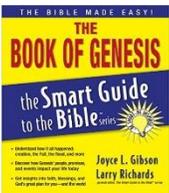


Dear Congregation,

There is a lot going on in the next couple of months and I am afraid that some things may fall through the cracks. So, I decided to send out a “sort-of” newsletter. Here are some things to be aware of:

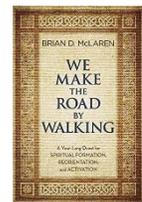
Bible Study: Sunday Morning 9:30 a.m. in the SS Room. We discuss the Lectionary Scripture for that Sunday



Wednesdays: 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. You do not need to purchase the book. It would be helpful in following the discussion, however.

Soup dinner from 4-4:45 p.m.

The Bishop has suggested a year long spirituality study based on Brian McLaren’s book: We Make the Road by Walking. This time of reflective study will start the first week of Advent and continue for the year, until the end of Ordinary time, 2019. I am looking for this study to be on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. and the hope being that people from this group would lead a study at other times in the week, such as an evening for people who work during the day.



Sunday, September 30- Rev. Kathy Neary will preach in our worship service, we will have a potluck following worship and the Rev. Neary will lead a discussion about discerning God’s call for this congregation for the future. Kathy is the Transitional Ministry Developer, Office of Connectional Ministries for the PNW Conference. This is a very important meeting. The future of OPUMC is at stake and everyone needs to hear what Kathy has to say and engage in her suggestions for the future. Please make this a priority.

Other opportunities to gather:



Wednesday mornings 8:30 a.m. at Adelaide’s – Coffee with the Pastor – an informal gathering of whoever shows up and we talk about whatever comes up! (Coffee will be there on Wednesday, September 19, but not the pastor. I said “yes” over a year ago to helping care for my granddaughters while my son and daughter-in-law spend their 20th anniversary in Italy. I will be back in time for Bible Study).

Food4Kids – Are you looking for an easy, yet vitally important ministry that only takes a few hours of your time, once in a while? Food4Kids needs volunteers to occasionally pick up backpacks at the school, drive to the Elks to help fill the backpacks with food, and return them to the school, on Thursdays. You can do



this once a month or once a quarter or once a week! It is a short-term commitment and if we had even 12 people volunteer it would only be 3 times a year that you would participate. The “payback” is knowing that children on the peninsula will not go hungry over the weekend. Isn’t that worth a few hours of your time? Contact Larry and Cat Shaver to volunteer.



October 7 is World Wide Communion Sunday – The Worship Committee needs fabric from your trips abroad. Four or give forms of fabric (shirts, scarves, etc.) that we can arrange on the altar to symbolize our unity as Christians all over the world. You will receive your fabric item back, I promise. If there is someone who enjoys baking bread, it would be great to have breads from other countries (Swedish bread, tortilla, banana, French etc.). Please let Pastor Denise know if you can provide bread. It would be

fun to have breads for our coffee hour, if someone were willing to take on this task of organizing the coffee hour. Contact Gwen if you would like to serve the church in this way.

The Nominations Committee needs you – Is there an area in the life of the church you would like to serve? Would you like to serve on the Worship Committee? Trustees help maintain the physical building. Is that your gift? Outreach and Mission needs your ideas for ways the church can serve the peninsula. Staff Pastor Parish Committee gives guidance to the pastor and staff. Please talk to Pastor Denise if you have a calling to serve. We NEED people to care and help this church continue to grow and thrive for the future.



All Church Conference, Monday, October 8, 2 p.m. This will be a great way to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Kathleen Weber. It is the time we get together for the “state of the church” address from the ministries in our church. It is important to come to this meeting if you can. Again, this meeting has to do with the present and future ministry of our church.

If you have any questions about any of the activities, please contact Pastor Denise.

Blessings,

Denise