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June 5th 10:00 One Service
11:00 Congregational Meeting and Potluck

No desserts are needed as we will be recognizing our Graduates with a special cake.

During the beginning of Sunday's service, Graduates will be recognized for their accomplishment.

Join us this summer for an exciting worship series entitled "Lessons from God's Creation". This series will run from June 19 - August 7 (excluding July 3). Each Sunday we will explore how we can learn from different aspects of God's creation:

- June 19:** *Desert* - spiritual drought, temptation, sources of strength
- June 26:** *Water* - How is God like water?
- July 10:** *Flowers* - letting go of our worries
- July 17:** *Fruit* - exploring our fruits of the spirit
- July 24:** *Birds* - welcoming all into God's kingdom
- July 31:** *Hill* - simply sitting in the presence of God
- Aug 7:** *Thorns/Weeds* - dealing with worries and the deceitfulness of wealth that sap our resources

If any of these topics speaks to you, and you would like to help decorate the altar/sanctuary, please contact Linda Boris or Vicki Wartalski.



Dear Friends,



This Sunday we are scheduled to adopt a new name for our congregation. It is a prospect accompanied by both excitement and anxiety. Change always has its difficulties, even when it is welcome change. And change is more difficult when we are not certain where it will lead. And yet the Spirit is moving in our midst, and God is calling us on.

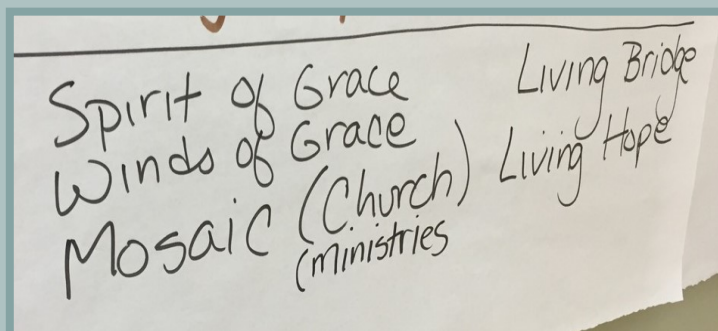
My family is anticipating a major change in our lives. After four years in the adoption process, we are excited to be welcoming Kiahla and Kaylah, 8-year-old twins from Tacoma, into our family on June 15th. We met them for the first time on April 20th, and we will be becoming family precisely eight weeks later. They are wonderfully vivacious girls, and we couldn't be happier or more excited.

And at the same time there is some anxiety. They've been through a lot already, and how will we help them to cope with the additional trauma of being moved into a new home with a new family in a new town? Will it be easy to get them connected to the right medical professionals, or will we have to struggle through labyrinthine bureaucracies to get them the healthcare they need? How will we be able to help them navigate the identity issues that all adoptees wrestle with, especially those who are part of transracial adoptions? We have stacks of paperwork on Kaylah and Kiahla, and yet sometimes it seems like we hardly know anything about them at all. We will have so much to learn about them, their personalities, their preferences, their stories. And I am thankful for the time in paternity leave this summer for us to form family together, to discover who we are together.

And that is a source of wonder and expectation at the same time it is a source of uncertainty and nervousness. There is no way for us to prepare for all of the eventualities of our lives. We never know where the path will lead, but we trust God's Spirit, hold on tight, and try to enjoy the ride.

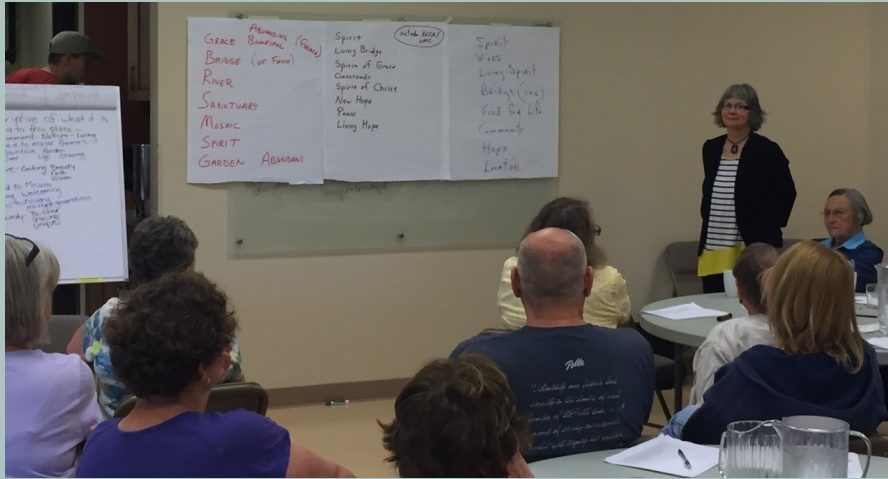
As we consider a new congregational name, some of the same kinds of anxiety and excitement are at play. And some of us are more anxious or more excited than others. None of us knows where God will lead. But we trust God's Spirit, hold on tight, and try to enjoy the ride.

The many of you who were at the Naming Conversation on May 7th perhaps have a better sense of the process. Those who gathered spent the whole morning praying, sharing in conversation, and discerning. We read and carefully considered the input from the congregation about what it is you want us to be known for in the community. We learned about trends in church naming. We spent time considering the names of other institutions in the Gorge community and what makes them memorable or forgettable. We brainstormed a broad range of themes and ideas. We listened for God's Spirit speaking among us and eventually lifted up five names that we thought best spoke to who we are as a congregation. Five names, at least, that we thought were worth getting feedback on, contemplating, praying over.



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In the past month, I hope you each have taken the opportunity to speak our neighbors about these name ideas, to get their feedback, to engage in one-to-one conversations. I know from the conversation sheets we have received that many of you have. I hope you have taken the time to pray over each of them deeply.

And so we will gather this Sunday. We gather in a spirit of prayer and discernment. We gather knowing that each of these names has come as someone’s sincere offering to God and to our congregation. We gather not knowing where we are headed, but only trusting that God is guiding us.

I will lead the beginning of the meeting when we will talk through the names that have been offered, hear some of what you have heard from the community, and work together to focus in on the name we hear God calling us to. Before we move to taking any vote, we will take the time to hone and perfect the name we are considering. When we are ready, Debby will take over and lead us through the process of a formal vote. Any name will require 2/3 acceptance in order to be adopted. And then, God willing, we will celebrate with each other over shared food and conversation.

I don’t know what name we will find. To be honest, I’m not even sure which is my favorite. I don’t know whether the name will be followed by “Church” or “Ministries” or whether it will stand on it’s own. I don’t know whether we will describe our denominational affiliation with something as long as “A Cooperative Congregation of The United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” something as short as “ELCA UMC,” or something in between. But I trust you. I trust the process that we have been working through this last year and more to come to this point. And most importantly, I trust God to guide us.

Your servant in Christ,

+Pastor David



NOTES-N-NEWS

Prius [pree-uh s] Noun

1. "that which takes precedence," noun use of Latin neuter of *prior* "former, earlier" *The hybrid car debuted in 1997 in Japan, 2001 in U.S. and Europe. Name supposedly chosen because car is a predecessor of new types.*

Use in a sentence: **There are quite a few Prius' that attend church at Asbury Our Redeemer!**

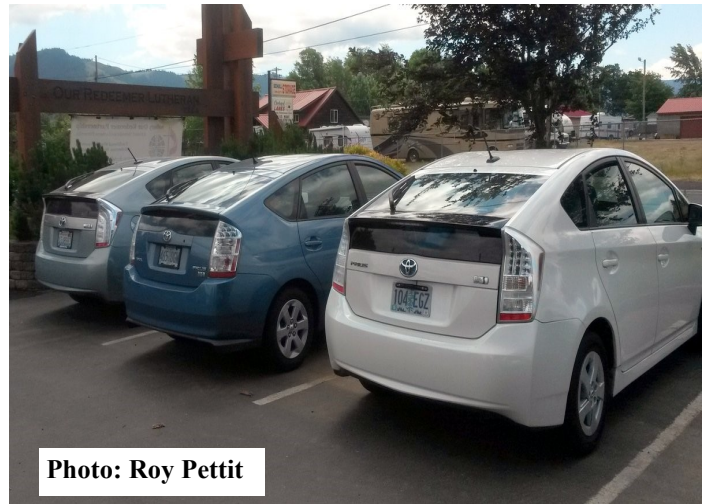


Photo: Roy Pettit

Understanding Islam

Thursday June 9th from 11am to 1pm at Riverside Community Church in Hood River.

Planned by GEM and with discussion led by Pastor David.

Participants can purchase lunch for \$10 from the *Fresh Start Culinary Arts Program*.

Lunches must be requested ahead of time by calling the Riverside Church office at 541-386-1412

Church Lawn Mowing

People are needed to help cut our lawn.

There is a sign-up on the white board in the hallway with more details.



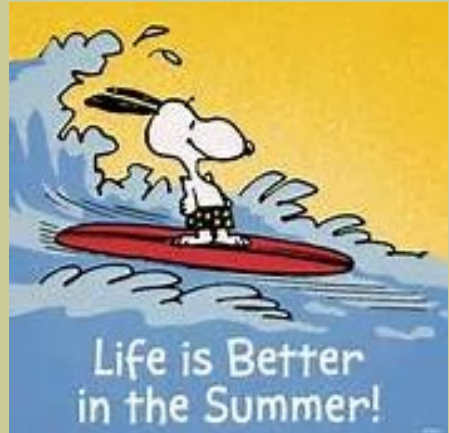
Come help us celebrate a handful of Kings! The King family will soon number 5 as Kaylah and Kiahla join the family. We will be celebrating this wonderful event on **Sunday, June 12 at 11:30 in the FISH Community Room.** Light sandwiches, fruit, chips and punch will be served. If you would like to contribute to a larger gift (three person canoe and paddles), please see Linda Boris. Otherwise, here are some more gift ideas:

Scooters/helmets
Life jackets (rated 80-85 lbs)
sleeping bags
flashlights
camping chairs
other camping gear

suitcases
day-packs
bedside lamps (2)
NW Forest Pass
dresser

Sidra Matthias	1
Kathy Rice	2
Kim Rich	5
Brian Marcroft	6
Chris, Drew, Michael LaMaita	7
Joan Chapman	8
Bailey Murahashi	12
Lisa Compton	13
Kathy Terry, Madison Kyger	23
Don Shalhope	24
Rick Denis	26
Kaylin Winans	29


THIS MONTH'S Birthdays and Anniversaries



Audrey & Myrin Bentz	2
Gigi & Jim Siekkinen	4
Ila Mae & David Schneeberg	8
Donna Gray & Bill Davis	9
Sally & Bob Havig Muriel & Ray Ishazaka	18
Linnea & Rick Denis	19
Jana & John Jacobson	23
Pat & Frank Moore Vita & Bill Corrado Lisa & Mark Crompton	29






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

9:00 Service Worship Duties

June	5 Communion	12	19 Communion	26
	Tom Hart	Kris White	Kathy Terry	Jennifer Fowler
	Vicki Wartalski Doug Swanson	Kris & Bob White	Vicki Wartalski Doug Swanson	Jennifer & Skip Fowler
	POTLUCK	Kris White Gladys Edwards Barbara Beardsley	Youth Group (Gigi S.)	Skip Fowler Bob White Mark Crompton
	Blanche Donahue Jan Dutton		Blanche Donahue Jan Dutton	
				

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 3rd Sunday</p> <p>Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday</p>			<p>1</p> <p>9am WELCA Quilting</p> <p>5pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac</p> <p>6pm Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am Women's Spirituality</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Congregational Meeting One Service</p> <p>10am Service</p> <p>11:00 Meeting and Potluck</p> <p>6pm Youth Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am Happy Hands</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac</p> <p>6pm Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9am Traditional Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 Celebration</p> <p>10:45 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>6pm Youth Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am Happy Hands</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers</p>  <p>Flag Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am WELCA Quilting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac</p> <p>6pm Choir</p> <p>OR-ID Conference</p>	<p>17</p> <p>OR-ID Conference</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8am Men's breakfast at Charburger</p> <p>OR-ID Conference</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9am Traditional Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 Celebration</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S Day!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am Happy Hands</p>  <p>First Day of Summer</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac</p> <p>6pm Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p><u>Food on 4th</u></p> <p>9am Traditional Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 Celebration</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am Happy Hands</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers</p> <p>2pm WELCA Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac</p> <p>6pm Choir</p>		



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