

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- Sunday October
Worship Services
via Zoom 10:30
AM
- Sunday, October 3
World Commu-
nion Sunday
- Sunday, October
10 Worship Ser-
vice Safe Sanctu-
ary Annual
Presentation via
Zoom 10:30 am
- Sunday, October
17 Laity Sunday /
Children's Sabbath
- Sunday, October
24 Annual Fall
charge Conference
at Noon

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A Year Later - A Pastor In The Portland Uprising

This essay is a follow-up to "[A Pastor In The Portland Uprising](#)"

I look at the book, [Baptized in Tear Gas](#) by Elle Dowd, resting on the pillow beside me with confusion. How did it get there? I remember throwing it down just a second ago and suddenly switching to scrolling through apps on my phone, but I don't remember having chosen to do so. One moment I was reading a passage about a line of riot cops closing in on a group of protesters shouting "Move!" in that affected authoritarian voice they use and the next I was doing anything else with no conscious intention. I put that book on the bottom of my current to-be-read pile and it takes me two weeks to get back to it. Weird. Don't think about it, Aric. Just answer some more email.

Later, I am on some errands in downtown Portland. The beautiful prismatic graffiti of last summer is almost all gone, the plywood having been taken down or painted over in a variety of offensive beiges. The spicy smell is also gone, but plenty of reminders of the uprising are still around and their depressing grimness conveys the endurance of state power over anarchist resistance. The parks are locked behind fences. The public restrooms are closed. Anywhere that might give shelter to houseless people has been made as inhospitable as possible by placing concrete barriers or removing benches and disabling water fountains. The venn diagram of squashing an uprising and punishing poverty is almost a circle. Behind all that

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When Will We Know If We're Headed Toward A Habitable Climate (continued)

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chain link was where Riot Ribs stood for a few bizarre and revelatory weeks a year ago, doling out free food between bouts of tear gas.

My church needs a new computer so I've reluctantly come to the Apple store. I find it behind a 40' high steel curtain and a security checkpoint. The harmony between the luxurious futurism inside and the brutal pragmatism outside is exquisite. These barriers have remained up all year, and they're unlikely to go away because the hubris and decadence of all that transparent glass and those glowing white LEDs is too obvious to ignore. It would be a guilt-free pleasure for many of Portland's anarchists to put a brick through the middle of it. A college student in a polo-shirt talks to me cheerily about the banality of working inside a fortress selling consumer electronics. The steel wall is there because it makes the customers feel safer, he says. Behind him, the security guard is inspecting the backpack of an employee heading out for lunch, probably to prevent shrinkage. If downtown is going to be hostile to the houseless, it feels like marginal justice that it is also hostile to businesses like this one.

The question of whether Portland is a city in decline as viewed from the perspective of financial investors is one that has gotten ample media attention in the past year. Obituaries for the city, written by people who do not live here, have been published in a few outlets, and of course Portland has retained her spot as a favorite punching bag slash morality tale of conservative pundits. We're still earning that "Little Beirut" nickname the elder Bush once gave us. These hot takes conveniently overlook the fact that we're in a pandemic, and ask us not to notice the housing crisis spiraling to new levels, urged on by a corporate property accumulation spree which has driven the average home price in the city to \$550k while camps of the houseless proliferate. Someone is indeed making this place unlivable and goodness wouldn't the editorials like us to believe it is kids in black bloc with cans of spray paint.

This website for the full piece: <http://www.ecclesio.com/2021/09/year-later-pastor-portland-uprising-aric-clark/>

Because this essay is something of a synthesis of my experiences of the past year it might sound, incorrectly, like I'm using the past tense to talk about the Portland uprising (itself just a small

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part of the **George Floyd Uprising**, which is a part of the **Black Lives Matter** movement which began with the **Ferguson Uprising**, a part of the movement for **Black Liberation**, which is part of the greater struggle for the liberation of all people, everywhere). I assure you this is not the end. The uprising here in Portland wasn't defeated by the violent tactics of the Feds or the police. The nightly protests only stopped when wildfires started displacing people and the small cohorts like ours that had been organizing for protests instead turned our efforts to mutual aid. We showed up with respirators and food and tents.

Our networks that had been used to mobilize people in the streets started being used to mobilize volunteers to run shelters and provide transportation. When the fires were extinguished many of these mutual aid groups turned their attention to houseless communities around Portland. We showed up to block sweeps. We showed up to protect a black family from being evicted... And yes, we're still showing up to drive fascists out of town using black bloc and shield walls if necessary, but don't overlook that little wagon of snacks. Mutual aid is doing most of the work.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark



Annual Fall Charge Conference Scheduled

Mountain Home and Sherwood churches are scheduled for the Annual Fall Charge Conference with District Supervisor Wendy Woodworth. It will be a ZOOM meeting on Sunday, October 24 at noon. Charge Conference is the annual business meeting where each church has an opportunity to share their past year's accomplishments and preview their plans for the future. In addition, members of the Church Council for the next year (current and new) will be approved and the Council-approved pastor's compensation for 2021 will be approved. The Charge Conference meeting is open to any members who wish to attend. We will send out a reminder notice a week before the meeting with the appropriate ZOOM information. Remember to put Sunday, October 24 at noon on your calendar if you are interested in attending. And if you have any questions, contact a Council member.

Submission by Lynelle Eck

Willowbrook Food Pantry

September is Hunger Action Month. We were encourage by Oregon Food Bank to have innovative ways to address the hunger month. Willowbrook pantry took this to heart.

As you know, because of Covid, our clients cannot shop for themselves in our pantry. Therefore, our volunteers do know the basics needs because of the clients information form, but do not know how to distribute the other donated food items – 6 oz milk/juices, granola packages, individual meals, spices, raisins, sodas, nuts and so much more.

We devised a “free cart”, placed outside in the parking lot, where the clients can choose the items. It has been success – both the clients, the volunteers and the OFB.

Submission by Cherry Trotter

Carol and Brian are hosting reception for Mackenzie and Devin Cook

Carol and Brian Mckennett are hosting a reception for Mackenzie Bradley Cook (Carol's daughter who grew up in the Mountain Home Church) and her new husband Devin Cook. Devin and Mackenzie were married this summer in Washington DC and are coming to Oregon for a visit. Stop by and greet the happy couple. This will also be Brian's first social outing since he broke his leg! Carol is planning the food so send her an email if you are planning on attending. Carol's email is cmckennett1@hotmail.com



Saturday October 9th 5:30-9:00 PM

Lachini Estate

Vineyard & Tasting Barn

18225 NE Calkins Lane

Newberg, OR 97132



News from around the church and Montavilla United Methodist Church

Below is a sampling of articles recently shared by the Cascadia District, Oregon-Idaho Conference, and GNW News.

- **“Tales of COVID: The Neutral Zone”** – This article cautions us not to rush forward too soon. Given the grief and trauma the past 18 months have surfaced, holding space for processing and discernment might serve us better. You can read the article [here](#).
- **What is Hispanic Heritage Month?** - Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 to October 15 each year in the United States. This infographic shares ways to celebrate and suggestions for further reading. Read more [here](#).
- **United Methodist Women oppose Texas abortion law** – this article shares the statement made by United Methodist Women comparing the position on abortion taken by The United Methodist Church to that of the recent Texas legislation, and highlighting the adverse impact the law will have on women who are poor and marginalized. The statement can be found [here](#).
- **Wear orange, honor ‘Justice for Our Children’ October 6** - Orange is the chosen color to represent the renewed effort to bring to broader consciousness the forced removal, abuse and death of indigenous children through the residential boarding schools movement. Christian denominations, including Methodists, were active in this ‘genocidal’ practice. [Here](#) is the article.
- **Cascadia District Superintendent Wendy Woodworth shared her prayers for the Newberg community:** There have been several egregious incidents of racism in the community and school district, including a mock online slave trade and a school employee with black face. My prayer is manifold and includes our Newberg United Methodist Church and their pastor, Rev. Casey Banks, as they seek to be a witness of love, equity, and justice in that community amid such racist events.

Finally, in keeping with my promise to, on occasion, share a bit of information about other churches in the Oregon Idaho Conference, here is Montavilla United Methodist Church in Portland. Their church mission partners are Folk Time, dedicated to connecting individuals with shared living experiences through intentional peer support, and Vibe of Portland, empowering Oregon’s youth through music and art.

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News from around the church and Montavilla United Methodist Church



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Montavilla United Methodist Church, 232 SE 80th Ave, Portland

~ Marcia Loney, Lay Leader

September 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
4	Ron Knox
9**	Jim & Diane Peters
11	Ed Luckman
21**	Tom & Wendy Ettelson

October 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Spanish Heritage Month						
3 Worship Service via Zoom 10:30 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
World Communion Sunday Trustees Meeting via Zoom						
10 Worship Service via Zoom 10:30 am	11	12	13	14	15	16
Safe Sanctuary Annual Presentation						
17 Worship Service via Zoom 10:30 am	18	19	20	21	22	23
Laity Sunday Church Council Meeting after service						
24 Worship Service via Zoom 10:30 am	25	26	27	28	29	30
Fall Charge Conference via Zoom at Noon						
31 Worship Service via Zoom 10:30 am						



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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:
Chair Cheryl Barry

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Event Calendar

**Sunday, Worship Service via Zoom
10:30 AM**

**Sunday, October 3 World Com-
munion Sunday**

**Sunday, October 3 Trustees Meet-
ing via Zoom 11:15 AM**

**Sunday, October 10 Worship Ser-
vice Safe Sanctuary Annual Presen-
tation 10:30 AM via Zoom**

**Sunday, October 17 Laity Sunday /
Children's Sabbath**

**Sunday, October 17 Church Council
following service at the church**

**Sunday, October 24 United Nations
Day**

**Sunday, October 24 at noon Fall
Charge Conference via Zoom**

**Sunday, October 31 Reformation
Sunday / Halloween**

**Choir Practice , UMW Elizabeth
Circle, UMW Lydia Circle, and UM**

**Men's Breakfast suspended until
further notice**

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

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