

The Evangel

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Invitation to the Neighborhood Prayer Walk

Join us Saturday, June 9 at 10 AM for a prayer walk through the neighborhood. As a part of our commitment to risk-taking mission and service, we need to get out of the church and into the neighborhood. We will walk in twos or threes and simply observe and pray. This is not knocking on doors or asking people if they go to church. This walk through the neighborhood is about noticing what and who is around us. It's about being present and praying for all that we see. Afterward, we will meet and share what we noticed and what we prayed for. Before we can "go and do" we need to "come and see". So please join us in the first of our neighborhood prayer walks.

Pastor Janine





24th Annual All Daughters' Tea Vivality Vintage

Over 60 women and girls gathered for fun, fellowship and food May 5 at the 24th annual All Daughter' Tea. The vintage theme was carried out with posters of homemakers of yesteryear and exhibits of antique kitchen items. Guests were entertained with recorded Sing-a-Long songs, an Antique Guessing Game of kitchen/culinary items provided by Helen Beams, Evelyn Johnson and Mary Ferguson, and the giving of door prizes. The kitchen team

prepared and served a delicious lemon pocket cake complemented with fresh fruit and a special sugar cookie teapot made and decorated by Sarah Smith. Stayton United Methodist Women member, Myrle Riffe-Helkenn presented an enlightening program on clay pottery entitled "My Life with Clay". She displayed pottery made with various techniques and showed us how to tell an antique bowl from a more modern or imitation antique. Donations of \$200.00 were received for the Santiam Senior Center.

We deeply appreciate all who made this year's tea an enjoyable event: women who set up the room and welcomed guests, prepared and served the dessert and beverages, made the colorful attractive displays, decorations, table floral centerpieces, managed the sound system, provided child care and donated and arranged the lovely door prizes. A big thank you to the men who assisted with set up and clean up.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

Ladies please come and join the bazaar crafters' group June 13, beginning at 9:30. We have lots of simple hand sewing, pricing, and paper crafts to complete. Plus new items to begin creating.

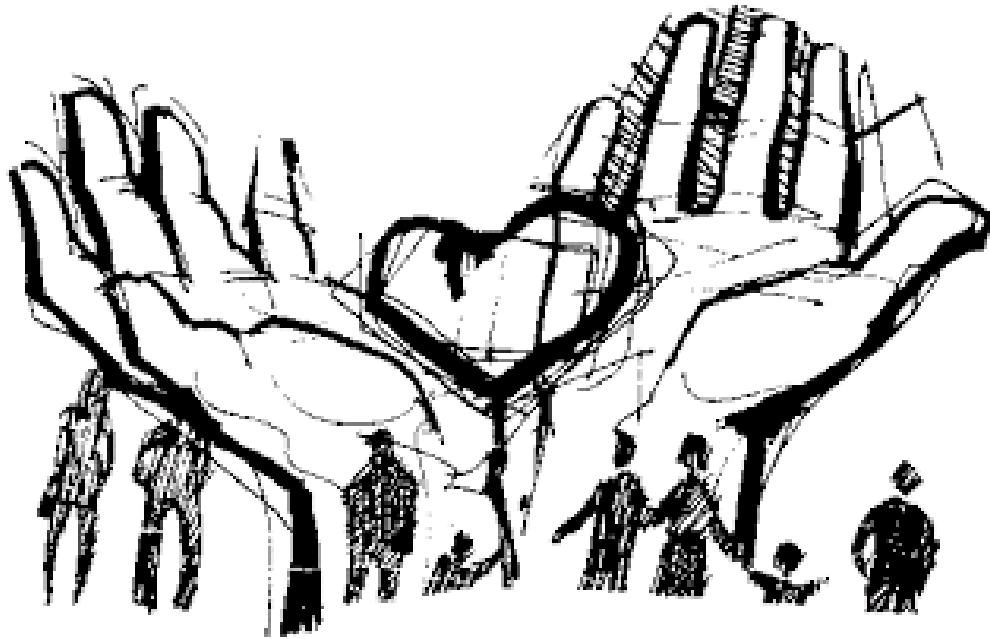
The monthly Ladies' Luncheon will be in SE Salem at Macleay Country Inn, 8362 Macleay Rd. SE, meeting there at 12:30 or 12:00 at the church to carpool.

Buddy Bunnies for Children in Crisis

For over 15 years Stayton United Methodist Women has donated stuffed “pets” to the Stayton Police Department. After Easter and Valentine’s Day, Diane Mc Dermott purchases new stuffed animals with the \$150.00 that the Stayton unit budgets for the mission project. The Bunny Buddies are distributed by the police department as the need arises for comforting children in times of crises. United Methodist Women focuses on programs and projects that benefit women, children and youth and the toys are a means of touching the lives of children in our community.



Myrna Headrick, Diane McDermott, Roma Stewart, Carol North, Gerri Hawkins, Alice Halse and Buddy Bunnies



In reading the Bible it is clear to me that God wants us to have a ministry in the lives of others. Sure, He could meet peoples' needs directly. But instead, He chooses to give to us so that we may give to others and draw closer to Him. So, how do we go about sharing the gifts that God has bestowed upon us?

- Give while you have the chance – Riches and life itself are uncertain; give now while you can.
- Live with open hands – You may have something that God wants given to another person.
- Align your giving & volunteer efforts – Focus your giving and time on issues you are passionate about so you truly make a difference.
- Use money to change your heart – Generosity enables you to overcome selfishness and develop a greater heart for God and others.

“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.” (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

Bill Smith

Finance Chair

Remember to include Stayton United Methodist Church in your will!



Book Study Group

Our June book is "The Sacred Willow - Four Generations in the Life of a Vietnamese Family" by Mai Elliott. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Duong Van Mai Elliott's book illuminates recent Vietnamese history by weaving together the stories of the lives of four generations of her family. Beginning with her great-grandfather, who rose from rural poverty to become an influential mandarin scholar, and continuing to the present, Mai Elliott traces her family's journey through an era of tumultuous change. She tells us of childhood hours in her grandmother's silk shop, Agonizing choices split her family: her oldest sister left their staunchly anti-communist home to join the Viet Minh rebels, and spent months sleeping in jungle camps with her infant son, fearing air raids by day and tigers by night.

Elliott follows several family members through

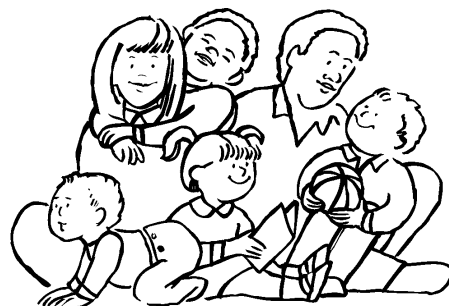
the last, desperate hours of the fall of Saigon and the during the many difficult years that followed for those unable to escape. Based on family papers, dozens of interviews, and a wealth of other research, this is not only a memorable family saga but a record of how the Vietnamese themselves have experienced their times.

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

We will meet to discuss "The Sacred Willow" Sunday, June 24th at 3 pm in the home of Patty Martizia. 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.

Nursery Attendants for June:

June 3 Carol North
 June 10 Claudia Johnson
 June 17 TBA
 June 24 Irene Marchbanks



CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

May 21, 2018

by Don Robinson

Worship is “that critical link for remembering what God does with our lives and in our world,” Peter W. Marty, publisher of Christian Century magazine, observes. This thought served as the springboard for the Council’s discussion of Passionate Worship. Without Worship, Marty continues, “we’re cursed to forget all kinds of things about God.” We need Worship, and our church needs to strive mightily to do Worship well; thus, the Council spent time at its meeting examining our church’s services and considering what works well and what doesn’t cut it.

Pastor Janine reported the Wednesday night Reduce, Recycle, Re-use sessions are going well with attendance of 14 and 19. She plans to attend the Table Talk on The Way Forward for the UMC being held in Salem on the 22nd. Average Worship attendance through April of this year is 61; for all of 2017, the average was 64.

Finance Chair Bill Smith characterized April as a “solid” month. Cash balance has held. We’re current in paying our Conference apportionments.

Lay Leader Judy Mohney is working with Lifetouch on a pictorial directory. Pictures will be taken July 16, 17, 18.

Lay Leader John Mohney said ten people have signed up for the first Break Bread Together (BBT) potluck at the Mohneys on June 3.

General discussion was held regarding the existence and operation of the church’s benevolence fund and its availability to help with the needs of church members and others. Greg Johanson will follow-up.

Building matters: Sanctuary vents are installed; church bell is operational; new cleaning service seems to be performing well; ant problem in kitchen is being addressed – should be gone in a couple of weeks.

Children and Youth: Faith and Cassandra will be presented Bibles in an upcoming Worship. Children’s Ministry Leader needed to work with Pastor Janine on planning for the Fall.

Five persons, including Pastor Janine, are signed up for the United Methodist Men’s ocean fishing trip. Men’s Burrito Breakfast was a success.

Jerry Capps reported that he’s having some difficulty getting info to put on the church’s webpage. Please keep him informed of your events and activities.

Care Team Chair Judy Mohney said that she’s very pleased with how things are going.

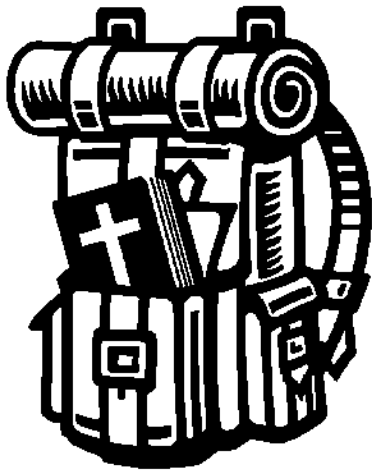
Other business: Bill Smith is checking on the possibility of us doing church shirts again. Margaret Ables is looking for people to put together a plan for the church to participate in the Stayton Summerfest. We will hold a prayer walk in the neighborhood on June 9 at 10 a.m.

CHURCH FRIENDS!

I feel very honored and loved to have received birthday wishes and cards from so many. It was a lovely celebration our family gave me for my recent birthday. Thank you for providing the Fellowship Hall for us to use. It was especially nice to have the decorations left from the All Daughters Tea. Many thanks to Janet McCallister for creating those lovely florals. They have lasted for 3 Sundays and perhaps 4 Sundays!! We were certainly pleased to have the day with dear friends and church friends who were able to attend! Special thanks to Roma Stewart and Carol North who secretly helped!!!

Also thank you for the prayers for Doug. He has appreciated them. It was quite a surprise to him that one of his arteries was blocked, but his body was building new capillaries so the physicians felt no surgery was needed. But he will have to get used to new meds keeping his blood pressure down as well as a blood thinner. He feels very blessed. Being a 20 year cancer survivor has left him alive but with many side effects!! He got his cancer from being exposed to a solvent in the Army and he is fortunate that he has the VA for his care.

Marcella Gentry



Six Youth Get To Go To Camp

Please keep our youth campers in prayer as they head out for their summer adventures. This year we have 6 youth heading off to Church Summer Camps. Our campers are Kassandra Clayton, Cheyenne and Faith Smith, Alicia, Cesar and Lorena Cruz-Halse.

Your generous donations to the Camp Scholarships helps make this possible. Thank you.

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The people of the Stayton United Methodist Church

Welcome you!

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

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