



# The Gift

August 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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## 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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## P.A.L.S. - Plan a Loving Sendoff!

### PALM Dinner Celebration

August 17

5:30 - 7:00 pm

We will celebrate our PALM Dinners and  
Vickie and Don Dumbeck's many years  
of leading them. All are welcome!

*See page 4 for more information*

## All Women's Annual Birthday Party

Saturday, August 13 @ 2:00 pm

Bring a signed birthday  
card.

We will have some fun  
activities.



# Pastor's Note

It was a sunny day at Veterans Park on Saturday, July 16, the day of the second annual Klamath Falls Pride festival. The previous year, our church had participated as the only visible Christian presence at the event. But that was last year, this year was different. This year, an Oregon State Representative led a prayer meeting before the event, out of concern for what Pride meant for our community. Another Christian group came with signs of protest and their own P.A. System where a man preached at the Pride gathering for about 4 hours straight (if you think I'm long-winded, you have no idea).



Photo by Carol Usher

Fifty-feet-away, our church had a table. We had stickers with the United Methodist cross with a Rainbow flame, candy, and a sign with our church name and the UMC motto: *Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*. I wore a t-shirt with our logo on it, that read, "Break the rules, love everybody." For the five hours we were there, we would hear words of judgment hurled at our neighbors and we sought to embody a different form of Christian spirituality. One that spoke of love, and hospitality and welcome first, not words of judgment, rejection, and dismissal.

We didn't speak directly with the other Christians there, though I made eye contact and smiled a couple of times. Our role there was not to get into a shouting match with those we disagree with, but to share the love of Jesus. We had several good discussions with LGBTQ folk who had a church, faith tradition they had left because, as they'd come to terms with their orientation or gender identity, they were no longer welcome in those spaces. Some would come to our table upset, having just talked to the *other* Christians on the sidelines, a few with complaints about how they were mistreated. We would listen, and we would remind people of Christ's love and acceptance of them.

Hearing the stories of our LGBTQ neighbors was a sacred moment for me and I was moved by the spiritual hunger the LGBTQ community has. I shared with people my conviction that the Bible tells us the story of God's redemption and love for people, and I would tell them, "If anyone ever weaponizes the Scripture against you, you can be sure that they are reading God's story wrong." Mostly, people just appreciated that we were there. A lot of our LGBTQ neighbors only experience judgment and exclusion from those of us in the church. Our church's presence at Pride told a different story, as we sought to honor each person's uniqueness and we approached them with genuine interest and love.

*Pastor James*



Photo by Jean Knight



## ***AUGUST BIRTHDAYS***

- 04 - Joe Maestas  
Leona Witt
- 16 - Jeannie Boese  
Mark Wilson
- 17 - Suilolo Moody
- 20 - Jessie Buehler
- 24 - Judy Neiswender
- 26 - Bridget E. Honan
- 28 - Traci Ostrick Cotton
- 31 - Louise Leshner

## ***AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES***

- 06 - Phil and Laurie Airhart ..... 1993
  - 18 - Don & Vickie Dumbeck ..... 1978
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### **Directory Updates:**

(For this information,  
please contact the church office)

*Please inform the office when you have a change of  
address, phone number, or e-mail.*

**Someone has written these beautiful words. It's a must read. Try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the ten commandments to follow in life all of the time!**

- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.
- 2] So why is a Car's WINDSHIELD so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

If you really enjoy this, please pass on to others. It may just brighten someone's day... Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

## August Worship

Date	Preacher	Lectionary Scriptures*
August 7	Pastor James	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
August 14	Pastor James	Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
August 21	Byron Beach Peace With Justice Sunday	Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
August 28	David Glidden	Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

### P.A.L.S. – Plan a Loving Sendoff!

For the past fifteen years, our church has made a huge impact on the city of Klamath Falls through our PALM dinners. PALM stands for “Plan a Loving Meal” and for years the people planning, cooking, and coordinating volunteers have been Don and Vickie Dumbeck. The Dumbecks are uniquely gifted for this work. Vickie’s kind heart and infectious joy has made PALM the welcoming environment it is. Don’s concern and knowledge of the community has helped connect people to resources and services. They have been a gift to so many people! Alongside Vickie and Don, have been a team of committed volunteers who have cooked, cleaned, served meals, and laughed and swapped stories with our weekly dinner guests.

Recently, Don and Vickie realized they could not continue to run the PALM program and they made the difficult decision to step away. They both dearly love our weekly dinner guests, and they are sad that in their absence the program will not continue. And so are we. When I speak to people in the wider Klamath community and I mention our church’s name, they usually respond to me with, “you are the church that does the meals!” PALM made a big difference in people’s lives, both for our unhoused neighbors and for those in the community who had a hard time making ends meet. I hopeful that our church will continue to reach out and impact the community in positive and creative ways, but we don’t want PALM to disappear without taking time to name and remember the ways that it has touched people’s lives

Vickie and Don’s last meal service for PALM will be August 16<sup>th</sup>, but we would like to invite everyone back on **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm for PALS: Plan a Loving Send-off!** This is a celebration of life service for a ministry that mattered! If you have volunteered, or have come for dinner, or have been impacted by PALM in any way, come and share stories with us as we celebrate what God has done in and through Don and Vickie and our countless volunteers. God has used our little church community in some beautiful ways these past 15 years, and this is worth celebrating!

We look forward to seeing our whole church



# 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 July 1 and July 28, we have given:  
4 households 5 bags of food  
1 household some financial assistance

### Food Pantry Needs:

- Canned fruit
- Granola bars

*Please - no opened or unsealed food items*



## PALM Dinners Served

From July 3 to July 26: 849

Year to Date: 4,773

Average Meals Served: 81

*There will be 1 more PALM dinner in the month of July.*

PALM (Provide A Loving Meal) has been 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

JULY 2022 has closed. All bills and taxes have been paid. The monthly payroll was made. Operating income for the month totaled \$4,940.58. Operating expenses totaled \$8,012.77. Income lagged expenses by \$3,072.19. In addition to payroll expenses (\$2,846.94), operating expenses included a budgeted payment of \$1,036.00 for Conference Apportionments. This represents the seventh of 12 payments toward the 2022 goal of \$12,422.00. The 7 payments total \$7,252.00 (58.3% of goal). We also made a 3-month mileage payment reimbursement to the Pastor for \$1,808.82. The month-to-month Operating balance dropped 6.62%.

As we enter August 2022, we have an Operating Fund balance of \$157,195.98. 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 August, six (6) such funds existed. The funds and their respective balances:

**Youth Group: \$576.86**

**Organ: \$4,348.51**

**PALM dinners: \$9,137.88**

**Camperships: \$150.00**

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

**Special Needs Fund: \$85,645.20 \***

**\*Please note the "SPECIAL NEEDS" FUND.** Some time ago, 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. Recently, this very generous member contributed an additional \$40,000.00 for a current Fund balance of \$85,645.20.

**After subtracting out the total of the 6 funds (\$113,863.92) there is a carryover to August 2022 of actual OPERATING monies totaling \$43,332.06.** 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 July 1<sup>st</sup>, the carryover has eroded 31.28%. 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 August, 2022, the Capital (Trustee) Fund Balance is: \$4,041.94.

Peace & Grace for us all,

*Byron Beach, Treasurer*

### 2022 OPERATING SNAPSHOT vs YEAR AGO

July income:	\$4,940.58	(-) \$5,409.53
2022 YTD income:	\$33,893.20	(-) \$8,335.05
2021 carryover:	\$63,058.60	(-) \$17,584.80
Operating Total:	\$96,951.80	(-) \$25,919.85
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$53,619.74	+ \$5,378.39
Carryover to August:	\$43,332.06	(-) \$32,472.15

# Thanks and Prayers

## Thank you to...

Don and Vickie Dumbeck for their leadership of PALM and all who have helped with PALM through the years.

## In Our Prayers...

Betty Bialorucki

Al Bolletio

Marie Maestas' sister's family

In April of 2012, I became the Administrative Assistant of the Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church. I will be retiring on August 31 of this year. At the same time, David will be retiring from Pacific Power after 41 years. I have been here through 5 changes of pastors and the COVID pandemic. I have loved this job and a part of me is sad to be leaving it. I am also looking forward to being retired and able to travel, work in my yard, quilt, or just stay home when I want to.

We will continue to be a part of the church. I plan to continue on the Worship Team and will still run the projection on Sunday mornings. I also anticipate teaching Elementary Sunday School again in the fall. David will help with the sound, recording the service, or music as needed.

*Blessings,  
Jeannie*



## FIRST UMC STAFF & INFORMATION

Open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors.

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### Downstairs Custodian

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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*

## **All Women's Annual Birthday Party**

**Saturday, August 13 @ 2:00 pm**

Bring a signed birthday card that will go to someone else. We will have cake and some fun, easy games. If you need a ride, please contact Jeannie Boese.



### **Crater Lake District Annual Meeting**

**In Person at Eugene First United Methodist Church and Online**

**September 17, 2022**

### **UW Faith Nut Sales**

Link to our Terri Lynn Webstore:

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



*Marta's House*

**This month's suggested item for Marta's House:**  
Cold medicines for adults and children



**United Women in Faith**

### **Our Purpose:**

United Women in Faith 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.

# August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
<p>For an up-to-date weekly Calendar, check our web page at: <a href="http://www.klamathfallsumc.org">www.klamathfallsumc.org</a></p>	1	2 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	3 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Health Group	4	5	6
<p>7 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time 11:45 Church Council 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC</p>	8	9 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	10 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Health Group	11	12	13 2 pm All Women's Birthday Party
<p>14 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - Sacred Heart Catholic Church</p>	15	16 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	17 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) 10 am Worship Team Noon Health Group 7 pm PALM Dinner Celebration	18	19	20
<p>21 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time</p>	22	23	24 Pastor James on Vacation Noon Health Group	25	26	27
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Time Sensitive Material  
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*Please come join us!*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"These vegetables will taste better than store ones 'cause we planted them ourselves. Right, Mommy?"

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### Upcoming Events:

**August 13 @ 2 pm**  
**All Women's Birthday Party**

**August 17 - 5:30-7:00**  
**P.A.L.S. - Plan a Loving**  
**Sendoff!**  
**PALM Dinner Celebration**

### **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.