

The Evangel

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From the Pastor Do This And Live!

Following the Bishop's encouragement, Stayton UMC takes seriously Jesus' commandment to love neighbor. Whether it's the stuffed animals provided to the police to hand out to children, the dollars and countless hours dedicated to the foodbank, or the ways we take care of one another, we live out our faith.

On June 9, six of us walked our neighborhood and prayed for those around us . On that walk, we encountered Rosa who experienced the love of our church first hand through the ESL and citizenship classes. We will walk and pray again the 2nd Saturdays of the month, July 14, August 11, September 8 at 10 AM. Please join us as we take the time to notice and pray for are neighbors.

On Monday, June 18, Six of us from Stayton UMC stood with other United Methodists, and hundreds of people from a variety of organizations at the vigil in Sheridan to express our support for the detainees held in the federal prison there. We sang, we prayed, and we shared our stories with those around us. Through our presence and our witness, we wanted to let the detainees know they had not been forgotten. We wanted our government to know that we believe in the dignity and human rights of all people.

- At this point, clergy and lawyers have still not had access to the people detained.
- Some of the men are fleeing violence and seeking asylum. Some are Christians and Sikh fleeing religious persecution.
- They are kept in cells as much as 23 hours a day with no communication with the outside.
- Some have been separated from their families and do not know where their families are.
- They have not had access to phone calls for up to a month.

I joined with Over 250 clergy, from around the state of Oregon signing a letter asking the Sheridan Federal Prison for immediate access to those detained.

On June 12, Three of us joined the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival . This 40 days of organizing is meant to be the beginning of a grass roots movement throughout the country. We participated in an orientation meeting in Portland, and 2 "Moral Mondays" at the Capital in Salem. Here too we sought to stand with the poor and marginalized. The PPC is a revival of Martin Luther King's campaign begun over 50 years ago to confront the linked evils of systemic racism, poverty, and militarism. Ecological devastation was added in this revival.

You can find more about this movement at <https://www.facebook.com/OregonPPC/>

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A Report on Annual Conference

In the words of Greg Nelson, and the UM Connector Newsletter, "We came away from Annual Conference with calls to action. For immigration. For an end to sexual abuse. For protecting families. For welcoming LGBTQ people into our churches. For standing up and speaking out. For disrupting the status quo." And he ends with this recommendation. "If you were there, tell someone about it." So I am.

In the second year of a quadrennial theme of Do this and you shall live!, based on Luke 10:26-28, Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky lead the 50th Session of the Oregon-Idaho Conference. The conference gathered in Boise, Idaho, June 13-16, 2018.

Building on a series of Table Talk sessions held across the episcopal area in the last three months, Bishop Stanovsky invited Rev. Brian Brown, a trainer with the Arbinger Institute, to lead the conference in a series of training and discussion sessions based on the book "Anatomy of Peace." Meeting in small groups of 10-12, conference members and guests practiced the skills of dispute resolution and listening with their hearts.

"Do What" was the sub-theme focus for the conference. And the conference did many things. Some of the highlights included returning land the Nez Perce Indian Nation, taking time to give voice to the #MeToo movement in the church, and recognizing the plight of immigrants.

The conference overwhelmingly supported a motion to return 1.5 acres of river property at Wallowa Lake Camp to the Nez Perce tribe. The property is one small piece of the land taken from them when treaties with the U.S. Government were broken. In a moving transfer ceremony, a rock from the river was passed from church representatives to tribal leaders. In August, when the transfer is finalized, it will be returned to the river, which the tribe will use to support the return of wild sockeye salmon to the region.

A vigil and litany on the conference floor offered support for the #MeToo movement to fight sexual abuse against women. A wailing wall allowed attendees to share their stories and pain. The time of shared litany called for the Spirit of the Lord to, "Anoint us all to repentance, confession, and the new life that follows."

In a time of heightened awareness of immigration and children's rights issues, the conference passed actions to support the United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child and protest detention of immigrant children. Discussion on the conference floor called for United Methodists to speak out against those who would use the Bible as an argument for failing to welcome the stranger.

Bishop Stanovsky presented the Bishop's Award for service by a lay person to Yuni Rueda. Rueda is an outspoken advocate for the rights of immigrants in the United States under the Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals program. As a DACA immigrant herself she has put a face on the issue for United Methodists and others across Oregon and Idaho. She shared how the church has given her the strength to tell her story.

The delegation to General Conference requested time to speak to the session. They shared their intent to include LGBT voices in the debate at the 2018 General Conference Session by strategically placing reserve delegates on the floor.

The conference commissioned one new elder. There were six United Methodist clergy in the retiring class.

Oregon-Idaho Conference membership stands at 23,920, down 714 from the previous year. Worship attendance stands at 11,475 in person and 938 online for an increase of 198. Professions and affirmations of faith stand at 508, up 98 from 2016.

BAZAAR CRAFTERS TO BEGIN MEETING EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING JULY 11

Ladies, there are many projects and ideas that need some helping hands to finish. In July the crafters will meet **Wednesday July 11** and begin meeting every Wednesday after so we will be ready for the 2018 November bazaar. We need persons who can sew, glue, cut, and/or put prices on finished items. Come and work and fellowship.

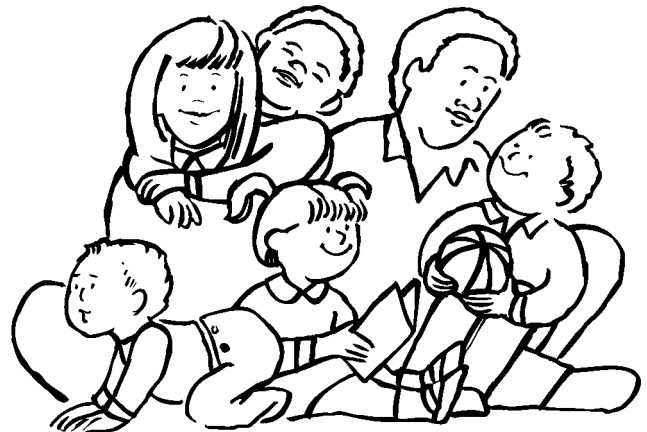


Diane McDermott, Roma Stewart and Myrna Headrick, just some of our dedicated Bazaar Crafters

Notice a change in the day for Ladies' Luncheon. Ladies are invited to gather for lunch at Panezanellies Breadstick Shoppe 111 NE Starr St. Sublimity on July 18, the third Wednesday of the month. Carpool from the church at 12:15 or meet at the restaurant at 12:30.

Assistant Nursery Attendants for July

July 1 Robin Strand
 July 8 Carol North
 July 15 Deanna Palmer
 July 22 Judy Halse
 July 29 Carol North





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As members of the United Methodist Church, we have vowed to God to uphold His church with our prayers, presence, gifts and service. In the General Letter by James, he writes, “What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?” (James 2:14). Further, “faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:17). And then he summarizes, “a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.” (James 2:24). Basically, James is telling us that we must live our faith by physically demonstrating it. Fortunately, that’s exactly what we’ve vowed to do. But how are we doing in each of these areas? Ask yourself, “Am I praying for the church, attending church, giving to the church, and serving the church to the best of my abilities?” Since we’re human and still on this earth, I’m sure there’s at least one thing each of us can improve on.

Bill Smith

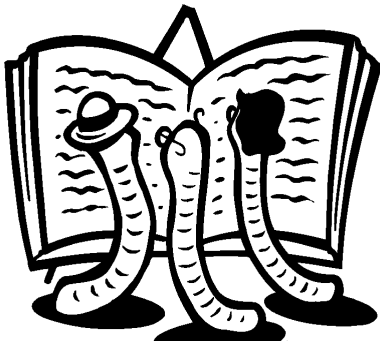
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Remember to include Stayton United Methodist Church in your will!



All Church barbeque – All are Welcome!

On Sunday, July 29th the United Methodist Men will barbeque hamburgers and hotdogs after the service. Members are asked to bring potluck items as per usual on the 5th Sunday of the month. We look forward to a good time of socializing after church.



The Book Study Group

Our July book is "Her Final Breath" (The Tracy Crosswhite Series) by Robert Dugoni. Homicide detective Tracy Crosswhite has returned to the police force after the sensational retrial of her sister's killer. Still scarred from that ordeal, Tracy is pulled into an investigation that threatens to end her career, if not her life. A serial killer known as the Cowboy is killing young women in cheap motels in North Seattle. Even after a stalker leaves a menacing mes-

sage for Crosswhite, suggesting the killer or a copycat could be targeting her personally, she is charged with bringing the murderer to justice.

Our next book is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance. The Vance family story begins hopefully in postwar America. J. D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love," and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually one of their grandchildren would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of success in achieving generational upward mobility. But as the family saga of *Hillbilly Elegy* plays out, we learn that J.D.'s grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. With piercing honesty, Vance shows how he himself still carries around the demons of his chaotic family history.

We will meet to discuss "Her Final Breath" on Sunday, Jul 22, 2018 at 3 pm in the home of Shirley Hardee. 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.



New Church Directory Forthcoming:

I am working with Life Touch on creating a new church directory. Life Touch will be at the church on the following dates to take our photos. We will set up a sign up sheet to schedule your photography appointment.

September 24	1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
September 25	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
September 26	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Please note if you want additional photos, say for instance at Christmas, you can bring along your "Christmas" clothes and change into them.

We will have more information will be forthcoming.

Judy Mohny
Church Directory Coordinator

Garage Sale for Church Benevolent Fund

There will be a garage sale for the Church Benevolent Fund on July 26, 27, 28 at the Kruger's'. Spread the word! Please bring your donated items to Jim and Mary Kruger's house no earlier than July 24. We are also asking for volunteers to help advertise, pick up items, help set up the sale, sit by the cash box, etc. Any help, big or little is appreciated. If you donate items and they do not sell, please note that they will be given to Goodwill. Benevolent Fund money is used for temporary needs of people who are homeless, families of refugee/immigrant status, and others in need of necessities such as food or gas. Call Mary at 503-769-0654 with questions.

Thank You!



Thank You

Bill and I want to thank you all for the kindness shown during our recent bouts with surgeries and procedures. We are up and about and hoping for a relaxing summer with no hospital visits.

Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and kind acts. We are blessed to have such a caring church family.
Bill and Carol North

Micro Grant Offer For Our Church

The district is offering our church a \$500 Micro Grant to use toward a new program to reach new people. Church Council is seeking your input. Please submit your ideas to the office by August 1, 2018. Thank you!

Micro Grant - New Places for New People

- ◇ \$500 per “church”
- ◇ You can combine your with another group’s
- ◇ Funds come from the Cascadia District Church Extension Society.
- ◇ There are some stipulations if you accept this grant:
 - * You will use it for doing something new, something that you are not already doing.
 - * You will use it for something that will target people not already an active part of your faith community.
 - * You will use it for something that could serve as a gateway to deeper involvement in your faith community.
 - * You will evaluate the project and what you have learned from it.
 - * You will give an update to DS Tim at your 2018 Annual Charge Conference concerning what you are planning.
 - * You will submit your written proposal to DS Tim by December 31, 2018 for his approval.
 - * You will submit an update on your project to DS Tim by May 15, 2019. And,
 - * You will complete your project, do the evaluation and make a report at your Annual Charge Conference in the Fall of 2019.
- ◇ If you choose not to accept this grant:
 - * You will return the \$500 to the Cascadia District Church Extension Society. You will need to return the \$500 before December 31, 2018 if you do not accept the grant.
 - * You will submit to DS Tim a written explanation for why your congregation did not accept the grant.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mission Statement: As a spiritual community, our mission is to grow in our Love of God, Relationships with Others, and Service to the Community

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