



Kelso United Methodist Presbyterian Church



October 2016

"Trunk~or~Treat"

Monday, October 31
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall
&
Church Parking Lot



Pass out candy from
your car or pickup.

Decorate your
vehicle and yourself!
(Optional)

Guess the weight of the
pumpkins and win a
\$25 Gift Card to Target!

Pumpkins courtesy of
David and Colleen Walker.

Candy donations are needed.
Leave in Church Office.

Sponsored by
Welcome & Fellowship Team

Discipleship Series "Committed to Christ"

Each Sunday in October



This fall we will journey together in committing ourselves to Christ. Whether you will be committing for the first time or recommitting to Christ, we are on this road together. The "Committed to Christ" series invites all of us to be fully committed to Jesus in all aspects of life.

Everyone – young; old; those engaged in a fulfilling career; those at loose ends, uncertain of what awaits them; those going through times of crisis; and those going through life on auto pilot – will be confronted with the idea that Jesus might actually expect more, and we can respond prayerfully and honestly offering a wide range of commitments.

We will focus on prayer, reading our Bible daily, worship, witness, financial giving and service in Jesus' name. You are invited to join us in worship each Sunday in October as we work together in being more committed to Christ than ever before.

It's sure to be a wonderful season!

Notes from the Pastor's Pen . . .



October is here, and it won't be long before Christmas has arrived. I received my first Christmas advertisement on September 23. That's a little too early for me, but I do love Christmas. Although we are already making plans for a wonderful Advent season here at the church, let's stick with October for now. You may have already read that we'll be having Trunk-or-Treat again this year. Linda Redmond always does an excellent job organizing us. I hope you'll join us as we hand out hundreds or maybe thousands of pieces of candy to kids in our community. There is always space for more cars, so let Linda know if you can help out.

As I've been working on the discipleship sermon series for this month, I recalled the very first sermon I ever gave, many years ago. I can't remember the whole sermon, but I do remember telling the congregation, "Are you going to just come to church on Sunday, or are you going to be a follower of Jesus Christ?" I'm not sure it went over very well for this lay person to be in the pulpit telling them they weren't doing enough for Jesus. But what I said is as true today as it was then, being a Christian isn't just about coming to church on Sunday. How you live your life 24/7, is. We aren't perfect, but Jesus has some expectations of us, and we're talking about them all this month. I hope you are enjoying the sermon series as much as I am.

One of the great joys of believing in God is to look around creation this time of year and realize God did that. The autumn flowers in their beautiful hues, the leaves in all their orange, yellow and red, and the cool crisp mornings; it is all because of our God. Take some time this month to just enjoy the beauty of the season.

Notes from Pastor (Cont.)

I hope and pray as we move forward in October that your relationship with God becomes closer. I hope and pray that you believe how important you are as a Christian in today's world. You matter. It doesn't matter how young or old you are, you matter. I give thanks to God every day for you and your ministry through this church.

Blessings to you all I'll look for you in church!

--Pastor Vonda

Adult Sunday School



Sundays
October 2 – November 27
10:10 – 10:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

"Deuteronomy as Jesus Knew It"
Rob Rice, Guide

Bring Your Bibles!

Choir Fellowship & Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 12
7:00 p.m.
Lolita Hare's Home
(1226 Sycamore Place in Longview)



Bring Something to Nibble

Choir members will be meeting at Lolita Hare's home for a special time of fellowship and also rehearsal.

Mission's Brunch

Sunday, October 23

Serving Times:
10:00 a.m.
&
12:00 p.m.



Fellowship Hall

The Mission's Team will be furnishing the delicious food for this brunch.

U.M.P.W. News



Next Meeting
Wednesday, October 26
10:00 a.m.
Room 12



All Ladies Invited!

We will be finalizing plans for our Bazaar which will be held on November 5.

Looking ahead – we will be having our Salvation Army Warm Coat Drive on November 16 (one week earlier due to Thanksgiving holiday). So gather up warm coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, etc. for this event.

--Darlene Little, U.M.P.W. President

Women's Fall Retreat

October 27-30
Ocean Park Retreat Center
Ocean Park, Washington



Cost: Different Prices Available
See Informational Flyer in Narthex

This is a weekend of rest, relaxation and renewal for women ages 18 and over. You will enjoy great food and a program that is designed to be stress free. You may join in wherever you choose.

Community House News

Next Dinner
Saturday, October 29
4:30 p.m.
Meet at
Community House
1107 Broadway Street/Longview



If you would like to help prepare and serve this dinner, please contact Dolores McDonald at 577-8685 or email dolmcd@msn.com. If anyone has a food service card, you are especially encouraged to participate.

Donations are also needed to purchase food for the dinner. If you would like to help with expenses, please make your check payable to KUMPC and indicate Community House Dinner on the memo line of your check. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

FISH Food Ministry

The next scheduled days to prepare and distribute food to people will be on:

Wednesday, November 2
Thursday, November 3
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Laurie Hall



The FISH Team sure can use some more help, so please think about lending a hand. If you are interested, please contact Bette Aanderud at 577-0095 or Pat Faires at 423-7874. Your reward will be seeing smiles of joy and signs of relief as client's needs are met.

On September 1, 110 people in 41 families were helped. On September 2, 90 more people in 25 families were given food.

Please continue to bring the various food items listed in the bulletin each Sunday and put them in the containers in the Narthex.

Church Conference

Monday, November 7



Potluck Dinner
5:30 p.m.

Annual Church Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Vancouver District Superintendent, Rev. David Nieda, will be here to preside over our annual church meeting.

Veteran's Day Sunday

Sunday, November 13
Both Services



Two years ago, we honored veterans during both worship services for Veteran's Day Sunday, and we want to do the same thing again this year.

If you already turned a military picture of you or a loved one into the Church Office two years ago, you don't need to do anything. We still have the picture saved. If you didn't turn a picture in, or you would like to turn a different one in, please email the picture to the church at:

kelsoumc@cni.net.

You may also bring the picture into the office to be scanned. Along with the picture, please include the branch of service you served in and your dates of service.

If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at 423-7480. Please submit your picture by November 1, so we will have time to prepare everything.

Flapjack Breakfast for Missions

Saturday, November 12

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Applebee's Restaurant

Triangle Shopping Center – Longview



Tickets: \$10/each

Available following Sunday Services

Breakfast will consist of:
pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs,
coffee, milk, juice and soft drinks.

Remember In Prayer

Marcia Altman, John Anderson, Glenn Faires, Phyllis Flato (Larry Whyte and Cherie Rapp's grandmother), Jerrilyn French (Virginia French's daughter-in-law), Sue Gilmore (Gene and Charlotte Balint's daughter), Linda Harris, Jean Larsen, Rob Redmond (Harvey and Linda Redmond's son), David Walker, and our children at Jamaa Letu Orphanage in the Congo: Joseph, Moise, Ruth Kashala, Ruth Mukuna, Souzanne, Sumba, Willy, and Yanick



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:



- Marcia Altman and family at the loss of Marcia's husband, Bernie, on September 8. Bernie's service will be at Kelso High School on Saturday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m.
- The family of DeLoris Gravelle who passed away on September 13. There will be no service for DeLoris.

Kirkin' Thank Yous

Thank you so much to all the people that helped make the Kirkin' O' the Tartan a big success! Special thanks to Pastor Vonda for two great sermons that were perfect for learning about family and clan conflict. Thanks to Greg Moore for his keyboarding and leading the singing at the park and at the church, as well as composing new music for the choir to sing a version of Psalms 1 written by Robert Burns. The choir sounded fantastic!

Many people gave baking supplies for the shortbread, and gave food donations to the Tea. Thank you so much everyone!

The Shortbread Baking Committee was comprised of: Shirley Whyte, Diane Manasco, Wanda Wines, Helen Larson, Karen Whyte, Beth Wills, Shirley Simpson, Fiina Fowler, and Tanya Nelson.

The Decorating Committee was: Tanya Nelson, Shirley and John Simpson, Shirley Whyte, Beth Wills, Wanda Wines, Cherie Rapp, Gary and Sue Jackson, Dolores McDonald, Dale Bruton, Linda Redmond, and Fiina Fowler.

The Tea and Scone Committee was: Sue and Gary Jackson, Cherie Rapp, Shirley Whyte, and Karen Whyte.

The Clean-up Committee was: Fiina Fowler, Beth Wills, Jayne Lafady, Dale and Marilyn Bruton, John and Shirley Simpson, Cherie Rapp, Tanya Nelson, Shirley Whyte, Dolores and Bill McDonald, and Gary and Sue Jackson.

I hope I didn't miss anyone, but if I did, I want you to know how much we appreciated your help to make this a great Kirkin'!

If you have any suggestions on what could be streamlined to make it even better next year, please call me and let me know.
--Fiina Fowler (360-636-5916)

Thank You

Thank you to Elton and Marilyn Strange for getting the choir robes embroidered with the Presbyterian symbol to go with the Methodist symbol which was already on the robes.

I-5 Rest Stop Update

In July and August, a number of folks volunteered to serve refreshments to travelers at the I-5 Southbound Toutle Rest Stop. Although donations were not requested, many people graciously gave monetary donations.



The combined total donated for the two rest stops came to \$1,474. This amount was divided between the Scholarship Fund and the Covenant relationship with missionary, Rev. Paul Jeffrey.

The Church Council voted to support a missionary at a recent meeting, and Rev. Jeffrey was selected. You will find more information about him at the end of the newsletter. There will be a "Meet Your Missionary" get together on Monday, November 21.

Emergency Support Shelter



"Item of the Month"
~ Toilet Paper ~

Donation Baskets in
Narthex (Church Foyer)

October Birthdays

2	Kaj Arnesen, Laura Jackson, Shirlee Whyte, Lisa Wolf
6	Odhinn Arnesen
7	Scott Thompson
10	Emily Gates
16	Ann Hanson
17	Brynja Arnesen
20	Rev. Elmer Bates
21	Kenneth Brockway
24	Shirley Heitzmann, Larry Whyte
25	Mike Fowler
26	John Gross
27	Richard Howell
29	Bruce Eyer
30	Maryka Anderson-Simonson Roy Jackson
31	Lois Clark



Financial Report



August 2016

Balance Forward (12/31/15)	\$4,357
General Fund	\$147,439
Transfer from Designated	\$2,005
Miscellaneous	\$532
Interest	\$47
	<u>\$150,023</u>
Expenses	<u>(\$144,728)</u>
Balance	\$9,652
Building Fund Balance	\$12,521
Apportionments (Shared Ministry)	
Paid August – 100%	
Year-to-Date – 67%	

Attendance

Sunday

Date	Sunday School	One Worship Service
9/04/16	No SS	76
9/11/16	No SS	173 (Kirkin' Service)
9/18/16	No SS	93
Campout Service – 23 (added into total above)		
Two Services Resume		
9/25/16	No SS	1st-64 / 2nd-76

Wednesday

	Youth	Adults
9/07/16	No Activities	
9/14/16	13	7
9/21/16	19	9
9/28/16	18	6

Bulletin Bloopers

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

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Sunday Schedule: (Sept-May)
9:00 am Contemporary Service
9:20 am Youth Sunday School
10:10 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service
10:00 am & 12:00 pm Fellowship Time

Wednesday Schedule: (Sept-May)
5:00 pm Youth Choir
5:30 pm Children/Teen Ministry
6:15 pm Praise Team Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice



77th Annual Joyous Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 5, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Luncheon Served: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thanks to all who have so graciously agreed to serve in the various booths. The generous giving of your time and talents is appreciated. For questions about any booth, contact the booth chairs, or contact our Bazaar Chairperson, Tanya Nelson, at 360-577-1257, 360-749-1098 (Cell), Email: nelsonz@comcast.net.

Please feel free to share any craft, hobby, embroidery or woodworking for the bazaar. You bring it – we will find a booth for it. All contributions in any area are always welcome. Items may be brought to the Church Office.

BOOTHS

COLLECTIBLES: Chairs: Tanya Nelson (577-1257) and Darlene Little (577-6718) – Bring selective collectibles (no yard sale items, please) such as jewelry, vases, pictures, mirrors, cups/saucers, miniatures, depression glass, etc.

BAKERY: Chair: Trudi Gross (425-0083) – Baked goods may be brought from home. Please price your own items. Requirements will be posted at the church.

The following rules need to be followed:

1. Only low risk foods will be allowed – breads, rolls, cookies, cakes, bars, fruit pies.
2. All baked items must be wrapped or covered to protect from contamination.
3. Baked items must be sold whole (not served or sold individually).
4. Please tag the item with a 3x5 card that lists your name and the list of ingredients. We must keep a log of all items.

LINENS: Chair: Linda Redmond (636-0295) – Aprons, handmade crafts, vintage linens, handkerchiefs, embroidered dish towels, quilted items, knitted and crocheted items, placemats, napkins, and napkin rings.

CANDY: Chair: Shirley Simpson (636-0804) – Cooked candy only – must be made in the church kitchen. The kitchen will be available for your candy preparation.

BOUTIQUE: Chair: Iva Nurmi (636-1049) – Work parties are scheduled each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Iva Nurmi's home at 4338 Columbia Heights Road in Longview. More helpers are needed. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee, water, and goodies will be provided.

WOODCRAFT: Chair: Dick Graham (425-5876)

CHRISTMAS ITEMS: Chair: Tanya Nelson (577-1257) – This booth is for new or gently used Christmas decorations, etc. New or gently used holiday sweaters and vests. All sizes – adult and/or children.

BOOKS: Chair: John Simpson (636-0804) – A good way to recycle.

TOYS: Chair: Pamela Dickey (578-0953) – Toddler's toys and games (new and gently used) of any kind are needed.

ETC.: Chair: Annette Nelson (430-2170) – Small, unique items such as: little soaps, balms, stocking stuffers

DINING ROOM: Chair: Anne Hill (425-6400) – This is a good way to share our church's hospitality. Call Anne to volunteer to help serve lunch.

KITCHEN: Chair: Sylvia Amos (261-9189) – You are welcome to make monetary donations toward purchase of foods to be used in the lunch preparations. Help is needed Friday, November 4 for preparations and Saturday, November 5 for serving and clean up. Call Sylvia Amos to volunteer.

ADVERTISING: Tanya Nelson (577-1257)

BANKERS: Judy Ainslie and Kathy Williamson

Setup will be Thursday, November 3 from 9 a.m. until finished.

Bring a sack lunch ~ Coffee provided

Unsold items will be left out until after Sunday, November 6 service.

On Monday, November 7 items will be put away.

Meet Your Missionary – Rev. Paul Jeffrey



**Monday, November 21
6:00 p.m.**

Bring a Potluck Dish to Share

The Rev. Paul Jeffrey is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, documenting the work of the church around the world as senior correspondent for *Response*, the magazine of United Methodist Women, and as a media specialist for Action by Churches Together (the ACT Alliance), a Geneva-based global alliance of churches and church agencies responding to emergencies.

Paul has filed stories from more than 70 countries around the world, writing about everything from hurricanes to healthcare, massacres to indigenous rights, refugees to ecumenism. In the course of his work, Paul has had what he terms the “privilege of witnessing the poor become subjects of their own history rather than the objects of someone else's history.”

“I often write about what people of faith are doing to empower people at the margins to live the abundant life that's promised to them in the Gospel. I focus on why they're doing that and what the consequences of that work may be for ordinary women and men in the pews,” says Paul. “When I do that well, people in the global north begin to understand how we are intrinsically linked to our sisters and brothers in the global south, not just because they share the same Gospel, but also because they share an international economic system that manufactures poverty and injustice for the majority.”

Besides *Response*, Paul's writing has also appeared in magazines such as the *New World Outlook*, the *Christian Century* and the *National Catholic Reporter*. He is the author of *Recovering Memory*, a book about the churches' role in the Guatemalan peace process; the book inspired “Precarious Peace,” a documentary video about the church in Guatemala. He has contributed chapters to several books on Latin American issues, and is co-author of a study of the effects of Hurricane Mitch on the economics and political culture of Honduras.

Paul's photos have appeared in countless church and ecumenical publications, as well as in newspapers such as the Washington Post, Boston Globe, and Wall Street Journal. Magazines such as Sierra, National Geographic Explorer and Time have featured his images. Paul's photos have also been used by organizations ranging from the World Bank to the World Health Organization. A book with his photos from the Darfur region of Sudan—*Where Mercy Fails*—was published in 2009. A 2011 book on Haiti—*Rubble Nation*—also features his images.

Thirteen times Paul has won the top annual photography award of the United Methodist Association of Communicators. Nine times he has won the group's top annual writing award. Four times he has won the Eileen Egan Award for Journalistic Excellence from Catholic Relief Services. He has also received the top annual magazine photography award of the Associated Church Press, as well as awards for the best international news writing and the best photo story from the Catholic Press Association.

Paul has interviewed hundreds of important newsmakers ranging from Pat Robertson to Evo Morales. He has himself been interviewed by journalists ranging from Bill Moyers to Amy Goodman.

In addition to covering emergencies for the ACT Alliance, Paul assists in training member agencies in communications strategies and practices.

Before his current assignment, Paul and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Lyda Pierce, served as missionaries in Central America for 20 years. Since moving to the U.S. in 2004, Paul's writing and photography have continued to focus on similar themes, including how Christians and Christian communities struggle for justice and peace in the midst of repression, violence, and rapid economic and social change.

A native of Vancouver, Washington, Paul is an ordained elder in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. He served two rural churches in western Washington State before moving to Central America in 1984. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Literature and Political Science from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and a Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, which named him a distinguished alumnus in 2001.

Paul and Lyda have two adult children, Lucas and Abigail.