

The Link September



Central Pacific Conference Annual Gathering 2022 & Youth Assembly September 23-25, 2022

Be Still and Go - PC Annual Gathering 2023
First Congregational UCC, 700 Marion St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Every year we come together from churches in southern Washington, Oregon, and southern Idaho during the last weekend of September. We gather to discern and conduct the business of the Conference, meet with old and new friends, and learn and worship together.

This year, we have named our gathering, “**Be Still and Go**,” with the theme passage of **Psalm 46**, and an emphasis on being **contemplatives in action**.

The planning team would like to engage youth in our annual gathering! Are there youth (6th - 12th grade) in your church you might bring along to participate in Saturday programming? If so, please contact Paula Sohl: paulasohl@gmail.com or 541-261-8033.

Registration is now open!

[Register Now for the 2023 Annual Gathering](#)

For Sunday, September 24: 10:30 am

We will be broadcasting the livestream of the Annual Gathering service.

Save the Date!

Ed and Claudia Martin are hosting a benefit concert for Martha's Pantry, October 20 at 7:00 pm. Please help us spread the word by posting the following announcement on your Facebook page.

A Benefit for Martha's Pantry October 20, 2023: 7:00 PM

Vancouver United Church of Christ
1220 NE 68th St, Vancouver, WA
Suggested Donation: \$20 per person
(\$40 per family)



**A Gentle Lilt
A Rhythmic Rag
A Musical Journey
Through Time
With Rick Yramategui**
Selections from: Bach, Brahms, Debussy, Joplin, Pachelbell, Ravel, and Yramategui.

With Guest Artist Richard Gellman on Clarinet

Rick is a UCC minister, pianist, composer, and teacher living and working in Monterey, CA. He currently serves as Minister at Carmel Valley Community Chapel and plays for services at Temple Beth El in Salinas, CA. Rick teaches Ragtime for the Road Scholar program and music appreciation courses for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. He has participated in the Oregon Bach Festival Composers Symposium in Eugene, and the European American Musical Alliance in Paris. A member of the Monterey County Composers Forum, he has studied composition with Conrad Suza, David Conte, Phillip Lasser, and Benjamin Boyle.

TREASURER’S REPORT—STEVE BLOODWORTH

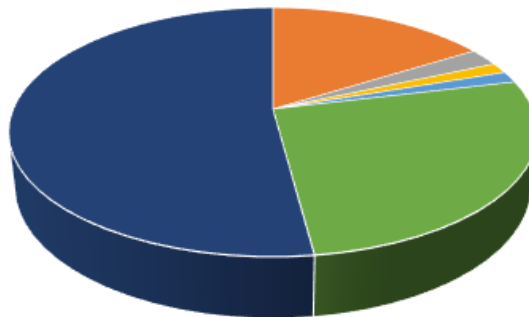
Summer is rapidly coming to a close and school is back in session. We’ve had a lot of activity in and around the church all summer. Our reserves from prior years have allowed us to paint the outside of the sanctuary, new curbs have been installed and the parking lot has been refreshed. Thank you to the Property and Finance Committee and numerous volunteers for maintaining our building and grounds!

And thank you for your continued financial support of our church. Your continued faithful giving, along with our well-controlled expenses, has enabled us to add another \$8300 to our surplus for the year.

The numbers for the month are below:

	YTD	Budget
Pastoral Expense	0	66,466
Music Program	15,094	25,771
Parish and Worship Activities	2,132	3,630
Wider Church Mission Support	1,274	6,580
Christian Education	1,371	4,150
Administration & Operations	24,995	40,563
Building Operations & Maintenance	48,769	99,729
Total Expense	93,636	246,889

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 - Parish and Worship Activities
 - 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.

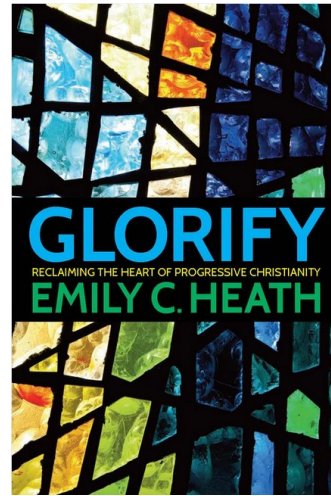
The Fair will be held at Esther Short Park on Saturday, September 9. We need volunteers for two-hour shifts from 7 am (set-up) until 5 pm (take-down). There should be plenty of people staffing the booth during event hours (9 am to 3 pm) to give you a chance to tour other booths during your shift. We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



Everyone is Invited to the Fall Kick-off Potluck September 17 in Bradford Hall immediately after worship. Come join the festivities; crafts, games, and music, and sign up for Oasis Groups! Bring a potluck dish to share and feel free to bring your reusable plates, napkins, utensils to decrease waste.

FALL DISCUSSION GROUP



Lynn Chan will be leading a discussion group based on the book "Glorify: Reclaiming the Heart of Progressive Christianity" by Emily C. Heath. The group will meet after Sunday worship starting October 1 for 6-8 weeks. View the [Free Discussion Guide Here](#).

Contact Lynn at lynnmmrenner@gmail.com or 360-560-8432 for more information and to sign-up for this group.



Care Council has received several prayer requests this past month—the family of June Lasher, the family of Bob New, Ray Jones, Joan Barber, and Marilyn Martinyak. Please send your prayer requests to Lucie at care@vanucc.org.



JUNE ESTHER LASHER

December 12, 1919 – August 29, 2023



The memorial service will be held Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, 12:30 pm at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Chapel, 1101 NE 112th Ave, Vancouver, WA.

Rev. Tom Yates, officiant.

June Esther (Priegnitz * Page) Lasher, longtime Vancouver resident, passed away on Aug. 29, 2023, at the age of 103. June was born Dec. 12, 1919, in Portland, OR, to Darwin and Ruth Priegnitz. The family changed their name to Page in 1924. June grew up in Portland with her two sisters, where she graduated from Jefferson High School and St Helen's Hall, in Portland (two-year college program), and later attended Evergreen State College (Vancouver).

June moved to Vancouver after marrying David P. Lasher, raising three children.

She enjoyed working as a paraeducator at Hazel Dell Elementary School and later as a volunteer reading tutor at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School. June was a realtor for a few years and eventually retired from the U.S. General Service Administration motor pool division in Vancouver, WA.

June's other activities at various times included being a Girl Scout, Camp Fire and Cub Scout leader. For many years, she was active in the First Congregational Church and hosted a book club at her home. June enjoyed reading, painting, music, including teaching and playing the piano, gardening, hiking, and was a lifelong student of all of nature's wonders. She participated in many Focus on Mature Learning classes at Clark College. June read The Columbian newspaper daily, doing crossword puzzles, sharing articles that sparked her interests and stayed current on political affairs. She was an active voter for over 80 years.

June was preceded by the death of her husband, David in 1971; survived by her two sisters, Ruth Lotz (102 years old), and Elaine (O'Brien) Murray (99 years old); cousin, Dan Montag; numerous nieces and nephews; son, Doug (Rodie); daughter, Rosalind Olsen (Walter); and son, Jonathan; two grandchildren, Craig Olsen (Shannon) and Erica Haycox (John); and four great-grandchildren, Declan, Eleanor, Evelyn, and Sydney.



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Sunday Worship: 10 am

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*The office is open Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 am—2 pm*

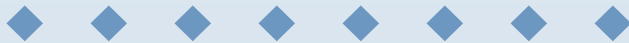
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Submissions should have:

- 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.



September 2 Sharon Roberts

September 3 Barbara Ahola

September 5 Duane Woodworth

September 10 Wayne Fletcher

September 13 Rebecca Lewis

September 17 Ruth Hammer

September 24 Marvin Benson

September 26 Joan Barber

September 28 Adina Tarpley



September Events

- 4 Labor Day Observed
- 5 June Lasher Memorial Service
12:30 pm at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Chapel, 1101 NE 112th Ave, Vancouver, WA.
- 6 Property & Finance • 5:30–7:30 pm: Nettie Fries
- 7 Choir Practice • 7–8:30 pm: Sanctuary
- 9 Peace and Justice Fair • 9 am–3 pm: Esther Short Park
- 12 Personnel Meeting • 1–2 pm: Sanctuary
- 14 Prayer Shawl Meeting • 10–11 am: Clawson Corner
All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us. Please contact Judy Walter for more info
- 14 Mission & Outreach Meeting • 11 am–1 pm: Sanctuary
- 14 Choir Practice • 7–8:30 pm: Sanctuary
- 16 Kick-off Set-up • 3 pm: Bradford Hall
- 17 Kick-off Sunday • Bradford Hall, after worship
- 21 Choir Practice • 7–8:30 pm: Sanctuary
- 26 Council Meeting • 7–9 pm: Nettie Fries/Zoom
- 28 Choir Practice • 7-8:30 pm: Sanctuary