

# *The Evangel*

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## **Words of reflection on 2017**

Much of these words come from thoughts by Lowell Greathouse who challenges us to look at where our mission and ministry calls us in the coming year. He reminds us, as if we need to be reminded, that today much of the news we hear is "disturbing, disorienting, discouraging" when it comes to the state of our world. Jesus' world too was filled with "significant structural injustice, powerful prejudice, and old, worn out ways of living, framed by empire, patriarchy, and oppression toward those without power, place, or status in society." Those words could describe our own times as we hear news of "strangers and immigrants living in fear, of the poor and homeless being pushed further to the margins of health and well-being in our society, of women confronting sexual harassment and abuse in epidemic fashion, and of the rich being given extensive new benefits that will lead to even more wealth at the expense of those in need."

In my thoughts on Christmas morning, I shared the idea that as Christians we are called to be "all in", to dare greatly when it comes to reaching out in love. This means speaking out and speaking up for those who get pushed aside. Today, regardless of political party, there are those who would have us believe that "the world works best when things trickle down from top to bottom, from wealth to poverty, from those who have to those who do not. " I keep these words by John Wesley at the top of my calendar as a reminder of how Jesus calls us to live. "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." Those seem like good words to reflect on as 2018 begins, as does Wesley's question, "how is it with your soul," or how is it with our spiritual health as a nation, as a church?

During this Christmas season, we have been talking about all the ways that there are angels among us. And I have seen and heard amazing evidence of this as I learn about all the ways you care for each other and for those around us. In addition to the "angels among us" theme, our weekly reminder has been "do not be afraid" as we have sung these words over and over again. Looking ahead to the season of Epiphany, I will be concentrating on messages that encourage us to find new opportunities to "rise up" in 2018. Thanks for being on this Christian journey together with me.

***Pastor Janine***

## BAZAAR 2017 FINAL REPORT

Another successful year comes to a close! Thanks to the efforts of so many people, the final tally was \$10,400 and some change..

Congratulations to all of you. It takes all of the congregation, working together, to accomplish the event. I'll not even try to name ALL who contributed time, money, projects, food, hours of crafting, shopping, and advertising. I want to single out Diane McDermott, without whom there would be a great deal less to sell. She has already been shopping for 2018's bazaar.

Take a moment to pat yourself on the back..Job well done! Thank you!

Myrna Headrick- co-chair

## United Methodist Women Activities

Thank you to all who contributed to the donations for specialty items which were included with the Christmas food boxes. We were able to supply toiletries and other necessities for 134 people.

Donations amounting to \$355.00 were given to the World Thank Offering in November. These funds go to improve the lives of women, children and youth around the world. Thank you for your contributions.

This month's Ladies' Luncheon will be at 12:30 on Wednesday January 10th, at Neufeldt's Restaurant in Aumsville. For those wanting to car pool, we will meet at 12:00 at the church.

Bazaar crafters will not meet in January, but will meet monthly beginning later in 2018. Meetings will be announced in the Evangel.

## Sincere Thanks!

It meant so much to hear from so many of you who visited, sent cards, thoughts, prayers, emails, meals and phone calls before and after my surprise surgery. I am very grateful for the support of my caring, precious church family.

Thank you, everyone. Hope to see you soon!

Love,  
Judy Halse

## January Assistant Child Care Attendants:

January 7 Carol North  
January 14 Kassidy Strand  
January 21 Carol North  
January 28 TBA





## Book Study Group

Our January book is "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett. One Sunday afternoon in Southern California, Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he has kissed Franny's mother, Beverly—thus setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages and the joining of two families. Spanning five decades, Commonwealth explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children involved. Spending summers together in Virginia, the Keating and Cousins children forge a lasting bond that is based on a shared disillusionment with their parents and the strange and genuine affection that grows up between

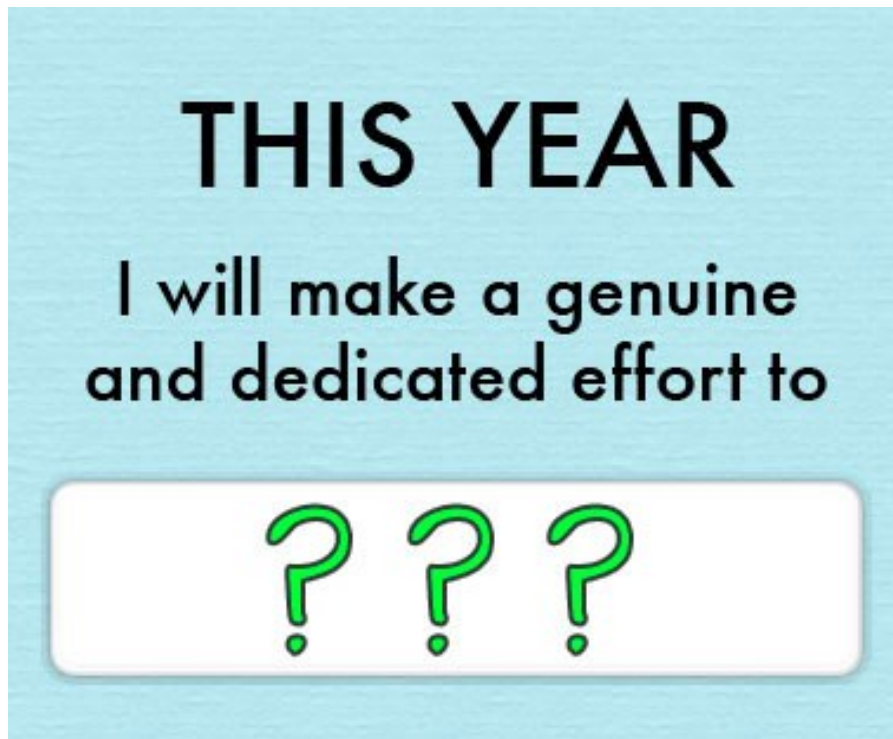
them. When, in her twenties, Franny begins a relationship with an author and tells him about her family; the story of her siblings is no longer hers to control. Their childhood becomes the basis for his wildly successful book, ultimately forcing them all to come to terms with their losses, their guilt, and the deeply loyal connection they feel for one another.

Our next book will be "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.

On Sunday, January 28th at 3 pm we will meet at Shirley Hardee's to discuss "Commonwealth". 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.

### **The World to Come: How Our Fear about the Future Affects Our Actions Today 1/10/2018 at 7pm Stayton Public Library**

In our polarized society we seem to agree about at least one thing: we are concerned about the state of the world and its future. Our cities, towns, habitats, and rivers are changing, and what they are becoming often doesn't look good. Because we rarely talk openly about the emotions we experience about the world, these fears often remain unexamined. By talking among ourselves, we can begin to empathize with one another and see the shared origins of different political and personal convictions. Portland State University instructor David Osborn leads a discussion about our emotional responses to the world.



January is the start of a new calendar year. For many, it provides a sense of a new beginning, a time to start fresh. As a result, many of us make New Year's resolutions to do something, not to do something or both. I encourage you to make a resolution to renew your commitment to the Lord. Resolve to give of yourself, of your time and talents to help others and for God's purpose. Resolve to give financially, of your first fruits, proportionately and happily. Resolve to attend church more frequently and become more involved. Resolve to spend more time with the Bible. Resolve to continually give thanks to the Lord for all that he's provided.

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you". (Ezekiel 36:26-27)*

*Bill Smith*

Finance Chair

*Remember to include Stayton United Methodist Church in your will!*



Thank you so much for another successful Angel Tree Fellowship year. We had 14 children ranging in age from 1-17 years old. Each received a toy and an outfit and family game. Our congregation donated over \$700! Thanks!  
Angel Tree Committee



### Angel Tree Presents

#### Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study classes for January 2018 at 1:00 pm in Fireside Room will continue on these dates: January 3, January 17, and January 24. Bible Study for January 31 will meet at Arlene Webb's house, 585 Winter St. NE Apt. 707, Salem, OR. Carpool from church leaving at 12:30 pm.

#### Stayton United Methodist Singles Group

If you have any interest in joining the "new" Stayton United Methodist Church Singles Group contact Bob Bushman 661-428-6272 or Jane Kuenzi 503-931-6676. Let's get together. Thanks.  
Jane Kuenzi

#### Thank You

Thank you for the cards and prayers I have received due to the passing of my brother on November 15, 2017.

The wonderful notes in each card have been a great comfort to me during this time. I am glad I have found my church family and I am grateful for your support.  
Nancy Mathias

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed: Happy New Year Pastor Janine Out of Office 6:00 PM Weight Watchers	2 9:30 AM Kitchen Team 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM ESL/GED	3 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM PEO Meeting in Fireside Room 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study	4 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Custodians 6:00 PM ESL/GED	5	6
7 9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Game Night	8 6:00 PM Weight Watchers	9 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM ESL/GED	10 12:30 PM Ladies' Luncheon @ Neufeldt's in Aumsville 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Food Bank Board Meeting in Media Room	11 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Custodians 6:00 PM ESL/GED	12	13
14 9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Game Night	15 6:00 PM Weight Watchers	16 7:30 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast @ Covered Bridge Cafe 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM ESL/GED	17 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study	18 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Custodians 6:00 PM ESL/GED	19	20
21 9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Game Night	22 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Colloque in Conference Room 6:00 PM Weight Watchers	23 10:00 AM Evangel Deadline 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM ESL/GED	24 Pastor Janine on Vacation 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study	25 Pastor Janine on Vacation 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Custodians 6:00 PM ESL/GED	26 Pastor Janine on Vacation	27 Pastor Janine on Vacation
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### January Birthdays

Nina Leffler  
Kassidy Strand  
Benjamin Beltran  
Janell Fehlen  
Jenna Moller  
Judy Halse  
Lyle Hollenbeck  
William Naumann  
Jerry Capps  
Edwina Hawbecker  
Greg Johanson  
Lexi Strand  
Ralph Jachens

### January Anniversaries

Jim & Mary Kruger

### Coffee Hour:

2 Group A-F has the first Sunday of the  
4 month.  
10 Group G-J has the second Sunday of  
11 the month.  
11 Group K-P has the third Sunday of the  
12 month.  
14 Group R-W has the fourth Sunday of  
15 the month.  
26  
29 Since we are just doing the simplified  
29 Coffee Hour we will continue to use the  
30 alphabetical system as is. Please pro-  
31 vide just finger foods, items that can be  
carried on a napkin or small paper plate  
and require no silverware. Each Group  
is responsible for bringing juice.  
24

### LOVE Team & Nursery

#### January 7

**LOVE Team:** Irene, Shirley, Berdie  
**Nursery:** Carol North

#### January 14

**LOVE Team:** Durelle, Valerie,  
Charlotte, Margie

**Nursery:** Kassidy Strand

#### January 21

**LOVE Team:** Janet, Michelle, Betty  
**Nursery:** Carol North

#### January 28

**LOVE Team:** Erma & Chuck,  
Mae Belle  
**Nursery:** TBA

### Ushers:

#### Team 1 (Odd Months)

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

#### Team 2 (Even Months)

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

Fifth Sunday: Durelle Hudson & Jane  
Kuenzi

## STEVE AND PATTY MARTIZIA

Daredevils come in many forms. Some choose to jump ‘free fall’ out of airplanes. Others spend years herding sometimes distracted high schoolers along the road to adulthood. Each of those challenges provides its measure of satisfaction, but the path to the future requires so much more. Steve and Patty Martizia have followed their path from youthful years in sunny California, to decades of satisfying family time in small-town Oregon, all the way to retirement in the Santiam Canyon.

Patricia Turner was born March 29, 1947 at Charleston, South Carolina, the second of three daughters born to Robert and Gwen Turner. When Patty was one her father’s Naval assignment moved the family to Southern California. When she was four her parents divorced and mother Gwen, a former Naval Nurse Lieutenant, would raise her girls.

Southern California in the 1950s was a great place to grow up, with lots of space for a confirmed tomboy and her friends to play. A four-mile walk took them to the beach, where Patty watched the surfers and tried her best to be one of them. She liked school, especially its social possibilities. If there was a drawback, it was having to wear dresses every day. She and her sisters would be Brownies, Girl Scouts, and Campfire Girls. And always there was the family’s involvement in the local Lutheran Church. Along the way there would be more serious pursuits, like modeling in the sixth-grade fashion show and summer mornings spent laying on a Naval surplus blanket listening to the radio.

When she was in the eighth grade, Patty’s life changed dramatically. Her mother married Jack Farmer, the turf superintendent at the Hollywood Race Track. Widowed, with two sons and two daughters, it was his second marriage too. Soon they had to find a new, larger home big enough for the nine of them. Patty recalls their newly blended family as ‘a bit chaotic.’ “We weren’t the Brady Bunch, but Mom helped bring us together.”

High School was a busy time. As one of four-thousand students at South Torrance High, Patty served on the Student Council and was a co-captain of the school’s first Drill Team. There were boyfriends along the way, but when she graduated in the spring of 1965 she was unattached, with no clear plan for the future. That fall she enrolled at El Camino Community College and held down a part-time job, fielding complaints from Los Angeles Times subscribers asking why their paper had not been received.

The following year offered the promise of even better times. A girl friend invited Patty to join her for the summer working on Catalina Island, enjoying the ultimate California beach adventure. She agreed, and spent the next four months bouncing from one job to another, before settling in as a waitress. That fall she returned to a nearly-empty family home in Torrance. Three of her siblings had finished high school and moved on, leaving Patty and three younger siblings with their parents. She found work at the Hughes Aircraft-El Segundo plant, reproducing blueprints for what would become part of the first Lunar Landing vehicle.

In January, 1967 Patty’s friend Rita asked her to be the Maid of Honor in her wedding. When Patty agreed, Rita had another surprise in mind. What if she and the groom arranged a blind date for her Maid of Honor and his Best Man?

Steven Martizia was born June 8, 1940 at San Pedro, California, the first of three sons born to Steve and Susana Martizia. At the time Steve Senior was a commercial fisherman, though he would spend most of his working years as a longshoreman at Los Angeles Harbor.



When Steve was ten the family moved to Harbor City, California. Their new house was a two bedroom and one bathroom home for the five of them. Steve remembers it as an ideal place to grow up. He and his neighborhood friends played ball in the street, created their own vacant-lot bicycle race tracks, and spent Saturdays at the beach. When their father could find time off work, the family went camping in the desert foothills east of Los Angeles, or rock fishing at the San Pedro shoreline.

In school Steve was an attentive, if not always enthusiastic, student. He recalls earning Perfect Attendance Awards throughout his schooling and A's in Math. In high school he high jumped and pole vaulted on the track team, earned spending money with his Press Telegram paper route, and later a part-time shelf-stocking job at the local Naval PX. Always one to keep his priorities straight, when he turned sixteen he got his driver's license and invested in a '49 Ford Coupe. That was enough to make weekends at the beach more fun than ever.

After graduation in 1958 Steve enrolled at the local community college, vaguely interested in pursuing a career in drafting. To help fund his schooling, and buy gas for the Ford, he began working as a longshoreman like his father. By the spring of 1960 his drafting studies had lost their appeal. With the Selective Service draft looking over his shoulder, Steve enlisted in the US Army. After boot camp at Ft Ord, California, he was sent to Lancaster, New York for advanced training as a radar specialist in an artillery unit.

In 1962 he was off to South Korea, where he was assigned to a missile base. After serving there for thirteen months he heard rumors of a transfer to the rapidly escalating Viet Nam battlefield. Fortunately his tour was nearly over, which earned him a return to the States.

In October, 1963 Steve was discharged from the Army and ready to move on. He was young, single, and ready to experience life. With the help of the GI Bill he returned to school with no particular goal in mind, and was soon pulling longshoreman shifts on the docks. That December he was introduced to a new, apparently addictive pursuit---skydiving. How addictive was it? Do more than 2,000 free-fall jumps and counting qualify?

When he was not falling out of the sky he was spreading his wings in other ways. In 1964 he went international again, when he and two friends spent four months 'bumming around Europe' in a Volkswagen van. At the end of their adventure they shipped the van to New Jersey, then drove it across the United States.

Returning to Southern California, Steve was soon considering a new job possibility. He took an exam with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and passed. By early 1966 he was working twenty-four hour shifts as a fireman, while continuing his longshore work on his off-duty days.

By 1967 Steve had settled into a busy work routine. When a friend asked him to serve as Best Man at his wedding Steve agreed. It was a later idea that had him scratching his head. Would he be willing to go on a blind date with the Maid of Honor-to-be? How could he have known that California living was about to get even better?

As Patty perhaps already knew, California guys sometimes take their time. After their blind date in January she heard nothing from Steve for weeks. Then in March, just prior to their friends' wedding, he called to invite her to dinner. For the next seven months they dated, skied, hiked, and went to the beach together. By then Patty was employed as a Dental Assistant.

Their relationship changed in September, 1967 when Steve proposed. The couple was married on April 6, 1968 at Redondo Beach. Months later they purchased their first home in Torrance. In the fall of 1969 Patty was back at El Camino Community College, before moving on to Long Beach State University to pursue a major in Secondary Education.

By then Patty's parents had purchased a retirement property near Roseburg, Oregon. She and Steve had visited them a few times and found they liked Oregon. They had talked before of leaving Southern California. Perhaps it was time for that. In 1972 Steve applied for a position with the Medford Fire Department and was hired.

With Steve's new job the Martizias bought a home in Medford and settled in as Oregonians. In January, 1973 Patty enrolled in classes at Southern Oregon University---excited to be back in school and expecting their first child. That September they welcomed daughter Renee to the family. For the next two years Patty led a double life as mother and student. She graduated in June, 1975, with her degree and teaching certificate in hand, while awaiting the birth of son Jeffrey the following September.

When Jeff was just five weeks old they left Medford for a new life and a new job in Coquille, Oregon. Steve transferred his Longshoreman's Union membership from Long Beach to Coos Bay. In 1984, after seven years of substituting, Patty was hired full time. For a total of forty years they would call Coquille home. Patty was teaching English and Drama at Coquille High School, while Steve was longshoring in Coos Bay. With their young family they fished, camped, and visited family and friends in California, Oregon, and Idaho. Steve continued his skydiving until a 1979 auto accident sent him to the skydiving sidelines, where he would remain for fifteen years.

As Renee and Jeffrey grew up the parents spent endless hours watching and supporting them as they played sports and performed in music programs. At the same time, what had begun as Patty's involvement in the Coquille Sawdust Theater, an annual summertime venue, became a family affair when Steve discovered his own talent for comedic performing. While Patty tap danced and Steve acted, their offspring earned spending money popping popcorn for the Friday and Saturday night shows.

By the time he retired in 2002 Steve was again skydiving and taking care of the couple's home and acreage. When Patty retired two years later they were ready to expand their horizons. There were travels to Hawaii and Alaska, and a pair of European excursions, as well as frequent visits to California. By then their children had spread their own wings. Renee and her husband, Marshall Rash lived in Sublimity, and Jeffrey and his wife, Leah, in Vancouver, Washington.

By the summer of 2015 the Coquille home and acreage had become too much. Downsizing was in order, hopefully something nearer the children and families. The home was sold and they moved to Detroit, Oregon for eight months while they looked for a single level house on flat land.

In June, 2016 the Martizias moved into their new home north of Aumsville. By then Steve was enjoying a new round of skydiving venues, including the small airports at Creswell and Mulino. He hopes to stay active in the sport until he reaches eighty. Meanwhile Patty, who made her one and only jump in 2010, is content to keep her feet on the ground. Together they dream of further travels to Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and Scandinavia.

Today, Steve and Patty have become second generation rooters. This year that includes watching grandson Ben quarterback and shoot baskets for the Stayton High Eagles. Grand-

son Jackson golfs for Mountain View High School, and Eli plays club basketball in Vancouver.

Their oldest grandson, Gavin McFarland, is serving in the Coast Guard on Maine, taking college courses at night. Their step-grandson, Jon and his wife, Jennifer, had their first child, Jettson, in October. Daughter Renee is a Nurse Manager at Salem Hospital, and working on her Master's Degree, and daughter-in-law, Leah, is a substitute teacher and a CIEE coordinator for international exchange students.

As football season ticket holders, Saturdays are spent as members of the OSU Beaver Nation. Completing their weekends, Sunday mornings find them at the Stayton United Methodist Church., where the couple first attended as guests of Patty's mother, Gwen Farmer, a former member of the congregation.

On the family front, Steve's firefighting past is carried on by son Jeffrey, a paramedic/fireman with the Camas-Washougal Fire Department in Washington, and son-in-law, Marshall, a captain in the Salem Fire Department.

For Steve and Patty the last few years have brought many welcomed and positive changes. They are closer to family, living in a new home, attending a new church, creating new friendships, and awaiting new adventures.



### Movie Night is Coming!

Many people of the church showed interest in having a movie and discussion night once per month. Greg Johansen and Mary Kruger are currently on the committee, but encourage others to join us. Our first movie will be at the Kruger's house on Sunday, January 14 at 3:00 PM. Babette's Feast 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 night next month in their larger living room. We also encourage suggestions for future movies.

### Save the Date!

Saturday, February 10th will be the United Methodist Men's Annual Valentine's Dinner. It will be held at Trexlar's Farms.

More information to come.



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