Dates to Remember August

Intercessory Prayer Time Sabbaths, after church

Pickleball

Steen Sports Park Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

Monday Meal & Community Service Distribution

Fellowship Hall Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Worship Fellowship Hall Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study
Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.

Vespers

On line via Zoom Fridays, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Upper Deck Restaurant Sun, Aug I, 8:00 a.m.

Women's Potluck Brunch 7992 Short Rd, Pam Munoz' Sun, Aug I, 10:00 a.m.

School Board Meeting Mon, Aug 9, 6:30 p.m.

Church Board Meeting Mon, Aug 16, 6:30 p.m.

Inspirational Concert
Featuring Christian Paul
Sabbath, Aug 21, 11:00 a.m.





Pastor's Corner

August 2021

Hi Folks,

I received a letter in the mail this week inviting me to attend my High School reunion at Upper Columbia Academy. In part, the letter read, "Some 60 years ago we left our Upper Columbia Academy campus filled with mixed emotions of 'I can't believe I actually made it out of this (you add your own expletives, positive or negative), but now what am I supposed to do?" Well... now we know what we did, what we are currently doing and it's time to get back together...."

Leaving that campus was a "changepoint" in my life and I, along with you have been experiencing constant changepoints all our lives. Back in the early 80s Joyce Landorf wrote a book titled *Changepoints*. Although written especially for women the principles apply to all of us.

We develop plans that don't turn out as we hoped. Sometimes unexpected joys come into our lives. Sometimes God intervenes (or doesn't intervene) in expected or unexpected ways.

Landorf writes, "We want – no , we demand – and expect entirely too much from every stage of life, from every experience, and most of all, from every relationship. We don't think too much about change. We simply anticipate staying in control and gradually becoming totally comfortable.

There is hardly any room in our perfect little world for changepoints, so when they come – and they do come with nauseating regularity – we panic or at least are offended."

Constant changes affect our personal and church life. The question is how do we relate to them?

When Paul says in Philippians 4:11 "I have LEARNED in whatever state I am to be content", I think he is implying that being content is a learned attitude. Today is probably a good day to practice contentment, knowing that "I can do all things through Christ

who strengthens me."

God Bless.

Pastor Jim & Melody

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Happenings

Fellowship Dinner - Plan to join us for in the Fellowship Hall on August 7 following services for vegetarian potluck.

Ladies Bible study resumes in August. For information on how to join the discussion at 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays contact Pam Munoz, 541-281-2734.

Inspirational Concert - We are looking forward to a special worship service featuring Christian Paul on August 21. Invite friends and family to come and be blessed!

Scripture study and coloring: We meet every other Sabbath at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID is 536 690 5989, Passcode is 5366905989. Schedule is as follows:

Date	Text	Time / Location
August 7, 2021	Jeremiah 17:8	6:00pm / Zoom
August 21, 2021	Psalm 21:3-5	6:00pm / Zoom

Vespers meets on Zoom every Friday at 7:00 p.m. We are reading "Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing" and are currently in chapter 6. We are using the study guide from the EGW web site. Meeting ID is 536 690 5989. Passcode is 5366905989

Pickleball at Steen Sports Park Sundays at 8:00 a.m.. We are not competitive but just play for fun. Dress comfortably and wear shoes with non-marking soles. Beginners are always welcome. Paddles are available for your use. Watch the weekly bulletin announcements for updates as to time, place and cancellations.

Praying for one another: Thank you for participating. If you are not able to come to church and would like names to pray for, call or text: 541-591-8616. Remember that you can submit "soul salvation prayer requests" for any relatives or acquaintances that are on your heart.

Intercessory prayer quote from Nehemiah 1:6 "Let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and Night for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned.."

Women's Potluck Brunch

Ladies, you are invited to join us! Date & Time: Sunday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. Location: Pam Munoz' home, 7992 Short Road Provided: paper plates, plastic ware, napkins Bring: a dish to share along with a serving utensil and a chair

If you can't bring a dish or a chair, come anyway! There is always too much food and there are plenty of places to sit.

If you need a ride, call 541-591-8616or 707-628 -2900.



Church Business Meeting

Items of discussion and action at the July Church Business and School Constituency Meeting included:

- Nominating Committee update
- School update
- Church Budget approved
- Pastor Search update

Next month's Church Board meeting will be on Monday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m.

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Vibrant Life

This is what we all want, vibrant life!
This longest running health magazine is up to date on current items



that relate to all aspects of our health. Whether you are fit and vigorous or have just received a frightening diagnosis, Vibrant Life has health information that will help you move closer to the life you were designed to live. It is perfect for sharing with people who may have never heard of this Christian approach to wholeperson health. It's a wonderful way to introduce people to God's plan for us to have harmony of mind, body, and spirit. You can give a subscription to neighbors, friends, or coworkers; order a stack to place in a local grocery store, business, or doctor's office; or use it as a part of local church health initiatives, such as blood drives or cooking classes. Now is the time to order or renew your subscriptions. There is very special pricing on these magazines when you order more than one subscription and have them delivered to the same address. Pick up a flyer located on the table in the foyer of the church to see all the details.



School News

Greetings, Church Family,

Hopefully everyone is getting through the heat and fire -related smoke that has settled into our basin, not to mention other parts of the country.

We have some good news items to share with you in regard to our school. Our school is growing! We don't have an exact number for enrollment right now, but it will be at least double the size of last year's beginning-of-the year enrollment.

Along with more students comes the need for an additional teacher. We have secured a grade 3-8 teacher from uganda, Africa! The OR Conference, our school board and those in uganda have spent time studying and praying over this and it seems like a great match!

Our new teacher's name is Vera Awnor. She will be accompanied by her husband and three children, ages 5yrs, 2yrs, and 2+months! Names to be announced later.

Vera will also be our new principal. This year will be a training/mentoring time for this new responsibility, so she and I will be working closely together as she eases into an administrator's busy duties, besides teaching.

The Oregon Conference is taking care of all the legalities of getting Vera and her family here. She may or may not arrive in time for the first day of school. If not, there is already a plan in place. The Conference has it all covered, and now it is our church constituency's call to wait, pray, and prepare for an exciting, wonderful 2021-2022 school year! We owe our dear Heavenly Father many thanks and gratitude for the way He has, is, and will continue to watch over our mission on the hill! Thank You, Father, for taking care of us.

Amen!

Most Sincerely your continuing servant, Melody Osborne