
Rose City Park UMC September 2024 Newsletter

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From the Pastor

Welcome to September and the beginning of the Fall cycle of life in 2024! So much begins in this month and season that I often think of it as the actual calendar new year. And while the traditional new Church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, so many plans, programs and projects begin in September that I often think of this month as the launch of our new year of community life together as well. For example, church teams are already meeting and discussing new ministry ideas that include worship, finance, building maintenance, and nominating new people to serve on the Board.

As Pastor I am the chairperson of the Nominations Team, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have served on the Board in the past, and those who currently compose the Board of Rose City Park United Methodist Church. I also thank those who say "yes" this year when asked to serve. While this is not always possible for people to do, it means so much when people are able to help lead. Volunteering time, energy, and investing in community is too often undervalued. Last April (April 23) The University of Maryland's "Do Good Institute" announced that the current value of one volunteer hour is \$33.49. This is a 5.3% increase from 2023. This figure represents the valuable, significant, and essential contributions volunteers make every day to support our church, community, and world. So, thank you, thank, you, thank you! The Rose City Park United Methodist Church literally would not exist without you.

I ask you for your prayers as our Nominations team continues the work already begun

seeking new volunteers to serve on Rose City Park's board and other ministry opportunities. We believe it is crucial to have a good balance of new and experienced people working together to create a healthy leadership team. Please pray for such a balance as we invite people to serve in leadership this new year, and in the years to come. And, if you are invited to serve in some capacity, or feel a tug to volunteer, please pray about this and talk to me about it. As the saying goes, "It takes a village..."

I look forward to beginning our unofficial and traditional new church year together at Rose City Park UMC. As I look back at all we have been able to do as followers of Jesus this year, I am thankful-and I am excited to see where God's Spirit leads us together and individually in this new cycle and circle of faith.

September Blessings,

Pastor David

United Women in Faith

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be at Joanne Schilling's house at 10:30am on Wednesday, September 18. For more information contact Chris Dole at 503-964-1371.

Upcoming Events

It has been a fun summer in the building partnering with organizations like NW Children's Theater, Vibe of Portland, and Portland Outdoor Explorers to provide children's programming throughout the summer. And the Swap and Play families were using our play spaces a lot as well. As fall approaches, the rhythm in the building will change with preschool back in session and building partners in the building more often. Here are a few events coming up in the building:

Blueprint Arts Concert: 9/7 at 7:07pm, "Songs of the Silver Screen". More info [HERE](#)

AARP NeighborWalks



The event will be 9/28 starting at 10am. It will be the final walk and celebration of the NeighborWalks season for AARP. Walks are free and designed to be accessible. Folks are invited to meet in Youngson Hall-to "walk the Rose City Bluff (above the Rose City Golf Course), note wildlife habitat, volunteer-led restoration, park renovations and enjoy our last walk with neighbors near and

far. Lunch and prizes to follow." The lunch will be from 11:30am-12:45pm. All walks are free, but you do need to register ahead of time as space is limited. More information on their walks [HERE](#). Registration for this walk [HERE](#).

Swap and Play Fall Open House: 10/5 from 11am-2pm, a chance to check out the Swap and Play plus enjoy some crafts, snacks, and music from Mr. Hoo.

News From the Board

Fall Worship is on, and you are invited!

Ask and it will be given to you.

As we gather and come back to worship-what would you ask God for?

Selfishly out of the gate flies a little more vacation time and a winning lottery ticket from my mind. On a realistic note, one of my goals is to help everyone have a meaningful worship experience. What would that look like, feel like, how might we get there as a church together? I will be working on understanding what that means to you in my role on the Rose City Park Board.

Seek and you will Find.

As Christians we are encouraged to seek knowledge and understanding, and to forgive others as we seek to be forgiven.

Not understanding a life situation, not knowing how to resolve or see a way to understand problems in life often brings us to seek a short cut to a speedy spiritual solution. While we may not have the short cut, as a congregation we have lived lifetimes through all kinds of problems and situations that seemed impossible to understand and even painful to look at. We have been given the gift of each other to reach out to, to seek with, to celebrate the good times and the struggles with... we need to worship and be mindful of the grace we all receive as we go about trying.

Knock and the door will be opened to you.

We are the church- the ones with open minds, open hearts, and doors.

We are a resource for learning via David's sermons, scripture reading and bible studies, lifting our prayers and our voices in word and song. We are a caring community on a life path of truth seeking and growing into what it means to understand and be like Christ in this world, in this church, at this very time. We are flawed, frustrated, impatient but also hopeful, resourceful, and grateful.

Welcome back to Fall worship! Let's knock on the door together, because we are the church we build with Christ, and we were invited.

See you there!

Brooke Bolster

Ministry Team Board Member

Greater Good NW Update

Kathy Green delivered \$259.07 of spices to Greater Good NW in August including \$77.29 of ts of onion power, garlic powder, curry powder and a small container of basil. I am amazed at the generosity of this congregation. Thank you!



Chefs at the Greater Good Northwest kitchen used the spices we donated to them in August to prepare delicious meals for the houseless they serve on a daily basis. Here is an example of vegetable and meat options for pasta and a delicious muffin.



Congregation News

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BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays in September:

9/5 **Emmett Baumgarden**

9/12 **Della Beckham**

9/15 **Jeffrey and Tommy Espinoza**

9/17 **Tom Phelps, Beverly Walker**

9/22 **Donna Moran**

9/25 **Loretta Clark**

9/26 **Angela Joy Allen, Donna Grobey**

Susi Bromley continues to recuperate from a stroke and will be moving into an assisted living facility near her son, Spencer. She would love to receive cards. They can be mailed to: [1068 Park Avenue NE, Salem, OR 97301](#).

Prayer Shawl Thank You



Rose City Park UMC would like to thank Barbara Boucher, from Hull, for knitting 48 of the 52 Prayer Shawls blessed and given by our congregation, for comfort and healing during the past 3 years. She has also knitted nearly 250 Pocket Prayer shawls for us to give away to visitors, etc. Barbara is now 86 years young but has recently developed arthritis and is not able to do the large Prayer Shawls. She is continuing to send us Pocket Prayer shawls.

Marge Sullivan, also from Hull, has knitted two for us and our Angie Sapp has also knitted two.

Our sincere thanks are sent to Barbara, Marge, and Angie for this vital loving & compassionate ministry.

If we have any knitters in our congregation, please let us know. In order to continue this ministry (we only have four left from Barbara's efforts) we will need new knitters.

David and I will be in Massachusetts at the end of October for a workshop. We will have the privilege of

celebrating Ron and Barbara's 68th wedding anniversary with them. We will hug them on behalf of RCPUMC.

Deborah Weekley

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.

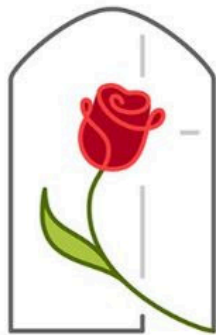
Pictorial Directory

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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