



# SEP 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,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. My name is Kate Conolly and I have been given the gift of being your half-time interim pastor from September – June. How do I know this is a gift? Because I had the honor of being your district superintendent from 2004-2012. I got to personally experience your faith, warmth, hospitality, and good humor for those years – and to witness the support and grace you gave your pastors. I am looking forward to walking alongside you on the journey Jesus will lead us on this next year.

A few personal details: I have two wonderful stepchildren, Jason and Cassie, and their families, including my beloved grandchildren Caroline (19) and Colin (17). I also have my black lab Angus who will come with me during my two weeks a month in Seaside. I will leave my three cats, Winnie, Allie and Buddy at home in Albany, where I have lived for twenty-five years. They will probably be relieved to have the peace and quiet of Angus's absence.

I was born and raised in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois where my father was a physics professor at the University of Illinois. I graduated from Northwestern University and then Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on Northwestern's campus. I received my doctorate from George Fox University, with my dissertation on John Wesley's understanding of grace.

I retired from "active" ministry in 2019 after forty-two years of serving churches in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference from Idaho Falls to Albany. Then, out of the blue, just as the pandemic was starting, I was asked by Bishop Minerva Carcaño to go to Los Gatos UMC in the Bay area as the interim pastor for a year (Let's just say Jesus won that "argument" since this seemed like a crazy thing to do - and I ended up having one of my most fun years in ministry.) I was then asked to serve Portland First UMC as their interim senior pastor from January – June of this year. And now Seaside. I must say that this season of ministry as an interim pastor, while most unexpected and unplanned, has been a blessing.

**Now – an invitation!** I would love to start off my first official day with you all on September 1 by having a time at the church at 10 for "Coffee/Tea and Donuts with Kate." I will provide the donuts and some fruit. We all will provide the conversation. My only agenda is to start getting to know the congregation. No worries if this time does not work for you – there will be plenty of opportunities for us to get acquainted this year. As a matter of fact, thanks to the gracious and welcoming hearts of the SPRC – there will be a luncheon after church on my first Sunday, September 4. Thanks so much dear SPRC members!



### **Kate's Worship Series for Fall and Possibility for a Book Study**

After spending some time in prayer about what to preach on between now and Advent – I felt led to do a series on the 2021 book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass.

As the book jacket says “Looking back over her life, Bass shares in her most intimate and incisive prose yet how her experience of Jesus has changed over the years – viewing him different times as friend, teacher, savior, Lord, way and presence. *Freeing Jesus* then explores the historical and theological backgrounds behind the multitude of ways Christians have experienced Jesus. Let these words free you to embrace the prismatic nature of Jesus and renew your hope in the Jesus you have known, the one you know and the one who will meet you ahead on the road.”

If anyone would be interested in a study on the book, please let me know!



### **.....AND A LITTLE MORE.....**

As Pastor Kate has indicated, she is a half-time pastor during this interim time. This means she will be preaching 2 or 3 times a month and will be spending 5 days here during the weeks she is in Seaside. All schedules are open for change due to special circumstances, but for now, this is what we hope for. We are, indeed, delighted for her to become a part of our church family.

Her first Sunday here is September 4, our Communion Worship Service, and there will be a luncheon following in the Fireside Room for everyone to come and continue the fellowship with each other. The SPRC will be providing a full luncheon so please do not bring any food. There will be a lot of food on the table and I guarantee it will be a great time for all.

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

### 10:30 am



**September 4: Pastor Kate Conolly**  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20  
Sermon Title: "Who Do You Say That I Am"  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**



**September 11: Pastor Kate Conolly**  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture Lesson: John 15:12-17  
Sermon Title: "Friend"



**September 18: Pastor Kate Conolly**  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-17  
Sermon Title: "Teacher"



**September 25: TBA**  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson: 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**



**I BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO SAY A THANK YOU TO PASTOR RON CRANDALL FOR BEING AVAILABLE TO FILL THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AS WELL AS DEALING WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AS WE WAITED FOR OUR NEW PASTOR. THANK YOU RON FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND SERVICE ,  
Your Church family at SUMC**

### **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 Sep 21 @ 2:00 pm  
SPRC— tba



TRUSTEES– Wed., Sep 7 @ 10:00  
COUNCIL–tba  
(Meet in the Fireside Room)

Meetings are fewer in September, but be sure to fill in your calendar and “save the dates.”

The Trustees meet on Wednesday, Sep 7th at 10:00 am in the fireside room

And the NOWW committee is scheduled for the third Wed, Sep 21 at 2:00 pm.

These are the committees members are encouraged to attend. Please consider attending them, they can be very informative. All members are welcome

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

**Thursday, Sept 1, is also a date to mark on your calendar. At 10:00 am, you are invited by our new pastor, Kate Conolly, to come for “coffee, tea & me” She will add donuts so it’s a no brainer. Come, this will be a good time to meet the new pastor**

**One meeting left in August. Monday, August 29, at 12:00 noon, there will be a Charge Conference in our Fireside Room led by Rev Steve Wolff, retired. It will be a one item agenda. This is the time when we vote to approve our new pastor’s compensation plan. It has been approved by the SPRC, but needs to be voted on by our Church Council members as well. This is the meeting where that will happen. Church members are invited to come and be a part of the discussion. Coffee and cookies will be provided.**



It is September and the Sanctuary Choir will be returning for its first choir practice on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join them and be a part of this ministry. Boy, what a treat we have in store for us in the coming Sundays. Music has the power to soothe the “wild beast” and we is a’needin’ soothing.

**HALLELUJAH, THE CHOIR RETURNS**  
(and a pre-thank you for sharing your gift.)



THEN.....It will be 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**



We got the news that the title “United Methodist Women” has been changed to “United Women In Faith.” The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth. United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH—UNITE,**  
**and we’ll see you on Sept 14 at 12:00 noon**  
**for our potluck.**



**SEPTEMBER****WORSHIP ASSISTANTS****2022****LITURGISTS:**

09/04 Su Coddington  
 09/11 Katie Ferriss  
 09/18 Carol Reynolds  
 09/25 Pam Morrison

**SOUND:** Rich Harrison**USHER:** Tommy Johnson

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

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:**

09/04 SPRC host a luncheon  
 09/11 Barb Fishel  
 09/18 tba  
 09/25 tba  
 (Sign up sheet available)

**COMMUNION HOST:**

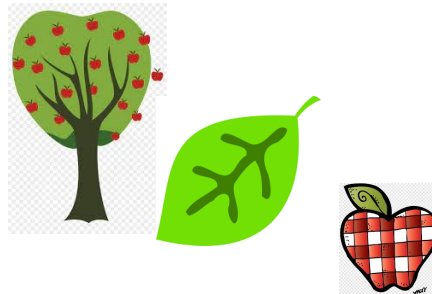
Su Coddington  
 (Sign up sheet available)

**FLOWERS:**

Everyone  
 (Sign up sheet available)

**September Birthdays**

09/08 Roy Seiber  
 09/09 Helen Meinicke  
 09/10 Randy Brainerd  
 09/12 Jean George  
 09/17 Jean Dennon  
 09/18 Nick Coddington  
 09/25 Vince Morrison  
 09/25 Barbara Carson  
 09/29 Bill Berg

**September Anniversaries**

09/09 Kyle & Beth Schwenk  
 09/15 Roy & Julie Seiber

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

**CHURCH DIRECTORY IS ON THE LIST FOR BEING READY THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER** —If you have anything new about your name, mailing address, phone, email address, please let Laurel in the office know.

Got a notice in the mail of a dialogue series built around powerful documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino and Asian American histories as they intersect with European American histories. It is called a SACRED GROUND DIALOGUE CIRCLE. All are welcome, and it begins September 18. For more information contact: [office@peacefirstlutheran.com](mailto:office@peacefirstlutheran.com)  
 Signed by: Pastor Steve Kienberger, Peace 1st Lutheran Church and Pastor Carren Sheldon, Grace Episcopal Church.

Then this notice from Barb Fishel: THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKIN' —Join the first Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's here in Seaside on October 15, 2022, with the opening ceremony at 9:30 am.. For more information, contact Helen Pringle at Neawanna by the Sea (503-738-5526). She has registration forms and all the info you need.

**An area of interest for you might be checking in on our Website.  
 The address is [www.seasideoregonumc.org](http://www.seasideoregonumc.org)**

If you have any comments or suggestions on agreed to monitor the website and will well-directory. Suggestions and website content Anne will incorporate your suggestions by on the website.



content, please let Anne McBride know. She has come your input via her email that is listed in the will have a deadline of the 15th of the month. the following month when the newsletter is posted

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

\$11,913= \$992.75/mo

**Given as of Jul 2022:**

\$7944.00



**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.

**WOMEN UNITED IN FAITH**

It is official: The Seaside United Methodist Women United in Faith will be having a 12:00 noon potluck on Wednesday, September 14. We will have a general meeting and make some decisions about how we want to have our fellowship this year. Debbie Vail will provide a short program so come have lunch and be a part of what used to be UMW

**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL POSITION**

Checking account balance: \$ 45,4549.61 INCOME YTD: \$54,138.69

Savings account balance: \$ 28,943.61 EXPENSES YTD: \$56,309.97

**ATTENDANCE: Average for : 30**

**NOTE: FOOD 4 KIDS SEASIDE, OREGON RESUME ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 am @ OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AT 9:00 AM**

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE****Year-to-date:****Donations: \$ 440.00 Assistance: \$ 50.00****THANK YOU**

Please think about the FOOD BANK also. You can bring donations to the church and leave them in the corner on the downstairs landing. To Date: Food worth \$948.00 Elizabeth & Tracy MacDonald have agreed to delivery our food to the Food Bank.

**BAZAAR**

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**YES, YES, YES.  
SEASIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
IS GOING TO HAVE A BAZAAR**

**NOVEMBER 5 (Two months and counting)  
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

Mark your calendar for the best SUMC bazaar in a long time. Featuring handmade crafts, original watercolor art by a local artist, yarn spun and dyed by a church member's daughter (and items made with that yarn), new and gently used books, a table full of items "New to You" (be sure to check out the Christmas items), possibly a table full of slightly used tools, and baked goods. You can start your Christmas shopping early for some of the best bargains ever! 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**

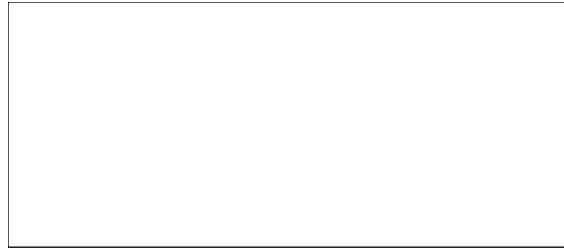


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### Hummingbird

She moves among the nasturtiums,  
a needle going in and out, in and out,  
sewing me to this garden.  
(How many angels can dance on the tip  
of a hummingbird's tongue?)  
She dips her head in for only a moment,  
then backs away,  
and pauses after each blossom  
and gives a tiny chirp, just a chip, just a ch—  
(is it "Ahh?," or "Thank you?," or "Amen?")  
Then moves to another blossom, and  
another moment, and another, and another.  
She works every blossom in the garden,  
one by one, sip after tiniest sip.  
For her it is not patience, not acceptance,  
but simply breakfast.

Our souls are not fed by great feasts  
but a thousand tiny prayers.

