

OUR MISSION IS TO EXPRESS **CHRIST'S LOVE** TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Messenger



October
2018



October 1 (Mon)	Staff Meeting, 11am
October 2 (Tue)	God's Grace Church mission group leaves for Chuuk
October 7 (Sun)	World Communion Sunday
October 8 (Mon)	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 12-14 (Fri-Sun)	Children's Sabbath Weekend, Children's Sabbath
October 15 (Mon)	God's Grace Church mission group returns
October 20 (Sat)	Serving Saturday, 10am
October 21 (Sun)	Laity Sunday
October 31 (Wed)	Reformation Day

*****Weekly Events*****

Walking Group Mondays @ 9:30am
Men's Coffee Thursday @ 10:00 am

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!

Fall Prevention Week/ Awareness Workshop, October 1st

Go and take advantage of this informative workshop which includes an opportunity to bring medications and your concerns to a pharmacist who will be available for consultations. Providence Medical Center—Social Room, from 1pm—3pm.

“We Make the Road by Walking” October 2nd

A book study recommended by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky. Every Tuesday at 1pm in the Gathering Place, our very own Carolyn Douglass will lead. Read more on in Book Review, pg.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday, October 7th

Together, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world. Join us for communion and offering on this Sunday.

Children’s Sabbath Weekend and Sabbath, October 12-14

A weekend committed to educating the congregation about the state of today’s children and families in America. Children provide leadership through music and reading of scripture.



UMW District Leadership Training Event/ Annual Meeting, October 19 and 20

Any and all United Methodist Women are invited to attend, even if you are not in a leadership position. Go to the UMW Oregon-Idaho District website for more info and registration.

Serving Saturday, October 20th at 10 am

It’s that time of the month, once again! Come and let’s spiffy up our sanctuary, inside and out!! See you there!

Laity Sunday, October 21st

Let us come together as we celebrate that we are all called, laity as well as clergy, to go and make disciples in a world so desperately in need of hope through our humble service. Jesus modeled the process for us in Mark 10:45, therefore, go!



WE STILL HAVE TIME!!

Don’t forget to sign up with Barbara Carpenter to help work the Annual DIY Holiday Craft Festival/Advent Festival. We may be able to even have a musical band as well!! YAY!!

“Thank you Tabor Heights UMC family for your generosity. Our first class was wonderful!!

- from the students of the NEED program and Kate from the ARC-MC. NEED is a nutritional cooking class for the intellectually and developmentally challenged.

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again— rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

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

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



Wedding

Anniversaries

Paul & Dorothy Glynn, 5

Gerry & Ann Eichelberg, 14

Mike & Barbara Carpenter, 27



*Birthdays in
October*

Arthur Benedetti-White, 1

Lacy Bonsanto, 5

Peter Khamvongsa, 20



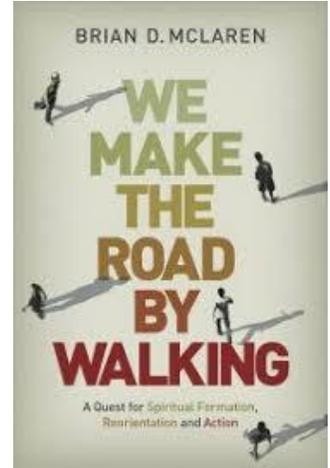
Class Time at THUMC



We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren

Greetings Friends,

A few weeks ago, I was made aware of a faith study that was being recommended by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky. It is a 52-week study. I bought the book and found it to be, I think, something we would be interested in. The book was published in 2014, so it has been out for a while. My copy came from Powell's used books for \$8.95, but you can order yours online through Barnes & Noble for \$16. I'm sure it would be available/arrive in time for the class. If you want to read along as a group, try to find the book in some way. If you just want to attend the group now and again, feel free to drop during the 52-week course. In fact, you can pop into the study at any time and still be able to follow along.



I plan to begin the group on October 2nd. It will be held in the Gathering Place **every Tuesday at 1:00 pm**. If you don't have a book, come anyway. If you're not sure about this study but would like to come and check it out, come on in.

God is always good!!

**Blessings,
Carolyn Douglass**

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Church Family,

Below is the application for the musical ensemble that we will be starting this fall. Please fill it out and submit it into the office or directly to Willie Matheis at

williejmatheis@gmail.com. If you are already a musical player and even if you are just interested in learning how to play, fill it out!! We can all play and enjoy the music together!!

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		Musical Ensemble Application			
		Name:			
		Age:			
Instrument(s):		How long have you played:			
Ensemble experience:					
Have you had any private lessons:					
		Email and contact number (Parents info, if child applying):			



From the Lay Leader

Joanne Dobrinski

Greetings to all, as we get back into the swing of things after a summer break. Which for me, meant an increase of meetings!! I consider it a good thing, as I could reconnect with others as we resumed regular activities in church, Bible study class, and the Columbia District.

One of those activities was a meeting I had decided not to go to because it conflicted with the United Methodist Women's district annual meeting. Tom Lohkamp was going to go in my place but, unfortunately, he had his health issue going on and could not attend. However, because there were six other women going to the Women's meeting, I decided that I would attend the Laity gathering instead. Also, as your Lay Leader, I felt I should go. You see, it was the Columbia District Laity Summit that was on the same day as the Women's Annual Meeting, and I had gone on the laity retreat earlier this year.

Let me tell you, I was glad I was able to go because I would have missed out on quite a bit. The laity in our district are looking into how to empower the laity in our churches and finding new ways we can work together in *being* church in our communities. I have always learned a lot from my commitment beyond Tabor Heights and enjoyed getting to know people from our sister churches.

Now, I would ask for your help as I am seeking other lay people to come along side me to participate in future gatherings of the laity in our district. I would love to have others share in this experience as we gather together. The laity have met together four times this year with two of the meetings being the same so people could go to the one convenient for them.

So, feel free to talk to me about these gatherings. If you would like to "come along", let me know.

From the Pastor...

“If I knew that tomorrow was the end of the world, I would plant an apple tree today!”



Be Ready!

The above saying is attributed to the reformer, Martin Luther. Whether or not Martin Luther said it, it is not our concern, but we'd like to question ourselves 'how does our understanding of the end shape how we understand our work today?'

Apostle Paul's letter to the congregation in Thessalonica is asking us the same question to our Christian journey. In fact, "the first letter to Thessalonians and also the second letter both are often designated as the eschatological letters of Apostle Paul." That means the major theological theme of 1 and 2 Thessalonians is the return of Christ. However, these letters were not as a theological letters to the congregation, but as a pastoral letters. Then, we may have a better understanding of Apostle Paul's eschatology for the church in Thessalonica and also for the church in the 21st century.

In other words, they are not about what your thoughts are about what happens after death or what you think our church teaches about life after death. The letters to Thessalonians would not even focus on Christ's return itself, but rather help us to ask ourselves what 'being ready' for Christ's return means to us today.

A lot of people criticize their lives or situations that make them uncomfortable and even miserable. The rate of depression in our country and the rate of suicide are higher than many places in the world where there are more challenges than here in the U.S. Why are so many people suffering and even taking their lives? The simple answer is they have found no hope in their life journeys. I think Apostle Paul would send the exact same letter to the churches today and want to preach, **“Do not grieve!”**



From the Pastor... continued

“We want to be holy, but we face trials that are challenging and temptations that lure us into unholy choices.” Don’t we think this human condition is the one we find ourselves in most often? Truthfully, the first letter to Thessalonians paid more attention to **how we should live each and every day of our lives** than to how we should prepare for Christ’s return.

“God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.” 1 Thessalonians 4: 7-8

Today’s church has to re-jubilate its identity as an ‘Eschatological community.’ That does not focus on what theological clarity or authenticity we are holding or believing as a doctrine, but pays more attention to what pastoral responsibility and obligations we may have as a faith community. Just like Apostle Paul sent the letter to a young and newly planted church which was badly persecuted, and he encouraged them to keep their faith and stand firm on it with the hope of Christ’s return, we have to preach boldly and thoughtfully to those who are lonely and isolated with the message of how important it is to be loyal to the present life through fellowship of the faith community which is pastoral and accountable.

I believe that the following words by a leader from a different religion most authentically represent the eschatology of Apostle Paul:

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”
-Mahatma Gandhi.

So, brothers and sisters in Christ, let us not only encourage each other with these words of the eschatological faith in Christ Jesus, but also live it as we’re living today. It is the Word of our Lord who is calling us today to live holy and eschatologically.

Blessings,

Pastor John

OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 Staff Meet, 11am	2 Book study 1:00pm	3	4	5	6
WEEK	Class— Gathering place, 1pm	GGC Mission trip				

	7 Sunday School 9:30am	8 Walking group 9am	9 Book study 1:00pm	10	11 Men's Coffee, 10am	12	13 Vision Board Meeting
2 WEEK	Worship 11am World Communion Sunday	Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day					

	14 Sunday School 9:30am	15 Walking group 9am	16 Book study 1:00pm	17	18 Men's coffee 10am	19	20 Serving Day 10am
3 WEEK	Worship 11am Safe Sanctuary & Sabbath	GGC Mission return trip					

	21 Sunday School 9:30am	22 Walking group 9am	23 Book study 1:00pm	24	25 Mens' coffee 10am	26	27 NEED 10-130pm
4 WEEK	Worship 11am , Laity Sunday						Game Night & Potluck 6pm

	28 Sunday School 9:30am	29 Walking group 9am	30 Book study 1:00pm	31 Reformation Day			
5 WEEK	Worship 11 am						