

Canby United Methodist Church

"The whole life learning place"

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September 1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1-21
Nehemiah 5-6

September 15

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
I Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10
Nehemiah 7

September 22

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 79:1-9
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
I Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13
Nehemiah 8-10

September 29

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15
I Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31
Nehemiah 11-12

From the Pastor:

Reflections on making pie for
Canby and beyond

I have a shirt that says "Church Can Happen Anywhere." I try to wear it when I'm doing church in unexpected places. Most recently that was the Clackamas Building at the Clackamas County Fair. The first day of the fair, a woman came in a bit flustered, caring for three small children and introducing them to their first piece of pie. Ever. She had ridden the bus to the Rite Aid and then pushed a stroller to the fairgrounds loaded with three backpacks and a 2-year-old, towing a 4-year-old and a 7-year-old as well.

"They've never had pie before. I wanted them to try yours," she said. We helped her settle with a piece of chocolate, a piece of apple, and some ice cream in a cup. Water, forks, spoons, napkins. The whole works. She told me her story a few different times. When she left, she said (quoting the back of my red 'Church Can Happen Anywhere' shirt), "You all do what your shirt says. You put your beliefs into action."

An older man came in very pensive about his pie choice. After he'd had a minute to decide, he asked, "Do you have sour cream raisin?"

"Yes."

He came really close to tearing up. "My mom used to make me sour cream raisin pie. She died when I was fourteen." He told me a funny story about a friend who made him a sour cream raisin pie for Christmas. And about the friend's husband who didn't know it was a gift and ate one piece. We both laughed at the funny poignant memory. Church can happen anywhere, anytime.

The stories from the booth pour in. People come to eat pie because it reminds them of a loved one. They come to eat pie because some one has told them it's the best anywhere around. They come once or twice or three times or more because that's just what they do every year at the fair.



Pastor Karen

Is it just about eating pie? No, I think the pie is the vehicle that opens our minds and hearts and actions to touch the lives of people in Canby and beyond. And it's not only the selling of the pie, but the making that shines the light of Jesus in the lives of people.

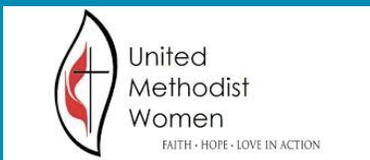
The kitchen faced some challenges this year and rose to meet those challenges with grace. Even with difficult moments along the way, but those who helped in the kitchen came away having seen the light of Christ, even in the moments of challenge. The kitchen crew lived fully into our vision statement of being "The whole life learning place." A crew of four learned meringues for the first time. One person said afterwards, "I learned how to do it and I found out that I love it!" Our faithful team of "holy rollers" grew as the practiced pie dough rollers taught new people how to weigh the dough, roll it to the right size, and transfer it to the pie plates.

It is not only a blessing to CUMC but it is a meaningful gift to the community of Canby and so far beyond. It is also a huge undertaking. Many long hours of preparation far in advance of the fair make it run more smoothly in these six long days during fair time. Many thanks to Sheila Brown, Bobbie Knapp, Jill Kahle, and Bob Cambra for their leadership and several others who also take on large portions of fair related tasks. And thank you to all who peel, chop, measure, roll, bake, drive, serve, and pray the Fair Booth into being. I see that this project contributes greatly to the strong heartbeat of this congregation.

Those who follow Jesus walk in life with a directive from Jesus to "make disciples." Making disciples is about teaching people how to follow Jesus. Teaching people how to make meringues, how to cut and serve pie, is, on one level, just teaching new skills. But on a whole other level, it is teaching people how to live deeper lives of faith. It is faith in action, making disciples. Perhaps there are ways to use our pie-making skills and resources during the year to prepare new people to join the Pie Booth team.

Thank you all for touching so many lives this year through the ministry of the Pie Booth. Church *can* happen anywhere.

**Blessings,
Pastor Karen**



UMW meeting: Sept. 7 at 1 p.m.

Come join us for the UMW celebrations of 150 years of mission Women United For Change. We will be watching a 45 minute dvd on it.

We have also interesting information to share that we learned at Mission U. Yummy snacks will be served to go with the movie.

We are having our meeting sooner because of the Al Zieg memorial service Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. Helpers will need to be there at 10 a.m. Call Sharon if you can help.

Wesleyans: Wesleyans will meet at Sharon Perez's house Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.

Remember to bring your book "Implicit Bias." Come join us for lunch and great conversation.

Care Team: We sent out 26 cards. There were 7 visits and yummy pie delivered. We would like to ask for prayers for Susan Doney who had surgery in August. We would like to ask for additional prayers for: Ken Dworschak, Dena Kersting, Beth Sheller, Dessie Bergen, Scarlett Bergen, Dorothy Koch, Diane Brown, Roger Myers, Gerri Ballas, Sheila Brown, Nori Zieg and family, Phyllis Thompson, and Gail Hildreth.

Methodist pie booth shines at county fair



Booth gets a 3rd place ribbon for its decorations

Along with the pie quilt, a table was set up in the booth with a basket of artificial fruit, three pie plates with pie recipes printed on the bottoms, and signs including the fair theme and an adaptation of Genesis 1:28, "And God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply...'" which translated to "Be fruitful and **MULTIPIE!**"



The Pie Booth at a glance...

Gross pie booth sales: over \$16,000. Saturday sales: biggest day ever \$4,300. A total of 425 pies were sent to the booth by the kitchen crew.

Pie booth success traced to workers and guests

Our Pie Booth customers are all ages. They give us compliments all day long, they also tell us that we're their favorite part of fair. Eating our pies brings back memories of being at their mother's or grandmother's table.

Grandparents bring their children so they will know what pie is. It truly is a ministry to the community. Thanks to all who worked

— people who moved everything to the booth and returned everything to the church, bakers, people who brought the pies to the booth, cashiers, booth workers, dishwashers and people who cleaned the kitchen.

Thanks to grandchildren, friends and family that helped us.

— submitted by **Bobbie Knapp, chair**

Surprise for quilt winner

One of our special volunteers in the kitchen during pie baking week is Bill Foster, nephew to Julie Chapin. He has always stepped up to help us out in the morning shift and is much appreciated, especially when heavy items like 25 lb. bags of flour need to be hauled about.

About three years ago, he surprised us all by bringing in a handmade quilt that he created for a drawing prize for the kitchen workers.

In the picture to the right is the quilt Bill made this year for the kitchen staff drawing.

Sunday morning after the Fair during Coffee Hour, the container with the names for the drawing could not be found. Perhaps they had mistakenly been dumped in the trash, so Sarah Seale took and scrounged through the garbage until she found the remains of the slips of paper soaking in coffee grounds. The names were rewritten on slips of paper again.

Sarah was in the kitchen cleaning up when she heard her name called. She won the quilt, but she questioned whether it had been fixed to reward her for diving through the garbage. But it was stated that it was a completely honest drawing! Quoting Sarah, "It was a God thing.!"

Bill has been making quilts for almost 40 years and he averages between 60-80 a year. Many of his creations have gone to the Children's Center in Oregon City, the Pregnancy Center in Canby, and the Strength for the Journey Camp at Suttle Lake, Oregon for people with HIV/AIDS, a United Methodist program. This year Bill will be making over 100 quilts for the women's halfway houses in Oregon City. In addition, he donates quilts to the Canby Adult Center for drawings. He also has some on hand for emergencies that leave people in a dire situation. When you see Bill, you are seeing "God at Work!"



Quilt by Bill Foster

— submitted by **Sarah Seale**

Finance Committee thankful for faithful support

We thank everyone for your faithful support both financially and in other ways. Again this year, I was very touched by the team spirit we demonstrated for the pie booth effort. To all those that knew about the wonderful surprise of Heidi coming home from Texas to help with pies, you got us in the very best way. I will cherish this story and memory for the rest of my life.

August payroll was just submitted and we had to transfer \$1,900 from contingency. We have now used more than the original \$5,000 contingency allocation.

Based on the open conversation we had in late a July, the consensus is to fulfill our pledge to a full time pastor through next July. Hopefully, as we ease out of summer we will see the traditional slight increase in giving. While we have some reserves, we do not have enough to draw from at this level every month.

Recycling income was \$250 deposited in August. Big month. Due to BottleDrop policy related to tax concerns, we will be switching to a new Blue bag non profit recycling system. We can use green bags up through September. Let's get them all full and turned in as much as possible. I think I have around 25-30 bags floating in the system in different places. Get donations from neighbors, etc. so we can get all the green bags turned in before the Oct. 1 mandated conversion for our program.

— submitted by Mark Oldenkamp, chair

Adult Sunday School will not be meeting this fall. Those who have participated in the past are encouraged to continue study on their own and to share spiritual insights and God Sightings on a regular basis with others. Many thanks to those who have led the class and those who have attended so faithfully over the years. Blessins on you all.

Heavenly Father,

At the start of a new school year, we give you thanks for the work of all schools (and particularly those near us).

We pray for all children starting at new schools, and for those returning. Help them to explore what they can achieve, and give them confidence to play their part in shaping the world.

We pray for all those who work in schools. Care for them as they care for our children.

We pray for our school Board of Directors. Grant them wisdom and sound judgment, and help them to keep children's well-being and safety at the heart of everything they do.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen

New fourth Sunday potlucks will continue

Instead of the Fifth Sunday potluck, we are going to try something different. Since we enjoy eating and visiting, we are going to have a potluck every **Fourth Sunday**.

What about a 'theme' each month? —think of fair time or picnics—when you are thinking of what to bring.

This month, the fourth Sunday potluck will be Sunday, September 22nd.

—submitted by Sheila Brown



Happy Special Days

Anniversaries:

4 **Joe & Gerri Ballas**

Birthdays:

5 **Ken Dworschak**

9 **Jill Kahle**

16 **Laura Oldenkamp**

22 **Mariah Laitinen**

23 **Andrew McCormick**

Welcome Teams

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Greeters</u> | <u>Coffee Hour</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Sept. 1 | | Phyllis Thompson, Heidi Laitinen, Shirley Wright |
| Sept. 8 | George Leahy, George Leahy | Sheila Brown, Dwight & Bobbie Knapp |
| Sept. 15 | Shirley Wright Diana Trujillo | Mark & Laura Oldenkamp, Diana Trujillo Mary Ann Brown |
| Sept.. 22 | Marilyn Gatica Sharon Perez | Sheila Brown, Bob Cambra, Lacie McCormick—POTLUCK |
| Sept. 29 | Dwight & Bobbie Knapp | Peggy Yeats, Gene Pittlekau, Bess Milhauser |

Greeters:

Please arrive 1/2 an hour before service and remember to wear your name badge.

Coffee Hours Hosts:

Please provide: lights snack, coffee, punch and water. Include and label a gluten free snack.

Remember to unplug the coffee maker and take any laundry home.

If you are unable to do the assigned date, please trade.

—submitted by Sheila Brown

September 2019 Calendar

Please visit the CUMC website calendar for the latest updates:
www.canbyumc.com

Weekly Recurring Events:

Sundays

- * 10:15 a.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary
Children's Church, Red Room
beginning September 8th
- * 11:30 a.m. **Fellowship Hr.**, Fellowship Hall
- * 1-4 p.m. Iglesia Apostolic-a

Mondays

- * 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 10-1 p.m. **Church Office Hours**
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room

Tuesdays

- * 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 10-1 p.m. **Church Office Hours**
- * 1-2 p.m. **Prayer Meeting, Julie Chapin's**
- * 2-3 p.m. **Tea on Tuesday, Cutsforth's**
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. CoDA, Corner Room
- * 7-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

- * 9:30-11 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 2-3 p.m. Al-Alon, Corner Room
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room
- * 6-7:30 p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Thursdays

- * 9:30-11 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 10-1 p.m. **Church Office Hours**
(Pastor Karen by appointment)
- * 10-11 a.m. **Care Team, Welcome Room**
(Third Thursday only)
- * 1-4 p.m. **Quilters, Fellowship Hall**
(First & Third Thursdays only)
- * 7:30-9 p.m. Canby Thursday Night AA

Fridays

- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room
- * 7-9 p.m. Iglesia Apostolica Worship
Sanctuary

Monthly Events and Meetings:

Prayer Meeting will be held at Julie Chapin's every Tuesday at 1 pm.

Tea on Tuesday will resume on September 10.

Adult Sunday School will **not** be meeting this fall

Children's Church will begin again on Sunday, September 15th

September 3 American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from noon to 5 pm. Walk-ins are welcome.

Lifeline Screening will be using the Fellowship Hall from 8-5pm on Friday, September 13th.

Yoga classes begin Monday evenings after Labor Day 5:30-7:00 pm.

*Please pray for these groups
as they use our building.*