MTN. HOME UMC

# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sunday Service
   I I:00 AM
- Sunday, Nov. 3
   End of Daylight
   Savings at 2:00 AM
- Saturday, November 16 The Best
   Ever Holiday Bazaar in the Little
   Church on the Hill
   10 AM to 2 PM
- Saturday, November 23 UM Women's Community
   Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00 PM

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### Ancestors

A project sits on our coffee table. Something we've been working on for awhile, but in earnest for the past month. A huge circular chart dominates the pile. At the center of the chart are Avery and Curran, then continuing outward in concentric rings their ancestors. Stacia and I, their grandparents, their great grandparents and so forth. It counts back 7 generations.

There are some empty places on the chart still. You can see which sides of the family have either done their genealogical research or otherwise preserved the memory of their ancestry. You can also tell which

parts of the family have been displaced. Some of those gaps represent broken relationships, trauma which still lives with us in our epigenetic code, but which we don't have a name for. Other gaps represent literal displacement - migration, and settlement. Goodbyes that severed one branch of the vine from the body.

We'll continue the research until the chart is complete with names and dates of birth and death. Then we'll begin trying to uncover some of the stories that have been buried. Where did our families come from? What lands were they born in? What soil reclaimed their bones? If we can we'll learn why they migrated,

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# **Directory Revision in Process**

Last Sunday, we welcomed eleven new members into Mountain Home United Methodist Church. With all those changes plus additions, revisions and deletions, the Church Directory needs to be revised. If you have any information which needs to be revised, please contact me:

Lynelle Eck at eckspressions@comcast.net or call me at (503)351-1240.

The deadline for submitting this information will be November 10, 2019. Thank you.

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what their occupations were, and what they left behind. We'll tell ourselves these old-new stories to try to recover a deeper, more rooted narrative of family and community.

I suspect the journey of researching our ancestry is something many people living in settler-colonial societies (the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand etc...) can relate to. But I also suspect most of us haven't taken the next step of looking at how our own family's history fits into the broader patterns of colonialism. The dominant narrative we white people tell about our families is one of voluntary immigration, but how many of us also have refugees in our past? How many of our ancestors were actually displaced by land enclosures, or wars, or famines, or religious persecution? And how many of our ancestors then participated in the displacement of indigenous peoples through land enclosure, war, and forced removal? How many of our ancestors benefited from slavery?

In my own family there are at least 3 separate instances of people immigrating in such desperation that today we'd call them refugees. There

are at least two instances of homesteading. There is a branch of my family that still owns unceded land that by treaty law belongs to the Cheyenne and Arapahoe peoples.

The ugly side of American history doesn't just exist in history books. It's written in our blood. In our DNA. It's written across this land which is dotted with century farms and roads named after settlers that came and took what belonged to the Kalapuya and Tualatin and various bands of Chinook.

As we observe All Saints Day this year let us do so with honesty. Let us celebrate our heritage and express our gratitude that we have so many witnesses that have gone ahead of us in the faith to help us on our way. But let us also acknowledge that our ancestors contributed to the brokenness of this world. Many of the great evils we wrestle with today we have inherited from the generations before us. We are buoyed by their spirit, but we are also haunted by their mistakes. Let us remember their full humanity acknowledging that we ourselves will someday be ancestors that future generations will both praise and rightfully criticize.

**Submission by Reverend Aric Clark** 





Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings, November 10, 17 and 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will sing for worship on November 10th and 24th.

**Submission by Peggy Luckman** 



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Monday, November 4, 2019 Jim Fisher Roofing and Construction, Inc. will be doing maintenance on the church and parsonage roofs and gutters.

Submission by Tom Ettelson Trustees Chair



UMW Lydia Circle Will meet Monday November I Ith at 7:00 p.m.. Reviewing Week Two of the book FIERCE, Women of The Bible who changed the world. A bible study by Jennifer Cowart. All welcome.

Submission by Linda Woodbury

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls will be meeting in Peggy's home in November and December. There will be no Saturday meeting in November. Contact Peggy at <a href="mailto:peggytl@mac.com">peggytl@mac.com</a> for correct dates and times if interested.

# **Conference News**

### Micro grant makes space for cyclists atop mountain

With cyclists coming and going through the hills surrounding Mountain Home United

Methodist Church, members there decided to extend a little hospitality this past year.

Using the well located on church property, members added a drinking fountain to the edge of their property near the road as a rest stop for cyclists. The church used a \$500 micro grant from the Cascadia District Extension Society to pay for the project.

"We did it because we're a rural church on top of the mountain and there are a lot of cyclists in the area," said Rev. Benjamin Hartley. "We thought it would be an expression of hospitality."



For a while last summer, the church had a cyclists' prayer written on a sign and had a guest book out for people to sign. With a narrow road and cars driving on and off the property, some members have also worried about the safety of cyclists in the area, which is part of the reason the prayer was offered.

Read more of this story on the Conference website.

# Willlowbrook Food Pantry

God will provide...We had two days in the same week of record use of the pantry. There was 5 I families with 272 people! Normally, we serve about 38 families with 180 people per week.

The cupboard was bare! And our OFB food order was two days away. God WILL provide.

One of our produce donor of Farmerettes, had a dinner party and collected 438 lbs of food!

Their variety of canned beans & vegetables, spaghetti & sauce, mac & cheese, rice a roni, cereal and soup was certainly needed. 438 lbs.! Hallelujah!

We would appreciate Hamburger Helper, Rice & Pasta Roni, Mac & Cheese.

**Submission by Cherry Trotter** 

# Reconciling Committee — a quick update

The Reconciling Committee has been working with the Church Council and Trustees on ways to visually display our Reconciling Welcoming Statement both in and outside the church. The statement has already been added to our church website and FB page. In addition, in the near future new "open and affirming" language will also be added to the About section of our website.

After the first of the year the committee will be considering "next steps", including Mt. Home's presence at local LGBTQ+ affirming events and continuing our church's discussion of Mt. Home becoming a Reconciling Congregation.

**Submission by Marcia Loney** 

**Link to Cascadia District News** 

### Mountain Home UMC Moves Forward With Inclusion

Mountain Home UMC (Sherwood) spent more than a year deliberating specific actions the congregation might wish to take in order to become a more inclusive community.

The process included testimonials from members of the congregation wanting to share ways their lives have intersected with the LGBTQ+ community, two different sets of Table Talks, various articles in the newsletter, several sermons and finally, a general church meeting.

After careful and prayerful deliberation, the Church Council approved three related and significant policy changes in July 2019.

- First, they amended their wedding policy to include a statement saying they are happy to host same-gender weddings in their church.
- Second, they changed their church profile to state they are open to receiving an appointment of an LGBTQ+ pastor to their church.
- Finally, they adopted a Reconciling Welcoming Statement.

Mountain Home United Methodist Church celebrates the God-given diversity of the human family. In it we find our strength. Seeking to follow Christ's example to love our neighbors as ourselves, we welcome persons of all: \*ages \*abilities \*races and ethnicities \*cultures \*sexual orientations \*gender identities \*faith backgrounds Together we are better!!

Adopting these changes will signal to any and all individuals outside the church that it is a safe and fully inclusive environment.

The Reconciling Committee is in the process of defining "Next Steps", including continuing the discussion of becoming a Reconciling Congregation.

For more information, contact Marcia Loney.

# Mt. Home UM Men's Group Fund Raiser





Butter loffee Milk& Dark Hazelnuts Item 38676 13az \$14.95



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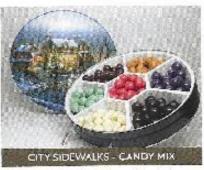


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# November 2019

SUN	Mon	TUE	WED	Тни	FRI	SAT
November is Native American Heritage Month					1 All Saints Day World Community Day	2 UM Men's Breakfast 9- 10:30 AM
3 Service 11 AM Communion Sunday All Saints Sunday End Daylight Savings Trustees Meeting 9:30 AM	4 Roof maintenance on church & parsonage	rV	9	7 Shared Table @ Sher- wood UMC 6 PM	$\infty$	6
1 () Service 11 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 -10:30 AM Church Council Deadline for entries to church directory	11 Veterans Day UM Women Eliza- beth Circle 1:30 PM UM Women Lydia Circle 7:30 PM	12	13	14 Shared Table @ Sher- wood UMC 6 PM	15	16 The Best Ever Holiday Bazaar 10AM— 2PM
1 / Service II AM Mission Moment Bible Sunday Cascadia district Cluster Meeting	18	19	20	21 Shared Table @ Sher- wood UMC 6 PM Mt. Home UMC Host	22	23 UM Women Thanksgiving Dinner
24 Service II PM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 -10:30 AM	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28Shared Table @ Sherwood UMC 6 PM Thanksgiving Day	29	30



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http://mthomeumc.org

https://www.facebook.com/Mtn.Home.Church/

Organist/Music Director: Linda Walker
Lay Leader: Laura Hartley

Administrative Council Chair: Lynelle Eck

Pastor Parish Relations Committer Chair: Georga Dorsey

Deacon: Ben Hartley

Trustees Chair: Thomas Ettelson

Do you know someone who is unable to come to church or

a shut-in?

Contact our congregational care team:

Chair Cheryl Barry

## Event Calendar Newsletter Editor: Tom Ettelson <u>t.ettelson@comcast.net</u>

Sunday Service at 11:00 AM

November is Native American Heritage Month

Every Thursday, Shared Table Sherwood UMC at 6:00 PM

Friday, November I All Saints Day

Friday, November I World Community Day

Saturday, November 2 UM Men's Breakfast 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Sunday, November 3 Daylight Saving Time ends 2 AM)

Sunday, November 3 Trustees Meeting at 9:30 AM

Sunday, November 3 All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 10, 17 & 24 Choir Practice 9:30-10:30 AM, Worship Service Anthem November 10 & 24.

Sunday, November 10 Organ & Tis-

sue Donor Sunday

Sunday, November 10 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Sunday, November 10 Church Council after church service

Sunday, November 10 deadline for entries to the new church directory

Monday, November 11 UMW Elizabeth Circle meets at 1:30 PM

Monday, November 11 UMW Lydia Circle meets at 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 16 The Best Ever Holiday Bazaar in the Little Church on the Hill 10 AM to 2 PM

Sunday, November 17 Bible Sunday

Thursday, November 21 Shared Table Sherwood UMC Hosted by Mt. Home UMC at 6 PM

Saturday, November 23 UM Women Community Thanksgiving Din-

ner 6: 00 PM

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, December I Charge Conference both Mt. Home and Sherwood UMC following Service at Mt. Home UMC



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