

Outreach

JUNE 2017



The Way flows and ebbs, creating and destroying,
Implementing all the world, attending to the
tiniest details,
Claiming nothing in return.

It nurtures all things,
Though it does not control them;
It has no intention,
So it seems inconsequential.

It is the substance of all things;
Though it does not control them;
It has no exception,
So it seems all-important.

The sage would not control the world;
the sage is in harmony with the world.

– *Tao Te Ching, Chapter 34*
Interpretation by Peter A. Merel

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growing closer to God

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*

open hearts, open minds, open doors



A Reconciling Congregation

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Thoughts From Our Pastor

submitted by Reverend Tim Winslea

Friends,
None of us likes change. This is all the more true for those of us who continue to attend church — or for that matter synagogue, temple, or mosque. Our “religions” are seen by the outside world as a throwback to an earlier time, a solution to the spiritual hungers of the past. We are seen as being afraid to accept the changes brought on by science and postmodernity. And we would be foolish to deny that there is some truth to this. We are more adverse to change than most people, and I, who have staked not only my soul but *my mortgage* on the old order, am chief among those who resist change. But whether we like it or not, the old lines are blurring: the merger has begun.

When my grandfather served his last church, his world was divided into two camps: Polish Catholic and Italian Catholic. Each had its own congregations, schools, drug stores, bodegas, civic organizations, doctors, etc. The lines were sharp, clear, and generally accepted. When I served that same parish, the lines between Catholics had disappeared because the world around them no longer accepted them; the parishes simply had to follow suit. If my daughter serves that parish, I have no doubt that her “church” will be a religious center with members who used to call themselves

Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu.

Over a decade ago, Pope Benedict visited a mosque. He was the first pope ever to do so, and he essentially said that there is no real difference between Christians and Muslims. President Trump, on his recent trip through the Middle East, added Jews to the recipe. Do we have the choice to see ourselves as different than these other faiths? From any other faith? Only as long as the world will allow it. Within a hundred years, there will be theists and non-theists — because those will be the only categories that the larger world will understand.

This summer, Elizabeth and I are spending three weeks at a conference on the practicalities of how this merger, chosen or not, will take place, in a city that has long experience in how this unfolds: Istanbul. I am excited by what I am going to learn, but also admittedly sad that the distinctions upon which I have built my whole life are quietly fading.



Blessings,

Tim

Announcements

Many, many thanks to all my friends at MUMC who called and sent cards, and especially for all your prayers during my recent numerous health problems. It was very uplifting to have so many caring friends. I'm also blessed with my loving, supportive family. I'm pleased and grateful to be feeling much better these days.

Kathy Minger

Consonare Chorale Food Drive

For the second year in a row, the Consonare Chorale has collected donations for the Open Hearts Food Pantry to show their appreciation for the use of the MUMC sanctuary as a rehearsal space. This year they collected two large boxes of food items and nearly \$300 in monetary and gift card donations. Many thanks to the Consonare Chorale for supporting us in this ministry!

Outreach is going on summer break!

The next edition will be published in September. Calendars for July & August will be distributed the last Sunday of the prior month.

Let's Finish the Garden!

Join us to help prepare the garden lawn on Saturday, June 3rd at noon. Weather permitting, we will meet for pizza and garden work. Bring your hand tools, shovels, and kneeling pads! Contact Robin Bown with questions: robinbown@aol.com.



Have you ever thought about writing poetry or prose? Family memories? Stories?

Join the People of the Fearless Pen!

We are a group of writers from Montavilla UMC who meet once a month. Each member of our group does their own writing and has their own goals. We enjoy the marvelous adventure of writing. This leads to a lively, animated discussion as we read our treasures to each other. Join the fun as we discuss our summer writing goals.

Let the Adventure Begin!

Sunday, June 4th, 2 – 4 p.m.

in the Oregon Room at

Parkview Christian Retirement Community

1825 NE 108th Ave, Portland

~ Snacks Provided ~

Submitted By Glenna Brinker



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MONTAVILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Choir Practice (7:00pm)	2	3
4 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Communion Sunday</i> Adult Sunday School (9:00am) Worship; Children's Sunday School; Youth Group (10:30am) Church Life Meeting; Church Council Meeting (12:00pm)	5 Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study (12:00pm) Trustees Meeting (7:00pm)	6 Simple Gifts (6:00pm)	7 Mary Circle (10:00am)	8	9 XYZ Group (12:00pm)	10 WOW Annual Planning Barbecue at Lisa Johnson's (4:00pm – 8:00pm)
11 Adult Sunday School (9:00am) UMW General Meeting (9:00am) Worship; Children's Sunday School (10:30am) Second Sunday Lunch (12:00pm)	12	13	14	15	16 Open Hearts Food Pantry (3:00pm – 6:00pm)	17 Open Hearts Food Pantry (10:00am – 12:00pm)
18 Adult Sunday School (9:00am) Worship; Children's Sunday School; Youth Group (10:30am)	19	20 M&Ms Tilikum Crossing Bridge Walk & Lunch (time TBA)	21	22	23	24 UMW Book Sale
25 Adult Sunday School (9:00am) Worship; Children's Sunday School (10:30am) Finance Committee Meeting (12:00pm)	26	27	28	29	30	

Welcome to this place of rest, laughter, and growth.

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We come here because our questions are respected, our insights are encouraged, and our hunger for mission is shared.

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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.

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, please email montavillaumchurch@gmail.com, or leave an "office note" in the box outside the church office.

UMW Corner



Book Sale

On June 24th, UMW will host a “Books by the Bag” sale in the MUMC parking lot. This fundraiser for UMW will be open to the public, and will include a hot dog lunch for purchase. *Please bring book donations to the church after June 1st. submitted by Turella Woods*

UMW Book Group

The UMW Book Group’s next meeting will be Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 in the church library. Meetings will continue through fall and winter on the third Wednesday of

each month, with discussions about

group-chosen books from the 2017 UMW Reading Program.

So far this year, we read and discussed two spiritual growth books: *Eat with Joy* by Rachel Marie Stone, and *If Eve Only Knew* by Kenrda Weddle Irons and Melanie Springer Mock.

In September, we have chosen a book to discuss from the social action category: *The White Umbrella: Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking*, by Mary Francis Bowley. All are welcome to join us! *submitted by Lindsay Schafer*

Tea for Tacoma

United Methodist Women’s “Tea for Tacoma” will tantalize your taste buds while raising funds for Tacoma Community House in South Seattle.

Tacoma Community House (TCH) is one of 97 National Mission Institutions supported by United Methodist Women. Founded in 1910 with the mission to work with children of Italian immigrants, TCH now works primarily with newcomers from Africa and Russia. Helping immigrants learn English remains a priority but other services are provided, including housing assistance, job placement, referrals to specialized re-credentialing programs, and serving as a “listening ear” when newcomers find life in the U.S. a challenge. Mark your calendars to help us support this important ministry!



Saturday, September 16th

1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Montavilla UMC
Fellowship Hall**

submitted by Becky Warren

Communications Survey

Dear MUMC members,

We want to check in with you about the effectiveness of three periodic church publications (bulletin insert, *Outreach*, and the e-newsletter), and to ensure that announcements and reminders are reaching you! Please take just a few minutes to answer the following questions. One-word answers are fine! You may return a printed copy of the survey to “office notes” box in the library, or complete the survey online at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HWGTM27>. *Please complete the survey by Monday, June 12th.*

How often have you been reading each publication? (Every time? Often? Rarely? Never?)

Bulletin insert:

Outreach (printed? online?):

E-Newsletter:

What do you most look forward to in each publication?

Bulletin insert:

Outreach:

E-Newsletter:

Which publication do you most depend on to keep you informed about upcoming events?

Is there any other feedback you would like to give us about church communications?

This survey was designed to be anonymous. However, you may include your name and contact information if you would like the office to follow up with you about your responses.

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Outreach is published monthly from September to June. Please contact the church office to submit an article or announcement. *The deadline for inclusion in the following month's newsletter is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00am.*

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