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From the Pastor: My August Adventures

August will find me on the road, and you will enjoy the insightful preaching of Greg Johanson and Don Robinson while I am away. We are blessed to have such stellar preachers as a part of our congregation. Since I will be away for three Sundays, the 5, 12 and 26, I thought you might like to know what I will be doing. July 31 I am traveling to Washington DC to co-host a conference for the United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities. We have 28 folks attending with workshops from The Lewis Center for Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary, the General Board of Church and Society, and the General Commission on Religion and Race. It has been exciting to help organize this conference promoting leadership at all levels of the church. and Our theme this year is “Taking Our Place at the Table.”

From there I go to the Fort Meyer Florida area to spend time with grand children Emma and Ellie, and their parents, of course. From DC to Florida in August is like going from the frying pan into the fire, with high temperatures and sometimes even higher humidity. The kids, though, have a pool so I hope to be able to play with Emma and Ellie in the water. I return to Stayton to have the great pleasure to officiate at the wedding of Cole Henry and Allison Mair at Black Butte. While you are in worship with Don Robinson brilliantly leading the service on August 12, I will be at the wedding rehearsal orchestrating things for the next day.

On Sunday August 19, during worship, I want to have a discussion of possibilities for using the \$500 from the conference to reach out to new people in new ways. Whatever we decide to do needs to include the ability to develop ongoing relationships. We can add to this money, work with other partners, and have fun trying something new. So, bring your creativity and playfulness along with those ideas that have been simmering in the background for a while. I look forward to what we come up with together.

Finally, August 24 through the 29th, I have been selected to participate in an important global event “Listening with Open Hearts: Building Bridges and Deepening Relationships.” This event will be held in Portland, Oregon and will include representatives from Africa, the Philippines and Europe, as well as participants from across the United States. It is being held in partnership with the International Hospitality Committee of the Love Your Neighbor Coalition, which seeks to foster grace-filled, cross-cultural relationships. This event is designed to engage participants in a global conversation to:

- (1) provide an opportunity to share issues and concerns related to our various contexts, especially those facing The United Methodist Church outside of the United States,
- (2) deepen our understanding and relationships with one another, and
- (3) create an environment of intentional listening.

While this means another Sunday away from the congregation, I am honored and excited to participate in this event where there will be opportunities to worship and engage in Bible study together and learn what it means to be United Methodist in other parts of the world. I know this will deepen my appreciation of our worldwide church and give me much to share with you. May your August journeys large or small bring you great blessings.

Janine

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Efficient Carpet Cleaners will come to clean our church carpets on August 1st and August 4th. Several people will be needed to move furniture out of the way of the cleaners and to move it back in place when the carpet is dry. The times help is needed are Tuesday, July 31st at 7:00 pm, Thursday, August 2nd, and Saturday, August 4th at 10:00 am. Please sign up at the table in the Narthex, if you can help.

Thank you so much.

Valerie Capps

Secretary for the Board of Trustees



New World Outlook

For 107 years, *New World Outlook* has been a communication channel that helped to sustain Methodist commitment to mission. But this year, the General Board of Global Ministries has decided to end the publication of this print resource at the end of 2018. The final issue will be published in October 2018, and will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the first mission society in the lineage of the General Board of Global Ministries.

What comes next is a matter of serious, prayerful consideration by Global Ministries' directors and staff. Be sure that the church will not be left without sources of easily available and inspiring mission information in this age of multiple media options.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

The United Methodist Women will be having their Annual Meeting at the Jefferson United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 29, 2018, from 9:00 to 3:00 pm.

This will be close and easy to travel to. Our District Officer, Judi Day, has asked us if we could provide morning refreshments such as

fruit, rolls, muffins, cheese etc. for the coffee hour during registration. In May, I brought this up during our meeting and there were willing volunteers at that time. However, I didn't write down any names so I will need to call people. If we have enough helpers I will confirm the number of people we need to serve. Judi will be counting on us. If you know you can attend the meeting, please let me or Alice Halse know.

Sarah Loose of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, in Salem, will be the featured speaker.

Our next UMW meeting will be Tues., September 11 at 10:00 am.

Blessings,
Judy Halse



Changing it up this month in honor of my daughter's upcoming marriage. Following are some verses that I hope she and her husband will take with them on their journey together.

Ephesians 4:2 & 25 – Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

1 Peter 4:8 – Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 John 4:12 & 16 – If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 – Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. (Hint – God is the third strand.)

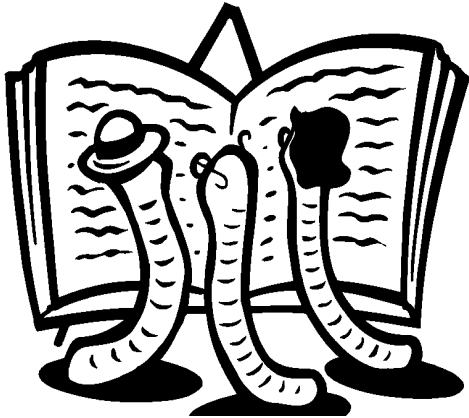
Galatians 5:22 & 25 – The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Bill Smith

Finance Chair

Remember to include Stayton United Methodist Church in your will!

The Book Study Group



Our August 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. The author J.D.'s grandparents were dirt poor and in love; they 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.

Our next book is "The Identicals: A Novel" by Elin Hilderbrand. Nantucket is only eleven miles away from Martha's Vineyard. But they may as well be worlds apart for estranged twin sisters Harper and Tabitha Frost. After not speaking for more than a decade, Harper and Tabitha switch islands-and lives-to save what's left of their splintered family. But the twins quickly discover that the secrets, lies, and gossip they thought they'd outrun can travel between islands just as easily as they can. Will Harper and Tabitha be able to bury the hatchet and end their sibling rivalry once and for all? Hmm... It's a good summer read.

We will meet to discuss "Hillbilly Elegy" on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 3 pm in the home of Irene Marchbanks. 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JUNE 2018

by Don Robinson

Members of the church council gathered in the conference room for their June session on the 25th of the month. Following prayer led by Pastor Janine, we turned to Philipians 3: 12-14 (“press on toward the goal”) as a foundation for our discussion of the importance of “intentional faith development.” The Christian faith is not something we acquire in its fullness at a moment of conversion or at the time of Confirmation, it is something that demands ongoing intentional effort. As Bishop Schnase says in his book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*: “Faith moves, grows, changes, matures.”

A significant purpose of a church is to provide opportunities for faith development beyond the weekly worship service. So, this question was put to us: “Name small group ministries of our church that provide a means of helping people to study, learn, experience, and practice the faith.”

Responses: Serving as liturgist; Sunday Bible Study; Women’s Bible Study; changing paraments and preparing sanctuary for worship; UMW; teaching (Sunday school, ESL, GED, citizenship); landscaping; Tuesday prayer group; movie group; Conversations at library; quilting group; Game Night; Pastor Janine’s short-term studies. Suggestions from the congregation are encouraged.

Pastor Janine reported: (1) To get to know our neighborhoods better, we will hold a prayer walk through a different portion of the city on the second Saturday of each month. (2) We have been offered a \$500 “micro-grant” by the District to initiate unique outreach to our community. In response to her request for ideas, members came up with: Picnic on the grounds for community; T-ball team with soup and sandwiches served after practices; partner on the Stayton youth center. The entire congregation will be offered a chance to give input on how we can best utilize the grant.

The council gave a go-ahead for a church stand at the Stayton Summerfest on July 28; Margaret Abels is coordinating. Judy Mohny informed us that new picture dates for the directory are September 24, 25, 26 – sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.

Treasurer Bill Smith reported that as of May 31, giving was ahead of schedule. We are current on our apportionments. Durelle Hudson provided a written and oral summary of the congregational responses to the Ministry Evaluation Survey; overall, the responses were very positive and expressed great appreciation for Pastor Janine’s ministry with us. Durelle also mentioned that we expect three citizenship class graduates will become citizens this fall. Lay Leader John Mohny reminded everyone that the second Break Bread Together dinner is scheduled for July 1 at the Gentrys.

Bob Bushman announced that the Trustees have adjusted room rental charges for the coming year, that the ant situation is under control, and that carpets will be cleaned the first week of August. Jerry Capps reiterated the need for information regarding church activities to be provided for the website; he also pointed out that the website calendar is continually updated, so activities scheduled after the Evangel has gone to press will still be posted on the website. Judy Mohny praised the members of the Care Team for their diligence. Judy Halse announced that the United Methodist Women contributed \$200 for the high school graduation parties. UMM President John Mohny reminded us that The United Methodist Men’s All-Church BBQ will be held on the last Sunday in July.

No council meeting was held in July. Next meeting: August 20 at 7 p.m.



BAZAAR CRAFTERS ARE MEETING EVERY WEDNESDAY

Ladies, we need persons who can sew, glue, cut, and/or put prices on finished items. In August the crafters will continue meeting every Wednesday and we are getting ready for the November bazaar. There are many projects and ideas that need some helping hands to finish. Come and work and fellowship.

On the **third Wednesday** of the month, August 15th, ladies' luncheon will be at Trexler Farms in Mehama. Carpool from the church at 12:00 or meet at the res-

taurant at 12:30.

United Methodist Men Group Goes To Volcanoes Baseball Game

The Men's group is planning an outing to a Volcanoes baseball game on Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:35 pm. We will buy tickets for the group and you can pay John Mohny for them. That way we can all sit as a group. Ticket prices are \$12 for upper box seats. We can carpool from the church or you can arrive at the stadium on your own. We will plan to leave the church at 5:15 pm.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please sign up by Sunday, August 12th so we can order tickets and get them to you by Sunday the 19th.



Nursery Attendants for August

August 5 Michelle Miller
 August 12 Maria del Carmen Cisneros
 August 19 Carol North
 August 26 Irene Marchbanks

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