

## Message From the Pastor



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# The Witness

Beaverton has certainly changed a lot since the first time my family and I lived here in the mid-to-late 1960's. I especially remember a huge (I mean REALLY HUGE) mountain of dirt on a gigantic vacant lot which sported a sign at least twice during those years stating that a new Fred Meyer store would be built there. That dirt mountain is the Beaverton Square Fred Meyer on Beaverton-Hillsdale just a short distance from the church. It has been there "forever!" But, I still remember that gigantic vacant lot.

I drove down Jamieson Rd. to Homewood St. the other day, just out of curiosity. My families' old house is still there, but it looks so different. The tree in the front yard is so big... all the neighborhood trees are big and nothing looks quite the same.

I lived in Beaverton again in the late 1980's and my best friend from high school days, Kay Gin, her husband Tony and their kids (my "niece" and "nephew") Amy and Brian have lived in Beaverton since 1981, although Brian lives in Arizona now (I refuse to believe he turned 30 this year!). All those years of friendship brought me in and out of Beaverton many times every year.

It has been nearly 50 years

since my family originally moved to this beautiful community. Is it the same now as it was then? No way! Is it as beautiful? Absolutely.

One of the first differences I notice is the diversity. When I was a child here it was largely a Caucasian community. Now, Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Americans and African-Americans as well as European-Americans create a rich community filled with multi-cultural experiences. I love the diversity that more clearly mirrors the larger world we live in and I am thankful for that experience.

Another difference I notice is how much the city has grown! Then a fairly small community with one high school and a couple of "junior high schools," Beaverton is a large town now with its own face, personality and footprint. It has an impact on the greater metropolitan area and can no longer be considered a "bedroom community" as it was in the '60's.

Because of that impact, people look to Beaverton as a community leader. What happens here is a model for other communities. As a result of our city's growth, our church can also be considered a model, leading the way for churches larger and smaller who wish to see how the United Methodist Church will be "church" to

our changing communities in the next few decades.

Beaverton has changed. It would be really weird if it hadn't. Can you imagine if there was still a vacant lot and a mountain of dirt at Beaverton-Hillsdale and Griffith? What if the growth in Beaverton had never happened, bringing with it diversity, new families, more kids, new schools, new homes? What if everything was the same as it was in 1969? Weird, huh?

Beaverton has played an important part in my life. From childhood to adulthood to 2011. I love it and I am so thankful to be here. More importantly, I believe that God has put me here as part of the pathway of my continuing journey of faith. I think we are on that pathway together and that we have work to do together here at Beaverton First UMC. It is important work. I am blessed and privileged to be doing it with you. This church is an incredibly important part of this community, and has been for over 100 years. I feel blessed to be part of that history. Let us give thanks this month for all this church has done and more importantly, all it will do as a spiritual leader, and example of Christianity in this community.

On The Path Together,

*Pastor Kathy*

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# Local Church News

## Church Food Pantry

In September, we gave food boxes to 24 families containing 72 hungry people from the food pantry. The members of the congregation donated 210 pounds of food. Thank you so much to all who have made contributions of food to the pantry during September. The pantry is very full right now. Still needed are boxes of cereal. (Marlene McCormick, Food Pantry Coordinator)



## Ruth Fellowship and Quilts and Crafts

Ruth Fellowship meeting will be Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Fireside Room. For the program, June Reed has arranged for someone who works for Serenity Hospice and also volunteers at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Senior Resources. Hostesses: Sharon Keeney and Edna Wiley. Devotions: Edie Flaming. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be furnished. All women of the church are welcome at any meeting. Call Marlene McCormick 503-292-3958 for information regarding Ruth Fellowship.

Christmas Sale: Since we no longer have a Bazaar at our Church, we have arranged to have a booth at a location nearby. We have enough

things to make a booth interesting, but not enough for a full Bazaar. If you have been doing any handcrafts to sell, would you please call June Reed 503-646-8079. Proceeds from the sales will be distributed by Ruth Fellowship to various service/charitable organizations in Beaverton at the end of the year. Our church food pantry and the Oregon Food Bank were recipients in prior years.

Date of the Sale is Saturday, December 3, 2011.

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Place: Koeber's Carpet & Window Covering

6700 SW 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaverton 97008. (Traveling EAST on Denny Road, turn left before Hwy 217 exit).

Christmas Luncheon: Keep in mind the Ruth Fellowship Christmas luncheon regularly held each year. The luncheon will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. More details will be forthcoming at a later date.



Quilts and Crafts: These two groups will not be meeting during November or December because of the holidays. We will next meet on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## 2011 Donation Information

Please note any giving you would like to be recorded for the 2011 giving year must be received in the church office by 2:00 pm on Tuesday December 27, 2011. Accord-

ing to tax law, contributions can only be counted based on when the church deposits the funds. Since the church office will be closed December 28, 2010 – January 2, 2011;

all contributions need to be in the office before 2:00 pm on Monday December 27, 2010. Please remember that the postal system can move slowly at the end of December and plan accordingly.

## Charge Conference Date Set

Beaverton First UMC's date for its annual Charge Conference, the business meeting of the church, is set for November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM. While all church members and constituents are welcome and may

have voice, only the elected members of the Church Council, the pastor, retired pastors whose reporting conference is at BFUMC, and other persons designated as members by the Church Council

are voting members. The Church Office will mail/email the required report forms to be filled out by SPRC, Finance, Lay Speakers, and Trustees.

## Apportionments—World Service Fund

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The World Service Fund is one of the seven apportioned funds of the United Methodist Church, as mentioned in my September article on apportionments. It provides the basic support for most of the general agencies of The United Methodist Church to work with mission-



aries, children and youth, persons with disabilities, leader training, and interdenominational and ecumenical works. It supports evangelistic efforts, stimulates Bible study and spiritual commitment, and supports local church efforts with children, youth, sin-

gles, students, persons with disabilities and adults of all ages.

Through the World Service Fund, The United Methodist Church covers administrative costs, making it possible for 100 percent of the donated money for disaster relief, such as earthquakes, hurricanes and floods, to go for that relief. (Ivan McCormick)



### Noon Walking Group

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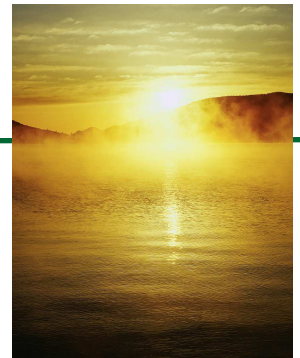
Is anyone interested in helping start a Noon walking group on Monday Wednesdays and Thursdays?

Contact Pastor Kathy at 503-646-7107 if you would like to join this group.

### Wednesday Morning Prayer Group—Join Us for a Time of Informal Prayer

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Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM plan to join Pastor Kathy in the Wesley Chapel for one-half hour of prayer. This is an informal time of sharing prayer concerns, silent prayer and praying for others. We have no set worship order and you may “drop in” any week. Everyone is welcome. Please join us.



### Deaths in the Church Family

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Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the families of Blanche Craig and Margaret Allen.



Blanche Craig passed away on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the age of 96. Blanche and her husband, Allan, who predeceased her, joined this congregation in October 1978.

Margaret Allen passed away on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 90+. Margaret and her husband, Marney, who predeceased her, were long time members of our congregation.

## We Want to MUG You!!!

The Hospitality Committee ordered coffee mugs to be given to people who visit BFUMC, and those who join our church community. We will be selling some of the mugs after church for a few weeks during coffee hour to help fund this Hospitality Outreach effort.

Just imagine sipping your morning coffee or tea from one of our personalized mugs, or they might be great birthday gifts, or a gift to someone just because!! Also, they would make a perfect gift for the person on your

Christmas list who has everything!

We are selling the mugs for \$5.00 each. You will also get a FREE cup of coffee or tea with your purchase.

(Hospitality Committee: Linda Bunga, June Reed, Maxine Zerba, Robbie Houghton, and Charlotte Jackson)



## Rummage Sale Report

Once again, I have had the pleasure of spending an enjoyable week (October 17 - 21) with the ever faithful, congenial ladies of our church in preparing for the Thursday and Friday rummage sale. I also had the opportunity to work side by side with Jack Wiley in setting up the Men's Department. We opened boxes to find all sorts of surprises (and at times tried to figure out what some of them were). Just like opening Christmas packages. What fun! We joked, laughed, and kidded each other and had a ball in doing so. To me this is having fellowship with each other.

We smiled as we saw the joy on

the face and the gleam in a child's eye as a boy picked up a toy truck or a girl a stuffed animal or doll to take home.

I thank Norm Berger who came by to help on Wednesday. Thanks also to those who came Friday afternoon to help clean up after the sale. We were able to load every unsold item in a van which left the church free of clutter.

The rummage sale brought in \$1,697.92 to be applied against

the Church Budget. This year, between the spring and fall rummage sales, the workers have raised over \$4,100.00 for the church.

Our next rummage sale will be May 18-19, 2012. I'm looking forward to it. I invite you to come out also and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

On behalf of the Church Finance Committee, thanks to everyone for making this sale a successful event, financially and spiritually.  
(Ivan McCormick)



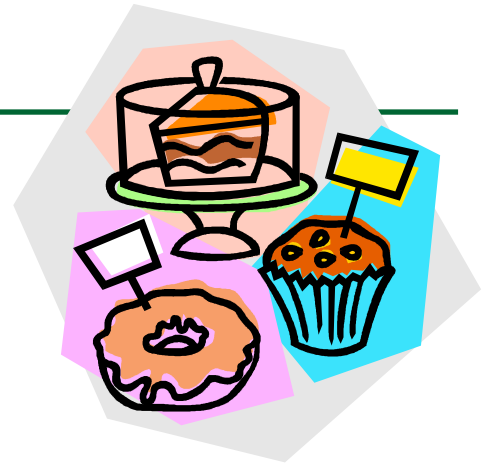


## Meals on Wheels/Loaves & Fishes

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> will be our church's day to volunteer for this Outreach Program at Elsie Stuhr Senior Center. Kitchen crew should be at the Center at 9:30 a.m. Drivers should be at the Center at 10:00 a.m. Contact Pat Tervooren, 503-644-7475.

## Coffee Hour Refreshments

Donations of baked goods would be appreciated for the coffee hour after church each week. The supplies are running low and need to be replenished. The baked goods should be suitable for freezing in case they are not used the week they are donated. Please mark your donations "For Coffee Hour" and leave them in the big kitchen on Sunday morning.



## A Bit of Levity

Sunday after church, a mother asked her very young daughter what the Sunday School lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the mother was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the woman asked him what that morning's lesson had been about.

He replied, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

## Thanksgiving Baskets



The Outreach Committee is planning to fill Thanksgiving boxes for up to 9 families this year. Information regarding items required for the baskets are posted at the back of the Sanctuary. **DO NOT**

purchase or bring anything for the Thanksgiving baskets without reviewing the list. We are asking you to sign up for specific items to bring so we make sure we have what is needed but not a lot left over like we did last year. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this

outreach program.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact the church office at 503-646-7107 or Marlene at 503-292-3958

(Marlene McCormick)

# Metro Church News

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## United Methodist Student Day is November 27

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United Methodist Student Day is just weeks away. The offerings collected on November 27<sup>th</sup> provide scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.



through United Methodist Student Day prepare leaders for the United Methodist Church and the world. The financial support students receive helps keep them in school and focused on their studies.

For Robert Johnson, a student at the University of Minne-

sota and scholarship recipient, the United Methodist Student Day offering greatly affects the quality of his education. "It has allowed me to work more on my studies and other activities in school and church. I'm spending this time building up my faith and the faith of others in the church," Robert said.

Scholarships and loans funded

## Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship Presents:

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Native American Lecture: "Remembering the Songs": Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gary Stroutsos will share a glimpse of songkeepers and musicmakers from the Dine, Zuni, and Slish communities.

Native American Flute Concert: Saturday, November 19, 7:00 p.m., Gary Stroutsos, cultural storyteller and world flute artist will provide an evening of entertainment. Indian tacos available for purchase at 6:00 p.m. Love donation.

Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship is located at 3917 NE Shaver St., Portland, OR 97212, 503-846-1755.



## Conference Reaches Settlement with Break-Away Church

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The Oregon-Idaho Conference has reached a settlement agreement with the Ontario Community Church in Ontario, Oregon. The Community church was formed in May 2010 by member of the Ontario Community United Methodist Congregation. Claiming they were no longer connected to the United Methodist Church, the new church maintained control of the building on SE Third Street in Ontario, Oregon, as well as funds and other assets which had belonged to the United Methodist congregation. In October 2010 the Board of Trustees for the Oregon-Idaho Conference voted to file suit in order to regain possession

of the church property and funds.

Further negotiations between the parties led to a settlement agreement which calls for the return of the church building, historical property, and all funds to The United Methodist Church, as well as sale of the building to the new Ontario Community Church at a negotiated price.

As of mid-October, all funds had been transferred to the Conference and historical documents of the United Methodist congregation have been turned over for placement in conference archives. The property has been sold and ownership transferred to the new church.

The United Methodist Church continues to be in ministry in the city of Ontario. Ontario First United Methodist Church, located at 312 NW Second Street continues in worship and mission under the leadership of the Rev. John Go.

Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata shared that, "While it is sad to see separation in a church denomination, I am glad to see that the legal matter has been settled and now both the Community Church and our United Methodist Church can move forward in our efforts to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 All Saints Sunday Day Light Savings time ends 9:00 am Sunday School All Ages 10:30 am Worship	7	8	9 9:30 am Prayer Group 7:30 pm Choir Practice 10:00 am Ruth Fellowship	10 7:00 pm Board of Trustees	11	12 9 am Men's Group
13 Consecration Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School All Ages 10:30 am Worship/ 6:00 pm Faith Café	14 7:00 am Men's Meeting 2:00 pm Hospitality Committee 3:30 Grief Support Group 7:00 pm Finance Committee	15 Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels	16 9:30 am Prayer Group 7:30 pm Choir Practice	17 <b>7:00 pm Charge Conference— Wesley Chapel</b>	18	19
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## Happy Birthday To:

11/01 Julia Takahashi  
11/04 Salem Hernandez  
11/05 Jim Ryan  
11/05 Merna Ayres  
11/06 Mike Huckaby  
11/07 Kyle Muramatsu  
11/08 Rev. Steve Wolff  
11/11 Cara Wright  
11/13 Dr. Wayne Weld-Martin

11/14 Brainie Jlay  
11/17 Phil Wendt  
11/18 Ayden Blanding  
11/20 Sue Wild  
11/20 Jimmy Ryan  
11/23 Eric Browning  
11/24 Hanna Kingstad  
11/24 Carin Stroncsek  
11/28 Eric Bolken  
11/29 Austyn Sedler

## Happy Anniversary To:

11/01/1980 John & Dianna Himes  
11/05 Dr. Lowell & Susan Greathouse  
11/05/1966 Mike & Diane Huckaby  
11/17/1990 Richard & Lynn Kurschner

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Open Doors*

## News From Around the Globe

### United Methodist Wins Nobel Peace Prize

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She calls herself “Mama Ellen” and has made equality for women a top priority. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, United Methodist Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, president of Liberia, Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee and Tawakkul Karman of Yemen were awarded the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize for their work on women’s rights.

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a member of First United Methodist Church, Monrovia, Liberia, in 2006 was the first woman to be elected a head of state in modern Africa. She is up for re-election this month.

Bishop John Innis, who leads Liberia’s 170,000 United Methodists, has urged support for her from the first days of her presidency. “You are going to be a sweet mother to us all,” he said when a delegation of United Methodists from the U.S. and Liberia

met with the new president on her third day in office.

In her inauguration speech, she said “Women have endured injustices and inhumane treatment; yet, it is the women who have labored and advocated for peace.” She thanked the women in Liberia who “had an unmatched passion” for her candidacy. She said she would work to make sure women had their proper place in the economic process.

“I can think of no one who is more deserving than Ellen Johnson Sirleaf to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. This award is a powerful example of the impact of women as peace builders,” said Thomas Kemper, top executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. “Global Ministries has a strong relationship with Liberia on

issues of peace and we have been encouraged by the bishop of Liberia who is the vice present of our board.

Tawakkul Karmen heads the human rights group Women Journalists Without Chains. Leymah Gbowee organized a group of Christian and Muslim women to challenge Liberia’s warlords.

The three prizewinners share the 2011 award “for their nonviolent struggle for the safety of women and for women’s participation in peace-building work,” Norwegian Nobel Committee president Thorbjørn Jagland said in his announcement. “We cannot achieve democracy and lasting peace in the world unless women obtain the same opportunities as men in developments at all levels of society,” he added.