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Congratulations!

*Congratulations to Jeremy and Mickie Loosli on
the birth of
Jocelyn Mariah Loosli
Born on August 2, 2017*

The Blessing of Baptism

*Sunnie Savanna Joyce Marx
Baptized on August 6, 2017*

Last 10 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 3rd, will be our last 10 a.m. Worship service for the season. We will return to our 11 a.m. Worship time with Sunday School at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 10th.

Board Meeting Changes!

Diaconate Board will meet after worship on Sunday, September 3rd.

Christian Education Board will meet Sunday, September 17th, the after worship.

Office will be closed

Monday, September 4th, Labor Day, the church office will be closed.

Choir Practices Begin Again

Bell Choir begins practice for the 2017/2018 worship season on Thursday, September 7th at 6 p.m. Chancel Choir practice will begin on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 pm and the choir will make their fall debut on Rally Day. If you've been considering joining either or both choirs, now is a great time to do it. No auditions required and everyone is welcome to join in and sing and ring.

Congregational Announcements

If you have an announcement to make for church, please come up to the lectern (by the piano) and wait. When it's time for "other announcements", come up to the Lectern to make your announcement, and then you may be seated. It is our hope that this method will make announcement time go a bit more quickly so we

can begin our Praise and Worship time a bit sooner.

Rally Day and the Return to regular worship schedule

Sunday, September 10th marks the beginning of our Fall through Spring schedule and a new Sunday school year with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Communion will be served at the September 10th worship service. This is the only month when Communion is not served on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday School 2017!

Sunday school begins again on September 10 with the dedicated staff of Rose Pearsall, Betty Ashcraft, Mollie Marsh, and Pastor Drew Terry. Nursery care is provided by Debi Deal.

All children are encouraged to bring a friend to help our Sunday school grow. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Back Pack Blessing

During the Children's Time at worship on Rally Day, September 10th, we will have a Blessing of the School Back Packs. *All* students are invited to bring their back packs to worship with them on this day to receive a blessing for the school year.

Annual Rally Day Barbecue

After the 11 a.m. Worship service we will have our traditional **barbecue potluck**. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided and the church family is asked to bring goodies to share: salads, beans, desserts, whatever you want to bring to make a great family barbecue. All are welcome.

For the Women of the Church

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship meeting will be held on *Friday, September 8th*, at the church beginning at noon with a potluck luncheon. Nadine Roberts will be the hostess. Worship will be led by Linda Miller.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.** in the pastor's office. This month's meetings will be Wednesday, **September 13th** and **September 27th**.

We will continue with the *Uppity Women of the Bible* series. The next section will be on the Song of Solomon. Even if you weren't in on the beginning, please don't hesitate to join us. New faces and thoughts are always welcome.

Craft Days Continue

Craft Days will continue through September with the first meeting being on **Friday, September 1st at 1 p.m.** Due to fluctuating schedules, the remainder of September's meetings will be announced at the September 1st Craft Day, in the Sunday bulletins and on the church website. The church will be open for crafters of every kind to come and work on their crafts or help others with theirs. Bring your supplies and create with good friends and fellow crafters

Treasurer's Report

Schedules begin not only for school but our church community and family as well. So far this fiscal year 2017, we have given to three (3) major Special Offerings. They are One Great Hour of Sharing (\$769.00), Blankets (\$467.00) and Strengthen the Church (\$189.00) and we are current with all expenses. Our total income as of August 14, 2017, has been \$76,469.76 which includes a withdrawal of \$6,000.00 from investments to cover operating and maintenance while our expenses have been \$69,090.35. We have dedicated funds in the amount of \$11,390.52. These funds are given to the church for specific costs and include building, music, memorials, and the Special Offerings. These funds must be spent on only those projects as designated by you, our Congregation.

We are a very giving church body. Let us continue with not only our financial part but by sharing our time and talents where ever they are needed.

Grace Townsend
Treasurer

Fellowship and Flowers

We need volunteers to host Fellowship Hour or provide Flowers for the altar for the month of October. If you have any questions about what these two activities involve, please ask one of the women of the Women's Fellowship or contact the office.

Sign-up sheets are set up by the serving table in the Fellowship Hall.

Central Pacific Conference Annual Meeting and the Idaho Association Annual Meeting

The Central Pacific Conference and the Idaho Association of UCC Churches will be having their annual meeting in Pendleton, Oregon, from Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. The theme for this year's conference is *To the Well; To the Edge*

If you are interested in attending the Central Pacific Conference Annual Meeting or the Idaho Association meeting, please contact the pastor or leave your name with the office and we'll get with you about registration and places to stay.

For more information, go to the Central Pacific Conference's website at www.epcucc.org and click on "news and events".

Nomination, Please

In November we have our Annual Budget and Election congregational meeting. In light of that, the church is looking for nominations to replace board members whose terms are up on **December 31, 2017.**

Diaconate Board: It shall be the duty of the Diaconate to cooperate with the Pastor in ministering to the spiritual needs of the Church and administering the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism.

The Board of Trustees: Shall have the care, management and custody of all property of the church in accordance with regulations prescribed by state law.

Board of Christian Education: will be responsible for the church School, including staffing. It will cooperate with the Pastor in an effort to conduct an adequate program of Christian education for the entire Church.

Social Committee: has the responsibility of planning and facilitating social activities as deemed necessary for the enrichment of the life of the Church

Pilgrim Cove Board: We are looking for a second representative to be a voice for the church on matters pertaining to the operations of Pilgrim Cove Camp. Ken Andersen will stay on the board to help the new representative learn the ropes.

If you have questions or would like to serve on one of these boards or committees, please contact the church office.

Thank you

Copy paper

Thank you to whoever it was that left a half case of copy paper in the office while I was gone on vacation. We were definitely running low. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Office Help

My gratitude to Gail Banner, Chris Paille and Vicki Eckenrod for taking wonderful care of the office and church family while I was gone on vacation in July. It was a refreshing time and worry-free knowing these wonderful people had everything well in hand.

Thank you, Oledeen Bermensolo for being on stand-by in the event one of these ladies needed your help filling in.

Summer Music

Thank you to Jennifer Dillenbeck, for sharing your beautiful talent on the violin this summer.

Thank you Dorraine Aggen, Elin Colthorp, and Jennifer Dillenbeck for blessing us with lively music a couple of Sundays this summer.

Thank you Chris Paille, for the beautiful piece on the flute and other music you shared with us.

And thank you to Ruth Schreiner and Marlene Osborn for accompanying these talented ladies.

Flower Gardens

There are a number of people who have put time into the flower beds around the church. Those who have been caught in the act are Eddie Bush, Lindy Ramsey, Grace Townsend, and Lee Wright.

I'm sure there are others who have come over and worked and weren't seen. Please know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

Lawn Care

Thank you, Eddie Bush, for keeping the church lawns trimmed and cut this summer and for keeping the sprinklers in working order.

From the Ronald McDonald House

Dear Friends,

Thank you on behalf of the families and guests who stay at the Idaho Ronald McDonald House. The proceeds from your donation of pull tabs help provide our families with many much needed items to help our House feel like home.

Our recycling program raises funds to help us to continue our mission to provide a temporary home for these families, and your generosity makes this possible. Thank you for taking the time to collect and deliver these recyclables.

Sincerely,
Kelly Stasky
Director of House Operations

Bulletin Sponsors for 2018

It is time to start signing up to sponsor a worship bulletin for 2018. The sign-up sheet will be on the back table in the sanctuary starting the third Sunday of September, **September 17th**. Choose the worship service you would like to sponsor and write your name next to that date; please note if you want to remain anonymous. You may make your donation of \$10 anytime before the end of 2018. Please mark your check for the bulletin date that you are sponsoring. If you have any questions about how this works, contact the church office at 587-4969.

Upcoming Events

Neighbors in Need

On **Sunday, October 1st**, we will take up our 2017 *Neighbors in Need* offering. Go to www.ucc.org/nin for all the details on what this offering does for our Neighbors in Need.

CPC Women's Retreat

Rise Up! A Woman's Guide to Shining Your Light in Dark Times
October 6-8, 2017—Camp Adams in Molalla, OR

The week-end begins with dinner on Friday and concludes after brunch on Sunday. Camp registration is due October 1, 2017. The fee for the entire week-end is \$105.00. There is a nonrefundable registration fee of \$65.00. The balance of \$40.00 is to be paid upon arrival at camp. Checks are to be made payable to United Church of Christ Woman and mailed to Nancy Klingeman, registrar at 3225 N.W. Elmwood Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330. Please include your name, complete address, phone number, e-mail, and the name of your home church. Those wishing financial aid may request an application

for a Rev. Anne Smith Educational Fund Grant. Your church office should have the application form. If not, please contact Deanna Mason at deemason@aol.com. Completed forms should be sent to Deana at 9020 S.E. Market St, Portland, OR 97216 by September 15.

Registration Forms are available from the church office.

Halloween Party

The annual Halloween Party is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, October 21st**. Make plans now to join in the fun, games, and food. Watch the bulletin and the October *Proclamation* for more information and ways you can help.

In Loving Memory

June Elizabeth Elliott
June 3, 1925 – June 29, 2017

Veva Mae Ferguson
May 30, 1915 – July 2, 2017

September Birthdays

1 – Heidi Harris	16 – Sally Henderson
2 – Elin Colthorp	16 – Johnny A. Willis
3 – Anne Parker	18 – Scott Straley
6 – Linda Pickett	19 – Ed Carbaugh
8 – Nancy Martin	19 – Beth DeVore
12 – Michael Bush	19 – Jordan Pentland
12 – Jon Pentland	27 – Jennifer Andersen
14 – Alvaree Venski	27 – Benjamin Parker
15 – Carrie Roeder	28 – Hunter Dillenbeck

September Anniversaries

12	Susan and Gene Mussler
14	Dottie and Charles Olson
14	Rose and Lawrence Pearsall
16	Cassie and Jonathan Pentland

Special Angels for September

LITURGISTS (Ken Hill)

3 – Mollie Marsh
10 – Maurie Townsend
17 – Heidi Harris
21 – Chris Paille

GREETERS (Heidi Harris)

3 – Curtis and Ann Carlin
10 – Allen and Heidi Harris
17 – Pauline and Mike Marten
21 – Mickie Betts

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up Sheet)

3 – Nancy Sobien
10 – Rally Day Barbecue Potluck
17 – Gail Banner and Linda Miller
21 –

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Sign-up Sheet)

3 – Heidi Harris
10 – Communion – No Children's Church
17 – Betty Ashcraft
21 – Ken Andersen

USHERS (Curtis Carlin)

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

3 – Rose Pearsall
10 – Mickie Betts
17 – Nadine Roberts
21 – Nadine Roberts

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Ann Carlin)

NURSERY (Debi Deal and Sara Duty)

From the Pastor

This month is the ritualistic revival of our educational programs. We have an exciting agenda for this fall and spring. We have a vibrant collection of teachers and a fun-filled curriculum for our pre-k to 5th graders. Our adults are gearing up to explore their memories of our church, research the documented stories, and reflect on how our individual and communal stories reveal God's call. The middle school to mid-high school are embarking on the journey of Confirmation. The link between all three of these is the sacred practice of listening, sharing, and learning from stories.

Our faith is rooted in storytelling. Our lives and the decisions we make are shaped from the stories we know and our interpretation of these tales. God's revelation comes through this illustrious fabric. The future we seek to build for our community is a result of the events and people that have come before this moment.

This year I hope you will have a chance to join this sacred ritual. There will be plenty of opportunities between now and May to listen, share, and discern God's guidance. The more perspectives, thoughts, and fantastical details we weave together the more God's light will shine upon our path forward.

Blessings
Rev. Drew

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 – Noon Coffee with Drew at the Public Library 3:30 GSA		1 1 p.m. Craft Day Future dates TBA	2
3 10 a.m. Worship After worship Diaconate Board mtg.	4 Labor Day *office closed*	5 7 Cubs	6 10 – Noon Coffee with Drew at the Public <u>Library</u> 3:30 GSA	7 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	8 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	9 Air Force Appreciation Day at Carl Miller Park
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