



# OCT 2022

*The mission of Seaside United Methodist Church is to reveal God in our living, loving and being by:*

*--PROCLAIMING the Gospel of God's Grace and Mercy by service in our community and throughout the world.*

*--INVITING and WELCOMING others into our community of faith.*

*--PROVIDING opportunities for worship, fellowship and spiritual growth.*

#### GOALS

- ❖ **Make our presence known in the community.**
- ❖ **Provide a place for children and youth where they feel they belong.**
- ❖ **Minister to each other.**
- ❖ **Make visitors feel welcome (to the church and community). Invite them to return.**

#### REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

One evening, I was walking on a path along Lake Michigan on the campus of Northwestern University. I found myself asking God out loud, "What am I going to do with my life?" I entered NU in premed – but had recently discovered that the sight of blood made me start to pass out. Not a great trait for a doctor. I looked up and saw the moon shining down on the steeple of the Methodist seminary on Northwestern's campus. My response? "Oh, okay, I'll be a minister." I had literally never thought about it before this moment. After graduation from college, I started seminary at 21 years old - having very little understanding of what I was getting myself into. I had some vague idea of sitting in my office writing sermons and going and visiting folk, hopefully where homemade cookies and tea were involved. I know – I was clueless!

What I did not know then was that what would be the most meaningful part of being a minister is getting to work collaboratively with the people of my congregations. Pooling our talents and gifts together to achieve something that none of us could do alone. I have experienced countless times the truth of Paul's words to the people of Corinth in I Corinthians 12. <sup>4</sup> *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.* <sup>5</sup> *There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.* <sup>6</sup> *There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.* <sup>7</sup> *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.* <sup>12</sup> *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*

Paul goes on to make it clear that there is no hierarchy of gifts or callings within the body of Christ. It quickly became evident to me as a young pastor that while I felt called to provide full-time leadership as a pastor, that I was surrounded by folk in my congregations who were more knowledgeable about the bible, more deeply connected to Jesus, more effective change agents for good. This has been the great good news – that I could be part of a team where together we could bring Christ's light to individuals, our community, and the world.

This has been on my mind and heart these last few weeks. I am in awe of how you have pulled together as Christ's body at Seaside UMC this last year under very challenging circumstances. Ministry has continued to happen because of the generous sharing of time and gifts on the part of the congregation. You have done a terrific job, my friends! And, I also want and need to acknowledge my dear brothers, Pastor Ron and Pastor Dave, who have given so generously of their gifts this year. We will have a special recognition of them in our service on October 9, along with a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for Pastor John.

I thank God that I get to be on this part of your journey with you!

With gratitude,

Kate



**Book Study on *Freeing Jesus:*  
*Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior,*  
*Lord, Way, and Presence***

Our six-week study will be after church on:  
**October 9, 23; November 6, 20; and December 4, 18.**

We will start after coffee hour – and bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

The class will last approximately one hour. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reflect within a supportive space on Jesus' question to the disciples "who do you say that I am?"

Let Kate know if you are interested or if you have any questions –  
[revkat1@mac.com](mailto:revkat1@mac.com) and 541 971-9130. There are still a couple of books left on the piano at church.



**FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

You can leave any food bank donations in the corner of the landing to the downstairs steps. We have volunteers ready to take the food to the Food Bank. Dollars can be designated for the Food Bank and put in the collection plate.

Thanks to all who are able to participate

**To Date: Food worth \$948.00**

**NOTE: FOOD 4 KIDS SEASIDE, OREGON backpack program will not resume at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church until mid or late October.**

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE**

**Year-to-date:**

**Donations: \$ 440.00 Assistance: \$ 50.00**

**THANK YOU**



## OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES

### 10:30 am



**October 2: Pastor Ron Crandall**  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson: John 4:7-12  
Sermon Title: "The Dancing God"  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**



**October 9: Pastor Kate Conolly**  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-14  
Sermon Title: "Jesus as Savior"



**October 16: Diaconal Minister Jane Hill, retired**  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson: tba  
Sermon Title: "tba"



**October 23: Pastor Kate Conolly**  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:46-49  
Sermon Title: "Jesus as Lord"



**October 30: Deacon Diane Higgins-Shaffer**  
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson: tba  
Sermon Title: tba

### Pastor Contact Information:

**Pastor Kate Conolly will be our contact for pastoral emergencies as well as handling any Financial Assistance requests. Pastor Kate can be reached via her cell phone if you wish to contact her Her Cell Phone is (541) 971-9130**

**NOTE: The church office is open Tues and Wed mornings 9-11 am**

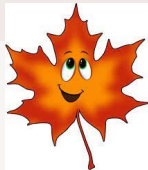


It is now October and Carey Burke is back at the keyboard on the second Sunday in October. That would be October 9th at 2:00 pm. This is his annual concert to bring in donations for the local South County Food Bank. We've had some unusual years, and the Food Bank is very thankful for any and all contributions, food or cash.

**COLOR IN THE NINTH AND LETS SEE YOU HERE**

### OK, LET'S ALL GET A PENCIL OUT AND START MAKING OUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING MEETINGS

FINANCE--Mon. Oct 10@10:00 am  
NOWW—Wed Oct 19 @ 2:00 pm  
SPRC—— tba



TRUSTEES– Wed., Nov 2 @ 10:00  
COUNCIL–Mon, Oct 24 @ 12:00 noon (Meet in the Fireside Room)



October is a month for quarterly meetings , be sure to fill in your calendar and “save the dates.”

The Trustees have cancelled October's meeting but will gather again on Nov. 2

The NOWW committee is scheduled for the third Wed., Oct 19 @ 2:00 pm

These are the committee meetings you are used to having every month. Now in October, the Finance and the Church Council also have scheduled meeting times.

Finance on Mon., Oct 10 @ 10:00 am and the Church Council on Mon, Oct 24 @ noon.

One more meeting that is a yearly event. Our **Annual Charge Conference** is now scheduled for Saturday, November 19 in the afternoon. Time to be announced. This is a meeting our District Superintendent Wendy Woodworth will be leading. This is a time when we have an opportunity to learn about the state of our church, vote on the Pastor's compensation package, and discuss any concerns the members have questions about.

Note: Crafters meet on Tuesdays @ 11:00  
ZUMBA is on Tuesdays @ 9am/Thursdays @2 pm



### Unfinished Tasks

Francis J. Roberts (*Dialogues with God*)

*My father, I am not capable of doing all those things that are demanded of me in the course of a day. For every task I complete, there are numerous other needful duties still left undone. This is truly not a complaint that life is over-burdensome, but rather a cry to You, my Father, for understanding, and for wisdom to improve the situation: Such as how to reach the end of the day with a feeling of some degree of satisfaction in a job well done. It is not restful to, as it were; sleep on loose ends—to be forever uncomfortably aware of the numerous tasks still waiting to be done.*

*For as time passes, so much of what we have failed to accomplish can no longer be done at all. Surely there must be enough time and enough strength provided to do the vitally essential things. Dear Father, I not only fail to accomplish the task, but lose my sensitivity to Your guidance, and in doing this, I soon have also lost the joy I would have had had I pleased You.*

### Give Me the First Fruits



Oh, My child, *do not bring Me the unfinished tasks.* There will *always* be work to do. This also can be a snare of the enemy; for he would deceive you into feeling that all work is worthy in itself—that simply to be occupied is good. This is not true.

To sit still, yes, even to have recreation, is sometimes just as important and oft times more so. If you were a hundred people, you would soon discover that you would have a hundred times more unfinished tasks.

I say, *Give Me a heart that has learned how to become quiet and to rest.* Anybody can work. Few people know how to be quiet. Being quiet is not being lazy. Most lazy people are never really quiet. Those who do the least frequently talk the most, and are seldom able to be still and collect their wits.

You, My child, must be able to collect yourself—to take time to absorb the Holy Spirit. For to be *freshly-filled* with the Spirit will bring guidance and direction and wisdom, and the will to do the Spirit's bidding. The purpose of spending time with Him is more than simply enjoying His presence: It is to fit and prepare you for the tasks a hand.

So, come to Me, as I have so often invited you to do—heart open, hands uplifted and empty. Don't bring Me your work. Bring me yourself. It is you that I love, not your enterprises. The more you draw near to Me in singleness of heart, the clearer will be your guidance on life's pathway, and the less danger there will be of your substituting human activities for Spirit directed ministries.

Keep your heart tender, lest your work become destructive.



**OCTOBER****WORSHIP ASSISTANTS****2022****LITURGISTS:**

10/02 Elizabeth MacDonald  
 10/09 Bill Berg  
 10/16 Carol Reynolds  
 10/23 Pam Morrison  
 10/30 Jan Hill

**SOUND:** Rich Harrison**USHER:** Bob Kaul**COMMUNION HOST:**

Debbie Vail

**MEDIA OPER:** Ron Crandall,  
 Dave Kinman, Clarke Powers

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:**

10/02 POTLUCK Carol Reynolds,  
 Anne McBride

10/09  
 10/16  
 10/23  
 10/30  
 (Sign up sheet available)

**FLOWERS:**

10/02 Anne McBride  
 10/09  
 10/16  
 10/23  
 10/30 Anne McBride  
 (Sign up sheet available)

**October Birthdays**

10/02 Juliette Abram  
 10/07 Greta Stamschror  
 10/16 Judy Hixon  
 10/21 John Koch  
 10/22 Jane Hill  
 10/28 Barb Fishel  
 10/30 Kyle Schwnk

**October Anniversaries**

None this month



So let's communicate about other things happening in our church family: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE NARTHEX AND ON THE PIANO IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

Now it's up to you to bring any corrections or additions to the attention of the office.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR DILIGENCE

An idea has come up for us to wear name tags. If interested, see Laurel in the office.

HYMN SING WORSHIP SERVICES: We had a very spiritual and fun worship service this last Sunday, Sept. 25. It was a repeat of the Hymn Sing Service we had in July. It is official that we will plan a Hymn Sing service on any Fifth Sunday. Next one is Jan. 2023.



FALL IS A FEEL GOOD TIME AND THE SMILE ON MY FACE DOESN'T MEAN MY LIFE IS PERFECT.  
 MEANS I APPRECIATE WHAT I HAVE AND WHAT I HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH.  
 I CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY, JOIN ME.



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**An area of interest for you**  
**The address is**

If you have any comments or know. She has agreed to monitor email that is listed in the directory. The deadline of the 15th of the following month when the newsletter is posted on



**might be checking in on our Website.**  
**[www.seasideoregonumc.org](http://www.seasideoregonumc.org)**

suggestions on content, please let Anne McBride for the website and will welcome your input via her. Suggestions and website content will have a Anne will incorporate your suggestions by the following month.

**SHARED GIVING UPDATE:****Total due to Conference for 2022**

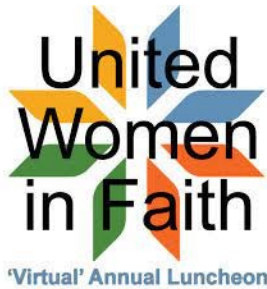
\$11,913= \$992.75/mo

**Given as of Jul 2022:**

\$8937.00



**A DVD COPY OF  
SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE** will still be available through the church media center. Speak to Rich on Sunday morning about this option.



## UMW COMES TOGETHER AGAIN AS UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH.

We are having a regular Noon Potluck meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, October 12. Come with some food for the table and be ready to hear the most recent business and a program offered by Pastor Kate. She's a traveler.

Our date and time for the first meeting of a day-time circle to be held each month at Carol Johnson's home will be talked about.



### YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL POSITION

Checking account balance: \$ 45,281.46 INCOME YTD: \$61,222.60  
Savings account balance: \$ 28,943.61 EXPENSES YTD: \$64,341.16



**ATTENDANCE: Average for : 38**

## SEASIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS GOING TO HAVE A BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**  
(Save the Date)

**IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE.....  
CHRISTMAS?**

Not exactly, but you can take a lot of stress out of the season by shopping early at SUMC" Fall/Christmas bazaar: Handcrafts, baked goods, gift baskets, original watercolor paintings, raffles, tools, books, Nu-2-You, and MORE.

No lunch will be served, but there will be coffee and cookies. And people are urged to bring their own sandwiches.

**COME JOIN THE FUN**

AND we need a few volunteers: two people to operate "the chair" and a few to "restock" tables as items are sold. See Barb Fishel

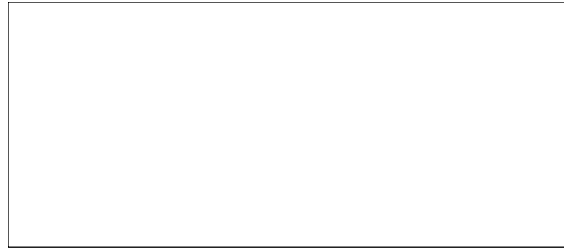


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On the porch the morning glory vines  
want to wander off into the eaves  
and get lost in the darkness behind the slats.

Every morning I get out the ladder and train them  
up the post, and along the string across the lintel,  
gently re-routing the tendrils that have gone astray.

You learn not to resist the way  
God gently bends your vines  
to bring your beauty into a good place.



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