

The Messenger



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors
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From the Pastor's Desk...

I've spent about 35 hours in a hospital setting this week, overseeing the process of my mom's hip replacement surgery and the follow-up stay in the hospital and on Friday, a move to a skilled nursing facility for a week or two of focused physical therapy. Thank you for your prayers for her and for our family!

As the hours went by and I walked to and from the cafeteria, restrooms, nurses station and mom's room, I had a lot of opportunity to think about healing and waiting and God's hand in the midst of our human condition. And about Abraham and a phrase that comes at the beginning of what I think could have been his hardest test. God called to Abraham and Abraham's answer is simple and open, "Here I am."

"I want you to sacrifice your son, Isaac." Are you willing to relinquish control of your destiny, Abraham? Are you really willing to trust my promises for you?

Whether the people in the surgery waiting room, or the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) or the Cardiac Care Unit or gift shop or cafeteria knew it consciously or not, God had whispered their names in whatever trying circumstances they faced and invited a response. "Here I am God. What will you do with me, with my loved one, with my family and friends?"

When we present ourselves to God with that kind of openness, He often asks for us to come with open hands,

relinquishing something or someone, some action, or desire or some level of control. If you and I took a moment of quiet, the kind found in the waiting room hours, would we hear God's whisper? Would we respond, "Here I am, Lord."

Could we hear his voice, "*Child, let go, give up, relax into my care; I've got this one.*" If so (and even as we wrestle with it), we would join a long line of others listening and responding. Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Hannah, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Mary. And many others whose lives were just as significant in the story of God's relationship with humanity

When Abraham followed God's directions, two things happened. One, it confirmed his faith: "Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your only son from me (Gen 22:12)." Secondly, on the other side of Abraham's risk-taking obedience, God reaffirmed the blessing He had already promised (22:15-18)

God will speak to each of us differently, bringing faith lessons and promises that fit our lives and our kingdom calling. But God's process of waiting, and His gift of faith building challenges, of asking us to relinquish what takes our attention, and receive what amazing and sometimes unusual blessings He longs to give, is the same with us as it was for Abraham

This month we enter into year 8 of ministry together. What an amazing journey it has been! As a community of faith, we have been committed to

listening to God, to responding, “Here we are” and to letting go of the things that we’ve held onto, ways of being that may have served us in the past, but no longer serve to open our heart and minds to God’s kingdom ministry now. As we look toward the opportunities before us, both as individuals and as a congregation, may we be bold to respond and tuned to listen. And we will see how God provides.

Blessed to be your pastor,
Pastor Karen

Scripture and Sermons for July 2017

July 2, 2017 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9, 2017 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or Psalm 72
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16, 2017 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 25
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23, 2017 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30, 2017 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Messy Church Sunday – Focus on David and Goliath

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Summer Transitions in The Cascadia District

The District Superintendent hand-over is



taking place this week. **Tim**

Overton-Harris,

who will begin the DS job on July 1st, has received the keys to the office and moved in a lot of boxes,

but there is still the task of assembling the desk and putting all the books on shelves. Tomorrow he will get the keys to the DS automobile, which is the DS's real office! Much has changed over the years, but the District Superintendent still carries out the Methodist tradition of doing ministry on the road as the old circuit riders did.

We are grateful for **Steve Sprecher's** work as the Cascadia District Superintendent these last six months. He stepped in courageously out of retirement and served faithfully and well. I know many of you are thankful for his guidance and support in the first half of this year. Best wishes to you and Lynda, Steve, as you return to retirement and plans for enjoying your family and travel!

Finance

June sure went by quickly. I was pleased to support the comments that Bob Cambra shared in the "All Church" conversation last Sunday, especially in the area of 2017 giving and our ability to be on track with our Shared Ministry giving. While at mid month, I was wondering just a little about how June would turn out, we were able to send another \$1,000 toward our obligation. Through June we have paid \$11,600 which is nearly 53% of that line in the budget. Absolutely "Incredible," just like it says on the aprons we wear when we cook those yummy omelets.

Preschool income for the summer is quite low since they are on summer vacation, so if we can all remember to stay current on our giving even when we are away, it helps a lot. There are many ways to automate your giving, and I am pleased to note that more people are using the Vanco Payment Solutions online giving method. You can access this from our web page and click on the DONATE button. Second Quarter giving statements will be available approximately mid July. Recycling income was \$180 in June.

Next up, the Block party. This is coming up soon and I hear some enthusiasm building. Invite a friend or two to come out and enjoy the food and see what's going on at Holly and Territorial. If you would like to help with something, speak up. More hands make the overall job lighter for all. And after this it will be the pie booth, lots of work, but also lots fun, lots of good pie (and ice cream) and one of our traditions with the bonus of being visible in the Canby community.

Mark Oldenkamp, Chair

Trustees



Updates on the progress of building maintenance:

- Fellowship Hall exit door hardware has been replaced.
- Women's restroom floor is in repair process; the mold issue has been dealt with. It was noninvasive so easily treated to remove. A taller toilet has been donated to replace the one that was leaking making it more accommodating to those with joint and other health issues. Currently, the team is in the process of selecting linoleum to replace the existing floor as it had to be removed around the toilet area.
- The irrigation system is needing minor repairs, and the tractor/mower is fixed.
- A vacuum has been purchased for Roy's use in the building.
- The preschool will be replacing the existing wooden swing set with a new one, and Teacher Andy is giving one of the classrooms a fresh coat of paint.



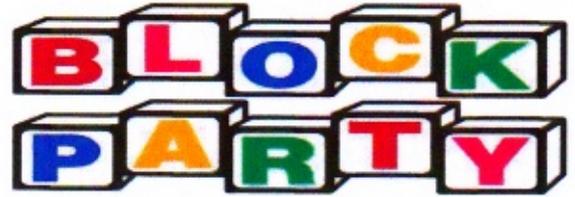
There will be no regular meeting of the UMW during the months of July and August. General meetings and circle meetings will resume in September 2017.



It was quite a warm evening, but we had lots of shade at Wait Park and even a breeze. About 10 teams were able to raise over \$38,000 so far. CUMC was represented with about 8 team members attending at least a part of the event. We got all of the luminarias lit. I heard many positive comments about the new format. Thanks to all that supported the team fundraising. Currently, CUMC is in 3rd place with a little over \$7,600 raised. The first place team just passed \$10,000. The 2017 campaign accepts contributions through the end of August. Canby should be proud to have so many that want to support this way to fund the American Cancer Society goal to find the cure.

Mark Oldenkamp, Coordinator

CANBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

GREAT FOOD
FUN FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
MUSIC **ZUMBA**
CONVERSATION AND CONNECTION

Join us for:
BBQ Chicken and fixins'
Tamales
Yummy desserts

Fun Activities for all ages:
Canby Community Preschool
Play area
Crafts and games
Free Zumba Class at 3:00 pm
Our beautiful, bountiful community garden, "Grounds for Growth"
— a feast for the eyes!

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket
 Invite your friends, family and neighbors!

1520 N HOLLY ST., CANBY, OR

Preparation for this year's Block Party begins Saturday morning of the event at 9:00 am with food prep and setup of the picnic area. At 11:00 am, volunteers are needed to distribute flyers to the surrounding neighborhoods. Heidi Laitinen will be setting up the games at 2:00 pm and could use your help here too. Kitchen workers should be on site by 3:00 to ready the food service which will begin at 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. The Iglesia Apostolica church will also be involved and are making fresh tamales to add to the menu.



We are getting ready for our pie booth project at the Clackamas County Fair. There is a big change this year with the fair lasting only five days. It will be Tuesday through Saturday, August 15th-19th. The theme this year is "5 Days of Fun". July brings the cleaning of the pantry and kitchen to make room for all the supplies that will be brought in. The sign-up sheets for kitchen workers and the fair booth workers will be in the narthex. Mark Oldenkamp will recruit drivers, Jill Kahle will recruit cashiers and Bobbie Knapp will recruit supervisors for the booth

Our fair kick-off luncheon will be on July 30th as part of the 5th Sunday potluck. Bring a hot dish or salad. We'll provide our famous Methodist pie for dessert
Bobbie Knapp

Bits & Pieces

Pie Booth Opportunity

Most of us can recall just how much Sid liked his pie. He was not alone. Some may not know how he watched the refrigerated pie cooler when he was shift supervisor. That unit has seen a lot of cream pies and every year we wonder how much longer will it run? A few that

are aware of this have donated to the Memorial Fund in Sid's name with the specific goal to purchase a new pie display cooler. A couple of people are going look for the best unit and get the cost for this. I wanted to introduce this topic now, because we will need more funding than we have so far and we only have this method of communication once per month.



I'm not exactly sure how much more money will be needed, but it will be several hundred of dollars more. If you have an interest in supporting this opportunity it would be great to see that support start now. If we pray a little, this might be able to happen for this year's pie booth activity. If you are so inclined, note on your contribution "Sid Brown Memorial". You can also donate online to the Memorial Fund and it will ask you to note who the memorial gift is for.

Mark Oldenkamp

July Birthdays

7th Bess Milhauser
11th Peggy Yeats
16th Quinn McCormick
17th Taryn McCormick
19th Rosemary Laitinen
20th Stephanie Laitinen
24th Charlene Vande Kamp
27th Leif Laitinen



July 30

5th Sunday Potluck & Fair Kick-Off

Sheila Brown
Bobbie Knapp
Lori Baker
Judy Elvey

Greeters for July

July 2 Karen Joy
Bess Milhauser
July 9 Ron & Shelly Parsons
July 16 Diana Trujillo
July 23 Dwight & Bobbie Knapp
July 30 Julie Chapin
Jan Whitcomb

Coffee Hour for July

July 2 Sheila Brown
Gerri Ballas
Joe & Sharon Perez
July 9 Mark & Laura Oldenkamp
Audrey Oldenkamp
July 16 Tim & Kristie Vande Kamp
Mary Ann Brown
Heidi Laitinen
July 23 Jill Taylor
Gail Hildreth
Bob Cambra
Lynn Shafer

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Stephanie Cook
Custodian – Roy Morales

July 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 GR: K. Joy, B. Milhauser CH: S. Brown, G. Ballas, J. & S. Perez | 3 Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm | 4  | 5 | 6 Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm | 7 | 8 |
| 9 GR: R. & S. Parsons CH: M. & L. Oldenkamp, A. Oldenkamp | 10 Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm | 11 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm Trustees TBA | 12 | 13 Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm | 14 | 15  4:00-7:00 pm |
| 16 GR: D. Trujillo CH: T. & K. Vande Kamp, M.A. Brown, H. Laitinen | 17 Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm Finance 7:30 pm | 18 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm | 19 | 20 Care Comm. 10 am Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Gr: D. & Bobbie Knapp CH: J. Taylor, G. Hildreth, B. Cambra, L. Shafer | 24 Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm Church Council 6:00 pm | 25 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm | 26 | 27 Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm Newsletter Deadline | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Fair Kick-Off Luncheon GR: J. Chapin, J. Whitcomb CH: S. Brown, B. Knapp, L. Baker, J. Elvey | 31 Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm | | | | | |

Canby F.O.T.S. AA Meetings, M-F, 5:30 pm
 Co-Dependency Group Meeting, Wednesdays, 7 pm
 Prayer Meeting @ Amy Ackerman's, Tues. 1 pm
 Quilters, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1 pm
 Iglesia Apostolica, Sun. 1 pm, Fri. 7 pm

Stepping Up Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays, 1-3 pm
 Girl Scouts, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:45 pm
 Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm
 Zumba, M-Th., 10-11 am, Wed. Evening 6:30 pm