

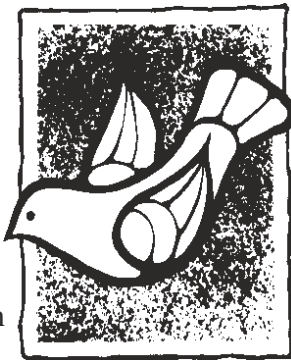
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The Circuit Rider

Join us for the 2010
Women's Retreat
"Trust in the Truth"

**March 12th – 14th at Alton Collins
Retreat Center in Sandy, OR.**



Registration forms are available in the church narthex. The retreat is open to ALL WOMEN. Early registration (before Feb. 14th) is \$133.00. After that date the cost is \$143.00. Registration Deadline is February 28th. Questions? Contact Melissa Mancill 546-5599 or April Stenger 992-1026.



Mardi Gras

**Methodist Mardi Gras,
February 16th
6:00-8:00 PM**

Mark your calendars for this fun family celebration (cost: free will offering) Silent Auction for 'Fancy Cakes' proceeds will go towards the Youth Summer Mission Trip. **Invite a friend or two to join you!** More information inside.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and will include the marking of our foreheads with ashes as a sign that we enter into a time of preparing for the Cross of Christ. Lent is a season of change. It is then that we take the time to consider changing our hearts and our habits. Lent can be a healing and helpful spiritual season and it is Ash Wednesday that provides the first step to walk with our Lord to Jerusalem. Come and be a part of the first steps taken with Jesus.

Salmon Creek Church
—A United Methodist
Ministry

*The Mission of Salmon Creek
United Methodist Church is;
To invite, celebrate, nurture and
direct all people
into a growing commitment
to Christ, His body,
and His work in the world.*

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“Followers of Jesus are on a lifelong ascent called transformation. Most people, however, come to church seeking relief rather than transformation. They are not prepared for the pain and exertion that accompany genuine life change. They choose not to look inside themselves for what God want to change.”

Rev. Michael Slaughter, from
Momentum for Life

Dear Faithful Friends:

The season of Lent, a 40 day journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, will have us gathering over the next six Sundays to discern the life and faith messages found in the book, *Momentum for Life*, by the Rev. Michael Slaughter, Pastor of Ginghamburg, Ohio. In this book, Pastor Slaughter creates a Lenten-led focus on developing a lifestyle around the acronym D-R-I-V-E, which are self-management practices that create a *momentum for life*. ‘D’ stands for devotion; ‘R’ represents readiness for lifelong learning; ‘I’ denotes investing in key relationships; ‘V’ indicates a vision for the future; and ‘E’ stands for eating and exercise. This book, used by small groups, and the basic source for the Lenten sermon series, also reveals for us those things which stop or sustain our life momentum.

This book is a practical and promising approach to living a faithful lifestyle. It reveals lessons that come from hard-learned experiences. The results, as Pastor Slaughter writes, is that “I discovered a group of practices that helped me achieve a self-discipline I had not experienced before. These practices cover every key area of my life—spiritual, intellectual, interpersonal, physical and missional—so that when I follow them faithfully I am more a complete human being. The opposite is also true—when I neglect any of them, I begin to plateau and lose momentum. Worse, I begin to downsize God’s dream.”

I hope that you will anticipate a more joyful Easter by walking with Jesus the next 40 days and seeing how our *momentum for life* becomes a living reality as we come to celebrate His Resurrection. Easter is more engaging when we have taken the time to be focused and faithful in the entire season of Lent.

In God’s Grace and Goodness,

Pastor Mark

Lenten Lessons

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and falls between Feb. 4th and March 11th

By the 7th century, the church fixed 40 days as the time in which we were to remember the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert. Early Christians were often sprinkled with ashes, wore sackcloth, confessed their sins, and remained separated from the larger community until being reconciled to God and one another on Maundy Thursday. Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, was the time when people confessed their sins to a priest which is what “to shrive” means.

Fasting was also a part of Lent and so the faithful were forbidden to consume things like meat, eggs, or milk. They must use these food items before Ash Wednesday. The tradition was to use up the milk, butter and eggs by adding some flour, which created a ‘pancake’ like food. In the U.S. Shrove Tuesday, most famously in New Orleans, is known as Fat Tuesday, which kicks off the Mardi Gras Festival.



3rd Grade Bible Presentation

On Sunday, February 14, during the 10:00 service, we will present those children in the 3rd grade with their own bible. Please be here to support these children as they continue to learn and grow in their faith.

Creation Care Opportunities.

The Stream Team is offering several chances to work on planting native plants and restoring and repairing habitat along streams.

February 27 - Native Tree Plant

March 13 - Stream restoration

March 27 - Stream restoration and Breeding Bird Monitoring orientation

April 17 - Earth Day Celebration and tree plant.

This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to earn service learning credit for graduation.

To register call Lisa at 992-8585, or Stream Team @clarkpud.com

Earth Day Celebration at Marshall Center is happening on Saturday, April 17

Second Saturday is February 13 at the Water Resources Education Center. The theme is Love Your Home? Make it Green! This is a family event from 1-3pm For more information call 487-7115



"God saw all that he had made,
and it was very good.
And there was evening, & there
was morning- the sixth day."
Genesis 1:31



What is "Chrysalis" & "Walk to Emmaus"?

***(Please note date change)**

Everyone Welcomed

Come enjoy great fellowship & information too!

The Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk is grounded theologically and institutionally in the Upper Room ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. There are many members of the Emmaus and Chrysalis Community at Salmon Creek Church. The next Emmaus Walk dates are: April 29th – May 2nd for the Men and May 13th – May 16th for the Women. They will be held at Columbia Presbyterian in Vancouver.

To learn & hear more, attend our **EMMAUS GATHERING on * February 13th at 6:00 pm.** Dinner, fellowship, singing & a great informative time!! Free will offering for food costs. Questions? Contact Julie Hildreth, Cindy Smith or Leah Such. Please RSVP for #'s for child care & food preparation. Is God calling you to this next spiritual step?

More HEALTH KITS FOR HAITI Needed

For individuals that want to contribute Health Kits, UMCOR requests that the following **NEW** items be placed in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag:

1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized), 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz and up), 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes), 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages, include in the plastic bag \$2.00 which will cover cost of toothpaste and mailing)

(Note: toothpaste is purchased in bulk at UMCOR to be added to health kits to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent to Haiti)

Bring to the box in the narthex...we will be able to send the kits in bulk to the UMCOR distribution site in Salt Lake City. Please have them here no later than February 16th.

PLEASE NO ADDITIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE KITS AS THEY WILL BE REFUSED AT THE UMCOR SITE.

Relief for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti



Thank You

Thank you for your cards, calls prayers and visits. They have really meant a lot to me.

—Alvira Kelly





Momentum for Life

All Church Lenten Study will begin the week of February 14th. During this Lenten season we will ‘drive’ into the disciplines of the Christian faith. When we think of ‘giving something up for lent’ it is usually something we will feel deprived of – or maybe correct something we should be doing anyway. Whether it’s giving up chocolate, caffeine, losing weight, exercising, improving our attitude or relationships or having a devotional time..it’s truly part of the Christian life we should be striving for. Let’s learn how to do that! Now comes a set of resources that instills principles in us to sustain a life of faith, balance and purpose. You will learn the five fundamental principles of **D-R-I-V-E** that will help you build momentum to keep moving forward: **(D)**evotion to God, **(R)**eadiness for Lifelong Learning, **(I)**nvesting in Key Relationships, **(V)**isioning for the Future, **(E)**ating and Exercise for Life. Teaching these lessons is Michael Slaughter, Senior Pastor of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church from Tipp City, Ohio.

Cindy Smith	Youth Group/Church	5:30 pm/Sunday*
Ken Keesee	St. Paul Room/Church	9:30 am/Tuesday
Red/Elaine Gilbert	Gilbert’s home	7:00 pm/Monday
Cyril/Lisa Stokman	Stokman’s home	7:00 pm/Friday
Allison Such	Ali’s home	6:00 pm/Sunday*
	(this is a young adult group under 30)	
JOY BIBLE	St. Paul Room	9:30 am/Thursday*
	(3 small groups for JOY)	
Tom/Leah Such	Such’s home	6:30 pm/Wednesday
Hildreth/White	St. Paul Room/Church	5:15 pm/Friday
Larry/Clare Kennedy	Kennedy’s home	6:30 pm/Wednesday*
Garage Fellowship/	ClearWater Living	6:30 pm/Wednesday*
Doering/Hales Group	Room 201/Church	6:00 pm/Monday*
Jean Ethridge	Jean’s home	6:30 pm/Sunday
Mark Randall	St. Paul Room/Church	1:00 pm/Thursday*
Becky Roberts	Roberts/Wilson home	6:30 pm/Wednesday*

***possible room in these small groups for more folks – give them a call to coordinate or call the church office. 573-3111.**

At the conclusion of the study we will be celebrating with a Seder Meal – customarily done on Maundy Thursday, we will observe the Seder the evening of Palm Sunday.



Mardi Gras

**Methodist
Mardi Gras,
February 16th**

Grab your party hat – it’s the **6th Annual Methodist Mardi Gras Celebration** on Tuesday, February 16th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Mark your calendars for this fun family celebration with jambalaya, gumbo, chicken soup and King Cake! (cost: free will offering) Who will get the token in their cake and be the next King or Queen of the celebration!

Silent Auction for **‘Fancy Cakes’** proceeds will go towards the Youth Summer Mission Trip. Games, crafts & plenty of fun – even the Mardi Gras Mambo!!

Invite a friend or two to join you! Sign up to bring a fancy cake for the auction or cupcakes for the Limbo Rock. Bring in a ‘white elephant’ gift in a brown paper bag, leave in the narthex – these will be used for prizes in the Square Alpha Numeric Sequence game!

Fun and Fellowship reign at this annual ALL CHURCH FAMILY event.



Vacation Bible School — High Seas Expedition

Mark your calendar for VBS July 12-16 from 9 am – 12 pm. Many volunteers are needed! We are putting together a “CORE” Team of people to help plan, shape, create, share, etc. so that this year’s VBS can continue being a “whole church” event. Your ideas and thoughts and suggestions and connections are valuable. Please let Kandi White or Susie Pervere know if you are interested. Our first meeting will be in March. *(Can’t be here during the week of VBS? No problem, we would love to have you on the “Core Team”.)*



Kids Club News

Our after school Christian Education program meets every Wednesday, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Family Ministries gym. This program is open to all children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Come, check us out by learning a new song, bible story, craft or game! For questions or more information, contact Susie Pervere at the church.



cakes go to our Mission Trip. Sign up to help.

Ash Wednesday Service—February 17 at 7pm

Youth Sunday— February 21 at the **10:00 service only**. We will need ushers, greeters and lay readers.

Mission Trip meeting – February 21 at 3:30pm in room 201. This is for parents and youth.

B1 (One in Christ) – 11:00am on February 27 to 1:30pm on February 28. Every one needs to bring 4 cans of food plus sleeping bag and personal items. Packets are available for pick up. We will collect donations on February 14 and February 21 between services and after the 10:00am service. The money will be going to Haiti to feed hot lunch to children and youth.

Youth for Hire- This is a great way for us to earn money for our mission trip. I’m already getting calls for help. So I hope all of you who want to go on the mission trip will plan to help with the Youth for Hire.

Parent’s Night Out – February, 12 from 6pm-9pm. This is our fundraiser for our Mission Trip to Yakama, WA. Everyone who is planning on going on the mission trip needs to be here to help.

Early Registration for Youth District Retreat Due – February 15. Our retreat is March 12 – March 14 at Ocean Park. The cost is \$85. Scholarships are available see Cindy for information.

Mardi Gras – February 16 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. The proceeds from the Fancy

Bird Watchers Class

Come learn about Naturescaping and Birdfeeding, Saturday, February 20, in the St. Paul room at 10:30. Come, all you bird watchers to learn about the birds in your backyard. Find out what to feed them and what to plant in your yard to attract birds in all seasons. This class will be given by Carol Peterson, past Education Specialist for the Vancouver Audubon Society and Master Gardener, and Barbara Harmon also of the Vancouver Audubon Society.



Children's Special Offering

Children’s Ministries will be taking a special offering on Sunday, February 28th to send to Haiti through UMCOR. One hundred percent of the funds donated to UMCOR goes to help. Many of our children have expressed a desire to help those affected by the Haiti earthquake. We are encouraging the children to earn their offering by doing small tasks or chores for parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, etc., or even bringing in some of their own savings. We are hoping to show the children that they, too, can make a difference by giving of their “heart”!



VANCOUVER DISTRICT

Leadership Training

Saturday, February 27, 2010

2:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Vancouver Heights UMC 5701 MacArthur Blvd.

How can we become leaders equal to the challenges of today? Plan to come to the Vancouver District Training Event on February 27th. Our Bishop, Grant Hagiya, will be teaching a class on leadership (see course description below). What a great opportunity for us!

2:00-2:30 Registration at Vancouver Heights UMC

1. "Sparkling the Leader Within" Being a Change Leader" -- Bishop Grant Hagiya

With such great changes in our society effecting church attendance, church leaders must adapt and learn in order to be effective. This workshop will focus on developing the leader inside of each of us in order to be a more effective church leader.

2. "Five Steps to Revitalize Your Church" -- Rev. Sanford Brown (senior pastor of Seattle First UMC and chair of the Conference Board of Congregational Development.)

Participants will learn about studying your mission field, starting small groups, creating a hospitality system, building a disciple-making system and engaging disciples in direct community ministry. Each item is part of your church's official Congregational Self-Assessment and a key to building your church's vitality.

3. What is a Spiritual Entrepreneur? Do I Know Any? Am I One? -- Dave Gillespie, PNW Conference Director of New Faith Community Development

It's official. Times have changed...really changed. The culture is increasingly secular. What do we do? The biggest challenge is to find apostolic leaders -- clergy and lay -- "spiritual entrepreneurs" if you like. Come find out about The Greening Edge Movement, and how you and your congregation are much needed to help reach out in our communities with the good news of Christ.

4. Training for Finance Committees/ Boards of Trustees -- Brant Henshaw, Assistant Conference Treasurer

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline is February 19. Please complete and return to church.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address (w/city, state, zip) _____

email: _____

Workshop _____ Child care Ages: _____

2008 Women's Retreat Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone: _____ E.mail address: _____

Make your check to SCUMC Retreat Registration. (\$50.00 of registration fee is non-refundable)

\$100.00 enclosed: _____ (must register by 3-2-08 for this early bird special)

\$110.00 enclosed: _____ (if registered before 4-1-08)

\$120.00 enclosed: _____ (if registered between 4-1-08 and 4-6-08)

\$60.00 enclosed for Saturday only: _____

I would like to receive a scholarship application, please contact me: _____.

Roommate preference if any: _____

I will need a ride to the retreat: _____

I am able to provide a ride to the retreat: _____

I have special dietary needs: _____

****REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 6th 2008, registrations received after that date can not be accepted****

Return Registration form with payment to the church office

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The next Circuit Rider deadline is February 17th

Worship Times: Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 AM

New Appointment

Bishop Grant Hagiya has announced the appointment of Rev. David Nieda as the New Vancouver District Superintendent effective July 1. Rev. Nieda currently serves as the Sr. Pastor of the Blaine United Methodist Church and is the Co-Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry. "Dave will bring a strong commitment to church growth and vitality to the role of District Superintendent," said Bishop Hagiya. "I am confident that he will enhance both the Vancouver District and the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference with his gifts and skill sets."

Rev. Nieda is a Los Angeles native, and is a graduate of UCLA. He went onto the Iliff School of Theology and graduated with his Master of Divinity degree in 1991. In 1998, he was recognized by Iliff as the "Alumnus of the Year and Outstanding Recent Graduate." Rev. Nieda began his ministry as Sr. Pastor of the Nozomi United Methodist Church, and was part of a new church start of an English congregation there in Santa Ana, CA. He went on to serve as

the Associate Pastor of the Centenary United Methodist Church in downtown Los Angeles. From there he moved to PNW to serve as the Sr. Pastor of Blaine United Methodist Church in 1999, where he has served to the present time. Rev. Nieda has served on the Board of Ordained Ministry since 2001, as a member of the Connectional Table, and organized the PNW "Mariners Day at the Ballpark" in 2004-2006. He has given invaluable leadership to the National Japanese American UMC Caucus, and also the Asian American Summer Camp Program.

Rev. Nieda is married to Lynne, and are proud parents of two children: Samantha, age 7, and Zachary, age 2.

For more information be sure to check out our website at www.salmoncreekchurch.org