

# The Evangel

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## Personal Holiness

For John Wesley, there was both an inward and an outward dimension to personal holiness. Inward holiness refers to the cleansing and renewing of our hearts and minds, which begins with faith. When we recognize God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ, we are filled with love for God. Out of this love, the Holy Spirit cultivates thoughts and habits in us that are pleasing to God, including the love of our neighbors. With this inward change in place, outward holiness becomes possible. Outward holiness refers to words and actions that demonstrate loving obedience to God. Personal holiness, then, reflects the transformation of sinful lives into lives that demonstrate love of God and neighbor. Such renewal is made possible by the work of the Holy Spirit, which calls for and enables our response to God. Despite the apparent strength of sin, Wesley was confident in the Holy Spirit's ability to make personal holiness a genuine reality in our lives.

So, now it's up to us to get out of our own way and let God get to work in our lives.

Amen  
Pastor David

## MISSION BRUNCH

March 1, Outreach will be having our annual Outreach Brunch at 11:00. This is a Free-Will Offering, and funds will go to MVLC. We will be serving quiche, bagels, fruit, and beverage.

We would appreciate it if the kitchen group for that week can bring fruit, and help with clean up. Thank you!

Blessings,  
Outreach



## Lenten Book Study

Beginning Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and concluding Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a book study discussing the fundamental beliefs of the United Methodist Church. The class will meet in the fireside room at 11:00 am and use a book written by Dr. William J. Abraham titled "Wesley for Armchair Theologians." Please sign up for the class by February 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we will know how many books to buy. My hope is that this book study will encourage you to dig deeper into the Wesleyan faith. Also, this is a great time to invite someone to learn more about our Church.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor David

**WESLEY**  
for Armchair Theologians

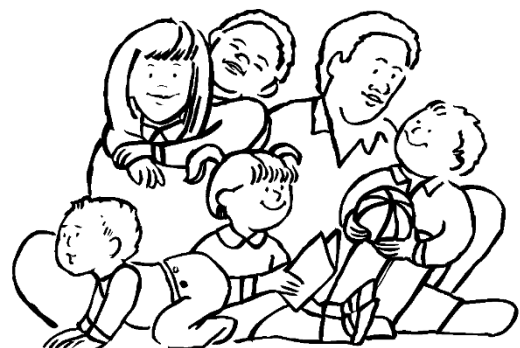


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## Nursery Attendants for March

- 1 CAROL NORTH
- 8 JUDY HALSE
- 15 CLAUDIA JOHNSON
- 22 MICHELLE MILLER
- 29 PAT COLEMAN





The Friends of the Stayton Pool invite you to join us at our annual fund raising Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner is March 14, 2020, Saturday, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at the United Methodist Church. Tickets may be purchased ahead at the church or the pool for \$8.00. At the door, tickets will be \$9.00. Children's tickets (6-12) are \$5.00.

**Movie Day**  
**Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 PM**

Movie and discussion is at Jim and Mary Kruger's house this month. Call Mary 503-779-7029 to let us know if you plan to come. The movie this month is Pride. (A repeat of last month since that Movie Day was canceled.) It is based on a true story in 1984. It tells of an unlikely but touching alliance between striking Welsh mineworkers and a coalition of gay and lesbian activists. It is rated R for language, which we do not usually choose, but I thought inclusion of all people was a very timely subject for us.

Please join our group to watch inspiring movies and participate in interesting and sometimes lively discussions. Movie suggestions are always welcome.

**Thank You!**

I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as I have battled this illness. I especially want to thank Judy Mohny for covering the office for me these last several weeks. I am still under the care of the doctor but I am recovering. It will take a long time to get back to normal, but any improvement is a blessing. If you stop by the office or call in please be patient if I have a coughing fit. It won't last long and I am not contagious. I want to thank you all for your cards and prayers. It is such a blessing to work with you all.

Blessings,  
Angel

## **United Methodist Women Activities for March**

Ladies interested in crafts and fellowship: knitters, seamstresses, cutters, gluers, painters, ideas people, etc. will meet Wednesday, March 18th, 9:30 at the church to work on projects for the annual November church bazaar.

The monthly Ladies' Luncheon will be held March 18th in the church Fireside Room at 12:00. Plan to come for salad potluck lunch and observance of A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. Special speaker will be Melissa Baurer, Coordinator of the Santiam Integration Team, who will inform us about their work. Details are in the article above and a special invitation will be in the church mailboxes.

The theme for the 26th annual All Daughters' Tea will be Roaring 20s. Ladies mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25 when all mothers and daughters are invited to Stayton United Methodist Church for fun, fellowship and food. The next planning meeting will be held Sunday, March 8, at 11:30. If you are interested in helping please join us.

## **United Methodist Women Salad Potluck Luncheon March 18th**

Every year, United Methodist Women's observance of A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial gives an opportunity for women to reflect on the gospel of Christ and make an offering that helps sustain ministry around the country and the world. One hundred percent of A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offerings will go to this year's assigned mission focus of Meeting God's Call to Transform Communities. The offerings will support the work of National Mission Institutions, International Partners and Regions Missionaries. These programs offer educational and economic development opportunities to undeserved and marginalized women, children and youth. Projects will include child development and after school programs; GED and ESL programs; job readiness, life skills and livelihood training; scholarships and micro-enterprise projects.

All women are invited to a salad potluck to observe A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, held at 12:00, March 18th, in the Fellowship Hall. Special speaker will be Melissa Baurer, Coordinator of SIT, who will inform us about the work that the Santiam Integration Team does with women, children and families in our community. Melissa coordinates providers and services, identifies needs, finds solutions, and avoids duplication of services so as to better serve families and individuals in the Santiam region. Santiam Integration Team receives a yearly donation from Stayton United Methodist Women.

If you cannot attend the potluck but would like to contribute to A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering and share and care about missions in this special way, please place your donation in an envelope. Checks may be made out to United Methodist Women and designated for Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Offering. Please return your contribution by Sunday, April 11, to Betty Fields, Stayton United Methodist Women treasurer. You may place it in her church mailbox.





### **History of United Methodist Women Part 3**

Social concerns continued to be a part of United Methodist Women in the 60's, 70's and until the present day. In 1960, the Board of Missions, through the Woman's Division and the Board of Christian Social Concerns through the Division of World Peace joined together to create the Methodist office for the United Nations located in the Carnegie Building on First Avenue, across from the U.N. complex. In 1962, the General Board of Church and Society purchased the property and building operation for the construction of the new Church Center for the United Nations with a loan from the Woman's Division. On October 25, 1969 a statement in opposition to the war in Vietnam was passed by the Women's Division for concurrent action by the World Division, and presented as a resolution to the entire Board of Mission. In February 1971, the Women's Division adopted a resolution supporting the Equal Rights Amendment. In 1973 The Women's Division adopted a statement on Watergate that called for the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

In 1975 a resolution on Equal Rights was approved by the Women's Division and transmitted to the 1976 General Conference for action. In 1986 directors and staff of the Women's Division and the General Board of Global Ministries gathered at the South African Embassy, Washington, DC, with other people of faith willing to demonstrate and be arrested on the issue of apartheid and freedom for all in South Africa. In 2001, Women's Division adopted a "Resolution on Terrorist Attacks," in response to the devastating terrorist attack in the United States and the subsequent bombing of Afghanistan. In August 2002, the executive committee of the Women's Division approved a resolution on Iraq, calling for peace and diplomatic efforts as an alternative to war. United Methodist Women were not afraid of being political when confronting social issues of the day. They were more concerned with being followers in the way of Jesus.

**10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's  
An Education Program Presented by the Alzheimer's Association  
Tuesday, March 10, 2:00-4:00 PM  
Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort  
4751 Astoria St NE, Salem 97305  
RV @ The Meeting Room  
Please RSVP: Toni Leija, 503-390-9494 ext. 1861**

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking and behavior that interfere with daily life. Join us to learn about 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others.

The one-hour program covers:

- Typical age-related changes
- Common warning signs of Alzheimer's
- How to approach someone about memory concerns
- Early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis and the diagnostic process
- Alzheimer's Association resources



## Book Group

### Book Group

Our March book is “Searoad: Chronicles of Klatsand” by Ursula Le Guin. This novel portrays the struggles and triumphs of several generations of women who independently control Klatsand, a small resort town on the Oregon coast. Le Guin explores the dreams and sorrows of the inhabitants of Klatsand, Oregon, a beach town where ordinary people bring their dreams and sorrows for a weekend or the rest of their lives, and sometimes learn to read what the sea writes on the sand. Searoad is the story of a particular place that could be any place, and of a people so distinctly drawn they could be any of us. This is a paper book only; we have not been able to find it in a digital format.

Our next book is “City of Girls” by Elizabeth Gilbert. This is a unique story is set in the New York City theater world during the 1940s told from the perspective of an older woman as she looks back on her youth. In 1940, nineteen-year-old Vivian Morris has just been kicked out of Vassar College, owing to her lackluster freshman-year performance. Her affluent parents send her to Manhattan to live with her Aunt Peg, who owns a flamboyant, crumbling midtown theater called the Lily Playhouse. Now eighty-nine years old and telling her story at last, Vivian recalls how the events of those years altered the course of her life - and the gusto and autonomy with which she approached it.

We will meet to discuss “Searoad” at 2 pm on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 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.

### Stained Glass Windows Campaign Update

We have raised \$3400 of the \$7800 needed to finish the Stained Glass Windows in the Sanctuary. For all donations received an anonymous donor will make a matching donation. Please give as you’re able.

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

*OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS*