



Spirit of Grace

A Lutheran-Methodist Cooperative Church

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Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ,

I'm Elaine Stanovsky and I'm the brand new bishop in the Greater Northwest Area of The United Methodist Church, having just moved here from Denver, Colorado where I served for eight years. I can't tell you how excited my husband Clint and I are to be in the Northwest, we came from the Northwest, we served all of our professional lives in the Northwest and its great to be back in the [Pacific Northwest Conference](#), the [Oregon-Idaho Conference](#), and the [Alaska Conference](#).

I believe to the core of my being that God is still at work in the world through the Church. And that the job of those of us who believe in Jesus Christ and who know the power of Christ's life-giving work; our job is to figure out where God is at work, and how God is at work in the world, and to go join God in that work! I hope that all of you and all of your places are looking for that kind of new reengagement with your neighborhoods.

I can't tell you how excited I am to get to meet you as I begin to travel the Area, learn about the ministries you are involved in, and encourage you along the way. But for now I'm going to say:

God bless you, God keep you, and may God bring us together on the road.

Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky



THE BISHOP IS COMING TO PORTLAND!

Threshold Gathering with Bishop Stanovsky

Sunday, November 13 | 2pm - 4pm
[Montavilla UMC](#) SE Portland

All clergy and laity are invited to attend the event.

"I'm thinking of this year as a threshold. Throughout the year I will travel to a variety of places for "threshold events" where we will meet and bless one another. In June, we'll cross the threshold into new relationship with a service of installation during the joint Annual Conference session of the Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences, with representatives from Alaska joining us as well. God's at work in the world, sending us to new places to meet new people. We are blessed to be a blessing!"

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy month for me, filled with much travel and many meetings. As I promised you last month, here is a summary of what I've been doing.

On Sunday, October 16, I went with two church members to a cluster **Charge Conference** held at Faith United Methodist in Troutdale. We met along with pastors and members of Faith and Pleasant Home UMCs. Led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Erin Martin, we shared in worship, conducted church business, and learned about the Columbia District Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. It seeks to connect us with the Spirit-led movement that was characteristic of early Christianity and of the early Methodist movement. This heritage can help us to catch the Spirit's leading as the church enters a new age. The district is offering local churches support to goals in four key areas: spirituality and worship, leadership development, connection, and community engagement. For example, there will training and support for churches who want to learn more about welcoming new Christians into the life of the church through a catechumenate process, or for churches who want to learn more about community organizing. You can find the full report at: <http://bit.ly/2eR8CrP>.

October 18-20 I met with other United Methodist pastors at the **Oregon-Idaho Order of Elders Retreat** at Collins Retreat Center, near Sandy. We spent the time renewing our covenant with worship, prayer, and deep conversation. The theme this year was *Embodying Compassion*, in which we explored being present to ourselves, each other, and God through the practice of compassionate connection. We were led through several exercises designed to help us have more meaningful, deeper conversations, especially when strong emotions are involved. The worship was powerful and the sharing profound. It is through these sorts of gatherings that we are able to support each other in our calls as clergy in service of Jesus Christ.

The next week, October 24-26, I met with Lutheran clergy for the **Oregon Synod Bishop's Convocation** at Salishan, near Lincoln City. Again, we reconnected with worship, prayer, and deep conversation. The theme was *The Wounded World: Liberation Rising from the Margins*. The centerpiece of program was a reflection on the story of Jesus and the Syrophenician woman (Mark 7:24-30). We were invited to imagine ourselves into the story, taking on the identity of one of the characters and then engaging in 1-1 and small group conversations about our experience in and with the story. We shared some very meaningful conversation that touched on issues of race, gender, exclusion, Lutheran identity, and the way forward for the church in a changing world.

I haven't been as present with you in the local church this month, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity you afford me to connect with clergy colleagues. As in other caring professions, it is vital that we pastors take the time to reflect on our practice, share our experiences, and hold one another up in love and prayer. Thank you for being supportive of this important work.

Your servant in Christ,

+Pastor David

Weekly Reflections for November

Week of Nov 6 Matthew 5:43-44

Think of a time you had the strength to love an enemy.
How did you change?

Week of Nov 13 James 1:3-4

Has there been a time when you endured hardship, but the hardship also produced something good?

Week of Nov 20 Philippians 2:5-8

What might it mean to you to have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus?

Week of Nov 27 Matthew 5:9

What might peacemaking look like in your own life?



FILL-YOUR-PANTRY MARKET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
HOOD RIVER, OR

The market is a way for Gorge residents to stock up for the winter months with storable food products grown and sold by local farmers.

Shop in bulk for: potatoes, onions, garlic, root crops, winter squash, grains, beans, cornmeal, fruit and berries, meat, honey, cheese, dried herbs, dried mushrooms, granola, hot cereal blends, preserves, pickles, kraut, kombucha,

teas and more....grown and made by Gorge area farms and food businesses.

Products for sale include an assortment of ready-to-store crops, preserved food, and fresh produce that's ready to preserve at home. Food preservation demos will be provided by the OSU Extension Master Food Preservers. Information will be available on successful food storage and **on emergency preparedness**.

While you shop, enjoy live music by the Spring Creek Trio, kid's activities, and Grange-offered soup and bread.

Hosted by the Rockford Grange.

Co-sponsored by Gorge Grown Food Network and OSU Extension.

SNAP/ EBT, debit, and credit accepted

more info at rockfordgrange.net or email bonniehcox@gmail.com

Fresh Start, the local Culinary Program, is ready to graduate their third class later this month. Now that we are really in the swing of things, it is becoming clear the ways we need and desire volunteers. If you have a heart for supporting the training of marginalized workers to better local employment, we ask that you consider some of the opportunities to lend a hand.



You can form teams with your friends, service groups, faith communities, or step in on your own.

Whatever time you have to offer, would be greatly appreciated.

The website is: <http://www.freshstartculinaryarts.org/> and there is a tab for Volunteers where needs are listed and you can contact us, or email to volunteers@freshstartculinaryarts.org.

Fresh Start is open for breakfast every Friday and Saturday from 8:30-11:30 in the Pioneer Room at Riverside Community Church, 317 State St, which is the location of our kitchen and culinary training program. See the website for menu and more!

NOTES-N-NEWS



Cookie Walk

Saturday Dec 3 from 10-3:00

On the sign-up sheet in the narthex, put what kind of cookies you would like to bake. More variety the better! Festive, attractive, “fun” cookies! Larger gingerbread men/women can be sold separately, for example. A minimum of a double or triple batch is ideal, since we are selling by the pound. Cookies can be baked in advance and frozen, providing they are well wrapped.

\$ raised will go to our Women’s Ministry

Special Music Sunday Nov 13th both services

John Nilsen

John Nilsen was born in Seattle, Washington. Nilsen began studying classical piano from his mother at age six. Continuing his musical education, he began playing guitar at age fourteen. John moved to Ashland, Oregon in 1974 to attend Southern Oregon College. Nilsen was honored by the institution in 1995 in recognition of his outstanding achievements, dedicated efforts and leadership in the field of the performing arts with the

Distinguished Alumnus Award, the most prestigious award bestowed upon Southern Oregon University graduates.

John recorded three successful solo piano records on LA’s, Eagle Records (1983-1985), has recorded 16 on his own Magic Wing label. John Nilsen’s forthcoming release, Local Ocean, will be released in summer of 2016. Sessions for the 20th Nilsen recording will begin in fall, 2016.

Happy Hands Christmas Bazaar

Dec 2nd & 3rd
10am to 3pm

Many handmade and craft items
will be available for sale! Tea
towels, holiday cards, etc.

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain process is simple. Prayer requests can be sent to Carol Kyger and she will share the request with those on the prayer chain.

cckyger@gmail.com
541-386-6341

Scott Fitch, Colin Gerald, Pat Moore	5
Muriel Ishazaka	6
Gwen Richards	7
Myrin Bentz	10
Sean Crompton	11
Grant Anderson	14
Roy Pettit, Gigi Siekkinen	18
Piper Sibley	19
Jim Edwards	20
Tom Hart	23
Jim Oates	25
Bob White	26
Pat Crompton	30

 **THIS MONTH'S**
Birthdays and Anniversaries



Fred & Marlene Lahti	2
Kathy & Rocky Rice	20
Bruce & Patty Ludwig	26

ONE Service and Potluck Sunday Nov 20th



9:00 Service Worship Duties

November	6 Communion	13	20 Communion	27 Advent
	Kathy Terry	Tom Hart	Sharon Pantely	Kris White
	Rick McBee Doug Swanson	Kathy & Craig Terry	Vicki Wartalski	Kris & Bob White
	Pat Crompton Muriel Ishizaka Lisa Crompton	Vicki Wartalski Kathy Terry Jennifer Fowler	POTLUCK	Frank Moore Scott Fitch Greg Oates
	Vicki Wartalski		Vicki Wartalski	
			<u>ONE</u> <u>Service at</u> <u>10am</u>	



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Sunday Worship Times

Traditional Service 9:00am
Celebration Service 10:30am

Education Times

Children's Sunday School 10:45am
Youth Group 6-7:30pm Sundays
WELCA Bible Study 4th Tuesday, 2-4:00pm

Office Hours

Pastor Mon-Thurs 9am-Noon, or by appt.
Staff Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-2:00pm
Tuesdays 9am-1:00pm

Pastor

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Staff

Jennifer Fowler
Office Manager & Financial Secretary

Linda Boris
Pastoral Assistant



Reception Ministry

The Reception Ministry members are:
Jill McBee and Pat Crompton (co-chairs)
Donna Fitch, Della Henderson, Nancy Radley, Ila
Mae Schneeberg, Kathy Terry, Kris White.

The Reception Ministry is responsible for coordinating, in conjunction with the pastor, social activities of the congregation. This includes potlucks and celebrations such as showers and weddings that are scheduled and also includes responding appropriately to unexpected situations which arise within our congregation due to illness, death, and other misfortunes.

Miraculously, help seems to have appeared each time we have had a need for food and kitchen helpers. Often the same kind souls were there every time. **We wish to be better organized and to that end are recruiting congregational members to be part of a "Help Team" that can be assembled when needed.** Ideally a "Help Team" on any particular day would consist of six members including a tall strong man or woman! Using the new kitchen facility in the FISH building has some mysteries and not everyone knows the intricacies of the Spirit of Grace kitchen either. **So we will be offering a workshop to train "Help Team Members."** our intent is to have everyone know how to run the coffee maker and dish washer, and to be knowledgeable concerning equipment locations and cleanup procedures. If we have a good number of able and willing helpers on our list no one will feel overworked. **Please contact a ministry co-chair if you are interested.**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<p>1 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers</p> <p><u>All Saints Day</u></p>	<p>2 9am WELCA Quilting 4:30pm Bell Choir</p>	3	4	<p>5 9am Women's Spirituality @ Church Office</p> 
<p>6 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Sun. Schl. 6 Youth Group</p>	7 9am Happy Hands	<p>8 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers</p> 	9 4:30pm Bell Choir	10 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	11  <u>Veteran's Day</u>	12
<p>13 <u>Special Music</u> <u>John Nilson</u> 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Sun. Schl. 11:30 Brd Meets 6 Youth Group</p>	14 9am Happy Hands FISH Duty	15 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	16 9am WELCA Quilting 4:30pm Bell Choir FISH Duty	17 10:00am Compassion in Practice Study 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	18 FISH Duty	19
20 <u>10:00</u> <u>ONE SERVICE</u> <u>11:00 Potluck</u> 6 Youth Group	21 9am Happy Hands	22 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers 2pm WELCA Bible Study	23 4:30pm Bell Choir	24  Office Closed	25	26
27 <u>First Sunday</u> <u>of Advent</u> 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Sun. Schl. 6 Youth Group <u>Food on 4th</u>	28 9am Happy Hands	29 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	30 4:30pm Bell Choir	1 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	2 Holiday Bazaar 10am to 3pm	3 Holiday Bazaar 10am to 3pm Cookie Walk 10am to 3pm
<p>Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 3rd Sunday Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday</p>						



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