



Outreach

July/August 2016



As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem they came to a village where a woman named Martha welcomed them into her home. Her sister Mary sat on the floor, listening to Jesus as he talked.

But Martha was the jittery type and was worrying over the big dinner she was preparing.

She came to Jesus and said, "Sir, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

But the Lord said to her, "Martha, dear friend, you are so upset over all these details! There is really only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it—and I won't take it away from her!"

— Luke 10: 38-42

Scriptures for July

July 3—Luke 10: 1-9 • July 10—Luke 10: 25-37 • July 17—Luke 10: 38-42 • July 24—Colossians 2: 9

Scriptures for August

Pastor Tim will be on vacation August 7 & 14; no scriptures are assigned for those weeks. August 21—Psalm 71: 1-6 • August 28—Hebrews 13: 5-6

New Church Office Hours

Montavilla UMC has all-new church office hours! 10AM - 3PM, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (Tuesdays by appointment only; Closed Fridays). Need to reach us? Contact the office at 503-254-5529 -OR- montavillaumchurch@gmail.com.



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Thoughts From Our Pastor

Dear Friends • Every year, at this time of year, I commit again to NOT miss Summer. This year, I promise myself (every year like clockwork), I will read frivolous novels in my back yard. I will do vernal dances in our city parks. I will dangle my toes in both the Willamette and the Columbia. This year the endless list of “oughts” will not so fill my mind and calendar that the glorious Summer gets pushed back into a box to be opened “next week-end” knowing that that is just a lie.

Wesley once began a letter to his mother with these words: “Mother, I have taken leave of leisure and intend to be busy the rest of my life.” I love that quote come September and it keeps me going through Advent, and I can even whisper it to myself as I round third base at Easter and slide in and through June. But come July I can’t abide it any longer. There is a time and season, as the author of Ecclesiastics intimated, for putting the shoulder to the plow, but there is also a time for cheesy mystery novels and one too many bratwursts.

I had a Jewish spiritual director who chided me once for my puritan ethic. He told me that our Hebrew cousins

submitted by Rev. Tim Winslea

have a very different image of judgment day than do we Christians. Jews, he explained, fear the moment when they must stand before God’s throne and make an accounting for their lives. But the questions God will ask them have nothing to do with why they did not feed more of the hungry or visit more of the imprisoned. God will say to them, “I gave you rich wine and you threw so few parties. I gave you an attractive spouse and you had sex so rarely. I gave you so many sunny days and you did not find time for more than a handful of picnics. Explain why you so spurned my gifts?”

In all seriousness, Sabbath is not a reward for our work’s righteousness. Sabbath is a direct command from God. It is the first commandment in the Ten given to our ancestors on Horeb not related to the nature of God. It is there as the culmination of creation.

Please, take some time this summer to enjoy your families, to enjoy creation, and to find the peace of God that only comes through leisure.

—Blessings, Tim



Spirit Alive

by Rev. Lowell Greathouse

Food for the Soul: What’s Your Calling? And...Who Are You at Your Core? • Often when I read books, I read them in pairs so that the two different books not only have a dialogue with each other, but so that through their interaction I can benefit from the fruit of their conversation as well. Recently I’ve been reading two interesting books: *Callings: The Purpose and Passion of Work* by Dave Isay and *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. Both books have much to teach us about life.

In *Callings*, Dave Isay, the founder of StoryCorps and the recipient of numerous broadcasting honors, takes us through the stories of countless individuals as they share their personal stories related to work. In the process, we learn about contemporary dreamers, healers, philosophers, and groundbreakers, who all teach us about their sense of calling as bridgetenders, library assistants, bricklayers, farmers, hospice chaplains, sanitation workers, grocers, teachers, beekeepers, subway conductors, artists, building contractors, etc. It is an amazing array of vocations that are explored,

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WOW (With or Without) Group Event

submitted by Kate Shirley

The July event for the WOW group will be a Concert in the Park at the Tualatin Commons (8325 SW Nyberg Street) on Friday, July 29 from 6:30 – 8:30. The feature will be Tony Starlight who performs music, comedy, and impersonations. This is a Family Friendly event! The Tualatin Farmer's Market will not be operating, but if you aren't bringing a picnic and want food options near the concert, there are other restaurants on/near the commons. This event is hosted by Lisa Johnson and Ken Kaer; please contact them if you have any questions.



The August event will be at the Portland Parks and Recreation **Movies in the Park** in Montavilla Park on Thursday, August 25, featuring music before the concert by our very own *Montavilla Praise Band* (performing as their other band, *The Knotty Pines!*) The music begins at 6:30PM and continues until dusk when the movie (*Zootopia*) begins. This is also a Family Friendly event! Contact Kate Shirley if you have any questions.



Are you interested in being a member of this group? The coordinators for the WOW group at MUMC are Kate Shirley and Lisa Johnson; please contact one of them if you have questions.

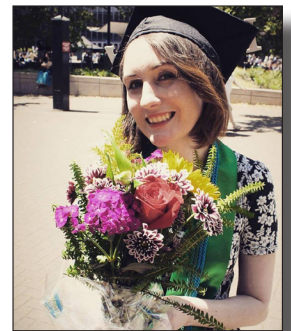
Congratulations, Graduates!

submitted by Lindsay Schafer

Congratulations to Montavilla UMC's own graduates! With much hard work and determination, they have reached the next step on their journey in life. Our five graduates are:

- **Sharon Nellist** graduated from Portland State University with a degree in Psychology.
- **Morgan Shirley** graduated from Oregon State with a degree in Computer Science and a Mathematics minor.
- **Leah Shirley** graduated from Reynolds High School and will be attending Mount Hood Community College.
- **Kelli Slaven** graduated from Oregon State with a Master's degree in English. And, she has a job!
- **Tori Slaven** graduated from the University of Washington with a dual Major: one in Psychology and the other in Spanish. She will be going to Spain for one year to teach.

Congratulations to all of you and we'll be watching for the "places you'll go!"



MONTAVILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR—JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 WORSHIP, COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am)	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 SUMMER EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:30pm)	6 MARY & MARTHA-MIRIAM UMW CIRCLES (10:00am)	7	8	9
10 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am) 2ND SUNDAY LUNCH SCRIP ORDERS DUE	11 BROWN BAG LUNCH BIBLE STUDY (12:00pm) BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (7:00pm)	12 SUMMER EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:30pm)	13	14	15 OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (3:00-6:00pm)	16 OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (10:00am-12:00pm)
17 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am) OUTREACH ENTRIES DUE	18	19 SUMMER EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:30pm)	20 JESUS AT THE MOVIES: TORCH SONG TRILOGY (6:00pm)	21	22	23
24 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am)	25	26 SUMMER EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:30pm)	27	28	29 WOW CONCERT IN THE PARK AT TUALATIN COMMONS (6:30pm)	30
31 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK SCRIP ORDERS DUE						

MONTAVILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR—AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 MARY & MARTHA-MIRIAM UMW CIRCLES (10:00am)	4	5	6
7 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am)	8 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (7:00pm)	9 SUMMER EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:30pm)	10	11	12	13
14 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am) 2ND SUNDAY LUNCH	15	16 SUMMER EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:30pm)	17 JESUS AT THE MOVIES: TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL (6:00pm)	18	19 OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (3:00-6:00pm)	20 OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (10:00am-12:00pm)
21 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am) OUTREACH ENTRIES DUE	22	23 SUMMER EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:30pm)	24 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING (6:00pm)	25 WOW CONCERT & MOVIE IN THE PARK AT MONTAVILLA PARK (6:30 pm)	26	27
28 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am) SCRIP ORDERS DUE	29	30 SUMMER EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:30pm)	31			

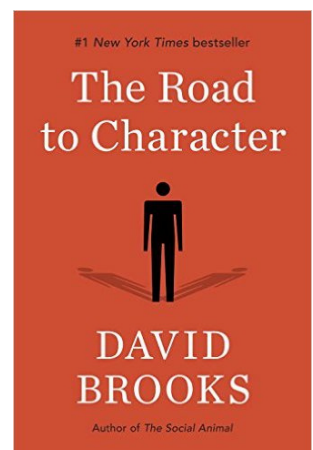
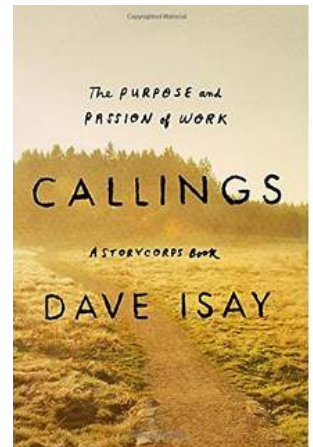
and in the process we enter a variety of new and different worlds. For me, the value of reading about all these different lives was that my mind and heart grew larger as I learned about the passions and struggles that others face daily in their chosen professions...and “callings.” Too often we see the world through our own vocational lens and don’t truly understand what the world looks like through the eyes of someone else, whose work takes them into an entirely different realm of reality. The book opens with Mary Oliver’s wonderful question: “Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” Through Isay’s book, we quickly learn that people answer that question in a number of deep and powerful ways. Consider for a moment what farmer Johnny Bradley tells his daughter, Kathy, about his work: “You know, if I could live in the house that I really wanted to live in, I’m living there. If I could have married the girl that I wanted to marry, I married her. If I’m in the occupation that I wanted to be in, I’m doing that. I borrowed a lot of money to go back to the farm, but I don’t have to share it with the boss man. I worked hard; I do my own figuring. And for that, I guess I’m pretty fortunate. And very pleased.”

Or what about what Chassitty, age 16, tells her mother, Noramay, who is an engineer and entrepreneur, after hearing her describe her calling: “You graduated high school. You graduated MIT. And you graduated MIT again. I see people who are stuck in situations and they can’t get out. But you showed me that anything is possible. So when I do find my career, I want to make sure that it’s something I love and don’t feel stuck. I want to go to work and be happy.” Many of the responses I found in *Callings* naturally took me into the realm of character that David Brooks so meaningfully explores.

Brooks believes that “we are summoned by life,” and that “character is built both through drama and through the everyday.” The interplay between what we experience on the inside and how that is manifested on the outside is evident throughout Brooks’ work: “Your ability to discern your vocation depends on the condition of your eyes and ears, whether they are sensitive enough to understand the assignment your context is giving you. As the Jewish Mishnah puts it, ‘It’s not your obligation to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from beginning it.’”

Through Brooks’ book we travel through the worlds of the summoned self, self-conquest, struggle, love, self-mastery, and self-examination. In the end, we learn, as the Yale law professor Anthony T. Kronman puts it: Character is “an ensemble of settled dispositions-- of habitual feelings and desires.” So that, in Brooks’ words, “If you act well, eventually you will be good. Change your behavior and eventually you rewire your brain.” This feels so Wesleyan in many ways. Perhaps this is why Brooks concludes by saying: “There’s an aesthetic joy we feel in morally good action, which makes all other joys seem paltry and easy to forsake.”

Maybe ICU nurse Michelle Alore sums it up best when she tells her daughter in *Callings*: “You have to do what you want to do. This is the rest of your life-- you have to pick something that you’re passionate about.... Pick something that moves you, something that you’re proud of-- something you can keep getting up for and doing the next day. Because it’s not easy; it’s work. But it’s what I love. So I would hope that you find something that you love. too.”



For me, both books point to the fact that we can get a glimpse into the Kingdom of God almost anytime, because it is in our midst constantly in everyday life... and in our callings. Blessings on your journey, Lowell

Spirit Alive is a twice a month blog and email by Rev. Lowell Greathouse, Mission and Ministry Coordinator for the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. It seeks out where the spirit is alive in our congregations and communities.

Joys

We are blessed to have had an uptake in visitors at worship on Sundays and encourage the MUMC congregation to continue to invite your friends and family to join us each week! We are grateful for the sense of safety felt in the decrease in disruptive campers on church premises, and we stand proudly with our neighbors in the Pacific Northwest UM Conference in their recent action of non-conformity, who have voted that the “PNWAC will not conform or comply with provisions of the Discipline which discriminate against LGBTQIA+ persons, including marriage (161.B), the incompatibility clause (161.F), ordination and appointments (304.3), homosexual unions (341.6), AC funding ban (613.19), GCFA funding ban (806.9), chargeable offenses pertaining to being ‘a self avowed practicing homosexual’ or to officiating at weddings for couples regardless of the sex of the partners (2702.1b,d). “

Concerns

We lift our prayers for continued healing for Ruth Bajema following her back surgery in June; healing and ease of pain for Jeanne Knepper; continued love and light to Andrea Nebel in her battle with cancer; and prayers of clarity and peace for our friends in Great Britain, who have entered into a difficult time following a very difficult decision.



UMW Corner

Save the Date! The 2016 Women’s Retreat—**Women on the Way**—will be held at MUMC on Saturday, September 10 beginning at 9:30AM. Our speaker will be the Columbia District Superintendent, Rev. Erin Martin.

UMW CIRCLES • Lydia: Retreat Weekend, August 26-28. Contact Kate Shirley for more information • Martha-Miriam: July 6 & August 5, 10:00AM • Simple Gifts: No Meetings in July or August • Mary: July 6 & August 5, 10:00AM

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 John & Nancy Wittmayer
- 8 Barbara Roberts
- 9 Jeanne Knepper
- 10 Raul Carrisoza
- 10 Larry Woods
- 17 Turella Woods
- 18 Judy & Roy Burge
- 20 Kevin Leiser
- 22 Kelli Slaven
- 23 Tori Slaven
- 27 Jamie Slaven
- 29 Marlene Tharp
- 30 Larry Knox
- 31 Kate & Ben Shirley

- 1 Rich & Monica Johnson
- 1 Carrie Wilson
- 2 Judy Burge
- 3 Cyndi Porter
- 4 Bobbi Fluaitt
- 6 Mickie & Francis Ellmers
- 6 Jim & Candy Siel
- 7 Randy Johnson
- 8 Patti Walker
- 9 Anna Winslea
- 14 Danny Walker
- 15 Jeanne Knepper & Marcia Hauer
- 17 Doug & Marlene Tharp
- 19 Hal & Reva Emmert
- 22 Marvin Thompson
- 23 Jill Simonis
- 28 Doug Tharp
- 29 Larry Wittmayer



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A Choral Tribute to our Mothers and Fathers

submitted by Mickey Ellmers

Recently, Montavilla UMC's youth choir, the Montavilla Singers, dedicated two special songs to all the mothers and fathers in our congregation. On Mother's Day, May 8, a song titled "Wrapped Around My Heart" was sung for our mothers. This song was written for Audrey Voon, youth choir director, by her mother when Audrey was a child. And, for our fathers on Father's Day, "Never Alone," by Gary Burr, Sarah Buxton, and Victoria Shaw. A song that reminds us no matter where we go or how young we are, we are never alone. In case you missed these touching songs in-person, here are the lyrics from each:

"Wrapped Around My Heart"

by Kathryn Voon

Lord, I know you're here,
Lord, I know you're near,
I feel your love wrapped around my heart.

Jesus, you're with me in all I do,
When I'm school, the friends that I choose.
I know you're with me,
I'm feeling your love holding me tight,
It's wrapped around my heart.

Lord, I know you're here,
Lord, I know you're near,
I feel your love wrapped around my heart.

You know my mind, the thoughts that I have.
My heart has no secrets; from you I can't hide.
I know you're with me,
I'm feeling your love holding me tight,
It's wrapped around my heart.

Lord, I know you're here,
Lord, I know you're near,
I feel your love wrapped around my heart.

"Never Alone"

by Gary Burr, Sarah Buxton, and Victoria Shaw

May the angels protect you, trouble neglect you,
and heaven accept you when it's time to go home.
May you always have plenty, your glass never empty,
and know in your belly you're never alone.

May your tears come from laughing,
you find friends worth having,
as every year passes they mean more than gold.
May you win but stay humble,
smile more than grumble,
and know when you stumble, you're never alone.

Never alone, never alone;
I'll be in every beat of your heart
when you face the unknown.
Wherever you fly, this isn't goodbye;
My love will follow you, stay with you,
Child, you're never alone.

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