



Outreach

September 2016

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We live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods. This I declare, that

he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I am trusting him. For he rescues you from every trap and protects you from the fatal plague. He will shield you with his wings! They will shelter you. His faithful promises are your armor. Now you don't need to be afraid of the dark anymore, nor fear the dangers of the day; nor dread the plagues of darkness, nor disasters in the morning.

For the Lord says, "Because he loves me, I will rescue him; I will make him great because he trusts in my name. When he calls on me, I will answer; I will be with him in trouble and rescue him and honor him. I will satisfy him with a full life and give him my salvation."

—Psalm 91:1-6,14-16



Scriptures for September

Scriptures this month will be selected and announced on a weekly basis by Pastor Timothy Winslea.



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

One of the first books of poetry I ever bought with my own money was Nikki Giovanni's, *My House*. It has plenty of the radical black liberation rants for which she is so well known but it was also her first attempt at truly autobiographical poems. And what her readers discovered, and I clung to in my turbulent high school years, were the tender intimate reflections she also offered on family and love. In a few weeks the lectionary will host the Jeremiah text where the prophet asks "Is there a balm in Gilead?" For me, in that confusing season of my life, her book was often that balm.

Although I had not picked it up in years, I found myself thinking about it as I stood on the shore of the Southern Ocean and watched the great seas come up from Antarctica. I found myself thinking about it as I drove through the pasture lands that embrace the misty Grampian Mountains. And, I thought about it again riding the tram through the canopy of a tropical rain forest. I thought about it whenever I paused and thought about you; the saints of God here at MUMC. And I thought, in particular, of one poem.



submitted by Rev. Tim Winslea



In her poem, "A Certain Peace," she wrote...

it was very pleasant
not having you around
this afternoon
not that i don't love you...

but there was a certain peace
when you walked out the door
and i knew you would do something
you wanted to do
and i could run
a tub full of water
and not worry about answering the phone
for your call...

and there was a certain excitement
when after midnight you came home
and we had coffee
and i had a day of mine
that made me as happy
as yours did you

I am grateful to God for a truly glorious vacation with my family. But, I believe, I am ever more grateful for the "certain excitement" that overcame me that first Sunday I was back. Thank you for making this church my home.

—Blessings, Tim

All-Out Sunday 2016



submitted by Church Life Committee

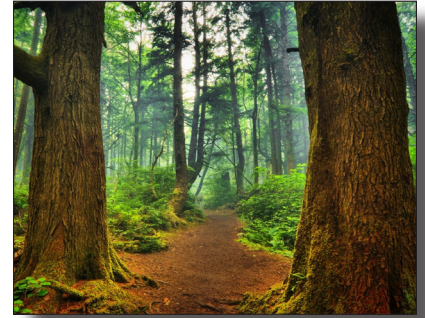
Sunday, September 11, is All-Out Sunday at Montavilla United Methodist Church! Celebrate the start of the new school year and the collective return from summer adventuring. Worship will feature music from the Montavilla UMC Choir and a special dedication of bibles for our children and youth. Gather upstairs directly following worship for ice cream sundaes, courtesy of the MUMC Church Life Committee. For more information, contact Patti Walker: pwalker@clackesd.org.

Do you have a news item, an announcement, or a joy or concern to share? Get it published in the Outreach!
Contact the office at 503-254-5529 -OR- montavillaumchurch@gmail.com.

WOW (With or Without) Group Event

submitted by Sarah Berkemeier

The WOW group will be staying at the fabulous Thompson's cabin on Mt Hood from Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2 and we hope you'll join us! This is a great opportunity to get away from the day-to-day, be outside in the beautiful Mt Hood National Forest, and get to know other members of the WOW group! This is an adult-only event. Coordinators are Sarah (503.381.0667, penameier@gmail.com) and Sherry (sghanrahan@gmail.com)—if you need more information or haven't already let them know, please contact them about coming along! For planning purposes, we'd like a solid headcount by Friday, September 16. Look for emailed details in the next couple of weeks!



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.

Wednesday Night Movies: Films, Food & Faith

submitted by Jeanne Knepper

Film is a great way to learn about parts of life that we haven't experienced. In the last year, we focused on the stories of ordinary people who were motivated by their faith to loving, compassionate, courageous actions. This year, we are going to explore elements of the (mostly American) black experience of the last century. Most of the stories we will see tell us a portion of our history through the work of well-respected black playwrights, actors and directors. Whenever possible, we will use subtitles, so that those who have difficulty hearing can follow the story. As before, we will gather at 6PM, watch the movie, talk about it, and share snacks and memories. Plan to be here from 6:00-8:45PM. Please feel free to bring a pick-up meal, if you come from work, or snacks to share. Except for December, all of the movies will show on the third Wednesday of the month.

- 9-21 **The Great Debaters**
- 10-19 **A Raisin in the Sun**
- 11-16 **To Sir With Love**
- 12-14 **The Rosa Parks Story**
- 1-18 **4 Little Girls**
- 2-15 **The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman**
- 3-15 **Selma**
- 4-19 **Antwone Fisher**
- 5-17 **The Pursuit of Happyness**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

submitted by Becky Warren



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting again! Bring your knitting needles and crochet hooks, projects, and yarn to the next gathering:

**Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 to 8:00PM
at the Warren's, 7066 NE Irving Street**

Please let Becky know if you are coming. Call 503-254-9788 or email, beccanaturalist@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 2016

MONTAVILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR



WELCOME TO THIS PLACE OF REST, LAUGHTER, AND GROWTH.

WE COME HERE BECAUSE OUR QUESTIONS ARE RESPECTED, OUR INSIGHTS ARE ENCOURAGED, AND OUR HUNGER FOR MISSION IS SHARED.

MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY—WHO INCLUDE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS, INCOME LEVELS, LEVELS OF ABILITY, RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS, SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS, AND GENDER IDENTITIES—INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS YOUR HOME.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am) CHURCH LIFE MTG	5 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6 SIMPLE GIFTS @ JILL SIMONIS' HOME (6:00pm)	7 MARY CIRCLE @ CHERRYWOOD w/LOIS GERLACH (9:30am) MARTHA-MIRIAM CIRCLE (10:00am) MISSION COMMITTEE (6:30pm)	8 MONTAVILLA YOUTH MUSIC (5:30pm) CHOIR PRACTICE (7:00pm)	9 XYZ GROUP (12:00-1:30pm) M&M'S SUMMERPLACE PROGRESSIVE DINNER (5:00pm)	10 UMW RETREAT: "WOMEN ON THE WAY" (9:00am-2:30pm) FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN (10:00am)
11 ALL-OUT SUNDAY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am)	12 BROWN BAG LUNCH BIBLE STUDY (12:00pm) BOARD OF TRUSTEES (7:00pm)	13	14 UMW GENERAL MEMBERSHIP (10:00am-12:30pm)	15 MONTAVILLA YOUTH MUSIC (5:30pm) CHOIR PRACTICE (7:00pm)	16 OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (3:00-6:00pm) YOUTH GROUP OVERNIGHT (begins 5:30pm)	17 YOUTH GROUP OVERNIGHT (ends 10:30am) OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (10:00am-12:00pm)
18 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) LYDIA CIRCLE (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP (10:30am) OUTREACH ENTRIES DUE	19	20 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY @BECKY WARREN'S HOME (6:30-8:00pm)	21 UMW BOARD MEETING (10:00am-12:00pm) UMW BOOK GROUP (1:15-2:30pm)	22 MONTAVILLA YOUTH MUSIC (5:30pm) CHOIR PRACTICE (7:00pm)	23	24
25 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:30am) SPRC MTG FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG SCRIP ORDERS DUE	26	27	28 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG (6:00-8:00pm)	29 MONTAVILLA YOUTH MUSIC (5:30pm) CHOIR PRACTICE (7:00pm)	30 WOW GROUP WEEKEND @ MT. HOOD CABIN (9/30-10/2)	

PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE (www.montavillaumc.org) FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, AS WELL AS EVENT DESCRIPTIONS AND LOCATIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD AN EVENT TO THE CHURCH CALENDAR, LEAVE AN "OFFICE NOTE" IN THE BOX AT FRONT ENTRANCE.

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THURSDAYS, 5:30-6:30PM

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INSANITY
Youth Group
Overnight

Starting:
Friday, September 16th, 5:30pm

Ending:
Saturday, September 17th, 10:00am

For youth grades 6-12
Games · Fellowship · Fun

With special guest:
Kim's Taekwon-Do



No Cost, just bring your signed permission slip

Permission slips are available in the church library and entryways
RSVP: Jennifer Greenley – jgreenley613@gmail.com

Joys

We rejoice for the safe return of Pastor Tim to Portland after his travels in Australia this summer. We give praise and eagerly await the coming fall and look forward to the leadership of our new bishop, Elaine Stanovsky.

Concerns

Our heartfelt prayers are with members of our national and global community who are dealing with the aftermath of recent natural disasters; for those who have lost loved ones, and for those who are still awaiting news. We lift up those in our own church community who are grieving: may you find solace and comfort in the love and friendship that surround you. Continued healing for those suffering from injuries and recovering from surgery. We lift up our local community in this time of transition into the new school year.

A Note of Thanks

We receive “Thank You” cards and notes in the church office periodically, each expressing genuine, heart-felt gratitude for services and donations contributed by Montavilla United Methodist Church. We thought you might want to hear from some of the recipients of your generous donations. Here is a note we received over the summer from Kairos Prison Ministry of Oregon:

Dear Members of Montavilla United Methodist Church,

We wish to thank you for your generous donation of \$200 to KPMI of Oregon. Your gift will enable us to fund our upcoming retreat (Kairos Outside) to women who have loved ones who are, or have been, incarcerated. These retreats offer love and support to these women who are often forgotten or shunned by society. Your donation also helps to pay the expenses of training our leaders for this work. So again we offer our thanks and ask you to keep our group in your prayers, so that we might be instruments in bringing the light of Christ to others. God bless you all!

Sincerely, Sally Basserman, treasurer for Kairos Prison Ministry of Oregon

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Mary Radmacher
- 6 Joan Brown
- 10 Tanya Porter
- 11 Dan Clayville
- 12 Ricardo Carrisoza
- 12 Bill Loos
- 17 Judy Walker
- 20 Sophia Vergara
- 20 Jan Wever
- 21 Grey Patterson
- 23 Trent & Carrie Wilson
- 26 Holly & Dennis Dolan Jr.
- 26 McKenzie Kaer
- 26 Lily Walker
- 28 Brooke Walker
- 29 Christian Siel
- 29 Jim & Judy Walker
- 30 Jan & Bill Loos

SEPTEMBER

submitted by Audrey Voon



UMW Corner

The 2016 Women’s Retreat—**Women on the Way**—will be held at MUMC on Saturday, September 10 beginning at 9:00AM. Our speaker will be the Columbia District Superintendent, Rev. Erin Martin.

UMW CIRCLES • Lydia: Sunday, September 18 at 9:00AM • Martha-Miriam: Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00AM • Simple Gifts: Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00PM at Jill Simonis’ home • Mary: Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30AM at Cherrywood with Lois Gerlach

Summer Highlights

submitted by Michelle Frost



Summer is just getting rolling but it's been great so far, with a family wedding in South Dakota and a real barn dance, a river rafting trip on the Deschutes River, and daily accounts of vacation travel from the passengers/customers I meet on-the-job at PDX. I can live vicariously through them as they head to England, Amsterdam, Japan, Australia, Iceland, China, and every corner of these United States. Interestingly, most travellers are not on vacation. Many are business commuters. Many are going to care for family members. Funerals. Job/school interviews. Reunions. Helping aging parents travel. Every day I get to meet new faces and hear new stories,

some exciting, some sad; the hodge podge of humanity. My summer is rich with gardening and fresh veggies, walking Buddy up Mt. Tabor, bumping into neighbors around Montavilla, reading in the shade, and spending time with friends. Here's to a happy, healthy summer for all of my friends at MUMC!

Youth Group Overnight

submitted by Jennifer Greenley

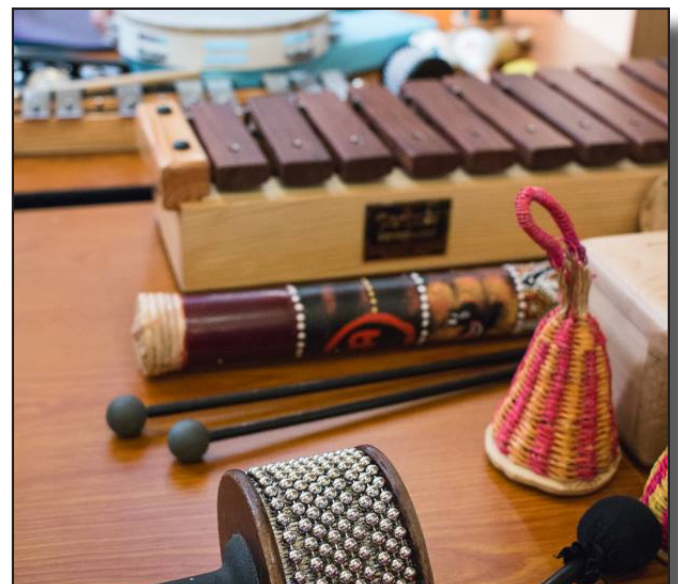
Hello families! It's almost time again for the start of youth group for this scholastic year. The first day of youth group will be this Sunday, 09/04/2016. And coming up: Youth Group Overnight! This event starts on Friday, September 16 at 5:30PM and ends Saturday, September 17 at 10:00AM. This event is for youth grades 6 through 12; there is no cost, just bring your signed permission slip. There will be games, fellowship, and lots of fun—and our special guest during the event will be Kim's Taekwon-Do! Permission slips are available in the church library and entryways. Please RSVP to Jennifer Greenley at jgreenley613@gmail.com.



Montavilla Youth Music: Sing, Play, Serve

submitted by Audrey Voon

Montavilla UMC's all-new youth music ministry! Children and youth from Montavilla UMC and surrounding neighborhood communities are invited to attend these weekly music sessions for preK-high school students (ages 4 yrs+). We'll meet at Montavilla UMC every Thursday from 5:30-6:30PM, September 8 through June 8. Young people who join our weekly music sessions have the option of singing, playing an instrument, or both! Our "jam band" will learn music together and travel to local nursing and retirement living homes, farmers markets, and other community establishments. The group will also have the option of providing music at select MUMC worship services throughout the year. Opportunities for leadership and mentorship positions are available for high school students. Musical collaborations with experienced musicians welcome. For more info, contact Audrey Voon: audreygrace.voon@gmail.com.



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