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Naming Conversation

Saturday May 7th

from 9am to 11:30 in the FISH Community Room

Guiding us will be Jan Wierima, an expert in church naming and in the processes of discovering names together. Jan is from the Oregon Synod office.

Lunch will be served for this occasion.

Monday May 9 at 11:30

International Methodist Bishop Spouses

Our church is hosting a luncheon for the spouses that will be coming through town while attending the UMC General Conference in Portland. All of the food for the luncheon has been taken care of with the exception of cookies. If you are able to make or provide cookies for the luncheon, please let **Carol Kyger know 541-386-6341** or cckyger@gmail.com. The cookies are needed by the morning of May 9. Cookies can be dropped off at the Church Fellowship Hall or in the FISH Community Room on May 9 by 9:30am or you can contact Carol to make other arrangements.



Good Neighbor Saturday May 21st

Volunteer to be a Good Neighbor or refer someone for yard care.

I have volunteer forms for anyone who wants to help older adults or people with long-term health concerns with yard work, window cleaning, or gutter cleaning. If you are a senior and need help, please call/email me at the office. This event is organized by Providence Volunteers in Action. Volunteers meet for a hosted breakfast 8am @ Providence Hood River Hospital and work from 9am to Noon at various homes (in Hood River and Klickitat Counties). Likewise, if need help, please fill out a form and return to our church office.

---Jennifer Fowler

Follow-up on April 30, 2016 Oregon Synod Action to Designate the Synod as a "Sanctuary Synod."

Among the business transacted at the Assembly was the adoption of a **resolution designating the Oregon Synod as a "Sanctuary Synod."** I anticipate that this action will be of some interest both to our own membership and others in our communities.

The following press release (*next page*) has been distributed to several newspaper and radio stations around the state. This press release will give you some sense of how I, as the synod bishop, am interpreting this designation.

Courageous actions of this type can be a wonderful opportunity for us as a church. It demonstrates our care and engagement. It also gives us opportunity to state what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. I suggest the following talking points:

- Yes, we as a church care about issues of immigration and we have a long history of refugee resettlement and care;
- As an immigrant church ourselves we are grateful to be citizens of a country which has always extended care and compassion to those in need;
- Lutherans have a long history of service through allied institutions such as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services nationally, and Lutheran Community Service Northwest locally. We are integral to the welcome of the state's first Syrian Refugees taking place just this month;
- We understand that offering "Sanctuary" is a more edgy engagement around current issues of immigration and care. Not all Lutheran congregations will feel called to be centers of sanctuary, but we live with respect and honor of one another as we make local decisions that are right for our communities and circumstances;

I hope this helps. Again, thank you for your engagement and partnership.

With Joy,

Bp. Dave Brauer-Rieke

Oregon Synod - ELCA

Press Release:

Oregon Lutherans Declare themselves a Sanctuary Church

This past weekend official representatives of the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America voted to make their church the first "Sanctuary Synod" in the nation. This action encourages each of the 115 ELCA congregations and ministries throughout the state to "become Sanctuary churches ready to protect refugees and undocumented sisters and brothers from arrest and deportation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers."

"The Lutheran Church has been active in refugee resettlement nationally for over 75 years through the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services," said Oregon Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke. "Just this week we are welcoming the first Syrian refugees to our state through a partnership between Lutheran Community Services Northwest and a local congregation, St. Luke Lutheran, in Portland."

After World War II one in six Lutherans in the world were refugees or displaced persons. At that time Lutherans and the Lutheran Church in this country resettled 57,000 refugees in the United States. After the fall of Saigon in 1975 U.S. Lutheran congregations sponsored over 50,000 refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

"To designate ourselves as a Sanctuary Synod means our moral compass is straight and true," stated Bishop Brauer-Rieke. "It means we are thankful for the welcome this country has given us as European immigrants and refugees and that we honor the highest values of our nation as a place of safety for the poor, the tired and all who yearn to breathe free. Most of our work around Refugee resettlement is done in harmony with government agencies and social services. The call to sanctuary recognizes that sometimes we have to ask more difficult questions."

Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland was in the news September and December of 2014 as they offered physical sanctuary to Francisco Aguirre and family being threatened with deportation to El Salvador after 20 years in the U.S. as an undocumented worker. Augustana Lutheran Pastor Mark Knutson says, "As a congregation we just want to know what's going on, and that it meets the values of the community: the common values of ending wars, striving for equity, serving the hungry and the vulnerable, lifting up children and the elderly."

"Offering sanctuary to the Aguirre family had the single goal of giving our community and legal system time and space to consider its actions," said Bishop Brauer-Rieke. "Given this time an injustice that might have occurred was, thankfully, avoided. I commend Augustana Lutheran for their compassion and care."

"Not every Lutheran congregation in Oregon is likely to offer physical sanctuary the way Augustana has because of our action this past weekend," Bishop Brauer-Rieke went on to say. "We recognize all together that issues of immigration and documentation are extremely complicated and complex. Nonetheless we all know people come first. Children come first. Safety and well-being comes first. Each of us in our own way is offering food, assistance, welcome and hope to those in need as we are able."

This coming August the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America meets in national assembly in New Orleans. At that time the Oregon Synod will be petitioning their church to become the first "Sanctuary Denomination" in the U.S.

Dear friends of the Columbia District,

You have an opportunity to be a part of the Climate Vigil being held at United Methodist General Conference.

The General Conference Climate Vigil is gathering prayers from United Methodists who grieve the ways climate change is already impacting creation, and who yearn to protect God's good earth from its worst impacts. Participants will carry lanterns decorated with prayers and lit with solar-powered light bulbs. The vigil will include music and testimony from United Methodists around the world as we lift their experiences on the front lines of climate change to God in prayer. After the vigil, the lights will be given to communities with limited energy access.

There are many ways people can participate:

[Decorate lanterns](#) for the vigil

[Volunteer](#) to set up for the vigil and assist participants during the vigil on May 12

[Participate](#) in the vigil on May 12 at 7:30pm

Sandy Lofy Administrative Assistant Columbia District



Every United Methodist can be part of General Conference

Not every United Methodist will be present at General Conference from May 10-20, but you can still participate in the church's most important gathering.

Prayer Praying for [delegates](#), [bishops](#), speakers, and all those who lead and attend the [General Conference sessions](#) is a powerful way to participate.

Follow along Our computers, phones, and tablets are giving us more ways to stay connected with General Conference than ever before. GC2016.UMC.org is the source for everything about General Conference 2016. News, blogs, resources, videos and photos about everything happening at General Conference are available in this central location.

What will General Conference mean to the United Methodist Church?

Work General Conference receives reports, votes on legislation, passes a budget.

Worship The worship of General Conference celebrates unity and diversity. People come from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America. We are part of something much larger than our local congregation.

Celebration On May 18th, the UM Church will celebrate the Imagine No Malaria ministry.

Remembrance An important time to remember history: Francis Asbury, the first bishop in our Methodist heritage. He came to America to form and lead the new church. Continued participation in the [Act of Repentance toward Healing Relationships with Indigenous People](#) with a report on the Sand Creek Massacre.



NOTES-N-NEWS



Ruth Akiyama's
birthday luncheon

Thanks to all who made our Senior event (Embracing Elderhood) this past Tuesday a memorable event for about 40 people! The speaker, Dr. Lawler, shared much interesting and important information on aging. The group singing and dance (by the Blashfields) were enjoyed by all. The speaker's "Silver Tsunami" must have promoted the frequent response "Can we do this on a regular basis?"

I promised the recipe to many for the rolls served at the lunch, so here it is: Dissolve 1 Tbsp yeast in 1/2 c. warm water. Add 1/4 c. sugar, 1 cup warm milk, 1 cup warm mashed potatoes, 2 beaten eggs, 1/2 cup warm butter. Mix in 1 1/2 c. flour and let stand one hour. Then knead in 6-7 cups gluten flour and 1-2 tsp salt. Refrigerate overnight or several days. Shape, let rise until double. Bake 375 until lightly brown.

Thanks again to our church office staff for backup, and all the men and women who helped with planning, setting up and cleaning up. *Audrey Bentz*

Pastor Rinya Frisbie's retirement

On June 30th, Pastor Rinya Frisbie will retire. Her last worship service with St. Paul's UMC in Milwaukie will be Sunday, June 26th, after which there will be a celebration in her honor. As a surprise for Rinya, a book of remembrances, thanks, and photos is being made to commemorate her for her years of service. Congregation member Barbara Schmidt is asking for messages, letters etc for the memory book. Messages should be sent to:

Barbara Schmidt, 11644 SE Buckskin Court,

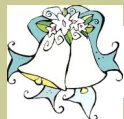
Happy Valley, OR, 97086

or Email: dbschmidt3@frontier.com

Please send info before June 20th!

THIS MONTH'S
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ray Ishazaka	7
Becky Rice	9
Linnea Denis Zelda Stanton	13
Carol Kyger	14
Sharon Pantely	15
Karthik King	16
Erica Gerald	17
Jill McBee	20
Adeline Schull	25
Megan Winans	28
Donna Fitch	29
Carolyn Peyton	30



Nathan & Linda Boris 25

Office Hours - Closed Fridays

Rev. David King Mon to Thurs 9-Noon; by appointment

Jennifer Fowler M 9:30-2 T 9:00-11:30 W 9:00-2 Th 9:00-2

Linda Boris Tues 10-1

Church Office is closed on Memorial Day, Mon May 30th



Dean & Diane Kleinsmith : Our daughter in law, Kirsten, is having a rough time now with "graft versus host" disease and needs lots of prayers. (We are still in AZ and plan to stay until end of May unless they need us).

Bill Hall Cheri Anderson

Pat & Frank Moore Dottie Gilbertson

Pastoral Emergencies 541-399-9020
daviddmking@gmail.com

9:00 Service Worship Duties

May	1	8 Communion	15	22 Communion	29
 LECTORS	Kathy Terry	Rick McBee	Kris White	Melissa Mimier King	Debby Chenoweth
 Ushers & Greeters	Barbara Beardsley Vicki Wartalski	Rick McBee Doug Swanson	Kris & Bob White	Pat Moore Vicki Wartalski	Vicki Wartalski Doug Swanson
 Fellowship hour	Rose Miller Donna Fitch Dottie Gilbertson	Rick Denis Roger Blashfield Scott Murahashi	Kris White Barbara Kuhlman Margaret Goddard	Pat Moore Ruth Turner Blanche Donahue	Della Henderson Martha Hoskins Esther Harris
 Altar Guild		Kris White Barbara Kuhlman		Kris White Barbara Kuhlman	
 Altar Flowers	Jennifer Fowler	Judith Ann Richards			

May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration	2 9am Happy Hands	3 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	4 9am WELCA Quilting 5pm Bell Choir	5	6	7 9am Naming Conversation
8 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 6pm Youth Group Mother's Day	9 9am Happy Hands 11:30 Methodist Bishop Spouses Luncheon	10 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers UMC General Conference begins	11 5pm Bell Choir	12 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	13	14 9am Women's Spirituality
15 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Children's Sunday School 11:45 SPRC	16 9am Happy Hands	17 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	18 9am WELCA Quilting 5pm Bell Choir	19 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	20 UMC General Conference Concludes	21 Good Neighbor Saturday 8am Men's breakfast at Charburger
22 <u>Food on 4th</u> 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Children's Sunday School 6pm Youth Group	23 9am Happy Hands	24 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	25 5pm Bell Choir	26 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	27 Magruder Family Camp	28 Magruder Family Camp
29 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration Magruder Family Camp	30 <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>Office Closed</u> 9am Happy Hands Magruder Family Camp	31 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers 2pm WELCA Bible Study				
Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 3rd Sunday Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday						



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