

The Link August

POLLUTION SOLUTION FOR AUGUST

This month we are going shopping. You have looked around your kitchen and bathroom and seen some things that you need, see some plastic items that are no longer safe to use, or you see some plastic things that you just want to replace. Maybe you have even read the other Pollution Solutions missives and want to start reducing the plastic or single-use items in your house.



We are going to:

KINDRED HOMESTEAD SUPPLY

606 Main St • Vancouver, WA 98660

Call or text: 360-719-2745

www.kindredhomesteadsupply.com

OPEN: Every day from 10 to 5

PARKING: This is a huge issue. If you try to go Monday through Friday, you will likely hunt and hunt for a place and then pay (if the machines work). **Parking is free Saturday and Sunday, also there is a small parking lot on the north side of the building, and you can park in almost any spot.** You can tell I have learned the hard way!

I will list just some of the things they have. Every time I go I find a few things I want (need?) that I didn't see before.

- Unique handmade greeting cards
- Live plants and wood birdhouses
- Glass bottles both new & used
- Fill your own bottles with bulk items
- Lots of personal care items
- Soaps and brushes
- Large kitchen section (no plastic)
- Loofah sponges and all-natural items
- Pottery, candles
- Baskets, dryer balls
- Dusters, colored mesh bags
- Sweater stone de-piller
- Biodegradable tape—Yup!
- Lots of wood and ceramic items

This is a very small taste of what they have.

You will have fun even if you don't buy anything. Very nice young women are really helpful, and they take suggestions too. They have a library and sponsor classes as well!

PAT SUTHERLAND

From Kindred: **Every \$ you spend is casting a vote for the kind of world you want to live in.**



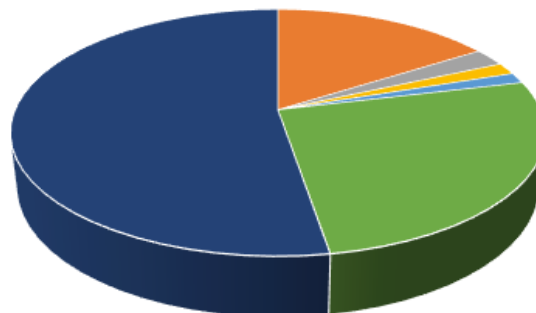
TREASURER’S REPORT—STEVE BLOODWORTH

The summer is quickly moving by, and many things are happening here at church. The outside of the sanctuary has been painted, new curbs have been installed and plans are underway to repair and re-stripe the parking lot. All of these activities have been paid for by the surplus from prior years. Our normal monthly expenses remain stable, and we were able to add just under \$8,000 to our surplus during the month of June, thanks to your continued faithful giving.

If anyone would like to be our next Treasurer, please let me know. Besides “paying the bills,” the Treasurer also manages the payroll function which includes filing quarterly reports with the state and the IRS. A basic knowledge of accounting would be helpful, along with basic computer skills. The numerical portion of my report below is done in Excel, so basic Excel knowledge would also be helpful. If this is something you might be interested in doing, the Council would love to have you!

	YTD	Budget
Pastoral Expense	0	66,466
Music Program	13,034	25,771
Parish and Worship Activities	1,907	3,630
Wider Church Mission Support	1,274	6,580
Christian Education	1,151	4,150
Administration & Operations	21,522	40,563
Building Operations & Maintenance	43,152	99,729
Total Expense	82,040	246,889

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 - Christian Education
 - Building Operations & Maintenance
- Music Program
 - Wider Church Mission Support
 - Administration & Operations



Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair

PEACE AND JUSTICE FAIR - SEPTEMBER 9

We need your help to staff a booth at the Peace and Justice Fair! This is a great community event, and you don't want to miss it.

The Fair will be held at Esther Short Park on Saturday, September 9. We need volunteers for two-hour shifts from 7 am (set-up) until 5 pm (take-down). There should be plenty of people staffing the booth during event hours (9 am to 3 pm) to give you a chance to tour other booths during your shift.

We especially need commitments for set-up and take-down. This includes transporting materials and setting up the booth (canopy, tables, etc.). Event volunteers will be on-site to guide you.

Please contact Sandy Mathis at sanjermathis@msn.com or phone 360-574-6052 to sign up for a shift(s).



Summer is a great time to start giving electronically, either through the donate button on our website, or automatic donations through your bank. It is easy. Let me know if you need assistance. Thank you to all of you who already use electronic giving!
Jan Foulke, Financial Secretary



Care Council has received several prayer requests this past month—Ray Jones, Joan Barber, Marilyn Martinyak, and the family of Bob New. If you are not on the prayer circle list and would like to be, please contact Lucie Murchison. Sandy Mathis has kindly forwarded prayer requests but for future requests please send them directly to Lucie at care@vanucc.org.



Join us Sunday, August 13 after worship to say farewell to Sterling! Our Choir Director, Sterling Roberts has accepted a new job in Bend, Oregon as the conductor of five middle school choirs. He is very excited about this opportunity. Best wishes Sterling!

2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



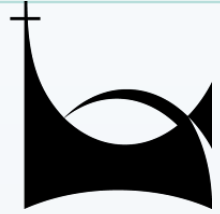
Your Property and Finance team has been busy this summer with two capital improvement projects. The first is the painting of the south and east sides of the sanctuary building, utilizing the two paint colors that were used on the Centennial Wing when that siding was replaced in 2021. After scraping and before painting, the areas that were peeling received an adhesive coating that will help the new paint adhere to the building. We are hopeful this will prevent the blistering and peeling we experienced after the last painting in 2018.

The second project pertains to the parking lot and is happening in two phases. Phase one is the replacement of deteriorated curbing. This happened on July 18 & 19 and almost all the curbing was replaced. We did not do the curb on the street side of the front berm because we think that the curb will be removed when the sidewalk and street improvements happen on 68th Street over the next year. The second phase is the repair of deteriorated and missing sections of the blacktop. This work will be followed by sweeping and sealing of the entire lot, and then restriping parking spots and labeling handicapped parking spots.

These major capital projects are funded from reserves from prior budget years; thus, they do not have an impact on our annual operating budget.

Chuck Foulke, Property & Finance Chair

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Sunday Worship: 10 am

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10 am—2 pm*

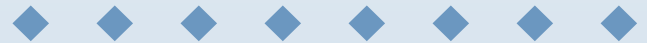
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The LINK is published the 1st week of each month. The **Due Date** for articles is the **4th Wed.** of the preceding month.

Submissions should have:

- Articles in WORD format or text in the body of an email.
- Pictures submitted as attached jpgs.
- Permission of the copyright holder for all copyrighted materials.
- Send articles to elizabeth@vanucc.org.



Jan Foulke, Financial Secretary

Over the next months, members of the church council will be explaining the responsibilities of their position on the council. Hopefully, this will help to encourage more people to become involved when open positions occur.

As your financial secretary, I process money coming into the church. This includes pledge and non-pledge donations, memorial gifts, mission gifts, money generated by building use, rental income, etc. I also manage and process electronic giving. I print and send out statements, create a monthly income report for the Property and Finance team meetings and the Church Council meetings (as well as attend these monthly meetings).

I assist with the Stewardship campaign team and record and manage pledges. I have always liked working with money. In three prior jobs, I processed the daily deposits for those businesses. Also, I was the financial secretary at my prior church. This position will be open for nominations at the end of this year. Thank you for your support of your church!

- August 2 Marjorie English
- August 2 Doris Fletcher
- August 6 Holly Chan
- August 6 Pat Sutherland
- August 9 Amy Cresto
- August 9 Jan Schnabel
- August 10 Rachel Corey
- August 10 Scott Jones
- August 11 Sandy Mathis
- August 16 Angela Hill
- August 22 Randy Summers
- August 24 Marilynn Jones
- August 28 Brian Chan
- August 30 Josiah Renner



Thanks to everyone for a fun picnic. It takes a village to pull it off and we have a great village. ***Mark your calendars for the third Sunday in July next year***

Gina and the Picnic Committee

AUGUST EVENTS

- 1 YMCA Summer Camps • M-F, 8 am–3 pm: Bradford Hall/Labyrinth
- 1 Worship Committee • 7-8:30 pm: Sanctuary
- 8 Personnel Meeting • 1–2 pm: Sanctuary
- 10 Prayer Shawl Meeting • 10–11 am: Clawson Corner
All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us. Please contact Judy Walter for more info.
- 13 Farewell to Sterling • after worship: Nettie Fries
- 14 YMCA Summer Camps • M-F, 8 am–3 pm: Bradford Hall/Labyrinth
- 15 Worship Committee • 7-8:30 pm: Sanctuary
- 16 Property & Finance • 5:30–7:30 pm: Nettie Fries
- 21 YMCA Summer Camps • M-F, 8 am–3 pm: Bradford Hall/Labyrinth
- 22 Council Meeting • 7–9 pm: Nettie Fries/Zoom
- 31 Mission & Outreach Meeting • 11 am–1 pm: Sanctuary

