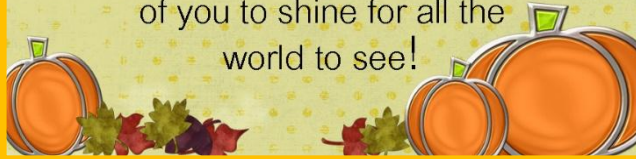


# October 2025

Being a Christian is like being a **pumpkin**. God **picks you** from the patch, brings you in, and **washes off** all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and **scoops out** all the yucky stuff. He **removes the seeds** of doubt, hate, and greed. Last, He **carves you** a new smiling face and **puts His light inside** of you to shine for all the world to see!



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# A Message from Pastor Leslie

Dear Church,

Pastors are paid to talk and we tend to be pretty good at it. We are supposed to be ready at every moment to add something profound to the conversation. But sometimes, even we are out of words. Today, that is one of those moments for me. There are many reasons why, but the end result is that I'm just a little empty when it comes to words. So this month, I am going to leave you with a blessing from Kate Bower\* and read with you as we think about what it means to take what we need, even if what we need is just a little quiet.

## **a blessing to take what you need**

The feeder is empty again  
and no one is claiming that the birds are greedy  
for taking what they pleased.

Look at how the fat, pink flowers  
are weighing the end of each branch,  
sucking nutrients into each velvet petal.  
How selfish.

Nature hungers, takes and needs.  
God, why can't I?

Blessed are we, learning to take what we need.  
Sleeping past our alarms.  
Reaching for another helping.  
Staying a little longer when the evening is unwinding.

Blessed are we, ignoring the rising anxiety  
that our needs are somehow silly  
because we've survived this long  
without the pleasures of this wanting.

God, let these needs be the good sign  
of the greening of my life.

Kate Bower

*Duke Professor, Podcast Host and Best-Selling Author*

# A Message from Pastor Leslie

Part of being the church is meeting the needs among us. Sometimes those are tangible and sometimes they aren't, but if you have a need, please let us know so that we have the opportunity to support you. I am praying for you.

It is a joy and honor to be your pastor.

*Pastor Leslie*

You can always reach me by phone/text at 626-340-5638  
or email at [wumcpastorleslie@gmail.com](mailto:wumcpastorleslie@gmail.com)

a blessing to  
*take what you need*



JOY



REST



PEACE



LOVE



PEOPLE PICKING UP AFTER  
THEMSELVES FOR ONCE



HOPE



This month's spotlight is on our very own WUMC Joyful Noise Ensemble.  
Each member of the choir was asked to answer three questions.

1. How long have you been singing at WUMC?
2. What is your musical background?
3. Why do you sing?

Here are their answers.

#### **SHARON CARMICHAEL**

1. I have been singing at WUMC with the Joyful Noise Singers for 2-3 years.
2. I began piano lessons at the age of 5 when my parents bought me an old, reconsidered player piano which I still have. It was in high school where I was the accompanist to the "16<sup>th</sup> Notes," comprised of 16 girls selected each year to perform a special Spring show. I also began taking organ lessons during this time and often practiced alone in the church with the volume ramped up, absorbed in the sound. I took choir every term while attending Clark College. Later as a stay-at-home Mom, I began playing the organ for funerals to earn a bit of money.
3. I sing because it brings me joy. If I'm feeling down, music always cheers me up. Sometimes I have even felt it has been my best friend. Plus, I feel blessed to be able to serve God doing what I enjoy! I have always loved music!

#### **CATHY COX**

1. I think I have been singing with the choir here since 2014.
2. I took some piano lessons in grade school and sang with friends and neighbors.
3. Singing makes me enjoy housework and I just love to sing.

#### **GENE COX**

1. I think I have been singing with the choir here since 2014.
2. I took violin lessons at an early age, played cornet in junior high school and enjoyed holiday singing with friends.
3. I just enjoy the good feeling that goes along with it. It lifts my spirits.

# ♪ Our Joyful Noise Ensemble ♪

## **GREG HAZEN**

1. I began singing shortly after we started attending WUMC, about a year and a half ago.
2. I believe I am tone deaf, but apparently I can match the notes of the person standing next to me. I sang in the choir at Longview Community Church for about 20 years when we lived there and I also sang with a choir of about 25 people at Wesley United Methodist Church in San Jose, California for about 10 years.
3. I begin singing to fill a need. I am blessed to continue with the friendships I have established over the years while singing with the choir at church.

## **KATHY MCKINLEY**

1. I've been singing with the choir, the praise team and now our small group at WUMC since I began coming to the church at least 20 years ago.
2. I've been singing my whole life. I've had some music and voice lessons.
3. Singing brings me joy. Singing, for me, is prayer.

## **SHARRY MONROE**

1. I don't know how many years, but it was when Cedar was music director.
2. I took accordion lessons at age 5, classical piano lessons at age 7 and played and sang along with a zither. It was in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade that my love of classical music was shaped, first with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and then attending Friday night rehearsals with my best friend's Mom as she played the viola for the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra. In my teens I experimented with my Dad's harmonica, bought and played a melodica and then taught myself how to play the guitar while watching a program on PBS.
3. I just have a love of music. My BFF and I used to buy an all-day bus pass and would often spend the entire day riding various buses around Seattle, sitting in the very back and singing hymns and camp songs. During the 3 years we entertained ourselves, and probably others as well, we were asked just one time to stop when a Karen rider spoke to the driver. We were adults before it dawned on us that we could have made money if we had a hat. 😊



# ♪ Our Joyful Noise Ensemble ♪

## **JANET ORJALA**

1. I've been with the ensemble for 9 months.
2. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from the University of Minnesota, Private Organ studies at Carleton College in Minnesota and at the University of Chicago. In addition to having been a Church Organist for over 50 years (beginning at age 12) and directing choirs in Minnesota and Oregon and now at WUMC in Washington, I have also played the Harpsichord and Flute and have been a Private Music Teacher of the flute, piano and organ.
3. Singing makes me happy.

## **JUDY WHETZEL**

1. It's hard to remember when I started singing in our choir, but I came to WUMC after the events of 911, 24 years ago.
2. My musical background was just singing in various choirs in college performing in public events and in church. I don't read music but I've taught myself to sight-read (somewhat). I memorize the tune and the music notes and sing out.
3. Why do I sing? Why do birds sing? I love choral music, I love listening and singing to most music. It brings me joy, fills my heart and calms my soul.



Janet Orjala ~ Music Director, Kathy McKinley ~ Worship Chair, Sharry Monroe  
Greg Hazen, Sharon Carmichael, Judy Whetzel, Cathy Cox and Gene Cox.

# October Birthdays



ROBERT HARRIS

10/05

BOB JACOBS

10/05

JUDY BARBER

10/15

JUDY WHETZEL

10/23

## ♥ Happy Anniversary ♥

Ed & Ladinea Faler



October 16, 1970

**LOVE**

IS PATIENT & KIND

DOES NOT <sup>ENVY</sup> BOAST

IT IS NOT PROUD

IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS

IT IS SELF-SEEKING

not EASILY ANGERED

KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

**LOVE** ALWAYS **PROTECTS**  
**NEVER** **TRUSTS** **HOPES**  
**FAILS** **PERSEVERES**

# Giving • August

*Income Statement for Month Ending August 31, 2025*

## INCOME

General Fund Giving	\$ 12,741.93
Endowment Operations Transfer	895.98
Ministerial Housing Transfer	2,000.00
Hathaway School Supplies	170.00
Treasure House	100.00
Checking Interest	.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,908.68</u></b>

## EXPENSES

Personnel	\$ 9,748.28
Apportionments	1,501.02
Hathaway School Supplies	170.00
Treasure House	100.00
Other Expenses	3,198.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,718.12</u></b>

## NET PROFIT

\$ 1,190.56

I HAVE FOUND THAT  
AMONG ITS OTHER BENEFITS,  
**GIVING**  
LIBERATES THE SOUL OF THE  
**GIVER**

– MAYA ANGELOU –



“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:

‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Acts 20:35

You may remit your Offerings to

WUMC • PO Box 12 • Washougal • Washington • 98671

**or**

Online ~ [www.washougalunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://www.washougalunitedmethodistchurch.org)

**or**

Drop in the Offering Plate on Sunday Morning



If you have any questions, feel free to contact

*LouAnn Wittler*

Financial Secretary

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# Annual Holiday Bazaar 2025



Friday  
Saturday

November 7  
November 8

4-7 pm  
9-3 pm

This year's Annual Holiday Bazar will be held on the evening of November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm and on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 pm.

Following is a brief history of how our annual Holiday Bazaar began. Some records found in the old church archives indicate the Bazaar began in the old church, located on 'B' Street in downtown Washougal, years ago. The church was active from 1896-1969. The original purpose of the Bazaar was to help with the church budget. When the church we are now located in opened its doors in 1970, the Bazaar continued. By that time, the main budgetary focus was to help with the payment of our Conference Apportionments. The original Bazaars in this church raised around \$800 per Bazaar.

In the 1990's Clela Gilman took over the reins with a much more open-ended dream. At that time, the Bazaar hosted a room of garage sale type items. Clela removed that portion of the Bazaar and added a Soup, Sandwich and Homemade Pie section. Sales increased!

Around the year 2000, she felt our Bazaar needed to become an Outreach activity into the community. She proposed to the Church Council that we tithe 10% of profits towards a community need. Sales increased!

# Annual Holiday Bazaar 2025

We gave to several organizations: the Police Department for Defibrillators, new Benches for Hathaway Elementary School's Cafeteria and more. When hunger became a clear and present need in our community, we adopted The Interfaith Treasure House, the local Food Bank in Camas-Washougal, as our beneficiary. As long as hunger prevails in our community, we will continue supporting The Treasure House. Advertising that we tithe (give) 10% of the profits from the Bazaar to The Treasure House has also increased Community Outreach. Sales increased!

Other changes that have taken place through the years were the adding back of "New to You" items, but keeping the focus on clean, like new items. Sales increased!

The addition of Chairpersons to oversee each area of the Bazaar has made it possible to keep increasing product and sales. Sales increased!

The willingness to try new things and then critique the choices immediately following the Bazar has allowed it to remain one of the most sought out holiday bazaars in the county. KUDOS!!!

It goes without saying that the Washougal United Methodist Church Bazaar would not be the success that it is without the participation of EVERYONE! First of all, we ALL can and do PRAY FOR OUR Bazaar Leaders and workers. Following that it is apparent the passion the congregation has for this Bazaar! The willingness to donate food, donate New to You items, donate homemade crafts and sewing projects, work at the Bazaar even when exhausted, help with setup and cleanup, park cars, help those who need help carrying their purchased finds to their cars and on and on and on.

Passion for this All Church Project is to be celebrated.

Furthermore, it's based on our Mission Statement:

*Becoming the people God calls us to be by doing the work  
God calls us to be by doing the work God calls us to do.*

Participating and doing brings us all together to welcome the community into our church home and helps us to be able to continue contributing to feeding the hungry. What a project!

The Washougal United Methodist Church Annual Holiday Bazaar, while located in our building, has grown from a profit of \$800 to our grand 2024 total of \$19,705.00! It takes a team and many helping hands combined with love and prayer.

Watch for emails from your Congregation Care Coordinator. You will be kept up to date on last-minute details. The CCC will keep you updated as to What's Happening in the "Now" and give information on how YOU can help if you feel led.

# Annual Holiday Bazaar 2025



## Bazaar Leaders

### *Many Hands Make Light Work*

If you are interested in working in one of the following areas, please get in touch with the Leader of that group so they can schedule you into a work time.

Position	Leader	Cell #
Cashiers ~ Check Out	LouAnn Wittler	Staffed
Cash Sales (Friday Night)	Cleta Gilman & Cheryl Forman	Staffed
Quilts & Baskets Drawing	Uela Spanier	Staffed
Permits	Mark Guz & Starla Ryan	Staffed
Greeters	Linn Jacobs	360.852.7783
Bakery	Starla Ryan	360.798.7030
Kitchen	Cheryl Forman	808.343.1095
Outside Sales	Starla Ryan	360.936.9145
Floor Walkers	Sandy Havrelly	360.606.8813
Parking	Stan Hodgins	503.310.5014
Signs	Men's Group – Joe Wittler	360.954.6509
Furniture Moving	Men's Group – Joe Wittler	360.954.6509
Set Up	Cleta Gilman	360.521.9975
Print Advertising	Sandry Havrelly	In Process
Facebook/Web Site Advertising	Kathy McKinley & Pastor Leslie	In Process
Online Advertising	All of Us	In Process

**The best advertising is personal one-to-one advertising.**



# Annual Holiday Bazaar 2025



## **MONTH of OCTOBER**

200 Pie Crusts made prior to the week of the Bazaar

## **SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

# NEW YOU

LAST DAY TO BRING "New To You" items

## **SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Following Coffee Hour**

1. Men move tables to designated places
2. Box up toys and stack under tables.

## **MONDAY ~ NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Heavy Workday**

1. Men's group move furniture
2. Set up trees
3. Men put out signs

## **TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

1. From 10 am to 1 pm ~ Decorate Trees ~ Lunch provided
2. Bazaar Team begin Merchandising



# Annual Holiday Bazaar 2025

## WEDNESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

1. Bazaar Team continues Merchandising
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## THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

1. Apple peeling (all are invited to participate beginning at 9:30 am. Bring your peelers and knives. Lunch provided)
  2. Bring in Candy and Baked Goods
  3. Begin Packaging and Pricing Baked Goods
  4. Merchandising continues
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## FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

1. Clean Up and Prepare to Open
  2. Prepare to be inside between 3:30 and 3:40
  3. Group Prayer at 3:45
  4. Doors Open at 4:00 pm
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Watch for regular emails as I keep you up to date on last-minute details.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have regarding this year's sure-to-be-the-best-Holiday-Bazaar-yet.



*Sandy Hawrelly*

WUMC Congregational Care Coordinator

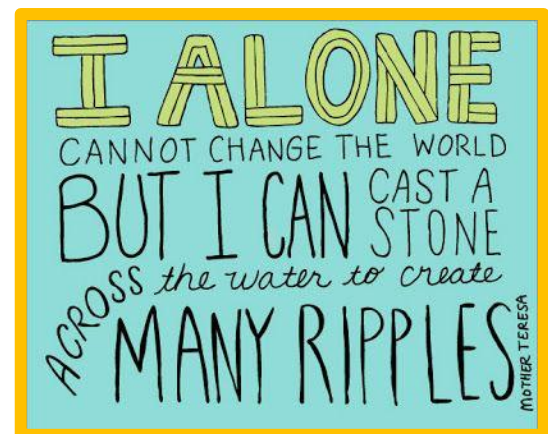
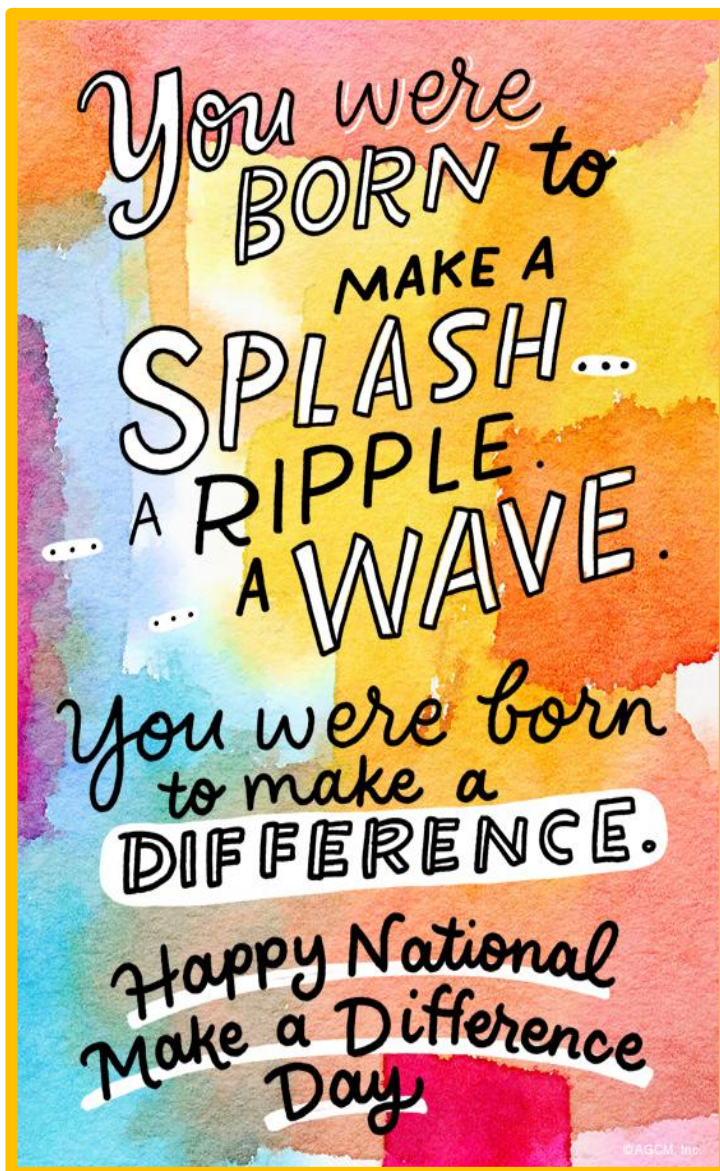
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# Make A Difference Day

National Make a Difference Day in 2024  
Saturday, October 25.

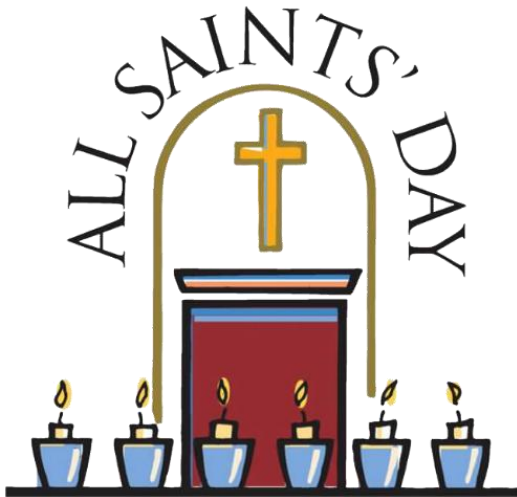
National Make a Difference Day is the largest national day of community service in the United States. This day is a national day of service that encourages people to make a positive impact in their communities through volunteer work, acts of kindness, and community service projects.



YOU CANNOT GET THROUGH A SINGLE DAY WITHOUT HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD AROUND YOU. WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO MAKE.



# All Saints' Day



*Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>*

We will be honoring our dearly departed during Sunday services with the reading of the names of loved ones who passed this year and lighting a candle in remembrance of their lives.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

All Saints' Day, also called All Hallows, Hallowmas, and Feast of All Saints is always November 1<sup>st</sup> each year and celebrate and honors all the Saints; especially the Saints who are not honored on other days of the year.

The day is preceded by All Saints' Eve (Halloween) the night before and then followed by All Saints Day (aka All Saints Day) on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

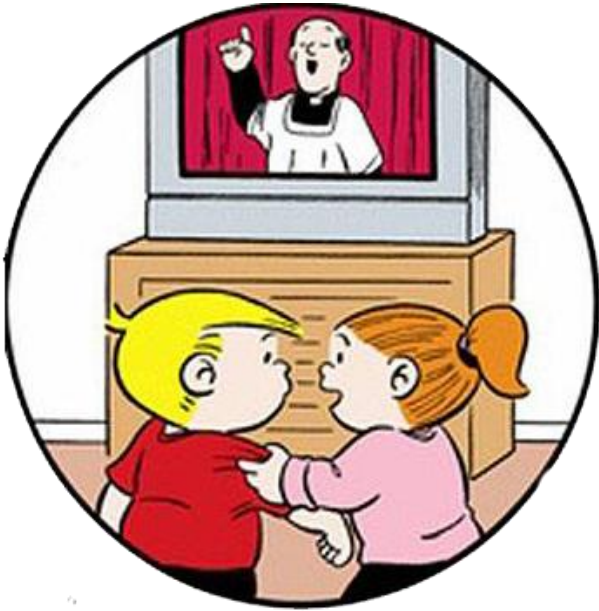
The 3 days together represent the All Hallowtide triduum (religious observance lasting three days) as a time to reflect and remember the saints, martyrs, and the faithful who have died.

To honor and give thanks for the saints in our lives – family or friends – who are now in the arms of our loving creator, we name them as part of our worship on All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2025.

If you would like to honor your loved one(s) who have passed in the last year with a candle and the reading of their name, please make sure to give their full name to Pastor Leslie no later than **MONDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>**.

You may email her at [wumcpastorleslie@gmail.com](mailto:wumcpastorleslie@gmail.com)  
or call or text her at 626.340.5638

# Kids Say The Darndest Things



Did you hear that?  
People in Heaven have Ever Laughing Life!

Casey asked her Sunday School teacher a question: "If the people of Israel are Israelites, and the people of Canaan are Canaanites, are the people of Paris called Parasites?"

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do? A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up!"

The Sunday School teacher had just told her class the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus fleeing into Egypt to escape Herod, and then she asked her students to draw a picture about the story. She came to a little boy's drawing and was slightly puzzled to see he had drawn a picture of an airplane so she asked him to explain. Joey responded, "Well, this is the "Flight into Egypt." Here in the back of the plane are Mary, Joseph and Jesus." The teacher pointed to the stick figure leaning out of the cockpit of the plane and asked, "Who is this person?" "Oh," Joey responded, "That's Pontius the Pilot!"

One Sunday morning, the Pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly,

"Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor." Pastor McGhee, what is this?"

"Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked,

"Which service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?"

# Kids Say The Darndest Things

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Mrs. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that." Bobby looked up and replied, "Well, Mrs. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned."

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

A six-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service: "And forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

The Sunday School teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah had built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl raised her hand and replied enthusiastically, "To make gravy!"

A Sunday School teacher asked her preschool class as they were on their way to the church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A mother was teaching her three-year old the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime the little girl repeated the prayer after her mother. One night she said she was ready to say it by herself. The mother listened with pride as her child carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."



# WUMC Thanks X 2 🤗



This note was mailed to WUMC from Nancy Boon – Family Resource Center Coordinator

“Dear Members of Washougal Methodist Church,

Your donations of school supplies again this year made an incredible impact for so many of our families and students! Thank you for yet again helping us get our students off on the right foot to a new school year regardless of their family financial situation!

Because of your generosity, every student was able to begin the year with all the supplies requested by their teachers. We even have the capacity to refill supplies as they run out.

Thank You!

Your support is so appreciated!



Laura Velonza mailed a sweet little Thank You note, too.

“Washougal Church,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the beautiful cards. Each one, along with the kind words inside, truly touched my heart. It means a lot to me to have you appreciate the efforts I put into my work. I love my job, and the opportunity to help others is a gift and a personal ministry to me.

Also, I want to express my gratitude for the generous gift from your church. It was a delightful surprise, and I hope you understand why I would like to donate your gift to Twinlow Camp to support their new shower and bath house project. I care deeply about our camps and the impact they have on our children and youth. And when I think of how much wear my 3 sweet girls did on my bathroom, I can't even imagine the amount of wear a camp bath house would experience after 100 years! Wow 🤗

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and support. It inspires me to continue serving our Conference with love and dedication.

Laura”

# WUMC Stewardship is Here !



## It's Annual Pledge Campaign Time 2026

It is the time of the year we gather to celebrate and rejoice in our many joys and accomplishments in the past year. We celebrate the goodness of God in our lives and our Church and thank Him for our many blessings.

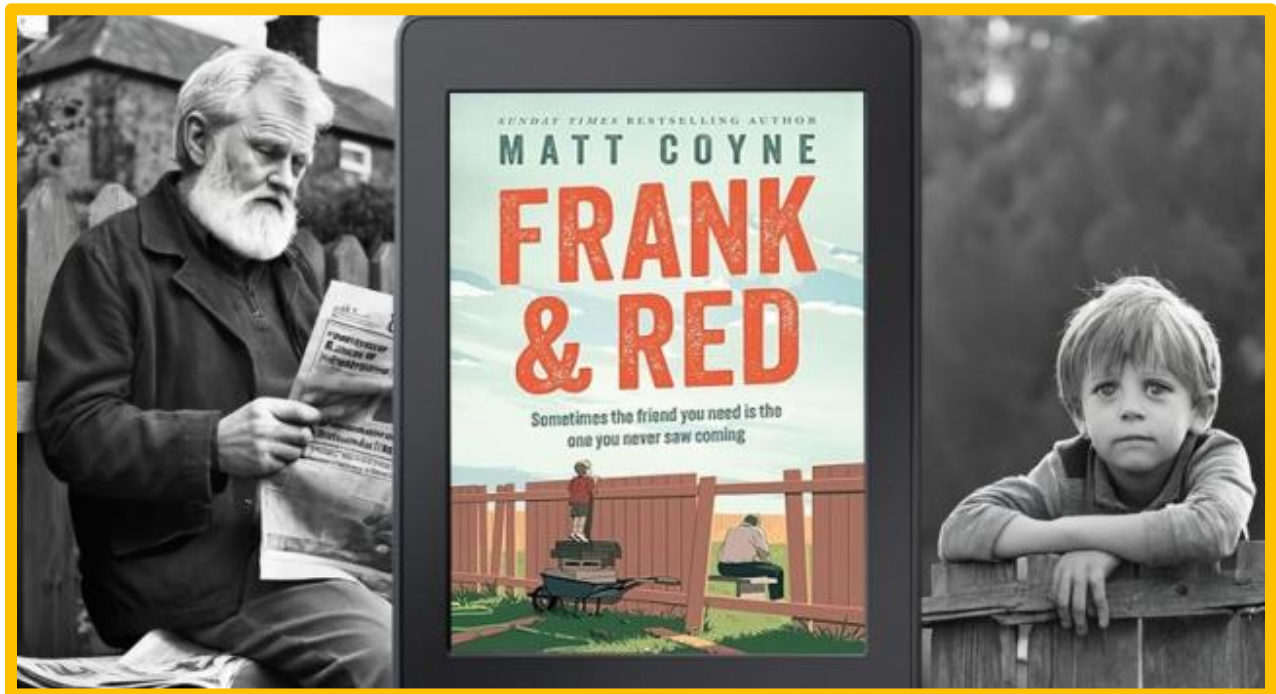
October 12 – November 2, 2025

## Page Turners Book of the Month






### October ~ Frank and Red

by Matt Coyne

Six year old Red is coming to terms with his parents separation which has meant he had to move house to a completely different part of London where he doesn't know anyone and has to adapt to being the new boy at school whereas sexagenarian Frank has struggled to cope since his wife died and is now living a small life.



# October Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
October 1-31 Dedicated to the Annual HOLIDAY BAZAAR			Yom Kipper Begins			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
World Communion Sunday Worship • Communion 10 Coffee Hour 11 Bob Jacobs BD Robert Harris BD	Men's Coffee - 9 Bazaar Focus				World Mental Health Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 10 Coffee Hour 11 Last Day To Bring <b>NEW TO YOU</b>	Indigenous Peoples Day Men's Coffee - 9 Bazaar Focus	Page Turners Noon	Judy Barber BD	Ed & Ladinea Anniversary Council – 3 Boss's Day		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 10 POTLUCK SUNDAY Laity Sunday	Men's Coffee - 9 Bazaar Focus			Judy Whetzel BD	United Nations Day	Natl' Make A Difference Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Worship 10 Coffee Hour 11 Reformation Sunday	Men's Coffee - 9 Bazaar Focus All Saints Names DEADLINE				Halloween Reformation Day	

