

Children's Sunday School Starts Sept 11th

On September 11 from 9 - 10:15 Sunday School will be offered for preschool to 5th grade. Join our one-room, Godly Play, program. Experienced teachers will lead interactive and fun lessons presenting scripture in an imaginative method.

Please register your child before or at beginning of class. Forms are in back of sanctuary and church office. Turn completed forms into to church office box. Parents enjoy a relaxing coffee social time while kids are in class. Various reading materials will be available. Nursery Care will be available from 9 - after worship service for those too young for Sunday School.



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The Witness

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Message From the Pastor

Many years I look at my calendar and wonder where the year has gone. This year I look at my calendar and count my blessings, each blessing beginning with, "Thank you God for leading me to this wondrous church family! Thank you God for giving me these people with whom to serve and share your amazing love." One could say that this year November is early for I am already in an attitude of Thanksgiving.

But I'm very glad we didn't skip September this year. September brings so many wonderful things. It is in September that we get the kids ready for a brand new school year. Excitement fills the air and the house fills up with the scent of new note books, paper, books and laptops – although I'm not sure laptops have a scent. And even if you don't have kids, you remember that excitement from your own childhood. You may not go out and buy yourself a new lunchbox, backpack or pencil box

(maybe you should, just for the fun of it!), but you must never give up on being a learner. You must never give up on the joy of what a new book, a new perspective, or a new opinion can do in your life.

We have much to celebrate here at Beaverton First this September. We are offering Sunday school for children from 9:00 am to 10:15 am every Sunday morning starting September 11. We have teams of teachers excited and delighted to be sharing the Good News of Jesus' love for everyone with our children.

We celebrate that Bob Munger will once again be teaching the adult study, starting September 11. I bet Bob would not mind at all if you brought your new lunchbox, backpack and pencil box to his Sunday school class. Why should the kids have all the fun! Thanks, Bob for your dedication to the Kingdom of God.

We celebrate that, again starting September 11, we will provide nursery care for infants and toddlers too

young for Sunday School and during worship every Sunday morning. Our nursery will be staffed with trained, caring, caregivers who will be glad to take a wiggly little one for a while. Always remember that children are welcome in the service as well!

As you can see, September 11 will be a busy day! But almost every American, almost everyone alive on earth ten years ago, remembers this date as significant for another reason. Like November 22, 1963 and January 28, 1986, I will never forget where I was and what I was doing on September 11, 2001. We will remember with prayer, compassion, and love and grace that tenth anniversary.

Don't miss September 11, 2011. Don't miss a single day in the life of this church family... your church family.

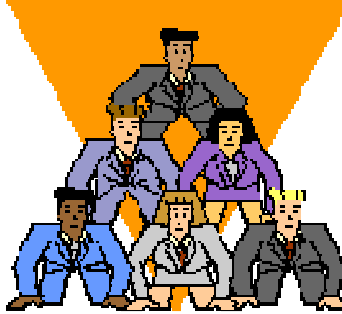
On The Path Together,

Pastor Kathy

Local Church News

Meals on Wheels/ Loaves and Fishes

Tuesday, September 13th 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 AM. Drivers should be at the Center at 10 AM. Contact Pat Tervooren, 503-644-7475.



Media Team Members Needed

We are looking for a team of people to help coordinate the media for the Sanctuary, Sound, Lights, Projection, etc. Training will be provided. If you are interested in becoming part of this team please contact the church office or Bonnie Sunderland 503-649-1106.

Church Food Pantry

The church food pantry supplied food to 47 hungry people in July. Thank you for the supply of large brown grocery bags to use for food distributions. I have plenty now to last quite a while.

The large money jar is designated to replenish our food pantry budget. The proceeds collected will make it possible to continue to purchase essential items that are not currently available from the Oregon Food Bank. USDA items have been greatly reduced due to government cutbacks to this program.

Request for September: 8 oz. blocks of cheddar cheese to be

used for distribution as a protein, boxes of powdered milk and cereal. Cheese and powdered milk have not been available from the Food Bank for several months. As Food Pantry Coordinator, I want to thank the congregation for their continued support of this much needed outreach program.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Person needed to help pick up food from the Oregon Food Bank located at 1870 NW 173rd Ave. just south of NW Cornell Rd. and deliver it to the church food pantry. At present our

pick-up time is 3:30 PM on Tuesday. This time is negotiable with the OFB if it does not suit your schedule. Ivan and Marlene McCormick are currently doing the pickup and could really use some help. Volunteer should be able to lift cases of food and rice up to about 40 pounds. Please call Marlene McCormick, 503-292-3958 or the church office if you are willing to volunteer.



Ruth Fellowship and Quilts and Crafts

Ruth Fellowship meeting will be September 14th at 10AM in the Fireside Room. Pastor Kathy Boyes will be our speaker. Devotions: Maxine Zerba. Hostesses: Edie Flaming and Maxine

Zerba. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be furnished. All women of the church are invited.

Quilts and Crafts will meet

on September 28th at 10AM in the Fireside Room. Contact June Reed 503-646-8079 for craft group information and Karleen Johnson 503-646-5882 for quilt group information.

Rummage Sale Coming Soon!

NOW is the time to go through your house and find all those treasures you don't need anymore. The sale will be held



October 20th and 21st from 9AM to 4PM in Wesley Hall. Set-up will be the week of October 17-19. We will need many volunteers for set-up, working the sale, and clean-up. You may start bringing your salable* items now! Please bring items to the Church from 9AM-2 PM Monday thru Thursday. Or call Juanita to arrange a time to drop by in the evenings.

Salable items do not include things that are broken, stained or torn. WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT COMPUTERS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR LARGE CONSOLE TV'S.

Please remember: When you donate items to the Rummage Sale, selling price will be determined by the volunteers working the sale. Recommendations are appreciated for large items. If you need help getting large items to the church, please contact the church office; Rummage Sale Coordinator Juanita Villarreal at 503-290-9803 or email at juanitafvillarreal@gmail.com. Many thanks from the finance committee!

Donations will be accepted until **Wednesday, October 19th.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP WITH THIS GREAT FUNDRAISER:

1. Volunteer to help with set up Monday, Oct. 17th through Wednesday Oct. 19th.



2. Volunteer to help the day of the sale, passing out flyers, collecting money, answering questions, restocking tables, etc.
3. Shop at the rummage sale. Items you buy help the church.
4. Help clean up after the sale and on Monday October 24.
5. Tell your friends. They can help set up, clean up, the day of the sale, and they can shop too!!!



Adult Bible Study Resumes September 11th

Welcome back to all of our regular Adult Bible Study class members and a heartfelt invitation to anyone wishing to learn more about the Bible and how we can use its messages to enrich our lives. We will start meeting again on September 11th at 9AM in the Chapel. For those returning members, we will resume our study of Troublesome Bible Passages, and pick up with chapter nine, The Beatitudes. (Robert Munger)

Congregation Leadership Development

The Church Council is inviting people who have a passion for discipleship and healthy vital congregations to be part of a course called Congregational Leadership Development. For more information, talk to Eric Kingstad or Pastor Kathy. Courses will be the first Saturday of each month from October – March.

Note From the Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center

On July 30th, BHRC participated in an event significant to the life of Beaverton. **Beaverton's International Celebration** was a day-long event where many groups with missions similar to BHRC set up tents and tables. Among nationalities represented were Indian, African, Hawaiian, and Korean. There were stages and folk dances and singers demonstrating the music of the different cultures.

BHRC passed out newsletters and gave information to people who were interested in keeping on top of the progress of our church's mission group. Although it was an extremely hot day, Cassandra Romero and I braved the heat, talking to interested



people, describing our mission, and getting the names and addresses of those interested. By the end of the day we had signed up over 20 people. Although we closed with sunburned arms and sore feet, it was a very successful day. (Juanita Villarreal, Executive Director BHRC)

Apportionment Summary

What are Apportionments?

The United Methodist Church, through our apportionments, is able to support the work of the church in the District, Conference, Jurisdictional, General (National) and world wide area. Apportionments make it possible to finance the costs of missions and programs in these areas as well as supporting the administrative costs.



Through apportionments, we:

Support pensions, and education for ministers within the Oregon-Idaho conference and beyond.

Support ministries for 8 Annual Conferences within the Western Jurisdiction.

Provide support for Conference Benevolences, the missionary outreach of our Conference.

Provide our share of support for 13 UMC seminaries and 11 his-

torically Black UMC colleges across the country and the Africa University.

Provide our share of support for national and worldwide ministries through the World Service Fund.

Support the administration for our district, jurisdiction, and conference, and pay our share of administrative costs for church related agencies beyond our conference.

Apportionments are divided into the following apportioned funds:

- 1 World Service Fund
- 2 Africa University Fun
- 3 Black College Fund
- 4 Episcopal Fund
- 5 General Administration Fund
- 6 Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
- 7 Ministerial Education Fund

We will be taking a deeper look at each of these apportioned funds in future articles.

How Are Apportionments Determined?

The General Board of the United Methodist Church establishes a budget for the total church operation. This amount is divided between all of the annual conferences. Each Conference allocates a portion of this amount to the various churches within the Conference. Then they allocate a proportional share of the Jurisdiction, Conference, and District budgets to arrive at the amount allocated to the local church. Oregon-Idaho Conference's total apportionments for 2011 is \$4,165,090. Beaverton First United Methodist Church's portion is \$32,795 or 0.79 percent of the total apportionments.

Next month we will look at how apportionments are determined for each church.

(Ivan McCormick)



Monday Morning Men's Study Group

The Monday Morning Men's Study Group will begin meeting the second Monday of September. The group will meet every Monday morning, 7AM at the Village Inn Restaurant, 10650 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy., Beaverton.

We typically do Bible Study, but we some-

times branch off to other subjects of interest. Discussions are always lively and the sharing of the morning meal is a good way to start off the week. Drop-ins are always welcome. If you are interested in learning more about the group, just ask one of us, for instance, Neal Haines, Norm Berger, Dan Gray, Jack Wiley, or George Ruhberg.

(Dan Gray)

Prayer Group

A small group has recently started to meet every Wednesday Morning at 9:30 am in Wesley Chapel. This group gathers offer prayers to anyone requesting them for around 30 min. This is an open group and anyone is welcome to come.

Methodist Men's Group

The Methodist Men's group will begin meeting again in September. The meeting is scheduled in the Fireside Room on September 10, 2011, 9AM – 10AM. Top of the agenda is an all church fundraiser and Crab Feed in October. Also to be discussed is participation of membership in other groups in the church. (Dan Gray)



A Bit of Levity

A pastor was talking to the church organist. "When I finish my sermon," he said, "I'll ask for all those in the congregation who want to contribute \$400 toward the church's mortgage to stand up. In the meantime, you can provide appropriate music."

Any suggestions?" the organist asked.

"You might try 'The Star Spangled Banner,'" the pastor replied.

Do you want to receive this in your email box instead of your mail box? Email the church office at

office@beavertonumc.org to get on the electronic mailing list.

Thank You

A Building Committee Has Been Formed

On Thursday, August 25, 2011, a team of church leaders, Eric Kingstad, Ted Bunga, Bonnie and Dick Sunderland, Jack Cone, Mike Wild and Pastor Kathy, got together to discuss our church building and its needs. As with

any "home," our building needs to be cared for and updated periodically if it is to continue to meet the needs of those who "live" here. This committee is in its initial formation stage and we welcome input from any and

all congregation members. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Pastor Kathy, or any of the other church leaders mentioned above. Thanks!

Metro Church News

Message From Lowell Greathouse

In a message from Lowell Greathouse he offers an opportunity to be part of the Annual Conference's Vital Church Project and is called **People Reaching People**. It is a part of the New Church Initiative being coordinated by the Church Development Team. People Reaching People is designed with a simple idea in mind: equipping gifted and called people to



plant new faith communities in a variety of forms either as leaders or as a part of a team. If you have a passion for Jesus, compassion for your neighbors, and boldness to reach beyond the doors of the church to spread the ways of God's love, then this program is for you. If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Beth Estock direct-

ly at bethestock@yahoo.com. To register, contact Turella Woods at turella@umoi.org.

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Lowell Greathouse: Lowell@umoi.org.

New Congregation

On Sunday, August 7th, we celebrated a new Hispanic Congregation to our District. La Roca was confirmed in the United Methodist Church. We had a wonderful bilingual worship service. Pastor Juan gave a mean-

ingful message along with another pastor, including our Assistant to the Bishop Lowell Greathouse. It was followed by an authentic Mexican dinner. It was a wonderful and exciting experience for our District. La

Roca is at Montavilla UMC in Portland. We are very grateful to God for the support and encouragement this ministry has, and will bring to our churches. (Juanita Villarreal, Metro District Hispanic Council Chair)

Hispanic Heritage Month Hispanic Creed

"We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of the heavens and the earth; Creator of all peoples and all cultures; Creator of all tongues and races.

We believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, God made flesh in a person for all humanity; God made flesh in an age for all the ages; God made flesh in one culture for all cultures; God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom God incarnate in

Jesus Christ makes his presence known in our peoples and our cultures; through whom, God Creator of all that exists, gives us power to become new creatures; whose infinite gifts makes us one people; the Body of Christ.

We believe in the Church universal because it is a sign of God's Reign, whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues, where all the colors paint a single landscape, where all tongues sing the same praise.

We believe in the Reign of God- the day of the Great Fiesta, when all the

colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow, when all the peoples will join in joyful banquet, when all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.

And because we believe, we commit ourselves; to believe for those who do not believe, to love for those who do not love, to dream for those who do not dream, until the day when hope becomes reality". AMEN

Fiesta Cristana
Submitted By: Juanita Villarreal
Metro District Hispanic Council,
Chair
Spanish Heritage Month

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café	5	6	7 9:30 am Prayer Group	8 7:00 pm Board of Trustees	9	10 9 am Men's Group
11 9:00 am Sunday School All Ages 10:30 am Worship/ 6:00 pm Faith Café	12 7:00 am Men's Meeting 2:00 pm Hospitality Committee 7:00 pm Finance Committee	13 Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels	14 9:30 am Prayer Group 10:00 am Ruth Fellowship	15	16	17
18 9:00 am Sunday School All Ages 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café	19 7:00 am Men's Meeting 7:00 pm Outreach Committee	20	21 9:30 am Prayer Group 10:00 am Quilts and Crafts	22 7:00 pm Church Council	23	24
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Happy Birthday To:

9/01 Charlotte Jackson
 9/01 Bill Butler
 9/01 Danzel Ramos
 9/04 Chong Roehr
 9/05 Jeanetta Bell
 9/06 Jo Ann Swick
 9/07 Karen Miller
 9/07 Kevin Kurschner
 9/12 Nicole Cronauer
 9/13 Calvin Koch
 9/14 Ben Jackson
 9/15 Roberta Houghton
 9/18 Dondrea Warner
 9/21 Jean Nilsen
 9/22 Martha Firth

9/24 Lars Hoffbeck
 9/25 Bob Munger
 9/25 Keith Muramatsu
 9/25 Trina Bell
 9/25 Olivia Hoffbeck
 9/26 Pat Tervooren
 9/27 Ron Whitlatch
 9/27 Brian James
 9/27 Race Martell
 9/28 Helen Thomas
 9/28 Gordon Greathouse
 9/28 Amy James
 9/28 Isabella Stroncsek
 9/29 Heather Foster
 9/29 Briana Nathanielsz
 9/29 Savannah Newton

Happy Anniversary To:

9/29 Harold & Merna Ayres
 9/24 Dave & Denise Cronauer
 9/14/1952 Pete & Pat Tervooren



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Open Hearts,
Open Doors*

News From Around the Globe

12 Million Caught in Africa Food Crisis

The level of severe malnutrition in the Horn of Africa worries even seasoned aid workers.

Church World Service, the United Methodist Committee on Relief and other members of the faith-based ACT Alliance are coordinating their response to the hunger crisis that is affecting 11 million to 12 million people in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti.

A July 22 “call to action” report by the Global Nutrition Cluster, a U.N. inter-agency standing committee, showed the prevalence of “global acute malnutrition” among the population of Somalia ranged from 23.8 to 55 percent – an estimate that Maurice Bloom, deputy director of Church World Service said he considered “really alarming”

UMCOR Responds to Famine in The Region

Problems with food shortages in the Horn of Africa have been building over the years but came to a “critical mass” in recent months, said Melissa Crutchfield, UMCOR executive for international emergency response. This complex emergency is the culmination of crop failure, one of the worst droughts in 50 years, escalating food prices, and political unrest in the region.

UMCOR is sending grants to support the work of ACT Alliance, Church World Service, and GlobalMedic in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Funds will provide food, clean water, and shelter for those who are displaced and living

in camps.

A huge wave of people, mostly women and children, are fleeing the country. An average of 1,300 Somalis arrive in Ethiopia and 1,700 arrive in Kenya each day seeking help. The long-established Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, originally intended for 90,000 occupants, now has 440,000 and is increasing every day.

Your gifts to your local church to International Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #982450, designated to Horn of Africa Crisis, will support these and future efforts to alleviate suffering for so many.