



The Messenger

August 2015



**Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United
& Falls City United Methodist Church**

Pastor's Ponderings

Beloved:

*A good shepherd would take his or her summer flock
high into the mountains
where the breezes are cool and green grass is plentiful.*

*Our block party was held in the valley of brown grass
and 100-plus-degree heat,
and those who came to feast were still fed
with green salad, ice-cold water, and bone-building protein.*

*And we survived, and laughed, and played, and memorialized the
people in photos,
although the meal was, in some ways,
in honor of a recently-passed friend.*

*Thank you, Wayne, for delivering to us
the apples, and the chickens, and the cookies.*

*And thank you to all who made possible
Radical Hospitality, a mark of Jesus' life.*

*May you escape to cooler climes this month,
residing in green pastures
beside the cool waters.*

*And on whatever slope or shore you find refuge,
whatever hill or valley you inhabit,
know that the Good Shepherd is with you.*

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

- 9:00am **Fellowship** (FC Friendship Room)
 9:20am **Worship** (FC Sanctuary)
 10:00am **Prayer & Meditation** (CC Prayer Studio)
 11:00am **Worship** (CC Sanctuary)
 12:10am **Fellowship** (CC Upper Room)

TUESDAY

- 7:00pm **Boy Scouts** (CC Lower Level)
 7:00pm **Committees** (CC Library)
 7:00pm **Adventist Church** (CC Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00am **Lectionary Discussion Group** (Independence Grill)
 On summer hiatus: Joy Bells Practice (CC Sanctuary)
 On summer hiatus: Choir Practice (CC Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

- 5:30pm On summer hiatus: Valley Zen Circle
 On summer hiatus: Thursday Book Study

FRIDAY

- 6:30pm **Arts & Crafts with Sherry** (Monmouth, S. Pittam)

SATURDAY

- 9:00am **Adventist Church** (9am-8pm, CC)

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Aug 1 Multiple Sclerosis Society **"Bike MS"**
 Aug 6-9 **United Methodist Women's Oregon School**
 Aug 11 **Worship Committee Meeting**
 Aug 4 **Peace, Justice, & Mission Team**, 1st Tue (7pm, CC Library)
 Aug 11 **James2 Dinner**, 2nd & 4th Tue (5pm, FC Friendship Room)
 Aug 12 **SPRC Meeting, CC**, 2nd Wed (7am, Independence Grill)
 Aug 13 **Tools for School Family Night**, FC Upper Park. (4:30–6:30pm) with dinner, haircuts, clothes, dental screenings, school supplies, and activities.
 Aug 20 **Board Meeting, Western** Compass Campus Ministry, 3rd Thu (10am, CC Library)
 Aug 18 **Board Meeting, CC**, 3rd Tue (7pm, CC Library)
 Aug 22 **Polk Community Free Clinic**, 4th Sat (7:30am, Trinity)
 Aug 25 **Submission Due Date** for July Newsletter
 Aug 25 **James2 Dinner**, 2nd & 4th Tue (5pm, FC Friendship Room)
 Aug 26 **Board Meeting, FC**, last Wed (7pm, FC Friendship Room)
 Aug 30 **5th Sunday Work Party!** (after service, CC)

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**Welcome! No matter
 who you are, or where
 you are on life's
 journey . . .
 you are welcome here.**



08/03 Darien Hume

08/08 Heidi Dum

08/08 Geri Melton

08/30 Linda Grund-Clampit

Pastors Ponderings, cont.

*If you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.*

*The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58: 10-11*

Blessings,

Becky

This month's fill-in Bible Verse (complete verse is on last page)

*And we know that _____ for those who love God, who are called
according to his purpose. (NRSV)*

Prayer Tree Ministry

Please continue to hold these people in your prayers including Shelby Case; Rudy Chavez; Beth Fleisher; Lisa Fowler; Christina Lofton-Jordt and her family, Paul LaRue; Dan Major; Kristi Motko; Beth Ritchey; Tom Ritchey; Jim & Jean Smith; Ruth Sonnenschein; Joy Trigg; Joan Wallace; Lorraine Wells; Georgia Wildfang

Those dealing with health issues including, Megan Gipson; Cori Kershner Hatch; Mo Jaffer; Lorraine Reed; Joy Trigg

Please pray for all victims of fires which burning down family homes, of homegrown terrorism, terrorism abroad;

Prayers of intercession for the Methodist Church to revise policies regarding firing pastors who perform weddings for the LGBT community.



Contemplate peace, healing, and loving kindness for all of the people and animals of this world.

Try meditating for the health of our entire world.



Food Bank

The focus for the Food Bank in August is on School Supplies. Food supplies are always needed, of course, but so many families cannot afford all the items that their children need at school.

The Ella Curran Food Bank does it's best to supply as many children as possible with backpacks, notebooks, pens and pencils, even back-to-school clothing and coats for the winter.

Whatever we can collect will be greatly appreciated.



Bags of Hope

The church office has several Bags of Hope available for members to offer to people on the street who are homeless.

Come by and pick one up to give to others.



Bags for Children

CCMP also has cloth bags for children at the left side of entry to the Sanctuary. They hang on a wooden "tree" by the left door into the Sanctuary. These bags have small books, quiet activities, and fun items for young children who have a hard time sitting through church.

If you have a little one who needs or appreciates some activities during service, these are for your child. Enjoy.



Church Cleaning

We're re-starting monthly church cleaning days in Falls City! Stay tuned to find out the regular day for cleaning the inside of the church. Come and share fun and camaraderie with other members and church staff!



Annual 4th of July Ice Cream Booth

The CCMP Annual Ice Cream Booth raised over \$500 gross (minus about \$100 expenses). Lots of happy customers and good will! Many thanks to Jim Beard-Leeper, Bev Leeper-Beard, Dennis Busby, Sue Badgett, Becky Strader, Bev & Richard Davis, Linda Grund-Clampit, JoAnn King, Bob Main, and many others.

United Methodist Women's Oregon School



United Methodist Women's Oregon School is being held August 6-9. Registration has closed but some of us will be attending.

The three studies will be: "Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God;" "The Church and People with Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy;" and "Latin America: People and Faith."

Stay tuned for more information about this next month.

Linda Scheirman is our contact person for this so please check in with her if you would like more information.



Celebrate and Welcome, Kristi, our newest member!

Kristi Motko's baptism Jul 21 at Indep. Health & Rehab.



Kristi Motko is our newest member. Welcome, Kristi! Since she lives at the Independence Health & Rehabilitation Center, getting out to attend church is a challenge. But, visitors are definitely welcome. If you would like to get to know Kristi and other people living at the Center, Ask any of these ladies about how to get there and who you might visit there. Becky, Marj, Jo Ann, and Bev can all help you.



Keep the Information Coming!

It's a tremendous project to keep the church directory up-to-date. Our Office Manager, Kim Clark, is working hard to ensure that everyone is included, addresses and phone numbers, as well as email addresses are up to date. Many thanks to those of you who have already contacted the office. If you have any changes that need to be updated, please email Kim in the office at ccmpunited@gmail.com. Thank you!

This is a letter from John McConville, Executive Director of the Polk County Free Medical Clinic that meets the first and the last Saturday mornings of every month. Amazing things happen each week. Here, from John McConville, is a letter to volunteers thanking and acknowledging their work. (If you are available to volunteer, please sign up on the website. <http://www.salemfreeclinics.org> You don't need medical training, and there are many jobs needing to be done that don't involve medical training.)

Greetings Polk Community Free Clinic (PCFC) volunteers,

I hope all of you are doing well. We had nice clinic yesterday where we saw eleven patients with three providers. Additionally, we had two education appointments. We had two walk-in patients Saturday, both with critical needs. Seven patients (plus some family members) received prayer. Fortunately, we had three interpreters because we had six Spanish speaking patients. We also had one Korean patient and, surprisingly, Kristie knows some Korean and could communicate with her.

I am so pleased that we can accommodate walk-in patients at Polk Community Free Clinic. As I mentioned, we had two critical need walk-in patients Saturday. One of these patients arrived at the clinic at 6 AM. They were referred to us by the West Valley ER. This patient arrived at the clinic at 6 AM with their spouse. They wanted to be sure they could see a provider that day. This patient has a likely serious and complicated condition that needed to be looked at as quickly as possible. They knew they should have gone to a doctor a year ago when the symptom first manifested itself, but they do not have health insurance and they are just barely getting by financially. Our medical staff is doing every thing they can to get this patient the potentially life saving care they need. What breaks my heart about this story is that we could have seen this patient a year ago, at no cost, if only they would have known the clinic existed. My prayer is that the uninsured in the community will know about the free clinic and will come to the free clinic when they have a medical need.

I am so appreciative and proud of all of our PCFC volunteers. I want to give a special shout out to Judi, Kristie and Sue for volunteering in Dallas Saturday. These three gals are triage nurses who usually serve in Salem. Most of our regular Polk nurses were unavailable for this clinic and these three ladies sacrificed their Saturday mornings off and came out to Dallas to help us. We are very grateful for you assistance.

If you are available to volunteer for one of these positions please sign up on the website. (You don't need medical training, and there are many jobs needing to be done that don't involve medical training.)

The biggest fundraiser of the year for Salem Free Clinics is the Run for Hope and Health at Minto-Brown Park in Salem on Saturday, September 19th. There is a 10K run, a 5K run and a 2 mile fun walk. This is a great event so please consider signing up on the website to participate. **Polk Community Free Clinic** will be having our own fundraising event on **October 8th in Dallas**. Stay tuned for more details.

Your service to PCFC and your support of the clinic continues to make a difference to many in our community who otherwise would have no reasonable access to health care. You are greatly appreciated!

Blessings,

John

Polk Community Free Clinic (PCFC) Prayer Shawl traveled to Cambodia!



In December 2014 a missionary in route to Cambodia received medical care at our clinic. She also received prayers and a prayer shawl.

In January 2015 she travelled to Cambodia and assisted in the birth of a beautiful baby. At left is a picture of the new mother with the prayer shawl from PCFC wrapped around her and her newborn.

Once again, thank you to all who have made shawls for the clinic. As you can see, the joy and comfort provided by the shawls reaches further than we can imagine.

(Thank you, Gail Saxowsky, clinic nurse for forwarding this photo and information.)

So what Happened with our Block Party on the Hottest day of the Year?



It was a Success!

There was lots of really great food, lots of games and activities, and lots of volunteers. The whole carnival went very well considering the heat.

There may even have been more people in attendance than there were last year, despite the heat. Families with lots of kids came as did people from around the neighborhood. It was fun. The music was going throughout as were the arcade games including activities like throwing balls to see how many cans could be knocked down. A professional photographer with lots of fun props was there. Prizes were given out throughout the evening. There was face painting and a busy Bounce House. About a dozen vendors were involved, too, a few more than last year. And the Police, a Fire Truck and a CERT & Rescue Van were all on hand to show what they have and can do. And next year it will be even better! See you then!

And here's one of our newest babies, **Axtyn Jay Louis Jordt** with brother Jeremy, along with mom, Christina Lofton-Jordt.



Is this perhaps a good time to revisit some New Year's Resolutions? Have you ever wanted to read the bible? If so, here are some interesting tips...

10 Tips for Reading the Bible for the First Time, written by: Patton Dodd

1. Start with [this map](#).

The Bible is about a place — one eventually called Israel, but also its surrounding regions; later, the story spreads into parts of the Roman Empire... All of the stories in the Bible are about people who lived in those particular places long, long ago. Reading their stories without knowing something about their location is like watching a movie with your screen totally dimmed.

2. Don't read from start to finish — at least not right away.

I mean, you can do that if you want. But you might fail to get through many of the 66 “books” that make up the whole Bible. The first two books, Genesis and Exodus, can be engrossing, but then the story grinds down for long stretches. So give yourself permission to hop around, and even to start with the highlights. Which brings me to:

3. Read the best stories first.

The Bible has some greatest hits. In just a few minutes, you can read some quick stories that are among the most famous and influential pieces of writing ever. And you'll soon see why, because these tales tend to knock around in your head long after you've read them.

Here are four of my favorites, each of which takes between one and five minutes to read: Jesus and the woman caught in adultery ([John 8:1-11](#), which is just beautiful); Jesus' Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 5-8](#), which might blow your mind if you've never read it); the first creation story ([Genesis 1-2:3](#), which is best read slowly and out loud); the Binding of Isaac ([Genesis 22:1-14](#), which is not for the faint of heart); and the entire, but very brief, [Book of Jonah](#) (which is like a dark comedy).

4. Read a re-ordered Bible.

When you're ready for longer stretches, try [The Books of the Bible](#), a version that tries to correct for some odd choices made long ago. The order of books in most Bibles doesn't always make sense chronologically, narratively, or in terms of authorship. This version tries to present the Bible as a more coherent reading experience.

It also does away with those distracting chapters and verses, which have transformed the Bible into a long list of standalone verses that get put to [all sorts of misleading uses](#).

5. If you have to read just one book, read [Genesis](#).

You can spend a lifetime thinking about Genesis, and people do. It's my favorite book in the Bible in part because it shows up everywhere, all the time — in controversies about [science and education](#), pressing [social and political issues](#), and all sorts of [great](#) (or [not so great](#)) movies, [music](#), and [novels](#).

Genesis permeates the world, and the more you familiarize yourself with it, the more interesting and layered a place the world becomes.

– To read the rest of the list, go to the web link below. –

6. But don't just read one book. At least read the [Gospel of Luke](#), too.

7. Don't go it alone.

8. Read out loud.

9. Compare the Jewish Bible ([TaNaKh](#)) to the Christian Bible ([Old and New Testaments](#)).

10. Real reading means re-reading.

Whatever you read in the Bible, read it more than once. It's more fun that way, and way more worthwhile.

<http://www.faithstreet.com/onfaith/2015/01/06/10-tips-for-reading-the-bible-for-the-first-time/35659>

222 General Assembly, Portland Oregon "Our Hope is Calling"

Between June 18- 25, 2016, over 3000 delegates, observers and corresponding members from around the world will come to Portland and participate in the 222nd General Assembly.

Gaportland.com is the web page we have created for the Oregon COLA (committee on local arrangements) as a resource for delegates, local church members, volunteers and the larger community. (We have been building this for several months and it will be released to the larger community later this summer.)

We want C.O.M. to have this information early and to begin sharing with it with churches. Be sure to view, and encourage others to view and share the 15 minute COLA video (on <http://www.gaportland.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/cola-website-front-page> the lower left section of the web page) as it is an orientation to General Assembly.

One element we need is to add brief paragraphs from local churches about their history or what makes them unique. Send your paragraphs to me, and I will collect and forward them...

ALSO.....

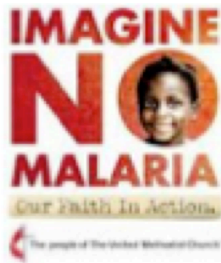
We are going to need over a hundred volunteers from local churches to cover all kinds of activities: i.e.

- Greeters at the air port
- Max train riders to direct delegates to motels
- Information/greeters at the convention center
- Communion servers
- Crowd direction/control/answer people
- Traffic control
- Screeners

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK for specific volunteer details.... And how to volunteer for specific positions!

Greg

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

**Remember this challenge?**

Well there has been significant progress on defeating Malaria as well as another highly infectious disease, primarily in Africa, that of Ebola.

This campaign started in 2008 when the Methodist General Conference adopted Global Health as one of four areas of focus. While previous work has made significant strides in Africa, Malaria continues to remain the key reason for hospitalization and one of the top killers of children under the age of 5 years and pregnant women.

Imagine No Malaria is a ministry aimed at raising \$75 million toward the elimination of malaria deaths in Africa by 2015 – and eliminating Malaria as a scourge is actually doable! A comprehensive system of education, communication, and treatment, has been developed in partnership with the African Conferences to establish a multilevel means of targeting the disease. - See more at: <http://www.umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3021190#sthash.rWlXf4tb.dpuf>

The World's First Malaria Vaccine Could Be Heading to Africa

The drug received a positive opinion Friday from European regulators and will now make its way to the World Health Organization for review.

The world's first malaria vaccine just got the green light from a European Medicines Agency committee and is one step closer to being approved for use in sub-Saharan Africa, the EMA [announced](#) today.

Mosquirix, also known scientifically as RTS,S, was given a positive review by the committee on Friday after the drug was assessed for quality, safety, and efficacy. Now it makes its way to the World Health Organization, which will take the EMA's positive opinion under consideration and determine in October how the vaccine will be recommended for use in Africa.

Created by pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline in 1987—with clinical developments later supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (which funds TakePart World), PATH, and the Walter Reed Army Institute for Research—the vaccine is intended to immunize children six weeks to 17 months old and also protects against hepatitis B.

"This is a hugely significant moment," Ripley Ballou, head of research at GSK Vaccines,

told BBC News. "I've been working on this vaccine for 30 years, and this is a dream come true."

<http://www.takepart.com/article/2015/07/24/worlds-first-malaria-vaccine-africa?cmpid=tpdaily-eml-2015-07-24>

Ebola vaccine trial proves 100% successful in Guinea

Rapid development and testing of drug may bring current epidemic in West Africa to an end and control future outbreaks, experts say.

A vaccine against Ebola has been shown to be 100% successful in trials conducted during the outbreak in [Guinea](#) and is likely to bring the west African epidemic to an end, experts say.

The results of the trials involving 4,000 people are remarkable because of the unprecedented speed with which the development of the vaccine and the testing were carried out.

Scientists, doctors, donors and drug companies collaborated to race the vaccine through a process that usually takes more than a decade in just 12 months.

"Having seen the devastating effects of [Ebola](#) on communities and even whole countries with my own eyes, I am very encouraged by today's news," said Børge Brende, the foreign minister of Norway, which helped fund the trial.

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Editor’s Corner:

Summer is a great time for reading, right? The days are longer and there is plenty of light. Many of us go on vacations. It’s a good time to settle down with a book. The bible is a book that can seem intimidating to read. So, I came across an article about ways to read the bible. Different ways, you ask? Yes. I was surprised by the variety. I hope it gives you ideas you can use. The article is on page 8. Enjoy your summer – and maybe sneak in another book or two to read. ☺

– Joy



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“This new vaccine, if the results hold up, may be the silver bullet against Ebola, helping to bring the current outbreak to zero and to control future outbreaks of this kind. I would like to thank all partners who have contributed to achieve this sensational result, due to an extraordinary and rapid collaborative effort,” he said on Friday...

Because of the diminishing number of Ebola cases in west Africa and the shifting nature of the epidemic, with many sudden small outbreaks occurring across the region, researchers hit on a novel design for the trial.

The “gold standard” approach would be to take a population at risk of Ebola and vaccinate half of them while giving the other half a placebo. Instead, the researchers used a “ring” design, similar to that which helped prove the smallpox vaccine worked in the 1970s.

When Ebola flared up in a village, researchers vaccinated all the contacts of the sick person who were willing – the family, friends and neighbours – and their immediate contacts. Children, adolescents and pregnant women were excluded because of an absence of safety data for them. In practice about 50% of people in these clusters were vaccinated...

Read more at: http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/31/ebola-vaccine-trial-proves-100-successful-in-guinea?CMP=ema_565

Putting these developments on Malaria and Ebola together demonstrates the Methodist General Conference’s goal to rid the world of Malaria is a far more realistic mission than any of us may have thought. This is good news for the entire world – and we are part of making this goal a reality!

Financial Corner: AS of July 21, 2015, Christ’s Church financial Income and Expenses are as follows:

Income:	\$ 59,940
Expenses:	\$ 64,423.23

The rest of this August’s “fill-in the blanks” Bible Verse:

And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NRSV)

