

SEPTEMBER

News from Gresham UMC

Celebrating September Birthdays!

What:

A celebration for those with birthdays
in September

When:

Sunday, Sept 20, 11:00 am

Where:

GUMC ~ under the trees

Covid-19 guidelines in place

Social distancing and masks required

Bring a lawn chair if you're able

RSVP to Dottie Lauritzen (503-489-5488)

dorothylauritz@comcast.net



Congratulations!



Welcome

Adelyn Renee Watson

Born August 23

7# 5 oz.

Parents: Lindsey and Gene Watson

Proud Grandparents: Steve + Renee Lewis

BIRTHDAYS

Laura Kline

Joanne Stewart

William Benoit

Joanne Ross

Jada Strathern

Cecil Miller

Kristin White

Wendall Wall

Alex Epp

Jeffrey Campbell

Evan White

Wendy Hull

Korbin Bullock

Laurel Grimsted

Dave Jacobsen

Suzanne Symons

Kaylee Aalbers

Andrew White

Ron Gustafson

September



ANNIVERSARIES

Justin & Kadie Ross

Steve & Joanne Ross

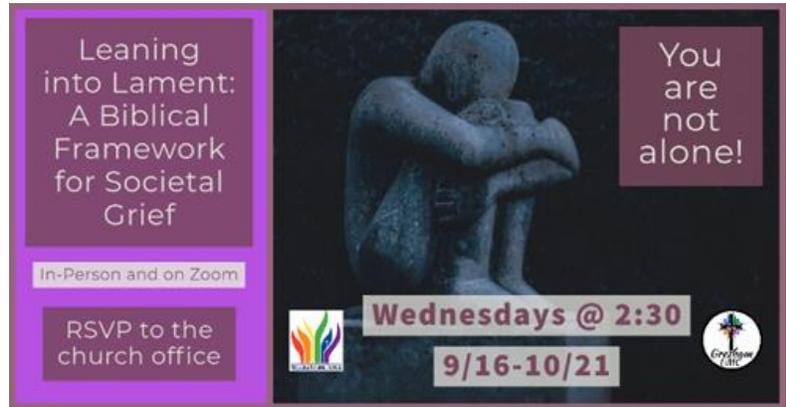
Marlan & Barbara Rohlena

Mark & Kay Grimsted

Larry Crawford & Loretta Woodrum

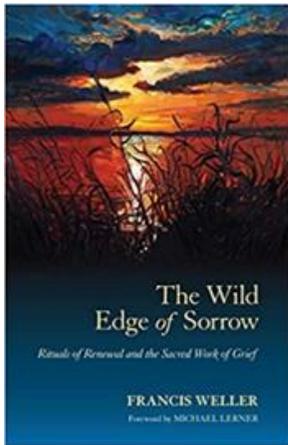
Leaning into Lament: A Biblical Framework for Societal Grief

The signs are all around us. We are longing for something to heal, and yet it seems that every day some new bit of a festering wound in our society is uncovered. It is difficult to look at, and hard to digest on our own. We find ourselves turning away, tuning out, shutting the door, or removing ourselves from social media. The very outlet that has kept us connected seems to bring more grief than joy. Yet, when we take time to write notes to one another, to pick up the phone and share from the heart, or to meet in small groups that are in a healthy distance outdoors, we begin to *feel* again. There is still grief, but it is shared, and so it feels lighter.



With this in mind, Trista Wynne, our Assistant Pastor, who is also a trained End-of-Life Doula, has brought together a series of stories for us to explore from the Biblical narratives that can help us to unpack our collective grief. Our “Leaning into Lament” study will be offered in a hybrid-style format. A small number of people can sign up to meet in person. The computer and camera will be set up in the Fireside room so that anyone who desires may also join the class via Zoom internet call. Diane O’Malley will be facilitating the online portion and providing technical support. Please contact the church office, or email Trista if you are interested in joining, or if you would like to know more about the class.

We will meet Wednesdays at 2:30 pm for 6 weeks beginning on September 16th.



What is on Your Shelf?

One of the books that Trista has been reading is [The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred Work of Grief](#) by Francis Weller. If you would like to join in a small group discussion, pick up a copy of the book from your favorite bookseller and send Trista an email or call the church office. We will discuss the book via Zoom in early October.

Feel Free to Call Us!

One of the beautiful gifts of the Zoom platform is that you can also call in to listen and participate via telephone. If you are interested in joining any of our Zoom classes or meetings, *but do not have access to the internet*, you can call the church office, or Trista or Steve and we can give you the information you need in order to access your meeting of choice. Please call a day in advance so we can get you connected in time!



Weekly Prayer Time

Mondays 11:30
 Now meeting in person
 under the cedar, south parking lot
 Call Trista with questions
 503-380-4164

PRAYER TIME

We have been meeting in person under the grand cedar by the south parking lot. This small group lifts up the prayer requests of our community every week. Please send your prayer requests to the office, or to Trista, via email (trista@greshamumc.com)

TEA TIME WITH TRISTA

We meet under the cherry trees and sit with plenty of space between us. Please bring something to sit on, an open heart and a willingness to explore where the Spirit is leading in these times. This is a purely social gathering.



MEET UNDER THE CHERRY TREES!

TEA TIME WITH TRISTA TUESDAYS AT 2

Please bring:

- a desire to connect
- a drink of your choosing
- something to sit on
- a listening ear

CONNECT IN PERSON!



BREWS AND BIBLE

Brews & Bible is now happening via Zoom online on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from **6:00-7:00 pm**, and will feature guest leaders along with Steve and Trista.

Join us in September . . . **September 10 and 24.**

Zoom link will be sent via email on the day of the event.



FRESH FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

Fridays 9:00 AM until gone
 St. Henry's Catholic Church
 346 NW 1st, Gresham

Boxes available to anyone

If you would like a box, but are unable to pick it up, we'll be happy to deliver one to you.
 Call the office 503-665-1192 or Trista 503-380-4164

HYMNS OF THE FAITH

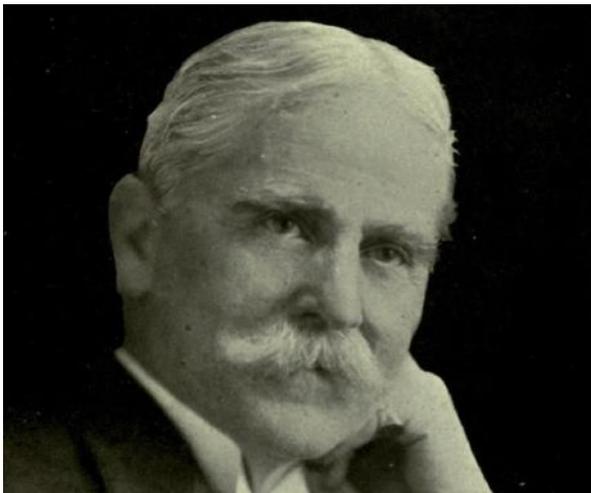
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Born in Pennsylvania in 1852, Henry Jackson van Dyke became pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. He later became professor of English literature at Princeton, was the author of a number of books, and served in a variety of eminent positions, including as American Ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg, appointed by President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1907, Henry van Dyke was invited to preach at Williams College in Massachusetts. At breakfast one morning, he handed the college president a piece of paper, saying, "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains [the Berkshires] were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn of Joy.'"

When he was later asked about this hymn, van Dyke replied: "These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time—hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age, and are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

~ from "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan



*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!*

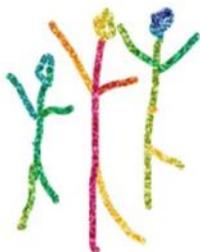
*Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest;
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other;
Lift us to the joy divine.*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the Food Distributions on September 9 and 23 at Centennial High School on SE 182nd Avenue. Shift times are either **11:00 am—1:00 pm (bagging items)** or **3:30—6:00 pm (distribution to clients)**, and you are welcome to choose the best option for yourself.

Please contact Kathy Kari to volunteer or ask questions: 630-632-2879 or tklady@aol.com



Wellness Education Ministry

**Join us for Fun and Fellowship
Outdoors!**

Faith Based Fitness Classes

Monday and Thursday

10:00 to 10:45 am

Gresham United Methodist Church

South Parking Lot

limited to 20 Participants, spaced 6' apart

A complete workout for body, mind and spirit

All fitness levels are welcome!

Questions? contact Diane O'Malley

503-888-6423, 11domalley@gmail.com



EDUCATION — ADVOCACY — ACTION

Peace and Justice Team Virtual Forums

TOPIC: "BE AN INFORMED VOTER"

Come and hear information on voter registration, voting online, where to drop off your ballot, mailing in your ballots, due dates; and relevant issues on the Oregon ballot in Education for K-12 and Higher Ed. - Bring your questions!

Sunday, September 20th - 2:00 to 3:30 PM



****Forum Presenters****



Catherine McMullen, MLIS, EMPA

Voter Education Specialist - Multnomah County Elections



Annette Mattson, Director

Vice-Chair, Mt. Hood Community College Board of Trustees

- 1:30 – Early log-in if you need to check your system
- 1:45 – Fellowship-Social Time
- 2:00 – 3:30 Forum

Zoom Link: [CLICK HERE](#) Password: Contact Treasurer@greshamumc.com

Contact GUMC Office if you have questions: 503.665.1192

You may phone-in and participate (253 215 8782) if video zoom isn't an option.
Everyone is invited to attend the Peace and Justice Forum



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WOMEN'S NEWS

September 2020

Joanne Stewart Wins

The Charter for Racial Justice Award

Every year the United Methodist Women of the Oregon/Idaho Conference gives an award of recognition to a woman or group that has promoted the principles of the United Methodist **Charter for Racial Justice**. We are proud to announce that GUMC's own Joanne Stewart has been selected to receive the award this year.

Joanne researched and developed a program: **"An Abbreviated History of the African American Experience in Oregon."** In writing the script, Joanne brings attention to the treatment of Black people in Oregon, dating from 1788 to present times. She documents her story

a slide presentation to introduce us to Oregon's treatment of pioneer Black persons as slaves, as well as Black leaders in Oregon's history who fought against discrimination. Joanne raises our awareness to the contributions African Americans have made to Oregon through their discoveries and inventions, their talents in the arts, and their services as public servants. Joanne also tells some of her personal experiences of discrimination as a Black woman living in Portland today.

Joanne has presented her program several times to diverse audiences: The Eastmont Church Women United, the Multnomah County AAUW, Concorde Practical Nursing School, and Gresham UMC United Methodist Women.

With her presentation, Joanne has inspired our Gresham church women to look deeper into our own participation in prejudices and practices that discriminate against people of color. She challenges us to study, understand, and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions that African Americans and other people of color have made to the church and to our community.



Congratulations, Joanne!

We celebrate with you!

We are so proud of you!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On September 4th, at 10:00 am, Eastmont Church Women United will host a Zoom meeting for CW members and guests. “Snippets” of the CWU celebrations will be presented, highlighting many things currently going on in our lives: Covid-19, fall elections, Black Lives Matter demonstrations, human rights (immigration problems). If you would like to receive an “invitation” to participate in this Zoom meeting, please contact Roz Collins at rcol2000@aol.com.

Columbia District United Methodist Women will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom on **Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 to 11:30**. The meeting will consist of:

- Program: “School to Prison Pipeline” - and how it especially affects girls and women of color, by Gloria Marple.
- A video of the blankets made in Columbia District for “at risk” children
- A time of remembrance for women in our churches who have passed away | this past year (none in GUMC)

Plan to attend this meeting in the comfort of your own home! The Zoom invitation will come out via E-MAIL BLAST closer to the actual date. Watch for it! If you have not been receiving news from the Columbia District UMW, contact Sue Andersen to be sure you receive this important invitation. Contact Sue at sueandsen@aol.com or 503-341-8697.

A MYSTERY KNITTER!

Three beautiful Prayer Shawls were found in the closet that Knit One knitting group uses in Room 101. But we don't know who put them there! One is a baby pink shawl with fringe; one is a brilliant orange in a basket weaver pattern; one is with plain blue and multi-colored strips. **Will the knitter please identify herself!?!?** Call Carol Potter (503-408-6865) or Roz Collins (503-618-9999).

BOOK CART

If you have a book from the UMW Reading cart, you can return it anytime the church office is open. Many books have been checked out, and by returning them soon, other women will have a chance to read them. If you would like to check out a book from the cart, you can do that, too. Just wear a mask while inside the church. Check with the church office to be sure the church is open before you come (503-665-1192).

THE CHALLENGE TO MAKE BLANKETS!

Shortly before the first of year 2020, the United Methodist Women of the OR/ID Conference joined women from the Pacific Northwest and the Alaska Conferences to accept the challenge to make blankets for “children at risk.” The goal for our OR/ID Conference was to make 160 blankets . . . 40 from each district.

The original plan was to bring the blankets to the combined Annual Conference meeting of all three conferences in June. The blankets were then to be divided among the districts in each conference for distribution to agencies that benefit or work with at risk children of all ages. The blankets could be quilted, knitted, crocheted, or made from fleece. Suggested dimensions for the quilts were 45”x45”, 45”x60”, or for a twin-sized bed.

Of course, the Covid-19 pandemic changed all these plans! But the women of Gresham GUMC got busy and created 25 blankets of various sizes to give to this mission project! Each church will now decide where their blankets go so they can best be used. Our baby/crib blankets will go to SnowCap for gift boxes put together for newborns and their mothers. The remainder of larger-sized blankets will go to the Human Solutions Family Shelter that houses up to 120 persons.

Pictures have been taken of the blankets made by GUMC women, and these photos will be made into a slide show for the UMW district meetings held in September and the UMW Annual Conference Meeting in October. We say “THANK YOU” to the women of GUMC who gave of their time and creative efforts to provide this generous donation to children at risk: Sue Andersen, Roz Collins, Cynthia Flynn, Diane O’Malley, Catherine Nicewood, Carol Potter, and Sharon Rich. We know the blankets will be greatly appreciated when the weather turns cooler this Fall.





Gresham United Methodist Church
Performance Budget 2020
 January through July 2020

	<u>Jan - Jul 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Pledged Giving	122,279.86	210,200.00	58.2%
Non-Pledged Giving	21,596.00	32,000.00	67.5%
Loose Plate Offering	1,038.00	4,000.00	26.0%
MHCC Headstart Preschool	6,465.00	16,000.00	40.4%
MHCC Headstart Preschool Upper	10,545.00	20,000.00	52.7%
Building Usage	4,101.77	10,000.00	41.0%
Unrestrict Endowment (Salary)	3,750.00	7,500.00	50.0%
Malcolm Endowment/Music-Worship	0.00	2,400.00	0.0%
Hougen Endowment/Meals Ministry	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Fanning Endowment/Bldg Maint	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Misc. Income	548.33	500.00	109.7%
Shortfall Transfer from Reserve	0.00	12,925.96	0.0%
Total Income	<u>170,323.96</u>	<u>317,525.96</u>	<u>53.6%</u>
Gross Profit	170,323.96	317,525.96	53.6%
Expense			
Apportionments-Mand	20,927.01	41,854.00	50.0%
Pastor Compensation	60,284.55	102,750.96	58.7%
Compensation-Staff	42,603.90	92,960.00	45.8%
Tax	3,955.82	8,930.00	44.3%
Trustees			
Property/Grounds Maintenance	0.00	200.00	0.0%
Insurance-Building	8,603.50	12,000.00	71.7%
Janitorial Supplies	1,000.07	2,000.00	50.0%
Utilities-Electricity	4,804.41	12,000.00	40.0%
Utilities-Natural Gas	2,911.70	7,000.00	41.6%
Utilities-Telephone	1,042.24	2,600.00	40.1%
Utilities-Waste Disposal	1,105.66	2,500.00	44.2%
Utilities-Water, Sewer	6,177.14	10,000.00	61.8%
Van - Passenger	127.75	1,000.00	12.8%
Total Trustees	<u>25,772.47</u>	<u>49,300.00</u>	<u>52.3%</u>
Office Operations	5,799.00	9,006.00	64.4%
Programs/Ministries			
Conference Lay Member	0.00	250.00	0.0%
Covenant Missionary	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Education	134.69	600.00	22.4%
Media/TechnologyAdvertising	593.87	1,800.00	33.0%
Missions Team	25.03	500.00	5.0%
Music/Ministries 9 AM	0.00	200.00	0.0%
Music/ Ministries 11 AM	822.79	1,200.00	68.6%
Peace and Justice Team	50.00	500.00	10.0%
Shelter Meals Ministry	714.99	3,600.00	19.9%
Sunday Fellowships	333.80	700.00	47.7%
Reconciling Ministries Team	221.77	800.00	27.7%
Worship	518.73	925.00	56.1%
Total Programs/Ministries	<u>3,415.67</u>	<u>12,575.00</u>	<u>27.2%</u>
Bank Charge	47.54	150.00	31.7%
Total Expense	<u>162,805.96</u>	<u>317,525.96</u>	<u>51.3%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>7,518.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>7,518.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>100.0%</u></u>

Worship Online

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



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