

The Evangel

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Church Council

The 2018 Church Council held its inaugural meeting on January 15. Present were Bob Bushman, Jerry Capps, Angel Miller, John Mohny, Judy Mohny, Don Robinson, Bill Smith, and Pastor Janine.

Following opening prayer and devotional, the council members – as part of the church’s continuing visioning process – committed to reading Bishop Schnase’s book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* – one chapter per month. Each chapter covers one of the five practices: Radical hospitality; Passionate worship; Intentional faith development; Risk-taking mission and service; and Extravagant generosity.

After discussion of each piece, the council will seek to glean practices helpful to Stayton UMC’s fulfillment of its mission of “Growing in the love of God, relationships with others, and service to the community” and the general church’s vision of “Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

If you would like to have a copy of the book and/or be a part of the discussions, please see Pastor Janine or Don Robinson.



The United Methodist Men's Annual Valentine's Banquet

The annual Valentine banquet will be at The Trexler Farms Café on Saturday, February 10th at 5:30pm. We will meet at the church at 5:00pm and carpool. Please sign-up by Wednesday, February 7th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you may call Angel at the church. The cost is \$20 per person; single women over 80 will be free. Guests are welcome.

The menu includes Chicken or Beef Tri-Tip with assorted side dishes.

Movie Day!

Many people of the church showed interest in having a movie and discussion once per month. Greg Johansen and Mary Kruger are currently on the committee, but encourage others to join us. The first movie, Babette's Feast was interesting to watch and discuss. Our second movie will be at the Kruger's house on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 PM. Places in the Heart is the movie. Please call Mary to reserve your spot; only 10 people at this venue, but we will take volunteers for others who may like to host a movie afternoon next month (second Sunday in March). We could possibly watch the same movie, and have two discussions in two separate locations. We encourage suggestions for future movies.

CARE TEAM

"Never stop doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts." Inspirationboost.com

Pastor Janine and I had our Care Team meeting last week and we went over the list of people from the church who are receiving visits, food, rides and cards. We want to thank everyone for all their help and for those who just help on their own. What comes to mind for me is the Bible verse from John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches...." What a powerful verse and I think from this WE ARE THE CHURCH. God takes care of us and we learn from God's messages and His actions to take care of others.

In order to make sure we are helping the Care Team properly, Pastor Janine and I would like to have the members of the Care Team and anyone else who would like to attend come to a quarterly meeting throughout the year. We understand some are home bound and others who just rather not be in a meeting and be a volunteer which is perfectly fine.

Our quarterly meeting will be Thursday, February 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Judy Mohny

United Methodist Women Activities

This month's Ladies' luncheon will be February 14th at Flight Deck in Salem. Meet at the church at 12:00 to carpool to Salem or gather at Flight Deck at 12:30.

Bazaar crafters will be starting soon; be sure to check next month's Evangel.

Saturday, February 24, Cascadia District United Methodist Women Every Member Enrichment Event (EMEE) will be held at Salem First United Methodist Church. It is a great opportunity for those attending to learn what United Methodist Women is about and to share ideas of what leads to a successful, spirit filled, mission minded unit. Please contact Judy Halse 503-769-5389 or Carol North 503-859-3897 for more information.

Assistant Nursery Attendants for February

4 Maria del Carmen
11 Carol North
18 Mary Ferguson
25 Carol North



ASSISTANT CHILD CARE ATTENDANTS NEEDED

We are blessed to have children attending child care on Sundays. They have fun playing with games and toys and socializing with friends while parents are able to worship with us knowing their children have care and are safe.

Lesly is our hired attendant and she is here every Sunday. In order to insure the safety of our children and because of the various ages in the child care, we need one assistant in the room. Would you be able to give one Sunday out of every two months to care for and to fellowship with our children?

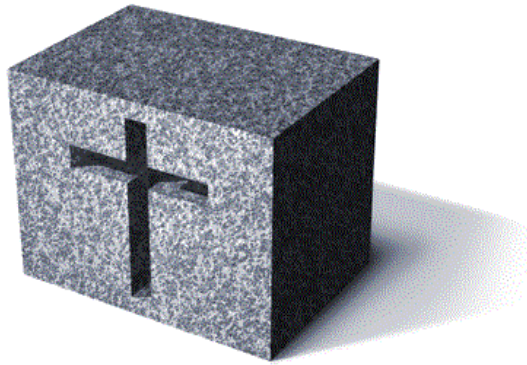
There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex, Sunday, February 11 and 18; or please contact Carol North 503-859-3897. We would love to have you join our team.

Answered Prayers

Dear Church Family,

Just before Christmas, I slipped on some ice and broke my hip. It was a bad fracture and the outcome of surgery wasn't certain. Our prayers were answered! The surgery was very successful and my recovery is going well. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits, meals and calls. I am so grateful for all the blessings throughout this ordeal. I am especially thankful for you, my church family! Love in Christ, Irene Marchbanks

Finance Report



In concluding his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the parable of The Wise and Foolish Builders: “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (Matthew 7:24 – 27)

One way to help us put Jesus’ teachings into practice is to build our financial lives on the rock of being free of consumer debt (as opposed to the sand of say credit card debt). By building on the rock, it frees us to lay a strong foundation of savings. This savings then enables us to follow Jesus’ teachings of giving to God and to others in need. It also protects us when the streams rise and the wind blows, such as when we incur unexpected medical or repair bills, unlike when we have built on the sand of debt where our financial house comes quickly crashing down.

But how do we build a foundation upon the rock? Quite simply, we must live below our means. If we always spend everything we have, or worst yet spend more than we have (credit card debt), we will never have anything left to build our foundation of savings. While it is impractical to go totally without some kind of debt (e.g. a mortgage), we should strive to keep it at a level that will not inhibit us from saving. If you have other types of debt like balances on your credit cards, resolve to pay them off so you can then start laying your foundation on the rock.

Bill Smith

Finance Chair

Remember to include Stayton United Methodist Church in your will!



Book Study Group

Our February book is "The Secrets They Kept: The True Story of a Mercy Killing that Shocked a Town and Shamed a Family" by Suzanne Handler. Every family has its secrets. In 1937, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, an anguished father made the momentous decision to end his mentally ill daughter's life rather than commit her to an insane asylum. After signing a joint suicide pact to die together, the father first killed the girl and then attempted to take his own life. Forever known as Cheyenne's "mercy slayer", the man survived to face the consequences of his unimaginable crime. Yet the question remains: what power on earth would compel a father to murder his own child? Now, after more than seven decades of silence, events surrounding this long-ago tragedy are at last being told. Author Suzanne Handler shares with readers the secrets of her family's

dark past. This is an extraordinary story of murder, mental illness, and the impact of secrets on families.

Our next book is "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. This story is about Starr Carter, the only witness to the police shooting of a young man. Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gang-banger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. What she does or does not say could upend her community; it could also endanger her life.

We will meet to discuss "The Secrets They Kept" Sunday, February 25th at 3 pm in the home of Shirley Hardee, with Carol hosting. Please bring a small snack to share. Everyone is welcome to join us for this discussion or several. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Shirley Hardee or Irene Marchbanks.

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study 6:00-8:00 PM Game Night	5 6:00 PM Weight Watchers	6 9:30 AM Kitchen Team 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice	7 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study	8	9	10 5:00 PM Carpool From Church 5:30 PM UMM Valentine Dinner @ Trexlers Farm
11 9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study	12 6:00 PM Weight Watchers	13 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice	14 8:00 AM-7:00 PM Prayer Vigil 12:30 PM Ladies' Luncheon @ Flight Deck 1:00-3:00 PM Food Bank Meeting 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	15	16	17
18 9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Lent Small Group 6:00-8:00 PM Game Night	19 6:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Church Council	20 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast @ Covered Bridge Café 10:30 AM Lent Small Group 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice	21 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 2:00 PM SPRC 7:00 PM Trustees	22	23 1:00 PM Evangel Deadline	24
25 9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Lent Small Group 3:00 PM Book Group @ Shirley Hardee's	26 1:30-3:00 PM Colloquy in Conference Room 6:00 PM Weight Watchers	27 10:30 AM Lent Small Group 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice	28 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study			

February Birthdays

Cesar Cruz-Halse
Jim Huddleston
Michelle Miller
Lee Griffin
Esther Willmarth
Carolyn Limbeck
Laura Hollenbeck
Darrell Johnson
Lola Naumann
Valerie Capps
Valarie Lamphear
Don Carey
Mary Kruger
Mark Miller
Ken Limbocker
Janet Phillips
John Mohnney
Lorena Cruz-Halse

February Anniversaries

Bill & Jennifer Martinak

Coffee Hour:

1 Group A-F has the first Sunday of the
1 month.
2 Group G-J has the second Sunday of the
6 month.
6 Group K-P has the third Sunday of the
7 month.
10 Group R-W has the fourth Sunday of the
10 month.
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13 Since we are just doing the simplified
14 Coffee Hour we will continue to use the
17 alphabetical system as is. Please provide
17 just finger foods, items that can be carried
18 on a napkin or small paper plate and re-
19 quire no silverware. Each Group is re-
23 sponsible for bringing juice.
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Ushers:

Team 1 (Odd Months)

Chuck & Erma Henry (First Sunday)
Jim & Mary Kruger (Second Sunday)
Gil & Roma Stewart (Third Sunday)
Ralph & Cheryl Jachens (Fourth Sunday)

Team 2 (Even Months)

Niki Loewen & Ben Beltran (First Sunday)
Bill & Carol North (Second Sunday)
Margaret Ables & Mike Palinkas (Third Sunday)
Pat & Zeke Coleman (Fourth Sunday)

Fifth Sunday: Durelle Hudson & Jane Kuenzi

LOVE Team & Nursery

February 4

LOVE Team: Irene, Shirley, Berdie

Nursery: Maria del Carmen

February 11

LOVE Team: Durelle, Valerie, Charlotte, Margie

Nursery: Carol North

February 18

LOVE Team: Janet, Michelle, Betty

Nursery: Mary Ferguson

February 25

LOVE Team: Erma & Chuck, Mae Belle

Nursery: Carol North



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Become one!

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welcome you!



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Sunday Schedule
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour following the Service

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