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JCUMC UPDATE



July 2024

Junction City United Methodist Church

A Note from Pastor Nancy:

How time flies when you're having fun! This month marks the beginning of my second year as your pastor! I cannot be happier. Thank you all for the beautiful card and your notes inside. I thank God every day for this wonderful and humble privilege to be your pastor. You have made me feel accepted, loved and a part of your community from day one.

I pray that year two will continue to bring us together in love. I pray that year two will continue our growth as we look to let our neighbors know that we care about and love them as Jesus loves. Please join me in praying for God to continue to bring us five additional families. Whether that family be a single person, a couple with kids (or no kids), whatever the family size is, we pray that God sends us out to find them or brings them to us.

In the Journey with You,

Pastor Nancy

Sermon Series for July 2024

There's been a lot in the news lately about the Ten Commandments, but just exactly what are the Ten Commandments? Can we name them? Can we find them in the Bible? What do they mean for us today? In the month of July, we are going to dive deep into the first tablet of the Ten Commandments.

We tend to see the Ten Commandments as a list of what not to do, but Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. God gave us the Ten Commandments in love to help create order out of chaos as a way for us to set safe boundaries, help communities live peacefully with one another.

July 7	<i>At the Center of it All</i>	Exodus 20:1-3*
July 14	<i>The Idols We Keep</i>	Exodus 20:4-5
July 21	<i>"I Swear to God"</i>	Exodus 20:7
July 28	<i>The Joy of Sabbath</i>	Exodus 20:8-11

WELCOME!

Please join us for worship every Sunday morning at 10:30am either in person or on Facebook Live.
www.facebook.com/junctioncityorumc

Stay for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All are invited to the table. Please bring a protein to be donated to Local Aid like peanut butter or canned chicken.

We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all persons regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, racial or ethnic background, economic status or mental or physical abilities.



Communion Sunday is July 7th. As we are fed the bread and cup of life, let us share food with those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. We are asking that you bring a protein to donate to Local Aid. Good sources of protein are canned chicken, tuna and peanut butter.

Discipleship Group: Taking A Break for the Summer
We will be taking a break during the summer months. We will offer special event spiritual growth opportunities for the summer.

Pastor Nancy's June Schedule:

If there is an emergency, I am available at any time. So, for the month of June here's my weekly schedule:

Monday is my sabbath. If there is an emergency I will respond, otherwise I will be available starting on Tuesday.

Tuesday: is sermon preparation, so I will be working away from the church. Please feel free to email me or text me and I will get in touch with you.

Wednesday: I will hold office hours at Max Porters from 10 to noon. Except for the third Wednesday when the United Women in Faith meet at the church.

Thursday: I will be in the office from 9am to noon. Thursday afternoon, I will reserve for pastoral care visits.

Friday: I will be in the office from 10am to noon.

Saturday: On days without the Community Breakfast, I will take it as my day off.

During the other hours of the week, I will be learning the community, planning for sermons, writing, office administration work, and study group. As always you can text me or call me at 740.562.3879. You can email me at Pastor@junctioncityorumc.org. I do stop working at 8pm. If you have an emergency, please don't hesitate to contact me after 8pm.

Newsletter Schedule:

We will be publishing the Newsletter once a month, sending it out the 4th Friday of each month for the upcoming month. Submissions for the newsletter need to be submitted no later than the 3rd Friday of each month to be included. Please send submissions to junctioncityumc@gmail.com

August Newsletter Submissions Due July 19th. Newsletter will be emailed July 26th.

OUTREACH NEWS

Here's How JCUMC is Helping Our Community & the World in June

- Through the Soroptimist International of Junction City, JCUMC provides food donations, cash donations and volunteer hours to the **Bunches of Lunches (BOL) program**. The Bunches of Lunches program serves children in the Junction City school district. Healthy meals are distributed to Laurel and Territorial Elementary Schools, Oaklea Middle School, and Junction City High School for kids to take home with them over the weekend. They DO NOT need oatmeal packets but need fruit cups!
- We provide packed lunches for the Eugene Community Court Lunch Program. On average, Community Court receives 20-40 lunches per week, providing a reliable meal for participants as well as community members using the Community Court Provider Room on Wednesdays. **We will be packing lunches on July 23rd at 3:30pm at JCUMC.**



Locking Up the Church: Open doors continue to be an issue for us. We will be fixing or replacing the door near the parking lot to help our efforts but we are asking that those who leave the building last, check ALL the doors. We have spoken to the outside groups that use our building and asked them to be careful as well. Thank you for keeping our building and people safe!

Combined Worship Service & Potluck - We will be hosting a combined worship service with Faith Lutheran **on Sunday, June 30th**. Pastor Nancy will be preaching, and we will host a potluck lunch immediately following the service. Please bring a dish to share with your church family and neighbors. See you at 10:30am!



United Methodist Women (UMW) News: On Wednesday, July 17th, the UMW will be going out to lunch. Please meet at the church at 11am to carpool. The **UMW Birthday Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 20th** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and celebrate all of the women in the church with dessert, Bingo and games!



Looking for Books: Do you have books you would like to give to Sue Huntley? Sue has read through most of her books and would like to branch out and read some other authors. If you have some books you would like to give to Sue, feel free to drop them off at Fox Hollow OR drop them in the church office and we can coordinate someone to take them over to her. She will be so appreciative of some new things to read while she sits by the window watching the birds. **Thank you!**



Celebrate Independence Day in Harrisburg! The theme this year is *Celebrating Our History*. They have a full day of fun events scheduled! Breakfast will be served 6am-10am. They will raise the flag at 8am and the museum featuring the Wall of Honor will be open 6am-6pm. The 4th of July Parade will begin at 11am. A BBQ chicken lunch will be available 10am-2pm and food trucks will be onsite until 10pm. There will be a book sale all day along with other vendors. There will be music all day and a boat parade at 8pm. Fireworks will begin around 10pm. Lots of family fun!

It's Almost Time for Our Favorite Event of the Year . . . The Scandinavian Festival! The Festival will take place August 8-11. Unable to attend this year but still want the taste of the festival? Here is their

Aebleskiver Recipe:

INGREDIENTS

2 Cups flour 2 Tablespoons sugar 2 teaspoons baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt 2 eggs, separated
2 Cups milk 1/4 cup melted butter, cooled 1/2 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

Begin by separating the egg yolks and whites, whip egg whites until soft peaks form. Set aside.

Melt butter and set aside to cool slightly.

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt together. Stir to combine.

In a small bowl mix together egg yolks, milk, and extract. Slowly drizzle in melted butter while whisking vigorously to keep the melted butter from solidifying in a large mass.

Pour wet ingredients into dry, 1/3 at a time, and whisk to combine.

Gently fold egg whites into batter in two parts.

Heat aebleskiver pan on medium high. Put 1/2-3/4 teaspoon butter (allow to melt) into each cup before batter. Fill cups just to the rim with batter and allow it to brown before turning to the next side with a skewer. Only turn about 1/4 turn each time to get the best round shape. Generally 4-6 small turns is what is needed to form the perfect ball shape. Serve warm with jam, preserves, compote, fruit and/or powdered sugar.



Do You Know About Unclaimed Property? Recently, the Crater Lake District Office published an article about unclaimed property in the State of Oregon. It turns out, there are approximately 100 reports of unclaimed property for United Methodist churches in Oregon to claim via the State of Oregon's treasury. And it's as simple as clicking through the Oregon State Treasury's website to find and claim the property. Most claims are between \$25 and \$100, but there are some churches listed with multiple claims, such as Rainier UMC or Fremont UMC in Portland. Sometimes all the claims added together equal more than \$200 to \$300.

Several years ago I checked the site for my own name and found a refund check that had been sent to an old address and eventually went back to the state. I also found amounts in both of my parents' names as well. Every state offers an unclaimed property search on their websites.

For the last 5 years, I have checked the site for JCUMC and will continue to do so every year. But if you haven't checked this site for your name or the name of family members, I suggest you do so. The site is safe, and the claim process is easy! Visit <https://unclaimed.oregon.gov/> or click **HERE** to begin your search.