



Please welcome these guest Pastors:

Pastors for September:

Sunday Sept, 3 – Rev. John Mahon

Sunday Sept, 10 – Rev. Leslie Vogel

Sunday Sept, 17 – Rev. Paul Belz-Templeman

Sunday Sept, 24 – Rev. Steve Hammond

Pastoral Care for September:

Aug. 27 – Sept. 1 Gail Saxowsky

Sept. 2 – Sept. 8 Bev Herzog

After that, if you are in need of pastoral care, call the office at (503) 838-1724 to reach the next Stephen Minister for pastoral care.

Blessings to you.

Values, Vision, & Mission

Mission Statement for Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United is *"to discover, proclaim and share the love of Jesus Christ through prayer and worship, ministry, service, & our action as individuals."*

Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United
The Messenger, September 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

- 10:00am **Prayer Room Open**, (CC Prayer Room)
 11:00am **Worship** (CC Sanctuary)
 12:10pm **Fellowship** (CC Friendship Room)

MONDAY

- 7:00pm **Young Adult Bible Study** (S. Pittam's)

TUESDAY

- 4:30pm **Service for Residents** (Independence Health Center)
 7:00pm **Boy Scouts** (Lower Level)
 7:00pm **Committees** (Library)
 7:00pm **Adventist Church** (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00am **Lectionary Study** (Pink House, Independence, 8am)
 6:00pm **Joy Bells Practice** (CC Sanctuary)
 7:00pm **Choir Practice** (CC Sanctuary) Summer Hiatus

THURSDAY

- 6:30pm **Book Discussion** (S. Pittam's) on Summer Hiatus

FRIDAY

- 8:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous**

SATURDAY

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

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

- Sep 3 **Worship Committee Meeting** (1st Sunday, after service, CC)
 Sep 5 **Horizons 1st Wed** (1pm, CC Library)
 Sep 6 **Lectionary, 1st Wed** (8am, Pink House)
 Sep 2 **Polk Free Clinic 1st Sat** (7:30am, Dallas, Trinity Lutheran Church)
 Sep 5 **PJM – Peace, Justice, & Mission 1st Tue** (7:00pm, CC)
 Sep 10 **Jazz Festival**
 Sep 12 **Stewardship Team Meeting 2nd Tue** (6:30pm, CC Lib.)
 Sep 13 **SPRC CC, 2nd Wed** (7am, Independence Grill)
 Sep 21 **Western Compass Meeting** Campus Ministry, (10am, 3rd Thu)
 Sep 16 **Run for Hope and Health**
 Sep 25 **Submission Due Date** for Messenger Newsletter
 Sep 23 **Polk Free Clinic 4th Sat** (7:30am, Dallas, Trinity Lutheran Church)
 Sep 24 **Christian Education**, usually 4th Sun (12:30pm, CC Library)

Save these dates!

- Oct 7 **Free Medical Clinic** – Hearing & Vision Screening
 Oct 8 **Family Preparedness (CERT) Training**
 Oct 29 - Nov 5 **IHN Hospitality Week**

Happiness Class held October Sunday afternoons, 5:00-6:30 PM

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 09/24 Kendra Van Gelder

Is your birth date missing? Please tell the office know so we can correct that omission. Thanks!



Prayer Ministry

Please hold these people in your prayers:

Poonie Chiles, Beth Fleisher, Lisa Fowler,
Megan Gipson, Jo Ann King, Jim Smith,
Jo Yeager

We offer prayers:

To eradicate hate and help us love one another.
For fire fighters and those who are in danger.
For discernment as we seek I new pastor for our church.

For those affected by the weather, especially the Hurricane hitting Houston

For our nation, which is suffering an upsurge of hate, and for us to stand up for justice and recognize that all people are equal

For Nick Ertsgaard and his wife who are expecting twin boys in November. Nick is the university's Western Compass coordinator

For the rescue efforts in response to Hurricane Harvey

For the survivors of Hurricane Harvey

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And Prayers of Thanks and Gratitude

For the ability to help other people

And for Jo Ann King's successful surgery

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Food Bank Focus for September: Soap Supplies. Going back to school requires clean clothes and clean hands. Tip: Laundry soap is easier to hand out if it is in powder form rather than a liquid.

NO MORE HATE – Rally for Peace and Justice

Every Saturday at 12 noon in front of Polk County Courthouse, Dallas

For more Information, call: Dawn 503-931-4224

Meet on the NW corner of the lawn. All ages.

Bring marker pens and cardboard to make signs!

Art Therapy Counseling. Contact: Lola Carlile, (503) 602-5377. Art Therapy Counseling is offering a free 30-minute introductory session at St. Patrick's Catholic. Open to children, teens, and women.

A **Jazz Festival** at Kathleen vineyards is being held from 1 - 5pm on Sep. 10. Contact the Dallas Free Medical Clinic for tickets at 503-831-0551.

The Run For Hope and Health is being held on Sept. 16. For more information on the Run, please go to the Salem Free Clinics website for more information or to sign up to participate (www.salemfreeclinics.org). If you are interested in volunteering at the Run, just send me an email. – Gail Saxowsky.

Welcome Picnic for Western Students The PJM (Peace Justice and Mission) Team in collaboration with the Advisory Board of Western Compass, the mainline campus ministry at Western Oregon University, are hosting the annual picnic to welcome students, new and returning, to Monmouth, the University and the local churches. PJM will provide some barbecued food and salads; desserts and veggies are welcomed as a potluck. The date is Sunday, September 24, at 5:00PM around the fire pit. As a congregation let us welcome students to our family with food and fellowship.

The Free Medical Clinic scheduled for Oct. 7th will be partnering with the Lion's Club and the Central Vision Clinic for hearing and vision screening.

Family Preparedness Training for emergencies in your family home, or Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, between 3:00 and 5:00PM.

Christ's Church has been asked to sponsor this CERT training to help prepare for natural disasters, like the floods in Texas or the anticipated big earthquake in Oregon. A full CERT, which is short for **Community Emergency Response Team**, training involves many hours and some rather technical skills such as fire fighting and triaging victims of a disaster.

The training at Christ's Church will be focused on how individual families can prepare for emergencies. Actions such as storing some water and certain foods, maintaining communication, learning how to support and help each other, and how to get your home and vehicles ready when services may not be available for weeks.

IHN Hospitality Week is coming up on Oct. 29 – Nov 5.

Community Connections

Sanctuary as more than shelter

DALLAS (UMNS) — United Methodist immigrant rights advocates say churches need a broader definition of sanctuary, one that includes sheltering those facing possible deportation, but isn't limited to that. Sam Hodges reports.

[Read story](#)



Ways United Methodists can stand against racism

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC.org) — In light of recent racial violence in the U.S., there are calls to take action. Joe Iovino writes about ways people can be agents of transformation.

[Read story](#)

[Watch video advice from children: Embrace love](#)



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“Health Care as a Human Right” is the topic of the next community forum sponsored by Polk Community for Human Equality.

The free public event will be on Sunday, September 17, from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Hamersly Library at Western Oregon University.

Dr. Bruce Thomson, a recently retired family physician who was in private practice in Corvallis for 20 years, will be the guest speaker.

According to Dr. Thomson, “More than ever before, the US needs a financially equitable system that provides everyone with the health care they need. People should not have to go broke, because they get sick. It is possible to create a sustainable system that provides health care to every person in our country.”

Dr. Thomson has served as Benton County Health Officer for the past 18 years.

For more information about the forum, please call Carol McKiel [574-520-9245](tel:574-520-9245)

For more information about the topic of health care as a human right, watch the Frontline episode, “Sick Around the World.”

Denomination News

Recent Mission to Gambel, Part Two: The rest of the story

A trip to a place like remote St Lawrence Island, just 36 miles from Russia, will always turn up something unexpected. All the information about our flight to the island, which we received before the trip, referred to “weather permitting.” How bad can the weather be on a regular basis? That was reality check number one. We sat for seven hours in a small waiting room in Nome getting hourly reports to the effect, “Gambell is still fogged in. We’ll check in another hour.”

With that reality we changed our return flight to a day earlier just in case. It was a good thing we did as half of the team of eight got to Nome that earlier evening after a all day wait the others flew out the next morning giving us a half window to catch our flight.

The project coordinator for building this new Presbyterian Church/community center had been advised by his doctor not to fly to Gambell, so we walked into the church with no idea what had been done, what we could or should do, or what supplies were available *for our use*. The sanctuary was sheet rocked and mudded *once* expect where the electrical wiring wasn’t complete.

The blueprints lay on one of the four piles of sheetrock in the middle of the room and we compared them to the actual work. We dug through the rooms of supplies finding for the most part what we needed. We pulled electrical wire and sheet rocked much of the residential portion of the building, finished off the sanctuary, and then built some stairways. The lack of supplies and inconsistent blueprints limited our options but we found plenty to do.

Our quarters were the old Presbyterian Church, about five-minute four-wheeler ride from the construction site. We had to carry in all our own food but former teams, having done the same, left enough that we could have survived on that as well. An elder in the church emptied our honey bucket twice a day and drove the four-wheeler.

We worshipped with the local congregation and a team from Virginia who were doing VBS that week. After Sunday worship we shared a meal, sort of a potluck but we discovered that we were expected to provide most of the food. We did get a taste of local fare but no whale or walrus.

The goal is for the Yukon Presbytery to have an annual Presbytery meeting in this new church in October 2018. Several persons have already volunteered to work as a mission team next summer and there’s still space, but not much as the plane only holds 9 passengers.

The old and the new:



More Denomination News

The **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to the many victims of hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Watch for updates at umcor.org and on the UMCOR social media accounts ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter:@umc_umcor](#)).

5 Things You Can Do

1. **Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey.** Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in The [Texas Annual Conference](#) of the United Methodist Church, [Louisiana Conference](#) of The United Methodist Church, [Rio Texas Conference](#) of The United Methodist Church and [Central Texas Conference](#) who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.
2. **Make relief kits, [Here are instructions](#).** For information about getting kits to the UMCOR depots, contact Donna Waltman at dgwaltman@frontier.com. And [consider going to Kit Kamp](#), October 26-29 at Camp Magruder.
3. **[Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts](#).** 100% of your gift to the US Disaster response will be used to respond to emergencies. This fund is already providing support for Harvey response, and by giving to it you will help that response and help UMCOR be ready the next disaster.
4. **Donate only those items requested.**
5. **Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.** Contact Oregon-Idaho Conference Volunteer in Mission coordinator, Becky Platt, (beckyplatt1@peoplepc.com) to lean about joining, or leading, an UMVIM team. Recovery will be a long process, so teams will be needed for months ahead.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so.

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey**. We need your help. Please give generously.

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus

More Denomination News

Way Forward Commission update

CHICAGO (UMNS) — The Methodist Commission on a Way Forward at its July meeting sketched plans for moving the denomination beyond its impasse around homosexuality. However, commission members are waiting to get preliminary approval from bishops before unveiling those plans. Heather Hahn reports.

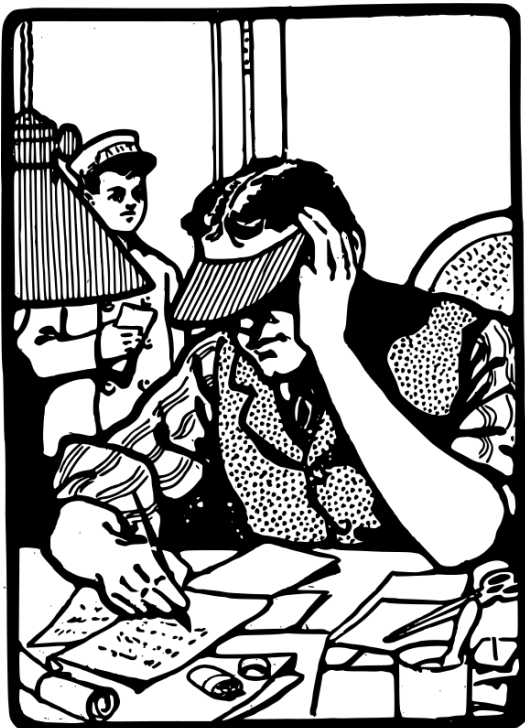
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Campus Ministry has taken off, both in vision and in growth of participation this past year. We started by getting back in touch with creation with a book called "Grounded" by Diana Butler Bass. We also watched parts of a video series, Nooma, by Rob Bell. Thoughtful discussions led us to discuss a variety of social justice issues. One issue in particular we are going to continue to champion is suicide prevention. We will be hosting the AFSP on campus this year to help end the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

In this next year, we will be continuing with two books: "Love Wins" and "What is the Bible" by Rob Bell. We will also be working towards having what I call "Dinner Church" once a quarter with students and the churches that support this ministry. The students and I will work together on creating a unique liturgy for Dinner Church where we will meet, break bread together, and then have a service, complete with music. This event is an effort to connect the students with those who support them in their college journey. Stay tuned for additional details as this emerges!

Campus ministry is as important now as it ever has been. Bringing the knowledge and love of Christ to these young adults has been my charge and privilege this past year. I look forward to serving as I am called in the years to come.

– Nicholas Ertsgaard



Editor's Corner

Hate

It has caused a lot
of problems in this
World, but it has
Not solved one yet.

– Maya Angelou