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Bob Denney Memorial Garden

Tabor Heights United Methodist Church has added a new garden to the front of the church, dedicated to Bob Denny, as a memorial. Mr. Denny was an active member of the Tabor Heights and left a bequest to the church for "beautifying the church grounds".

A small community was formed and with the help of Elizabeth Snodgrass of Kropf & Snodgrass Ltd., a small garden was developed in the front of the church as a sitting area including two benches. It is a simple way that we the church are extending hospitality to our community and we invite the public to come and enjoy this quiet spot.

We are also hoping to add further areas to our grounds inviting all to come and enjoy them in keeping with our motto to "Express Christ's love to all God's Children". -Gerry Eichelberg



**ONE IS CLOSER TO GOD IN A GARDEN,
THAN ANYWHERE ELSE ON EARTH.**

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EMBRACE THE FUTURE



Celebrate the past, join together to remember and be grateful. Share the memories with those that were not a part of the plans and prayers that made our church a reality fifty years ago. It is rewarding to look back on all the time and effort put forth by the many dedicated followers of our God. Many are no longer with us but they are in the minds and hearts of those who worked side by side and walked hand in hand to make the dream of a new church a reality.



We have all experienced the joy of hearing stories about our family members, parents and grandparents, friends and relatives who remember us as infants. They had to store perishables like the milk we drank, in an “ice box.” Not a refrigerator! When we were sick they gave us home remedies of milk with honey and butter to stop the all night coughing.

No antibiotics that save lives today. Think of cars and homes and construction and how change and growth has enhanced our lives. The stories can go on and on and certainly you have many of your own to share with your family.

We all made it through those days and rejoiced over being together. However, we cannot return to what some refer to as “the good old days.” Over these fifty years society has moved on. Progress has been made. We have awakened to a new world. Much of it was non traditional and frowned upon but life has been upgraded which is critical to survival.

How does this relate to the church? Are we not only telling the stories of fifty years ago or are we living the stories because we resist change? It's time to EMBRACE THE FUTURE. We all need to create a vision. Do we need to “upgrade” in order to survive? If we say “we've never done it that way before” than how do we know it won't be a successful endeavor? Today's youth are risk takers. Risk does not jeopardize our future but enhances it. Some ideas will “fly” as they say and granted some will fail. But the Lord will provide a way. He will make our paths straight. (Proverbs 3:6) He will not forsake us as we reach out to those seeking a new way. Gather them in! You can teach them and in turn they will teach you.



Hold on to your memories, share them, record them but do not fear the future, do not fear change. “The only thing to fear is fear itself.” In unity and peace we will walk together in the direction our Lord leads us.



Wedding Anniversary

May 12 Larry & Valri Darling

June 5 Delmer & Charlotte Eisert

May & June Birthdays:

May 1 Pat Reagan

3 Essie Ewart

5 Sam Marks

6 Faye Henderson

9 Gay Disco

9 Sally Schenk

15 Hanh Pham

19 Sandra Morrell

20 Charlotte Eisert

21 Pete Morrell

23 Joseph-Fils Inelus

June 3 Paul Glynn

8 Susanne Lohkamp

22 Phyllis Williams

Your Celebrations are important for us to recognize with our family in Christ:

Please do not reluctant to let us know if yours is missing on the monthly edition of 'Messenger' as sending a note to:
church@taborheightschurch.org

Loving memories of All Saints:

Mary Elizabeth Overby, April 10, 2017

Hugh Winchester Ewart, April 22, 2017

'Thank You' Note

"My sincere thanks to all for the wonderful cards, flowers and gifts seat my way during my long...term illness! My recovery is slow, but I truly look forward to the day that I come back to THUMC and see you all again."

-Joanne Mattson



Wearing 'Red' on the Pentecost Sunday



On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birthday of the church, as well as the gift of the Spirit given at Pentecost. We encourage you to wear red to worship to symbolize the fire of God's Spirit.

Vision Board Meeting, June 10th, 10am-3pm

The board calls its 3rd meeting of the year to cover the following agenda: reviewing invested funds and finance for 1st quarter, roof on the church building, and "where are we at for our year plan?" Feel free to get your thoughts and inputs to the board members before their next gathering.



Annual Conference, June 14—17, Portland

In 2017 the Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences of The United Methodist Church will meet together in a shared annual conference session this year in Portland, Oregon.

Tabor Heights will host all clergy from Columbia district before the Annual Conference to review the strategic plan under Erin Martin's leadership on May 30th. If you're willing to welcome ministers in the Metropolitan area, please contact pastor John: pastorjohnngo@gmail.com

Serving Day Saturday, June 17, Saturday 9:30am~12:00pm Bring gardening tools, gloves, and anything else you might want to use as we work together to beautify our church grounds. Also, don't forget to join us for coffee and donuts at 9:00am!



Music Ministry Sunday

Join for **June 18 at 11am** worship service to celebrate our music ministries here at Tabor Heights. The service will be led by the choir and the praise team.

'Bob Denney Memorial Garden' dedication ceremony

Right after worship on Father's Day, we will dedicate a garden in honor/memory of Bob Denney. It will be a beautiful day to honor the past and build the future of the church with gratitude, joy and recognition.



Christmas in July

Let us sing Christmas carols around the Christmas tree, play some Games in the field, join in the liquid Snow ball fight and generally make Merry with our neighbors!

July 16th at 12:30pm. after worship

* Free to bring a canned food donation for 'SnowCap,' a Local Food Pantry ministry."

Whoever is interested in planning our Christmas in July celebration, please send your email at: morrell.peter@gmail.com -Pete Morrell

Mission U, 'Educate to Transform'

Grow in your faith, meet new neighbors, and learn about the world God so loves at Mission u 2017! Mission u brings together women from all over Oregon, Idaho & beyond for dynamic worship, community building, and engaging study. Mission u 2017 in Oregon will be July 27-30 at the Alton Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek, OR. School will start on Thursday at 1 pm. .

Registration this year is all online:

www.umoi-reg.brtapp.com/Missionu2017

We need a New Newsletter Article!

Please submit them to the office or by email: (mareihs@comcast.net, church@taborheightschurch.org) for the next month's Messenger.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Faye !

I was born in Bloomington, Indiana on May 6, 1943. In 1945 my brother Kit joined our family. My family moved to Portland OR in 1948. My childhood spiritual influence was through the American Baptist Church where the whole family attended faithfully. Some of my memories are Sunday School, church camp, memorizing Bible verses, vacation Bible school and being baptized by immersion. In 1955 we welcomed a new brother, Timothy, who is now 62, and living in SE Portland. In the late 1950's our family lived in San Mateo, CA, because of my father's job, happily returning to Portland in 1960. In 1963 my brother Kit was killed in a car crash, a few months after graduating from Marshall High School. This was a very sad time for my family.

I am grateful I was able to attend Portland State with a major in science and study laboratory medicine at OHSU. I then had a career in medical technology.

In my adult life I have had many changes and experiences, including hiking, cross country skiing, mountain climbing, living in other parts of Oregon: Redmond Or for 7 years and The Dalles for 3 years. Two highlights in my 30's were rededicating my life to the Lord in 1978 after being unchurched for about 14 years, and adopting a son, Russ in 1980

In 1993 I met and married the love of my life, Jerry Henderson, through his sister, Clara Olson. Together Jerry and I started attending Tabor Heights UMC in 1995, where he had previously been a member. We had 17 1/2 years together, with trips to Alaska, Hawaii, Palm Springs, CA and Sunriver OR. Jerry passed away in 2011, and I am grateful for the support from my church, Tabor Heights UMC. I have 4 sons, one daughter, ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren with another great due this July. One of my favorite Bible verses is: "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble, He cares for those who trust in Him." Nahum 1: 7 NIV version



WELCOME to TABOR HEIGHTS

You may have seen a new face around church lately. Well, his name is Cory Taylor. He has helped a lot around the church. He worked on our new garden with the others. He enjoys many hobbies including hiking, fishing, biking and martial arts to name a few. He follows the doctrine of Tao. It is a philosophy of harmony and balance. He has gone to several colleges studying art. His choice in life is art.

At this time Cory is looking for work. He has experience in many areas, including restaurant, deli, warehouse man and data entry. So if anyone hears of an opening please share with him. Welcome to our church, Cory.

Vision Board

When it rains – it leaks!

If you have been in the Fireside room you will have noticed that is all too true.

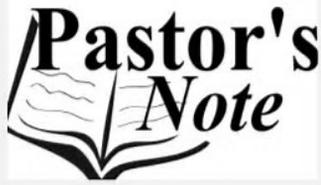


The roof above the main floor area of our church is going on 50 years old. That is a long time for a roof that normally has a life of 25 years. But time has caught up and now it is leaking, causing damage to the ceiling tiles and carpet. Several attempts to patch have slowed the leak but has not stopped it.

We have a bid of \$ 51,000 to replace the roof with the same material as the annex roof. The company is the same one that did that work. Our maintenance fund has \$ 45,000 in it. Not enough to do the work and would leave us without any money for maintenance. Our best option is to raise the money. The roof needs replacement and sooner would be better. Please consider if you can help in this. Mark any donation "Roof fund". We will be sending out more detailed information soon.



As you may have noticed, our church property has become smoke free. Concerned about people gathering outside our building and the random disposal of cigarettes, we decided to create a safer and healthier environment for all and to set a good example for our children. Our entrance planter "ashtrays" now greet us with colorful flowers.



"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." <Philippians 3:20>

Citizenship has been a big deal in the U.S. Since a new presidential administration started, it has been talking about how to keep non-citizens out, how to keep them from entering the U.S.

In fact, many of you are wondering what it takes to be a citizen of the U.S. Yes, it takes a lot of documents to prove where I was born, what I do, and

how long I have been a resident here. Yes, it takes some time to be qualified just for applying for the citizenship. Yes, it takes much patience for me to finally be invited to take the Oath. More importantly, it takes more than just waiting patiently. There are a few critical steps for my case-'naturalization' to take, including an interview and tests for U.S. history and civics.

It is very important for candidates for their citizenship to pass each step without any trouble: **the first step is to stay in a good and faithful status.** That includes fulfilling and satisfying requirements such as paying taxes, not committing crimes, and not joining in any harmful organization while living in the U.S. **The second step is to study the rules and policies and engaging in common values and expectations as a resident.** It was and is still a learning experience for me to understand some histories and cultural backgrounds in general. **And the last step is to submit one's loyalty from the past but to proclaim her or his new identity as a U.S. citizen to be loyal to the U.S. government.**

Looking back to all the processes I had to go through in order to achieve the citizenship here in the U.S., I have also thought about being a citizen in heaven. What is it like to achieve citizenship in heaven? Interestingly, Apostle Paul used this term "citizenship" when writing to the Philippians. Citizenship was indeed a very big deal in Philippi. That city, while located in Macedonia, had become a Roman colony. So Roman citizenship carried with it certain privileges, wherever you happened to live in the Empire.

I am also grateful for being a citizen of the U.S. after many years of processing, but not because of the privilege that I would gain through it. However, it is because of the common values that I could openly and truthfully share with ALL here in the U.S. and beyond. I would like to thank many of you who welcomed me and celebrated with me my U.S. citizenship.

Wouldn't it be great if we will live faithfully to the Lord and His love as a good Christian, study continually His Words and teachings with seriousness, and more importantly proclaim all the time the Gospel on the earth as having a new identity, a citizen in heaven? Imagine all saints before us there opening their arms saying, "Welcome home!" With that in view, what does that mean for our immediate future? **"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, dear friends"** <Philippians 4:1>



Blessings,
Pastor John