

Message From Pastor Kathy

I am excited to be writing my second article for the Witness. I love the name of our newsletter, because it describes what we, as disciples, have been asked by Christ to do – be a Witness to his work in the world. As disciples we are asked to share what we have learned from being Christ’s disciples. For most of us, having a deep relationship with Jesus Christ is so much a part of our lives that we cannot imagine life without that relationship. It grounds us, gives us purpose and the excitement and drive to live each day to the fullest, in His name. For others, that relationship is new, and, as it is with any relationship, we are feeling our way, seeking to understand all that is involved, yet feeling the excitement, and a sense of all the good that is to come.

I am enjoying getting to know all the Disciples at Beaverton First. As I begin to get to know all of you better it is a joy to hear your stories. It has been exciting to look out into the congregation for the past two Sunday’s and see the diversity that is represented. I am not just talking about cultural, ethnic or social and economic diversity. Those things are important, of course, and give our congregation a true sense of the world in which we live and do Christ’s work. But I am also talking about age diversity. Have you noticed that we have both “experienced” worshipers (Yes, that includes the 55 and older group!) and tiny babies and their parents! What a diversity of wisdom we have to share!

We have worshipers who can share stories about the very beginnings of BFUMC and those who are newer to the church and are just beginning to get to know our church family. Within each of these groups we have disciples at every turn of the path - mature disciples whose relationship with Christ is so deep that it surrounds them like a warm, comfortable blanket, and seeking disciples whose relationship is growing stronger each day.

But, a mature disciple is not necessarily an older disciple, nor are all seeking disciples young. Everyone is at a different point on their journey of faith. How privileged we are to have this diversity and that God has led all of these disciples to share in the journey of faith we call Beaverton First UMC. The wisdom of all generations will be needed as we continue to grow in discipleship, members, and outreach.

Where ever you are on the path, I am excited to get to know each and everyone of you and to get to know you and your family well.

As we grow together, there are a few things I want you all to know about me as your pastor...

First, my schedule – I am at the church on Sundays for worship and fellowship. I am at church Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during office hours (9:00 am – 2:00 pm). I may be out visiting or at a meeting during these hours as well. Tuesdays I will work from home, researching and writing my sermons. Friday’s are my day off. I will be at church on Saturdays for all of the church’s ministries happening on that day.

I believe that visiting is important. If you would like me to visit you at home at **any time**, please call Carin in the office or call me directly on my cell phone. (971-322-6439) I hope to be making visits during theses next few weeks as we are getting to know one another, so you may get a call from me!

If you would like to schedule a time to meet at church, you can also call Carin or call me on my cell.

When you or any of your family members are going to the hospital for a procedure or any other reason, please let me know. I would like to meet you at the hospital before your admission and procedure for a time of prayer.

Now that you know my schedule, please feel free to drop by the office and chat. I have an open door whenever I am in the office and welcome spending time with you.

This life is a journey. Looking ahead to the next few months and years, I find I am excited by all the possibilities that God has placed before us. Blessings to all the disciples at Beaverton First!

On the path together,

Pastor Kathy



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The Witness

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Sunday Is Not A Workday For Everyone!

If you read my article in this newsletter you saw my schedule. Sunday is the most important workday in my week! However, it is not a workday for Carin. I have said many times in various work places that it is the office manager that runs the church! It is said with a bit of humor, but essentially, it's true! Many of you come to the office weekly, or even more often, and find Carin Stronczek, our amazingly gifted Church Administrator keeping the church on track and willing and able to help you with whatever you need. What a gift she is to all of us.

However, Carin and her family would like to be able to worship on Sundays along with the rest their church family. It makes it hard for Carin to worship if members of the congregation ask her to do "office" things before, after, or during the service. Sunday is Carin's Sabbath – a time for her to worship with her family and to teach and share the love of God with her children. It is important for Carin's husband, children, and Carin, herself, to have this time.

At the present time Carin's family has withdrawn their membership at Beaverton First although they are still worshipping with us occasionally. I am sure that all of us would like to see Carin's family continue as members of our Church family. When you see her on Sundays, please, **DO NOT** ask Carin to do any office work or answer any office questions. Please feel free to write her a note and place it in the offering plate that day, send an e-mail, or call the church office and leave a message. Carin will take care of your need on Monday morning.

I would ask you to keep in mind all of our volunteer "staff" (our Treasurer, committee chairs, our lay leader...) as well and respect their wishes regarding Sunday morning "business." Thanks for helping us keep the Sabbath a time of rest and worship for all our leaders and for your understanding and willingness to help.

Blessings, Kathy

Births in the Congregation

Welcome to New Babies

Jack Henry Thomas was born on June 17, 2011, at 8 pounds, 1 ounce and 19-1/2 inches long. His parents are Amy and Michael Thomas. Jack has a "big" sister, Anna, who is two years old.

Kyler Michael Paul Godin was born July 14, 2011, 7 pounds, 9-1/2 ounces and 21 inches long. His proud grandmother is Juanita Villarreal.



Kyler Michael Paul Godin

The Community Assistance Fund needs Money!

Jesus rarely thought about who he was helping, he just helped! When Jesus came to the home of Peter, one of his own disciples, and saw that Peter's mother-in-law was sick, he healed her (Mark 1:29-31). And when he was approached by a Roman Centurion, a man who did not follow Jesus and probably did not understand fully who Jesus was, who asked Jesus to heal the soldier's servant, Jesus healed the servant without question (Matthew 8:5-13). The fund we

use to help those in need is called the Community Assistance Fund.

The Community Assistance Fund is for persons from anywhere in our community who come to our church in need of emergency financial help. We help with rent payment, utility bills, food, and other basics of life that will help individuals or families make it through a few more days. Currently this fund is empty! People coming to our church are turned away. You

can help! Please add to your giving this month by just a few dollars and you will do a great deal toward doing as Jesus did.

Be sure to write Community Assistance Fund on your check or envelope. Your gift to this fund is always welcome.

- Blessings, Kathy

Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes

Tuesday, August 9th 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.

A Thought for Contemplation

There is no dignity quite so impressive, and no independence quite so important, as living within your means.
(Calvin Coolidge)



Annual Church at Camp Family Retreat at Suttle Lake Camp

It's time to head to camp! The annual Church at Camp retreat is September 23-25, 2011 (Friday night through Sunday lunch) at Suttle Lake Camp. This will be our second year at Suttle Lake and last year was fantastic! Nestled on the Eastern slopes of the Cascade Mountains 14 miles west of Sisters, Oregon, Suttle Lake Camp is a special place where the vivid green of Western Oregon mingles with the sunny beauty of the eastern part of the state. Rich in plants, wildlife and geology, Suttle Lake is a natural place to explore God's creation and experience Christ's love in a caring community. If you're interested in quiet time in the woods, hiking the trails to find the next waterfall, campfire songs, leisurely gliding on the lake, swimming, archery, puzzles, or just sitting in front of the fire with a good book this is the weekend for you. Suttle Lake Camp is located at 29551 Suttle Lake Rd., Sisters, OR 97759. There's something for everyone (babies to seniors)...planned activities, group fellowship, campfires, singing and more. It's a great time for families and individuals alike. And don't worry...there's also running water, electricity, heat and beds. Come join the fun!

We have reserved space for 36 people; however, if more register there are additional cabins (more rustic) available.

As we still have a donated monetary reserve for this church activity we continue to be able to keep your cost at a lower rate. This year's cost will again be as noted below -

\$ 60 per adult;
\$ 60 for youth (10 & older);
\$ 40 children ages 2-9;
\$150 families*: two adults and one or more youth, OR two adults and two or more children.

*Family friends are not included in the family price; separate fees are as noted above

Call Melanie Sedler for camp scholarship or a payment plan information.

In order to reserve adequate space and plan for activities please let us know by August 21 or before if you are going or interested in going to camp to help us better plan the weekend. Registration forms and full payment are due by 9/11 (with post-dated checks of 9/18 accepted).



If you have any questions or are interested in taking charge of (or assisting in) some aspect of the weekend (songs, games, crafts, program planning, providing transportation to camp/carpooling, etc.) call Melanie Sedler at 503-643-9804 (bluem705@msn.com) or Karen Wilson at 503-524-0829 (kswlsn0612@gmail.com).

If you're new to our Beaverton United Methodist family, this is truly a great opportunity to get to know your extended "family"! This is a camp for all ages - the entire family - ages 0 - ?? (no one is ever too young or too old to attend this camp; every age is just right).



Driving Directions: Head south down I-5. Take exit 253 at Salem east onto Highway 22. Proceed eighty-three miles through Detroit to the junction with Highway 126/20. Merge left. Continue thirteen miles east to the Suttle Lake Campgrounds turnoff. At Suttle Lake, proceed south onto Suttle Lake Loop Road 2070. The Suttle Lake United Methodist Camp parking lot will be on your left 0.3 miles from the highway.

Suttle Lake Camp Activities

Family boating - with a little bit of instruction and lecture regarding how far to go, the Suttle Lake staff will allow the boats to be out as long as an adult is in the boat or is watching the kayak.

Archery - a Suttle Lake staff person will be on hand to give instruction as to the proper use of the bows and arrows, along with safety tips.

Swimming - A trip across the road to a public beach area surrounding Suttle Lake is available for families; or a 40 minute walk to Scout Lake where you can take a sack lunch and enjoy swimming in the lake.

Hiking/Waterfalls

A drive, then hike up to the waterfall near Suttle Lake. Approximately a 1/2 hour drive then 1/2 hour walk - not steep- to the falls. Directions: Head west on Hwy 20 to the junction of Hwy 20 & 22, stay on Hwy 20 until reaching Hwy 126. Sahalie Falls is on the right hand side of 126 approximately 5.3 miles from the junction of Hwy 20 & 22. There is a very nice parking area with restrooms. Start at Sahalie Falls and walk down the path past three waterfalls. It is all downhill. Then turn around and go back up. Or if you have more than one car, leave one car at the bottom and one at the top and do some ferrying of people. It is less than a mile to do all three falls.

Shopping – Explore Sisters – just 14 miles east.

Indoor Activities - ping pong, foos ball, air hockey, puzzles, games, along with comfy chairs for reading or hanging out.

Other Information:

There is no access to kitchen facilities for personal use; however there is a hot chocolate machine and coffee can be prepared for after dinner. A container of ice water and two coolers for storing soft drinks or other non-alcoholic drinks brought by campers will be available for use. All food and drinks must be consumed in the dining area and not in the area in which we will be staying (below the dining hall). Tables will be set up on one side of the dining hall for games and snacks.

Campers need to eat before arriving on Friday afternoon/evening or bring something that doesn't need to be cooked or heated. If campers arrive too early to have eaten dinner, there are restaurants in Sisters (14 miles past camp).

There are two bathrooms with two showers each in our lodging area under the dining hall. If the line gets too long the bathhouses are also available.



August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café	8 12:00 pm Hospitality Committee 7:00 pm Finance Committee	9 Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels	10	11 7:00 pm Board of Trustees	12	13
14 10:30 am Worship/ 6:00 pm Faith Café	15	16	17	18 7:00 pm Church Council	19	20
21 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café	22 7:00 pm Outreach Committee	23	24	25 6:00 pm Faith Café	26	27
28 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café/	29	30	31			

Happy Birthday To:

8/01 Helen Bruton
 8/02 David Ushman
 8/04 Robert Adams
 8/07 Jan Faltyn
 8/09 David Elliott
 8/09 Doug Hoffman
 8/11 Phil Miller
 8/14 Edna Wiley
 8/14 Everett Munoz
 8/14 Aldreanna Giordano
 8/16 Paula Muramatsu
 8/16 Jennifer Crowley
 8/18 Bruce Howe
 8/20 Elizabeth Conant
 8/20 Matt Stroncsek
 8/21 Scott Merrill
 8/22 Jack Wiley
 8/23 Staci Blanding

8/24 Zelda Anderson
 8/25 Doug Johnson
 8/26 Ebony Guptill
 8/27 Bonnie Sunderland
 8/28 Sarah Kingstad
 8/28 Kiana Rick

Happy Anniversary To:

8/13/1949 Rev. Orville & Jean Nilsen
 8/11 Ted & Melanie Sedler
 8/12 Ralph & Judy Hood
 8/14/1966 David & Mary Beth Elliott
 8/18 Bill & Lois Newton
 8/19 Marc & Paula Muramatsu
 8/23 David & Roxanne Ushman
 8/26 Francis & Roberta Cox
 8/30/1941 David & Ethel Grabast
 8/31/2008 Chris & Jennifer deGuzman





A Bit of Levity

There was a very sweet old lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

“Is there anything breakable in here?” the postal clerk asked.

The sweet old lady looked confused for a moment and answered, “The Ten Commandments.”

Church Food Pantry

In June we fed 50 hungry people from the church food cupboard. During August contributions of boxes of cereal would be appreciated. At this time we have only a few boxes of corn flakes on the shelves. The double-bag boxes of cereal from Costco are good for any large families who come for food, but they cannot be split for smaller families. We are prohibited from giving out donated food that is not in its original packaging. Regular boxes of cereal are

more useful in the pantry for distribution. We can give two regular boxes to large families and one box to the smaller families as needed.

We need some volunteers available during the day to help with the food pickup from Oregon Food Bank. There is some lifting up to 40-45 pounds (like rice or pinto beans) and cases of canned goods. Currently the pickup time is 3:30 PM on Tuesdays, if this

is not convenient, we could get a new time from the Food Bank. If you are interested please contact the Church office or Marlene Thank you for your continued support of this outreach program. (Marlene McCormick, Food Pantry Coordinator)



Death in the Congregation

Frances Wilma Parmeter, a long-time member of our congregation, passed away on July

2, 2011, at the age of 95. Our sincere condolences go to her sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren on their loss. Her

memorial wake was held on July 20th at the Parmeter residence in Beaverton.

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Thank You