
Rose City Park UMC July 2024 Newsletter

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From the Pastor

The Circle of Indigenous Ministries, directed by Rev. Dr. Allen Buck (a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and elder at Great Spirit UMC) is a growing ministry in the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area, which includes the Oregon-Idaho Conference. All local churches are invited and encouraged to participate in the Circle of Indigenous Ministries Truth-Telling Project, which focuses on building relationships, mutual storytelling, and conversation to foster repentance and healing to Indigenous communities often marginalized and traumatized by the Church.

The Circle of Indigenous Ministries supports Native American and Indigenous churches, fellowships, and ministry partners through resourcing, coaching, consultation, and friendship in the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho, and Pacific Northwest Conferences. Developing mutual, healing, and life-affirming relationships with Native Americans and Indigenous peoples in and outside the church is part of the GNW Area's ongoing efforts to heal historic trauma and dismantle racism.

We are fortunate to have such a community and resource as Great Spirit UMC in our neighborhood. As the Circle of Indigenous Ministries grows, so, too, does the list of resources available for local churches and ministry settings to use. Land acknowledgment is one of the first steps in understanding and beginning to heal the historical traumas perpetuated by the Church.

Land acknowledgments are *formal public statements*, showing awareness, gratitude, honor, and respect for the first people(s) of particular lands, territories, and spaces. In most places, the efforts to create such a statement reveals, reminds, and confronts the audience with the reality that they are not the first ones here. Someone(s) else was here first. Through this practice the Indigenous people of most lands have been and/or are being made invisible. As this statement from the Circle of Indigenous Ministries states:

Land acknowledgments can be a powerful way to subvert forces and systems, -that benefit from the erasure, genocide, assimilation, and colonization of the original inhabitants. Acknowledgement is an important step toward dismantling racism. It is a way to help make the invisible visible again.

Here is one example of a land acknowledgment created by Portland State University: Portland State University is located in the heart of downtown Portland, Oregon in Multnomah County. We honor the Indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on, the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River. It is important to acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

Are you curious about the land on which Rose City Park UMC stands, and who lived and belonged to this land before us? I am, too. Stay tuned for more information!

Summer Blessings,
Pastor David

Collective Roots APG Taco Bar Fundraiser

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

Location: Youngson Hall

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!



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will resume monthly meetings in September. For more information contact Chris Dole at 503-964-1371.

News From the Board

There is a lot going on at Rose City Park UMC. In the past few months we had successful work parties with church members, collective members and scouts helping to complete multiple projects in and around the building. We had a successful kitchen clean out and have updated utensils, tools and even a refrigerator. In addition, some projects that are beyond the scope of a work party, are being or will be completed by professionals, including electrical repairs, floor installation in Youngson Hall, and some tuckpointing on the exterior of the building.

There are several upcoming activities we hope you are able to attend.

- Taco Bar Fundraiser - Saturday, July 13, 2-5pm in Youngson Hall. (See article above)
- Portland Pride Parade - Sunday, July 21. After an early 9am worship service.
- We are collecting bottled water which will be distributed by a couple of our Collective groups that serve those living outdoors. Also needed is food, especially portable sources of protein. Please bring your donations to the collection bins in the Narthex. (See article below)
- More activities are being planned for August and beyond.

The Board also welcomes David Whitaker, who is filling an open Facilities Team Board position. We look forward to seeing you on Sundays and at some of these activities this summer!

Andy Ruff



In the month of July, we are collecting water bottles for both **The Burrito Brigade** and **Greater Good Northwest**. These members of our Rose City Community Collective provide food and water to the houseless population in Multnomah and Washington Counties. The Burrito Brigade prepares vegan burritos that are delivered throughout Portland. During the hot summer, it is wonderful to be able to give a cool drink along with the burrito. GGNW also delivers food and water. Please fill and overfill the 2 wooden barrels in the Narthex.

Support **Collective Roots APG** by attending their Taco Bar Fundraiser on Saturday, July 13 in Youngson Hall from 2:00 - 5:00. It is sure to be a muy divertido!

Fred Meyer Community Rewards is a great way to support RCPUMC. Every year Fred Meyer gives 2 million dollars to nonprofits through their reward program. Last year, 26 members and friends raised \$360 simply by assigning RCPUMC as their charity rewards recipient. If you decide to do this, you will still receive the reward points you always earn and, in addition, the church will receive a portion of what they award to nonprofits. Go to fredmeyer.com to assign Rose City Park United Methodist Church as your rewards recipient. It will then show at the bottom of your receipt that you have done this. Happy Shopping!



Thank you for all the milk cartons you donated to Collective Roots APG for the Rose Festive Milk Carton Boat Races. The races were really fun and not only did we win our race, but we tied for best boat in the 2024 event.



Congregation News

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BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays in July:

7/28 **Jennifer Holman**

7/30 **LeAnn Kelley**

Congratulations to new parents **Alex** and **Alie Allen**, and Grandma **Angela Joy-Allen**, on the birth of twins **Myles & Kyne** born June 16. Both are small, since they were born at 32 weeks, but doing well. Myles has gone through a couple procedures and will need open heart surgery after gaining enough weight. After surgery, they were told he should not have future issues.

Helpful Resources

Newsletter Deadline

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

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.

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.



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