



## ***Thoughts from Your Lay Leader. . .***

We just celebrated Pentecost Sunday, so it's the perfect time to focus on the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

Ephesians 5:18b-19 in the King James Version says:

*Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*

Thinking about a particular Bible verse or hymn throughout the day is a wonderful way to be more aware of God's Spirit in our daily lives. As we become more aware of the Spirit working in our hearts, we will begin to reflect the characteristics of God in our daily living.

Galatians 5:22-25 says:

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

I want and need more of the fruit of the Spirit in my life.

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.*

(UMH 393)

~ Terrie Ham

# REOPENING NEWS

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Our last in-person worship service at Gresham United Methodist Church was March 8, 2020. Since then we have attempted to produce worship services that are recorded, edited and then uploaded to our web page and Facebook.

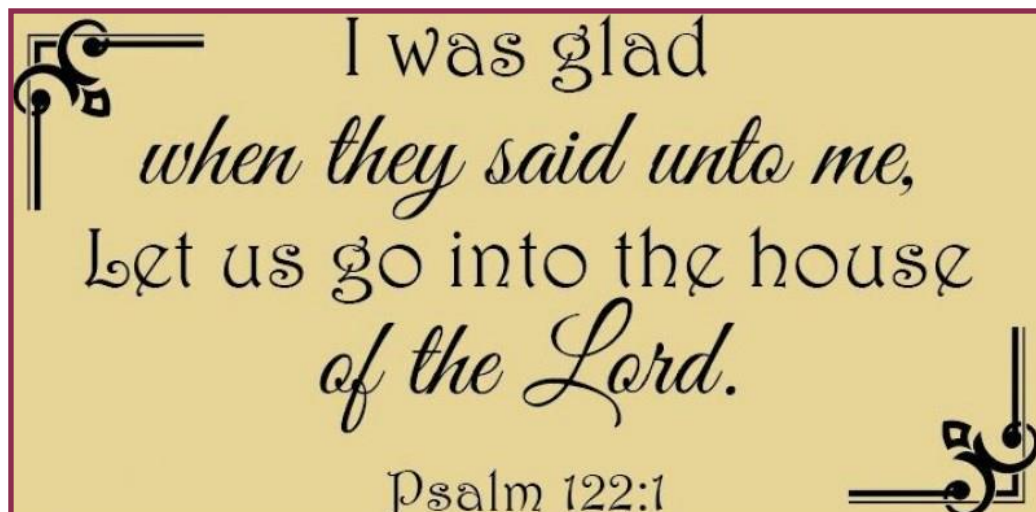
Under the guidelines from the Greater Northwest Episcopal Office, we have navigated the shutdown that did not allow for in-person worship; however, episcopal guidelines have changed, and in-person worship is now an option for congregations. Here is a [LINK](#) for those who want to review the details of the plan.

Local leaders are now given the responsibility to choose what is best for their congregations. Two options were offered for reopening, with one being more limiting than the other. The GUMC Church Council has selected option two, which states that the pastor and church leadership will take responsibility for following federal, state and local rules for safe in-person gatherings.

Pastor Lewis has set a goal for in-person worship to begin June 20th. Space will be limited according to county guidelines, so reservations will be required for those who elect to attend in-person worship. We will be asking you to email or call the church office to reserve space and let us know your vaccination status. As the county guidelines may change from week to week, we will determine how many people can attend the Sunday worship service.

**NOTE:** Online worship will continue to be offered for those who prefer to view the services from home. Gresham UMC will offer both online and in-person worship as part of our continued ministries.

There are many elements that need to be in place to re-start in-person worship. Over the next few weeks, preparations will be underway to welcome you back safely into the space. Additional details will be made available as we get closer to our reopening date.





***“Journeying in Our Faith”* is a series that reminds us that life and spirituality are a journey that requires reflection and awareness. The series explores key times in the history of the people of Israel and their journeys out of periods of struggle.**

**As we emerge from the Covid shut-down, there are lessons to be learned from transitional times in life and society. Emerging from the desert, Israel prepared to cross the Jordan into the mystical “Promised Land.” After the Babylonian exile, Israel faced a time of new discovery and adaptive change. Walls were rebuilt. The temple was reconstructed and the law rediscovered.**

**As we emerge from a global pandemic, we too face a time of new discovery and adaptive change.**

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Part of the church re-opening plan is to offer spiritual course experiences to rebuild our community. While small groups have been offered during the shut-down via zoom, we have been unable to gather in person. A series of in-person experiences is in process and will be offered in June. Groups and classes will be partly outside, partly inside.

Steve will be offering a course entitled ***Journeying Deeper: Lessons from Celtic Christians*** beginning Tuesday, June 15, at 1:00 p.m. The class will run weekly for six to seven weeks and consist of a video segment to be viewed prior to meeting, in-class conversation and exercises, and a time of prayer led by laity. This is an interactive class that requires engagement from participants. At least two field trips are part of the course: the labyrinth at Saint Luke Episcopal, and The Grotto. If you are interested, please contact the office to sign up for the class. (503-665-1192 or [office@greshamumc.com](mailto:office@greshamumc.com))

## Monday Food Box Distribution at GUMC

By Doulas Latinas



**GUMC Women  
Play in the Park!**



# The Common Good Garden

*The season begins. . .*



## 2021 QuadW PROGRAM POSTONED



The 2021-21 year has been a struggle on many levels. Recruiting and retaining QuadW interns is another element of the disconnected world over the last year. Our intern numbers had dropped from the normal 8-12 needed to run the program effectively to just a few participants. While safety was less a concern as vaccines increased and mask-wearing is relaxed, the low numbers became prohibitive to the program's success. The QuadW national director and Steve agreed to postpone the PDX program until 2022.

We are greatly saddened by the cancellation; however, it is the right thing to do at this point. QuadW has been a vital program at Gresham United Methodist Church since 2015. It has empowered our connection to both the Gresham and Rockwood communities.

Volunteers are welcome to assist in two of our summer programs at the Rockwood Center that were part of the QuadW program. We have a kids' sewing program scheduled for late June, and the Comic Book Super Hero camp during the month of July. More details will follow.

**The Affirmation & Equality Ministry** (formerly Reconciling Ministries Team) will host a fun, safe and affirming run/walk on **Saturday, June 26**. The event will benefit **New Avenues for Youth**, a nonprofit which provides resources to unhoused LGBTQ2SIA+ youth.

The run/walk will route from the church through downtown Gresham and back, and is around three miles long. Those interested can take a stamp card at registration and collect stamps from participating businesses for the chance to earn a prize. The first six participants back to the church with filled stamp cards will receive a prize. Prizes vary and winners will be able to choose on a first-come first-served basis.

Entry is by donation of one non-perishable or hygiene item from the provided list. All donations go to NAFY. Donations will be collected at the event.

Arrive at Gresham UMC by 10:30 a.m. on June 26 to sign in or register in person. There will be a sidewalk chalk activity for children to participate in while adults sign in. At 11:00 a.m. there will be opening remarks and runners and walkers will be sent off down Division Street toward downtown.

The AEM is still looking for volunteers to help hand out water, sign people, cheer people on, etc. If you are interested in volunteering and/or in participating in the event, contact AEM Chairperson Brittany Allen at [aemrain-bowfunrun@gmail.com](mailto:aemrain-bowfunrun@gmail.com).



### Priority Donations for NAFY include:

- \* New, travel-sized hygiene items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc. (in original packaging)
- \* New art supplies, including sewing kits, painting supplies, colored pencils, etc.
- \* Snacks: juices, crackers, cookies (nonperishable and gluten-free options appreciated)
- \* Undergarments, new and in original package

# HYMNS OF THE FAITH

## *“Be Thou My Vision”*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Only one missionary is honored with a global holiday, and only one is known by his own distinct color of green — St. Patrick, of course, missionary to Ireland.

Patrick was born in A.D. 373, along the banks of the River Clyde in what is now Scotland. His father was a deacon, and his grandfather a priest. When Patrick was about 16, raiders descended on his little town and torched his home. When one of the pirates spotted him in the bushes, he was seized, hauled aboard ship, and taken to Ireland as a slave. There he gave his life to the Lord Jesus.

“The Lord opened my mind to an awareness of my unbelief,” he later wrote, “in order that I might remember my transgressions and turn with all my heart to the Lord my God.”

Patrick eventually escaped and returned home. His overjoyed family begged him to never leave again. But one night, in a dream reminiscent of Paul’s vision of the Macedonian man in Acts 16, Patrick saw an Irishman pleading with him to come evangelize Ireland.

It wasn’t an easy decision, but Patrick, now about 30, returned to his former captors with only one book, the Latin Bible, in his hand. As he evangelized the countryside, multitudes came to listen. The superstitious Druids opposed him and sought his death. But his preaching was powerful, and Patrick became one of the most fruitful evangelists of all time, planting about 200 churches and baptizing 100,000 converts.

His work endured, and several centuries later, the Irish church was still producing hymns, prayers, sermons, and songs of worship. In the eighth century an unknown poet wrote a prayer asking God to be his Vision, his Wisdom, and his Best Thought by day or night.

In 1905, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, a scholar in Dublin, translated this ancient Irish poem into English. Another scholar, Eleanor Hull of Manchester, England, took Byrne’s translation and crafted it into verses with rhyme and meter. Shortly thereafter it was set to a traditional Irish folk song, “Slane,” named for an area in Ireland where Patrick reportedly challenged local Druids with the Gospel.

It is one of our oldest and most moving hymns.

*Be thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*By Robert J. Morgan in “Then Sings My Soul”*

# DRIVE-THRU FAREWELL

for

TRISTA WYNNE

(and Matthew & Earl)

Sunday, May 30

11:00 AM

Come by the church to express your appreciation for Trista's ministry in our midst.



## GODSPEED!

**It's Back!!**

## SOLVE-IT-SATURDAY

SATURDAY ~ JUNE 12 ~ 8:00 AM

Our first time back together will not involve any work as we just want to reconnect and take in Bible scripture to reground us and start anew.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

## LET'S DO LUNCH

Thursday - June 17 - 12:00 Noon  
On the church lawn near the Common Good Garden

Let's Do Lunch is open to ALL (not just ladies)!  
We plan to meet the 3rd Thursday of the month,  
at least through September.

Bring...  
> a sack lunch  
> a lawn chair

*join the fun!*

# June

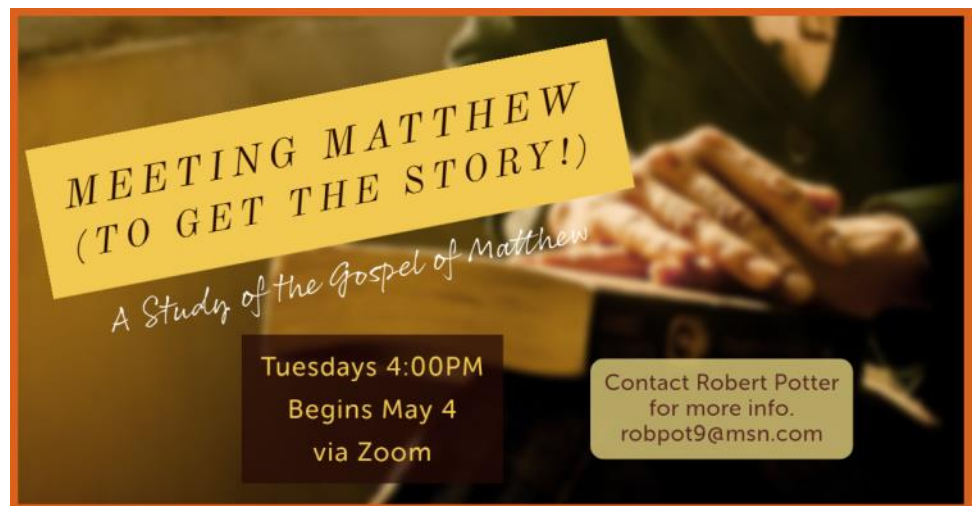
## BIRTHDAYS

Daren Scot Wilson  
Buddy Magistrado  
Emily Taylor  
Roz Collins  
Byron Wills  
Jerre King  
Jennifer Walton  
Jane Jacobsen  
Jamie Jacobsen  
Carlie Ross  
Brian White  
Steve Ross  
Nathan Jenner  
Therese Wall  
Clarissa Jenner  
Willard Kleen  
Trista Wynne



## ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Julie Aalbers  
Gary & Barbara Barnard  
Clark & Ruth Hoffmann  
Byron & Carol Wills  
Dave & Jane Jacobsen



## WOMEN SERVING WOMEN!

We don't know if we will be allowed to serve a meal in person, but we know we can provide a delicious buffet at the Women's shelter on

### Tuesday, June 22nd!

We will be purchasing fried chicken as the main entrée, but we will need 3 vegetable side dishes, 3 fruit salads or platters, 3 pasta or potato salads, 2 batches of cookies (at least 2 dozen each) and lemonade or iced tea mix.

Please contact **Carol Potter** by June 14th if you can provide any of the above.

[clpotter38@yahoo.com](mailto:clpotter38@yahoo.com)

503-408-6865

Food for the meal will be picked up at the church at 5:30 and delivered to the shelter. Please use non-return dishes.



JUNETEENTH is the oldest of all African American celebrations. It commemorates the day of June 19, 1865, when African Americans in Texas first learned of their freedom from slavery under the Emancipation Proclamation which had gone into effect on January 1, 1863, more than two years earlier. On June 19, 1865, after General Lee's surrender, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and informed the slaves of their freedom.

The celebrations that followed this announcement were begun and many continued into the 20th and 21st centuries. Celebrations have included parades, picnics, dancing, sporting events, music, plays, story-telling, inspirational speeches, prayer services and the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Juneteenth has never become a recognized national holiday, but fourteen states have declared it to be an official state holiday. **On April 9, 2021, Oregon officially recognized Juneteenth to be a 'formal state holiday!'** Washington state also declare Juneteenth to be a recognized state holiday on May 19, 2021.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### MISSION U IS COMING TO YOU ONLINE via ZOOM!

Plan to attend this FREE learning experience in the comfort of your own home. Classes begin Friday, July 9 and end Saturday afternoon, July 10. Choose from one of two studies:

1. "Pushout" led by LaVerne Lewis\*\*
2. "Bearing Witness in the Kingdom" led by Jenny Willison Hirst

Choose from two dates:

July 8 (Thursday evening) to July 10 (Saturday noon)

or

July 29 (Thursday evening) to July 31 (Saturday noon)

**\*\*NOTE**—This is LaVerne Lewis from GUMC. We urge you to support LaVerne by taking the "Pushout" study on either date. We know she is good! You can order the textbook, "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" by Monique Morris online from most any book source.

### KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO

**Monday, June 7, 9:30 AM** —the needle-workers will meet IN PERSON(!), wearing masks, in the west fellowship area of the church. New knitters and crocheters are welcome!

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**RETELL** reading group will meet via zoom on **June 21 at 10:00** to discuss "*Ordinary Grace*" by William Kent Kruger.

Future reads include:

July: "*Book of Lost Friends*" by Lisa Wingate

August—"The Pull of the Stars" by Emma Donaghue

### USE THE BIRTHDAY LIST

A good way to stay connected with friends at church is to use the Women's Fellowship birthday list that was sent out to most women. Send a card or email, or make a Happy Birthday phone call to let your friends know that you are thinking of them on their special day.

If you did not receive a birthday list in the mail, call or email Carol Potter and she will send you one.

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### *Gresham Women Are Thankful Women!*

Yes, the new COVID restrictions are giving us the freedom to meet and greet our friends and gather in small groups. But we still need to protect the unvaccinated and those vulnerable to infections. We should still wear masks a little longer.

But there is now "light at the end of the tunnel!"

**FEED YOUR THANK OFFERING IN APPRECIATION OF THESE LESS RESTRICTIVE DIRECTIVES!**



## **IT'S WARM NOW... BUT THINK "COOL"**

The women of GUMC have been challenged to once again use our talents to make blankets for the Family Shelter and clients of SnowCap.

Blankets can be pieced or tied, made of flannel or percale or fleece, and can be any of the following sizes: 45"x45", 45"x60" or twin size, 56"x84".

The blankets will be collected before September 1 and will be displayed at the UMW Annual Meeting in the fall. The blankets will be taken to the Family Shelter and Snow-Cap when the weather turns cool again. Contact Sue Andersen or Roz Collins if you have questions.



## **YOUR PLEDGE MONEY GOES AROUND THE WORLD!**

When you make a PLEDGE TO MISSION, some of your money goes to support seven regional missionaries who are part of United Methodist Women's International Ministries. These women develop programs and network connections within their areas that reflect the needs and priorities of the local women.

These missionaries work in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. They provide leadership training

programs for local women so they can learn to work together to address the social and economic challenges facing them in their local situations. Together with local women, these area missionaries work to overcome social justice challenges, gain access to rights and equal opportunities, and influence policy on many areas of women's lives.

Programs that address the social and economic effects of HIV/AIDS, gender-based violence, and maternal health are examples of the kinds of programs that these women begin and support.

The Regional Missionaries develop programs that empower local women with tools to address:

- ⇒ Needs in their communities
- ⇒ Find income security
- ⇒ Education for the uprooted and marginalized
- ⇒ Gender equality
- ⇒ Support for victims of prostitution and human trafficking
- ⇒ Education for women and girls
- ⇒ Network development
- ⇒ Christian witness to their neighbors

Isn't it nice to know that your money goes places in the world you would or could never go?! Just think of how many lives your pledge money touches by providing programs to make life better for women and children and youth around the world!

**Thank You!**



Worship Online  
Virtual worship services are posted  
each Sunday on the church's  
website: Greshamumc.com.



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