



hen Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—\$5,000 to one and \$500 to the other. But neither of them could pay him back, so he kindly forgave them both, letting them keep the money! Which do you suppose loved him most after that?"

"I suppose the one who had owed him the most," Simon answered.

"Correct," Jesus agreed.

Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look! See this woman kneeling here! When I entered your home, you didn't bother to offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You refused me the customary kiss of greeting, but she has kissed my feet again and again from the time I first came in. You neglected the usual courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has covered my feet with rare perfume. Therefore her sins—and they are many—are forgiven, for she loved me much; but one who is forgiven little, shows little love."

And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

Then the men at the table said to themselves, "Who does this man think he is, going around forgiving sins?"

And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

— Luke 7:41-50

Scriptures for **June**

June 5—1 Kings 17: 8-16 • **June 12**—Luke 7: 36-50 • **June 19**—1 Kings 19: 9-13 • **June 26**—2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14



Our Identity Standing together hopeful, thankful, worshipful • Our Mission A loving, welcoming Christian community moving closer to God • Our Vision A Christ-centered, multi-generational family that values: faith-filled worship, spiritual growth, mission outreach, celebrating individual's gifts

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Thoughts From Our Pastor

Dear Friends • The emotional roller coaster ride called May Methodism is finally over. Usually the machinations of the larger denomination are quietly ignored by most in the church, their pastors included, but this year, the circus came to town. And, like it or not, we all found ourselves in the big tent. But now that's over! The hotels have

gone back to their usual clientele of run of the mill heathens. And all the green vests worn by our volunteers are back in their boxes. In time, of course, a new Book of Discipline will come out with various changes. But, privately, I wonder how many of those new Books of Discipline will still look pristine, (adorning clergy bookshelves from here to the rocky Mountains and down to the Mexican border), four years from now?

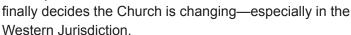
Almost ten years ago I was on the conference worship team for Annual Conference. We gathered together at the conference center month after month for long drawn out meetings. Before us were the "protocols"—strict rules sent to us from the council of bishops about who can stand where on the dais and who says what words in what order and... I don't know, it was a swirl of rubrics that lost me. But they were "essential, important, and not to be trifled with," said our chairperson.

Somehow I find myself once more

on the committee to put together Annual Conference worship. What a difference a decade makes. This year's chairperson has hosted a handful of casual group phone calls. There have been, and will be, no actual meetings. There also appear to be no rules. I have not heard the word "rubric" once in any of our phone chats. We were assigned our services and cut loose. "Do what you want," is the message we have been given. "Just let us know what songs you have chosen so we don't have too many duplicates." How the world has changed. How the church has changed.

submitted by Rev. Tim Winslea

And perhaps this is the message that May should remind us of. Regardless what the General Conference appointed committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Trans, etc. issues



Back in seminary, twenty years ago now, they warned us about 'Creeping Congregationism.' "It will be the end of us all," they whispered. Uh huh. I read an article awhile back that says that 98 percent of American Catholics feel just fine about birth control. 98 percent! On this issue, Rome can say all they want but that doesn't change things on this side of the Atlantic.

Revolutions can come through dramatic rule changes. They can also come through neglect and ignorance. What would happen, I sometimes wonder, if someone called up on charges just didn't show up for the appointment? What would really happen if bishops simply ignored denominational dictates—at least on the issue of human sexuality?

What I will remember most about May is not the great Pentecost service we hosted, or the theatrics that happened on the floor of the conference. What I will remember is

the number of Portlanders I talked to who, until GC came to town, had no idea that our denomination had rules about ordaining GLTB folk; who were flummoxed that clergy could get in trouble for doing a same sex marriage. They simply never knew. Many of them are Methodists.

-Blessings, Tim

The Commission on the General Conference announced that Minneapolis, MN. will be the site of the 2020 General Conference, tentatively scheduled for May 5-15, 2020.





WOW (With or Without) Group Event

submitted by Kate Shirley

The June event for the WOW group is the annual Planning BBQ Potluck on Saturday, June 4 beginning at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share, something to put on the grill, and any drinks you would like to have. Soda and sparkling water will be provided. Kids are welcome! This event will be held at Kate & Ben Shirley's house. If you have any questions, please contact Kate at katefshirley@gmail.com. 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.



'Heal the Heart'' Choir Concert

submitted by Audrey Voon



Join Intergenerational Outreach Choirs, Cathedral Park Performing Arts Collective, and the Alzheimer's Association for this special choir concert at Montavilla UMC on Saturday, June 25 at 2:00 PM. Enjoy performances by Portland and Beaverton Intergenerational Women's Choirs, Creative Science School Choir, Sing Here Now!, St. Johns Intergenerational Choir, St. Johns Women's Choir, SING!



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St. Johns Children's Choir, and Providence ElderPlace Cully Choir. Choirs conducted by Audrey Voon and Crystal Akins. Admission is \$5-10 suggested donation per person, \$15 per family. Proceeds benefit Intergenerational Outreach Choirs and Cathedral Park Performing Arts Collective.

For more information, contact Audrey Voon: audrey@intergenerationalchoir.com.

Kim's Tae Kwon-Do Montavilla

submitted by Robert Secord (via Audrey Voon)

We've been celebrating parents through May and June at Kim's Tae Kwon-Do Montavilla. Learning a new skill with your kids can be fun and rewarding. That's why we're offering no charge for parents through June! We do a non-contact style of martial arts encouraging everyone to work out together regardless of athletic ability or skill level. No pads, no violence, just fun and personal growth! Try something new with the family and get your kicks with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:00_{PM} in the basement gym of Montavilla United Methodist Church. Classes cost \$35 per month; however, discounts apply to members of the church community. Feel free to call Robert Secord to sign up for classes. Reach him at 503.347.4022.

Dedicated to progress, peace, and love.

Church Council Addresses Homeless Camping submitted by Tim Winslea

Church Council meets Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00PM in the church library. We invite the church community to attend this meeting, for which the main focus will be homeless camping on church property. Contact the church office for more information.

MONTAVILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR—JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			MARY CIRCLE - MUMC (10:00am)			
			MARTHA-MIRIAM CIRCLE - BOBBI FLVAITT'S (11:30am)			
			MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING (6:30pm)	CHOIR - LAST REHEARSAL (7:00pm)		WOW PLANNING BBQ (6:00 pm)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL						
(9:00am) WORSHIP, COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, & YOUTH GROUP (10:30am)	BROWN BAG LUNCH BIBLE STUDY (12:00pm)		UMW GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ALBERTINA KERR CENTER		XYZ GROUP MEETING (12:00pm)	CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOSHUA MCGRAW - MUMC (3:00pm)
CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING (12:00pm)	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	SIMPLE GIFTS CIRCLE - HEIDI'S RESTAURANT (6:00pm)	(12:30pm)			
SCRIP ORDERS DUE	MEETING (7:00pm)	NEW TOTAL CO. CO. CO.				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
LYDIA CIRCLE - ELMER'S RESTAURANT (8:30am)						OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (10:00qm-12:00pm)
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am)			UMW BOOK GROUP (1:15pm)		OPEN HEARTS FOOD	M&Ms TILIKUM CROSSING WALK & LUNCH
WORSHIP & MONTAVILLA SINGERS (10:30am)					PANTRY (3:00-6:00pm)	
SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH						
19 FATHER'S DAY	20	21	22	23	24	25
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am)						
WORSHIP & MONTAVILLA SINGERS (10:30am)						
FINANCE COMMITTEE & SPRC MEETINGS (12:00pm)			CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING (6:00pm)			
OUTREACH ENTRIES DUE						
26	27	28	29	30		
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00qm)						
WORSHIP (10:30am)						

PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE (www.montqvillgumc.org) FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, AS WELL AS EVENT DESCRIPTIONS AND LOCATIONS.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

You can help Montavilla United Methodist Church earn money just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card! Each year Fred Meyer donates \$2.5 million dollars to non-profits in Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Here is how the program works: If you have an existing Rewards Card with Fred Meyer, go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Sign in with your password and email address; click on your name in the top right hand corner; scroll down to Community Awards and enter our MUMC account number 80249.

If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of community rewards any Fred Meyer store. Every time you show and use your Rewards Card, you are helping



MUMC earn a donation. You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you have been doing. If you have questions, please see Turella Woods. Each quarter when our church receives their part of this \$2.5 million, we will let you know as we watch our donations grow!

Scrip: Have you ever thought of using scrip to purchase items for our Open Hearts Food Pantry? If you buy Fred Meyer, Safeway, Albertsons or New Seasons scrip, then use it to purchase food for the pantry, the church receives a portion and the pantry receives food! A great way to do two terrific things at the same time. Scrip orders are sent in the first Monday morning of the month through the church office. It's easy to pick up a form in the folder in the library, fill it out, attach your check, and put it in the file for "completed" scrip orders. Your scrip cards will be delivered to you the following Sunday. Any questions, please see the church office.

Joys

We give praise for the volunteers and community members who helped with General Conference, that it has come and gone, and we made it through. We anticipate with great joy the coming summer and give prayers to all the families with children and youth as they enter into their extended vacation. We celebrate with all of our graduates, both from high school and college! Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the hard work and dedication that has gone into the building of our beautiful East side garden.

Concerns

We hold Anna Marie McGraw and her family in our prayers over the death of her son, Joshua McGraw. We pray for our nation, that we be civil as the political climate continues to decline in civility. We continue to lift up Andrea Nebel in prayer over her battle with cancer. We send our love, light, and prayers to the family of Emma Greenwood.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

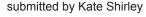
- 6 Tim Winslea
- 12 Xitali Carrisoza
- 14 Larry & Turella Woods
- Grace & Leroy Johnson
- 16 **Grace Johnson**
- Angela Dickey & Marcelo Vergara
- Monica Johnson
- 27 Colin Siel
- Francis Ellmers



WOW May Hike

On Saturday, May 28, members of the WOW group and their friends and families (and a dog!) met at the Lower MacLeay Trailhead for a hike through Forest Park. The trail went through lovely forest past the "Witch's Castle" and the Audubon Society site, up to Pittock Mansion where they enjoyed lunch on the lawn. 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.











submitted by Larry Woods

Meet MUMC's Board of Trustees

Who are the Trustees?

They are composed of not fewer than three nor more than nine persons: one third women and one third men. They shall be of legal age as defined by law, and 2/3 shall be professing members of the United Methodist Church. The pastor is not a voting member unless elected as a member.

Currently those on the committee are:

Larry Woods, chairMarv ThompsonTiso PanapaJanice StevensEmmy Lou JohnsonRich JohnsonJorja OrrTrent WilsonJennifer Greenley

Trustees are stewards of the property that God has entrusted to the congregation. They are subject to the direction of the charge conference, have oversight and care of all local church property, buildings and equipment in order to accomplish the mission of the church. This is done in consultation with the pastor.

Bequests and gifts to endowment projects can, by direction of the charge conference, be directed to a special endowment or legacy committee. This committee will promote, invest, and distribute the proceeds from these gifts. We at MUMC have chosen to choose this special endowment committee which we call PEF (Permanent Endowment Fund). PEF will receive and administer all gifts made to the congregation, making certain that trust funds of the congregation are invested properly. They are to act at the direction of the church council.

Trustees review property, liability, and crime insurance coverage on church-owned property, buildings, and equipment annually to assure that the property is safe, clean and welcoming for all members and visitors.

Trustees are accountable to the charge conference and the church council. The term "trustees" as used in the United Methodist Book of Discipline, may be construed to be synonymous with "director" of corporations when required to comply with law.

What are the responsibilities of the congregation to the trustees?

- To report any repairs or safety matters, supply needs and custodial concerns to a committee member as soon as possible.
- To complete a form when requesting to use or borrow any items that belong to Montavilla United Methodist Church. This request needs to be approved by a member of trustees and the form can be found in the church office.

UMW Corner

Join the MUMC United Methodist Women for lunch on June 8 at Albertina Kerr Center (424 NE 22nd Avenue)! Lunch will be served at 12:30_{PM} and will cost approximately \$10. Prior to lunch, we will be going through the shops on the campus and after lunch we will be given a short presentation. If you would like to skip shopping, you can meet at 12:30 for lunch only. A carpool will be leaving from the church at 11:00_{AM}. Please contact Turella Woods (503.318.8711 or turellaw@gmail.com) by June 6 to make a reservation for this event.

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

UMW CIRCLES • Lydia: Sunday, June 12 at 8:30AM, Elmer's Restaurant • Martha-Miriam: Wednesday, June 1 at 11:30AM, Bobbi Fluaitt's retirement home (CherryWood Village) • Simple Gifts: Tuesday, June 7 at 6:00PM, Heidi's Restaurant • Mary: Wednesday, June 1 at 10:00AM, Montavilla UMC



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June 2016



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM to 1:30PM

Pastor available other hours by appointment