

SUMC September 2018 Herald

Pastor's Note:

Friends,

I just got a new tablet last month. You might have seen me preaching from it. I remember when my parents scrimped and saved every last dime they had to purchase our first computer – and Apple IIE weighing in at 32 pounds. My brother and I starred at that green screen for weeks fascinated by the floppy disk we had to insert into it to play learning games – Tuts Typer or Oregon Train or to do simple word processing.

My Fire weighs about 1 pound and oh the things it can do! Funny thing is, I can still hand it to my kids to play learning games on ABCMouse.com, and I am writing this newsletter article on it for simple word processing! It may be called something different, but it is still a computer, and its historic function is still the same.

It all makes me wonder - what is it about our faith and our walk with Jesus that causes us to dig in and resist constantly updating ourselves? Are we controlled by fear, institutionally safe, thrown off by culture curves, individualistic, and resistant to new ideas?

But Jesus didn't call us to fear, safety or individualism. Jesus called us to do the work of the church among all people: to be inclusive of all people at the banquet table; to take risks and adjust our modes to solve the issues of the day (like the friends who lowered their paralyzed friend so he could be healed); and to participate in the life of the church together.

So what values do we have in common? During our meet and greets this summer, I have discovered a few things. We have a lot more in common than we do different. We hold dear the sacred value of all life; the value of equity – what people need based on who they are, a deep understanding of justice; developing partnerships within the community to provide entry points for new people. And we deeply love our church. All of us. We each want it to be the best version of itself so that people might grow in their relationship with God and nurture others - especially those who have no relationship with God.

Won't you join me in this work?

September Calendar

Sunday Sept. 2...9:30 am Worship Service, 4 pm New Member Class Parsonage

Monday Sept. 3...**Office closed** for Labor Day observance

Thursday Sept. 6... 9:30 am Snack Sack, 6:30 pm Choir

Friday Sept. 7...7 pm 1st Friday Concert

Saturday Sept. 8...10 am Book Club

Sunday Sept. 9...9:30 am Worship Service

Monday Sept. 10...10:30am Bible Study

Tuesday Sept. 11...6 pm SPRC

Thursday Sept. 13...9:30 am Snack Sack, 6:30 pm Choir

Sunday Sept. 16...9:30 Worship Service

Monday Sept 17...10:30 am Bible Study

Tuesday Sept. 18... noon Sara Circle

Thursday Sept. 20...9:30 am Snack Sack. 6:30 pm Choir

Friday Sept 21...Game Night TLC All Invited

Sat Sept 22...UMC District Event

Sunday Sept. 23...9:30am Worship Service

Monday Sept 24...10:30 am Bible Study

Thursday Sept. 27...9:30 am Snack Sack, 6:30 pm Choir

Sunday Sept 30...9:30 am Worship Service and Potluck



"Invest in Our Community -
Invest in Our Youth"

Community Day



**Thursday,
September
20th!**

Merchants, restaurants & businesses
all around Silverton will be donating
-directly or a portion of sales-
to ASAP on Thursday, September 20th.

You can help by shopping &
dining where you see the
GOLD STAR!



*Look for ASAP Community Raffle at September First Friday
and Saturday Market ~ Tickets: \$5 or 3 for \$10*

Coffee Hour Groups



Janelia Thurman has volunteered to take over leadership of group 4. Please check the list on the bulletin board in the narthex to see which is your assigned group. Group leaders will call members of their group to assist in providing goodies for the coffee fellowship hour. Thanks for your great cooperation. Everyone seems to enjoy this time of connecting with fellow members and friends.

Continued prayers for:



Donna Liechty, , Marilyn Frick, Martha Wertz, MaryAnn Miles, Ted Debacon & Jody Debacon, Arlene Fleck, Susy Riches, Pastor Laura's mom, Ruth and Marge Kemper's nephew, Ed

Happy Birthday to...



Sept. ? Roger Blamire

Sept. 22 Betty Fisher

Sept. 1 Sylvia Long

Sept. 23 David Kemper

Sept. 12 Lois Drake

Sept. 27 Mike Long

Sept. 19 Cathy McMullen

Nametags....



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

From Christopher Wicks



Christopher Wicks is pleased to announce that the Portland Lyric Strings will play the September **First Friday** Music in the church sanctuary, at 7 PM on the 7th. Violinist Dolores D'Aigle, violist Gwen Sieben, and cellist Angela Powers-Melo will play music by Tartini, Haydn, Mozart, and by Christopher Wicks, also.

Christopher is also delighted to mention that, beginning in January 2019, the **First Friday** Music Series will go to a monthly format, and there will be twelve concerts per year. Moreover, a new licensing arrangement will enable performers to play both copyrighted and public domain music. He wishes to thank Ad Council, Pastor Laura, and his fellow members of the concert series committee for their cooperation.

Book Club



by Cindi Rand

Time has come to resume our wonderful and informative book club meetings. Our first meeting for the new season is Saturday, September 8th at 10AM in the Fireside Room of the Church.

Please mark your calendars and be ready to discuss books you read this summer. 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 in time for the meeting. Happy Reading.

The Pew Project...

WHEW!!! Almost there! There has been \$18,688 donated towards the pew project so far. We still need \$7,312 to reach our \$26,000 goal. Please remember that your donation is a gift to the future of SUMC and its upkeep.

Messy Church

Join a new partnership for Messy Church.

Sept. 29 @ Trinity Lutheran Church

500 N. 2nd St. Silverton

4:00-6:00 pm

Check with Donna Eberle for details!



SARA CIRCLE

Welcome back. After a two month break we start off the new season with a salad picnic in the park. We will meet in the park at noon on the 18th of Sept. for our annual salad picnic. Please

bring a salad to share. There will be plates, utensils and water provided. As well as a dessert. We have lots to share and to talk about. Jody Debacon will keep us on our toes with a fun game or two for us to play. All ladies of the church are welcome to come try our salads and join in on our spirited sisterhood actively engaged in ministry... Hope to see you all there.

AUGUST GIVING SUMMARY

DATE	SUNDAY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	OFFERING RECEIVED	OFFERING BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER)	OFFERING RECEIVED	OFFERING BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER)
08/05/18	3,351	1,871	1,480	75,369	58,001	17,368
08/12/18	1,396	1,871	(475)	76,765	59,872	16,893
08/19/18	4,457	1,871	2,586	81,222	61,743	19,479
08/26/18	656	1,871	(1,215)	81,878	63,614	18,264
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TOTAL	9,860	7,484	2,376			

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"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World"*