

The Evangel

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How Are We Doing at Being Church?

This is the question our district superintendent, Tim Overton-Harris will be asking us on Sunday, November 18. Tim will join us for worship where we will celebrate Consecration Sunday, and following worship, we will fellowship together around a delicious lunch. Please plan to join us for lunch and stay after to help with the assessment of our church.

While we often keep doing the same things we've been doing for years, the world around us has changed. So, to be the chief missional strategist for our district, Tim plans to visit each local church to assess where it is at in its ministry and mission, and what it brings to the work of partnering with God and Christ in transforming lives and the world. That is where you come in on November 18.

Tim will take us through a process described in the Discipline for this assessment work. Here is that process in part:

¶ 213. A Process for Assessment of Local Church Potential—Since every congregation is located in a community in some type of transition, every local church is encouraged to study their congregation's potential... 1. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) unique missional opportunities and needs of the community;
- b) present ministries of the congregation;
- c) number of leaders and style of leadership;
- d) growth potential of the surrounding community;
- e) fiscal and facilities needs;
- f) distance from other United Methodist churches;
- g) number and size of churches of other denominations in the community;
- h) other items that may impact the church's ability to fulfill the mission of the church as stated in Chapter One, Section I.

Every congregation and its leadership should begin its own assessment process. What assets do we have? People, financial, property, connections, relationships with other organizations, etc.? Who is it that lives in the immediate area of our church building? What shops, stores, and business populate our community? What do the people who are our neighbors need? How can we partner with them and other organizations and churches to meet these needs? These are the questions to begin asking, but Tim reminds us that to get the answers, we will need to step out of our church doors and into the neighborhood and develop relationships.

From The Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

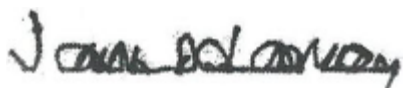
I am writing to let you know I plan to retire at the end of my 4th year with you, June 30 2019. This has been a difficult decision. I have loved serving as your pastor, and I am truly humbled by your faithfulness as you have served God and this community. You have welcomed and loved me, and you treated me with kindness and respect.

When I came to you in 2015, I had hoped I could adjust to small town living, and, indeed, there are wonderful advantages to living in a small town. During this past year, however, I have felt increasingly isolated and alone. For my own emotional well being, I need to live closer to Portland where I have access to the network of services and friends that make my life whole. As I prayed and talked with friends and colleagues, I grew certain I could not give you all my best for the full 6 years I had originally planned for my time here in Stayton.

It has been an honor to serve each one of you. I wish the absolute best for you and truly believe God has a plan for this church. You can count on me to serve you with my whole heart, mind and soul through the remainder of my time.

Like Paul in Philippians, I thank God every time I think of you, praying with joy for all of you because of your sharing in the gospel. I am confident that the one who began a good work among you will complete it.

Yours in Christ ,



Pastor Janine

United Methodist Men's Group

Friday, Nov. 2nd., the Men's group is preparing and servicing the Spaghetti Dinner that coincides with the Bazaar. Noodles will be prepared on Thursday, Nov. 1st, in the evening. Sauce will be prepared Friday starting at 9:00am. Serving will be 5:00-7:00pm. We need all the help we can get.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ACTIVITIES

Ladies, the Bazaar is November 2, 3, and 10. This event helps provide the monies for the many mission projects to which the Stayton United Methodist Women give here in Stayton area, nationally and the world. Invite your friends to come, purchase some the many homemade items, and fellowship.

On November 21, **the third Wednesday of the month** ladies' luncheon will be at Moxieberry in Stayton. Carpool from the church at 12:15 or meet at the restaurant at 12:30.

In December the United Methodist Women will be collecting toiletries for the Christmas boxes. Remember to put this special project on your calendar.

Bazaar 2018

Well, did you save the date? If so you know it's almost here. This Sunday Oct. 28th will be set up tables time. We need as many helpers as possible. Looking at the sign-up sheets, there are still opportunities to help. Please check them out and sign up to help, bring supplies, or set up the displays in the Fellowship Hall.

There is still time to make pies, soup, or yummies like candy. Last, but not least, call a friend or more and make a date to come and enjoy lunch or dinner, browse, and buy.



Holiday Bazaar

Stayton United Methodist Women

Friday, Nov 2nd
9 am to 7 pm

Saturdays, Nov 3rd & 10th
9 am to 2 pm

Lunches 11 am to 2 pm

Spaghetti Dinner K-9 Fundraiser
Friday, Nov. 2nd – 5 to 7 pm
for Stayton Police K-9 Drug Dog



Angel Tree 2018

The SUMC Christmas gift outreach to local children of an incarcerated parent is accomplished through the Prison Fellowship organization. The names and ages have been received and we have 15 children all from Stayton. We will be doing the Angel Tree Prison Fellowship as we have in the last couple of years. There will be a table located in the narthex Sundays after worship starting November 18. This year we are asking for monetary donations only. This will help us streamline the process.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of such a worthwhile program.

Angel Tree Committee,

Jane Kuenzi, Bob Bushman, Ralph Stevens

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday - December 1, 2018 - at 10:00 am

Please join us for a morning of fellowship and we decorate our beautiful church for the Advent Season! We will be trimming the Christmas tree, putting up garlands, arranging poinsettias and setting up the outdoor Nativity scene. It doesn't take a great deal of time if there are many hands to help. This is an invitation to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

Judy Halse and the Worship Committee



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4. Please remember to set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed on November 3.

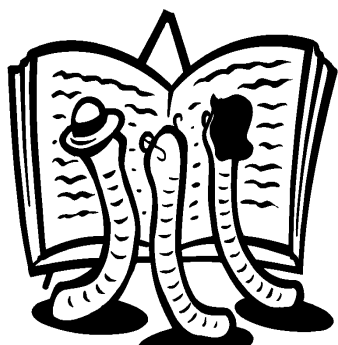


Thank You From Jefferson United Methodist Women

Saturday, September 28th was a wonderful day at Jefferson UMC and all of you (and many others) contributed to that in various ways! Even though you could not be here, Judy, I really appreciate your work "beforehand and behind the scenes." The plethora of fruit and tasty breakfast rolls and breads you brought from Stayton was certainly well received! And the snacks for our little Teen Center was a welcomed gift. Thank you so much. It was a pleasure greeting/meeting all of you and so glad you came, Janine.

Looking forward to our next gathering,

Judi Day



Book Study Group

Our November book is "Wolf Winter" by Cecilia Ekbäck. Swedish Lapland, 1717. Maija, her husband Paavo and her daughters Frederika and Dorotea arrive from their native Finland, hoping to forget the traumas of their past and put down new roots in this harsh but beautiful land. Above them looms Blackåsen, a mountain whose foreboding presence looms over the valley and whose dark history seems to haunt the lives of those who live in its shadow. While herding the

family's goats on the mountain, their daughter Frederika happens upon the mutilated body of one of their neighbors, Eriksson. The death is dismissed as a wolf attack, but Maija feels certain that the wounds could only have been inflicted by another man. She is compelled to investigate despite her neighbors' strange disinterest in the death and the fate of Eriksson's widow.

Our next book is "The Golden Ring: A Christmas Story" by John Snyder. It is just days before the Christmas of 1918 in a picturesque township nestled in the mountains of coal country. Anna Beal, an idealistic nine-year-old, is very close with her father Joseph, a hard-working railroad engineer. As Christmas approaches, a series of puzzling dreams shared by Joseph and Anna about a golden ring mystifies them both. Based on a true story. It doesn't look like this book is on Kindle. Please let us know if you have a paper copy to loan.

We will meet to discuss "Wolf Winter" on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 3 pm in the home of Niki Loewen. 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.

Movie and Discussion November 11

Our next movie will be at the Kruger's house on Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 PM. A Congregation of Ghosts is the movie, which was recommended by the Stewarts. This is a true story of a restless spirit shot on location in rural Cornwall, England. The film is based on the story of the Reverend Frederick Densham. In life, Densham was a naive, pious man who after years of missionary work in India, returns to England in 1932 to become a vicar in the small village of Warleggan. He is influenced by the work of Gandhi and tries to spread the word to a prejudiced and uneducated community. He was ostracized during his life, but his haunting presence influences others even today.

Please call Mary (503-779-7029) to reserve your spot; only 10 people at this venue, but we would appreciate volunteers who may like to host a movie in a future month in their larger living room. We also encourage suggestions for future movies.



LEAVES ARE FALLING EVERYWHERE

Saturday, November 10 @ 8:00 a.m., we will be raking and picking up leaves. Please join us if you can! We would like to be cleaned up before the bazaar opens. If anyone has a pickup or trailer we can use, bring it. Yard debris will be taken to Stayton's FREE recycling drop!!!

Thank you, see you on November 10 @ 8:00 a.m.,
Landscape Committee

Photo Shoot for New Directory

Judy Mohny and Angel Miller are working together to do several sessions of photo shoots for the new directory. There will be signup sheets in the narthex beginning Nov. 11th. Sessions will be:

Sunday, November 25th Following Worship Service

Monday, November 26th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, November 27th 3:00-5:00 pm

Sunday, December 2nd Following Worship Service

Sunday, December 9th Following Worship Service

These photo sessions will be held here at the church. We will make arrangements for anyone who is housebound who wishes to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Angel at 503-769-5700.

Food Boxes: Help Bring Joy to Others This Christmas

We will be putting together Christmas Food Boxes for people in our area. This effort is coordinated by the Outreach Committee and involves generous donations from our congregation and United Methodist Women. Any food that is put on the table in the hallway will go into the food boxes. Although any food item is acceptable, here is a list of some suggestions:

Rice	Rolls
Canned Vegetables	Jell-O
Pork n' Beans	Canned Fruit
Cranberries	Jelly/Jam
Applesauce	Oranges/Apples
Stuffing Mix	Chili
Yams	Broth
Pie Filling	Butter/Margarine
Pie Crust Mix	Gravy Mix
Cake Mix/Frosting	Pickles/Olives
Cocoa/Tea/Juice	Stew

United Methodist Women will provide specialty items: Toiletries, school/art supplies, etc.

On Wednesday, December 19, we will sort and organize food items at 10:00 am and will pack boxes at 6:00 pm. Saturday, December 22, 9:00 am, doors will open for families to come and receive their food box. We will provide cookies, coffee, and cocoa. Thank you for bringing sunshine and God's love into many homes this holiday season.

God Bless,
Outreach Committee

Assistant Child Care Attendants for November

4 Mary Ferguson
11 Mary Kruger
18 Judy Halse
25 Maria del Carmen

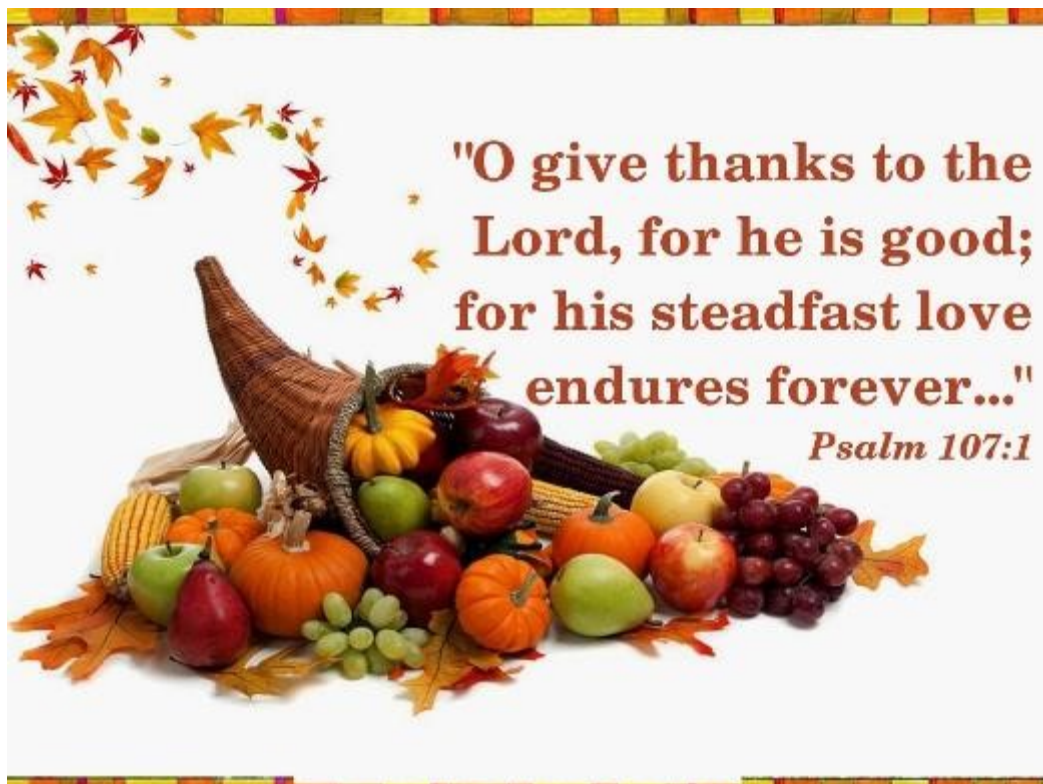


Thank You

I want to thank all my friends for all the sympathy and cards during the passing of my brother.
Margie Fagan

Happy Thanksgiving

Just a reminder that the office will be closed Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving.





Free is a very good price and that's exactly what it costs us to be a Christian. God has already paid the price of our admission through the sacrifice of his only son, Jesus Christ. However, as Christians we acknowledge that everything we have and everything there is belongs to God; we've only been entrusted with its management. In stewardship terms, this means that it's not a matter of giving to God (a cost), but returning to God what is already his (an act of faith and gratitude). We give in order to grow in our faith and become rich in our relationship with God. It is also through our giving that we express our gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. However, to be truly meaningful we must give in accordance with our means.

“Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 16:17)

Bill Smith,

Finance Chair

Remember to include Stayton United Methodist Church in your will!

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>Daylight Savings Ends All Saints Sunday 9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study 6:00-8:00 PM Game Night</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 PM Weight Watchers</p>			<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Bazaar Setup 6:30 PM Citizenship Class 6:30 PM ESL/GED</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Bazaar 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch 5:00-7:00 PM Spaghetti K-9 Fundraiser Dinner</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Bazaar 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Bible Study 3:00 PM Movie Night @ Kruger's House</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Charge Conference & Church Council</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 AM Kitchen Team 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Citizenship Class 6:30 PM ESL/GED</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 PM Citizenship Class 6:30 PM ESL/GED</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Bazaar 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Meeting with District Superintendent with Meal 11:30 AM Bible Study 6:00-8:00 PM Game Night</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 PM Weight Watchers</p>	<p>13</p> <p>3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Citizenship Class 6:30 PM ESL/GED</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM Citizenship Class 6:30 PM ESL/GED</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Directory Photo Session 11:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Directory Photo Ses- sion 6:00 PM Weight Watchers</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30 AM UMM Breakfast @ Covered Bridge Café 3:30 PM Prayer Team 5:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Citizenship Class 6:30 PM ESL/GED</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:30 PM Ladies' Luncheon @ Moxieberry</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office Closed: Happy Thanksgiving 6:30 PM Citizenship Class 6:30 PM ESL/GED</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 PM Evangel Deadline</p>	<p>24</p>
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November Birthdays

Bill North 10
Pat Wallstrom 10
Dan Swehosky 10
Mike Schaer 16
Bill Martinak 19
Jane Kuenzi 23
Diane Pankonin 24
Juli Huddleston 28
Mason Strand 28

November Anniversaries

Dave & Marcella Gentry 10
John & Judy Mohny 17
Ralph & Jane Stevens 26

Coffee Hour:

Group A-F has the first Sunday of the month.
Group G-J has the second Sunday of the month.
Group K-P has the third Sunday of the month.
Group R-W has the fourth Sunday of the month.

Since we are just doing the simplified Coffee Hour we will continue to use the alphabetical system as is. Please provide 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.

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)
(Second Sunday)
Margaret Ables & Mike Palinkas (Third Sunday)
Pat & Zeke Coleman (Fourth Sunday)

Fifth Sunday: Durelle Hudson & Jane Kuenzi

LOVE Team & Nursery

November 4

LOVE Team: Irene, Shirley, Christine
Nursery: Mary Ferguson

October 11

LOVE Team: Durelle, Valerie, Charlotte
Nursery: Mary Kruger

October 18

LOVE Team: Janet, Betty
Nursery: Judy Halse

October 25

LOVE Team: Erma & Chuck, Mae Belle
Nursery: Maria del Carmen

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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Become one!

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welcome you!



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Pastor's Day Off: Friday
Sunday Schedule
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour following the Worship Service

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