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Transcendent God



We worship a God that defies narrow categorization. Due to our human history being dominated by patriarchal cultures, the church has often described God in masculine terms, but there is ample Biblical justification for using feminine terms also. The prophets refer to God with feminine metaphors on many occasions - as

an angry mother bear protecting her children, as a nursing mother caring for her young, as a feminine spirit of wisdom. There is even better theological reason to understand God as transcending human conceptions of gender - any God we can conceive of in such limited terms would not be God, but just an idol, another creation of human imagination, and not the creator of the universe. We can correctly say that God's pronouns are they/them.

There is a repugnant and hateful movement in our nation to eradicate transgender people from our public life. There are new laws in many states forbidding life-saving gender-affirming care for teenagers, and in some cases adults. A few states have gone so far as to require trans people to de-transition. The rhetoric being used to support these abominable laws portrays trans people as dangerous predators, stoking illegitimate fears about sharing bathrooms, or unfair sporting competitions. Swept up in this somehow are drag shows (which are a distinct phenomenon from transgender people) as a target for outrage that includes threats of violence and terrorism. To be clear, none of this fear mongering has any

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Loving God,

We give thanks for the men of virtue who have touched our lives.

Those who have shown us kindness, courage, generosity, truth, compassion, faith, and love. Bless all sons and brothers and fathers and grandfathers who reveal a glimpse of your loving presence on earth.

Amen.

"a Litany of Peace for Father's Day" by the Rev Jane Sommers

Transcendent God (continued)

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basis in reality. Drag performers and trans people are frequently the victims of assault and other crimes, but rarely the perpetrators. Our kids are in more danger from members of the clergy, than from drag performers or trans people.

Though this hate movement is the farthest thing possible from being a Christian ethic, it seeks cover behind “traditional Christian family values” and

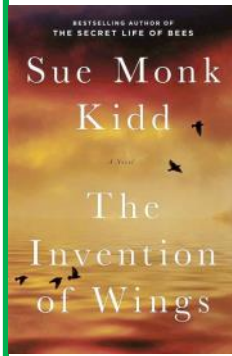
as such implicates us in their attempted genocide. This makes it incumbent upon Christians of moral character to stand up and clearly reject transphobia. Trans youth especially are some of the most vulnerable people in our society. In the name of the God whose image contains both male and female, and can be limited by neither, we should stand on their side and refuse to allow them to be crucified.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark

Summer Book Club

Join us on Wednesday, beginning June 14th at 7 PM to read Sue Monk Kidd’s *Invention of Wings*. We’ll choose a few chapters to discuss each week.

It is a historical fiction about two women in South Carolina who became abolitionists. They were Quakers.



There was dissension in their church about abolition. (The sisters were real people-Grimke sisters.)

It was an Oprah book club book.

Bring a chair, water & maybe a jacket. We’d love to see you whenever you can join us this summer.

Submission by Diane Peters

Holiday Bazaar

Our ladies are busy making wonderful things for our holiday bazaar we will be holding on Nov 11th from 10am to 2pm. We have many of your favorites and some new things to offer as well. We will have photos of some of our



upcoming items in later newsletters.. I am quit sure you will like what you see.. We have a great group of very creative ladies this year and I am really excited to share it all with you in Nov.

Submission by Carol McComis

Community Wood Chipping Day!

Come to the first Mountain Home Community Wood Chipping Day!

Saturday, June 24th, 9am - 1pm

Do you have a pile of woody debris from your spring yard cleanup? Or from the ice storm of a few years ago? This is your chance to clear it out and tidy up your yard! Bring it to our inaugural community wood chipping day ... and we'll transform it into mulch that you can take home for use around your property.

Please bring no more than a pickup



bed of woody debris that is all SMALLER than 7 inches diameter

We'll be behind the church, near Aunt Harriet's Garden Shed

Cost: please donate to help us pay for the chipper

We're also inviting our neighbors in the wider Chehalem area as part of our community outreach and sustainability initiatives, so let your neighbors know!

Questions? See Cathy Poff

June 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
8**	Fred & Millie Robinson
15	Aggie Lazarro
18	Cherry Trotter
23	Curran Clark
29**	Gregg & Connie

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

Our 2023 Legislative Priorities

Between the sunset of pandemic emergency support and the rising cost of food and housing, we expect a sharp increase in demand for food assistance throughout the region. Legislative action is more important than ever as we work to meet evolving needs and address hunger at its roots. And this session, Our Policy Leadership Council has endorsed policies and investments across a host of antihunger priorities, including:

- **Strengthen Food Assistance for Oregonians:** One in eight kids live in a household that struggles to afford food. Strengthening food assistance improves outcomes in education, health and our economy.
- **Homelessness Prevention and Stable Homes:** Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. We need action to address the skyrocketing price of housing and make sure that no one has to choose between rent and food.
- **Healthy Environment, Healthy People:** The most resilient food systems are built on clean, sustainable and healthy food production strategies. We support legislative action to promote healthy, food secure communities.
- **Re-Imagine Community Safety:** There is a clear line between inequities in our legal system and higher rates of hunger. Through key reforms and investments, we can build safer communities for all of us.
- **Racial Equity and Inclusive Democracy:** Oregonians of Color experience hunger at over twice the rate of those who are White. We can address systemic inequities by ensuring everyone has a voice in decisions that affect us.
- **Increase Cash Assistance to Oregonians:** Direct assistance is the most effective path to ending hunger and poverty. Through targeted investments, we can help Oregonians make the best choices for our families.
- **Gender Justice:** Single moms, trans and gender-diverse Oregonians face significantly higher rates of food insecurity. By ensuring access to quality childcare and a full range of healthcare services, we can help close the gap and ensure everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Oregon Food Bank

Help Ensure Food for All Oregonians!

Food is a Human Right — and everyone in Oregon should have access to food, no matter where we were born. Despite significant investments, state food assistance policies continue to leave more than 62,000 Oregonians behind.

Senate Bill 610 is a major component of our movement to ensure Food for All Oregonians. Through expanded food assistance, culturally-responsive programs and benefit navigation, we can make sure everyone in our communities has access to the food we need to thrive. Take action at FoodForAllOR.org



John Nilsen



Photo by Norm Eder

Save the Date: John Nilsen Concert and Potluck on Sunday, August 13th!

We will once again have the pleasure of John Nilsen playing for our outdoor worship service on August 13th, followed by an additional 30-minute piano concert and a potluck lunch. We will have a free will offering for him.

John is current touring in England, Scotland and Norway, so he will return with fresh inspiration to share with us. He is a pianist, guitarist, vocalist and songwriter and one of the Pacific Northwest's most successful performance and recording artists. The people, landscapes, weather, and tenor of life in our area frequently influence his musical themes.

Put this special event on your calendar, and bring some friends!

- Submitted by Alice Hendricks

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where past Sunday Worship Services can be found.

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