

SUMC July 2018 Herald

Pastor's Note:

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity as our family has begun to settle in to the parsonage! We have really appreciated the extra meals, the helping hands, flowers, and overall warmth! I am extremely encouraged by the unconditional love I see taking place inside and outside these walls by those who attend and serve here. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you better, but for now, here is a bit of my story:

I grew up in Southern California, in Vista, California. My parents are active lay people and still faithfully attend Vista United Methodist Church, the church my older brother John and I were baptized and raised in. When I was in high school, I was able to have some wonderful camping experiences, which eventually led to my call to ministry. When I moved to college at California State University, Northridge, I began attending Northridge United Methodist Church, and met for the first time, a female pastor. With her encouragement, I began to discern my call to ministry. I decided to go to Boston University, School of Theology for my seminary training. It was a wonderful experience, although I couldn't wait to get back to the West Coast! [July 1](#) will begin my 18th year of pastoral ministry in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. I have served as a Children's Ministry and Christian Education Pastor, and a Solo pastor of 6 different churches (some at the same time) throughout Oregon and Idaho. I was ordained in 2006, and currently serve the Annual Conference as a member of the Program Division of Camp and Retreat Ministries and on the Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries. I have become a "jack of all trades" in ministry but my true love in ministry is collaborating with churches and communities and dreaming of creative ministries related to poverty and advocacy of people with disabilities.

As I have begun to prepare for my time here as your pastor, I have nothing but excitement for what the future may hold. New partnerships, new pastoral relationships, new ways of breathing life into ministry are things we have all been hope-filled for. As we begin to share our common concerns and hope for something more, we will begin to uncover new visions of the holy and new experiences of the sacred that will sustain us well into the future.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to hear your story. As we get to know one another, I feel so blessed that you are welcoming me into your community. As we enter into ministry together I am proud that what we will be inviting people into isn't a church, but a partnership – a community, God's community. Though we are just now meeting, we have always been united in Christ. We are God's people, God's community, and I am blessed to be your pastor.

Rev. Laura Ann Beville

~ AKA Pastor Laura

AC Wrap-up report



Each annual conference files a wrap-up report with the United Methodist New Service. Here's the Oregon-Idaho report:

In the second year of a quadrennial theme of **Do this and you shall live!**, based on Luke 10:26-28, Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky lead the 50th Session of the Oregon-Idaho Conference.

The conference gathered in Boise, Idaho, June 13-16, 2018 as it does at least once each quadrennium to honor the merger of the Oregon and Idaho Conferences in 1968.

Building on a series of Table Talk sessions held across the episcopal area in the last three months, Bishop Stanovsky invited Rev. Brian Brown, a trainer with the Arbinger Institute, to lead the conference in a series of training and discussion sessions based on the book "Anatomy of Peace." Meeting in small groups of 10-12, conference members and guests practiced the skills of dispute resolution and listening with their hearts.

"Do What" was the sub-theme focus for the conference. And the conference did many things. Some of the highlights included returning land the Nez Perce Indian Nation, taking time to give voice to the #MeToo movement in the church, and recognizing the plight of immigrants.

The conference overwhelmingly supported a motion to return 1.5 acres of river property at Wallowa Lake Camp to the Nez Perce tribe. The property is one small piece of the land taken from them when treaties with the U.S. Government were broken. In a moving transfer ceremony, a rock from the river was passed from church representatives to tribal leaders. In August, when the transfer is finalized, it will be returned to the river, which the tribe will use to support the return of wild sockeye salmon to the region.

A vigil and litany on the conference floor offered support for the #MeToo movement to fight sexual abuse against women. A wailing wall allowed attendees to share their stories and pain.

The time of shared litany called for the Spirit of the Lord to, "Anoint us all to repentance, confession, and the new life that follows." In a time of heightened awareness of immigration and children's rights issues, the conference passed actions to support the United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child and protest detention of immigrant children.

Discussion on the conference floor called for United Methodists to speak out against those who would use the Bible as an argument for failing to welcome the stranger.

Bishop Stanovsky presented the Bishop's Award for service by a lay person to Yuni Rueda. Rueda is an outspoken advocate for the rights of immigrants in the United States under the Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals program. As a DACA immigrant herself she has put a face on the issue for United Methodists and others across Oregon and Idaho. She shared how the church has given her the strength to tell her story.

The delegation to General Conference requested time to speak to the session. They shared their intent to include LGBT voices in the debate at the 2018 General Conference Session by strategically placing reserve delegates on the floor.

The conference commissioned one new elder. There were six United Methodist clergy in the retiring class.

Oregon-Idaho Conference membership stands at 23,920, down 714 from the previous year. Worship attendance stands at 11,475 in person and 938 online for an increase of 198. Professions and affirmations of faith stand at 508, up 98 from 2016.

From Sara Circle...

We had our June meeting on the 19th in the form of a road trip. While our numbers were few we had lots of fun. Lunch at the MacLeay Country Inn and then off to Godfrey nursery. They seem to have something for everyone. We all found something to take home.

We've had a busy year and June is the end of our season. There will be no meetings in July or August. September we will kick off our new season by having a salad luncheon in the park. That will be Sept.18. It seems a long way away but it will be here before we know it. All ladies are welcome to join in.

From the Book Club...



We had a wonderful book club meeting and lunch at our May Book Club meeting. Thanks to Doris Hartley for hosting it at her apartment at The Towers.

We will be taking the summer off and will have our next book club meeting in September. I will put an article in the August Herald about our next meeting.

In the mean-time enjoy your summer. Read lots and be ready to discuss those books when we meet again. This next season let's try to put a reading list together for the upcoming season. This way it gives us all time to obtain the book and read it.

Happy Reading, Cindi Rand

Don't Forget...



to sign up for the Meet and Greet sessions. There are forms with time, dates and locations on the credenza in the narthex.

This is the perfect time to meet Pastor Laura in a small groups type forum.

Continued prayers for:   

Donna Liechty, Carolyn Radford, Marilyn Frick, Martha Wertz, MaryAnn Miles, Ted Debacon & Jody Debacon, Arlene Fleck, Susy Riches

Happy Birthday to...   

July 3...Betty Cooper

July 15...Edna Jaquet...Lyn Stoltz

July 11 ...John Collison

July 27...Becky Walker

July 12 ...Michael Wicks

From Christopher Wicks 

"The sixteenth **First Friday** concert will take place at 7 PM on **July 6**. Debra Huddleston, pianist, will direct the Silvertones singing patriotic and old-time favorites. Debra will also play in 'Trio Demika' with violinist Michael Lemmers and cellist Kathy Scopacasa. Donations gratefully accepted."

Thank-You... 

Nadine and Floyd Lauber would like to thank everyone for the wonderful heartfelt cards, hugs, handshakes given to them by their church family for their 70th wedding anniversary party.

Nametags....



Let's help Pastor Laura to learn who we are by wearing our nametags in July. If you don't have a nametag please let Carol know and she will make you one.

July Calendar



Sunday July 1...9:30 am Worship Service, Welcome Pastor Laura & Family

Thursday July 5...9:30 am Snack Sack,

Sunday July 8...9:30am Worship Service

Tuesday July 10...6:00 pm SPRC

Thursday July 12... 9:30 am Snack Sack

Sunday July 15...9:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday July 17...Noon Sara Circle

Wednesday July 18...6:30 pm Ad Council

Thursday July 19...9:30 am Snack Sack

Sunday July 22...9:30 Worship Service

Thursday July 26...9:30 am Snack Sack

Saturday July 28...2-4 pm Lalickers Anniversary party

Sunday July 29...9:30 Worship Service

The Web Committee...



Did you know that we have a newly formed web committee? This group of folks are working diligently at putting together a web site that is creative as well as informative about the happenings at SUMC. It is still being built and new features will be added as we go along. The address is silvertonumc.org. Check it out!

The Pew Project...



The pew project is well underway. So..keep an eye on that thermometer in the Narthex and watch that red line get higher and higher. For those of you that are just hearing about this project, it is all about refinishing and repairing and recushioning the pews in the sanctuary. As far as anybody knows, it has not been done since the sanctuary was built in 1954. Your donation is a gift to the future of SUMC and its' upkeep.

You are invited...

Ilene and John Lalicker will be celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 28 2pm-4pm. The entire church family is invited. Come and give them hearty hugs and handshakes as they celebrate this wonderful milestone!

Save the Date:   Messy Church: Creation...Saturday, August 11th
4pm-6pm

A Note from Pastors Wally and Paul

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please accept our warm and sincere thanks for your generous goodbyes on this past Sunday. We are very appreciative of your kind comments and thoughtful words that each of you shared with us. Our last day of pastoral ministry at Silverton United Methodist Church will continue to be a special memory.

Looking to the future, both of us also hope and pray that you will also share your love and kindness with Pastor Laura.

Sincerely, In Christ,

Pastor Paul and Pastor Wally

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