

A Place of worship, service and nurture for God's people of all ages

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October Birthdays



Birthdays this month

Addy Bashaw	10/5
Bob Wilson	10/10
Brenley Babikoff	10/13
Jim Odell	10/16
Lloyd Olson	10/24
Connie Ryan	10/27
Cortlan Souders	10/27
Jean McCloskey	10/28

Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
for all ages

10:15 AM Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:15 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

October 18

October Church and Community Events

October 3: World Communion Sunday and dedication of Peacemaking Offering during worship.

October 6, 6:30 p.m.: worship committee meets (discerning music and liturgical art for Advent)

October 7: candidate night at the Grange, *see page 5*

October 12: choir practice begins, 7 p.m., *see page 4*

October 17: Pastor Eileen on vacation, the Reverend Aleida Jernigan preaching (Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Cascades)

October 20, 6:30: Deacon training

October 23, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Compassion Estacada at the Estacada High School, *see page 5*

October 24: Service for Wholeness

October 27, 5:00 p.m.: personnel committee meeting with session

October 28, 6:00 p.m.: session meeting

October 30: Daylight savings time ends, set your clocks back tonight

November 3, 4:30 p.m.: Knit Nite



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Is it Lectionary Fairies or Lectionary Gremlins that give us parables about the evils of money, just as congregations prepare for the annual stewardship campaign? True, a preacher has a choice about what texts to use for preaching, but if a pastor commits to lectionary preaching, there has to be a good basis for opting out of the Lectionary Gremlins' suggestions. "Uncomfortable text" is the whole point of adopting that discipline.

Troubling Scripture

In case you haven't attended the adult Sunday School class this fall, the parables that have been giving me fits lately are about money. The gospel-writer Luke portrays Jesus as being opposed to a money economy. Yet, in that dreadful parable about the crafty steward (Luke 16:1-13), sleazy behavior with money earns Jesus' praise.

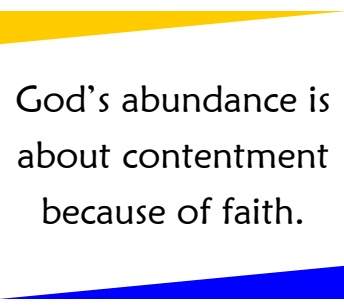
The first time I read that story as an adult, my reaction was so intense, I called my then-pastor and demanded an explanation. The scholars I've been reading lately say that the steward is an "unwilling example" for how Christians ought to live. By that they mean that Luke's Jesus teaches his followers to support each other without expecting repayment. The Jewish Torah had always banned charging interest, but now Luke asks more. He invites Christians to support one another with money, possessions, and concrete help.

Abundance versus More

Luke's whole deal was about **living your faith**, and that meant knowing the difference between "abundance" and "more." Counting on God's abundance does not mean "expecting more." God's abundance is about contentment because of faith. Expecting more is portrayed as "coveting" in scripture.

The ancient Greeks viewed contentment as a primary virtue, as did John Calvin. For them, contentment involves self-sufficiency and an attitude that cherishes simplicity. Contentment means accepting one's circumstances, but some people make it a faith practice to take that a step further by intentionally "going without" in order to appreciate more deeply the needs of others.

That's un-American. Our consumer economy assumes a certain level of coveting. The advertising industry motivates us by instilling a sense of "not enough." **God's economy is based on abundance.**



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We ask, "What's in it for me?" and Luke says the question of faith is, "How does this reflect God's kingdom?" Week after week we pray, "Thy kingdom come." Put your money where your mouth is, Luke says. Live as if God's reign is now.

Live As If

That will take a little work, but I think we're up to it. Most children have a finely developed sense of fairness, as you will discover if you give one kid eight cookies and another only one. Guess which kid will say, "That's not fair!" We know what's fair, what is meant by "right living." Now the point is to live that way—for the glory of God.

See you in church.

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 3 (World Communion Sunday, Peacemaking Offering Dedicated, "Mourning as Peacemaking"): Lamentations 1:1-6; Luke 17:5-10; Psalm 137

October 10 ("Bloom Where You're Planted"): Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Luke 17:11-19; Psalm 66:1-12

October 17 (The Reverend Aleida Jernigan preaching): Jeremiah 31:27-34; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8; Psalm 119:97-104

October 24 (Service for Wholeness): Joel 2:23-52; Luke 18:9-14; Psalm 65

October 31 (Reformation Sunday, "Historical Perspective"): 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 119:137-144



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Resumes

Do you love to sing? Do you love Christmas music? Who doesn't? The choir will begin meeting on Tuesday, October 12, at 7 p.m. We will be preparing for the Advent and Christmas season. Please join us for music and fun, everyone is welcome.



Healthy Eating, Active Living

The Healthy Eating, Active Living group is meeting again on Thursday evenings from 4:30pm to 5:45pm. The group has decided to take on the project of writing about healthy eating on a budget. To begin this effort we are visiting the Estacada Food Bank to find out more information on what foods they have available at different times of the year. We ultimately hope to produce something in writing about what is healthy eating, how to eat healthy on a budget (we are thinking \$2/day/person as an example), and recipes that cost little but are nutritious and tasty. It potentially will be a booklet that would be available to clients of the Food Bank. Anyone who is interested in helping us is welcome to join!

Gwendolyn Shearer

Who's on Session

Cindy Woodbury
Don MacKinnon
Peter Sturman
Cindy Babikoff
Wilma Guttridge
Kathy Scott

AT OUR LAST SESSION MEETING WE . . .

- decided to continue giving the weekly loose coin offering to the Estacada Food Bank.
- took action to put storm windows on the north sanctuary windows and install new windows in the basement.
- approved a Service for Wholeness during worship on October 24.
- thanked the Buildings and Grounds committees for their hard work on the manse and church.
- scheduled a stewardship planning meeting for September 29.
- took action to recruit and send a team each month to serve at the Eastminster Presbyterian warming shelter November through March.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At its last meeting, session took action to send a team from Springwater to work at the winter warming shelter for homeless families and single women that will be at Eastminster Presbyterian November through March. Not-for-profit agency Human Solutions is leading the effort. We will work the second Tuesday of each month.

Human Solutions does not have funding to cover food costs, so Springwater will prepare a simple evening meal at the Grange and transport and serve at Eastminster. Volunteers to help with that effort are needed. Other volunteers are needed from 7 to 9 p.m. to work as mentors, recreation attendants, tutors, hosts. If you are not able to offer help at the Grange or at Eastminster, gifts of food will be appreciated.

Contact a session member or Pastor Eileen if you can help.



Candidate Night at the Grange

The Grange is sponsoring a night with candidates for local governmental offices. Be an informed voter; join them at the Springwater Grange on Thursday, October 7th at 7 p.m. Listen to the candidates discuss important issues and then participate in a question and answer session.



COMPASSION ESTACADA

On October 23 at the Estacada High School, free health services will be offered to low income people in our community. Medical and dental volunteers, as well as persons able to help interpreting Spanish and Russian are still needed. Other volunteer needs are for set up on Friday beginning at 3:30 and clean up on Saturday, beginning at 1:00. Child care volunteers will need to have background checks, so should get their names in early. Hospitality and follow up volunteers will work both during and after the event.

The Lions Club will be providing vision care and would appreciate used eyeglasses. A few items such as hot and cold packs can be brought to the First Baptist Church. The last training meeting before the event is October 16, 9:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Estacada.

Please contact Pastor Eileen if you are interested in volunteering or providing materials..



When is a window not a window?

A Methodist pastor once said that a church window is not just for letting in the light. It also has the function of giving glory to God and moving the heart to worship.

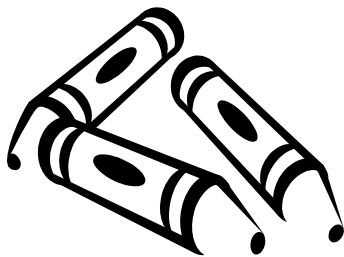
Isn't it exciting to think about windows beyond the inanimate state of wood and glass?

Metaphorically speaking, like all of us windows can be transparent, translucent, and sometimes opaque. They have different views. They're small and large and come in many shapes. They can provide a breath of fresh air. Sometimes they're 'whole' and other times they're broken.

A small group of folks in the Springwater congregation are about to engage in a journey of contemplation regarding possibilities for the east window of our sanctuary. Officially, we're called the East Window Discernment Team but in reality we're just a group of dreamers, some more practical than others. We want to explore what the window might look like in giving glory to God. We also want to find out in what way this window could help move the many wonderful hearts in our congregation to worship.

Over the coming months our team is taking this journey together and along the way we would like to hear from you about what you think regarding this window. Sure, talking energy efficiency and maintenance-related matters is on the table but we'd also like you to join us into thinking about the east window in metaphorical terms so that we can come to consensus in identifying an approach that will allow this window to fulfill its most meaningful functions.

If you would like to share your thoughts please talk with anyone on the team: Mary Kirby, Margo Maris, Gilbert Shibley, Deb Odell, Cindy Woodbury, Mary Shearer, or Rick Parfrey.



Sunday School Rooms Get Makeover

Thanks to some dedicated volunteers, our downstairs Sunday School rooms have a fresh coat of paint and all our supplies are reorganized. Big thanks go to members of the youth group Jessie Jo Guttridge, Marilyn Guttridge, Samantha Sturman and Neal Jeppeson, as well as many other volunteers: Mary Johnson, Peter Sturman, Carol Sturman, Jennifer Souders, Wilma Guttridge, Eileen Parfrey, Renate Jeppeson and Adelia Jeppeson. Students and teachers alike are enjoying the fruits of your labors!



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Broadway Stars

When you think about **Broadway Stars**, there is usually a vision of "The Great White Way", throngs of adoring fans, and long black cars. That may be appropriate for New York City, but it is not in Estacada. Broadway stars in Estacada are the volunteers at the Estacada Area Food Bank.

Their stardom comes from service, but they, and their clients need your help. The number of hungry people using their services is increasing. The hungry look a lot like us, for they are our neighbors, or maybe classmates of your kids or grandkids.

It is now more important than ever that we share. Your time and your donations of food and personal supplies can help meet the call for this service and recognize our **Broadway Stars.**

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