I can venture to

Continued on page 8...



ı	r	ıs	id	le	t	hi	is	Iss	ŭ	e
		J	ı	\sim				100	ч	•

what is Required?1
Growing in Community2
Urban Impact's Thriving Congre-
gations Cohort2
The Digital Volunteer3
A Correction!3
Introducing New Pastors4
Help the People of Burma5
Taste of Evergreen5
ABC-USA Biennial Invitation 6
Biennial Booth Volunteers6
Evergreen Preaching Cohort
Full—Sign up for Waitlist7
Faith and Family Day with the
Seattle Mariners7
Camp Burton's Mythical Summer
7
Reflections from the Wild8
Evergreen Annual Meeting Flyer
9
Evergreen Clergy Backpacking
Trip 202510
Save The Date: Celebrating Rev.
Jim Hopkins' Ministry11
Save These Dates12
June Calendar 12

Pray for Churches seeking Pastoral Leadership

Filipino-American Christian Fellowship, Lynnwood, WA

The United Church of Moscow, Moscow, ID

Grace Baptist Church, San Jose, CA

First Baptist Church of Denver, Denver, CO

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Seattle, WA

Shell Ridge Community Church, Walnut Creek, WA

Growing in Community



By Rev. Sam Kim

As some of you may recall, our 2024 Leadership Retreat was committed to listening well to our fellowship of Evergreen Churches. From that time of listening, we identified the most important themes

from our conversation and formed cohorts of learning, growing, and changing. Some of them gained momentum, and some of them didn't. However, we found that our cohort of Community Engagement, in particular, had a lot of productive and empowering participation. It is from this model of Cohort Engagement that we hope to move forward as a region. We are clearly very gifted with many wonderful pastors and lay leaders with a diverse range of gifts and perspectives. More than seeking outside experts, we need to interact with the manifold wisdom of our Evergreen members and their rich experiences. Many of our most transformative times within Evergreen have happened in intentional spaces where we could share as peers and offer insight and encouragement to each other in common challenges. We are excited about what we will hear at our 2026 Leadership Retreat as we listen again and pivot accordingly with the needs of our family of churches. We do our best growing when we listen, learn, and respond in community. It is in community where the Spirit is alive and moving us in accordance with what God is calling us to today.

For those churches that are in Greater Seattle, I would like to draw particular attention to an upcoming cohort that is open to all churches serving in this area. This "Thriving Congregations" program is a collaboration with Urban Impact and Evergreen to help empower churches in effective Community Engagement. We just finished our first cycle of churches this past year and have been so blessed by the fruits of our time together. The program is now taking applications for the next cycle, which begins in the fall. This is a great in-person opportunity for a ministry team to find a great framework to learn and implement a way to help their mission thrive. More information is below in this month's edition of Evergreen Notes. If any of you are struggling in your churches to thrive in your mission, consider that growing is always better in a community of friends!

Blessings,

Sam.

Urban Impact's Thriving Congregations & Communities Cohort

Urban Impact envisions communities where all people are reconciled to God and thriving together. We believe the Church plays a key role in this, so we invest in connecting and equipping people to be the Church in their neighborhoods.

Working with 4-5 churches in the Seattle area at a time, the Thriving Congregations and Communities Cohort trains participants to become adaptive and responsive to the changing contexts of their neighborhoods and congregational makeup. We believe in learning with and from each other and are intentional about building a safe and supportive environment.

From September 2025 to June 2026, we meet twice a month, for half a day.

Our goal is to grow in: loving God and our neighbors, listening to the Holy Spirit's leading, and co-creating pathways to thriving with those we love and serve.

Participants will learn a number of skills in this process. Urban Impact will award \$6,000 to participating congregations upon completion of the cohort to implement

what they have learned.

To apply, please scan or click this QR Code and fill out the application. If you have any questions, please contact Eunice Lin-Sawyer, elinsawyer@urbanimpactseattle.org or Lynne Blessing, Iblessing@urbanimpactseattle.org.



The Digital Volunteer: Using Technology to Find Meaningful Community Service



By Rev. Shavon Walker

Ah, the joys of retirement. No more reporting to work, no more changing diapers, no more after school activities, no more...labor. You've finally earned the right to

rest. But for some folks, resting on their laurels is just plain boring. So they look for volunteer opportunities. The process is a little different than it used to be—no more going to the community center and perusing through flyers—but here are ten organizations that could use some help, some without leaving the comfort of your home.

AARP's volunteer portal (https://volunteers.aarp.org) matches retirees with local schools needing reading tutors, sending automated email alerts when positions open in your zip code.

Meals on Wheels America's website (https://www.sosmow.org/volunteer-opportunities) lets you search by location and sign up for delivery routes, with GPS apps guiding you to recipients' homes efficiently.

VolunteerHub mobile app sends push notifications when your local food bank needs extra hands for weekend distributions or holiday meal prep. Go to Google Play or the Apple App Store and look for "VolunteerHub mobile app".

United Way encourages people to sign up for their newsletter to stay informed of volunteer opportunities.

The Red Cross needs more than just blood donors. Their volunteer page (https://shorturl.at/RAQJ9) lists all of their volunteer options. They have virtual information sessions, so find one local to you.

Habitat for Humanity (https://www.habitat.org/volunteer) has a search function that matches local-volunteers with construction projects based on skill level, from light administrative work to hands-on building.

Crisis Text Line's training portal (https://www.crisistextline.org/volunteer/) teaches retirees to provide mental health support via text messaging and volunteering from home during flexible hours.

Smithsonian's transcription project (https://transcription.si.edu/) lets history enthusiasts digitize historical documents online, contributing to museum archives from their home computer. (Full disclosure: this is a personal favorite.)

JustServe.org (https://www.justserve.org/) gives the option for remote and in person volunteer opportunities based on your location.

SCORE's online mentoring platform (https://www.score.org/page/volunteer-score) connects retired business professionals with new entrepreneurs through video calls and email, providing guidance on business plans, marketing strategies, and financial management from the comfort of home.

That's it for this month. Next month, we'll talk about another topic. If you have any questions or would like me to tackle a certain topic, please email me at Shavon@ea-abc.org.

A Correction!

In last month's issue of the Evergreen Notes, Rev. Dr. Lauren Lisa Ng, whose book *The Way We Tell It* was featured in the lead article, was incorrectly listed as a member of **CrossWalk Community Church**, in Napa, CA. She is in fact a member of another great Evergreen Church, **The Quest** in Novato, CA.

Please forgive the error!

Introducing New Pastors to Evergreen

We've had some new Pastors, and new Churches joining Evergreen. We're a bit behind on some of these, so this month we're introducing three of these Pastors, Rev. Jonathan Pierre-Puckett of Pastor of **Urban Grace** in Tacoma, WA, Rev. Erick Lopez, Pastor of **Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza** in Bremerton, WA (now in the US since last June, and Nueva Esperaza is meeting in person), and Rev. Dave Peterson, Interim Lead Pastor of **New Community Church** in Menlo Park, CA.



I'm Jonathan, originally from Southern California, I moved to the Pacific Northwest a few years ago with my partner, Rhianna. We recently welcomed our first child, Arleta, and decided to make Tacoma our home shortly after. As we settle in, we're excited to

plant deep roots and become an active part of this vibrant community.

My faith journey is a bit unconventional, having been raised in an agnostic home. Despite that, I often found myself drawn to the Church, captivated by the loving, welcoming, and prophetic person of Jesus. As a biracial, bisexual nerd, I didn't always feel welcomed or loved—especially in religious spaces. But that only deepened my desire to help others experience the love, welcome, and advocacy that Jesus offers. This calling led me to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies with a minor in Psychology, a Master of Pastoral Studies, and eventually to my ordination as an Assistant Pastor in 2015 and as a Pastor in 2018.

I'm an extrovert at heart, and I thrive on connecting with people—whether it's over coffee, on a walk, playing games, or collaborating on meaningful projects. While life with a baby has shifted my downtime, you'll still find me enjoying the outdoors, gardening, or spending quality time with my family and friends. I'm eager to get to know each of you and to

serve this community with love, energy, and a deep sense of purpose.



I'm Erick, and I was born in Nicaragua, but when I was eight my mom immigrated to Costa Rica with me and my younger brother, so I've known what it's like to live as an emigrant since I was

eight. I have two brothers and two sisters, they also live in Costa Rica. I gave my life to Christ at 14, (and He's still working in me). I grew up in the Emanuel Baptist Church in Aserri, and since then I believe I'm a Baptist Christian!! I graduated from the Baptist Theological Seminary in Costa Rica, and served as an associate pastor at my church in Aserri for four years. I was also an interim pastor for a year in a town called Sixaola, on the border with Panama. I enjoy photography as a hobby, and of course soccer. I'm a Real Madrid fan. Since 2001, I have collaborated with a ministry called International Commission, especially with the youth of Costa Rica and Central America. This ministry works with Baptist churches in evangelism. A brief history and a great adventure, I believe. Blessings.



Dave thrives on creating spiritually safe communities for people to connect, discover commonality within differences, and experience authentic connection with God. His ministry has focused on spiritual growth through the power of com-

munity. Dave grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and before becoming a pastor, he spent 17 years as a retail investment broker. Over the past 24 years of ministry, Dave served as a campus pastor at a large church for 18 years, followed by 6 years at New Community in Menlo Park, CA. He holds an MDiv from Fuller Seminary. Dave and Kristina live in Menlo Park with their three school-age daughters and their dog, Henry.

Help the People of Burma

Though the situation in Burma under its illegal military junta continues to be dire, we don't often hear very much about it in the media. We in Evergreen are particularly aware of and interested in conditions in Burma (also known as Myanmar) because six of our member churches represent the Chin, Kachin, and Karen ethnic groups from that country. American Baptists have had an interest in Burma since the founding of our foreign mission society (now known as International Ministries) in 1814 to support the work of Anne and Adoniram Judson. That interest continues through the work of the Burma Advocacy Group (BAG), which represents many Burma Diaspora churches and organizations throughout the U.S. BAG is now reaching out to American Baptists and others to ask that we encourage our representatives in Congress to support the BRAVE Burma Act and full-funding of the provisions of the earlier Burma Act with respect to the budget being prepared for Fiscal Year 2026.

The "Bringing Real Accountability Via Enforcement in Burma [BRAVE Burma] Act" (House Resolution 3190) was reintroduced in early May. By pressing the U.S. government to enact a number of sanctions, this bill aims to curtail the Myanmar military's sources of money, arms, aviation fuel, and legitimacy that it needs to stay in power. It would also create a U.S. Special Coordinator for Burmese Democracy within the State Department to develop and help implement a comprehensive U.S. strategy to promote human rights and the restoration of civilian government in Burma.

There are resources to help those who are interested learn more about the BRAVE Burma Act and assist them in contacting their Senators and Representatives. These include the text of the proposed act itself; a script for use in calling or emailing members of Congress; and a letter from ABC General Secretary Emeritus Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, who heads the Burma Advocacy Group, to the Burma Caucus in the House of Representatives. These are available from Rev. Dr. Paul Aita (aita.paul@gmail.com), who is a member of BAG. If you wish to add your name to an online petition in support of act, you can do so at https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-pass-the-brave-burma-act.

Taste of Evergreen July 26, 11am at PLCC

This year, our Taste of Evergreen Fundraising event is happening on July 26th at 11am at Panther Lake Community Church (10630 SE 204th St, Kent, WA 98031). This event is ticketed, with a suggested donation of \$20 for each ticket for teens and adults and \$10 per ticket for children 12 and under.

We will have food from across Evergreen's caucuses, representing dozens of different cultures. There will be a brief program where we talk about sharing culture through food, and the excellent Charity Dessert Auction at the end of the event, which is always one of the best ways to get tasty treats that you don't make yourself!

Funds raised by this event will go to support the Translator's Fund, which we use to hire translators for members of our community for whom English is not their primary language.

We are looking for volunteers to bring dishes which represent their culture, and to help set up and tear down the event. You can indicate your willingness to volunteer on the sign-up form.

To Sign Up for this event online, go here: https://

forms.office.com/r/BaQC7C803C.

If you'd rather, you can also call
Rev. Paul Schneider at the Ever-

green Office (253-859-2226 x1) to get signed up.

To purchase your tickets, you can either send a check to Rev. Paul Schneider at the Evergreen Office (P.O. Box 1044, Kent, WA 98035-1044), or if you want to get them online at the suggested donation



price, you can buy them here: https://square.link/u/uZ2GiPOA.

American Baptist Churches USA BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT July 3–6, 2025 | Omaha, NE COME SEEK LIVE SEEK COME SEEK

You're invited to the American Baptist Churches 2025 Biennial Mission Summit! The 2025 event will be a celebration of our shared faith, diversity, and deep-rooted commitment to mission and ministry, a unique space where American Baptists from all across the country gather to worship boldly, learn deeply, and connect meaningfully. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of something bigger!

You can still register for online attendance, which grants you access to several great workshops, and speakers.

Please register at www.americanbaptists2025.com as soon as possible to attend online!



Biennial Evergreen Booth Volunteers

Are you going to the ABC-USA Biennial Mission Summit in Omaha Nebraska July 3-7? Might you have some time between the workshops, sacred conversations, worship and business meetings to help Evergreen out?

This Biennial we will once again have a booth in the Exhibitors Hall at the Mission Summit. This booth serves as a bit of outreach to our fellow American Baptists, sharing about Evergreen—who we are, what we do, and how we do it. Those in the booth often find themselves discussing consensus, and our caucus system, and the incredible diversity of the people, viewpoints and theology that can be found in Evergreen. And if you're worried that you won't be able to say what you need to, don't worry, our Executive Minister Emerita Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton will be staffing the booth alongside all our volunteers!



If you think you might be willing to commit some time to helping out with the booth, either with setting up, tearing down, or taking a shift or three sitting at the booth, and inter-

acting with those in the Exhibitors Hall, we have an online sign up form here: https://forms.office.com/r/JTLfeM6rKP.



Evergreen Preaching Cohort-Full! Get on the Wait List for the next one!

The first Evergreen Preaching Cohort is now full. If you missed out on signing up for it, *fear not*! Due to its popularity, we're going to have a second Preaching Cohort later this year or early next year.



To sign up for the waitlist, and get preferential registration for the next Evergreen Preaching cohort, please use the following link https:// forms.office.com/r/8geV4iLWVX or contact Rev. Paul Schneider at the

Evergreen Office (253-859-2226 x1, paul@eaabc.org).

Evergreen at the Faith & Family Day with the Seattle Mariners, Aug. 2nd

Our next Evergreen outing to go see the Seattle Mariners is coming up on August 2nd, 2025, with a game time of 1:10pm at T-Mobile Park. The Mariners will be playing the Texas Rangers. Tickets are only \$21 for main level seats. Last year we enjoyed a good game and good weather too!

We have reserved 40 tickets on the main level. To reserve and pay for you tickets, please go to the links below or contact Rev. Paul Schneider at the Evergreen office, either by phone (253-859-2226) or by email (paul@ea-abc.org).



To sign up for tickets online, please use the following link: https://forms.office.com/
https://forms.office.com/
https://forms.office.com/



To pay for tickets online, please use the 🧱 🏿 following link: https://square.link/u/ <u>CYqsUX6D</u>

Camp Burton's Mythical Summer



At Camp Burton, we believe in the "power of camp". Our mission is to provide opportunities to all people in which transformation and renewal may take

place. To accomplish this, we foster an environment centered on inclusivity and respect, which empowers each camper to embrace their individuality.

While at camp, people of all ages and from diverse backgrounds are able to deepen their spiritual awareness, expand their skills, and develop healthy relationships. From sleeping under the stars to shooting their first bow and arrow, campers are encouraged to try new things and overcome challenges in order to build their independence, selfconfidence, and resilience. A supportive community paired with a whole bunch of fun, camp is a magical place and a life-changing experience.

Join us for Mythical Summer 2025, where we explore John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

- Teens Redeemed Adventure Camp (Ages 14-17): August 2-8, 2025
- Family Unity Camp (All Ages): August 3-9, 2025
- Faith Adventure Camp Grade School (Ages 7-10): August 10-15, 2025
- Faith Adventure Camp Middle School (Ages 11-13): August 10-15, 2025
- New Horizons Camp (Adults with Disabilities): August 17-22, 2025
- Camp CAOS (Ages 21+): August 22-25, 2025

For more information, to apply to work or volunteer, or to register for camp, please visit campburton.com

or email our program director (program@campburton.com). We hope to see you for a mythical summer adventure!



...continued from page 1

hint at those details.

To act Justly requires first to identify what is just. Do remember that as we set about defining justice to ourselves, I encourage you to be mindful of the fact that we often confuse justice with our feelings at the moment or worse, retribution. Our feelings about a particular event, action and more could be in fact the just thing but what is just isn't always the same as our feelings on it. So, inform yourself about the issue, don't only read, watch, listen to one side of the argument. Have you ever heard your friend's side of an argument and felt bad for the injustice done to them until you hear the whole story and find out the truth is different?

To love mercy requires strength. To forgive someone for something that does not affect us very much is easy, especially after they apologize and try to "fix" it. To grant mercy takes us several steps before that place. To love mercy is to be willing to be open to forgive even when true hurt has been done and, or what ws done cannot be fixed. Mercy is not for the weak, it cannot include the requirement of pay back, fixing or retribution.

To walk humbly with your God takes the first two, which need a profound embrace of our being wrong as well as acceptance that mercy must be present even when there must be communal consequences like deportation.

Those Baptists who broke the law to support the Underground Railroad were acting justly out of their love for Mercy as they walked with their God. I wonder how well we would do with Micah 6:8 if tested as they were.

Reflections from the Wild



By Rev. Paul Schneider, pictures by Paul Schneider and Teresa Robinson-Duane

I'm someone who always finds myself closer to God in the wilderness. Something about being completely surrounded by the natural beauty of a place essentially untamed by human intervention. It doesn't hurt

that I can't hear the rush of cars, much less get a cell phone signal. It's almost as if my ears for the Spirit get just a bit sharper when I'm out there. I find that I'm not struggling to pick out what the Spirit is offering to me amidst the noise of all the other things.

It was a true blessing to spend four days and three nights in the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest with good companions, and the various animals, and even the mosquitoes (though I could have done with a few less bites). Throughout the trip I was reminded that God's creation is not just the people of this world, but the beautiful and varied world itself, even the parts we don't get out to very often.

This makes me grateful for organizations that are working to help us be mindful of God's work, like the ABC Creation Justice Network (https://www.abc-usa.org/creation-justice/), which strives to help American Baptists seek reconciliation with all of God's creation.

If you want to join us on a future backpacking trip, keep an eye out, we'll be getting dates out for next Summer soon — and if you're a minister look at the flyer for the August Clergy trip in the next pages.



"Strangers No More!"

(Leviticus 19:34)

2025 Evergreen Annual Meeting October 9-11, 2025 Olympia First Baptist Church

Basic Schedule

Thursday Evening: Clergy (Ministers'

Council) & Laity Gatherings

Friday: Welcome Plenary, In Person Workshops, Friday Night Worship

Saturday: Business Meeting, Online Workshops, Olympia Experiences, Saturday Night Worship, Event Ends

Sunday: Join in worship at a western

Washington Evergreen Church

Featured Preachers



Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain, General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches-USA



Rev. Dr. Angela Barker-Jackson, VP of Institutional Advancement of the Berkeley School of Theology

Registration Fees

Online: \$50

In Person: \$100 (+\$10 for Thursday Gatherings) *Limited Scholarships are available*

Hotels

We've engaged two hotels. The first option is the <u>Towneplace Suites</u> (900 Capitol Way S, Olympia) is right across from the church, but their rooms are either only a single King or a Queen and a pullout sofa. The rate is \$129 per night before taxes and fees.

The other option is the <u>Hilton Garden</u>
Inn (2101 Henderson Park Lane SE,
Olympia) which has both Single King
and Double Queen rooms available.
The rate is \$151 per night (before taxes
and fees).

You can call either hotel and place a reservation letting them know you are with the Evergreen Association, or you can click the name of either hotel above to go to a link for a reservation.

Register Now!

https://forms.office.com/r/HSmyKKYCMM



Evergreen Clergy Backpacking Trip

Do you love to get out into nature for hiking and camping?

In the wild places some people find God's presence to be very close!

Want to participate in a great wilderness experience led by a professional guide and pastor?

Check out this trip for Pastors and other Clergy!



Clergy Backpacking Trip

August 20-23, 2025
In the Olympic National Park

Clergy have such an important job, helping others to connect with God, and you also need time to renew your spirits.

Join us for a four day, three night trip to the Olympic National Park. *This trip is for clergy only, and will be meaningful!*

Cost is \$800, which includes all food, permits, etc. Equipment to be provided by the individual or can be rented for a discount from the guide. Partial scholarships may be available for this trip. Continuing Ed monies can be tapped as well!

To sign up, go to this link and fill out the form: https://www.wildernessjourneys.org/evergreen

You can also get more information and inquire about scholarships at that link! If you would like to discuss Continuing Education money and it's role in this trip, please see Rev. Doug!

Led by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone of Wilderness Journeys



Jonathan Malone is a minister, hiker, musician, husband, father, and slightly crazy. For a number of years he has been leading groups of youth and adults into the wilderness.

He is a trip leader, retreat leader, writer, teacher, speaker, and dreamer. He previously led a Clergy Backpacking Trip for Evergreen in 2023.



SAVE THE DATES



Refirement

CELEBRATIONS

HONORING

Pastor Jim Hopkins

RETIREMENT BANQUET

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

SCOTT'S SEAFOOD GRILL AND BAR

JACK LONDON SQUARE

CHECK IN 5 - 6 PM DINNER AT 6 PM SHARP

ALL ARE WELCOME

\$150 PER PERSON, RSVP AT
HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/PASTORJIM
RETIREMENTBANQUET
BY AUGUST 25TH

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE & COFFEE HOUR CELEBRATION

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

10.00AM - 2.00PM

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

3534 LAKESHORE AVE OAKLAND, CA 94610

ALL ARE WELCOME



Phone: 253-859-2226 Email: office@ea-abc.org

"Like" us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/evergreenabcusa;

Instagram, and Twitter @evergreenabcusa #ebaabc

Evergreen Notes, the newsletter for member churches, ecumenical partners, national affiliates, and friends of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is published monthly. Please submit articles by the 20th of the month prior to expected publication. You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles for your congregation and community.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION **US PAID KENT** WA PERMIT NO. 451

Return Service Requested

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

Mission Statement

Being a culturally diverse people who are one in Christ and who value the liberties of our American Baptist Heritage, the **Evergreen Baptist** Association will **Build bridges** between communities;

Provide resources to equip member churches to share Christ and teach God's word; and Translate our unity to the world.

May Summer invigorate your souls and churches, and time off give you new life!

Save these Dates!

We've got some great events coming up Backpacking Trip, within our region. Please mark your calendars so you can make sure to participate in these fantastic coming events!

Taste of Evergreen. **Sat., July 26, 11am**

At Panther Lake Community Church. See inside for details!

Evergreen Clergy

Aug 20-23

See inside for details!

Evergreen Annual Gathering, Oct 9-11 at Olympia FBC!

Please join us for a great time together. See inside for more details!

July Calendar

July 1—International Joke Day July 3-6—ABC-USA Biennial Mission Summit in Omaha Nebraska—see inside for more details. We still need Evergreen Booth Volunteers for those attending in person.

July 4—Independence Day for the United States of America

July 7—World Chocolate Day

July 17—World Emoji Day— July 18—Nelson Mandela



life and legacy of this critically important leader of South Africa and for global justice

International Day—Celebrating the

July 20—56th Anniversary of the **Moon Landing**

July 26—Taste of Evergreen—11am to 2:30pm—at Panther Lake Community Church—See inside for more details.

July 30—National Cheesecake Day