



October 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 9:00 Study 12 Pot Luck	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9 Study 12 Youth Meet 6: At the Oaks	9	10	11	12	13	14 Women's Retreat
15 9:00 Study	16 11 Garden Club 6 SK Board	17 2:00 Martha 6:30 Elders 7:00 Board	18	19 11:30 Wild Bunch	20	21
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Happiness depends
on ourselves!

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Study
9:00 AM
Study: Book of Romans

Youth Meet and Greet
After Church, October 8
Youth Room

Service at the Oaks
Sunday, October 8
6:00 pm

Women's Fall Spiritual Retreat:
October 13—14
Murray Hill Christian Church
in Beaverton, OR

Garden Club:
Mon., October 16
11:00 am

Soup Kitchen Board Meeting
Mon. October 16
6:00 pm

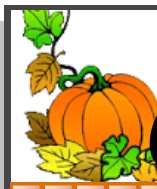
Martha CWF Group
Tues., October 17
2:00 pm @ Sharon Campbell

Church Board & Elders
Meetings
Tues., October 17
Elders: 6:30 pm
Church Board: 7:00 pm

Wild Bunch for Lunch
Thurs., October 19
11:30 am
TBA



Cathy Johnson	1
Lauren Christie	17
Arlene Breckel	18
Ruth Moss	19
Barbara Tarrent	19
Richard Stevens	29



Christian Caller



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From the Pastor

Happy October everyone! Leaves are changing and starting to fall, temperatures are getting a little cooler, and all of your favorite fall foods are available again. In the life of the church, Pastor David is beginning a new sermon series you can read about below, and I am working on ramping up youth and children's programming. **Please read the youth and children's news later in this newsletter for more information.**

What I would like to hear from you in the coming weeks are your ideas and energies for the kind of programming you would like to see, rather that is in upcoming adult Bible studies, activities and elements of worship, or fellowship and fun ideas. As we go about the process of making this church what it needs to be for both church members and the community alike, we must do it together and with the resources and people that are available to us.

This Sunday October 1st is all about communion, and to celebrate that, I am going to take communion to shut-ins and others who cannot make it to church throughout this month. The last Sunday of the month, to finish off David's sermon series about conflict and fellowship, I will preach on Jacob's ladder and on how struggling with each other and God is not bad or unholy, but is a natural part of a faith relationship.

Now that I've moved into town, my office hours will be Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the office to arrange an appointment or a conversation.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Zane Ridings

Pastor's phone 503-798-7445



Dear Friends,

As we look ahead to October, we really appreciate the opportunity to work alongside Pastor Zane, as well as treasure the chance to continue working alongside all of you in ministry. We are prayerfully seeking the most life-giving ways to support and equip you in building life-giving patterns and practices of communication, leadership and decision-making, and working constructively through conflict.

For Sunday, October 8, David will be preaching, "Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Practicing What Jesus Preached When Someone's Messed with You." Scriptures include Proverbs 3:1-2 and Matthew 18:15-20. In the words from Matthew, Jesus provides guidance about how to handle situations in the congregation where you think someone's messed with you, has wronged you, or otherwise sinned against you.

David's message will illustrate real-life ways to live out Jesus' guidance in the life of the church today. The very next Sunday, October 15 from 9-10 a.m., David will lead a mini-workshop during the Sunday adult study time with a chance for participants to do hands-on practice of these principles from Matthew 18.

We're still discerning what to preach for the Sundays of October 15 and 22.

In community with you in Christ,
Shari and David :o)

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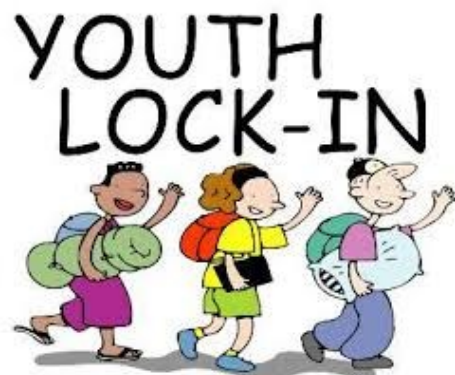
Youth & Children News

Youth Fund set-up to prepare for future youth and children's ministries!

We have begun collecting a fund of money for the reason of purchasing snacks, supplies, and (hopefully) augmenting the costs of camps and retreats in the future. Although there are only a few youth associated with the church, your faith in already beginning to support these budding programs is a true model of the belief "if you build it, they will come." If you would like to make a monetary donation to help build our new programs, simply donate a check or giving envelope with the words "youth fund" in the memo or note line. If you would like to be involved in the youth program in other ways, please contact Pastor Zane.

Upcoming youth events!

Sunday October 8th we're having a youth meet and greet in the youth room after church for about a half hour.



REGIONAL LOCK-IN

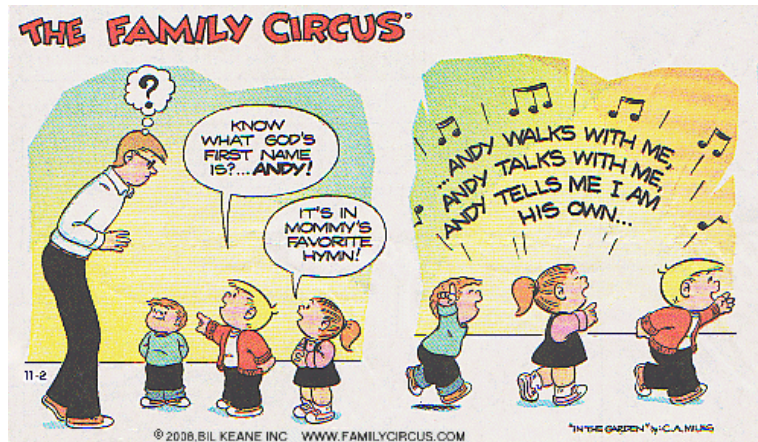
Friday November 3rd- Saturday Nov 4th there is a regional lock-in at Salem First called the Lit Factory. Youth are invited to wear neon and come for a night of fun, music, snacks, and worship.

Pastor Zane will drive up, leaving the church at 6:15 pm and returning by 10am Saturday.

NURSERY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For children ages 3-11 there is a weekly Children's Church led by Donna Lewelling. Children leave service after the children's moment then are re-united with parents at the end of service.



Getting to Know Your Elders

Featured Elders this month are Jon and Nancey West

Jon West was born at the Lebanon Hospital and has spent the majority of his life in this area. He was raised with three brothers and one sister. His parents were dedicated members of this church and he grew up with regular attendance here.

After graduating from Lebanon High School, he attended Linn-Benton Community College in agriculture for two years, working as a logger during the summer. He transferred to Central Oregon Community College to earn a degree in forestry. He began work as a log scaler in 1979 and plans to retire from that in 2018.

He married Nancey Stratton in Mt. Vernon, Oregon on Dec. 9, 1978. They have two children, Kristi and Matt, and two grandchildren.

Jon began growing Christmas trees as an FFA project in high school and sold his first tree in 1978. The trees were on his father, Bill's, property and after four years of Jon selling trees, Bill planted the rest of his seven acres to Christmas trees. They worked together for 18 years when Jon started leasing the farm and Bill retired. Jon purchased 65 acres on Berlin Road and expanded the Christmas tree farm with both of his children working with him. He recently reduced the acres in Christmas trees to shrink the amount of work needed to manage them.

Besides farming Christmas trees, Jon cuts and sells firewood.

Jon enjoys photography.

Jon has filled many positions in the church and is currently the Congregation Chair.



Nancey Stratton West was born in Prairie City, Oregon and grew up in Grant County. She spent most of her youth in Mt. Vernon and Bear Valley but attended school in John Day. Following high school graduation, Nancey attended a one-year Bible school in Cannon Beach, and then traveled eleven countries in Europe on a 4-H tour. She attended Central Oregon Community College and earned a degree in Forestry.

She has also lived in Klamath Falls and Halfway, Oregon before getting married. She and Jon West were married in 1978 in Mt. Vernon, Oregon.

The newlyweds lived in Lebanon a short time before moving to Milino, where Jon began working as a log scaler. A year later, then moved to Sweet Home and both worked for Barringer and Associates (now Cascade Timber Company). Jon returned to scaling and Nancey continued working until December 1982 when Kristi was born. Two years later, Matt arrived and Nancey enjoyed being a stay-at-home mother while they were growing up. She enjoyed spending many hours at horse and cattle shows and fairs with both kids.

Nancey enjoys writing and attended Linn-Benton Community College in journalism. She published her first book in 2009 and has published many articles in various magazines. She is involved in the Soup Kitchen, Toastmasters, Optimist, the Chamber of Commerce and Crossroads Community. She was honored by the Chamber of Commerce with the *Frankie Gray Answering the Call Award* for 2016. The award is for her volunteering efforts in the community.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Cathy Johnson
Millie Patterson
Jesse LeSeur
Flightner Family
August Flieshman
Diana Johnson
Mariam Swanson
Gloria Barnstead
Rachel Dunn
Donna Primasing
Penny Sealy
Tim Ireland
Deloris Wirth
Vila Adkins
Natalie Ward
Patricia Heckman
James Lenfesty
Gerri Myers

Service People:

Spc. Coury Gagne,
Sgt. Scot Noss
Cpt. Tory Petersen
1st Lt. Kellen Peterson

**Pray for our Church,
our Ministers,
the Soup Kitchen,
and our Regional Ministers.**

If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.