



**June 2024**

IF YOU PLANTED  
*Hope* TODAY

IN ANY HOPELESS *Hearts;*

IF SOMEONE'S BURDEN WAS  
*Lighter* BECAUSE *You*  
DID YOUR PART;

IF YOU CAUSED  
A *Laugh* THAT CHASED  
SOME TEARS *Away;*

IF TONIGHT *Your* NAME IS  
NAMED WHEN SOMEONE  
KNEELS TO *Pray;*

*Then* YOUR *Day*  
HAS BEEN *Well* SPENT.

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# Pastor Leslie's Message

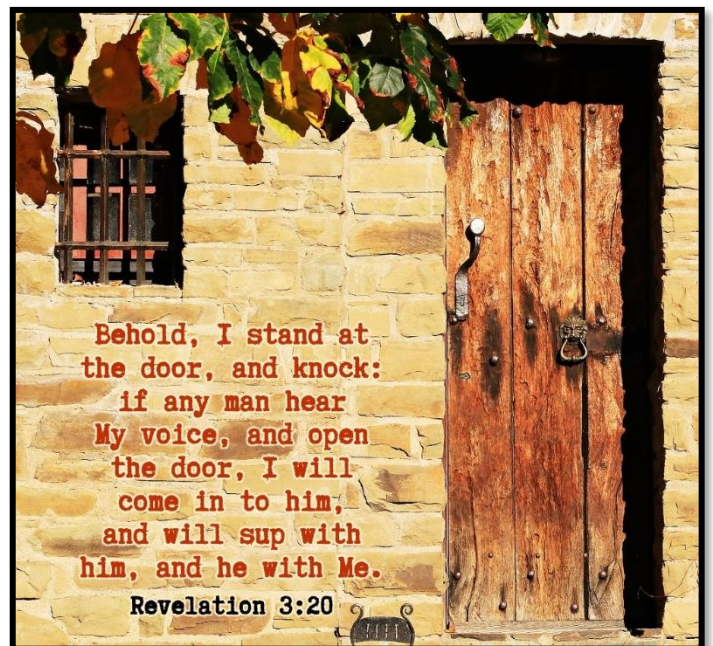
Dear Church Family

This month we are talking about Spiritual Disciplines. Spiritual Disciplines are those practices that strengthen our spiritual life. We practice discipline in all aspects of our life. It is a discipline to fill our kitchens and plates with nourishing foods as opposed to a never-ending stream of animal crackers and popsicles (though those are okay as well). It is a discipline to get enough sleep at night and to get out of bed in the morning. It is a discipline to read books, or load the dishwasher, or come to church each Sunday. Spiritual Disciplines are a way to order our life so that we have one worth living.

There are three types of disciplines:

1. **inward disciplines (our inside life)**
2. **outward disciplines (our outside life)**
3. **communal disciplines (those that we must do with each other).**
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Discipline is never easy, mostly because like many things, it can't be taught, it can only be learned. By that I mean, I can't simply tell you how to meditate or live in simplicity or celebrate and then you are magically good at it. You can only become better by actually practicing doing it. So why do it? It's because we can spend our whole lives learning about God and never get to know God. And what a missed opportunity! Many of us have heard the verses where Jesus says, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me." It's a verse we often attribute to salvation, but the verse is *Revelation 3:20*, and it's in the middle of a letter to a church.








Jesus is saying this to Christians, to people who know about him, who tell others about his message, who go to a church. I am knocking. I am asking you to hear me and open the door so we can have a meal together. It's possible to be a Christian your whole life and be so busy serving God, that we forget that we are supposed to be with God.

# Pastor Leslie's Message

There is no way we could cover all the Spiritual Disciplines in this series, some theologians dedicate their entire life to the study and practice of this topic, but it is not my goal to make us experts. Instead, I am hoping to help us see the ways we already practice them without knowing and encourage us in new ways to connect with God and each other.

If you are interested in learning more, there are several good books on the topic. Some of them lean more scholastic, some are more devotional in nature, and some are very practical. The following recommendations are in my personal library and are available to borrow at the end of the series. You can also find most of them at the local library and through the library app, Libby.

-  **Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth**  
by Richard Foster
-  **Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life**  
by Tish Harrison Warren
-  **Sacred Rhythms: Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation**  
by Ruth Haley Barton
-  **Monk Habits for Everyday People: Benedictine Spirituality for Protestants**  
by Dennis Okholm
-  **The Sacred Way: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Life**  
by Tony Jones

If you are in need of prayer, a tangible need, or someone to talk to, please reach out.



It is my joy and honor to be your pastor.

*Pastor Leslie*

# Church Council News



At this past Church Council meeting, held on May 16 we conducted a mid-year assessment of our progress toward our 2024 objectives. We found that we have excelled at meeting nearly all our goals!

Our overall primary focus for 2024 was to continue to re-engage our current church family and reach out to empty nesters who will provide new perspectives and be very comfortable with our present church family. We have been delighted to welcome several new attenders and are blessed to have them become part of our congregation!

## Worship

- Our weekly attendance averages just below 40, which is our goal.
- We have enhanced and improved our hymns, added special musical numbers, and increased our choir by 20% (when your choir is 4, a single member is a big increase)!
- We have updated our new visitor bags.
- We have new and engaging materials for visiting children, as well as planning a new and inviting children's corner.

## Congregation

- We appointed a Congregational Care Coordinator, Sandy Havrelly, who exceptionally and lovingly cares for our church family!
- We have initiated more deliberate personal check-in with members of our small groups, which have become their own small-group ministries.
- Bible studies are scheduled seasonally.
- We are networking with other Methodist churches, as evidenced by the Clark County Churches meeting held on May 18 in our Fellowship Hall. These gatherings will continue.

## Awareness

- Website and Facebook are always up to date with links to our newsletter and sermons.
- Video and sound systems were significantly upgraded last month.

# Church Council News

## Community

- We continue to support the Inter-Faith Treasure House and Hathaway Elementary School
- A connection with Washougal High School is upcoming with their use of our sanctuary for a student concert featuring Michael Allen Harrison. The local Homeowners Association used our building for their recent annual meeting.
- Neighborhood children (with parental supervision) have been using our parking lot as a safe place to ride bikes and scooters, and recently Pastor Leslie was able to hand out some popsicles and say hello.
- Washougal High students also come here and seem comfortable eating lunch on our benches, etc.

We celebrate our progress toward our 2024 goals and look forward to moving even further forward as we become the people God calls us to be by doing the work God calls us to do!

If you would like to see our goals document, please contact Mona in the office. For any questions, concerns, or comments, please reach out to Pastor Leslie.

Warmest regards,

*Barb Crozier*

Council-Vice Chair



# Carol Fleming



In 1986, Carol's daughter, Jessica was Cathy Cowell's best friend and Cathy's mom just happened to be the organist at WUMC, so it went without much thought that this would be where they would worship and ultimately find a church family home where Carol is still an active member almost four decades later. Carol found a friend in Pastor Randy Henderson, who was preaching during that time, and during one of their many conversations about God, Carol remembers confiding that she knew without a doubt that God loved her. His response was a pivotal moment in her spiritual journey when he told her that God wants to be loved back; it's not an unrequited love, it goes both ways.

Carol was an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher from 1983 to 2010 and coached volleyball, track & field – long jump, high jump, distance, and shot put at Skyridge and Liberty Middle Schools in Camas.

Carol was a bonified musician in her prime. She played drums, base guitar, the saxophone and the flute. Her all Teachers band called Spam Finger played at school assemblies and the group formed by Pastor Brian & Tami White was named Kerygma and provided worship music for this church back in the day.

These days the highlight of Carol's weeks are volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul's Food Bank, where she proudly exclaims that she learns something new every day about humanity and Christ. When she isn't volunteering she's working out to Jazzercize music, golfing, playing bridge and when in the mood, she's a watercolorist. There is a piece of her collaborative work with at least one other woman who was 100 years old when compiling the 2024 calendar hanging in the church office.

Maintaining decades long 'forever friendships' has brought much joy. When the pandemic hit, she and 40 of her closest high school classmates from Richmond, Indiana held monthly ZOOM reunions. And because of her musical talents, she and two of her classmates were tasked with providing the mix tapes for all of the events at their 60<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion in 2023 in Indiana.

Would it surprise you to know that Carol is a fervent passionate follower of the television series 'Doc Martin'? She and other number one fans have traveled **twice** to Cornwall, England to witness the filming of the show.

## Fun Fact

Carol's Grandfather, Wilber Knowles, was the minister at the Church of God in Battleground, Indiana. When he wasn't preaching on Sunday mornings or having Bible Studies on Thursday evenings, he was a shoe salesman.

He said he was busy doing the Lord's work saving both kinds of souls/soles.



# Carol Fleming

Carol is also a jet setting globe trotter with plans this summer/fall to travel with some of those old forever friends to cruise the Danube, Rhine and Main Rivers followed by a cruise on The Windstar, the biggest sailing ship in the world through the Adriatic Sea to Venice and Greece.



Bucket List



Lauren & Owen

And above it all, there's the people she wants to spend time with, laughing and making memories: the Grandkids, of course.

Lauren is 20 and getting ready to attend classes at California Baptist University in Riverside this fall.

Owen graduates from Camas High this year and will be attending Clark Community College while he figures out what's next. The threesome, Grandma, Lauren & Owen love GAME NIGHTS! They play Euchre, Clear the Deck, and Code Names as well as the ever so popular NY Times Wordle & Connections. When asked what made Carol laugh, without hesitation she said "Owen".

Top Two Pet Peeves:

1. Those people out there who do not return their shopping carts to their designated areas.
2. Tail Gaters.

Favorite Meal:

Maine Lobster

Little known fact:

Carol is not on ANY Social Media and is downright proud of it.

# April Giving Report

## INCOME

General Fund Giving	\$ 6,920.55
Endowment Transfer - Operations	951.60
Ministerial Housing Transfer	1,421.70
Checking Interest	.91

TOTAL INCOME \$ 9,294.76

## EXPENSES

Personnel	\$ 10,655.00
Apportionments	1,388.02
Other	2,425.12

TOTAL INCOME \$ 14,468.14

## DEFICIT

TOTAL DEFICIT \$ <5,173.38>

Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.

Psalm 4:5

You may remit your Offerings to PO Box 12, Washougal, WA 98671

OR ... Online at [www.washougalunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://www.washougalunitedmethodistchurch.org)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact

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# Trustees Report



Our appreciation and thanks go to Mark & Starla for their work on getting our sound system replaced. Because of Mark's expertise and knowledge, he saved the church several hundred dollars on the actual repair bill. Additionally, they contributed the cost of the wire and the labor to install it.

*Joe Wittler* • Trustee Chair



# Happy Birthday

happy  
**BIRTHDAY**

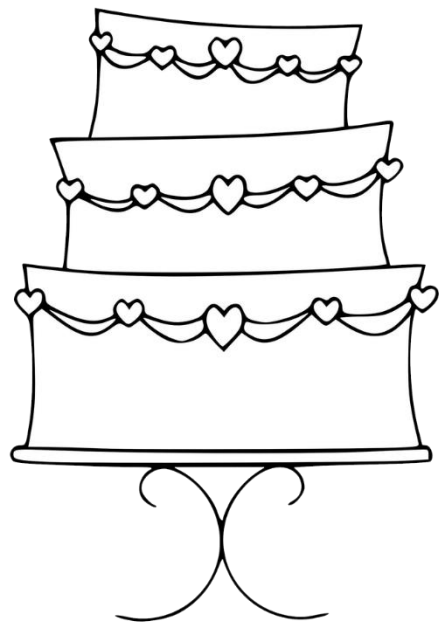
Rick Kelly	June 5
Tim Pulido	June 6
Bridget Garver	June 16
Brenda Cotton	June 26

# Happy Anniversary



*Joe & Martha Kelly*

June 14, 1958



# Hungry Page Turners

## JUNE'S BOOK

### The Final Wish of Mr. Murray McBride

Joel Siple ~ (recommended by Diane May)

Jason Cashman has reached the goal he spent the last 20 years seeking, but instead of feeling content, he feels empty. When he meets Alexandra Lopez, a 10-year-old America-loving girl facing deportation, he is inspired by his old friend, Murray McBride, to give her five wishes before she must leave. They set out to check off as many wishes as possible, but Jason's transplanted heart begins to fail, he must choose between his obligations to the past and his hope for a future.



# Summer Church Cleaning



## SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TO **CLEAN THE CHURCH**

Clean the Church Once a MONTH this summer

There are still openings for  
June, July & August  
Light duties are listed on the clip board.

# New Members Class



If you have been attending WUMC and are interested in becoming a member (or would like a refresher on what membership means), we have 2 opportunities for you this month!

Pastor Leslie will be holding a new members class after lunch on

**Sundays June 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
11:30-12:30pm  
The Allen Room**

You only need to attend 1 class.

During this 1-hour class, we will briefly cover the history and structure of the UMC, membership vows and what they mean, and answer any questions you have about the denomination, UMC beliefs, our church, or membership.

***You are not required to become a member by attending the class, but you are required to attend a class to become a member.***

***If you are interested in membership and neither date works for you, please contact Pastor Leslie to arrange an alternative time.***

# Lattes with Pastor Leslie

This summer, starting on **JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>**, every **TUESDAY** morning from **9:30 – 11:00 am**, Pastor Leslie will be at **WASHOUGAL COFFEE COMPANY**. You are invited to stop by to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat about life, ask questions about theology, share pictures of your grandbabies, ask for prayer, or just have some company. You can come just once or every week and you are welcome to stop by for 5 minutes or for the entire time.

Come alone or bring a friend. There is no schedule and no RSVP necessary! Sometimes dropping by a church office feels formal, so a change of scenery is just what the summer ordered!

Washougal Coffee Company is located at 1700 Main Street – Suite #130.



# Community Outreach

## Lullaby of Broadway - A Concert

Featuring

**Michael Allen Harrison**

Come & hear reknowned Pianist, Composer, and Founder of the Ten Grands in Portland and The Snowman Foundation.

Also performing are local talent from the greater Portland area and students of Diana Larson.

**Guest Guitarist: Travis Johnson**

**Friday, Jun 14, 2024 | 6:30 pm**

Washougal United Methodist Church  
4020 M St., Washougal, WA 98671

questions & inquiries:

[fronkphones@netzero.com](mailto:fronkphones@netzero.com)

Cost

**\$15**

each

Michael Allen Harrison delivers music to the heart. His classical contemporary style carves a distinct niche of timeless music that has connected with thousands throughout his three-decade career.

Michael is an American composer, songwriter and pianist from Portland, Oregon. As an iconic artist, he is known for his magical piano solo performances and recordings, his upbeat sound with his band, his skills producing and creating music for ballet, theater and film, his love for teaching and for his giving spirit. He has created over fifty albums released through MAH Records.



# Father's Day is the 16<sup>th</sup>



There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day.

One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.



Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

It's been said that because of Sonora's actions, the Father's Day recognition put Spokane, Washington on the map 😊



# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	Best Friends Day 8
Worship - 10	Men's Coffee 9 Quilters/Crafters 10-2 Cleta's Shoppe	Lattes w/Pastor Leslie 9:30-11 Washougal Coffee Company				
9	10	11	12	13	Flag Day 14	15
Worship - 10 New Members Class 11:30-12:30	Men's Coffee 9 Quilters/Crafters 10-2 Cleta's Shoppe	Lattes w/Pastor Leslie 9:30-11 Washougal Coffee Company				
Father's Day 16	17	18	19	Summer Solstice 20	21	22
Worship - 10 <b>GUEST PREACHERS</b> POTLUCK	Men's Coffee 9 Quilters/Crafters 10-2 Cleta's Shoppe	Lattes w/Pastor Leslie 9:30-11  Hungry Page Turners - Noon		SPRC ~ 2  Church Council-3		
23	24	25	26	27	John Wesley's BD 28	29
Worship - 10	Men's Coffee 9 Quilters/Crafters 10-2 Cleta's Shoppe	Lattes w/Pastor Leslie 9:30-11 Washougal Coffee Company				Private Memorial Service
30						
Worship - 10 New Members Class 11:30-12:30						

