



# The Gift

June 2022

Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church  
230 North 10th Street  
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*Making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world  
through Knowing God, Transforming Lives, Serving Others*

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9:30 - 2:30 on Wednesdays  
*Please call ahead.*

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## Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. in person  
Online on Facebook and/or  
our YouTube Channel  
Elementary Sunday School  
10:45 a.m.

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

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**Day of Pentecost**

**June 5**

**Wear Red**

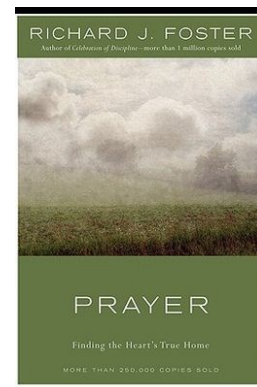
**We will celebrate the Christian  
church's birthday with cake, balloons,  
and decorations.**

## Book Study Starting June 1

**"Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home"  
by Richard J. Foster  
Part 1 (7 Sessions)**

**A soup or salad lunch will be  
provided.**

**Books are available in the  
entry.**



# Pastor's Note

I grew up singing these lines in Sunday school:

*Read your Bible, pray every day, and you'll grow, grow, grow. And you'll grow, grow, grow. And you'll grow, grow, grow. Read your Bible, pray every day, and you'll grow, grow, grow.*

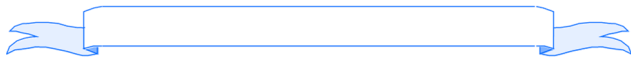
These lines can have a moralistic ring to it as though *real Christians* are the ones that read their Bible daily and make time to pray, the rest of us who are less consistent are somehow less than. I try to carve out devotional time, but I miss days and sometimes play catch-up. I pray every day, but often in a haphazard, occasional way. Something comes up and I pray about it. Other days I have a time set aside to spend with God. Those are the good days, but my practice is not perfect.

But let me share something I am learning about daily prayer: doing it daily makes it easier. Have you ever let the pots and pans pile up from the weekend and then you go to do the dishes, and it suddenly a much bigger job? Or one I am dealing with right now is weeding. I have a garden plot that fell into disuse, and I have spent hours pulling weeds, turning the soil, and trying to get it ready for kale, zucchini, and tomatoes. And I am not there yet! Once my garden is in, weed management becomes much easier. I will already be there watering and tending the plants, harvesting lettuce and herbs every day. Pulling weeds will become just a thing to do when I am out there already and not something that requires heroic effort.

Prayer is like that. Do you find it difficult to pray? Does God feel distant? Do you long for a deeper, more satisfying prayer life? We all go through seasons where prayer feels less easy and we wonder where God is, but as we learn the habit of daily prayer it becomes less work and more enjoyable. We have more time to water and tend and harvest the things which God has planted in our lives. Daily does not have to mean drudgery. By establishing intentional routines, we get to experience all God has in store for us. And we *grow, grow, grow*.

*Pastor James*



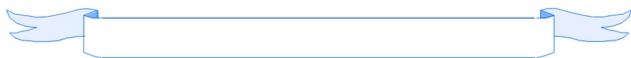


## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 01 - Violet Lambert  
Mary Louise Foster
- 03 - Pastor James Matichuk  
Jeff Moody
- 04 - Amber Marino
- 06 - Jonathan Scogin
- 09 - Dorothy Herndon
- 15 - Anthony Moody  
Rachael Moore
- 17 - Rev. Phil Airhart
- 21 - Doris Teel  
Deandra Wolfe
- 23 - Diana Morgan
- 25 - Vickie Dumbeck
- 26 - Jennifer Ostrick

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 - Helen Mansfield & Victor Izzo..... 1980
- 23 - Afton & Dorothy Herndon..... 1956
- 24 - John & Lavon Ostrick ..... 1972
- 30 - Darrell & Carolyn Lewert-Hagan . 1989



Hi Church Friends,  
We are still here and doing  
ok. I hope to get back to  
church one of these days  
soon.

God bless You All,  
*Dorothy Herndon*

## **Sunday School UMCOR Bake Sale a Success!**

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Christian Motorcyclists, and our other visitors, our Sunday School UMCOR bake sale brought in \$119 (with a promise for more this Sunday). Thank you to Chrys and Ryan Dawes, Jeannie Boese, and Byron Beach for providing a nice variety of baked goods.



## **Fellowship Time**

Since we no longer have Teams, we are asking individuals to take charge of Fellowship Time on Sundays. If you are in charge, you will need to be here to set up before worship and make the coffee, recruit help for serving and clean up, and ask people to provide refreshments.

There is a sign up sheet in the entry for those who are willing to be in charge, to help set up, serve, and/or clean up; and for those who are willing to provide refreshments. Refreshments can be cookies, fruit, vegetable trays, cheese and crackers.

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**Peace starts with a smile.**

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## June Worship

Date	Preacher	Lectionary Scriptures*
June 5 Day of Pentecost	Pastor James	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)
June 12	Jean Freeman	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
June 19 Father's Day	David Glidden	1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
June 26 Beginning of Series on The Lord's Prayer	Pastor James	<b>Lectionary:</b> 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62 <b>Probable Scriptures:</b> Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2a; Romans 8:15-16; Isaiah 6:1-8

\*Most preachers will use one or two scriptures from the lectionary.

### Outdoor Worship

We hope to have outdoor worship once a month during the summer months unless there is inclement weather or smoke.

- Our first planned date for worshipping outdoors is June 26 on our front lawn.
- We have reserved the shelter at Wiard Park for Sunday, July 24. We will have a barbecue following worship.
- Our third date is set for August 28 on our front lawn.

We would like to use dining canopies when worshipping on our front lawn. If you have one we can borrow for either or both of those Sundays, please let the church office know. We have one at the church already, two more would be appreciated.



### Sermon Series “Livin’ on a Prayer” The Lord’s Prayer

The only spiritual practice the disciples asked Jesus how to do was pray, “Lord, teach us to pray!” (Luke 11:1). Jesus’s response was to teach the disciples the prayer we have come to call the Lord’s Prayer and our congregation, in one voice with the Church universal, still prays these words every Sunday. As Christ has taught us, we are bold to say!

But how often do we take time to consider what the words of this prayer really mean? Just 57 words in *the* original Greek (the Matthew version of the prayer), these words have shaped our understanding of prayer, the spiritual life, and the mission of the church. From **June 26-July 24**, we will be doing a 5-week sermon series looking at the Lord’s prayer line-by-line. Our hope is that as we inhabit the prayer Jesus gave to his disciples, we will grow more in our ability to sense God’s presence, God’s will and God’s tender care for us.

# Reaching Out and Helping Others

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

### What is this fund?

- It is a fund used by the pastor to assist people in our community and our congregation with emergency needs not provided by other sources. We often partner with community services such as Klamath Basin Behavioral Health and Lutheran Community Services.
- Checks are made out to the business rather than the person requesting funds; i.e., Avista Utilities.

### How is it funded?

- It is funded through our birthday offerings and special donations, outside of our operating budget.
- If you wish to make a donation to this fund, please mark your check with "Discretionary" or "Outreach."

Thank you for helping us to be ready to assist people in need!

Between May 1 and May 25, we have given:  
8 households 8 bags of food  
4 households some financial assistance

### Food Pantry Needs:

- Can openers
- Peanut butter
- Soup

*Please - no opened or unsealed food items*



## PALM Dinners Served

From May 1 to May 24: 640

Year to Date: 3,132

Average Meals Served: 76

*There will be 2 more PALM dinners in the month of May.*

PALM (Provide A Loving Meal) is a free dinner every Tuesday and Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30. It is located in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, which is the lower level door closest to 9<sup>th</sup> and High Streets.

PALM is a volunteer program. It is funded by your donations. The Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church provides the Fellowship Hall, some maintenance, and utilities.

PALM provides from 85 to 257 plates of food each meal. Families, neighborhood residents, and even people who simply want the social interaction of a meal come in. Most people walk.

Volunteers from the Methodist Church, colleges, other churches, and many others come together to help.

Please come and visit, eat, help in the kitchen, or donate.



# Financial Report

## MEMBERS and FRIENDS

MAY 2022 has closed. All bills and taxes have been paid. The monthly payroll was made. Operating income for the month totaled \$4,502.45. Operating expenses totaled \$6,614.80. Income lagged expenses by \$2,112.35. In addition to payroll expenses (\$2,989.34), operating expenses included a budgeted payment of \$1,036.00 for Conference Apportionments. This represents the fifth of 12 payments toward the 2022 goal of \$12,422.00. The 5 payments total \$5,180 (41.7% of goal).

As we enter June 2022, we have an Operating Fund balance of \$126,464.47. However, a portion of these monies are contained in outside, or side pocket, funds which have nothing to do with budgeted operating monies. As of the first of June, seven (7) such funds existed. The funds and their respective balances:

**Youth Group: \$576.86**

**Organ: \$4,348.51**

**PALM dinners: \$10,104.58**

**Camperships: \$150.00**

**Memorial Fund: \$14,005.47**

**Benevolences: \$317.00 (Special Sunday UMCOR collection to be forwarded to Conference HQ)**

**Special Needs Fund: \$45,645.20\***

\*Please note the new "SPECIAL NEEDS" FUND. Recently, a long-time member generously contributed over \$45,000.00 to be used for Council approved expenditures. While there are "no strings attached," the fund is intended to be directed toward "special needs" of the church building as well as the community at large.

After subtracting out the total of the 7 funds (\$75,147.62) there is a carryover to June 2022 of actual OPERATING monies totaling \$51,316.85. Financially, for the near term outlook (2-5 years), we are in a weak position treading water at best. We entered 2022 with a carryover from 2021 totaling \$63,058.60. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, the carryover has eroded 18.62%. Ongoing monthly income is anticipated to lag monthly expenses, and monthly carryover will continue to erode. Sometime late next year (2023), without a major cash infusion, I anticipate the carryover will disappear completely as we move into a negative balance.

As of June, 2022, the Capital (Trustee) Fund Balance is: \$6,626.75. During the month, \$5,500.00 was transferred in from the Parsonage Maintenance Fund (PMF) to cover future Council approved expenditures.

Peace & Grace for us all,

*Byron Beach, Treasurer*

### 2022 OPERATING SNAPSHOT vs YEAR AGO

May income:	\$4,502.45	(-) \$29.92
2022 YTD income:	\$24,246.20	(-) \$2,910.52
2021 carryover:	\$63,058.60	(-) \$17,584.80
Operating Total:	\$87,304.80	(-) \$20,495.32
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$35,987.95	+ \$5,338.76
Carryover to June:	\$51,316.85	(-) \$25,854.08

# Thanks and Prayers

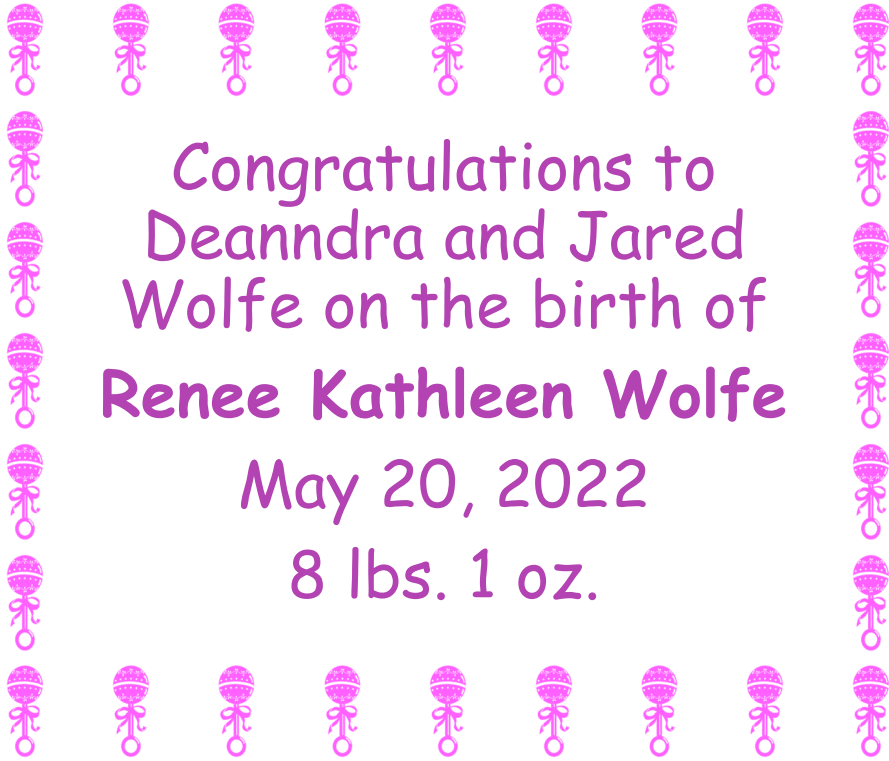
## Thank you to...

Marie Maestas, Chrys Dawes, Deanne Inman, and Paula Bolletio for taking charge of Fellowship Times during May.

Everyone who made our UMCOR Bake Sale a success.

## In Our Prayers...

Doris Teel



Congratulations to  
Deannandra and Jared  
Wolfe on the birth of  
**Renee Kathleen Wolfe**  
May 20, 2022  
8 lbs. 1 oz.



## FIRST UMC STAFF & INFORMATION

Open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors.

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Laura Wise

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Donette Scogin

### Downstairs Custodian

Mark Wilson

### Outside Custodian

James Stredwick

### Chancel Choir Director

Judy Neiswender

### Bell & Chime Choirs Conductor

Pat Mathis

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### Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/KlamathFallsFirstUMC>

# United Women in Faith News

**We will not hold a Fellowship Gathering during the months of June or July.  
We plan to hold our annual All Women's Birthday Party in August.**



*Marta's  
House*

**This month's  
suggested item for  
Marta's House:  
Towels &  
Washcloths**

## UWFaith Nut Sales

Link to our Terri Lynn Webstore:

<https://klamath-falls-umw.terrilynn.com>



United  
Women  
in Faith

### Our Purpose:

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the church.

### From Betsy of the Department of Human Services:

United Methodist Outreach,

Thank you for the generosity & commitment to community outreach for those in need. My client is grateful for the assistance. He is working hard to make positive changes in his life to break the cycle,. His future is bright!

Sincerely, Betsy

**These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins  
or were announced in church services:**

**The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.**

**The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight:  
'Searching for Jesus.'**

**Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those  
things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.**

**Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.**

**Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious  
pleasure to the congregation.**



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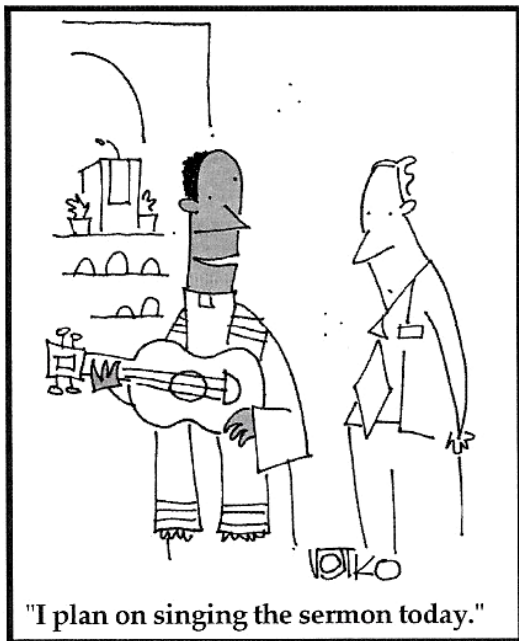
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
<b>5 Day of Pentecost - wear red</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time 11:45 Church Council 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	For an up-to-date weekly Calendar, check our web page at: <a href="http://www.klamathfallsumc.org">www.klamathfallsumc.org</a>		<b>1</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Bible Study "Prayer"	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>8</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Bible Study "Prayer"	<b>9</b> 12:30 United Women in Faith Fellowship Gathering	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>15</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) 10 am Worship Team Noon Bible Study "Prayer"	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>22</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Bible Study "Prayer"	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	Annual Conference - Oregon-Idaho Conference & Greater Northwest Episcopal Area		NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE		NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED	
<b>26 Sermon Series on</b> <b>The Lord's Prayer Begins</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship on the Lawn Fellowship Time 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>29</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Bible Study "Prayer"	<b>30</b>	<b>1 July</b>	<b>2</b> updated 5/25/2022



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## Upcoming Events:

June 1 @ Noon  
Book Study Group

June 5  
Day of Pentecost

June 12  
Terri Horn's Student's Piano Recital

June 19  
Charles Charles & Tyler Heitcamp  
Concert at Mt. Laki

### **The Champoege Declaration**

We, the Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church, together with other congregations of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, declare that persons of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic conditions, marital status, mental or physical abilities are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation.