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**August 2014**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you. Thank you, all! Your kindness, generosity and hospitality since our family has arrived in Hood River has been spectacular. We would never have time to individually and formally thank each of the people who have cleaned, cooked, housed, entertained, played and prayed for us because so many have. Thank you.

We wanted to especially thank you for the parsonage work. The items you can see: the kitchen, hardwood, and windows and the items you can't see: electricity, plumbing and air conditioning are sublime to us. We promise to have an open house (when we get settled) so that you can see all of the improvements. We feel so blessed to get to live, love and learn in this house as a family, and in this congregation of hard-working and kind friends.

Transitions are always hard and stressful. This series of transitions from Denver to Hood River was no exception. The exception was the generosity and love we experienced from you all. Because of your love for us, this last month of transitions was not only do-able, but at times, enjoyable. Thank you for helping us start out our adventure in Hood River. We thank God for bringing us to this church, and we look forward to all that God has in store for us together!

Sincerely, *Melissa, David and Karthik*



## *Installation*

**Pastor David's Installation at  
Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership  
will be Sunday August 10th at 2pm .  
An ice cream social will follow.**



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Dear Friends,

This first month with you has been a busy one. Melissa, Karthik, and I have moved twice: first from the McBees to the Outreach House and then from the Outreach House to the parsonage, where we are settling in wonderfully.

Thank you to all who have helped us through this transition!



I've led worship four Sundays, preached six different sermons, and celebrated communion with you three times. I've had the chance to visit many of the small-group ministries of the church. I got to wield a shovel at the groundbreaking of the new FISH Food Bank



building. In addition, Karthik and I walked with the Cub Scouts in the Independence Day Parade, Melissa and I visited the Lavender Festival, and all three of us went to the Hood River County Fair. It's been a bit of a whirlwind tour of town and church, and we have nothing but good things to say about what we have experienced so far. It is truly a joy to be among you and to get to share with you God's ministry in this place.

In the next few months, I hope to get to know each of you better through a series of small group gatherings. Linda Boris is helping me by organizing these informal meetings, so you will likely be contacted by her in the coming weeks and months. Each gathering will include about six to eight people. I'd like to meet for about an hour or an hour and a half, perhaps over a meal or coffee. It will be a chance to get to know each other better, but also to discuss the identity and future vision of this congregation. I will want to hear about the parts of our heritage you have valued most and about your dreams for the future of this church. Put another way, how have you seen God moving in our midst in the past, and where do you think God is leading us now? I look forward to this opportunity to share conversation with you.



Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor David*



1) The Celebration service is looking for individuals or groups willing to share special music during the summer. If you are interested, please contact Linda Boris (541)386-5063; [lboris@embarqmail.com](mailto:lboris@embarqmail.com).

2) We are so pleased to have Pastor David King and his family here with us in Hood River. To help Pastor David get to know us better, and vice-versa, we will be putting together small groups for informal "Get-to-Know-You" discussions. If you have not been contacted to participate in one of these groups by the end of August, please contact Linda Boris (541)386-5063; [lboris@embarqmail.com](mailto:lboris@embarqmail.com).

3) Attention all master gardeners, orchardists, and anyone with a green thumb: the Celebration service is looking for people who know how to graft. If this describes you, please contact Linda Boris (541)386-5063; [lboris@embarqmail.com](mailto:lboris@embarqmail.com).

-Linda Boris

**HERE'S AN INVITATION THAT WILL BE HARD TO IGNORE:**

August 28 at 6p.m. there will be a potluck supper at Morningsong Acres for choir members, those who might want to become choir members, and those we would like to entice to become choir members. Audrey and Myrin have opened their Retreat Center to any and all of the above. We will sing a little, eat a lot, and have a jolly good fellowship together. If you are in any of the above-listed categories and/or choir members and need help in finding their place talk to them or any choir member.

Marv Turner, director



The church yard sale is coming up on Saturday, August 9th from 8am till 1pm. Someone will be at the church from 9-11am Monday through Friday the week before the sale to accept donated articles. If those times aren't convenient for you, you can leave articles for the sale just outside the church door. Someone will check in the late afternoon to put them inside. Any questions? Please call Kathy Terry 541-386-2308 or Marlene Lahti 541-386-1568

# What's Happening

## The groundbreaking for the FISH food bank was held on Monday July 21!

Actual construction is expected to start by the beginning of August. **Be prepared for disruptions in parking and access to the office over the next several months particularly in early September when the metal structure material is delivered.** We will keep the groups who meet informed on a week by week basis. There have been increases in costs due to various factors but they are still within the contingency budget. The solar panels fund raising is within \$10,000 of the goal. If you wish to make a donation to it just make a note on your envelope or check and send it to the office or drop it in the offering plate.

**The comment box** is generating some great comments and suggestions, ranging from youth programs, naming the church, communion, and other items to help us all improve how we carry out our mission and worship. Every comment is welcome and will be passed on to the appropriate person or committee to be dealt with. Please continue to use the cards and drop them in the box in the narthex.

## Faith In Action

There was no meeting in July. The Designated Giving Sunday is the last Sunday in August, and we will be collecting items and \$\$ for school supplies. We can publish a supply list after our **Aug 4 meeting at 10:15am**. Recycling collection still is ongoing. If there is a large amount of styrofoam, please put it in the tan shed behind the church.

-Sharon Pantely



The August Women's Spiritual Group will be on Sat August 2 at 9:00am in the church office building.

We have also received our 2015 Mt. Angel Retreat dates. The retreat will be the weekend of March 6 (2015). Beth and Pamela have volunteered to lead the retreat! (Thank you Beth and Pamela!!) More details to come.

-Carol Kyger

Don't forget to purchase The Noticer (see Kris White) for the **Women's Fall Retreat at Cannon Beach**. The retreat dates are Friday Oct 31st to Sunday Nov 2nd. We'll be doing a book study on The Noticer. Financial info will be available the end of August. Scholarships (in confidence) are always available! Contact Jennifer in the office.

# Quick Notes



**Hood River Church**



<b>Martha Hoskins</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Vita Corrado</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Donna Martinson</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Betty Shalhope</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Bill Crompton, Judy Jensen</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Jana Austin Jacobson</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Bob Havig</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Cindy Murahashi</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Nicholas Saenz</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Jack Siekkinen</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Audrey Bentz</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Judith Ann Richards</b>	<b>28</b>



<b>Pepi &amp; Erica Gerald</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Alan &amp; Bette Yenne</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Scott &amp; Cindy Murahashi</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Bill &amp; Pat Crompton</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Cheri Anderson</b> <b>Scott &amp; Donna Fitch</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Kris White</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Don &amp; Betty Shalhope</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Gladys Edwards</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Dean &amp; Diane Kleinsmith</b> <b>Jim &amp; Mari Matthias</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Greg &amp; Shelley Oates</b>	<b>29</b>

# August 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 3rd Sunday	Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday				1	2 9am Women's Spiritual Group @ church office
3 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration	4 9am Happy Hands 10:15 FIA meeting	5 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	6 9am WELCA Quilting	7	8 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac	9 WELCA Yard Sale 8am-1pm
10 9am Traditional 10am Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 2pm Pastor David King's Installation	11 9am Happy Hands 4:30pm FISH	12 15 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	13	14	15 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac	16 8am Men's Breakfast @ Charburger
17 9am Traditional 10am Fellowship 10:30 Celebration	18 9am Happy Hands	19 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	20 9am WELCA Quilting	21 Nwsltr Items Due	22 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac	23
24 <u>Food on the 4th</u> 9am Traditional 10am Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 11:30 SPRC 1:15 Card Class	25 9am Happy Hands	26 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	27	28 Choir Potluck 6:00pm at Morning Song Acres	29 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac	30
31 <u>Desig. Giving Local School Supplies</u> 9am Traditional 10am Fellowship 10:30 Celebration	1	2	3	4	5	6



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