



The Link

July 2019



Pastor Jennifer and her son Elijah are touring Germany and France. Here is a picture she took of the Strasbourg Cathedral in France and an inn at where they stayed in Germany. We can't wait to hear more about their travels!



Vancouver
United Church
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Worship: Sundays 10 AM
Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 10 AM—2 PM

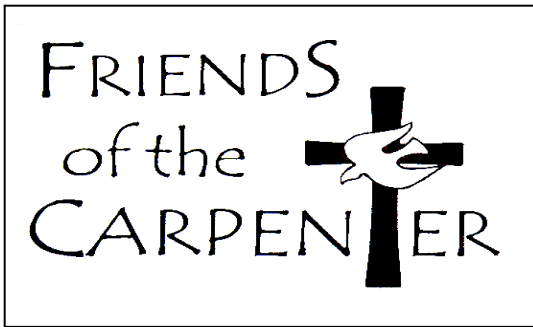
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MISSION AND OUTREACH JULY SPECIAL OFFERING



“**Friends of the Carpenter**” is a local, faith-based day facility that provides safety, structure, and purpose for the vulnerable in our community. Your donations in July will help Friends of the Carpenter continue its ministry and also grow in a new direction.

Many men and women face challenges, such as past drug use or criminal convictions, which prevent them from qualifying for formal apprentice level programs in the local construction trades.

Friends of the Carpenter is developing a “pre-apprenticeship program” to provide the technical and life skills training necessary to qualify for placement in these programs. Expanding the ministry in this new direction is exciting yet costly. Your donations will be welcomed and much appreciated.

Please write a check to the church and note “Friends of the Carpenter” on the memo line.

Sandy Mathis, Friends of the Carpenter Church Liaison

PRIDE Begins With You



Pride season is here! The Central Pacific Conference represented at Portland Pride with our festival booth and marching in the parade. Churches from around the conference marched in the parade and we had our first ever float. Thanks to Randy Franklin, Brian Fick, Allison Kocher, and Dori Creamer for decorating the float, and to Randy for towing and driving!

We handed out over 500 rainbow heart stickers at the festival booth, and countless people thanked us for our presence at the festival and parade. We also spoke with many parents who attended with their trans children and came to the booth to thank us for flying the Transpride Flag and for our unconditional, extravagant welcome. Those are the “heart moments” that keep us coming back every year.

Now you can participate in those “heart moments” by volunteering for our booth at Vancouver’s Pride in the Park on Saturday, July 13, 10 am - 5 pm at Esther Short Park.

A sign-up sheet is available at church on Sunday. Vancouver’s pride event is very family friendly with free music all day. Grab a picnic at the Farmer’s Market and help us celebrate Pride!

A Note From Jeanie



Council Notes

I am so thankful for John Fite's humor and leadership! On June 23, he facilitated a robust conversation about the proposed changes to the alcohol policy here at Vancouver UCC. Thirty people were able to attend that meeting and many more have either sent emails or notes, or spoken directly with me, in order to share their thoughts on the topic.

At the Council meeting on June 25, the proposed policy change was returned to the Property & Finance work group as written. In order that all members are able to have input on the proposed changes to the alcohol policy, we will have a short congregational meeting following the service on July 14. At that meeting, we will vote on making the proposed change and we will use a paper ballot with the options of "Yes", "No", or "I Can Live With It". All members have received the proposed policy language, but if you need an additional copy, please request one from the office.

Thank you to everyone for sharing your ideas and opinions on how we may live into our re-imagined space and place in our community. We may not always agree, but by sharing and caring about one another, we are sure to grow together as well.

Council is also excited to be gathering for a retreat on July 27 in lieu of the traditional monthly meeting. We will be practicing *Art of Hosting* leadership techniques as a way to engage with our work groups.

May the blessings of this community echo throughout our gathered experience, and may the peace and love of Jesus be in all our hearts.

Peace & Blessings, Jeanie
Council Moderator



The new deadline for the monthly LINK will be the 15th of each month. Please email your articles to elizabeth@vanucc.org. Thank you!



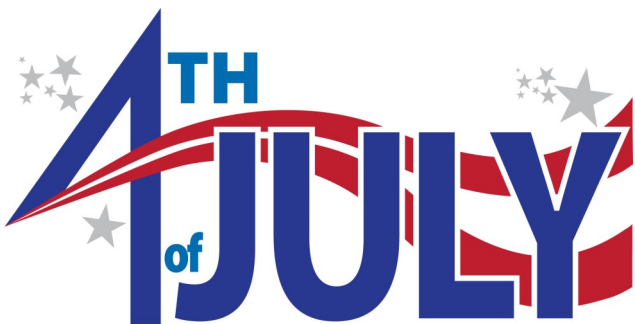
Recycling For Zambia



Thanks to all of you who are saving your beverage bottles and aluminum cans for Zambia/Good Samaritan Ministries. This is our church's international mission and a good one, for it helps buy metal student desks in Zambia.

Please rinse out your items and do not crush cans. You may give them to Nancy or John Fite or Dave Slocum.

You can also drop them off at Dave's vet clinic (Hazel Dell Animal Hospital) at 808 NE Minnehaha ST, Vancouver, WA 98665. Thank you so much! If you have any questions, call Nancy Fite at 360.696.0380.



Adopt a Plot

Hear Ye Hear Ye!!!!



We are in need of volunteers to weed and manage our various landscape areas. A site map of our grounds is in Nettie Fries next to the coffee machine.

Please take a look at this map and sign up for an area that you would like to manage for the summer. Thank you to those that have already signed up!

Also if you are interested in weeding and harvesting in the church garden, we always need volunteers for that. Please contact Chuck or Jan Foulke 360-768-8687, 360-787-8832, if you have questions. Thanks!

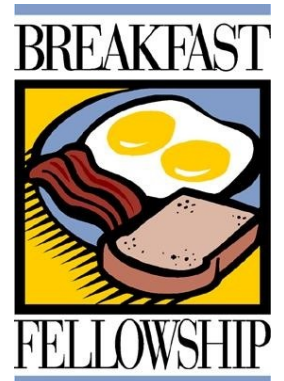
OASIS GROUPS



Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 10 AM in Clawson Corner. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us. Please contact Joanie Nelson for more info.

The Breakfast Group meets at 9:30 AM every 2nd Saturday at the Peachtree Restaurant and Pie House at 6600 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA, 98665. Please join us at the next breakfast on July 13.



YOUTH CORNER

This summer, our Sunday school age children are invited to ASK AN EXPERT. Members of the congregation will be helping us learn, or build, or experience something they know about. These are the ASK AN EXPERT topics for July. See you in church!

July 14: Carole Elizabeth and Rachel Corey
Service Dog Training with Ezra

July 21: Laura Haney - *Dance*

July 28: Brenda Houchen - *Sidewalk Chalk Prayer*



AROUND TOWN

July 13—The 26th Annual Lyle's Myles 5K Run/Walk



On the morning of July 13, the 26th edition of Lyles Myles will kick off Vancouver's Pride in the Park. This 5k walk/run benefits Martha's Pantry, Global Partners for Development and the Cascade Aid's Project. Last year, Martha's Pantry received some \$2,000 from Lyles Myles. Please consider participating by completing the walk/run, by making a contribution, or by helping conduct the event.

John Fite is in charge of set-up/clean-up, and timers, and he can use volunteers to help with this task. Please help if you can. John's cell: 360-518-6188.

The registration fee is \$20; event registration starts at 8:30 am with walkers' start time at 9:15 am.



Graduation News

Kristen Nye, daughter of Beth Slocum Nye and granddaughter of Irma Slocum, just graduated two weeks ago from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO as a Second Lieutenant. She plans to attend training school to become a fighter pilot.

Way to go, Kristin!

AROUND TOWN



Christopher Schindler on YouTube

Christopher invites you to visit his YouTube channel for a variety of video performances from Beethoven to Gershwin.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/scriabushka/videos>

MINDFULNESS CAMP

Hosted By : The Unitarian Universalist
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For students entering first through
fourth grades in fall of 2019

July 15th-19th
1:00 - 3:45 PM

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Join 500 hour registered yoga teachers,
Amy Brock and Gabrielle Gillis for a
week of movement, nature, art, games,
and friendship all centered around
mindfulness!

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www.uucvan.org

See "register your child" under the Lifelong Learning Tab
Registration closes July 2, 2019 or when capacity is reached.





July

BIRTHDAYS

July 4. Richard Trefren
July 8 Tom Yates
July 12 Harriet Forbes
July 14 Janet Hunter
July 15 Tom Renner
July 27. Nancy Fite

Special Concerns

The Family of Joan Blair	Connie Oppel
Dwight Chapman	Karen Owen
Steve Hitchens	Gary Roberts
Dorothea Johnson	Kathy Woolley
Bob New	

