



July
2021

NEWS FROM GRESHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us!

**AFTER WORSHIP ON
SUNDAY, JULY 4**

**ALL FOOD AND DRINKS
PROVIDED.**

**JUST BRING YOUR LAWN
CHAIR AND ENJOY THE FOOD
AND FELLOWSHIP!**



**4TH of JULY
BBQ**



O say. can you see. . .

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dr. Steve Lewis

Thank You!

On behalf of Gresham United Methodist Church, I would like to thank Jackie Scott for her outstanding service over the past three years. I have had the privilege of knowing Jackie since 1994 when I came to Warner Pacific College as a junior faculty member. Her professionalism, intuition, attention to detail and problem-solving skills are among the best. Jackie was highly flexible during the shut-down and instrumental in advising me and other leaders in our reopening plans. She was responsible for our receiving the church van as a gift from her home congregation, Lynchwood Church of God. Jackie will be assuming the lead office position at her church in July.

Please join me in thanking Jackie for her service to Gresham UMC.



On **Sunday, August 1**, we will hold a service to honor those whom we have lost during our congregational shut down. The service will be a time of storytelling, honoring and acknowledging those who have been lost.

Anyone who would like to add the name of a loved one to the list of those to be honored is invited to do so by July 26th.

If you are able to provide a picture of your loved one to be shown during the service, please submit that by July 26th as well.

SUMMER HIATUS



BREWS & BIBLE will take the months of July and August off—and return in September with the hopes of in-person gatherings.

Enjoy the summer!

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Terrie Ham

Love Never Ends was the theme of the 2021 Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Session which began on June 20 on Zoom. Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky is currently presiding over the new "Greater Northwest Area." This encompasses Alaska, Oregon-Idaho, and the Pacific Northwest Conferences.

The opening session focused on the wonderful work the Disaster Response Team was able to accomplish this past year in spite of all the challenges of Covid shut-downs. A food distribution ministry in Willow, Alaska, which feeds one-third of the population, was highlighted. Also featured was the return of ancestral lands to the Nez Perce Tribe in Wallowa, Oregon, by the United Methodist Church. It was very encouraging to hear about all the ways the UMC is working to show God's love to the world around us.



If you would like someone to pray with you, or pray about a situation, but don't want to put it on the prayer chain, please contact Tina Heal or Terrie Ham. They meet together every week to pray for the needs of the church and for many other concerns.

Terrie: 503-351-6579 or terrieh123@gmail.com

Tina: 541-840-6306 or tmheal@gmail.com

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The Gospels are filled with stories, parables and teachings about the Kingdom of God. It is central to the teachings of Jesus and a topic of debate over the millennia. Generations have interpreted the idea of the Kingdom in a variety of ways that reflect specific times and cultures.

As we emerge from a global pandemic and re-enter society, it is necessary for Christians to consider the teachings of Jesus about the Kingdom of God and how we both understand and embody the Kingdom of God.

The current divisions within Christianity complicate our ability to articulate a central, Christian understanding of the Kingdom of God that would invited others to engage in our society. The sermon series will examine the teachings of Jesus and how we are shapers, as well as keepers, of the Kingdom of God.





Lily Sweeney

Gresham High School

Lily is the daughter of Marie Marianiello, and plans to attend Mt Hood Community College in the fall.

Katie Fisher

Sandy High School

Katie is the granddaughter of Jodell & Paul Ricker, and will be attending Oregon State University.

Henry Unger

Milwaukie High School

Henry is the grandson of Terry and Carolann Unger. He will be attending MHCC and working at Make It Light Care Center for handicapped adults.



Our GUMC Church Council has been doing an intensive study of “Whiteness, Race and Racism” for the past year.

There is a report about this effort and the Action Planning which will be the next component.

We would like for interested congregation members to see the report and join the Action Planning work which will begin in the Fall. Report folders are available to check out from the Church office.

Contact Katie Kissinger for further information.

Email: kissingerkatie1@gmail.com

“AMERICA”

“My Country 'Tis of Thee”

*My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side, let freedom ring.*

This patriotic hymn was written by **Samuel Francis Smith**, a native Bostonian, born on October 1, 1808. After attending Boston Latin School, he enrolled in Harvard, then attended Andover Seminary. While there, Samuel became fascinated by the work of Adoniram Judson, America's first missionary, and he developed a lifelong passion for world evangelism.

It was also during Samuel's first year at Andover that hymn publisher Lowell Mason sought his help. Mason had a stack of German songs and materials needing translation. Learning that Samuel was proficient in German, he recruited the young student to translate them.

On a cold February afternoon, Samuel sat in his sparsely furnished room, pouring over the materials. He was struck by the words of “Gott segne Sachsenland” (“God Bless our Saxon Land”), set to the tune we know as “America” (used in Great Britain for “God Save the Queen”).



“I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own adapted to this tune,” Samuel later said. “Picking up a scrap of paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn, ‘America’ as it is now known.”

A friend, William Jenks, took a copy to the pastor of Boston's Park Street Congregational Church. There, “America” was first sung by the Juvenile Choir at a Sunday School Rally on July 4, 1831.

In the years that followed, Samuel Francis Smith grew into a powerful Baptist preacher, pastor, college professor, hymnist, linguist, writer and missionary advocate. He traveled the world in support of evangelism, and he rejoiced when his son became a missionary to Rangoon. Samuel lived to a ripe old age and remained active until the end. He died suddenly, in his late eighties, at the Boston train station en route to a preaching appointment.

Smith has always been most revered for the patriotic hymn he wrote as a 23-year-old student. As his friend and Harvard classmate, Oliver Wendell Holmes, put it at a class reunion:

*And there's a nice youngster of excellent pith,
Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith;
But he shouted a song for the brave and the free,
Just read on his medal, “My country, of thee!”*

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

WOMEN'S SHELTER MEAL

July 27th is the next Women's Shelter meal potluck dinner.

Please call or email Kathy Kari if you are able to donate a salad, beverage, fruit, or dessert.

Drop off can be to either the shelter itself or to the church at 5:15 — whichever is more convenient for you.

Thank you!

Kathy Kari (630-632-2879 or tklady@aol.com)



Thank you to everyone for your kind words, cards and flowers. Your expressions of love are warmly felt as my family and I mourn the loss of our brother, Henry Keith Vaughn.

LaVerne Lewis

A promotional graphic for "Solve-It-Saturday" featuring a background of hands working with tools. The text includes "BREAKFAST TACOS", "SOLVE-IT-SATURDAY", "SATURDAY ~ JULY 10 ~ 8:00 AM", "BIBLE STUDY WITH ROBERT POTTER", and "KICKING OFF OUR HELPING HANDS MINISTRY!".

BREAKFAST TACOS

SOLVE-IT-SATURDAY

SATURDAY ~ JULY 10 ~ 8:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY WITH ROBERT POTTER

KICKING OFF OUR HELPING HANDS MINISTRY!

July

BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Davis
Judie Kissinger
Jean Moore
Thomas Flynn
Justin Ross
Carol Reeve
Solveig Nyberg
Alan Bailey
Katherine Horswell
Deana Strathern
Sue Andersen
Don Freeman
Mary Kissinger
Avery White
Vivian McCoy

ANNIVERSARIES

Lynn & Kathy Stafford
Chuck & Linda Harrison
Cecil & Gil Miller
Truman & Hannah Grandey
Jeff Reardon & Annette Mattson
Pete & Judy White
Larry Crawford & Loretta Woodrum
Nathan & Tricia Jenner
Clark & Ruth Hofmann
Curt Cassingham & Bonnie Meeder



Spiritual Growth Class

JOURNEYING
DEEPER:
LESSONS FROM
CELTIC CHRISTIANS

with Dr. Steve Lewis

June 15 - July 20
Tuesdays @ 1 PM
In-Person and
via Zoom

...an interactive class
to include video and
field trip experiences

Contact the church
office to sign up



LET'S DO
LUNCH

THURSDAY JULY 15
12:00 Noon
On the church grounds

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

Join the fun!



MEETING MATTHEW
(TO GET THE STORY!)

A Study of the Gospel of Matthew

Tuesdays 4:00PM
May 4 ~ July 27
via Zoom

Contact Robert Potter
for more info.
robpot9@msn.com

Sign up for this virtual learning experience
(free, from the comfort of your own home!)

MISSION U!

Sponsored by United Methodist Women

Choose your date:

> July 8, 9, 10

> July 29, 30, 31

Choose your study:

> **"PushOut, The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools"**

> **"Bearing Witness in the Kin-Dom"**

There will be 2 hours of instruction Friday morning, Friday afternoon, and Friday evening.

The last class will be Saturday morning. The Zoom-in times and other instructions will be sent to you after you register.



LaVerne Lewis from Gresham UMC is teaching the "PushOut" class! We are proud to have LaVerne teaching this study... and we encourage you to register to take this course. We know LaVerne is a good teacher

and she is sure to present a top notch class experience!

LaVerne is highly qualified to teach this course. As a woman with a career in law enforcement and as a member of the Mt Hood Community College Board of Directors, LaVerne knows what is needed to make quality education available to ALL students so that every student has an equal opportunity to achieve success in life.

TO REGISTER: Contact **Sue Andersen** (503-341-8697 / sueandsen@aol.com) or **Roz Collins** (504-618-9999 / rcol2000@aol.com) They will help you register online for this exciting offer at the UMW MissionU!

News from NEPAL



The latest word from Katherine Parker, UMC Missionary to Nepal, is that Katherine returned to Nepal in March after spending a year in California with her parents due to the pandemic. Nepal is officially "shut down" again, but she was able to squeeze in during a brief period between flight restrictions.

Katherine returned to some very difficult conditions... opening up her apartment that has some serious structural and operational problems; buying enough food each week; health problems due to pollution and reactions to the Covid shots; and picking up projects that she was involved in before coming to the U.S. on assignment. The nation itself lacks supplies to combat an alarming spike in Covid cases, and support services for those suffering and grieving are almost on-existent.

PLEASE KEEP KATHERINE PARKER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS!

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO will meet in person at the church on **Monday, July 5th, at 9:30 a.m.** New knitters and crocheters are welcome! Anyone can request a Prayer Shawl by contacting a member of this knitting group: Carol Potter, Roz Collins, Sharon Rich, Pat Woolsey, Pages Tiegen, Catherine Nicewood.

LET'S DO LUNCH is planning to meet OUTSIDE on the third Thursdays of the month... July 15, August 19 and September 16. Bring your sack lunch and a lawn chair.

RETELL READING GROUP will meet on Monday, July 19th, at 10:00 to discuss "Book of Lost Friends" by Lisa Wingate. The discussion will take place at the church in person AND via Zoom—the choice is yours! Please notify Sue Andersen as to how you wish to participate.

SNOWCAP is opening up its clothing room to SnowCap clients. In an off-site space, SnowCap clients can again shop for the clothes they need for themselves and their families. This clothing site is not open to the public. If you have clothes to donate to SnowCap, bring them to the church and place them in the barrels in the hallway by the elevator. Volunteers will take them to SnowCap.

CAN YOU HELP THIS FEEDING MINISTRY? Gresham UMC is looking for volunteers to help with the food bus ministry ("Food4Families") at Centennial High School on Wednesday, July 28. Food4Families distributes free groceries to families in the community. Volunteers are needed to set up and prepare the food bags (11:00 am-1:00 pm) and to help with distribution (4:00-5:30pm). Contact Steve Lewis or the church office to volunteer.



Gresham Women Are Thankful Women!

In spite of news that America is opening up and beginning to return to normal, millions of people around the world are suffering the extreme effects of Covid.

LET US BE THANKFUL FOR THE BRAVE WOMEN AND MEN IN THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD who are working to contain the effects of the virus and care for the dying.

We who are citizens of the richest nation in the world must support their efforts with our prayers and our resources!

"Feed" your Thank Offering jar!

THANK YOU!



The Covid pandemic has messed up our lives—for some more than others—but everyone has suffered.

We need to talk about our disappointments, losses, gripes, sorrows and real grief. You may only have a simple, one-line complaint to make, or your life may have been turned upside down. We are planning a time in which you can share your story with others who understand completely.

Whether you have suffered a little or a lot, come to the church on **Thursday, July 8, from 10:30 to Noon**, for a time of sharing. Robert Potter will be the facilitator. He brings the experience of a professional lifetime of listening and responding with empathy to human problems.

No judgments will be made. No advice will be given. Tissues will be available.

The whole purpose is to TALK ABOUT IT. Come, just let it all out , and begin to pick up your life again.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Food For Families program at Centennial High School continues to provide for families through the summer months.

Gresham UMC is a committed partner with Food For Families in helping make basic food items available to families in our community. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up/packaging of food and/or the distribution process.

Dates for summer distributions are **July 28th and August 25th**.

SHIFT TIMES ARE:

11:00 AM—1:00 PM Set up

or

4:00—5:30 PM Distribution to families

If you are able to help, contact Steve Lewis or the church office .



Gresham United Methodist Church
Performance Budget 2021
 January through May 2021

	<u>Jan - May 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Pledged Giving	97,410.37	170,000.00	57.3%
Non-Pledged Giving	10,300.00	32,000.00	32.2%
Loose Plate Offering	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
MHCC Headstart Preschool	7,281.00	16,000.00	45.5%
MHCC Headstart Preschool Upper	6,327.00	20,000.00	31.6%
Building Usage	2,100.00	5,000.00	42.0%
Unrestrict Endowment (Salary)	0.00	7,500.00	0.0%
Misc. Income	2,031.75	500.00	406.4%
Trans Fm 2016 Cap. Campag	0.00	10,039.00	0.0%
Designated Contribs 2021 Budget	5,000.00	8,500.00	58.8%
Fund Balance Carryover 2020	0.00	25,867.00	0.0%
Total Income	<u>130,450.12</u>	<u>296,406.00</u>	<u>44.0%</u>
Gross Profit	130,450.12	296,406.00	44.0%
Expense			
Apportionments-Mand	15,905.00	42,000.00	37.9%
Pastor Compensation	40,825.85	102,751.00	39.7%
Compensation-Staff	27,332.55	83,277.00	32.8%
Tax	2,170.43	9,722.00	22.3%
Trustees			
Insurance-Building	5,795.50	12,000.00	48.3%
Janitorial Supplies	61.95	2,000.00	3.1%
Utilities-Electricity	3,158.11	8,500.00	37.2%
Utilities-Natural Gas	2,482.94	5,000.00	49.7%
Utilities-Telephone	901.44	2,600.00	34.7%
Utilities-Waste Disposal	482.62	1,000.00	48.3%
Utilities-Water, Sewer	4,775.92	9,000.00	53.1%
Van - Passenger	415.78	1,000.00	41.6%
Total Trustees	<u>18,074.26</u>	<u>41,100.00</u>	<u>44.0%</u>
Office Operations	4,345.82	9,056.00	48.0%
Programs/Ministries			
Conference Lay Member	0.00	250.00	0.0%
Covenant Missionary	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Education	78.30	300.00	26.1%
Media/TechnologyAdvertising	900.52	1,800.00	50.0%
Missions Team	0.00	250.00	0.0%
Music/ Ministries 11 AM	482.05	1,000.00	48.2%
Peace and Justice Team	0.00	250.00	0.0%
Shelter Meals Ministry	617.59	2,000.00	30.9%
Sunday Fellowships	142.81	350.00	40.8%
Reconciling Ministries Team	45.52	400.00	11.4%
Worship	96.69	400.00	24.2%
Total Programs/Ministries	<u>2,363.48</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>27.8%</u>
Total Expense	<u>111,017.39</u>	<u>296,406.00</u>	<u>37.5%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>19,432.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
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SUNDAY WORSHIP—10:00 AM
Virtual worship services are posted
each Sunday on the church's
website: Greshamumc.com.



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