



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

Messenger



September 2017



September 10(Sun)	Sunday School Rally Day	@ 9:30am
September 11(Mon)	U.M.W. Executive Board	@ 11am
September 13(Wed)	U.M.W. Friendship Circle	@ Noon
September 16(Sat)	Serving Day Saturday	9am–Noon
September 21(Thur)	Seniors Trip	@9:30 am
September 23(Sat)	Vision Board	9am–3pm
September 26(Tues)	Transition Projects	@7pm
September 30(Sat)	U.M.W. Mission Event	9am–1pm
October 1(Sun)	World Communion	@ 11 am
October 2(Mon)	Staff & Ministry Team	@ 11 am
October 8(Sun)	Charge Conference	@ 4 pm
October 21(Sat)	Serving Day Saturday	9am–Noon

***For details, contact the church office Mon-Thurs 9am to 2pm by phone or email**

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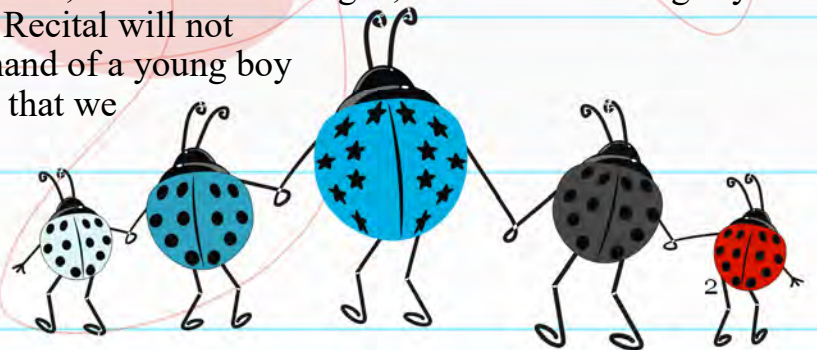
Last Summer Highlight



Summer Choir Camp

On the last day of Summer Choir Camp, seeing 30 children and adults gathered together singing praises to the Lord TOGETHER with no thought of fences, bridges or walls between them, was the greatest of blessings. The enthusiasm of the director and the response of the children brought a sense of “fire” to the congregation, reminding us of the warmth of God’s love. As the pastors were introduced, the unity of various cultures exemplified the fact that “The United Methodist Church has many doors through which people share in serving God and others.” Together, these four pastors served our children each in their own unique way, with a spirit of love, joy, hope and peace. May this be our prayer for them as they grow in love for their God.

The sanctuary was filled with the music, in a different tongue, that declared the glory of God. I pray that the Summer Choir Recital will not be the last. As I recall holding the hand of a young boy as the benediction, was given I pray that we break down any barriers we have constructed and reach out with open hands, open hearts and open minds to ALL of God's children. Indeed, “Christ has broken down the walls.” - Marilyn Reihs



"It was wonderful to have so many diverse cultures represented by the children and teachers from our participating churches. The cultural presentations along with great music and singing lessons added so much depth to our shared experiences. Thank you also for the healthy lunches and interesting snacks that represented various traditional foods."
-Paulette Meyer,



2017 Camp Leaders



Beautiful Volunteers in their traditional dresses:
Abby, Mia, Lan, Sincere



Native American Class:
Paulette Meyer

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!

Internship

I am very excited to be expanding our faith horizon together as the body of Christ this year. It will be very meaningful and fruitful year to me as I work, learn, and grow as an intern, especially with young adults, including college students and youth. I will be leading a small study group every Sunday morning with youth and young adults in the music room down stairs. We will be studying the book *5 steps of Christian Growth* together.

I work in the office Tuesday mornings and host a prayer meeting of Glencoe/Mt Tabor moms' prayer group, in which I have participated for two years every Wednesday morning. I am planning to visit P.C.C. twice a month for a small group meeting with students when the school starts the end of September. Also, there will be meetings for all young adults occasionally. Please, invite anyone who might be interested in gathering with us or let me know their contacts so I can invite them to our gathering.

As you anticipate, I will be preaching periodically and participate in worship service, too.

Most of all, I deeply appreciate two supporting groups which were formed recently. One is the prayer team and the other is site committee. Since Pastor John can't be a site supervisor, Pastor Anna Cho at Epworth UMC will take the role of site supervisor. She is also my mentor in the ordination process. Two teams will support, help, and guide me in this journey of internship which is part of my seminary education.

- Mia Park

Outdoor Project, Phase II



Another small garden will be developed at the back of the church as a sitting area including a water feature. It is a simple way that we the church are extending hospitality to our community and we invite the public to have a meditative moment at this place.

New Address for Merridee

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'Thank You' Note

Dear Friends of Tabor Heights,
Thank you to all our friends for the cares, calls, prayers and thoughtfulness at the loss of our daughter, Debi.
We love all of you and you are very important to us.

Sincerely,

Delmer and Charlotte Eisert

Rally Day



Now that school has started and Fall is in the air , let us get ready for the season ahead with Rally Day. The way I understand the term Rally Day, it means to get ready and do what the Bible says to do, teach and learn. Just listen to the Scripture reading for today. If you really want to understand a subject, try teaching it. So that is what we are doing starting this Sunday September 10th!

For the adults:

Dula Baker is continuing with the video series of lectures, the topic is Jesus and His Jewish Influences. The class will meet in the Fireside room. **Dorothy Glynn** is teaching the New Testament study. They will meet in the Conference room. **Mia Park** will be gathering with Young Adults in Music room downstairs, Time to be announced.

For the children: The teachers are **Barbara Carpenter, Joanne Buck, Sandra Morrell, Jean Vann and Katie McGee (Lohkamp), Linda bridges** and anyone else who is interested.

The older children, fifth grade and up will meet for the verse and song in the middle room and then we will split off to the Youth (awesome) room. The younger children will meet in the middle room for the verse and song and then stay in that room. Children younger than 6 will be in the room next to the nursery.

Sunday School is from 9:30 to 10:30. **Please be on time!**

It looks like an exciting start to the year. Support the people teaching by being a student. If you can help, please let me know. - Barbara Carpenter barbjcarpenter@aol.com / church@taborheightschurch.org



All Saints

by Dula Baker

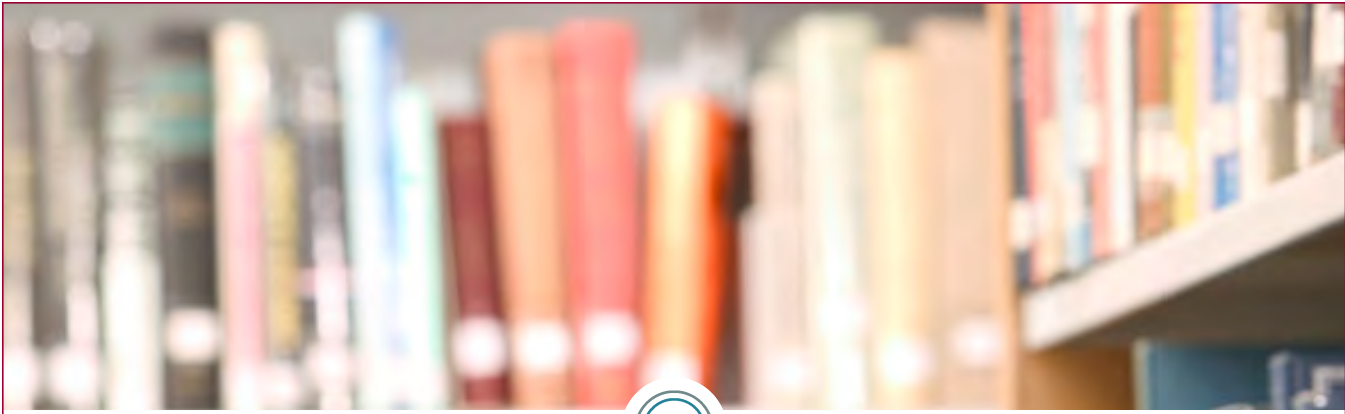
What is a new pastor to do when he has been sent by

the Bishop to a specific church to do a specific job and God tells him to do something else? "All Saints", a movie currently showing at Clackamus Town Center, tells about this pastor's dilemma and how God can move in mysterious ways to completely change the story. This movie is based on actual events of a dying church in Smyrna, Tennessee, which has about a dozen golden-oldies white members, one of whom is a crotchety, bitter old man. God sends a group of Karen refugees from war-torn Burma, who are actually in the movie. The struggles of the congregation and the refugees (collectively and individually), the pastor's genuine and sometimes doubting faith, and the vagaries of nature bring the community together as they are caught up in the plight of this church and their vision. God answers prayer but not at all in the way expected.

I found the movie to be thought provoking, especially since it did not end in the way I thought it would. I wonder how we as a congregation would welcome change to our faith community.

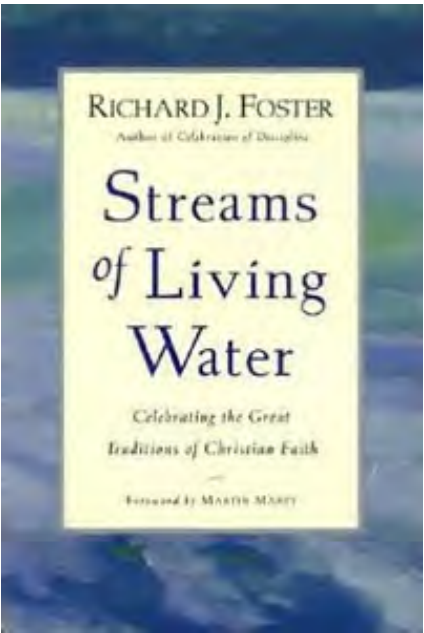


Movie Review



Book Review

Streams of Living Water by Richard J. Foster



This book, *Streams of Living Water*, was introduced to us brand new seminarians by a professor who taught Vocational Formation & Church Leadership class. The author, Richard J. Foster, is a famous Christian theologian and a well-known author, not only in the U.S.A. but also in South Korea. I read his famous book, 'Prayer,' in Korean many years ago.

This book talks about spiritual formation, tradition, and history of Christianity. As you assume through the title of this book, this book will help you to experience 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' (John 7:38)

Streams of Living Water is one of the books that I would like to keep in my bookshelf so I can pick it up and read whenever my soul feels thirst and dry.

-Mia Park



* Please send a note for your favorite book or movie to share with the congregation of Tabor Heights Faith Community



FROM YOUR LAY LEADER...

By Joanne Dobrinski

The chapter from “Real Good Church” this month dealt with pastoral care. We had some discussion around electronic communication, acknowledging life events, and communication in general.

We connected to Gerry Eichelberg by speaker phone and Cory Taylor was present. We wanted to hear about the plans for phase two in the garden areas around the church. (Phase one being the memorial garden in honor of Bob Denney.) The area is on the corner of 62nd and Stark. There will be a fountain with three stone benches and possibly a prayer structure. A retaining wall and electrical connection will be needed as well. Funds from undesignated memorials will be used in completing this phase. Discussion and planning is ongoing as the grounds are being made ready.


Service Day is September 16 with many indoor projects planned. Pastor Orphy shared his concerns about the attendance and finances of their congregation. We were able to talk and share ideas together that hopefully would encourage him in his ministry. He knows that he is led by God to lead their congregation.

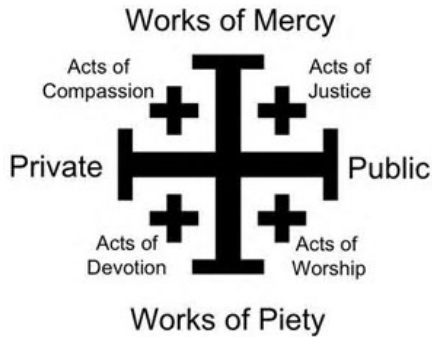
Pastor John’s focus in the 2017-18 church year is Discipleship. Our hope is to look at the Four Ws: Welcome, Worship, Word, Work in all small group gatherings. There will be a monthly covenant meeting of a representative from each small group.

Mia has begun her internship with Tabor Heights as well as beginning the next term of her schooling via the internet with Garrett-Evangelical School of Theology. Tabor Heights continues to use the Roscoe Memorial Fund for a scholarship for Mia.

The Vision Board will be meeting September 23. One item on their agenda will be pastor’s compensation as we ready for Charge Conference. Charge Conference this year is Sunday, October 8, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Like last year there will be five churches gathered together for our meeting. We will be the host church.

**"What does the Lord require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8**





“Measuring Discipleship” in Rally Day Sermon

On Rally Day, our Sunday School studies and programs for all ages are also having a kick-off moment for the new year 2017-2018. That’s exciting, because we don’t know what this new beginning will bring. Some would be nervous, but I am very hopeful for this new season.

A thought came to me the other night that a wedding for a couple and their newly married life could be a great metaphor of our Christian journey as disciples of Jesus. In fact, this wedding metaphor brings the following 4 Ws: Welcome, Worship, Word, Witness(Work) that creates a small group where the discipleship can plant, grow and bear its fruitfulness.

First, a wedding definitely welcomes a new identity for the couple as a husband and a wife. Jesus’ discipleship obviously comes with this ‘**Welcome.**’ Jesus welcomed(called) Peter and Andrew to a new identity saying, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Second, **worship** (prayerful attitude) should be the most important part of the newly married couple: seeking God’s blessing, recognizing God’s holy presence, and praying over their new adventure. That’s the attitude of worship which is also required for the discipleship to follow will of God through teachings and example of Jesus our Lord.

Third, the wedding brings tangible **Word** that explains what two individuals are committed for like vows to humbly seek their growth in marriage relationship. Discipleship is a constant learning experience with a willing heart to grow in Christ each and every day.

Last, a wedding is not a one-time celebration, but an ongoing witnessing (**Work**). Love is an expression. Love is not a noun, but verb. In the same way, there should be the mission for every church who follows Jesus Christ as disciples. Tabor Heights faith community also needs to hold ourselves accountable to our ‘mission statement’ which is to Express Christ’s Love to ALL God’s Children.

More importantly, being a disciple means we’re always accountable. Obviously, we can’t take a count of disciples, but we always know them when see them in action welcoming (calling) to a covenanted small group, praying (worship) together, studying God’s Word (sharing), witnessing (work) daily in action. “They don’t stand up to be counted, but they stand when it counts.” So, are you ready for this new adventure? I hope you all are.

Many blessings,
Pastor John