



SHARING

*REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR
(as presented by Pastor Michael's wife, Vicki)*



OCT 2021

The mission of Seaside United Methodist Church is to reveal God in our living, loving and being by:

--PROCLAIMING the Gospel of God's Grace and Mercy by service in our community and throughout the world.

--INVITING and WELCOMING others into our community of faith.

--PROVIDING opportunities for worship, fellowship and spiritual growth.

GOALS

- ❖ **Make our presence known in the community.**
- ❖ **Provide a place for children and youth where they feel they belong.**
- ❖ **Minister to each other.**
- ❖ **Make visitors feel welcome (to the church and community). Invite them to return.**

As you know, one of Pastor Michael's most consistent messages is that each of us is "the Beloved Child of God, in whom God is well pleased and delighted, and upon whom God's favor rests." Because this newsletter is being prepared while Pastor Michael is still healing in the hospital, here are some selections on this theme from one of his favorite authors, Henri Nouwen:

"Jesus came to share his identity with you and to tell you that you are the Beloved Sons and Daughters of God. Just for a moment try to enter this enormous mystery that you, like Jesus are the beloved daughter or the beloved son of God. This is the truth. Furthermore, your belovedness preceded your birth. You were the beloved before your father, mother, brother, sister, or church loved you or hurt you. You are the beloved because you belong to God from all eternity. God loved you before you were born, and God will love you after you die. In Scripture, God says, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love.' This is a very fundamental truth of your identity. This is who you are whether you feel it or not. You belong to God from eternity to eternity. Life is just a little opportunity for you during a few years to say, 'I love you, too.'" (From Finding My Way Home)

"I deeply know that I have a home in Jesus, just as Jesus has a home in God. I know, too, that when I abide in Jesus I abide with him in God. 'Those who love me,' Jesus says, 'will be loved by my Father' (John 14:21). My true spiritual work is to let myself be loved, fully and completely, and to trust that in that love I will come to the fulfillment of my vocation. I keep trying to bring my restless, anxious self home, so that I can rest there in the embrace of love." (From Sabbatical Journey)

"Personally, as my struggle reveals, I don't often 'feel' like a beloved child of God. But I *know* that that is my most primal identity and I know that I must choose it above and beyond my hesitations.

Strong emotions, self-rejection, and even self-hatred justifiably toss you about, but you are free to respond as you will. You are *not* what others, or even you, think about yourself. You are *not* what you do. You are *not* what you have. You are a full member of human family, having been known before you were conceived and molded in your mother's womb. In times when you feel bad about yourself, try to choose to remain true to the truth of who you really are. Look in the mirror each day and claim your true identity. Act ahead of your feelings and trust that one day your feelings will match your convictions. Choose now and continue to choose this incredible truth. As a spiritual practice claim and reclaim your primal identity as beloved daughter or son or a personal Creator." (From Home Tonight) (continued on Page 2)



“As long as ‘being the Beloved’ is little more than a beautiful thought or a lofty idea that hangs above my life to keep me from becoming depressed, nothing really changes. What is required is to become the Beloved in the commonplaces of my daily existence, and bit by bit to close the gap that exists between what I know myself to be and the countless realities of everyday life. Becoming the Beloved is pulling the truth revealed to me from above down into the ordinariness of what I am thinking of, talking about, and doing from hour to hour.” (From Life of the Beloved)

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Lastly, here is a prayer for becoming increasingly open to God’s eternal love for us:

“Dear God,  
 I so much want to be in control.  
 I want to be the master of my own destiny.  
 Still I know that you are saying:  
 ‘Let me take you by the hand and lead you.  
 Accept my love  
 And trust that where I will bring you,  
 The deepest desires of your heart will be fulfilled.’  
 Lord, open my hands to receive your gift of love.  
 Amen.”  
 (From With Open Hands)

*Blessings,  
 Pastor Michael*



## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

9:30 AM



**Nov 7:** Pastor Dave Kinman  
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson **John 11: 32-44**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**



**Nov 14:** To be announced  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson tba



**Nov 21:** To be announced  
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson tba



**Nov 28:** To be announced  
First Sunday of Advent  
Gospel Lesson tba

**At this time, we don't have a definite date when Pastor Michael will be able to be in the pulpit so while we do know we will have a worship service each Sunday, some of the information is still on a "To Be Announced" basis**

**"REIMAGINING LIFE TOGETHER" is now "STEPPING FORWARD IN LOVE AND TRUST"**

With the new phase in our in-person worship status, we are allowed to have 50 people in the church at any one time so that is how many can be at the Sunday Worship Service. Our worship time is 9:30 am and a ZOOM link will be sent a couple days before Sunday. You must be masked and social distancing is to be observed. There is no singing at this time, and no coffee hours in the church. Alvis Porter is providing her home, 725 2nd Ave., as a place to gather in fellowship after the worship service.

### Pastor Contact Information:

If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours, At this time, while Pastor Michael is recovering from surgery, please contact  
**Pastor Ron Crandall @ his cell # (503) 307-1821**



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*We are sorry to report the recent death of one of our members, Elizabeth Smith. Liz joined our church in 2005 and shared her wonderful gift of playing the organ and piano with us. She was an exceptionally talented musician and provided Special Music as well as being our back-up church pianist. Liz was a part of the choir, and a UMW member and a good friend. She will be missed. She passed away at Suzanne Elise where she has spent her last few years. Our condolences to her family, especially her son, Rob Sharrock.*

### OK, LET'S ALL GET A PENCIL OUT AND START MAKING OUR CALENDARS FOR THE UP COMING MEETNGS

FINANCE--Wed., Nov 3 @ 11:30  
N.O.W.W—No meeting in Nov  
SPRC—— None scheduled/tba



TRUSTEES—Wed., Nov. 3@ 10:00am  
COUNCIL—Wed., Nov 10 @ 12:00 pm  
(Meet in the Fireside Room)



As we continue to enjoy the stories from the "Little Book of Miracles" I hope you enjoy:

#### **"Loving You"...**

*THE LORD HATH APPEARED OF OLD UNTO ME, SAYING, YEA, I HAVE LOVED THEE WITH AN EVERYLASTING LOVE.....Jeremiah 3:3 KJV*

God's love is the greatest miracle any one of us can experience. His love reaches back in time, surrounding us when we were tiny babies. His love stretches forward into the future, wrapping us in His care and concern as we grow wrinkled and worn.

God's love is constant. It cannot be outgrown, outlived, or outlasted. And God's love can't be broken, either. His love is too strong for that. In fact, God's love is like a permanent adhesive, binding our hearts to His. We can't pull away from Him no matter how far we wander from His side.

And so we find that God's love is full of forgiveness. There's nothing we can do or say or think to make Him stop loving us. God loves us no matter what. And His love will never change.

How wonderful is God's love!





Following is an email from Vicki regarding Pastor Michael's condition as of 10/26/21 after two and a half weeks at OHSU:

“Hi all,

If I recall correctly, you have Charge Conference tomorrow. I wanted you to have an update before then. I know he would dearly love to be with you, and that you will pray together for him which will be very special.

I have some very good news. Michael had the breathing tube removed this morning and has been breathing well on oxygen thru the nose today. I have been able to visit today and yesterday, and today, with the breathing tube out, he has been able to talk and drink a little bit and eat some jello.

He will need physical therapy/rehab to get his physical strength back after so long in bed but the medical team is very pleased with how well he is doing.

Our prayers have been answered in miraculous ways. Keep them coming for continued healing and building of strength.

With Love and deep gratitude, Vicki”

Vicki has sent an address where cards can be sent:

% Chet and Lety Brown  
17702 NE 23rd Street  
Vancouver, WA 98684

The above email was, indeed, good news and we rejoice in the working of God's healing power



# NOVEMBER



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



# 2021

**LITURGISTS:**

11/07 Debbie Vail  
11/14 Bill Berg  
11/21 Pam Morrison  
11/28 Alvis Porter

**USHER:** Tommy Johnson

**MEDIA OPER:** Ron Crandall,  
Dave Kinman, Clarke Powers



**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:**

Alvis Porter opens her home at 725 2nd Ave for coffee and fellowship after the worship service

**COMMUNION HOST:**

**FLOWERS:**

## November Birthdays

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 11/01 Shirley Powers    | 11/09 Alvis Porter  |
| 11/01 Beth Schwenk      | 11/16 Clarke Powers |
| 11/02 Suzanne Zimmerman | 11/27 Laura Schwenk |
| 11/02 Ann Schaffer      | 11/28 Nora Koch     |
| 11/03 Laura Coddington  |                     |



## November Anniversaries

11/14 Butch & Nancy Pinson

**So let's communicate about other things happening in our church family:**

THERE ARE UPDATED 2021 CHURCH MEMBER AND FRIENDS DIRECTORY AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX BUT CHANGES KEEP HAPPENING. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALVIS PORTER'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS (corrected) [aporter1931@gmail.com](mailto:aporter1931@gmail.com) (no l after the co; also, Katie Ferriss in back in Arizona until March 31 and her address there is: Westpark, 2501 W Wickenburg Way #63, Wickenburg, AZ 85390—Phone # 1(505) 870-3325

Happy Birthdays keep happening too. Another change centered around our dear Alvis Porter. Please come and help celebrate her 90th birthday at the Pig & Pancake on November 9 at 12:00 noon. This is an invitation for everybody, and Shirley Powers (503)738-9296 would appreciate an RSVP. Let's have some fellowship, fun and good food. See you there !

**NOTE: TIME CHANGE ON NOVEMBER 7—IT'S BACK TO PACIFIC STANDARD TIME—CHANGE THOSE CLOCKS AND THEN YOU CAN "GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME."**

Also, Su Coddington wants us to know that there might be a time when you are in the sanctuary and notice the flag is missing. Su has taken on the task of getting our flag "up to snuff" and is asking experts if it is worth the effort. If not, the Bergs have very generously offered to replace it. More to come on this.....

**ONE MORE THING TO NOTE: FOOD 4 KIDS SEASIDE, OREGON IS BACK ON THE JOB AND THEY ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO FILL BACKPACKS ON FRIDAYS @ 9:00 AM @ OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN**



An area of interest for you might be checking in on our Website. The address is [www.seasideoregonumc.org](http://www.seasideoregonumc.org).



If you have any comments or suggestions on content, please let Anne McBride know. She has agreed to monitor the website and will welcome your input via her email that is listed in the directory. Suggestions and website content will have a deadline of the 15th of the month. Anne will incorporate your suggestions by the following month when the newsletter is posted on the website.

**SHARED GIVING UPDATE:**  
**Total due to Conference for 2021**  
 \$13,797= \$1149.75 mo  
**Given as of September 2021:**  
 \$11,500.00

**DVD OF SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE** will still be available through the church media center . They are \$5.00 a copy and can be ordered thru the office or speak to Rich on Sunday morning.

AT THIS TIME, THE NEXT UMW NOON POTLUCK GENERAL MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE ON A "TO BE ANNOUNCED" EVENT. UNTIL THEN, ENJOY YOUR DAYS AND BE READY TO COME BACK FOR THE UMW NOON MEETING WHEN ANNOUNCED.

**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL POSITION**



Checking account balance: \$ 38,939.47 INCOME YTD: \$75,375.32  
 Savings account balance: \$ 28,921.95 EXPENSES YTD: \$73,705.19



**ATTENDANCE: Average for Oct.—25**  
 THERE WILL BE A PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT POSTED EACH MONTH ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE Year-to-date: Donations: \$ 800.00 Assistance: \$ 615.00**



Halloween is over and Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming soon! Get your shopping done early this year at our low, low prices—no inflation at our holiday bazaar.

Shopping will be available the month of November in the Fireside room, beginning Sunday, Nov. 7.

Bring your friends and relations (a few at a time) soon, before all the good stuff is gone. The items will include a big selection of gift baskets and hand crafted treasures.

Best times to shop are after Church or Wed. & Thurs mornings. Keys are available from Laurel if other times are more convenient.

Please check out the sign up sheets and Host Instruction sheets in the narthex & on the piano in the fire-side room. This will give you the needed guidelines.



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## ALL SAINTS DAY

NOVEMBER 1 IS THE DAY WHEN WE REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY FROM THE SUMC FAMILY. WE ARE NEVER ABLE TO INCLUDE ALL OF THEM IN THE LISTS WE MAKE, BUT FOLLOWING ARE THE ONES WE KNOW LEFT US FOR GOD'S ARMS IN THE YEARS 2019-2021.

2019: Irene Kan, Doris Jarchow, Geri & Ned Malcolm, Janet Kaul.

2020: Ed Fishel, Cathy Trumbull, Debbie Schock, Sharon Likwartz, John Tindell.

2021: Wayne Wood, Leila Vernor, Liz Smith.

