



Congregational News

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Salmon Barbecue this Sunday!

Join us after worship this Sunday for our traditional Salmon Barbecue! Church youth, just back from the Italy tour, will provide music. The expert cooks will prepare the salmon, and the rest of the congregation will fill the tables with sides dishes and desserts. Nature will offer perfect Oregon summer weather!

Remember to bring your potluck dish: **two items** for families (vegetables or bread, and salad or dessert; singles bring one item. There is time after the service to return home to get your dish, if necessary. Beverages are provided. Bring your own table setting(s), and please label your dishes and servings utensils with your name. Food service begins at noon in Hanson Grove.

Late morning activities on the lawn for kids include slippy slide, croquet, and badminton.



Outdoor Worship

We will worship in Hanson Grove on *July 20* in celebration of Stewardship of Creation Sunday.

(See the page 2 for more information.)

There will be ushers on hand to provide assistance down the slope to the seating area, if you need it, and wheelchairs will also be available.

SUMMER WORSHIP



THIS SUNDAY - July 13

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:10-13
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Music: Jeffrey Larkin, tenor
Sermon: "Sowing Seeds"
Elizabeth Oettinger

NEXT SUNDAY - July 20

Scriptures: Psalm 148
Matthew 25:31-45
Music: Jan Maitland,
mezzo-soprano
VBS children
Sermon: "For Whom God Waits"
Ryan Lambert

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Ryan Lambert*

Dear Friends,

Take a moment to picture the beautiful grounds upon which our church sits. Can you hear the birds chirping, the water moving through the stream, or the leaves blowing in the wind? All of that and more happens constantly on our church grounds. Over the next couple of weeks our congregation will be spreading out across our church grounds as we gather in Hanson Grove for the Salmon Barbeque and play games upon the church lawn this Sunday. On July 20 we will return to Hanson Grove for our morning worship where we will have an opportunity to focus our worship on the magnificent beauty that God has created and placed around us. Finally, our children will be wandering all over the church grounds during Vacation Bible School from July 13-17 as they explore the gifts of God and grow in community through music, art, lessons, and play. Our spaces will be busy and these days will provide an excellent opportunity to take in the beauty of the world that God has created.



For our July 20 focus on stewardship of Creation Team would like to extend a special invitation to church members to consider bicycling or carpooling to worship. We recently put a Corvallis map up on the hallway bulletin board and church members have been locating their homes on the map and placing a pin to note where they live. This is a great tool for discovering who lives close to you and perhaps in celebration of God's creation we all might consider using this tool (or our church directory) to set up a carpool or plan together to bicycle to worship with those who live nearby. There are bicycle racks available in both the front and back of the church and bicycling to church provides a great chance to "exercise" our faith. The value of carpooling goes far beyond the gas that will be saved and includes a chance for great conversations on the trip to and from church. Perhaps changing how we travel to church might even become a habit!

I look forward to walking, singing, and playing amid all the places on our grounds over the next few weeks. I hope you will join me in using these events as a chance to examine how it is that we can live more faithfully and more justly with all the creatures that God has created.

Blessings,

Ryan

FUN STUFF FOR OUR SMALL PEOPLE (AND THEIR GROWN-UPS TOO)

Save these dates for family and fellowship over the coming months:

- *July 24* - Corvallis Knights baseball game at 6:35 It's Superheroes night including interactive experiences with local heroes from the police and fire departments.
- *August 8* - Potluck barbecue at the **Lamberts** at 6:00 for families with kids through the 5th grade.
- *September 7* - Sunday School Year Kick-Off - parents and kids can enjoy a light breakfast at 9:15 and join us for Sunday School at 9:30. Details will follow in the coming weeks.
- *November 1* - Halloween Party for kids 5th grade and under.

BEACH PARTY BIBLE SCHOOL (JULY 13 -17 FROM 5:30 TO 8:15 P.M.)



It's finally here!

This Sunday evening begins our week of discovery about the bible, the beach, and how much fun coming together can be. We have science experiments, games, crafts, singing and playing chimes in store for our children ages 3 years through 5th grade. If you haven't had a chance to sign your favorite small people up for this week of fun, call the church office and let us know you're coming so

we can have enough supplies for all our projects.

If you are a grown-up that thinks this sounds fun, come join us for part art or all of an evening to just watch the fun or maybe even try your hand at a craft or singing along. We also have volunteer opportunities available for teens and adults who want to help out one or more evenings. Surf's up, see you there!



SPECIAL PIANO RECITAL

Don't miss the opportunity to see and hear **Priscilla Almeida Dantas** this *Saturday, July 12, at 7:30* in our sanctuary. Priscilla is a Brazilian Street kid, found at age 11 by an Oregon non-profit called **Students Helping Street Kids International**. She has developed into a fine pianist, who is now 15, hoping for a concert career. She will be a Churchill High School exchange student in Eugene in 2010-11.

Her program includes Mozart's A minor sonata K 310, Schubert's E-flat Impromptu, a waltz of her own composition, several works of Villa-Lobos, in-

cluding the first Suite Infantil, and Carlos Gomes. She ends with Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso.

This recital is free, but donations for SHSKI are welcome. There will be donation boxes in the church foyer.

WOMEN'S CAMP SET FOR OCTOBER

October 17-19 is the weekend scheduled for Central Pacific Conference Women's Camp this year. The Rev. **Jean Doane** from Aloha will be the resource leader. Local folks may remember her for the Women's Fellowship program she presented on **Antoinette Brown** last November. Camp brochures will be available in August. Contact **Nancy Klingeman** for additional information.

Women's Breakfast Group

The Women's Breakfast Group meets at 7:30 a.m. (no longer at 7:00 a.m.) at **Darrell's Restaurant** at 2200 N.W. 9th Street, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All women are welcome -- for more info talk with **Priscilla Zaworski, Gretchen Morris, Joan Pelto or Eleanor MacDonald.**

The dates for July, August and September are:

*July 9 and 23, August 13 and 27
and September 10 and 24*



TAKARAZUKA CHURCH NEWS

Our new year began with the blessing in April. We had an inauguration ceremony for Rev. Harumi Ishikawa, our new associate minister, during the worship service on Sunday, June 1, and hosted a welcome party afterwards.

We were asked to accept Ms. Ishikawa by the School of Theology, Kwansai Gakuin University, at the end of March, when she was ready to complete her graduate program and looking for a place for a ministry internship. We decided to welcome her so that she could experience her ministry with us, having believed that we would receive many blessings through this relationship with her.

At this point, she works for four days, from Thursday through Sunday, a week, to take turns with Rev. Tsukuda in Thursday evening and Friday morning services in addition to preaching in the Sunday worship service once a month. She is married and has a daughter. She is working hard to become familiar with Takarazuka Church and acquainted with us all. We look forward to seeing her growth.

Reported by **Kimiyo Higashimoto**

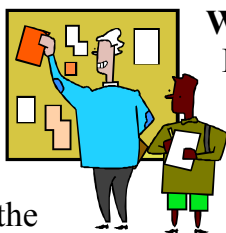
(Please see the pictures on the Takarazuka Bulletin Board.)

READ & FEED MEETS

Read & Feed will discuss Olive Ann Burns' novel *Cold Sassy Tree* this Sunday, July 13, at the home of **Bill** and

Susan Wickes. The discussion begins at 7:00; dessert follows.

REMINDER: The **Antique and Collectible Sale**, a fund-raiser for Vina Moses Center, is *July 11-12* at the First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CORVALLIS?

The "Community Events" bulletin board in the hallway between the entry and the Gatton Hall is always filled with notices about one-time and on-going opportunities to participate in the life of Corvallis as a volunteer, participant, audience member, and more. Check it out as you come in or leave the building.

Thanks to our gardening angels

Susie O'Shea's tireless efforts are a major reason our grounds look so beautiful. Susie made sure the atrium and patio areas were at their best during the Chin-timini Festival when so many people visited our facility.

Our appreciation, also, to **the mowing crew** who keep the grass groomed all through the growing season, and to "branch managers" **Norm Elwood** and **Pete Klingeman**, who trimmed the trees in the grove.



... your church pledge when you go on vacation! Our expenses continue while you're gone.

... to sign up for Stone Soup. Our day is Tuesday, July 15.

FROM COMMUNITY OUTREACH, INC.

Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,502 from your church campaign this spring. We appreciate your generosity. As we offer more services to clients, our costs increase. This makes your contributions to our agency increasingly important.

We cannot thank you enough for the support you have given us, especially as an advocate for our agency's mission. You put so much thought into everything you do for us and your investment in us makes such a difference. Each day, we see the ways your donations help our clients rebuild lives and begin to hope again.

I look forward to keeping you updated on our progress. Thank you again.

Richard Donovan,
Executive Director

Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with **Joan Caldwell**, recovering from heart bypass surgery on July 10.

... and with the family of **Jean Mather**. Jean died on July 6. The memorial service is on *Thursday, July 10*, at 1:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, July 11

**Vina Moses Antique
 Sale, First United
 Methodist Church**

7:30 p.m. Badminton

Saturday, July 12

Vina Moses Antique
 Sale [see above]

7:00 p.m. Piano recital [see p. 3]

Sunday, July 13

9:30 a.m. Worship

Noon Salmon Barbecue

4:20 p.m. Holy Sox, Porter Park

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

7:00 p.m. Read & Feed, Wickes

Monday, July 14

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 15

3:00 p.m. Stone Stoup

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, July 16

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

7:00 p.m. EMF Board

Thursday, July 17

11:45 a.m. Lunch Group

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m. Holy Sox practice,

Stewardship of Creation Sunday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Diaconate set-up

9:30 a.m. **Worship in the grove**

4:20 p.m. Holy Sox,
 S. Chintimini

Monday, July 21

7:30 p.m. Badminton

Tuesday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Staff

NO Church Council

7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, July 23

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Group,

Thursday, July 24

11:00 a.m. Spirituality Group

5:30 p.m. Church Basketball

6:30 p.m. Holy Sox practice,

Friday, July 25

7:30 p.m. Badminton

