

WEEKLY NEWS ~ MAY 27, 2022



A PRAYER FOR LAMENTING GUN VIOLENCE

God, giver of life, you intend for humans to live together in peace.

In this time of grief over gun violence, we pray for your presence among us.

That, trusting in your mighty and gentle healing, we may live in hope, we pray:

make us instruments of your peace.

God of resurrection, we remember before you those who have died, children, teachers and staff of Robb Elementary School, in Uvalde.

We commend them to your eternal love.

Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatized and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence.

That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray:

make us instruments of your peace.

God of true might and redemptive mercy, receive our prayers, and grant us to become your instruments of peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

These prayer portions are taken for the Prayer for Lamenting Gun Violence in the hymnal supplement All Creation Sings, pg. 107.

FURNITURE AVAILABLE

Nancy & Bob DeHart were beloved members here for many years. Their children are now in the process of selling the home that Nancy & Bob shared with their daughter Elizabeth, our former Office Manager. They are giving away the furniture, and hope it finds a good home! There are 2 queen beds, 2 dining tables, multiple chairs, 2 couches, desks, basically 2 apartments full of furniture - free! Please call Kathy Whitwer (541)756-4255 for more information.

IN THE PEWS!

You will notice that in the envelope slots beside the hymnal and Bible racks are a welcome & prayer request sheet and offering envelopes available for your convenience. Both can be placed in the offering plate during the service.

PRAYER BEADS

The basket of prayer beads has been re-stocked! Please consider giving them as gifts – graduation, Father's Day (or late Mother's Day), birthday, Wedding... any occasion, really! We have many colors and bead styles available – check them out in the basket in the office!

COFFEE HOUR COORDINATORS & TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

Greetings! We are in the process of reconstituting the pre-pandemic coffee hour teams based on who is still willing and able to participate. We have confirmed only two past team coordinators but looks like we may have enough individuals to set up eight to ten rotating teams depending on how many coordinators are willing to serve. If so, each team would probably serve once every couple months.

Since we currently have a single service at 10:00 we are thinking there is not a need to have a meal or treats that require a lot of preparation or dishes to clean afterwards. Light snacks and drinks should be enough and would keep setup and cleaning to a minimum.

If you are willing and able to **be on a team** or **coordinate one**, please let us know either by phoning to 541-756-425, or letting us know at church.

Richard & Kathy Whitwer

EXERCISE CLASSES

Sally Hampton, our Chair and Tai Chi exercise class leader, is refraining from indoor activities due to Covid. If there is anyone else out there who would like to lead these classes, please call the office. The resources (videos, weights, etc.) are available, we just need a leader!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we continue to worship in person, we need volunteers for Sunday mornings! There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for greeters, ushers, and readers. The Flower Chart is on the wall near the office. Please sign up to help as you are able.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE!

We have rapid tests for Covid 19, masks, and hand sanitizer. If you need any of these things at home or for another group you are part of, please let the church office know.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The office has received updated community information on a number of topics, including legal aid, housing options, AA and NA meetings, and low cost cell phone service. If you or someone you know could use this info, stop by or call the office to get the updates!

OFFICE PUBLICATION DEADLINES

As we continue to worship in person and return to in-person activities, there are adjustments being made in bulletins and other communication pieces that are developed in the office. Going forward, announcements for the following Sunday's bulletin must be to the office no later than 9 am Tuesday morning. Items for the Weekly News need to be to the office by noon on Thursdays, and Newsletter articles/submissions need to be in by 9 am on the 23rd of each month.

PHONE CASE AVAILABLE

A phone case that fits an iPhone 12 has been donated. It's very sparkly. If you're interested in it, please call the office!

JEANNETTE BRUNELL SWEET COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A community Celebration of Life for Jeanette Brunell Sweet will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022 at the Coos History Museum, 1210 N. Front Street, Coos Bay at 11 am. Lunch will follow.

COVID-19 POLICY

*The use of masks is optional in the church. We will have Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time after the church service for those who wish to stay.

*We will continue social distancing.

*The Council recommends that if someone is sick or having symptoms of any kind, that they please stay home and participate via Zoom, Facebook, or YouTube out of respect for others in the church

*We continue to encourage vaccinations/boosters.

APRIL 26, 2022. This policy continues as of May 24, 2022

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 46 in person, 24 online
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FROM THE SYNOD:

Do you want or need to discern something? Join with others from across the Oregon Synod this June to explore practices of discernment in solitude and community. We'll meet on Zoom from 6:30-8 pm (Pacific Time) for four Tuesday evenings: June 7, 14, 21, and 28. We'll be invited to orient ourselves internally with our belovedness and enter into discernment and community dialogue from that place asking the questions: How do we listen to our own voice? What do we find trustworthy in the external world? To what do we attribute authority and wisdom? Where is God in all of this? What are signs of healthy discernment? And how might we support that for one another in community and congregations? [Register here.](#)

FROM CAMP LUTHERWOOD:

Women's Retreat features Kathleen Kerr from Eugene for a wonderful weekend of rest, relaxation and learning together as she shares about the Creeds. Save the date for July 29-31, and sign up now to save your spot! Cost is \$125 per person. Visit lutherwoodoregon.org/camp for more details.

Great Big Awesome Work Day Party: Saturday, June 4! Bring a friend or a future camper and help get camp ready for another summer of memories and fun. Join the fun and volunteer from 10am-3pm, plus lunch is provided. RSVP to office@lutherwoodoregon.org to let us know you're coming!

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STEWARDSHIP IS...caring for our children.

Let's keep our kids safe in school!