

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Saturday Seminars

It has been a while since our congregations have held educational events outside worship (we all know my sermons can sometimes veer toward academic lectures at times!). This year we are planning to host four Saturday Seminars. These will be 3-4 hour events on a Saturday where we will engage in study, reflection, and small group discussion. We are invited to worship God with all our minds at these events, asking questions, gaining historical and social contextual understanding, and approaching our sacred texts with curious and critical eyes.

To ensure these are available to the widest possible audience we're holding them at 10am on Saturdays, alternating between our two churches, with the hosting congregation providing food and hospitality. Please invite friends and come for an enriching encounter. Register to attend (so that we may prepare adequate supplies and seating) by emailing pastor Aric at: aricclark33@gmail.com.

You may find descriptions for the first two of these events below.

The Most Violent Book In History: Joshua

Saturday, February 24th 10am-1pm at Mtn. Home UMC

The book of Joshua presents a rare opportunity to use critical analysis to better understand how our religious texts were created and transmitted through the generations. Looking at this text we can unveil something of the politics of the ancient people of Judah, and consider how those religious and political views have shaped human history in our own country and around the world.

A Dramatic Reading of the Gospel of Mark

Saturday, June 8th 10am-1pm at Sherwood UMC

The Gospels and the Epistles of the New Testament were written for communities where they would have been read aloud in their entirety in public. Join us for an experience of the Gospel of Mark as it was intended, prepared as a dramatic reading to be appreciated in a single sitting, and then stay for a discussion of what makes Mark unique among the Gospels.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark

Officers of the Church for 2024

Church Council Chair:

Council Secretary: Larry Johnson

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Worship: Chair: Diane Peters

Communion: Valery Sampson, Alice Hendricks, Linda Henry, Cherry Trotter



Willowbrook Food Pantry - Statistics Report

We served 1817 families with 8923 people in 2023.

We served 1408 families with 5904 people in 2022.

In 2023, the difference of 409 families with more people 3,019.

We had 2,960 volunteer hours in 2023.

We had 2,840 volunteer hours in 2022.

We purchased 10,661 grocery items and we spent \$9,259 in 2023.

The purchase of our food was 5,802 and we spent \$4,505 in 2022.

WFP purchased 4,859 more grocery items and spent \$4754 more in 2023.

We are so grateful for your support of Willowbrook Food Pantry. The loving caring of the Mt. Home Bazaar, as well as Brian and Carol McKennett, and Mountain Home UM Church.

We were blessed by the generous Food Drives:

The Sherwood Police Department, Sherwood Community Friends Church, Sparrow Dental Office, Ridges Elementary School, Farnettes and the Sherwood Ice Skaters.

Submission by Cherry Trotter

Notes from the Calendar setting gathering (Not really a meeting) January 28, 2024

Present: Pastor Aric, Diane Peters, Cherry Trotter, Carol McComis, Brian McKennett Secretary: Larry Johnson

February 4 Counsel meeting following the church service. All are welcome to attend.

February 13 Shrove Tuesday, 6:00 pm Dinner at Sherwood UMC

February 14 Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes Service . This will be a joint service for Mtn. Home and Sherwood. This service will be held at Sherwood starting at 6:00 pm.

February 24 Pastor Aric will be leading a Workshop "Joshua: The Most Violent Book in History" . This workshop will be held at Mtn. Home UMC. The workshop will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and is open to anyone. Beverages and a chili lunch will be available. More details to follow. Save the date on your calendar.

March 10 Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am.

March 17 (Aric Away)

March 24 Palm Sunday (Aric Away) Joint service with Sherwood at Mtn. Home UMC

March 29 Good Friday Veneration of the Cross Service. This will be a joint service for Mtn. Home and Sherwood. This service will be held at Mtn. Home starting at 6:00 pm.

March 31 Easter Sunday. A sunrise service will be held at Mtn. Home. This service will be held starting at 7:00 am. A light breakfast will be served following the service. A service will also be held at Sherwood starting at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend either or both.

April 14 (Aric Away)

May 5 (Aric Away)

June 8 Pastor Aric will be leading a Workshop "Dramatic Reading of the Gospel of Mark" . The workshop will be held at Sherwood. The workshop will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and is open to anyone. Beverages and snacks will be available. More details to follow. Save the date on your calendar.

At some point in early summer church services will begin to be held outside weather permitting.

In Memoriam

Margaret Lofsvold

January 30, 1954 – January 10, 2024

Rev. Margaret Lofsvold died January 10, 2024, in Portland, Oregon. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Leland Hunefeld, her son and daughter-in-law, her stepdaughter, two grandchildren and her sister.

Peg was a Christian educator prior to being ordained as an elder in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. She was appointed as associate pastor at First UMC in Eugene; pastor at Southside Boulevard UMC in Nampa, Idaho; chaplain at Guardian Hospice and Home Health in Nampa; associate pastor at Lake Oswego UMC; pastor at Montavilla UMC in Portland and as Cascadia district superintendent. Peg retired in 2022.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m. at Lake Oswego UMC, 1855 South Shore Blvd, Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

A decision about where to direct memorial gifts is pending and will be shared in future communications.

To extend condolences, friends may contact Lee Hunefeld at 9529 SW Inez St., Tigard, OR 97224, or at lelandh@mac.com.

Cedrick Bridgeforth, Bishop

Candace Clarke, Interim Treasurer and Director of Finance and Operations



I am not a women, I'm not Black or Hispanic in America, nor am I impoverished, or ever been homeless, I'm not a Muslim or Hindu in America, nor gay, I do not have physical disability or been clinically diagnosed with a mental health issue, but I am human as quoted by the Roman slave / playwright Terence, "*Homo sum, humani nihil a me alienum puto*", or "I am human, and I think nothing human is alien to me."

Submission by Tom Ettelson

February 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 *Worship 11:00 AM Church Council Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Contact Info

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

officesherwoodumc@gmail.com

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where past Sunday Worship Services can be found.

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