

The Evangel

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AN UPDATE

My update, as some of you have already discovered, is that the Bishop is appointing me to serve as pastor of the Jefferson United Methodist Church starting the first of July 2019. It is officially a one-quarter time appointment. Nobody seems to know how that translates. But it means I will not be in worship at the Stayton UMC in the same way I have since returning to Oregon in 2010. I have already been grieving that, noting how much I look forward to hearing Jean-Marie play, the choir sing, you all coming forward for communion in this congregation we share, and the various committees and projects in which we participate.

The Stayton UMC will continue to be my official charge conference as an ordained UMC retired minister. I want to continue as your Minister of Church and Community Counseling who often sees people on Fridays in the church as the Grace Counseling Center. Some years it costs me around \$3,000 to operate Grace Counseling Center. I have never made a profit, but it is part of my contribution to the church. Whenever I identify myself at the Stayton Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, Habitat for Humanity or other meetings, it is always as Director of the Grace Counseling Center at the Stayton UMC. So, the church has a reputation in the community for supporting a counseling ministry.

Grace Counseling is underutilized since most church members and community members I know value anonymity and seek counseling services away in places like Salem. The people who do find their way to us benefit in a deep way from our services and are aware that the church provides sponsorship for their growth and healing.

Back to fourth-time at the Jefferson UMC. Tim, our District Superintendent, says it does not mean preaching every Sunday, going to all the meetings, meeting the larger community, and getting paid quarter time. My best guess is that I could show up for our Stayton UMC worship on some second Sundays, as well as some church committees or projects. I look forward to that.

So, thanks for being so welcoming and honoring of me as you have. I look forward to my continued involvement with you, and we will see more of what that looks like in the coming months. All United Methodist appointments are a year to year covenant. My first Sunday in Jefferson will be the same as David's first Sunday here, the first Sunday in July.

Grace and Peace, *Greg*



We welcome our new pastor, Rev. David Madden, to our Church!

Come meet our new Pastor! His first worship service will be on Sunday, July 7th. Plan to attend the worship service at 10:00 am and stay for a potluck lunch afterwards!



The fruit of the Spirit is . . . generosity.

- Galatians 5: 22

Over the past few weeks, Angel and I have had the privilege of collecting donations for Pastor Janine's farewell gift. What a blessing that has been – an opportunity to witness the love and generosity of the people of Stayton UMC.

As I've thought about it, I've come to appreciate what an example of stewardship your gift-giving is. Giving is an essential component of Christian wealth management. Regardless of how much we have, good stewardship urges us to set aside something to give to others.

I recall how much joy the monetary gifts of my congregation brought me when I retired. As Carol and I made our transcontinental trek from Illinois to California, those gifts enabled us to delight in the experience. We will always treasure the memories generosity brought to us.

Thanks, everyone, for your giving. And Godspeed to you, Pastor Janine.

Don Robinson

BAZAAR CRAFTERS TO BEGIN MEETING EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING JULY 10

On July 10, 2019, we begin our Bazaar workdays at 9:30-12:00. We will meet every Wednesday until the Bazaar. We need your help. Many hands make the job go faster. If you can cut, glue, sort, cut tags, we want you!

Out Ladies' Luncheon will be Wednesday, July 17, 12:30 at Trexler's Farm. Carpool from church at 12:00.

In Christ, Diane McDermott

The Book Study Group

Our July book is “Educated: A Memoir” by Tara Westover. Born to survivalist parents in the mountains of Idaho, Tara was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Our next book is “The Rewind Files” by Claire Willet. This story takes place in 2112 when time travel exists. Regina Bellows, a smart-mouthed young researcher at the Time Travel Bureau, discovers historical events are being altered without authorization, and reluctantly takes on her first field mission: Operate undercover in the Mid-20th Century and gather information on who might be creating the Chronomaly. When she accidentally uncovers a massive Chronomaly in 1972, she realizes she's stumbled upon a far-reaching conspiracy to start World War III. Now, marooned in the 20th century, she must gather the few people she can trust and stop the conspirators before they silence her for good. She's under-trained, inexperienced, all alone, and World War III is hanging in the balance. What could possibly go wrong? By all accounts, this is a fun and fast summer read. Enjoy!

We will meet to discuss “Educated” on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 2 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.

All Church barbeque – All are Welcome!

On Sunday, July 28th 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.



Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and prayers during my recent illness.

Roma Stewart

Assistant Nursery Attendants for July

July 7 Robin Strand

July 14 Pat Coleman

July 21 Carol North

July 28 Judy Halse

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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The people of the Stayton United Methodist Church

welcome you!

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Monday through Friday - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Pastor's Day Off: Friday

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

