

The Messenger



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From the Pastor's Desk...

Pain. It's a companion and teacher that no one else usually hears. But the lessons it brings resonate loudly in one's heart, mind and body. Emotional pain, physical pain, pain at injustices and unfairness in the world, all of these bring us to a place of quiet waiting. And sometimes when the pain subsides or the intensity grows to an almost unbearable peak, we cry out to God for help and comfort, for healing and relief.

I have never chosen above a 7 on the line-up of pain faces when the doctor asks me to choose one. I have a high threshold for pain. This past Friday, I was topping out the "9" option. Thanks be to God for a compassionate doctor who helped ease some of the pain and an amazingly patient husband who helped me get around while it took so much energy to move. Four days later, the pain is rumbling at a 2-3 and I can think about other things again.

Sleeping is still a bit of a challenge and this morning very early, before it was light, a song came to mind which I pulled up on YouTube: Sara Groves, "He's Always Been Faithful." You can watch and listen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7T1dlzLjIE>

*Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Morning by morning I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's
hand in mine
Season by season I watch Him,*

amazed

*In awe of the mystery of His
perfect ways*

*All I have need of, His hand will
provide*

He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain

He did not recycle to bring me gain

I can't remember one single regret

*In serving God only, and trusting His
hand*

All I have need of, His hand will provide

He's always been faithful to me.

This is my anthem, this is my song

*The theme of the stories I've heard
for so long*

*God has been faithful, He will be
again*

*His loving compassion, it knows no
end*

*All I have need of, His hand will
provide*

*He's always been faithful, He's always
been faithful*

He's always been faithful to me.

Songwriters: Sara Groves / Thomas O.

Chisholm / William M. Runyan

He's Always Been Faithful lyrics © Hope

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" I can't remember a trial or a pain He did not recycle to bring me gain..."

This is so deeply true. God doesn't waste anything. His actions and allowings are not capricious or random. He always has a plan for using our pain and our waiting.

So this morning, and this past weekend, when I haven't been able to think about anything *but* the pain, I had to let God do with me what He would do. I have

rested and have been reminded that He is really in control of everything...everything in my life, everything in the life of this congregation, everything that troubles you and brings you joy. I am a blessed and willing journeying companion in this road we travel together.

May you find this faithful God's comfort and joy in the ups and downs of your life.

Blessings,
Pastor Karen

Scripture and Sermons for June 2017

June 4, 2017

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

I Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

June 11, 2017

Trinity Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

June 18, 2017

Second Sunday after Pentecost/ Father's Day

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 25, 2017

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Following Pentecost Sunday, I will be starting a preaching series called *A Different View*. Using a book entitled, *Santa Biblia* by Justo Gonzales, we will explore the Bible from a different cultural view. We are so used to looking at the Scriptures from one general point of view; Gonzales focuses our vision through lenses of marginality, poverty, mixed racial backgrounds, the experiences of exiles and aliens. We will be looking at familiar stories from Genesis and exploring what they might mean to another culture.

SPRC

Along with our ongoing goal of Safe Sanctuaries training, SPRC has recently looked at the duties and responsibilities of our ushers. We so appreciate the warm welcoming and detail oriented efforts of our usher team as they are an integral part of a successful and smooth running worship service. A general list of usher duties and responsibilities has been created and will soon be posted in the sanctuary for the convenience of our ushers. You should take a moment to read this list also, and it will make you all the more appreciative of these loyal people who serve us.

Sarah Seale, Chair

Finance

May was another good month with income exceeding normal expenses. We were able to send another \$2,000 toward our shared giving obligation. This put us at nearly 50% paid through May.

Amazing! This is the best we have been able to do for this point in the year in a long time. Thanks to everyone for answering this need with your generosity.

June through August we get less income from the Preschool rent, so I would expect cash flow to be off a little because of this. Knowing this is the typical vacation season, please remember to set up your normal giving so we can make ends meet. This could be a perfect chance to try the online Vanco Payment Solutions system. You can access this from the church website. There are options there for the regular budget, for apportionments, for memorials, for Season of Spanish registration and for other designated giving. You can pay by direct withdrawal from a bank account, with a debit card or with a credit card. A few are now using this system for regular giving. There is a slight fee for credit card use, so there is a checkbox option to consider helping offset those fees.

Can you hear the difference with the organ. I certainly can. We got the \$2,800 bill for lots of fairly significant repairs and can be very thankful that we have a designated account for organ repairs that was put in place decades ago. Thanks to those that had such foresight. We have the opportunity to share in this type of giving by remembering to arrange for the church endowment fund in your will or estate planning. If you have questions in this area please ask so we can connect you with resources to answer those inquiries.

Mark Oldenkamp, Chair

Trustees

Work in process in our church home:

- Fellowship Hall door hardware to be replaced soon.
- Women's bathroom floor repair work will begin soon.
- Oregon repair is complete.
- Members of Iglesia Apostolica will mow the lawns closest to the church; Joe Perez will mow the field; and garden members will mow the garden area.



On Saturday, the 13th of May, the UMW had the honor of having Wendy May from the Adult Canby Center come talk to us about the many, many services that they provide to seniors. They will actually provide transportation to and from the Center so that seniors can participate in activities and have lunch! They also provide transportation for doctors' visits, etc. They just need a week's notice! There's lots of fun to be had there too. Thank you Wendy!

The meeting was followed by goodies (thank you Bess M. & Geni P.!) and a Board Meeting. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 9th at 1:00 PM.

Thank you ladies,
Sharon Perez, President

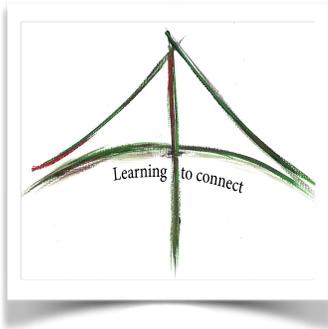


- 5 days of volunteering at the Adult Center!
- Finally we are all volunteering for the Rummage Sell.

Thank you so very much ladies!
Sharon Perez, Chair

Please stop by the UMW Rummage Sale to be a helper or a shopper. The sale will be Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, from 9 am to 4 pm. There will no doubt be many treasures there!

Season of Spanish



There is still time to sign up for the Season of Spanish classes to be offered from June 19 to August 10, Mondays and Thursdays from

6:45 pm to 8:15 pm. Using a curriculum created by our own Marilyn Gatica, this is your opportunity to learn simple Spanish vocabulary, practice sentence structure, have real conversation with native Spanish speakers, and experience typical Spanish food and culture. Included with the fee of \$50 will be books and other materials that will enhance your learning experience.

Register in the church office. Pastor Karen and Marilyn can answer any questions you have about the program.

The Care Team

The Care Team continues to be busy in the month of May:

- 44 cards were sent out.
- We made 4 visits and 6 phone calls.



Relay for Life

June 24, Waite Park in downtown Canby, from 5 pm to about 10 pm. This is a new

format, a new location and a new timeline. There are currently 10 or 11 teams registered including CUMC. I have heard that prior registered Survivors were invited by mail to sign up for those special parts of the event just for Survivors. I hope those that were interested (I know we have quite a few), got registered. If you did not yet register, ask me and I may be able to help this to happen.

I am starting to raise money through my online effort and through selling dahlia plants. You may get an email from me and you can support the event, our team, and my effort if you wish. Anyone wanting to participate on our team can sign up online. It is fairly quick.

We were folding blank luminaria bags after church last Sunday, and we will have an opportunity to decorate these during coffee hour for a couple of Sundays before the event. We can also do these bags during the event, but we will have less time with the new schedule. This is a great way to remember those we have lost to cancer and also to those who we celebrate as

Survivors. Our church has provided a lot of these in the past so I know others appreciate this part of the activities as much as I do. Hoping to see you at the event on June 24th.

Mark Oldenkamp, Coordinator

Bits & Pieces

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our bi-annual Congregational Meeting during fellowship hour on **June 25th**. This continues our effort to recognize God's good work among us and through us, the opportunities to expand our thinking and experiences of ministry and faith in the past six months, as well as looking forward to what God has in store for us.

We hope to see you there. Your presence and input are vital for the kingdom ministry of Canby United Methodist Church.

Bob Cambra and Members of Church Council



The annual Block Party returns on Saturday, **July 15**. In addition to a wonderful barbeque chicken dinner with all the fixings', our friends from the Iglesia Apostolica will be adding tamales to our menu. In addition, there will be music, games, a visit from the Canby Fire Department, and a free Zumba class hosted at 3:00 pm followed by dinner

being served at 4:00 pm. This year Church Council would like to emphasize neighborhood canvassing. After all, it is a neighborhood party, and we have many neighbors we would like to invite. Please volunteer to distribute flyers the week prior to the party. Watch for more information to follow regarding the set up and flyer distribution. We hope you will participate...both in helping and enjoying the event!

Messy Church

Our first Messy Church held April 30 was a success. The team under the leadership of Bob Cambra worked well together. Church Council has discussed ways to expand and improve the activity such as tying it to a theme, having more adult level activities, and inviting others to experience church in a different way. The next Messy Church is being planned for July 30. Your ideas are welcomed.



If this is June, can the Pie Booth be far behind. It will be here before you know it, and now is the time to start thinking about how you can help with this all important activity we do each year to

help fund our budget. Notice that the fair is one less day than it has been historically. This year the fair runs Tuesday through Saturday, so we must work hard to make and sell enough pie to make up for a lost day. WE CAN DO IT!!!

Recycling

The raise in redemption rate starting April 1 has been significant to the amount of revenue we are generating. I turned in \$90 last week and have another \$90 to turn in this week. I think it is making a big difference on overall participation since the Bottle Drop locations seems to be overflowing with full green bags. I try to have empty green bags at church most Sundays. It is very easy as you can put aluminum, plastic and glass all together in the same bag. If you are not yet participating, please consider giving it a try. Full bags can be left at the church and I try to pick them up each Sunday I am there. You do not have to use the green bags, I bag up the ones that come in other bags, not a problem.

The funds are currently designated for a Volunteer in Mission project, something like the Mexico mission team support. We could even consider these funds as extra for some other need we might have.

Mark Oldenkamp

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1ST Karen Shimer

5th Paul Ashton
Brett McCormick



12th Ernie Laitinen
16th Al Zieg
20th Lynn Harrington
21st Mark Oldenkamp
23rd Shelly Parsons
26th Gail Hildreth
Cyrus McCormick

Greeters for June

June 4 Joe & Sharon Perez
June 11 Al & Nori Zieg
June 18 Gerri Ballas
Marilyn Gatica
June 25 Ron & Shelly Parsons

Coffee Hour for June

June 4 Dennis & Judy Elvey
Jill Taylor
Gordon Leigh
June 11 Ron & Shelly Parsons
Jill Kahle
Judy Cooley
June 18 Sharon Trimble
Del & Gail Hildreth
June 25 Dwight & Bobbie Knapp
Shirley Wright
Diana Trujillo

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June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
		Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm Rummage Sale Set up			 UMW Sale, 9 am –	 Rummage 4 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
GR: J. & S. Perez CH: D. & J. Elvey, J. Taylor, G. Leigh		Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
GR: A. & N. Zieg CH: R. & S. Parsons, S. J. Kahle, J. Cooley		Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway, 2-3 pm Trustees TBA		Care Comm. 10 am		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
GR: G. Ballas, M. Gatica CH: S. Trimble, D. & G. Hildreth SPRC mtg. following worship	Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm	Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm		Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	July 1
GR: R. & S. Parsons CH: D. & B. Knapp, S. Wright, D. Trujillo Congregational Meeting	Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm	Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm		Season of Spanish 6:45-8:15 pm Newsletter Deadline		

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