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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

— Acts 2: 1-21



Scriptures for May

May 1—Revelations 21:22-26 • May 8—Ephesians 1: 15-23 • Pentecost, May 15—Acts 2: 1-21 • May 22—Proverbs 8: 22-31 • May 29—Luke 7: 1-10



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

Looking for signs and wonders. This morning, as I dove headfirst into Elaine Pagels' famous commentary on the book for Revelations, I had my antenna up. The book is such a mystery. Unlike the Gospels and Acts that follow a relative historical progression or the Epistles that are mainly rhetorical arguments, this New Testament closer is... well, different.

Part of the mystery of this particular text has to do with its content and style. But that is only part of it. The other part of the book's mystery relates to what we seek when we are brave enough to crack its covers. Over the millennia the Church has entered its gates for very different reasons from the ones that drive us to scour the Gospels, Acts and the Epistles. We study those accounts for knowledge about the early church or in order to search for defenses for the doctrinal positions that we hold. But when we wander the corridors of dream and vision laid out in the book of Revelations we most often do so because we want something beyond the historical and rational. We read the book of Revelations looking for signs and wonders.

Signs and wonders have become a bit of an obsession for me. With a decade plus of higher education under my belt no one is going to say that I am not interested in the rational. I like traditional knowledge; history, political and linguistic criticism, systematic theories. But the older I get the more I become intrigued with mystery—and with signs



submitted by Rev. Tim Winslea



and wonders. How is God speaking through that encounter I just had with the Safeway cashier or my feelings while singing that particular hymn or the way the leaves in the bottom of my tea cup are arranged. God is magnificent and immense but God also leaves fingerprints in the mundane and the miniscule. Can too much be made of my tea leaves? Yes, but we are also capable of missing the holy in the common and the concrete—as our Eucharistic theology remind us.

This month many rational arguments will be made in the halls of our denomination's General Conference. History will be made, as it is made every four years, and we will slowly move to incorporate the changes that are declared. But between (or beneath) the grinding wheels of the 'Church Bureaucratic' God's quiet fingers will be leaving prints on all that moves, breathes and has being. I look forward to the General Conference. It is an amazing thing to gather the saints from across the globe to discern how we shall live together for the next quadrennial. And my rational brain is atingle with the arguments, compromises and decisions that soon will be made. But another part of me is quietly searching for the subtle signs and wonders that declare that God is in our midst.

—Blessings, Tim

WOW (With or Without) Group Event

The May event for the WOW group is a family-friendly hike hosted by Scott and Patti Walker! Meet at 10:00AM on Saturday, May 28 at Washington's Beacon Rock State Park in the parking lot on the south side of Highway 14 (34 miles from I-205). Bring a sack lunch! Contact Scott or Patti if you have any questions. Coming up in June: the Annual Planning BBQ Potluck on Saturday, June 4 at the Shirley's! More information will be sent soon. *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.*



Our New Administrative Assistant

submitted by Kate Shirley

The new face in the church office may look familiar to you—as well as signing on as MUMC’s administrative assistant, Audrey Voon also is MUMC’s Youth Choir Director, Worship Music Co-Leader, and vocalist/keyboardist for the Montavilla Praise Band.

Where are you from originally? • I was born in Selma, CA, “Raisin Capital of the World,” and we moved up to Oregon when I was 6 years old. We lived in Redland and Oregon City for about 10 years before we moved up to Olympia, WA, where my parents currently still reside. I moved back to Portland for college in 2005, and the rest is history. This feels like home, so when people ask me where I’m from, I tell them, “I’m from Portland.”

Tell us about your family life. • Well, if you ask the IRS, I’m currently “single,” but I happen to share the bulk of my free time with my sweetheart, Tiso Panapa. You may recognize him as the percussionist at worship each Sunday, and the drummer in the Montavilla Praise Band. We enjoy the company of our adopted dog, Clifford, who technically belongs to our friends, and who we’ll probably never give back...



What are you working on right now? • My newest endeavor, and probably the work I’m most proud of right now, is the nonprofit music & theatre arts organization I founded with my good friends and colleagues, Cristina Marino and Joseph Cirillo, last August. Cathedral Park Performing Arts Collective (CPPAC) is located in our little Cathedral Park neighborhood in St. Johns, Portland. We serve youth and adult students from North Portland and the surrounding areas by offering classes in music, movement, acting, and improv. I am the Artistic Director for CPPAC, and I teach classes and conduct our women’s choir and the intergenerational choir we offer through partnership with Harvest Homes Retirement & Assisted Living Home. The choir at Harvest Homes is made up of elder residents, staff members, families from the community, and pre-school students from the in-house pre-school who gather each week to sing together. Their joy is infectious and uplifting, and I love it!

Within the same vein, I work with Intergenerational Outreach Choirs (IOC) to bring service choirs to nursing and assisted living homes in Portland and Beaverton. Outside of my time with both these wonderful organizations, I’ve been striving to stay in tune with my own voice and musical growth. I regularly perform at benefit concerts for CPPAC, and I have started auditioning for and doing shows with local musical theatre companies around town. Tiso and I have also begun working with a group of local musicians and composers on a new project that will debut this summer, and another group of musicians, who happen to be our good friends, with whom we somewhat serendipitously started a wedding band.

It’s been fun and challenging trying to find a balance between all my passions. As each day, week, and month passes, I feel I’m getting closer and closer to finding the place where my hands and heart can rest for a bit. In the meantime, I will enjoy the fact that each day is new and different, and I am constantly growing and learning about myself and those around me.

What do you like best about MUMC? • I love that the people at MUMC are welcoming, generous and mission-driven, and open-minded about issues that are important to me. I like that we can all have different views and questions and congregate at the same place every week, with mutual respect and love toward one another. I’d also like to add that it has been a blessing getting to work with and know those in the Montavilla Praise Band over the years.

What is something you would like to see in MUMC’s future? • I would love to see the music program at MUMC continue to grow as it has been, not only in the sense of performance, but as a vessel for fellowship. Music can be incredibly healing when we let go of expectations for ourselves and allow ourselves to experience what is happening in the moment. It gives us permission to listen and to create something together. I hear too many people tell me they can’t sing, but, the truth is, if you can talk, you can sing. You just have to give yourself permission to make some noise, because, God knows you have it in you!

Joys

We look forward with anticipation to the blessing ceremony for the newly begun East Garden on 5/1, the Youth Group Party (with music by the Montavilla Praise Band) on 5/7, and the visit of Bishop Minerva Carcaño on 5/8! The Portland Gay Men's Chorus and Bridging Voices (the Portland GSA Youth Choir) are joining together to celebrate the festival of Pentecost at the Montavilla United Methodist Church on May 15th. Present at this service will be Church leaders from around the world who have gathered in Portland to set policies for the global Methodist connection. Your participation is important to help advance inclusion and diversity in the life of the global church.

Concerns

We hold Andrea Nebel in prayer as well as the victims of the earthquakes in Japan and South America. Also special prayers for all the delegate who are coming to Portland for the General Conference.

90th Birthday Celebration!

Audy Cullen will celebrate her 90th birthday at HomeTown Buffet (10542-A SE Washington Street, 503.252.0741) on Monday, 5/9, at noon. Please RSVP to Emmy Lou Johnson (503.253.1547) by Sunday, 5/8, and arrive at the restaurant 10-15 minutes early so that we may all be seated together. Discount coupons are available on HomeTown's website or occasionally through the mail. Veterans may show military ID to receive a discount for up to four people.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Ruth Olandria
- 3 Mary Stapleton
- 8 Stephanie Clayville
- 8 Jan Loos
- 9 Nancy Wittmayer
- 11 Carolyn Mechling
- 11 Jack Roberts
- 13 Tyler Slaven
- 19 Naomi Carrisoza
- 21 Sam & Andrea Nebel
- 22 Jared Dolan
- 23 Ruby Wilson
- 25 Jean Sanregret
- 26 Jack & Barbara Roberts
- 27 Leah Shirley



UMW Corner

Mark your calendars—Monday, May 16, is UMW Day at General Conference! Beginning at noon with a Social Action Event (to be announced), there will be a celebration of UMW's 150th and a reception from 2:00 to 4:00PM. At 3:53PM the General Secretary of United Methodist Women, Harriett Jane Olson, will address the General Conference. She has been allotted 7 minutes for this presentation! Carpools can be organized. Please see Becky Warren about details.

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 • Simple Gifts, Tuesday, May 3 at 6PM, MUMC Library • Miriam-Martha, Wednesday, May 4 at 10AM, MUMC Room 1 • Mary Circle, Wednesday, May 4 at 10AM, Wanda Adams' Home • Lydia Circle, Sunday, May 15 at 9AM, location TBD



Join the MUMC United Methodist Women for Lunch June 8th at

*Albertina Kerr Center
424 N E 22nd Ave
Portland, OR*

*Carpool from the church at 11 a.m.
Lunch served at 12:30 - approx. \$10.*

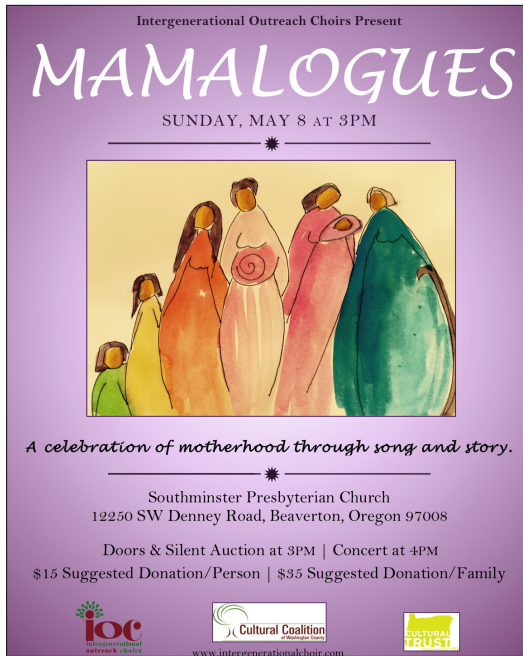
Prior to lunch we will be going through the 3 shops on the campus;

- *The Heirloom*
- *The Jewel Box*
- *The Closet*

After lunch - a short presentation.

Want to skip shopping? Meet us at 12:30 for lunch only.

*For Reservations contact Turella Woods
503 318-8711 or turellaw@gmail.com by
June 6th*



Celebrate Mother's Day with IOC!

submitted by Audrey Voon

Intergenerational Outreach Choirs (IOC) is an Oregon nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to connecting generations of girls and women through song. This year, IOC presents the second annual Mamalogues Benefit Concert + Silent Auction on Mother's Day, May 8th at 3:00 pm at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Beaverton. Mamalogues is IOC's annual fundraiser that supports our music service in Oregon, including our music programming at Coffee Creek Women's Correctional Facility, Dignity Village community for the homeless, and assisted living homes in Portland and Beaverton.

IOC's Intergenerational Women's Choirs from Portland and Beaverton collaborate on this creative production to interweave original stories with songs of empowerment, social justice, and self-worth. These "mamalogues," written by IOC singers, will capture stories from all walks of motherhood, told by generations of girls and women. Mamalogues seeks to honor the women of our past, present, and future and is inspired by the true origins of Mother's Day before it became a Hallmark holiday.

IOC invites you to bring your children, mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers to Mamalogues to honor and celebrate motherhood in a meaningful way. Choirs conducted by Audrey Voon and Crystal Akins.

Sunday, May 8th • 3:00 pm doors & silent auction | 4:00 pm show

**Concert location: Southminster Presbyterian Church,
12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton, Oregon 97008**

Ticket cost: \$15 Suggested donation per person • \$35 Suggested donation per family
Concert funded in part by: Oregon Cultural Trust and the Cultural Coalition of Washington County

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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.

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