

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- **Sunday Service** via Zoom at 10 AM
- **Starting July 8th** at 7:00 PM we are reading “So You Want to Talk About Race” at Valerie Sampson’s house the first week. Everyone is asked to read the preface and chapter one.
- **Choir Practice**, **UMW Elizabeth Circle** meets and **UMW Lydia Circle** meets suspended until further notice

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Preparing to Do A New Thing

Four months into this period of social distancing it is time for us to reflect on what has changed. It’s important to say that I miss you profoundly. I miss passing the peace with you. I miss spending time over coffee and snacks learning about your lives. I miss singing joyfully together. I am grateful for the ways we have been able to creatively gather online, but there is no replacement for in the flesh gatherings and I continue to long for the time when we can safely worship in person.

We are working hard on making plans, following all the guidance of the state, the bishop, and authorities like the CDC, to schedule some outdoor worship gatherings later this summer. But it must be noted that our gatherings will look very different than in the past and be subject to postponement or cancellation if conditions change. It will be a long time still until we can gather in an uninhibited way, without masks, and including singing and other beloved

practices.

Because we can expect social distancing to need to continue, with perhaps increasing and decreasing severity as the number of cases increases or declines in our area, we need to stop thinking of this period as waiting to reopen, and instead embrace the moment and the creativity it calls for. The question we need to ask is not “how long till things go back to normal?” but “how can we best be church given the way things are in the world right now?”

I’d like to invite you to join us in doing some new things - and to put your thinking caps on and help us come up with some of these new things! How can we take care of each other? How can we help the vulnerable in our communities who are being worst impacted by this pandemic? How can we be a witness to the whole world of the love of Jesus Christ?

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Note: If you wish to be a part of our Sunday Prayer Meeting via Zoom, please, contact Thomas Ettelson at t.ettelson@comcast.net for information concerning future services.



Preparing to Do A New Thing (continued)

Some of these new things are already beginning:

- Are you interested in joining a small socially distanced bell choir? Please reach out to Cindy Souza.
- Are you interested in making signs and going to stand outside the homes of members and friends in need of a little cheering up? Please reach out to the chair of the congregational care team, Cheryl Barry.
- Do you have baskets or supplies for making up little gift baskets to leave on people's doorsteps? Let me know.
- Want to join a summer book group? Contact Diane Peters.

God is always doing a new thing. Let's roll up our sleeves and join joyfully in the work.

Rev. Aric Clark

Overton-Harris, Tim

From: Cascadia District Superintendent
 To: Columbia District Superintendent
 Date Announced: 02-03-2020
 Date of Move: 07-01-2020



Woodworth, Wendy

From: Morningside UMC, Salem OR
 To: Cascadia District Superintendent
 Date Announced: 02-03-2020
 Date of Move: 07-01-2020



Outdoor Services Schedule

Outdoor Services Schedule at Mountain Home, Mark your Calendars August 2 and 16 at 10:00am.

A 5 person team was established in May to develop an plan for reopening Mountain Home Church; Larry Johnson has led the team with Diane Peters, Georga Dorsey and Lynelle Eck as members, with Aric as our advisor. In addition Bev Jerden and Darla Stated attended from Sherwood.

They have formalized a plan for each of the two churches to start reopening.

Mountain Home has been approved by Tim Overton-Harris (outgoing Cascadia District Supervisor) to move into Phase 2 for re-opening. Phase 2 allows 10 people maximum in the church at one time having gone through the CDC guidelines for COVID-19: wear a face mask, practice social distancing of minimum 6 feet apart , participate in healthy hygiene practices such as sanitizing your hands.

We have decided that we will have outside services in August for each of the two churches. August 2 and 16 will be Mountain Home; August 9 and 23 will be held at Sherwood; both services will start at 10:00 am. John Nilson, local well-known pianist will perform at the Mountain Home service on August 16.

We will send you an email closer to those dates with specific activities so you will know what to do. In addition, these plans are fluid and may change depending on status of the pandemic.

Mark these dates on your calendars to come to an outdoor service.

If you have questions, please contact one of the committee members.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Newsletter

Church Council has decided that as a possible vehicle for keeping touch with each other in church, we are going to publish congregants' birthdays and anniversaries in the month & day newsletter,(i.e. the July newsletter will list only the special July events which occur in July.) We want to make that information available to all congregants in case they want to send a card. This newsletter will in-

clude birthday/anniversary information for July.

We are in the process of sending an email asking permission of each person/family to publish their data in the newsletter. We are also validating the dates for each person.

If you know of someone who should be included in this, please contact Lynelle Eck. Thank you!

JULY

DATE	Name	Address
6	Tom Ettelson	“Addresses are found in your Church Directory.”
13**	Larry & Margaret Johnson	“Addresses are found in your Church Directory.”
21	Molly Woodbury	“Addresses are found in your Church Directory.”
22	Peggy Luckman	“Addresses are found in your Church Directory.”
26	Luke Hartley	
29**	Marvin & Linda Walker	“Addresses are found in your Church Directory.”

“Kudos” Corner



Church Council is going to implement “Kudos” corner to be published in each newsletter. We are doing this to recognize people who continue to complete tasks we don't even know about. (Some examples are: maintenance to prevent damage to the church or grounds, a project team or leader with stellar performance completing the project, etc.).

The format should be simple, i.e.,

Tom Ettelson sends Kudos to Carol McComis for managing the back acreage from fire hazards and dealing with the all the needles under the Sequoia tree.

Anyone may submit a “kudo” to Tom Ettelson at t.ettelson@comcast.net by the end of the month so he can include it in the newsletter. If you have questions, contact either Tom Ettelson or Lynelle Eck.



“Kudos” Corner

- Tom Ettelson sends Kudos to Bob Youngman for helping to tear remove old shed in back of the church. This removed a possible fire hazard
- Tom Ettelson sends Kudos to Larry Johnson for burning piles of ruffage and material from the shed before the June 15 deadline.
- Tom Ettelson sends Kudos to Carol McComis for managing the back acreage from fire hazards and dealing with the all the needles under the Sequoia tree.
- Tom Ettelson sends Kudos to Larry Johnson for putting up address numbers on the front of the church on a nice wooden cross. The delivery companies will be thankful in the whole area.
- Tom Ettelson sends Kudos to Diane Peters for arranging and managing the cleaning of the church window inside and out. They even did the window sills.
- Lynelle to Marcia Loney for providing leadership, education and information in the LGBTQ arena.
- Marcia Loney—When we first saw the little church in the snow globe design Kahlia created for our Holiday Bazaar, it was easy to see that she has real talent. Sure, there’s a technical piece to what she does, but she also has the ability to capture and communicate the heart and the spirit of a given subject. Not everyone can do that., Kudos to Kahlia!
- Marcia Loney—I recently had the pleasure to work with Kahlia on a joint Trustees/Reconciling Committee project and that same talent shone through. I can’t wait for everyone to see what she created. It’s wonderful. Plus, she just couldn’t be any easier to work with. Kudos to Kahlia!
- Tom Ettelson extends Kudos to the Reimagining Life Together Reopening Committee, Lynelle Eck, Georga Dorsey, Larry Johnson, Diane Peters and Reverend Aric Clark, for getting Mt. Home UMC plan to move from phase 1 to phase 2 accepted by the Cascadia District Superintendent.

Willowbrook Food Pantry

Fred Meyers Community Rewards program allows you to specify a charity for which you can give funds.

(This program does not diminish your personal rewards.) Online registration is www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

If you want to give to Willowbrook FP our number is FJ766. We earned \$46.00 last quarter from just 8 people!

It is a neat way to give ‘reward’ funds to us.

For the month of May we served 111 families with 458 people.

Thank you very much for the financial support of \$460.00 in May/June.

Submission by Cherry Trotter

Prayers Needed

Good morning. One prayer request was sent in this week. Georga sent an email to let us know Alice Hendricks is back in the hospital and needs our prayers. Let's continue to pray for Julian the little boy in Sherwood battling cancer. Prayers for Lori Stearns that the infection in her toe will go away so she will be able to avoid amputation.

Have a great week!

Peace,

Submission by Cheryl Barry

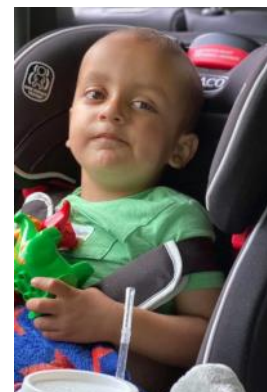
Prayers for Addie recovering very well from my open heart surgery and I currently scheduled for back surgery on the 14 of July. She is looking for a place to rent. Call Addie, phone number in church directory or contact Tom Ettelson for phone number.

Julian is in need of our prayers. Attached are some photos of Julian. Julian is a little over 2 years old and was diagnosed with neuroblastoma back in October. Since diagnosis he has been thru many rounds of chemo, immunotherapy and up until this weekend, was scheduled to go to California for a last curable treatment. However, his lungs started filling with fluids this past week, they drained them and they instantly refilled. This meant surgery for a way to keep draining his lungs. However, this also meant, he is no longer able to have this other treatment. They are now out of treatment options. They came home from OHSU Saturday night. Hearts are hurting SO much for Julian. Hearts also hurt for his mom Jennifer, dad Shane, brother Harrison and sister Kaytlynn.

Hospice is now with them. Plans are being put together to quickly create a friendship garden with flowers and painted rocks from family and friends.

Please pray for sweet little Julian. For there to be no pain or at least the pain to be manageable. Prayers for him to still have some kind of play time as a 2 year old little boy. For his family to feel the warmth of hugs of the community. For them to know there is love out there surrounding them.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark



Prayers Needed

Hi Friends, Our DC daughter Mackenzie Bradley has tested positive for the coronavirus after experiencing symptoms starting yesterday. She has had to move out of the room she rents at the Casa (Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts-she says it in Italian) From what I understand her neuro-ICU unit has a COVID side and a non-COVID side and that some of the patients from the non- COVID side later tested positive and that's how they think it started spreading through the unit. Five employees in the unit have tested positive. She has given me permission to ask for prayers, I probably don't have permission to mention the other employees and the hospital. She is staying in a hotel provided by the hospital.

I believe in the power of prayer and we thank you ,

Brian and Carol



Update on Mackenzie Bradley

Good Morning, Mackenzie is doing well with her coronavirus recovery. She is still at the hotel the hospital is providing and will be for at least another week. She is participating in a study and receiving infusions of plasma which may or may not contain antibodies. It appears she may have been one of the fortunate patients who is not too sick.

Thank you for all your prayers, she is recovering well.

Our prayers have been heard and answered!

Carol and Brian

The Greater Northwest Area of the United Methodist Church

Resisting the Sin of Racism

Addressing racism, privilege and white fragility in The United Methodist Church

<https://greaternw.org/racism/>

A Message from Bishop Stanovsky on Juneteenth 2020

<https://greaternw.org/category/blog/pastoral-letters/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for faith communities

<https://greaternw.org/coronavirus/>

COVID-19 Webinars

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7072209>

From the Reconciling Committee

As LGBT Pride Month (June) draws to a close, we celebrate the recent Supreme Court ruling affirming that the federal civil rights law provides employment protections for LGBTQ+ workers.

The month of June was chosen for Pride to commemorate the Stonewall riots that occurred in Lower Manhattan at the end of June, 1969. Stonewall was a protest that became a riot because of persistent police harassment and brutality against the LGBTQ+ community.

In recognition of Pride Month, the Reconciling Committee has made a donation to the Trevor Project. Founded in 1998, this organization focuses on suicide prevention efforts among LGBTQ+ youth.

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As you know, due to the pandemic, the 2020 UMC General Conference has been postponed until Aug. 29 to Sept. 7, 2021. Although the delay is certainly understandable, for our UMC LGBTQ+ siblings, postponing the conference means another year of anxiety and uncertainty. For queer UMC clergy, many of whom are not officially ordained, it means more stressful waiting. We hold them in our hearts and in our prayers.

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It goes without saying that the Covid-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for nearly everyone. Sadly, in many cases, LGBTQ+ people are among those most negatively impacted by this crisis. As of May, a higher percentage had lost their jobs and were struggling with unemployment and food insecurity. Queer bars, LGBTQ+ centers, and affirming sexual and specialized health clinics have been closed because of the pandemic. Often these places are the only places where members of the LGBTQ+ community feel safe and accepted. Also, the recent decision by the federal administration to take away healthcare protections for trans people, only underscores the challenges the entire queer community encounters when facing health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

Submission by Marcia Loney

July 2020

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5 **Worship Service**
Zoom Meeting 10 AM
Trustees Meeting
Zoom at 2 PM

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8 **Summer Book Club 7 PM**
Valerie's house

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12 **Worship Service**
Zoom Meeting 10 AM

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19 **Worship Service**
Zoom Meeting 10 AM
Church Council via
Zoom after service

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26 **Worship Service**
Zoom Meeting 10 AM

27 **Newsletter Deadline**

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 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

Newsletter Editor: Tom Ettelson t.ettelson@comcast.net

Event Calendar

Sunday Service via Zoom Meeting 10 AM
 Every Thursday, Shared Table Sherwood UMC suspended until further notice
 Saturday, July 4 UM Men's Breakfast suspended until further notice
 Sunday, July 5 Trustees Meeting via Zoom 2 PM
 Choir Practice suspended until further notice
 UMW Elizabeth Circle meets suspended until further notice
 UMW Lydia Circle meets suspended until further notice
 Sunday, July 19 Church Council via Zoom Meeting after service
 Send prayer requests to Cheryl for inclusion in our weekly dispatch:
officesherwoodumc@gmail.com

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