

The Messenger



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

In the July newsletter I mentioned God's invitation for me to begin praying the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours. This practice has been rich for me already, offering many insights. When I was praying/worried about my husband, Brian's leg cramps and the situation surrounding that, this gem from Psalm 26 appeared in the morning prayers:

**As for me, I walk in the path of
perfection.
Redeem me and show me your
mercy.
My foot stands on level ground.
I will bless the Lord in the
assembly.**

This brought a personal message to me from God, that God would make Brian's path the "perfect path" and make the ground "level" for his aching leg. Brian had mentioned briefly to me that he might have to quit the walk if this didn't improve. I have been praying the last line for him as a hope for him to be able to finish. "I will bless the Lord in the assembly (at the cathedral in Santiago, where the pilgrimage officially ends). God sent a doctor, a pilgrim walking the Camino, who helped ascertain the problem and brought a solution. After treatment and a day's rest, Brian walked 7 hours with no problem and his journey continues. As of this writing, he has walked 290 kilometers.

As my journey in prayer continues through praying the Divine Office, I have found that the hardest part is praying the

night prayers. I push too close up to bedtime and then I'm too tired to focus on the prayers and on the prayerful review of the day. God drew my attention to a book on the Psalms called *Answering God* by Eugene Peterson. It was one of those times when I literally opened the book to a random page and found my next yellow arrow! (On the Camino, the pilgrim's way is marked by signposts painted with yellow arrows.)

It is first evening prayer, then morning prayer. The order is not reversible. Evening prayer is succeeded, after several hours of unconsciousness, by morning prayer.

...Daily we give up consciousness, submitting ourselves to that which is deeper than consciousness in order to grow and be healed, be created and saved. Going to sleep is a biological necessity; it can also be an act of faith.¹

After reading this I began to set my internal clock to a different rhythm. The day begins with night prayer. Prayer, then rest at a depth where my own mind is shut off and God is deeply at work in my mind and heart, and then when I am awake again in the morning, morning prayer becomes a way for me to take stock of God's work through the night and listen for my direction for the day.

¹ Eugene Peterson, *Answering God*. (New York: HarperCollins, 1989) 61-62.

So, this is my next point of growth. To realize and live into the fact that God is truly at work through the night on all that concerns me about my life, my work, and the things that are wrong with the world. I will get my assignment for engagement come daylight, but the most important task is to let go of it all and let God work while I rest.

Pastor Karen

Scripture and Sermons for September 2016

September 04, 2016

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 123 - Service

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 11, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 124 - Help

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 18, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 125 - Security

Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 29, 2016

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 126 - Joy

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

During the month of September we will also be spending moments during worship focusing on our attitudes and habits of giving as we look toward our fall budgeting process.

A Word from our District Superintendent

The summer has flown by! It has been a time of delightful Sabbath as I've enjoyed a renewal leave. Lee and I have seen wonderful theater in Ashland, enjoyed a beautiful week in Bend, played with our family at Camp Magruder, and actually finished 1/8 of the projects on our home list! In between, the back deck sang its siren song. As you read this, I will be with my youngest son getting the grand tour of Minneapolis with all his favorite people and places. (Anyone for raspberry ice cream in a wasabi-flavored cone? No cheese on a stick for us at the state fair!)

I do hope that you have also found respite and refreshment, body and spirit. I am so looking forward to hearing your summer stories. Even as I've enjoyed renewal leave, I've been thinking about our gatherings this fall--for one-to-one conversations with clergy, meetings with SPRC leaders, and regional celebrations of your ministries. We'll welcome our brand-new Bishop, Elaine Stanovsky, too, with events planned by the Conference Episcopacy Committee. I've experienced her leadership at general church events and am impressed by her attentive listening and thoughtful questions. (The inside scoop from my clergy sister who serves in Rocky Mountain AC: "You are getting a great Bishop!")

As happens with "well-laid plans," the fall

schedule comes with a wrinkle for me. Since last spring, I have been working with my doctors on a long-needed knee replacement. That surgery is finally scheduled--for September 1! Not convenient, but very necessary. After an initial recovery period, I will be back on the District by phone, text, and email, and in person with you all by month's end. You are most welcome to be in touch with me about your ministry, or, of course, contact our awesome Administrative Assistant, Linda Grund-Clampit. I give thanks for her excellent leadership on the District this summer, and her generous spirit in all she does. The event this most affects is our All-District Colloquy in September. That gathering is cancelled. The first clergy colloquies will be in October, as will the first regional celebrations and charge conferences (as needed).

My prayers are with you in these last, lovely summer days. And many blessings for a great new year of ministry to your communities.

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Important Information regarding 2016 Charge Conferences

As part of our observance of a Sabbath year in the Annual Conference, Bishop Hagiya authorized the District Superintendents to handle the annual charge conferences in local congregations a bit differently this year. **The number of required reports will be minimized and most can be approved at a regular Board/Council meeting and then sent in to the district office.**

Our District Superintendent Peg wants this change in handling the business to make space for celebration gatherings of local churches this fall. The gatherings will be of churches that are close together geographically. The time together will be spent in worship, fellowship, celebration of what God has been doing among you, and sharing dreams that God has been giving you. The only customary business of a fall charge conference at these gatherings will be the approval of the clergy compensation forms, and approval of lay servant reports and ministerial candidates, as needed.

Canby UMC will be hosting a celebration gathering on Thursday, October 6 from 6:00-8:30 pm. We have invited Carus and Markham (Pastor Rand Sargent), Clarkes (Pastor Tom Truby), Mollalla and Willamette (Pastor Kathy Boyes) and Wilsonville (Pastor Dylan Hun). Oregon City UMC has also been invited, but their response is still pending.

Together we will share a meal in the Fellowship Hall and each church/charge will meet briefly to vote on pastoral compensation. Then we will convene in the Sanctuary to worship together and share moments of ministry from the past year. The evening will close with sharing of communion together.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in this amazing gathering of God's people called Methodist in Canby and beyond.

Pastor Karen
and Church Council

Stewardship Focus for 2017

The Science of Generosity

Recently I came upon a book called *The Paradox of Generosity: Giving We Receive, Grasping We Lose*, by Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014). In it the authors describe their findings from a research based scientific study of the effects of generosity. Through their systematic study and record of findings, Smith and Davidson found that personal well being, happiness, living from a sustained purpose in life and investment in personal growth were related to repeated and sustained practices of giving. They studied financial giving, volunteering, giving through relationship (with family, friends and neighbors) and found in every category that "people actually grow by giving themselves away. By caring for other people, those who give generously end up increasing the quality of their own lives" (location 284, Kindle version)."

This is not too surprising in one way, as it comes in line with teaching that is over 2000 years old. Jesus said, "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back (Luke 6:38)." But this counterintuitive principle bears a second look. We'll be doing just that in the latter part of September and early October, as we focus on the *paradox of generosity* and tune our minds and hearts to hear God's direction for giving in the coming months.

Pastor Karen

United Methodist Women

- Sept. 1 - General UMW Meeting –
10:00 a.m. Wesleyan Circle will host.
- Sept. 8 - Wesleyan Circle meeting - noon at the church. Each member is to bring a sack lunch; coffee and tea will be furnished. Please remember to bring your *Created For Happiness* study book.
- Sept. 22 - A candy Making class will be at the church, 1:00-4:00 pm. For more information contact Stephanie Laitinen.
- Sept. 24 - District UMW Meeting, Newberg, Oregon.
Registration 9 a.m.
Meeting will last to 3:00 p.m.
Those planning on attending, meet at the church at 8:30 am to car pool.
- Sept. 29 - UMW Board Meeting – 11 a.m. in the Corner Room.

COMING EVENTS;

- Oct. 16,17 & 18
UMW Planning Retreat at the Beach in Lincoln City, Oregon.



A young father came into our pie booth with his children, and said he wanted them to know the taste of berry pie. Another young man came in wondering if our strawberry rhubarb pie was like his grandmother's; he came back later and said it was. We are constantly reminded that we just don't sell pie when we work at the booth. It's always a time of fellowship and ministry with the community.

Seventy percent of the booth workers this year do not attend our church. That's up 25% from last year. We are very thankful for their help. Couldn't have done it without them.

Sales were \$13,800. Down about \$1,800 from last year. The hot weather was the reason for the decrease. New sandwich board signs did help the sales a lot.

The pie display refrigerator needed trays of ice to keep it at the proper temperature. It's also very heavy to move. That needs to be replaced. Plans are underway to replace the sign that lists the pies for sale.

There were about 420 pies baked during the week. It was a hard week for the bakers. The night crew was short of help most nights. Another stove would be a big help for the bakers, who need to bake the same amount of pies with fewer workers. Going forward, that needs to be addressed.

Thank you to all the those who baked pie, delivered pie to the booth, cashiers and all of the people cutting pie, selling pie and washing dishes. You were great!! It was another successful year.

Bobbie Knapp



Can you identify this person? Find the answer on the last page of this newsletter.



Apple Peelers, 2016



Sheila & Lori, Chief Pie Bakers

Pre School Remodel for Enhanced Security



The Board and parents of the Canby Community Preschool have been working with the Trustees and Council of CUMC to move forward on some remodeling which would enhance security especially during the preschool's open hours. According to the preschool's head teacher, Andy Fowler, the preschool's main entrance open door policy has allowed not only preschool parents access to the school, but also church members who can't remember the code to the front door or, on occasion, strangers to wander through the hallways of the education wing while school is in session.

In an effort to stop the flow of non-preschool related traffic and to enhance security for the safety and well-being of the students and teachers, the preschool will be installing a keypad entrance on the south side of the building. New doors will be installed on the east side of the building as well.

A third door is being constructed in the hallway of the education wing, located approximately where the gate is presently. This door will be accessed by key and will remain locked at all times. The Canby Fire Marshall was consulted in the process of this planning and he reported that this locked door did not create a fire safety issue since this hallway would not function as a fire exit.

Should an intruder be present at any time, this new door will provide an effective barrier between the preschool area and the rest of church. This barrier

will assist law enforcement personnel in isolating and apprehending an intruder.

One additional safety measure in place this year involves the use of the playground. During preschool hours, there will be no public use of the play area. Preschool hours will be posted at the playground.

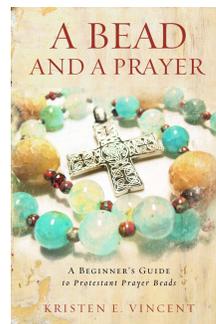
If CUMC members need access to the building for an event, please contact Pastor Karen or Marilyn in the office to get the code for access to the narthex doors. Please do not expect to enter the building through the preschool entrance.

Pastor Karen
CUMC Trustees

Bits & Pieces

Protestant Prayer Beads Workshop

**Canby United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
6:45-8:15 pm**



Pastor Karen is leading a Prayer Bead Workshop on Thursday, September 15. Suggested donation for the workshop is \$10 which will cover the cost of the beads and supplies. Each person will be able to make a set of prayer beads to take home. If interested, a copy of the book, *A Bead and a Prayer*, will be available for purchase before or at the workshop for \$7. To register, please call 503-263-6419 or email canbyumc@canby.com by September 11.

The Care Team

This past August our Care Team made 15 calls, sent 5 e-mails, offered 4 rides to doctor's appointments and 4 rides to Church and Tuesday Teas. Thirty-eight cards were sent celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and sending uplifting messages to the ill. We made 16 "home" visits, delivering DVD's of Sunday's Sermons, library books and some ice-cream and cookies! Slices of Fair Pie were delivered to our "shut-ins"! They loved it! So much of Christ's love was shared in these many forms of "outreaching". If you know of a concern about a church member please feel free to call the Care Team at 503-758-7593.. Perhaps we can help. I want to thank all of the members of the Care Team and others who reach out to help others.

Smiles,
Sharon Perez

Scrip Program

Participation in the scrip (gift card) program has dipped considerably and for this reason, will be discontinued. Gift cards that remain in stock will continue to be available each Sunday after church until they are gone. The scrip program brought in revenue when sales were good, but its time has passed and other means of raising revenue will be discovered.

Laura Oldenkamp

THANK YOU LAURA for running this program for the church for many years. We appreciate your dedication and energy given to this fundraising project.



September Birthdays

5 th	Ken Dworschak
9 th	Jill Kahle
16 th	Laura Oldenkamp
20 th	Mary Ashton
22 nd	Mariah Laitinen
23 rd	Mickey Laitinen
23 rd	Andrew McCormick
28 th	Veronica Reed

Greeters for September

Sept. 4	Audrey Oldenkamp Heidi Oldenkamp
Sept. 11	Sharon Trimble Kiana Sweeney
Sept. 18	Shirley Wright Lori Baker
Sept. 25 th	Jill Kahle Judy Cooley

Coffee Hour for September

Sept. 4	Phyllis Thompson Julie Chapin Shirley Wright
Sept. 11	Leta Bunnell Sheila Brown Lynn Shafer Gordon Leigh
Sept. 18	Jill Taylor Diana Trujillo Heidi Laitinen
Sept. 25	Ron & Shelly Parsons Bess Milhauser Phyllis Thompson

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Did you guess that our mystery stove cleaner was **BOB CAMBRA**. Thanks Bob for doing this very important job on kitchen cleaning day!

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 UMW Gen. Mtg. 10 am	2	3
4 GR: A. & H. Oldenkamp CH: P. Thompson, J. Chapin, S. Wright	5	6 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm Trustees 7 pm	7	8 Wesleyan Circle Noon @ Church	9	10
11 GR: S. Trimble, K. Sweeney CH: L. Bunnell, S. Brown, L. Shafer, G. Leigh SPRC 12:00 pm	12	13 Trustees 7 pm	14	15 Care Comm. 10:00 am	16	17
18 GR: S. Wright, L. Baker CH: J. Taylor, D. Trujillo, H. Laitinenj	19 Finance 7:30 pm	20 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm	21	22 Candy Making Class, 1:00- 4:00 pm @ Church	23	24 UMW District Mtg, @ Newberg 9 am to 3 pm
25 GR: J. Kahle, J. Cooley CH: R. & S. Parsons, B. Milhauser, P. Thompson	26 Church Council 6 pm	27 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm Newsletter Deadline	28	29 UMW Board 11 am (Corner Room)	30	

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

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