

The Messenger



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From the Pastor's Desk...

Generosity – is the belief that we have something of value to give to others and that we can give it freely and easily. That sounds pretty straightforward. Yet it implies that we clearly know our own resources (time, money, relationships, etc) and we know the value and meaning of those resources. It also means that we are aware of both ourselves and others, to the point that we can see what is needed, what is lacking, and what might be appreciated. And, finally, we can see that sharing what we have with others is important. ***Not just for the recipients, but for the givers as well.***

We have an unusual opportunity this fall. The Cascadia District Extension Society decided to give each church in the district a grant for \$500. The directives given on the grant were as follows:

- Use it for something new, something that you are not already doing.
- Use it for something that will target people not already an active part of your faith community.
- Use it for something that could serve as a gateway to deeper involvement in your faith community.
- Evaluate the project and what you learned from it.
- Share back with the DS about the project.

After conversation with the Finance Team and Church Council, the grant is being directed toward "The Generosity Project" which is modeled after *Love Let Go*, an experience in generosity from LaSalle

Street Church in the Chicago area. In 2014, the LaSalle Street Church received a huge sum of money and decided to invite the congregation to be partners in disbursing the "tithe" which amounted to \$160,000. Each person who was part of the congregation received a check for \$500 with these simple instructions: "Do good in the world."

We have been gifted with a windfall on a smaller scale, but this idea of sharing with others and doing good in the world is inviting and invigorating for our faith. By using some additional funds from our Memorial accounts to match the grant, each adult who is part of our congregation will receive \$25 and each child who understands the project and can participate will receive \$10. The directive is the same: **Do good in the world.**

The money will be disbursed on October 7 during worship. During the month of October, we will hear stories of how God is directing all of us to use the money. As we each think and pray about how to give away our part of this windfall and hear how God is working through generous hearts, we will also be thinking about continued ministry at and through CUMC in the coming year.

"Generosity possesses the power to reshape us whether we frequent a

church, synagogue, mosque, yoga studio, or nothing at all.”¹

In this adventure of following Jesus, we present ourselves for transformation anew every day. May this project in generosity be another exciting part of that journey of learning more about God and becoming more like Him.

Blessings,
Pastor Karen

Scriptures for October 2018

October 7, 2018

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday**

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26 or Psalm 25
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 14, 2018

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 21, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 28, 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

A word about the Pastor's vacation time...Just in case you were wondering...

A question has come up as to the policy regarding the pastor's vacation time. According to Oregon-Idaho Conference policy (Conference Rule 1.305), a pastor² is entitled to 30 days of vacation per year. This vacation time is counted in the appointment year, from July 1 to June 30. These thirty days do not include the pastor's customary days off (2 days per week).

Also, according to the Book of Discipline (par 351 BOD 2012) a clergy person's continuing education and spiritual growth program should include at least one week each year and at least one month during one year of every quadrennium (4 year period). Such leaves are not considered a part of the ministers' vacations and shall be planned in consultation with their charges as well as the district superintendent, etc. This particular quadrennium goes from 2016-2020.

Vacation for this Pastor this year:

I took 22 days of vacation in the 2017-2018 appointment year. During that year, I also took a 3-week study leave to study Spanish in Mexico. This leave was arranged ahead of time with the SPRC and the District Superintendent. Travel expenses for this leave came from my Pastoral Reimbursement line item (NOT the same as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund) and from my personal finances. Pulpit supply for this leave came from the general budget line item, Pulpit

¹ Truax, Laura S and Amalya Campbell, *Let Love Go* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 2017), 22.

² "Every person under Episcopal appointment whose salary paying unit is a local church within this Conference"

Guest and from Season of Spanish Funds.

So far in this appointment year, since July 1, I have taken 6 vacation days.

Sick leave is not part of the vacation time and in every case, the pastor works out arrangements for longer term sick leave with the SPRC and District Superintendent (If necessary). In the case of my skin situation, I missed two full weeks of work at the church (one week I would have been gone to Annual Conference) but did accomplish several work related tasks from home.

Hopefully this answers any questions you might have about the pastor's vacation time. Please make time to talk with me or with the SPRC if you still have any questions.

Pastor Karen

Charge Conference



Fall is fast approaching and with it comes the Annual Charge Conference. CUMC will be meeting along with the Carus, Clarkes, Marquam, and Molalla UM churches at the Carus United

Methodist Church located at 22765 S. Highway 213, Oregon City. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 4, at 7 pm with our DS Tim Overton-Harris.

As always, this will be a time to look back on all that has happened over the past year in our church, and also gather

our thoughts about how we plan to go forward to meet goals and complete our vision. Mark your calendars now so you will make attending this annual meeting a priority.

SPRC

SPRC would like to announce that beginning October 1st we will support a paid office administrative assistant. Marilyn Gatica will continue in this role. Church office hours remain unchanged. We ask for everyone's patience as we transition to this paid position and narrowed list of responsibilities. If you have questions, please contact me or Pastor Karen.

Audrey Oldenkamp, Chair

Finance

September was a pretty good month... we will be sending \$1000 toward apportionments while saving some to be available for the change in payroll approved by Church Council effective in October. Payroll costs will increase about \$800 per month. There also will be a laptop purchased to facilitate this new plan. That is being paid for from the memorial fund.

We are entering stewardship time with plans underway for a new "Love let Go" approach. This will culminate with pledges received in November which will be the guidance for our 2019 budget.

Mark Oldenkamp, Chair



This past month the UMW met for the first time in our pretty new room (to be shared with the Spanish Sunday School, the Spanish Class and a Yoga Class). We know how to share!

On Saturday, Sept. 29, we are headed to the Jefferson UMC for the Cascadian Spirit presentation of **Living Sanctuary: Courage in Community**. On October 7, 8, and 9, we will be headed to the beach to plan for all of 2019.

- We need to find a new place for the Wesleyans to meet in October, as Jan will be accompanying her daughter as she moves to Palm Springs.
- The Bazaar sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.
- We also have a box set up in the Narthex for new shoes, socks, baby wipes, large backpacks, dish soap, laundry soap and gift cards, etc. for Canby's homeless high schoolers. The shoes go to Love, Inc., and the rest goes to the REACH Center at Ackerman.
- Please view the quilt photos and thank you cards sent to us by the Strength for the Journey Camp.

Women are indeed the back bone of every church! Thank you for your help, contributions, and the time that you give to our community of believers.

God bless you,
Sharon Perez

Dates to Remember:

October 11- The Wesleyan Circle will at 1:00 pm. Location TBA.

October 13 - UMW Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the church

UP COMING EVENTS:

November 16 & 17 - Friday & Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm will be the Bazaar. Sign up sheets for help are at the church.

The Care Team

Thank you ladies for the cards you write, the visits you make, and the phone calls you place. Our shut-ins, handicapped, sick, birthday and anniversary folk thank you.

For the month of September we made 13 visits and sent out 50 cards. If you'd like to be a Care Team person, come and join us at the church on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 am.

Thank you,
Sharon Perez

Bits & Pieces

Something amazing is happening around the country: cities and towns are starting to ban Styrofoam and Canby United Methodist had joined Portland, Oregon (and several other Oregon cities) in a ban of Styrofoam.

Effective January 1, 2019, throwaway polystyrene coffee cups, soup bowls, plates, and trays will no longer be used on church premises.

Polystyrene, is a type of plastic manufactured from non-renewable fossil fuels (which is where its connection to climate change comes in) and synthetic chemicals. "Expanded polystyrene foam (EPS), is the stuff that's made into cups, plates, take-out food containers. This product is commonly referred to as "Styrofoam."

- It does not biodegrade. It may break into small pieces, even minuscule pieces. But the smaller EPS gets, the harder it is to clean up.
- It is made of fossil fuels and synthetic chemicals. Those chemicals may leach if they come in contact with hot, greasy or acidic food. Yes, they keep your coffee hot – but they may also add an unwanted dose of toxins to your drink.
- Animals sometimes eat it. Turtles and fish seem to mistake EPS for food, and that can kill them. Not only can they not digest it, but the foam could be full of poisons that it has absorbed from contaminants floating in the water.
- It can't be recycled. Some commercial mailing houses may accept packing peanuts, but for the most part community recycling centers do not accept throwaway foam food containers

Jill Kahle, Church Council Chair

Greeters for October

- Oct. 7 Phyllis Thompson
Peggy Yeats
- Oct. 14 Judy Zettergren
Bob Camba

- Oct. 21 Ken & Deanna Johnson
- Oct. 28 Julie Chapin
Jan Whitcomb

Coffee Hour for October

- Oct. 7 Del & Gail Hildreth
Dwight & Bobbie Knapp
- Oct. 14 Geni Pittlekau
Karen Joy
Marilyn Gatica
- Oct. 21 Sheila Brown
Kayla Parson
Sharon Trimble
Ki Sweeney
- Oct. 28 Bob Cambra
Judy Zettergren
Jill Kahle
Judy Cooley

October Birthdays

- 1st Amy Ackerman
- 3rd Violet Parsons
- 22nd Shirley Wright
- 26th Bobbie Knight
- 29th Sharon Perez
- 30th Thor Laitinen
Sharon Trimble



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Charge Conf. @ Carus UMC, Oregon City, 7:00 pm	5	6
7 GR: P. Thompson, P. Yeats CH: D. & G. Hildreth, D. & B. Knapp UMW	8 Planning	9 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm Trustees TBA Retreat	10	11 Wesleyans @ 1:00 pm, TBA	12	13 UMW Mtg 1:00 pm
14 GR: J. Zettergren, B. Cambra CH: G. Pittlekau, K. Joy, M. Gatica	15	16 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm Trustees TBA	17	18 Care Team 10:00 am	19	20
21 GR: K. & D. Johnson CH: S. Brown, K. Parson, S. Trimble, K. Sweeney	22 Finance 7:00 pm	23 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm	24	25	26 Newsletter Deadline	27
28 GR: J. Chapin, J. Whtcomb CH: B. Cambra, J. Zettergren, J. Kahle, J. Cooley	29	30 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 p	31 			

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

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