



# The Gift

October 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.

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Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

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## Annual Charge Conference

**Sunday, October 30**

**12:00 PM**

**The conference will be held via Zoom in  
the church sanctuary and is open to all.  
Come if you like!**

**All Saints Day  
will be  
celebrated  
Sunday,  
October 30.  
Join us as we  
remember  
those we have  
lost over this  
year.**

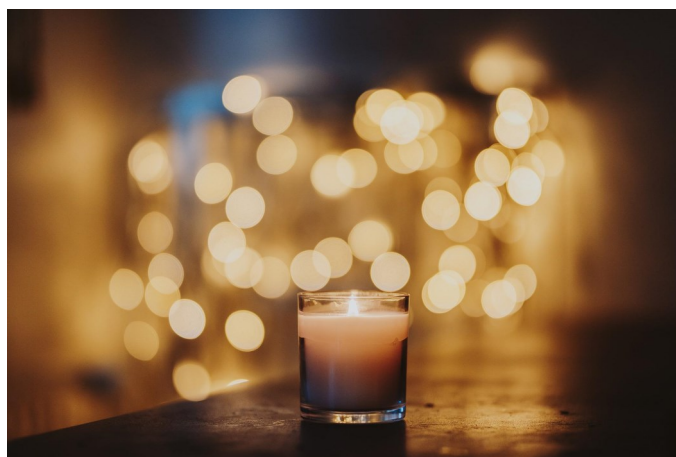


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# Pastor's Note

I like to write about spirituality, and I like to share what encouragement I find in scripture with others. But Church newsletters are hard for me. Invariably the end of the month comes, and I know I must produce an article for you all, but I don't know what to say, and I wonder who reads these and if it is worthwhile. I sometimes ask my family members what they'd like to read if they were in the mood to read a church newsletter. They tell me they are never in the mood.

Isaiah 55:11 says that God's word doesn't return void, but "it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it." I believe that the extent that I speak the words God gives me, that they mean something, but it doesn't make the task of sitting down to write a newsletter easy. Sometimes I stare at a blank page, sometimes I look at what other pastors in other places write to their congregation in their monthly missals. But usually I sit back and ask, *what is it that Klamath Falls United Methodist Church needs to hear right now?* And I wait.

God is with us as a congregation, that God cares for us. I know church, and our church, is facing challenges right now. We are an aging congregation, and post Covid-19, some of the folks that regularly warmed the pew next to you are not in worship. This is not unusual, a year of not going to church and another year of restrictions broke the worship habit many of us had, and those of us who remain are increasingly called upon to keep the ship running.

As your pastor, I am aware of the institutional challenges of keeping things running. When there is a lull in congregational giving, I feel it. In a post pandemic world, I don't take it personally. The fact that giving is down is more to do with lackluster attendance and economic inflation. But here is the thing, I don't think that God is done with us

yet. I am grateful for the way that First United Methodist Church of Klamath Falls inhabits our community. Until recently, we fed our neighbors twice a week (and more because they took grocery items home from the Palm dinners which helped allay their weekly expenses). In a post P.A.L.M. world, I am excited to press into the ways that KFUMC meets our neighbors with the love of Jesus.

The question that haunts me as a pastor is this: What difference does our church make for the community at large? Until recently, my answer was P.A.L.M. but as we discern the way forward in our post-P.A.L.M era, my question for the congregation, our council, and leadership, is how do we continue to impact the community after P.A.L.M? At the beginning of September, we hosted a block party where we got to meet our neighbors. I believe that God still has a plan for us and that our church can make a real-life impact in the life of our community. Do you believe this? We have reached a new season in the life the church, that requires imagination, discernment and awareness as we seek to meet the needs of Klamath Falls. God is with us as we step out in faith!



*Pastor James*



## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 05 - Crystal Breeden
- 14 - Lynn Armstrong  
Janice Wilson
- 15 - Jean Lamb
- 20 - Avery Dumbeck
- 21 - Linda Breeden
- 28 - Kyle Neiswender
- 29 - Candy Hammond
- 30 - Bill Morgan

## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 04 - Don & Nancy Hoffheins  
1980
- 06 - Matthew Boese & Megan Cushman  
2018
- 12 - John & Linda Breeden  
1980
- 20 - Bill & Diana Morgan  
2007

### **Directory Updates:**

David Boese's email:  
davidboese8@gmail.com

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

Tombstone inscription in England:

"In moments of discouragement, defeat, or even despair, there are always certain things to cling to. Little things, usually: remembered laughter, the face of a sleeping child, a tree in the wind -- in fact, any reminder of something deeply felt or loved.

"No person is so poor as not to have many of these small candles. When they are lighted, darkness goes away -- and a touch of wonder remains."

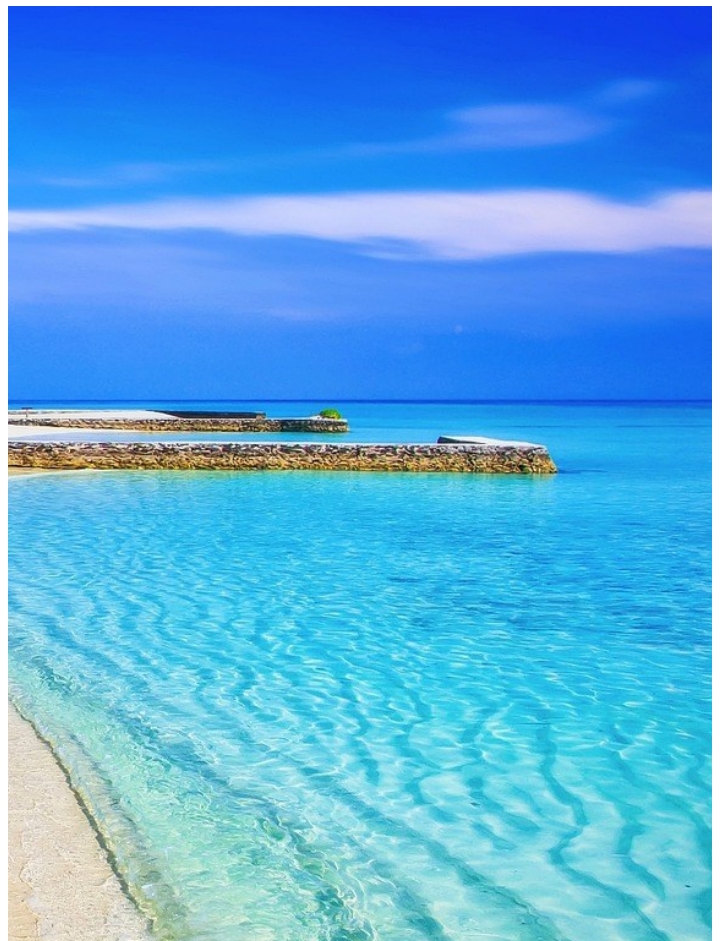
--via *Apple Seeds*

"My father-in-law loved to laugh and to play tricks on his family. We were devastated when we lost him too early, and it was a sad procession down to the seaside, where he had asked that we scatter his ashes on the waves.

"It was a cool November day, and the wind was blowing onshore. We were stumped as to how we were going to get this committal done. Then we spied a spit, a narrow point of land that curved seaward and then parallel to the beach, creating a nice little bay.

"The beach served quite well, and each of the six grieving children had a turn at scattering some ashes, and choking out a few words between sobs about their dearly beloved father.

"We turned to go and found that the spit had become an island -- the tide had come in! And tears turned to laughter as we took off our shoes, rolled up our pants, hoisted the elderly aunts into our arms, and together imagined our beloved trickster enjoying one more laugh in Heaven!"



## October Worship

Date	Preacher	Lectionary Scriptures*
October 2	Pastor James	Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
October 9	Pastor James	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
October 16	Bea Naylor	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
October 23	Dave Glidden	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
October 30	Pastor James	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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

## What does "communion of saints" mean?

Every time Christians say the Apostles' Creed, we profess belief in the communion of saints. One common explanation of the term "communion of saints" is that it refers to the whole community of faithful followers of Christ, living and dead, past, present and future.

Rev. Katie Shockley explains, "When we gather in worship, we praise God with believers we cannot see. When we celebrate Holy Communion, we feast with past, present and future disciples of Christ. We experience the communion of saints, the community of believers — living and dead. This faith community stretches beyond space and time. We commune with Christians around the world, believers who came before us, and believers who will come after us. We believe that the church is the communion of saints, and as a believer, you belong to the communion of saints."

Orthodox Christians regularly use icons depicting the saints as physical reminders that all saints are truly present.

Another explanation is that the term "communion of saints" refers to the local church, the people with whom you are most connected in face to face Christian community. This explanation is grounded in the use of the term "koinonia" (variously translated as "communion" or "community" or "fellowship") in early Christianity. Whenever it appears in the New Testament, it is almost always talking about local bodies of Christ. The structure of the third section of the Apostles Creed moves from "more comprehensive" to "more specific." And so the term "holy catholic church" refers to all Christians everywhere, while "communion of saints" (which follows it) refers to the local gathering of Christians.

[...] All Saints Day, which for United Methodists also involves the observance of All Souls Day, is a time when we remember notable Christians of every time and place as well as those we have known locally who have died within the past year. It is an occasion to honor those who lived faithfully, shared their faith, and have pointed us to the way of Christ through the witness of their lives. Shockley goes on, "The saints in our lives inspire us to live in holiness and righteousness."

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# 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 September 1 and September 30, we have given:

5 households 7 bags of food

1 household some financial assistance



### Food Pantry Needs:

- Granola bars
- Canned fruit and meat
- Crackers
- Can openers

*Please - no opened or unsealed food items*

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"Today it is a common belief that people are inherently bad for Earth -- that by our very existence, we do damage to our home, and that the best thing we can do is 'reduce our footprint.' What most people don't understand is that 'reducing our footprint' means 'destroying the Earth less quickly.' We do not have to settle on being less bad for the Earth -- we can actually be *good* for the earth! We are not destructive by nature but by habit, and our potential for destruction is mirrored by our potential for regeneration."

*Neal Spackman, Co-founder/Director of the Al Baydha Project*

# Financial Report

## MEMBERS and FRIENDS

September 2022, has closed. All bills and taxes have been paid. The monthly payroll was made. Operating income for the month totaled \$4,406.57. Operating expenses totaled \$6,580.05. Income lagged expenses by \$2,173.48. In addition to payroll expenses (\$3,531.09), operating expenses included a budgeted payment of \$1,036.00 for Conference Apportionments. This represents the ninth of 12 payments toward the 2022 goal of \$12,422.00. The 9 payments total \$9,324.00 (75.0% of goal). The month- to- month Operating balance dropped 5.24%.

As we enter October 2022, we have an Operating Fund balance of \$142,668.62. 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 October, 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: \$3,466.61 Special Needs Fund: \$3,466.61**

\*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 (\$103,325.06) there is a carryover to October, 2022, of actual OPERATING monies totaling \$39,343.56. Financially, for the near term outlook (2-5 years), we are in a very weak position; treading water at best. We entered 2022 with a carryover from 2021, totaling \$63,058.60. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, the carryover has eroded 37.61%. 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, We can anticipate the carryover will disappear completely and we will move into negative balance territory.**

As of October, 2022, the Capital (Trustee) Fund Balance is: \$4,043.65.

During the month of September, the balance on the stained glass storm window covers was paid off. The remainder of the 20/20 VISION Fund was used (\$4,298.64) as well as \$10,538.86 from the MEMORIAL Fund (leaving a balance in that fund of \$3,466.61).

Peace & Grace for us all,

*Byron Beach, Treasurer*

### 2022 OPERATING SNAPSHOT vs YEAR AGO

September income:	\$4,406.57	(-) \$611.05
2022 YTD income:	\$43,978.84	(-) \$10,242.56
2021 carryover:	\$63,058.60	(-) \$17,584.80
Operating Total:	\$107,037.44	(-) \$27,827.36
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$67,693.88	+ \$6,980.05
Carryover to October:	\$39,343.56	(-) \$34,807.41

# Thanks and Prayers

## Thank you to...

Scott Usher and James Stredwick for fixing the porch security cameras.  
All who helped with Fellowship Time during the month of September.  
Those who gave food for the church pantry.

## In Our Prayers...

Jean Freeman  
Al Bolletio  
Joe and Marie Maestas

*There will be a 90th birthday party for Faye Ford at the Medford First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main Street, Medford, on Saturday, October 15, at 1 pm. Faye is a longtime member of our church who moved to Medford several years ago. If anyone who can't come wants to write up a memory or birthday wishes, her daughter-in-law could print it out and take it to the party. You can send it via email to [suhligford@gmail.com](mailto:suhligford@gmail.com). Send by next Tuesday.*



## FIRST UMC STAFF & INFORMATION

Open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors.

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# United Women in Faith News

## Fellowship Gathering October 27 @ 12:00

Bring a sandwich. Salad and dessert will be provided.

### Program: Who Can We Be Together?

Salad: Jeannie Boese

Dessert: Jeannie Boese

Set Up: Jeannie Boese

Response Moment: Jeannie Boese



This month's  
suggested item for  
Marta's House:  
Warm socks

### UWFaith Nut Sales

Link to our Terri Lynn Webstore:

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



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.





# OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
<b>2</b> World Communion Sunday 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Book Study & Lunch	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>9</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Book Study & Lunch	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) 10 am Worship Team Noon Health Group	<b>20</b> <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Health Group	<b>27</b> 12:00 United Women in Faith Fellowship Gathering	<b>28</b> <b>NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> All Saints Day Service 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship Time 12:00 Charge Conference	<b>31</b>	<b>1 November</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Health Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

For an up-to-date weekly  
Calendar, check our web page  
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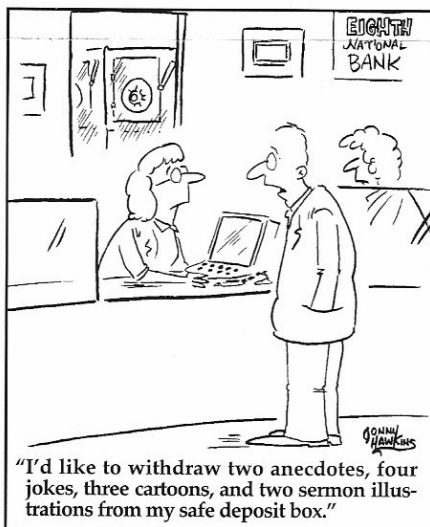
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*Please come join us!*



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## Upcoming Events:

October 30  
All Saints Day Service

Charge Conference  
October 30 at noon

### **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.