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## Like Choosing What To Watch On Television

Loneliness is an epidemic in the United States. 58% of adults in our country consider themselves lonely [according to recent surveys](#). It cuts across all age groups, all economic groups, all racial-ethnic groups. Everywhere you look people feel isolated.

If ever there were a moment for churches like ours to try to provide deep and meaningful community we are in it. It's time for us to get some social life rolling, something we've known for a minute or two, but have seemed to struggle with actually commencing. It's a little like sitting at home with a partner and discussing what to watch, but neither of you is feeling very decisive so you keep deferring to the other hoping they'll make the decision.

The good news is there is no wrong answer here. Potluck dinners, book studies, women's circles, men's circles, game nights, parking lot dance parties - anything fun that gives people a chance to connect outside our jobs and homes and maybe find a few kindred spirits. It's time for us to act like we like each other, or at least we might like each other if we get to know one another better.

So here's the invitation: the church calendar is wide open, let's hang out.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark



## Life's Piano

Piano starts to play the contents of your life a masterpiece delivered by the composer of your mind

Playing joy and sorrow of life's story lovingly on its ivory keyboard of hopes and of dreams

Composition with its beginning, middle and end, it flows standing the test of time, penetrating your soul

Beauty of each note celebrating your entry into the world as if stalks majestically descending announcing your arrival

Up tempo pitch of harmonies in living enthused the dramas highlighted by firm fingers frantically pressing every note

Softly again we voyeur into old age, the experience of the piece capturing its audience imagination lasting impressions cosmic forces exploding

Minds composer energy sweating the pores of musical justice reaching its verdict you'll be the judge and jury

For when the piano starts to play close your eyes reach into yourself and be swept away.

Poems By Sebastian Melmoth

## Cindy Souza

Your music will live in our hearts  
May that music enrich your grandkids  
You will always be in our prayers



Last performance for our 2 churches at this [hyperlink: Worship Service 08-28-2022](#)

Submission by Tom Ettelson

## Willowbrook Food Pantry

### August 29, 2022

September is National Hunger Month – a time when people across the country volunteer, donate and advocate together in the fight to end hunger.

The Oregon Food Bank newsletter had several articles worth passing along.

(Excerpts)

#### Ending Hunger Together

Hunger is not just an individual experience. It is a symptom of barriers to employment, housing, health care and more – and a result of unfair systems that continue to keep these barriers in place. Make a difference. Get involved and help hunger and its root causes.

#### Ensuring Food Remain Available to All as Retail Prices Rise

We know that many people are still recovering from the impacts of the pandemic and any additional pressure on income, or the cost of living makes it

even more difficult for families to make ends meet. There is no doubt that the rising cost of food and fuel is worsening food insecurity here in Oregon and across the country. The cost of groceries alone is up at least 10% overall that increase is closer to 15% when we look at the cost of meat, fish, and dairy. This is happening at a time when lower-income household already spend more than a third of their budget on food.

#### Donate to end hunger

Our supporters change lives. Together, we support our neighbors facing food insecurity by monthly donation/giving, rally community and/or organization support.

We served 106 families with 434 people in July.

Submitted by Cherry



# Food Collection

# Holiday Bazaar November 12<sup>th</sup>



Folks be sure to save Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for our annual holiday bazaar. Our ladies are busy making all kinds of new things to tempt you and we will have many of your favorite items available as well. We are not sure if we will have baked goods this year. We will make that decision as we get closer in time. It will run from 10 am to 2 pm like last time. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Your bazaar team.

Submission by Carol McComis



## New Covid Policy for Mountain Home UMC

Dear members and friends of Mt. Home United Methodist Church, moving into the fall of 2022 and with permission from the Cascadia District we've revised our COVID policies to the following:

Pastor Aric will continue checking our local statistics weekly on [covidactnow.org](https://covidactnow.org), with an emphasis on hospitalization numbers.

1. While we are in the low (green) category in Washington County all activities are permitted. This means in-person worship, indoors if desired or if the weather requires, masks-optional, singing permitted, and fellowship and other activities allowed.
  2. While we are in the medium (orange) category in Washington County masks will become required indoors and we will take special precautions with certain activities such as food, and fellowship etc.. Singing is still permitted at this level.
  3. While we are in the red (high) category in Washington County we will worship outdoors if possible, or on zoom if not possible due to weather. Other indoor activities will be suspended.
    - We will continue tracking attendance at church events for the purpose of contact-tracing if anyone gets covid.
    - Masks will always be optional outdoors.
    - Members are encouraged to continue observing best-practices for everyone's health and safety.
1. Get your vaccines and boosters!
  2. Wear masks in crowded public situations
  3. Wash your hands regularly
  4. Maintain social distancing in public
  5. Use home-tests if you experience symptoms or have been exposed recently to covid.
  6. Don't come to worship if you have recently been exposed to covid, have symptoms, or have tested positive.
  7. If you test positive for covid after attending an event at the church inform us so that we can tell others who may have been exposed.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark



2022 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 19-25, 2022

"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14

**Title: WE ARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**#6 of a New Standing Resolution:**

**Be it resolved that the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference is, and will remain, a part of The United Methodist Church.**

**We recognize that The UMC is as imperfect vessel for organizing our relationship to God. But we commit to staying in the connection and continuing to perfect it. In so doing we will work to foster full inclusion and overcome our current and past sins of racism, colonialism, and exclusion. With the help of God.**

**It will signal to the greater United Methodist Church that the Oregon-Idaho Conference is committed to remaining a part of The United Methodist Church.**

**While explicit action is not required to stay in the connection, being on record is as important statement and indicated our aspiration that The United Methodist Church continue to show God's love in the world.**

**It is time to stand up and be counted.**

**The action of the Annual Conference to pass this measure will speak for us.**

**The cost for working to bring The United Methodist Church into full inclusion are a willing spirit and a repentant heart.**

**Legislation Block New Standing Resolutions:**

**This is the vote for all new resolutions: 179 Yes 12 No**

**Submitted by Cherry Trotter**

## 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
2	Laura Hartley
4	Brian McKennett
8	Kahlia Knox
12	Millie Robinson
17	Carol McKennett
26	Wendy Ettelson
26	Betty Gordon
27	Julee Schmeltzer
28	Margarita Peters

If you wish to send a cards or more, please, use the Mt. Home UMC Church Directory for the addresses. If you need a directory contact Diane Peters.

# September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 *Worship in-person 11:00 AM	 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6	7	8	9	10
11 *Worship in-person 11:00 AM Grandparents Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 *Worship in-person 11:00 AM	19 Church Council Meeting 10:00 AM via Zoom	20	21	22	23	24
25 *Worship in-person 11:00 AM	26	27	28	29	30	



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Finance Chair – Brian McKennett

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## Event Calendar

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**Sunday, September 19 Church Council Meeting 10:00 AM via Zoom**

**Choir Practice and UM Men's Breakfast suspended until further notice**

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

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**Mountain Home UMC YouTube Channel [Mountain Home United Methodist Church - YouTube](#) where past Sunday Worship Services can be found.**

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**Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM**

