

The Evangel

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He is Risen

It has been said that the only things certain in this life are death, taxes, and Covid. Well not anymore. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, the only thing that is certain in this life is resurrection and eternal life for those who put their trust in Jesus Christ. The gospel of John writes: These things were written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name. That's what the resurrection is about—life. A new life now. A new hope now. And eternal life yet to come.

During this Easter season, please remember that the resurrection of Christ demands a response from us all. And that response is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Romans 10:9-10 St. Paul says, that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

So today, believe, repent, and receive the word of God. Jesus is the Son of God. The Bible is true. And the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ real. Amen.

Pastor David





Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can.
- John Wesley from sermon "The Use of Money"

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7 (NRSV)

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

There have been a couple of good examples of stewardship happening in our church the past few weeks. As a congregation, we were faced, because of financial circumstances, with the possibility of having to move to a part-time pastor. However, members stepped up and pledged sufficient additional money to enable us to continue with fulltime clergy for another year. Knowingly or not, those members conformed to the John Wesley model of stewardship by saving enough to commit to weekly or monthly contributions and to also be able to give more when greater need arose.

The second example of stewardship involves the commitment Pastor David and the church council members have made to wisely use this next year to diligently seek and implement God's will for Stayton United Methodist Church. The call is, of course, going out for all members of the congregation to commit to this process of discerning, visioning, and acting. Please respond generously with your time, talents, and spiritual gifts.

With hope,
Don Robinson

Book Group

Our April 2022 book is: "Molokai, A Novel" by Alan Brennert. Young Rachel Kalama, growing up in idyllic Honolulu in the 1890s, is part of a big, loving Hawaiian family, and dreams of seeing the far-off lands that her father, a merchant seaman, often visits. But at the age of seven, Rachel and her dreams are shattered by the discovery that she has leprosy. Forcibly removed from her family, she is sent to Kalaupapa, the isolated leper colony on the island of Moloka'i. In her exile she finds a family of friends to replace the family she's lost: a native healer, Haleola, who becomes her adopted "auntie" and makes Rachel aware of the rich culture and mythology of her people; Sister Mary Catherine Voorhies, one of the Franciscan sisters who care for young girls at Kalaupapa; and the beautiful, worldly Leilani, who harbors a surprising secret. At Kalaupapa she also meets the man she will one day marry. Rachel's life, though shadowed by disease, isolation, and tragedy, is also one of joy, courage, and dignity. This is a story about life, not death; hope, not despair. It is not about the failings of flesh, but the strength of the human spirit.

Our next book is: "The Children's Blizzard: A Novel" by Melanie Benjamin. The morning of January 12, 1888 was unusually mild, following a punishing cold spell. It was warm enough for the homesteaders of the Dakota Territory to venture out again, and for their children to return to school without their heavy coats—leaving them unprepared when disaster struck. At the hour when most prairie schools were letting out for the day, a terrifying, fast-moving blizzard blew in without warning. Schoolteachers as young as sixteen were suddenly faced with life and death decisions: Keep the children inside, to risk freezing to death when fuel ran out, or send them home, praying they wouldn't get lost in the storm? Based on actual oral histories of survivors, this gripping novel follows the stories of Raina and Gerda Olsen, two sisters, both schoolteachers—one becomes a hero of the storm and the other finds herself ostracized in the aftermath. At its heart, this is a story of courage, of children forced to grow up too soon, tied to the land because of their parents' choices. It is a story of love taking root in the hard prairie ground, and of families being torn asunder by a ferocious storm that is little remembered today.

We will meet in the church Fireside room at 2 pm on Sunday, April 24, 2022 to discuss "Molokai-a Novel". If you would like to join virtually by Zoom, just email irenemarchbanks@aol.com by the Saturday before.

If you plan to attend in-person, please bring a small snack to share. Everyone is welcome to join us for one discussion or several. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Hardee or Irene Marchbanks.



Geraniums

Geraniums will be ordered for Easter. They will be \$5.00 each this year. Look for order forms in the Sunday bulletins through April 10th. Please turn your orders in to the office or offering plate by Monday, April 11.

Thanks,
The Worship committee

Movie Day April 10th, 2022

Movie goers will meet at the Kruger's on April 10th at 2:00. (Second Sunday of the month). Our April movie is "Get Low", starring Robert Duvall and Sissy Spacek. It is a true story of a backwoods Tennessee loner who planned his own funeral in 1938 with the idea of attending and enjoying the proceedings while still alive. It is a thought provoking story of faith and the hope of forgiveness. Please come; everyone is welcome. And remember, if you have any suggestions for future movies, please let me know.

Mary Kruger



Our Lenten Sunday School For Kids and Youth Continues! April 17, Easter Sunday at 9 am

Kids and youth will help decorate sugar cookies to share and have an Easter egg hunt!!!

Thanks to the Kitchen Team

Our kitchen team is such a vital blessing for our church. We give them special thanks for helping us to decorate, cut a large cake, serve during coffee hour and for all the extra time they put in for clean up after our 80th birthday celebration. Many thanks also goes to Ralph Jachens, Don Robinson and each of the other men who volunteer to run the dishwasher. Everyone's efforts made the day into a special memory for us.

Sincerely,
The Halse family

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE !!

Somewhere in our fellowship there is a person just waiting to be asked these questions. And just what are these questions? Are your God given talents showing up in a way God meant them to be used? Are you good with a computer? Do you like design and graphics? Are you self-directed? Being creative is also a talent that comes in handy. Do you think you could put all these talents together to help convey God's word to your fellow Christians? If projects using these talents sound interesting to you, please consider calling me, Barbara Jackson, at: (503) 798-1933 or email blujeans@wvi.com. I know help is on the way and I look forward to hearing from you, that special person, who hears God's call.

Special Thanks

A grateful thank you goes to Barbara Jackson for faithfully and lovingly arranging the display case in our narthex.
Each season she puts out meaningful inspiration for all of us to enjoy.

A Call for Prayer and Self Denial

United Methodist Women are still accepting donations for the Day of Prayer and Self Denial which benefits programs of Home Missioners. If you did not receive an envelope in your church box or in the mail, please call Mary Kruger or Irene Marchbanks. Checks can be made payable to UMW with designation for Prayer and Self Denial. Return to Irene or the church office. Thank you so much for supporting this valuable program.

Thank You

Dear Church,

We want to thank you for the prayers, visits, food and flowers. Pat came home from Rehab at Marion Home on March 9th after strokes and will have four more weeks of rehab at home. We can't thank you enough.

Friends In Christ,
Pat & Zeke Coleman

United Methodist Women Crafters

Crafters will meet again the first and third Wednesdays of each month, beginning in May. This will give us six months to get ready for the November Bazaar. Please join the group for crafting, fun, and socializing! No special skills needed. We will also meet for a cleaning of the craft room on Wednesday, April 20 9:30-12:00. Please join us if you are good at sorting, cleaning, and /or giving advice during this process!

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 AM Kids and Youth Lent Activities 9:10 AM - 9:40 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Bible Study in Conference Rm	4 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM PEO Meeting in Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM DAR in Fireside Rm 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PEO Meeting in Sanctuary	5 9:30 AM Kitchen Team 2:00 PM Church Prayer Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ESL/GED	6 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM PEO in Fireside Rm 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM All Church Zoom Call	7 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ESL/GED	8 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Fellowship Hall In Use 4:00 PM Bill North Celebration of Life	9
10 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Kids and Youth Lent Activities 9:10 AM - 9:40 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Bible Study in Conference Rm 2:00 PM Movie Day	11	12 2:00 PM Church Prayer Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ESL/GED	13 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM All Church Zoom Call	14 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ESL/GED	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Kids and Youth Lent Activities 9:10 AM - 9:40 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Bible Study in Conference Rm	18	19 7:30 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast @ Covered Bridge Cafe 2:00 PM Church Prayer Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ESL/GED	20 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM All Church Zoom Call	21 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ESL/GED	22 Earth Day	23 1:00 PM Evangel Deadline
24 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School 11:00 AM Bible Study in Conference Rm 2:00 PM SUMC Book Group in Fireside Room	25	26 2:00 PM Church Prayer Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ESL/GED	27 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM All Church Zoom Call	28 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ESL/GED	29	30

April Birthdays

Geri Hawkins	2
Diane McDermott	2
Bill Smith	5
Charles Henry	7
Jim Kruger	13
Deanna Palmer	15
Bob Ferguson	23
Claudia M Johnson	24
Barbara Jackson	24
Ernie Leffler	25
John Phillips	27

April Anniversaries

Steven & Patricia Martizia	6
Monty & Shannon Sheppard	23
Ralph & Cheryl Jachens	27

Coffee Hour

First Sunday Group
Second Sunday Group
Third Sunday Group
Fourth Sunday Group

Please provide just finger foods, items that can be carried on a napkin or small paper plate and requires no silverware. Each Group is responsible for bringing juice.

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!



Office Hours
Monday through Friday - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday Schedule
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour following the Service
OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS