

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

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United Methodist members of the 117th Congress

Senate (6)

Tom Cotton, R-Arkansas
John Kennedy, R-Louisiana
Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts
Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan
Richard Burr, R-North Carolina
Rob Portman, R-Ohio

House (25)

Doris Matsui, D-California
Mark Takano, D-California
Bill Posey, R-Florida
Charlie Crist, D-Florida
Greg Steube, R-Florida
Rick Allen, R-Georgia
Earl L. Carter, R-Georgia
Nikema Williams, D-Georgia
Thomas Massie, R-Kentucky
Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Maryland
Bennie Thompson, D-Mississippi
Emanuel Cleaver II, D-Missouri
Bob Gibbs, R-Ohio

Steve Stivers, R-Ohio

Tom Cole, R-Oklahoma
Daniel Crenshaw, R-Texas
Lizzie Fletcher, D-Texas
Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas
Kay Granger, R-Texas
Troy Nehls, R-Texas
Pete Sessions, R-Texas
Colin Allred, D-Texas
Derek Kilmer, D-Washington
Rick Larsen, D-Washington
Liz Cheney, R-Wyoming

This compilation, based on such sources as Pew Research Center, CQ/Roll Call, and Ballotpedia.com, includes 533 members of Congress. New York's 22nd Congressional District is still undecided. Newly elected Republican Rep. Luke Letlow of Louisiana's 5th District died of COVID-19 on Dec. 29, necessitating a new election.

Love Never Ends

In honor of PRIDE month, the Reconciling Committee has made a donation to the Trevor Project – a national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ+ young people under 25.



~ submitted by the Reconciling Committee

Willowbrook Food Pantry

June 27, 2021

We are excited that Willowbrook FP will start doing clients shopping again. We anticipate mid July as the tentative date. Our volunteers have been fully vaccinated for the Covid -19 and hopeful the clients have done so also. We missed the shopping with clients and look forward to the July date.

We were in need of a new refrigerator (one of our fridge bit the dust!). We had the funds because of Mt. Home UMC and Countryside Church donations. Now, we have a new refrigerator, well stocked. The folks of Friends Church have come to the pantry twice to clean. It feel like we are coming home. We are so grateful and humble.

Love to all,
Cherry

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Unclouded may your birthday be, and round you day by day.
May God enfold His wings of love and bless you on your way.*



Date	Name
5	Avery Clark
6	Tom Ettelson
13**	Larry & Maggie Johnson
21	Molly Woodbury
22	Peggy Luckman
29**	Marvin & Linda Walker

Love Never Ends



A (kind of) brief report on the 53rd session of Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference...

The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference opened with land acknowledgement – a meaningful way of showing respect and honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the land on which we work, live, and worship.

(If you are curious about which Indigenous groups resided where you live or where Mt Home UMC sits today, you can find out [here](#).)

The theme of the conference was *Love Never Ends*, and it was woven throughout the sessions.

We learned that, because of our incredible disaster response efforts, FEMA often first turns to us. We saw photos of one church's beautiful stained-glass windows – recently re-painted to more accurately depict the color of Jesus' skin. We watched videos of food (so much food) being distributed to those impacted by the pandemic or otherwise in need.

We said goodbye to the churches that have

closed. We were thanked for continuing to pay 100% of our apportionments. We talked of the losses of the last year and our reliance on God to lead us through difficult times.

It was acknowledged that the postponement of the next General Conference until August/September of 2022 is frustrating and that people are anxious to

move forward. And, although no one knows what will happen at GC, we were assured that much is being done – strategic planning so that, when it does convene, the work will be able to be done.

The GC delegates shared their dreams and visions and what they value:

- To be rooted in the Wesleyan Tradition
- A commitment towards growth
- Inclusion for all
- Resistance to the forces of white supremacy

They emphasized that the conversations are just beginning and congregations can expect to be invited to participate in future conversations before General Conference.

As is the nature of Annual Conference, there were several Standing Resolutions and Action Requests to vote on. They included...

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Love Never Ends (continues)

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- **A call to confront racism/white supremacy**
- **An invitation for ministries to become more aware of community needs and concerns regarding issues of eugenics, neurodiversity and disabilities**
- **A proposal to further study the Christmas Covenant. (The Christmas Covenant is one of several proposals focused on creating a more regionalized, less colonialist church.) You can read more here. Hyperlink: <https://www.christmascovenant.com/faqs>**

- **A template for the graceful disaffiliation of local churches choosing to do so**

All four of these resolutions/action requests were approved as well as many more. Please let me know if you would like additional information or have any questions.

And, if you'd like to see Bishop Stanovsky's sermon on opening night of the week of annual conference sessions across the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area, you can do so [here](#).

~ Marcia Loney, Lay Leader

John Nilson to Perform Music in August 22 Worship Service

As in years past, John Nilson will perform on August 22 at the outdoor worship service at Mountain Home Church. He is a pianist, guitarist, vocalist and songwriter and is one of the Pacific Northwest's most successful performance and recording artists.

He not only performed his beautiful music last year in our outdoor service, he was the source of all the music during the service. There will be a free will offering taken for John during the performance. In addition, he will bring several of his CD's to sell that Sunday (the album which contains worship/praise music is called "Above Me"; the hymns are familiar and it is easy to sing along with).

Mark the date August 22 for the outdoor worship service at Mountain Home Church; last year listening to John in this pastoral setting for the service was a spiritual experience for many.

Submission by Lynelle Eck



Join Us Outdoors This Summer!!

Friends of Sherwood and Mountain Home United Methodist Churches, you are invited to join us for outdoor worship during the months of June, July, and August. Our joint reimagining team, in consultation with the Cascadia District, and following the most updated guidance from the CDC and local regulations has made a plan for worship that will enable us to meet in person outdoors.

Recognizing that we have some children, and some immuno-compromised members who are unable to be vaccinated, and desiring to be the safest and most welcoming community we can be, we ask everyone who joins us in worship to continue to observe social distancing guidelines (6' distance between households), and to wear a mask at all times. We are aware that recent CDC advice allows for vaccinated people to go unmasked outdoors, but there are several reasons we are going to continue using masks together for the time being:

- As mentioned not all of our members can be vaccinated at this time and it is all of our duty to help protect the vulnerable in our midst.
- In order to create a welcoming atmosphere for all we are not going to institute a policy of checking vaccination status in order to worship.
- Using masks enables us to engage in congregational singing, which would otherwise be a high risk activity. We are ready to sing together again!!

In the event that weather does not cooperate with us hosting an outdoor service on a given Sunday our rainy day plan will be to return to using Zoom as our online alternative. The decision whether to cancel for weather will be made by 8am on the day of, so watch your email inbox if clouds are looming.

To help reach as many people in our community as possible all outdoor services will be recorded and posted to our church Youtube by Monday. We will continue to send out a weekly email with links and prayer requests so that all who cannot attend in person may continue to participate virtually.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to keep our community connected during this difficult year. See you outdoors this summer!!

Worship Each Sunday at 10am (bring your own chair):

- June 6 - Outdoor @ Sherwood
- June 13 - Zoom
- June 20 - Outdoor @ Mt. Home
- June 27 - Zoom
- July 4 - Outdoor @ Sherwood
- July 11 - Zoom
- July 18 - Outdoor @ Mt. Home
- July 25 - Outdoor @ Sherwood
- August 1 - Outdoor @ Sherwood
- August 8 - Zoom
- August 15 - Outdoor @ Mt. Home
- August 22 - Outdoor @ Mt. Home
- August 29 - Outdoor @ Sherwood

July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	
4 Worship Service Outdoor at Sherwood UMC 10am US Independence	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship via Zoom w/ Communion 10am Trustees Meeting via Zoom	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Worship Service Outdoor at Mountain Home UMC 10am Church Council Meeting after service	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25 Worship Service Outdoor at Sherwood UMC 10am	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Substitute pianist: Cindy Souza
Lay Leader: Marcia Loney
Administrative Council Chair: Lynelle Eck
Pastor Parish Relations Committer Chair:
Georga Dorsey / Alice Hendricks
Activities Chair: Diane Peters
Finance Chair – Brian McKennett
Trustees Chair: Thomas Ettelson

Do you know someone who is unable to come to church or a shut-in?

Contact our congregational care team:

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

Event Calendar

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Sunday, July 4 US Independence Day

Sunday, July 4 Worship Outdoor Service at Sherwood UMC 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 4 Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 11:15 AM

Sunday, July 11 Worship Service via Zoom 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 18 Worship Outdoor Service at Mountain Home UMC 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 18 Church Council following service at the church

Sunday, July 25 Worship Service via Zoom 10:00 AM

Choir Practice , UMW Elizabeth Circle, UMW Lydia Circle, and UMW Men's Breakfast suspended until further notice

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July 11 - Zoom

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July 25 - Outdoor @ Sherwood

August 1 - Outdoor @ Sherwood

August 8 - Zoom

August 15 - Outdoor @ Mt. Home

August 22 - Outdoor @ Mt. Home

August 29 - Outdoor @ Sherwood

Send prayer requests to Cheryl for inclusion in our weekly dispatch:

officesherwoodumc@gmail.com

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[251827.html](https://www.clipart-email.com/clipart/religious-fathers-day-clipart-251827.html)

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