



*Living... Loving... Learning  
Building the Future Together!*



**Weekly Happenings**  
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- **Mondays**  
9am - Happy Hands
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10am - Men’s Coffee - Rosauers  
6:15pm - Bell Choir Practice.
- **Thursdays**  
7:00pm - Choir Practice

## Grace and peace to you from our living and loving Savior, Jesus the Christ!

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:1-5*

This lesson, from St. Paul written to the Roman community of disciples, was one of the appointed lessons for Trinity Sunday. I believe it was chosen by the lectionary folks for that day because of its succinct description of what Jesus' life, death and resurrection accomplish for us. Additionally, the second person of the Trinity is eloquently described and personified. I, however, like this lesson for a whole different reason.

"Because God's love has been poured into our hearts ..." Is Paul describing the fact that God continually pours God's love into our hearts as a gift? Or is Paul describing the fact that God has already done this and so we now live with God's love in our hearts? Do you notice the difference? In the first question we understand that God's love is an ever renewing gift, always needing refreshment, always needing renewal. While in the second question we recognize that God's love has also been gifted to us once and for all and that we now get to live with it!

As the good women at our Wednesday Bible study pointed out, the answer is, of course, both. Which brings me to my real question: Do we live as though both were always true? I suspect the answer is not really because living knowing that we have God's love in our hearts is hard.

...It is hard because it means that in all our interactions with others we need to think about how we personally reflect God's love. It is much easier to think that God is in charge.

...It is hard because it means that we can't shy away from sharing God's love because there is a certain quality to it that requires our service. It is much easier to rest and believe that God will act instead.

...It is hard because it means that there is something important that God has given us, each of us, uniquely, and thus we each have a distinctive aspect of God's love to share. It is much easier to pretend that all of God's love is the same.

...And finally it is hard because it means that with God's love in our hearts, a gift God has given to us all, part of God's story in the world is dependent upon us gathering with others in order to have the full diversity of God's love be on display. It is much easier to put that burden upon God and leave ourselves out of that equation.

We're talking about grace here. God has so infused the world with a loving grace that seeks to gift all of God's creation with beauty, wonder, signs of God's presence that God has gifted us with the ability to witness to this reality ... and we need to.

As summer begins, as schedules become hectic, as meetings happen and lives unfold, never forget that you are a bearer of God's love to the world. God is ever renewing the gift within you, ever pouring it out upon the world but God has also gifted you with love that resides deeply within your heart and the hearts of us all. Let us act out that love.

In Peace,

Pastor Andy

# Quick Notes

## All Women's potluck

(sponsored by WELCA--women of Our Redeemer)

Saturday, June 8th, from 10am till noon.

We'll meet in the fellowship room and learn more about our women's activities and ministries and then will enjoy a salad potluck lunch.

Child care will be provided. Call Kathy Terry @ 541-386-2308 for any questions.

Please plan to join us.

Martha Hoskins will again be collecting donations for Relay For Life - being held this year on July 20th & 21st at Hood River Valley High School.

Want to know how you can help?

Contact Martha at 541.387.0213.

**SUPERHEROES  
WANTED**



## Get Connected!



Have you seen the new [Asbury/Our Redeemer Website](#) yet? This site is being crafted to more clearly reflect our

blended ministries. We will continue to maintain separate websites in order to emphasize the different denominational connections while at the same time creating a more uniform look and feel between the sites.

Some of you may have already noticed that we have [shared Google calendar](#) on both websites. If you want to know what activities are happening in our life together, just check the "Calendar" tab!

## On Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm both Asbury and Our Redeemer will have congregational meetings

to vote on proposed amendments to the Joint Ministry Covenant.

Hopefully all of our members have received a copy of these proposed recommendations through separate letters written to each congregation.

These recommended amendments come to us from the Consultation process started by Our Redeemer with the Bishop's office of the Oregon Synod but have also been vetted through the appropriate denominational channels of the Oregon Idaho Methodist Conference.

It will require a majority vote by both congregations to enact these changes. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Thank you.

**Camp Erin** is a traditional fun, high-energy overnight camp combined with emotional support and grief education for children and teens ages 6 to 17 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Camp Erin will be held Aug. 16-18, 2013, at Camp Kuratli in Boring, Ore.

Activities begin Friday afternoon and end Sunday afternoon. This overnight camp is offered one weekend every summer and is free of charge. Space is limited.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more detailed information about the camp, (When in the site, the left hand side under 'forms and information' is the application).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to assist you!

Christine Jones  
Volunteer Coordinator



*Welcome into membership, Gerald Family!*



## Faith in Action/Stewardship

Are you feeling you want to reach out to help those affected by the recent tornados in Oklahoma? Well, you probably are, if you have been donating to our respective Synodical outreach programs through ELCA Disaster Response and UMCOR. Did you know that these greater church mechanisms are in play when disaster/need strikes, very quickly, supporting other efforts by secular and religious organizations. That is the power of membership in a greater church body! Our 5th Sunday special outreach offering will be directed to these respective groups. Please mark your offering envelope accordingly.

Our Faith in Action Committee met April 29th after helping sort and pack the FISH food offered for Food on the Fourth.

We had a discussion about how we can embrace our mission with our combined congregational outreach.

Some of our initial projects are outlined here:

1. Food on the Fourth will continue to be part of our combined effort.
2. Pumpkins for [solar] panels is supported by our group, though it is certainly a combined effort of many.
3. Tee shirts were printed and we worked on several teams to help on our Good Neighbor effort, reaching out to those needing help with yard work and clean up May 4.
4. Collaboration with Happy Hands to accomplish their goal for kits to be assembled and distributed through the greater church this fall.
5. Designated giving Sundays: June 30, September 29 and December 29 have been selected.

As stated above, June 30 designated giving offering will go to ELCA World Relief/ Disaster Response or One Great Hour of Sharing through UMCOR. PLEASE designate which of these you wish to support on your offering envelope. Undesignated donations will be divided equally.

Our next scheduled meeting is June 24 at 10:15am in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to join our small group! Help make changes in our region, and in our world.

Sharon, Gigi, Debby and Vicki



## FOOD on the 4th!

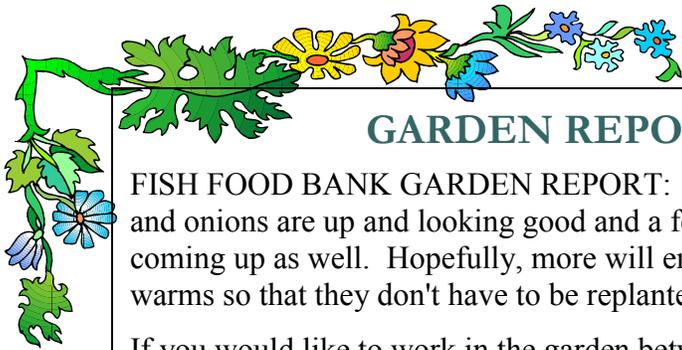
**“Because no one should go hungry”**

Congratulations food foragers! This past Sunday you donated 20 bags of food totaling 226 pounds in our first-ever “Food on the 4th” offering for FISH!

This is now a monthly event, so pick up your reusable FISH grocery bags in the narthex, fill ‘em with food, and bring ‘em back the 4th Sunday of every month for a special offering of food

Want more ways to get involved helping those in need in our community? We need volunteers the Monday after each 4th Sunday to unload the bags, help sort and box the food, and deliver our monthly contribution to the food bank. If you can help, please contact Sharon Pantely at [gpsb1228@yahoo.com](mailto:gpsb1228@yahoo.com) or call her at 541.552.5550

If you want to volunteer directly at the FISH Food Bank, please contact Linden Wendle at [lawendle@att.net](mailto:lawendle@att.net) or call 541.386.6677



## GARDEN REPORT:

FISH FOOD BANK GARDEN REPORT: The potatoes, carrots and onions are up and looking good and a few of the squash are coming up as well. Hopefully, more will emerge when the soil warms so that they don't have to be replanted.

If you would like to work in the garden between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons, that would be a big help. Other GEM churches and interested FISH supporters are being invited to provide workers, too. Bring a friend along and join us at the garden.

Thanks,  
Scott Fitch



### Good Neighbor Saturday

15 volunteers from our partnership helped on Saturday at 3 different locations.

We pruned hedges, pulled weeds, picked up yard debris, and did battle with a barberry shrub!

Here are Jim, Debby C., Erik and Kate at the first home.



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| Myrin & Audrey Bentz   | 2  |
| Jim & Gigi Siekkinen   | 4  |
| David & Ila Mae Schneeberg                                       | 8  |
| Bill & Donna Gray-Davis  | 9  |
| Bob & Sally Havig<br>Ray & Muriel Ishizaka                       | 18 |
| Rick & Linnea Denis  | 19 |
| John & Jana Jacobson   | 23 |
| Steve Inman & Susan Witt   | 26 |
| Bill & Vita Corrado<br>Mark & Lisa Crompton<br>Frank & Pat Moore | 29 |

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| Sidra Matthias                  | 1  |
| Kathy Rice                      | 2  |
| Gregory Holmstrom               | 3  |
| Kim Rich                        | 5  |
| Chris, Drew,<br>Michael LaMaita | 6  |
| Becky Morus                     | 7  |
| Joan Chapman                    | 8  |
| Bailey Murahashi                | 12 |
| Lisa Crompton                   | 13 |
| Wendy Willow                    | 14 |
| Madison Kyger<br>Kathy Terry    | 23 |
| Don Shalhope                    | 24 |
| Rick Denis                      | 26 |
| Kaylin Winans                   | 29 |
| Betty Nix                       | 30 |

# Reach Out!

Dear Family and Friends,

I am writing to share with you the news that in just 3 1/2 short weeks, I'll be traveling to Haiti to work as a medical provider with a team out of Minnesota, "Seeds of Support". The group, affiliated with a large Lutheran church in Eden Prairie, MN, first sent volunteers into Pasquette three years ago, and has continued to work in the same small village 2-3 times/year since that time. When my dear friend, Arlene, called and asked me to consider this, I have to admit, I was taken aback. Though this type of work has been something I've felt motivated to do, I wasn't sure now was the time, or Haiti the place. After careful, and thoughtful consideration, and the loving support of George, I accepted.

The group is comprised of 10 individuals, some of whom have made this trip before. We fly into Port-au-Prince on June 9th, travel by van to Gressier the first night, then early Monday morning, drive over the mountains to the southern coast of Haiti, to Pasquette, where we will work for the next 7 days. As in most of Haiti, Pasquette is a small, somewhat remote village, very limited in resources, and access to modern amenities most of us take for granted. The aftermath of the huge earthquake that occurred several years ago is still very apparent there. Part of our project will be to continue working to establish a safe, and consistent water source for the people living there. My understanding is that at the present time, water is unsafe, usually supplied by the local "witch doctor", who then supplies the treatment to cure the ailment the water causes (all at a cost, I'm sure). I will help with educating people about their water, as well as offering onsite medical care or triage to the residents, and our team members. Those of you who have worked in similar sites, or read of this situation, know that once word gets out that a "doctor" is in town, I will be a busy nurse practitioner!

We/I will be challenged physically, emotionally and spiritually during this journey. Though a relatively short trip, it will be intense in many ways. I share this with you to ask for your support and encouragement in anyway you feel comfortable offering it. Prayer, positive thoughts, good energy are most important. I am gathering medical supplies to take with me, and the team will be carrying in all that we use while there, leaving behind as much as possible for future use and work.

I will keep you posted on this challenging, but meaningful adventure, and certainly share with you how this all goes. If you have questions, or would like to know more, or how you might help, please call or write. Thank

## Volunteer Opportunity!

**The Emergency Voucher Program**, which is a ministry of GEM, is seeking volunteers to assist with the distribution of emergency vouchers.

Vouchers are distributed at Providence Hospital between 12pm and 2pm.

If you are a compassionate listener, creative problem solver, and feel called to serve some of the most vulnerable in our midst, this may be the volunteer opportunity for you.

Please contact Maggie Sebastian  
at  
541-387-6991  
or

magdalyn.sebastian@providence.org  
if you are interested.

All training sessions will take place at Providence Hospital, Hood River



**CHEF MARK WHITEHEAD  
AND THE PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH TEAM  
INVITE YOU TO A TRADITIONAL LUAU**

AT

ST. MARK'S!

June 15, 5pm-7pm

Cost is \$12/person or \$40/family of 4

Limbo contest for kids and "Best Hawaiian Shirt"  
contest for adults!

Proceeds go to support Athletes for Cancer and  
Free Clothes for Kids

## Asbury UMC to be honored at Annual Conference

District Superintendent Lowell Greathouse has announced that Asbury will be honored at Annual Conference as an example of a church that has demonstrated an exceptional level of faith development.

In Rev. Greathouse's words:

"The level of faith development that you have demonstrated through your partnership with Our Redeemer, and the way you have "stepped out in faith" through the selling of your building are extraordinary examples of what it means to be a congregation that is rich in your faith development as disciples. Your congregation is a shining light that points us toward what the Kingdom of God is all about."

Asbury is one of 4 congregations from Oregon and Idaho that will be honored on June 21st in Boise.

## WE WELCOME YOU TO THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Psalms will be highlighted in June incorporating a sung response from the Methodist Psalter. This ancient tradition of responsive singing within the reading of the text of the Psalm will add a new dimension to the worship experience.

The key concepts of the appointed Psalms underlie the significant points of the weekly scripture lessons and are reflected in the selected hymns. Based on the Gospel of Luke, the sermons also reinforce this central theme in each Sunday's message.

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| <b>June<br/>2</b>  | <i>Psalm 96</i> <b>JOY</b><br>"O sing to the Lord a new song;<br>sing to the Lord, all the earth!" v 1   | Holy communion<br>Reception of new members<br>Coffee Fellowship   | <p>On June 30, a fifth Sunday, the congregation is requested by the Faith In Action committee to make a designated offering to be shared by <u>Lutheran World Relief</u> and <u>One Great Hour of Sharing</u>, the Methodist equivalent. As a response to these global appeals the 9:00 service will emphasize mission and then host a congregational, multi-cultural potluck luncheon at 12:00. See you there!</p> <p>Thank you to Marv and Ruth Turner, and the members of the choir, for your dedicated service in providing a special anthem at services throughout these past months. We've greatly appreciated your contribution and anticipate hearing you sing again in September.</p> |
| <b>June<br/>9</b>  | <i>Psalm 30</i> <b>HOPE</b><br>"Weeping may tarry for the night,<br>but joy comes in the morning." v 5   |   |  |
| <b>June<br/>16</b> | <i>Psalm 32</i> <b>FORGIVENESS</b><br>"Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven...<br>Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice..." v 1,11                 |   |  |
| <b>June<br/>23</b> | <i>Psalm 43</i> <b>TRUST</b><br>"O send out your light and your truth;<br>let them lead me, let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling." v 3 | Holy Communion<br>Coffee Fellowship                               |  |
| <b>June<br/>30</b> | <i>Psalm 16</i> <b>LOVE</b><br>"I have set the Lord always before me;<br>...in your presence there is fullness of joy..." v 8, 11                          | Mission Sunday-with designated offering<br>Multi-cultural potluck |  |

Enjoy the summer.

*Traditional Worship Committee*

