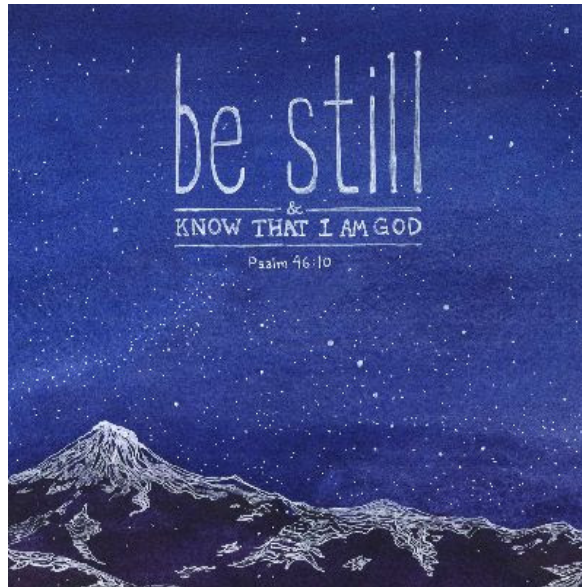

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June 2024 Newsletter

From the Pastor

Voting delegates from across the globe, The United Methodist Church gathered April 23 – May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina, for the delayed 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. The conference theme was “Be still and know...” and the results were, as our Annual Conference website declares, “a historic course correction for the denomination.”

Delegates considered revisions to the denomination’s laws and structure, adopted resolutions on current moral, social, and economic issues, and set a budget for missional priorities and programming. As the highest lawmaking body of the global United Methodist Church, General Conference is the only body with authority to speak for the denomination.

A lot had changed since the last regular session of General Conference in 2016, and how the denomination would move forward together was paramount in the hearts and minds of those gathered and those praying and offering support from afar.

Unpacking and living into everything that happened at General Conference will take some time. Here is a brief summary of some of the major changes that happened in North

Carolina:

Restrictive Language Related to LGBTQIA+ People is removed from the Book of Discipline. The General Conference voted by overwhelming majorities to remove from the United Methodist Book of Discipline discriminatory language and bans related to ministry by, with and for “self-avowed practicing” gay and lesbian people. Clergy are allowed the same permissions, and discretion over, when to officiate over same-sex weddings.

The Revised Social Principles were adopted. Delegates approved the first overhaul of the denomination’s Social Principles in nearly 50 years. The Social Principles reflect official United Methodist teachings on a broad range of topics. For example, in addition to the language changes regarding human sexuality and inclusiveness, the Social Principles address the importance of advocating for human dignity and combating racism and other threats, caring for creation and the environment, standing against social oppression and marginalization, and supporting healthy community in all its forms, including economic, social and political.

The 2024 General Conference also approved Regionalization Petitions that would restructure the denomination to be more contextual in different regions served by the church. It is an effort to put the church’s different geographical regions on equal footing and to make the General Conference less U.S.-centric. Since it involves an amendment to the church’s constitution, it will need ratification by at least two-thirds of the total votes cast across all annual conferences worldwide to take effect. We will vote on this legislation at our Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference next month.

A smaller budget was approved, and the apportionment percentage was decreased after delegates voted to reduce the base rate — a key component used in calculating requested annual conference apportionments — to 2.6% for 2025 and 2026. If collection rates are 90% or higher, it will increase to 2.9% in 2027 and 2028. Delegates approved a 2025-2028 budget of \$373.4 million, contingent on collection rates being at 90% or more for the next two years. If lower, the budget bottom line will be \$353.6 million. The total approved is significantly smaller than the budget approved by the 2016 General Conference. All Annual conferences will be asked to pay less in apportionments.

This is a brief summary of a truly historic and life-changing moment for The United Methodist Church. I look forward to sharing ministry and community together as we explore and experience this new era for our church. Our bishop, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth says that church can become a verb by committing to ministry that matters — working within our communities to address underlying needs in areas such as housing, climate, hunger and calls this our “window work.” I honor the window work currently displayed at Rose City Park UMC and look forward to how the Spirit will dress our window work in the days to come.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor David

P. S. Mark Sunday July 21st on your calendar and sign-up to join us for the Portland Pride Parade. We are joining with First United Methodist Church. Sign-up sheets are available following worship on Sunday or contact the church office for more information.

Jennifer Holman Stepping Down as Bell Director

Many thanks to Jennifer Holman for her 8 years of service as our Bell Choir Director. Jennifer has decided to further her education at Portland State University. Her goal is to become an elementary school teacher, specializing in music. These studies will demand much more of her time, so she has decided to leave her position. We will miss her and wish her well in her studies. June 9th is her final Sunday. Thank you, Jennifer!



Scholarship Deadline

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Rose City Park Memorial Scholarship for Summer and/or Fall term. The requirements and application are available on the church website:

www.rcpumc.org/scholarship. Completed applications can be mailed to Janell O'Gara, 7524 S. [Laview Drive, Portland, OR 97219](#), or emailed to: mjogar@comcast.net. **Deadline is June 12.**

Fourth of July

Once again, this year we will be handing out refreshments to participants in the Fourth of July Parade which starts in front of our church. If you'd be willing to help, contact Kay Pettygrove. It's great fun and a wonderful way to meet our neighbors!

United Women in Faith

United Women in faith will not have a regular meeting although a visit or phone call to Joanne is always welcome. On July 13th, there is an opportunity to participate/help with the Collective Roots for their Taco Bar fundraiser. For more information contact Chris Dole at 503-964-1371.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

by Marchelle Paholsky

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of abuse of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in the church. It is the goal of our church to live fully into our commitment "to create an environment of safe sanctuary for children, youth, and vulnerable adults and those who work with them". RCPUMC will be offering Safe Sanctuaries training starting at the end of June. These will be hosted video sessions lasting about 45 minutes. Safe Sanctuaries training is a requirement for all United Methodist Churches for anyone who is working with young people or vulnerable persons. Safe Sanctuaries is a "social structure that is consistent with the gospel" allowing our sanctuaries, classrooms, mission encounters, camps and retreats, and all spaces where we gather to worship and serve God to be places of trust. We will be hosting a video series to introduce the more difficult aspects of Safe Sanctuaries®, individually to open up conversations in small groups or during training, and as a way to share information with the congregation as a reminder about how to protect our most vulnerable members. Login information and specific dates and times will be posted.

Collective Roots APG Taco Bar Fundraiser

When: Saturday, July 13th from 2:00-5:00pm

Location: RCPUMChurch Basement
Cost: \$15 for 12 & up, \$8 for 11 & Under
Join us for a day of fun and support Collective Roots APG!
No RSVP is necessary. Come anytime between 2-5 and enjoy:
- All-You-Can-Eat Tacos with all the fixings
- Drinks and Desserts
- Silent Auction
- Music and Karaoke
- Summer Fun for Everyone!



News From the Board

WOW, I can't believe that it is June already. If you weren't in church a couple of weeks ago, we announced that Pastor David has been appointed to serve RCPUMC for another year. We couldn't be happier about the news!

We have many projects around the church in process and near completion. The final touches are being put on the parlor and the Sunday School room. The library isn't where we wanted it to be at this time, but still a priority.

We have an all church/collective WORK PARTY on June 15th from 9am to noon. Hope you can all join us. There are many projects beside the few listed here that could use your help. We will meet in Youngson Hall for assignments so please go there first.

The Board teams are hard at work. The Finance team is keeping their eyes on the budget and both the church, and the collective are doing well. Last month we announced that POCA Tech would be leaving the Collective this summer. If you know of a non-profit that aligns with our beliefs that could use space please let Sheryl, Chris, or Elsa know. Personnel has been gathering our emergency forms, staff contact lists, and assigning staff liaisons. The Ministry team made a great video about the Burrito Brigade that makes burritos in our church once a month to highlight this great organization. They are also setting up Safe Sanctuary training in late June and July. If you are interested in taking this training let Marchelle or Brooke know. A July BBQ is being planned as well. The Facilities team has lots of projects in the works, small and large in size. Again, we hope you can help on June 15th at the work party.

I hope everyone has a great and safe summer. Watch for upcoming activities in the bulletins and newsletters.

Sheryl Shake
Finance & Co-Board Chair

Thank You!

April and May were generous months for both rain showers and generosity. During the month of April and May we held a kitchen utensil drive and asked the congregation and The Collective to help us resupply our kitchen with new items. All requested items were donated. Thank you to all who contributed to the "Kitchen Shower" and donated much needed new utensils and various kitchen items for our church.



Congregation News

If you have any joys or concerns you want shared, or a birthday you want included, please contact Patricia Holman at:

plholman1025@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

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We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays in June:

6/10 **Larry McDowell**

6/11 **Corrine Tate**

6/16 **Alan Ely**

6/19 **Ruth Geislinger**

6/25 **Barbara Ely, Don Sheets, Kim Upham**

6/27 **Janelle O’Gara**

6/28 **David Buell**

Congratulations to **Julia Green, granddaughter of Kathy and John Green**, who graduated with high honors from Jefferson High School on June 2.

Angela Joy Allen is excited to become a grandmother! **Alex and Alie Allen** are expecting twins in July.



Church/Collective Work Party

Saturday June 15 from 9:00am until Noon

We will gather in Youngson Hall. Enter through the basement ramp door. Gloves and gardening tools will assist in yard maintenance. There will be tasks for all abilities.

Coalition of Black Men, who mentor middle school youth, are holding their Culmination Celebration in Youngson Hall on **Saturday, June 8 from 9:00am until 4:00pm**. Stop by anytime to see the wonderful work they have been doing all year.

Collective Roots APG is currently assembling their boat and will be participating in the Rose Festival Milk Boat Race on **Sunday, June 23**. If you would like to cheer the teens on, the time will be announced in worship on June 16th. Thank you to those who provided plastic milk jugs for their boat.

Let's not forget to bring food items for **Greater Good NW**. Our barrels have been empty for too long. This month we will focus on chewy cereal bars, vegetables and fruits with top-top lids, and various proteins like peanut butter, dried beans, and bags of tuna.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Helpful Resources

Pictorial Directory

If you have any changes to your contact information, please contact Elsa in the office at building@rosecitypark.org. Copies of the directory can be emailed to you by contacting Kay Pettygrove, or a printed copy is available in the Narthex.

E-mail Version of the Sermon

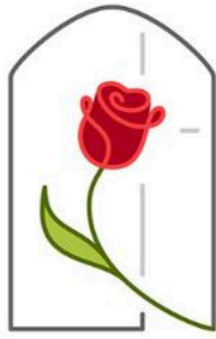
Would you like to receive an email version of the sermon? If so, please contact Deborah Weekley at axismundi.dw@gmail.com. Printed copies are available at church on Sunday mornings.

Prayer Chain

Just as a reminder, the prayer chain is available to those that would like to request prayers. Also, if you would like to join the prayer chain, send a request to the email address: rcpumcprayer@gmail.com

Newsletter Deadline

All newsletter submissions are due on the first of every month. Please email your articles to Patricia Holman at plholman1025@gmail.com.



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