

# AUGUST 2025



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# A Message from Pastor Leslie

Dear Church,

I've been thinking a lot about heroes. Makes sense since we recently went through a month of Christian heroes.

We looked at Saint Francis of Assisi; a 12<sup>th</sup> century priest who dedicated his life to living and serving those on the margins of society. He created the Franciscan order, and his example still exists today in the Catholic church.

Susanna Wesley was a wife, mother, teacher, and unexpected preacher in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Her faith was unshakable and her call from God was undeniable. It was her faith and life example that inspired her son, John Wesley, to create his method of Christian living that persists today in the Wesleyan/Holiness traditions, including our denomination of United Methodist.

Amy Carmichael was a fearless missionary in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in Southern India. She rescued hundreds of children from forced prostitution and created a village of sanctuary that continues to be in operation today. Even after disability stopped her body, she continued her work through words, publishing dozens of books on her mission work. She was known by the many children she loved as "Amma" (mother).

C.S. Lewis was an English professor and celebrated author in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in the UK. His books have been adapted into stage plays, dynamic radio performances, TV miniseries, and blockbuster movies. He was a lifelong learner and thrived in his intellectual world. His faith journey was one from outspoken atheist to the most impactful lay theologian of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

All of these heroes lived before my lifetime. Even Lewis died more than a half century ago. Something tends to happen after people die, people start to forget their human-ness. No one remembers the annoying way they used to chew their food, the lame jokes they told over and over again,

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the bad habits they couldn't break, and the mistakes they made. All that is left is the almost mythological highlights. Their hero-ness. It's why most of our heroes are dead. The ones that are still alive are too wholistic, too human.

I have some heroes that are still alive. Brian, Scott, Elizabeth, Jannet, Rachel, Jen, Stanley, to name a few. Some of them have more famous last names and will undoubtedly be the subject of profiles a hundred years from now. Some of them you may have never heard of, whose profile is smaller and more intimate. Their lives are impactful just the same. They've all impacted you because their lives have impacted me.

In the same way, you've impacted others, who will impact others, who will impact others. Our lives are not insignificant, but part of God's larger story. We are not called to fame, but to faithfulness. When we are faithful, we are heroes of the faith.

Go forth and be heroic!



It is a joy and honor to be your pastor.

*Pastor Leslie*

I am always available for you if you need prayer, someone to listen, or a friend to grab coffee with. Please reach out if myself, or our congregation, can support you.

# Church Council News



The Church Council has been working on and monitoring a number of recent happenings at our church.

- Our beloved pianist, Dr. Anton Zotov, left us for a new position as Executive Director for the Wenatchee Valley Symphony. We will miss him but wish him well in this exciting new endeavor. The SPRC (Staff/Parish Relations Committee) is taking the lead on the search for his replacement.
- We successfully met the Heartfelt Quilters challenge to increase our donations to The Treasure House.
- Pastor Leslie attended the PNW Annual Conference while Lay Leader Judy Barber attended via Zoom, and offered a report at a recent Sunday service.
- The parking lots are completely finished. The large lot next to the kitchen was funded by a generous anonymous donation.
- The “We Compost” program is now in full swing. We have partnered with Clark County Solid Waste and Waste Connections of Washington, and you would have heard their presentation on a recent Sunday when they also offered food scrap collection pails.

I’m sure you have noticed the green bin located in the parking area just beyond the kitchen. You may deposit any food waste scraps, even fat and bones, but no plastic, paper, or items marked “recyclable.” Eggshells, coffee grounds, coffee filters and tea bags are OK. All are welcome to use this bin, and flyers advertising it will be sent to all residences within one mile. After the first two weeks, we had already collected 140 pounds of food waste! This project falls directly in line with one of our church goals of environmental sustainability.



Special thanks to Molly Coston for bringing this program to us.

Warmest regards,  
*Barb Crozier*  
Church Council Chair



# Giving \* June

## INCOME

General Fund Giving	\$ 10,542.49
Endowment Transfer - Operations	895.98
Ministerial Housing Transfer	2,000.00
Non-Designated Donations	100.00
Treasure House	720.00
Anton Gift	968.00
Memorial Fund	250.00
Checking Interest	0.86

TOTAL \$ 15,477.33

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.



## EXPENSES

Personnel	\$ 12,428.74
Apportionments	1,501.02
Treasure House	720.00
Memorial Fund	250.00
Anton Gift	968.00
Other Expenses	2,844.11

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 18,711.87

JUNE DEFICIT \$ 3,234.54

# Trustees

“If you build it, they will come.”

As you may have noticed, the Trustees have completed the gravel parking lot. Thanks to an anonymous donor, they were also able to gravel the parking area directly in front of the kitchen thereby making it far more accessible for Fellowship Hall activities.

Our Annual Bazaar, Celebrations of Life, Weddings and Community Outreach events will all benefit from the work that has been accomplished.

# August Birthdays



Debbie Revett

August 11

Janet Orjala

August 13

George Perry

August 15

Nancy Deobald

August 17

Pastor Leslie

August 23

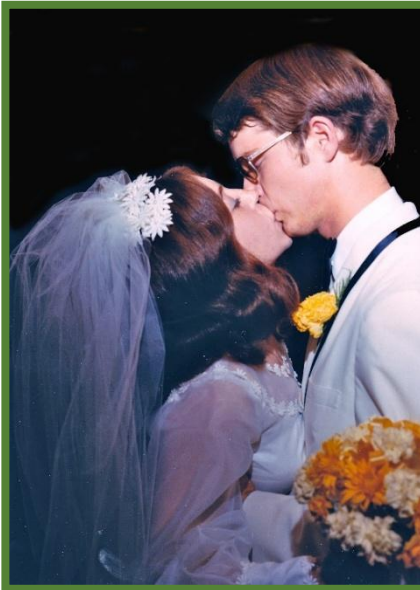
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August 30

# Happy Anniversary



Dave & Ronette  
Steinke  
August 11, 1973



Mike & Sharon  
Carmichael  
August 11, 1972



Martin & Leslie  
Kollreno  
August 24, 2024



# Prayer Requests 2.0

WUMC is experimenting with a new way of “doing” prayer requests during worship. As our church has grown (Yeah! Whoopee! And Hallelujah!!!) it has become apparent that the time for prayer requests is consuming more time taken from Sunday worship. So, SPRC and Pastor Leslie are trying a new way of asking for prayer.

In each pew you will find a prayer card that has two sides (shown below): one side identifies who is making the request and the opposite has space for the prayer request and two boxes. One box indicates whether you want to be contacted for more prayer, discussion, etc. The second box you can check lets the pastor know this is a confidential prayer. She then lifts all prayers, excluding confidential ones, in her Pastoral Prayer during the service.

Following worship, she gives the cards to me, and I then send the prayer requests out to our Church Family via e-mail. In this way we all can share in prayer and support for those in need of our prayer.

*Sandy Havrely*  
Congregational Care Coordinator




Prayer Request Card

Please write your request here  
and place it in the offering plate.

Please Pray

☐ I would like someone to contact me  
(see back to provide contact information)

☐ This is a confidential prayer request.



My Prayer Request

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6

# 2025 Bazaar News



Less than 100 DAYS until our 2025 Holiday Bazaar begins set up. YIKES!

Cleta Gilman, Starla Ryan and Cheryl Forman have been meeting and looking at what has worked well for the Bazaar in the past and what changes might be great for the future. We all appreciate their dedication and passion for this great community outreach!

Just a reminder, that 10% of all earnings will go to The Treasure House to help them help others with housing and food.

A huge thank you to all of you who have brought in items and put them in the Bakery Room for our "New to You" portion of the sale. Please keep your lovely items that you no longer need or want coming in. It helps to be able to price early. I want to personally thank Linda King McMahon, Pattie Meads, Shirlee Dedmore and Ginny Hazen for helping price items as they come in. They have met nearly every week for 2 hours each Wednesday to price the items. The table is getting bare and there will be no more pricing until your lovely items begin coming in again. Those who have brought items...THANK YOU! They are lovely!

Just a gentle reminder that our New To You items are sold at bargain prices. The way we look at it is...the items are donated, and the donor does not have to be concerned about what to do with their "stuff"...every item SOLD is money for mission and church work...it's a win-win! You feel good donating to a worthy cause you believe in, and we, the members of WUMC are able to continue our mission work and help The Treasure House outright with 10% of sales. WIN-WIN!

**NEW**  **YOU**

Cheryl is gathering items for the basket drawings. She will have in the coming month or so a list of items we can "fill in" the baskets. Stay tuned!

Cleta's workshop is in the midst of creating items for the Bazaar...right now it's gnomes and snowmen. There is great hope that some of you are creating items at home to go with what they are making. The more the merrier, the more, the better profits, the better profits, the more mission work and help with church finances. If you are thinking about making something, but aren't sure about it, contact Cleta Gilman, text 360-521-9975 or Starla Ryan, text 360-936-9145. While this is going on, quilts for the hospital and our loved ones continue to be created.

God Bless You,  
*Sandy Hawrelly*  
Congregational Care Coordinator



# Getting to Know You 🎵

Please grab and complete the “We would like to get to know you!” Card that you will find in your Sunday Bulletin this August. Even if you think your information in ServantKeeper is up-to-date, we still want to make sure we have current and accurate information and this is the best way we could think of to gather that data. You can drop the card in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you so much!

**WASHOUGAL  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

We would like to get to know you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

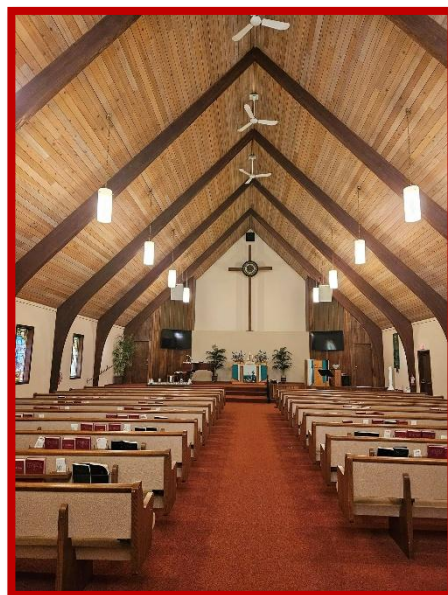
City | State | Zip \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this card & drop it in the offering plate or hand it to the Pastor

*Everyone is Welcome ... No Exceptions*



THANK  
*you!*

### *Our Ministries & Fellowship*

 Our **Heartfelt Quilters** work diligently year-round creating masterpiece Quilts for Legacy Hospital and anyone who is in need of comfort. Throughout the season of Lent hundreds of dresses are sewn for little girls worldwide.

 The **Annual Holiday Bazaar** is our largest fund raiser and certainly the most popular and well known in our community.

 The **Inter Faith Treasure House** is our main Food Ministry, donating thousands of pounds of food throughout the years.

 **Hathaway Elementary School** is the recipient of donated school supplies, backpacks and winter clothing.

We donate cash to Washougal Schools **AKIN Backpack Mission** to buy food for children to prepare over the weekends.

 **UMCOR** Committee on Relief – Our Disaster Mission

We also have Fellowship opportunities through **Men's Coffee Hour** every Monday morning and the **Page Turner's Book Club** on the third Tuesday of every month.

*We hope to see you next Sunday* ❤️

# We Compost

**WUMC has joined the fight against climate change.**

**Food waste in landfills creates methane gas, a major contributor to climate change.**

Clark County and Waste Connections are partnering with local organizations to reduce the amount of food waste going to the landfill. The **We Compost** pilot program offers several **Community Hub Locations** across Clark County; these hubs offer **free and convenient food waste disposal for all residents!**

The food waste drop-off locations are particularly beneficial for residents with limited access to composting services, such as those living in apartments and condos, or living outside of residential curbside organic service areas.

At the **Community Hub Locations** food waste will be deposited into green food waste carts, like the one located on the west side of Kitchen. These carts are serviced **weekly** by Waste Connections of Washington. The food waste is then transported to our commercial compost facility, Dirt Hugger in Dallesport, Washington.

In a few months, the food scraps are transformed into rich compost, returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

## **Helpful Hints ~ Keeping your pail clean**

When collecting food scraps at home, there are several things you can do to keep them from smelling:

- Keep your food scraps secured in a container with a tight lid in a cool place.
- If you have room, try freezing or refrigerating food scraps and bring them to the church on Sunday 😊
- Use a spatula to scrape out the pail while emptying.
- Be sure to clean your food scrap pail regularly.



## **One Week In!**

**Bethanie Collette Velasco - Environmental Outreach Specialist writes:**

We just wanted to pass along a big **KUDOS** to a successful program start. So far, (July 24) you've already helped divert nearly **140 lbs. of food waste** that was landfill bound! That CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction is equivalent to the energy demand for charging 36 smart phones, or consuming ¼ gallon of gasoline!

ClarkGreenNeighbors.org/We-Compost  
QUESTIONS? SolidWaste@clark.wa.gov

# August in History

A lot has happened in the month of August throughout history. From natural disasters to amazing inventions and feats of bravery, there are some exciting events to explore. Here are but a few interesting historical events to recognize and learn about in the eighth month of our year.

## **August 6, 1965 – Voting Rights Act Passed**

President Johnson passed a law. The purpose of this law was to ensure that Black people could vote. The law aimed to prevent tests on literacy, knowledge, and character from stopping them. Another thing the Act did was to approve Federal voting examiners to register people to vote. This bill aimed to increase the number of voters in areas with historical discrimination.

## **August 11, 1841 – Frederick Douglass Gives his First Anti-Slavery Speech**

Frederick Douglass was an escaped slave who became an anti-slavery campaigner. He gave an account of his life as a slave at an anti-slavery convention on Nantucket Island on this date.

## **August 1933 – The Loch Ness Monster**

The Loch Ness Monster, or Nessie, as is commonly referred to in Scottish Folklore. In August 1933, a published story documented George Spicer's account of the sighting. No one knows when Nessie was spotted for the first time, however, stories date back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century AD.

## **August 16, 1896 – The Start of the Gold Rush**

On this date, prospectors discovered gold in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River. This sparked the incredible event of the Great Klondike Gold Rush. This event saw around 100,000 people migrate to the Canadian Yukon region in the hope of finding gold. The gold rush lasted until 1899.

## **August 17, 1978 – The First Balloon Trip Across the Atlantic**

The first hot air balloon trip across the Atlantic Ocean began on this day in 1978. Max Anderson, Larry Newman, and Ben Abruzzo, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, flew from Presque Isle, Maine, on August 11. Their balloon, the Double Eagle II, took them 3,000 miles across the ocean in a journey that lasted 137 hours. On August 17, they landed in Miserey, France, about 60 miles away from the capital of Paris.









## **August 18, 1920 – Women Gain the Right to Vote in the US**

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution came into effect on this day in 1920. It gave women the right to vote. Women fought for a long time to get this, starting from the beginning of the United States. In 1865, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton signed a petition to let women vote. Women gained the right to vote in the Constitution 55 years later.

## **August 21, 1959 – Hawaii Becomes the 50th State**

President Dwight D. Eisenhower made Hawaii the 50th state in the Union when he signed a proclamation on this day. A small group of white planters and businessmen overthrew Hawaii's last queen, Queen Lili'uokalani, in 1893. Hawaii became a part of the United States in 1898. However, it took more than 60 years for Hawaii to achieve statehood.

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