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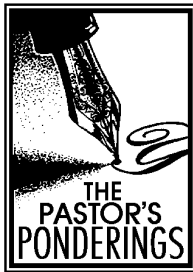
August 2016

## Kathy's Corner: About a recent sermon, 'Confession of a Racist'

Some of you were in worship on July 10 when I began to unpack my confession of being a racist. That week, one of the new co-moderators of the PC (USA) General Assembly, T. Denise Anderson had written and challenged:

"White people, you have heard it said that you must talk to other white people about racism, and you must. But don't talk to them about their racism. Talk to them about YOUR racism. Talk to them about how you were socialized to view, talk to, and engage with people of color. Talk to them about the ways you've acted on that socialization. Talk to them about the lies you bought into. Talk about the struggles you continue to have in shedding the scales from your eyes. Don't make it "their" problem. Understand it as your own problem, because it is. To not do this would put you in danger of being yet another well-intentioned racist, convinced of their own goodness and living a life wholly unexamined and unaccountable to anyone. We don't need any more of those. It's confession time."

That week I learned of the verbal assault on Christiana Clark while she walked her dog in an Ashland Park that occurred while I was at General Assembly. I felt slugged in the gut by the killings of Alton Sterling and



Philando Castile. These events amplified grief and anger at the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shootings and the one-year anniversary of the Mother Emmanuel shootings in Charleston and the two year anniversary of the shooting death of Michael Brown. Racism and fear are festering in the hearts of too many, including me. At Denise's invitation, a few of my colleagues began writing their own confessions of racism and privilege. Thursday, I redid the service, focusing on Black Lives Matter and the complicity I carry for the racist attitudes and behaviors in our land.

That night, police officers were attacked by an irrational sniper in Dallas. I had been watching the end of the peaceful Black Lives Matter demonstration by hundreds of citizens with hospitable police. As the march ended, shots rang out and officers were targeted.

Quickly, a divide arose that seemed to say one can't be against bad policing and also pro-police. Even though policing that targets people of darker pigment is unethical, even though black citizens had been killed by police for driving-while-black and vending-while-black, to talk about that made me feel less loyal to good officers – as if I were ignoring the sacrifice of the officers of the Dallas department,

which has made major reforms and is one of the best in the country in dealing with racial issues.

It felt that I would be mean-spirited to speak of Black Lives Matter when police blood had been shed. And yet, I needed to do so. I needed to stay with and in my discomfort. I couldn't fix it. But I needed to feel deeply and speak from empathy about my personal history and racism. In this time of darkness and chaos, it became more important not to set this aside to fester further.

In the service, we sang of faith that cries out in lament:

*For the troubles and the sufferings of the world, God, we call upon your mercy: the whole creation's laboring in pain! Lend an ear to the rising cry for help from oppressed and hopeless people: Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!* (cont. on page 2)

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## 'Confession of a Racist' (continued from page 1)

*We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice, to cover and embrace us.*

*Have mercy, Lord! We pray for power, the power that will sustain your people's witness: until your Kingdom come. Kyrie eleison!*

*Rodolfo Gaede Neto, 1998; trans. Simeio Monteiro and Jorge Lockward, 2004*

We spoke the words of the newly adopted Belhar Confession, written by the reforming church in South Africa out of apartheid. We named that "...We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; ... that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world; that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is

proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity...."

We prayed for the families and friends of police officers and of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile. We prayed for cities bound by grief. We prayed for ourselves as we seek to be faithful in our response.

I invite you to join me in reflection on your own experience of racism and privilege.

I offer this prayer from Erin Counihan:

*O Lord,  
This is no time of peace.  
So, forget calm.  
Call us to rage.  
Gather up our fury,  
and ignite our passion.  
Use this fire,  
this anger,  
this disgust,  
in our community,  
on our screens,  
in our hearts –*

*to inspire some action.*

*Get us off our holy knees  
and thrust us upon our outraged feet.*

*Make us mad.*

*And use our mad.*

*To stand and demand real change.*

*To fight for the justice*

*which you call good.*

*Take these emotions*

*from the pit of my heart*

*and the surface of my skin*

*and pump them into my hands,*

*my voice, my mind, and my work.*

*Use my rage*

*to stand against evil,*

*to dismantle broken*

*and corrupt systems,*

*to name the ugliness,*

*to claim Your truth,*

*to witness to Your way,*

*and to love Your people,*

*deeply,*

*intensely,*

*and thoroughly,*

*with passion and rage.*

*Today. And tomorrow.*

*And until we really join you*

*and do the work to make things right.*

*Amen.*

## Steve Parker to preach at FPC this month

August 21, Rev. Steve Parker will preach at both services. In retirement, Steve assists with the communications needs of the presbytery. He works with the presbytery webpage and publications, prepares videos telling stories of congregations, helps create

webpages, sets up live streaming of presbytery events and more.

As our Pastor Nominating Committee works, Steve is their liaison to the presbytery's Commission on Ministry – South (COM-S). He meets with them, providing resources and encouragement.

## Summer financial news

*By Carolyn Moeglein, treasurer*

Mid-year giving statements have been sent out. Please contact Susan Coghill if you have any questions about your pledge or donations (or if you did not receive your statement).

At any time, you can log into Onrealm.Org and access your personal giving record. We appreciate everyone who has stayed current with pledges – especially important during these common travel months.

### The Dialogue

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Dialogue. Articles are welcome for the September issue. Please submit by Thursday, Aug. 18. Email (preferred) to [huntermarcia@gmail.com](mailto:huntermarcia@gmail.com).

Marcia Hunter, editor

## Kathy Keener to have treatment at OHSU

By Rev. Kathy Keener

July 17 in worship, I shared the good news that I will be having Stereotactic Radiosurgery in August to kill off the mass in my inner ear canal (called an acoustic neuroma or schwannoma). I am glad that the mass is small enough that surgery is not required. There are few side effects with this kind of treatment. After five treatments over two weeks at OHSU in Portland, the treatment will be complete.

I met my radiologist, and I like her and her team a great deal. Please keep that team in prayer as they model and design the plan for my treatment. Pray that the DNA in the mass will receive the radiation needed to effectively kill it off with minimal side effects. Pray that I may rest in God, meditating during the treatments.

As we go to press, we don't yet know the dates for my treatment. While I am away, contact the church office, an elder or a deacon with any pastoral emergency needs.

## A note from the Office Manager. . .

By Susan Coghill

Recently, several people from the 9 am AA meeting have stopped by the office to tell me how much they appreciate that we let them use our church for their meetings. In early July, a member of that meeting who is with a carpet cleaning company asked if he could clean the Fireside Room carpet for us. What a fine donation! We have two AA groups that meet in the Fireside Room six mornings each week.

## Day at the Lake scheduled for August

By Elaine Morgan

Our annual day at the lake is the last Saturday of this month, **Aug. 27** beginning at **12 noon**, at Rainbow Bay group picnic area at Lake of the Woods

Resort. Day use parking is \$5 per car (or \$2.50 if at least one occupant of the car has a Golden Age Pass or an Interagency Senior Pass) charged to you at the booth when entering. Carpooling is suggested. We plan to snack our way through the early afternoon until we share our meal at 4 o'clock.

Bring water toys, boats, swim-

suits/change of clothes, games, chairs, bug repellent, snack food (chips, veggies, fruit, cheese, etc.) or a side dish (salad or dessert) to share when we enjoy grilled hotdogs.

The Summer Planning Team will provide plates, hot dogs, buns, condiments and beverages.

You are welcome to bring your friends – humans or dogs.

Please join us as we celebrate the end of a wonderful summer together as a church family. This activity is perfect for all ages.



## COME JOIN THE FUN

The children and grandchildren of  
Lawrence and Virginia King  
invite you to attend a

**60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY** for their parents

**Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. in Calvin Hall.**

**Cake and ice cream will be served at 7 o'clock.**

**Entertainment by "The Extended Circle" at 7:30.**

**No gifts please.**



## Another Storytelling Sunday coming up in August

Three members told stories of life and faith in worship on June 26. Another Storytelling Sunday has been scheduled for Aug. 14.

Each speaker will select an incident of his/her life. With Kathy Keener's help, it will be matched with a scripture reading and a hymn or spiritual song. Together, they will

proclaim the Word through story in worship.

Karen Amarotico from the Summer Team is coordinating the August storytellers.



## Notes on Gender, Sex and Forgiveness from the General Assembly

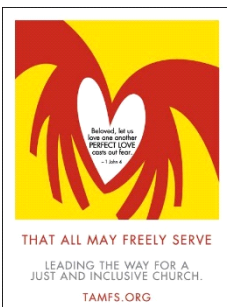
*If you would like more information or would like to discuss any of these issues, please let me know. -Kathy Keener*

**[Overture 11-05, Vote 463:51 approved]** The 222nd General Assembly (2016) resolves to continue the journey as a denomination to become more open, understanding, and accepting of our LGBTQ/Q family and does the following:

1. Issues the following statement: "Followers of Jesus Christ know that no person can claim divine favor through personal merit, but only by the grace of God. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) acknowledges that actions we and our members have taken over the years have at times led God's beloved children who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning to feel that they stand outside the grace of God and are unwelcome in the PC(USA). We deeply regret that, due to human failings, any person might find cause to doubt being loved by God. We affirm the God-given dignity and worth of every human being and renew our commitment to 'welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed [us], for the glory of God.' [Romans 15:7]"
2. Expresses the deep sorrow of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) about all individuals and congregations who have left our fellowship, affirms our commitment to continue to pray with them, and acknowledges our sincere appreciation for those who have maintained relationship despite profound disagreement.
3. Challenges all Presbyterians to reflect upon, and repent of, the ways we have mistreated one another, and to seek reconciliation.
4. Celebrates the diversity of those called by God into the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
5. Calls the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to deeper conversations about our differing understandings of what Scripture teaches about faithful living, recognizing that our relationships as God's children are not ultimately dependent upon agreement.
6. Encourages congregations to reach out actively to those who have experienced marginalization due to decisions of the church, across the spectrum of theological understanding.

Though the final text of the resolution uses words such as "regret" and "sorrow," the original overture submitted by the New York City Presbytery used the words "confess," "admit," and "apologize." The original recommendation had the denomination apologize "for the teachings and actions that have created marginalization of our sisters and brothers," and confess "that the Constitution of the PC(USA) has been erroneously used to ... discipline others for who they are."

**The Covenant Network** proposed the modifications of the overture, advocating caution to prevent pushback and allowing Presbyterians of differing views to stay at the table and remain in mutual forbearance.

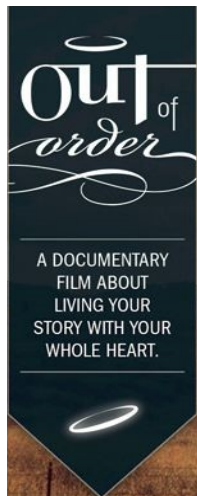


**That All May Freely Serve (TAMFS)** prepared booklets, "Heart and Soul," with autobiographical stories of how the church's words and actions harmed members of the LGBTQ/Q community over the last four decades. (*Heart and Soul booklets are available in the narthex and the church office.*) In April of 2015, TAMFS had hosted more than ninety saints and leaders of the PC(USA) gay rights/ More Light movements to share their stories. Interviews were filmed and the videos of the "Rock Stars and Prophets: Generations of Justice and Love" may be viewed at [www.tamfs.org](http://www.tamfs.org).

**More Light Presbyterian's** Executive Director, Alex McNeill, responded to the regret/sorrow resolution, "The language the GA plenary adopted answering overture 11-05 should be seen as the beginning of a process for acknowledging and repenting for the harms done to LGBTQ people. One statement of wrongdoing is not enough to fully express or make amends for the hurts LGBTQ people have experienced at the hands of the church. My hope is that this statement starts a longer conversation where we take stock of the hurts and hopes for LGBTQ inclusion and full participation in the church."



**More Light Presbyterians** screened the new feature length documentary “Out of Order” which follows the four-year journey of three members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seeking ordination. It reveals the complex and painful struggles faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) faith leaders as they confront intolerance and work to build loving support within their churches.



In spite of fear and suspicion toward LGBTQ individuals, and transgender people in particular, the leaders of this movement are young LGBTQ people of faith claiming a place in their church pulpits — and recognition in the everyday moments of church life.

The film draws attention to the joyful experiences and complex struggles of queer young people, the need for greater awareness and understanding of bisexuality, and the growing visibility of transgender individuals, offering a unique perspective on a trans-person of faith. “Out of Order” offers audiences a glimpse into what it looks like to navigate the reality of gender transition and lived sexual identity as a person of faith. “Out of Order” is about empowerment, inviting everyone — gay, straight, faithless or religious — to stand up and start making a difference.

Amanda Buglass, Director of “Out of Order,” is an award-winning UK-based independent director — with nearly twenty years’ experience — specializing in documentaries and factual films .

*(I suggested that they enter “Out of Order” in the Ashland Independent Film Festival next year. -KK)*

**Other GA resolutions/overtures** strengthen the ability of agencies of the church and local congregations to advocate for, and minister with, LGBTQ people.

**Overture 11-16** seeks to equip congregations to better serve those living with HIV/AIDS.

**Overture 11-23** will help the PC(USA) take a stronger stance against so called “conversion therapy” and directs the agencies of the church to work for the ban of these practices. The Presbyterian Church now joins a groundswell of organizations, including the U.S. Surgeon General and the Obama administration, in calling for an end to this dehumanizing practice.

**Overture 12-09** commits the PC(USA) to support the goals of the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding protecting individuals from violence and discrimination. Among the recommendations of the report, the PC(USA) is to commit to working to “decriminalize homosexuality and to repeal other laws used to punish individuals on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.” It further directs the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through the Office of Public Witness and the Office of the General Assembly, to identify and encourage legislation to accomplish the goals within the United States.

### **Domestic Social Justice Issues**

Commissioners adopted a call for church-wide conversation on race, racism, ethnicity and ethnocentrism, with a broad range of recommendations. The provisions include repudiating the “Doctrine of Discovery,” a church-wide engagement in anti-racism training, and a call to settle upon more appropriate language than “racial-ethnic” in official church documents, parlance and programs.

The assembly committed itself to continued development of a church that serves the urban poor, in a document called “Gospel from Detroit: Renewing the Church’s Urban Vision.”

**The Covenant Network of Presbyterians** celebrates the accomplishments of the 222nd General Assembly! Over and over, this Assembly advanced the cause of inclusion and unity, affirming LGBTQ people and moving us in concrete ways toward being a church as generous and just as God’s grace.



## Lawrence King's, Victor Conway's service recognized

*Sunday, July 17 we recognized two faithful members of FPC who were each presented with a certificate and a warm pie.*

### LAWRENCE KING



For your knowledge of every ladder, light fixture, water sprinkler head, kitchen drain, and the location of every rake, hoe, and paint can that we own; for your willingness to climb the highest ladders and go down into the deepest, darkest crev-

ices and then to paint, repair, change or fix whatever is needed; for your continuing effort to make everything on or under or above our buildings and grounds continue to work; We offer our most sincere gratitude for your tireless and most precious support to our First Presbyterian Church.

You have frightened us with your willingness to bound up our highest ladders, you have astounded us with your knowledge of our church structures and systems, and you have honored us with your 28 years of service and dedication.

Thank you!

### VICTOR CONWAY

We honor you for your dedicated service to First Presbyterian Church. Every week you go above and beyond your job description as Sexton of our church. Yes, we're glad



that you're so dependable in that job of unlocking and locking up after us, as well as opening and closing windows, and maintaining our pew racks.

ting up coffee fellowship. We find that you have already made the coffee, gotten the tea water ready and unloaded the dishwasher, and during hot weather you've made some iced tea or lemonade. Then, you're right there to help us with anything that we ask you to help us with AND there you are again to help us clean up after coffee fellowship, being the last one to leave.

Besides all of this, you can be found cleaning things that the cleaning service doesn't do, fixing things that need fixing, or contacting the appropriate person if the job is beyond you. Best of all, you do all of this with a happy, positive demeanor and a friendly smile.

We're so glad you are part of our church family. Hurray for you. Thank you!



### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Brian and Ruth Ann

Almquist

16 – John and Kathy Sager

17 – Ted and Judy Sockman

23 – Doug and Sook-Ja Hansen

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5 – Victor Conway

7 – John Slyt

10 – Ruth Ralls

14 – Gladys Fortmiller

15 – Laurie Anne Hunter

19 – Linda Purdom

23 – Karen Clarke

23 – Wyler McAninch

29 – Doug Noakes

31 – Marty Turner

## Deacon Marjorie Lininger installed



Marjorie Lininger was installed to service as a Deacon during Heritage Chapel worship on July 10. She is serving an uncompleted term on the Board of Deacons. Deacons lead the congregation to care pastorally for our neighbors and friends.

## Lori Freed to pursue dental mission in Jamaica

By Lori Freed

I will again be going with Great Shape volunteer organization to Jamaica this fall, in October or November. Great Shape volunteers participate in Jamaica programs for dental care, vision care, literacy, and teacher education. I will be volunteering in the dental care program.

I am required to take 200 toothbrushes of all sizes, 200 small tubes of toothpaste, 200 dental flosses, small gifts for children, and latex

gloves. My travel and trip expenses will be approximately \$3500.

Donations of supplies can be given to the church office. Financial donations can be made out to the First Presbyterian Church and in the memo section noted for the Jamaica trip.

I appreciate any kind of help, donations, blessings, prayers, etc. Thank you for your continued loving support that makes this trip possible for me.



Lori poses with one of her patients last year.



Ashland Dixieland Band played in worship July 17, helping us swing in song.



### Vance Merriman

Esther Merriman's son, Vance, died in early July. Many of you have prayed for him as he faced liver cancer treatments. Esther worried that Vance would die before she did. Vance was able to be at Esther's memorial service in April, but his health declined after that. It is expected that a service will be held near his home this fall.

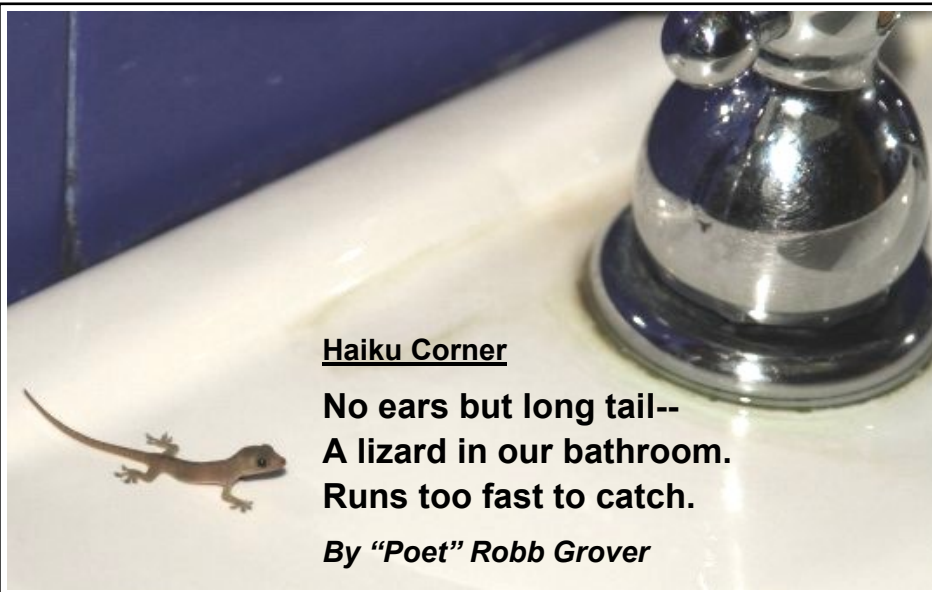
### Frank Sullivan

Laurie Anne Hunter's husband, Frank Sullivan, died while we were worshipping Sunday, July 10. We send our love and prayers to Laurie Anne.

#### Haiku Corner

No ears but long tail--  
A lizard in our bathroom.  
Runs too fast to catch.

By "Poet" Robb Grover







## *The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking*, Women's Book Club's August selection

By Marcia Hunter

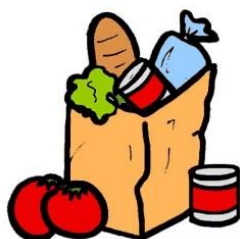
The Women's Book Club is reading *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain for their August selection. They will meet on Monday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 at the home of Shirley Patton.

According to an Amazon review, Susan Cain explores introversion through psychological research, personal experiences, and brain chemistry, in an engaging and highly-readable fashion. She looks at our culture's emphasis on group work from elementary school through the business world and notes that everything seems geared toward extroverts. The author, a self-proclaimed introvert, seeks to find ways for introverts and extroverts to better understand one another – and for introverts to understand their own contradictions, such as the ability to act like extroverts in certain situations.

We hope you can join the book group for an interesting discussion and delicious snacks.

The Ashland Emergency Food Bank received the Noisy Offering for last month, which was \$159.11. Thanks to all who participated!

The Aug. 14 noisy offering will go to our winter shelter.



## Presbyterian Women programs, circles to resume in September

By Barbara Marsh

A reminder to all Presbyterian Women, please mark your calendar for Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. in Calvin Hall for the first fall 2016 meeting of Presbyterian Women.

Our two circles, Elsie Nelson (monthly afternoon meeting) and Westminster Circle (morning meeting) are scheduled to begin again in September, too.

New yearbooks with information on dates, programs and activities planned for the year will hopefully be available at the September meeting. Check out the September *Dialogue* for detailed program information.

The Coordinating Team is looking forward to welcoming many new faces to join us, as well as our loyal past members, as we begin a great new year together.

## Start collecting warm clothes for winter shelter guests

By Karen Amarotico

While we're entering August and it's beautiful and warm outside, it might seem weird to think about our winter shelter. However, in a few months we will have guests in need of warm clothing, hats, gloves, socks, coats, sweats, underwear, sweatshirts, blankets, etc.

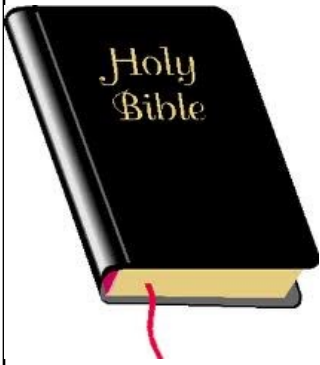
Often, summer is the perfect time to find those winter items at a great price at yard sales. Or perhaps you are "spring" cleaning and come across some well-loved but no-longer-needed warm clothes. Instead of taking them to Goodwill, please launder and set aside those things that might benefit our shelter guests.

There will be a basket in the church narthex to receive your donations.

I always try to imagine, if my child were cold and hungry and I couldn't be there to feed and clothe him/her, how much I would appreciate someone else's caring – just as we do for our shelter guests in the cold weather.

Blessings and thank you.





## This month's Bible verses: John 6:22-45 Good News Translation (GNT)

### *The People Seek Jesus*

Next day the crowd which had stayed on the other side of the lake realized that there had been only one boat there. They knew that Jesus had not gone in it with his disciples, but that they had left without him. Other boats, which were from Tiberias, came to shore near the place where the crowd had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. When the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they got into those boats and went to Capernaum, looking for him.

### *Jesus the Bread of Life*

When the people found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Teacher, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him."

So they asked him, "What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?"

Jesus answered, "What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent."

They replied, "What miracle will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

"I am telling you the truth," Jesus said. "What Moses gave you was not the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they asked him, "give us this bread always."

"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty. Now, I told you that you have seen me but will not believe. Everyone whom my Father gives me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me, because I have come down from heaven to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. And it is the will of him who sent me that I should not lose any of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them all to life on the last day. For what my Father wants is that all who see the Son and believe in him should have eternal life. And I will raise them to life on the last day."

The people started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." So they said, "This man is Jesus son of Joseph, isn't he? We know his father and mother. How, then, does he now say he came down from heaven?"

Jesus answered, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. People cannot come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me; and I will raise them to life on the last day. The prophets wrote, 'Everyone will be taught by God.' Anyone who hears the Father and learns from him comes to me."

*Submitted by Debbie Miller*



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**Deacon Moderator:** Wendy Ray

**Ministers:** the whole congregation

### Our Mission

We are a faith community centered in Christ, doing justice,  
loving kindness and walking humbly with God.

### Our Vision

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Hands, Open Table



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Regular Sunday Schedule

8am Chapel Worship  
10am Sanctuary Worship  
11:15am Fellowship

"Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is a daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart."  
*Mahatma Gandhi, 20th century*

AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10am A & F Committee	2 AYC Fundraiser (NW Pizza)	3 7pm King 60th Anniv. (CH)	4	5	6 Hiroshima Day 
7  12pm Fall Team	8  4:30 B & G Committee	9  4pm Session	10  2:30pm Deacons	11  1pm PW Coord Meeting	12  "Pray, and let God worry." Martin Luther, 16th century	13
Susan-Jury Duty (subs needed)						
14 Birthday Sunday 10am Storytelling Sunday Noisy Offering-Winter Shelter  12pm Fall Team	15	16  "May God break my heart so completely that the whole world falls in." Mother Teresa, 20th century	17	18 Dialogue Articles Due	19	20
21 Steve Parker guest preacher  12pm Fall Team	22	23	24 "Most people do not pray; they only beg." George Bernard Shaw, 20th century	25	26 	27 Day at the Lake @ Lake of the Woods Rainbow Campground Gathering starts at Noon Hotdogs at 4pm 
28  12pm Fall Team	29  7pm Women's Book Club	30 10am Dialogue Folding	31	"There are really only two kinds of prayer: help me, help me, help me, and thank you, thank you, thank you." Anne Lamott, 21st century		
Weekly Building Schedule						
AA	Fireside Room	7am-8am	M-Sat			
AA	Fireside Room	9am-10am	M-Sat	Preschool	Lower Calvin Hall	None this month
Alanon	Fireside Room	7pm-8:15pm	Mon	BNI	Calvin Hall	8:00am - 9:30am    Tues
Alanon	Fireside Room	7pm-8:30pm	Fri	Realtors	Calvin Hall	8:30am - 9:30am    Thurs

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Support  
international  
relations in our  
community

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Enjoy an enriching  
cultural  
experience

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Participate in  
farewell dinner

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Receive a stipend  
to help defray  
hosting expenses



## HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT AUGUST 21 – SEPTEMBER 9

The Office of International Programs at Southern Oregon University invites you to participate in our short-term language and cultural enrichment program by welcoming one or more Japanese students into your home for three weeks.

### Host family provides

- Private room for each student
- Desk or quiet study space
- Breakfast and dinner (lunch for occasional activities)
- Involvement with the student(s) in regular family activities
- Transportation to and from campus for class and activities

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