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In April we celebrated our 50th year as a congregation. For the last 50 years the building has served many people as their spiritual home. But as with all things, it is starting to show it's age. You may have noticed the roof over the Fireside room has begun to leak. The roof covering the main floor area has given us many years of protection, long past what you would typically expect.

Now is the time to replace the roof and repair the damage to the Fireplace room. The estimated cost for the roof is \$51,000.



That does not cover any damage that may be found under the leaking areas. The Fireplace room will need new ceiling tiles, carpet cleaning as well as window drapes/covers. Since the lighting must come down for the re-tiling, it is a good time to look at new energy efficient fixtures. When you are in that far – painting should be on the list. This looks like a lot, but that room is in use every day by members or our neighbors.

Thanks to some generous donations The Annex roof loan has been payed off and we only have about \$15,000 to raise to cover the estimated cost of the roof and help with the Fireplace room repairs. We are asking you to donate to the Roof Replacement fund. The money will be used to replace the main building roof and if any is left over will go to the repair of the Fireplace room.

It is our hope to complete both these needed repairs without borrowing or depleting the maintenance fund. You can help by sending a check to Tabor Heights, just make sure to let us know that it is for the Roof replacement. If this years money is already budgeted, consider pledging an amount for 2017 or 2018. Thank you for your dedication to Tabor Heights.



- Tom Lohkamp, Vision Board

Monthly Highlights

On Sunday, June 18th, **the Memorial Garden was dedicated** after a worship service. The congregation gathered around the beautiful garden made possible through a gift from the family of Bob Denney. It was a joyful time as Sylva Denney and her family surrounded her to participate in this memorable occasion.

The church family **welcomes the arrival of Lydia and Leon Morrell**. They are the twins born on June 14th to Sarah Morrell and the grandchildren of Pete and Sandy. It is a joy to see the beginning of new life and the promise of a blessed future.

Sean Leary Liwag Tinio was born in Gapan City Philippines last August 1, 1999. He is the first child of Jr and Leah. And the 2nd grandchild of the Liwag family. Sean studied Kindergarten until 2nd grade in the Philippines. He's such a happy, cute and chubby baby loved by everybody. In February 23, 2007, he was petitioned by his Dad to come over in the US together with his Mom. He got his US Citizenship through his Dad. He continued his elementary studies here in Gresham Barlow Elementary School and then transferred and finished Elementary grades in Prescott Elementary School. Sean studied and finished his Middle Schooling in Ron Russel Middle School. **He studied and finished his HS in David Douglas HS. And got a very good GPA and his family here and in the Philippines are all very proud of him.**

He will be pursuing his dreams to finish college in Portland Community College. He dreams of becoming a Nurse or any course related to that field. We are so blessed, happy and proud to have Sean in our lives. He is such a friendly person with a lot of friends, loving son and respectful man.





July & August Birthdays:

July

- 6 Evie Brim
- 7 Anthony Benedetti White
- 10 Bonnie Marks
- 27 Margaret Klettke

August

- 1 Sean Tinio
- 1 Marian Gaylord-Fornara
- 3 Soleil Hoverkamp
- 27 Marvin Doering
- 27 Christine Ray
- 28 Dula Baker

Wedding Anniversary

July 21 Merle & Becky Marks

August 29 Wally & Lois Lee

August 29 Clark & Stephanie Eisert

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' by sending a note to:
church@taborheightschurch.org

Loving Memories of All Saints:

Debi Eisert, June 11, 2017

Marilee Miller, June 18, 2017

'Thank You' Note

"I am so appreciative of the beautiful memorial garden created in memory of Bob. It leads itself to tranquility and to the presence of our heavenly Father. Thank you!"
-Sylva Denney

UPcoming EVENTS



Join us in a choir picnic scheduled July 30(Sun) at Oaks Park at 2pm. All are welcome!



We will have a barbecue potluck with God's Grace Church following our worship on **August 20th**. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied by the church with the people bringing side dishes to share.



a **Summer Music Camp** for children with four other churches will be taking place from **August 14 to 18** (Monday thru Friday) at Tabor Heights. There will be two sessions every morning: one for small group singing with instruments and another for learning harmonies in choir. This will be fascinating to discover how our children can enjoy the week of music. All volunteers and helpers are welcome to attend any day of this event!

This fall the **United Methodist Women** will be studying the book, 'Living as a Covenant Community' by Evy McDonald. It's one of the books studied this last summer at Mission U. sessions that were attended in our conference.

The book discusses God as the covenant maker and the covenant keeper from the beginning of creation. We will look at the Old Testament as it reviews the promises of God from Adam and Eve through David. It leads us to understand how God rescued God's people again and again, and demonstrates how each covenant builds on all the others, including the Everlasting Covenant through Christ found in the Second Testament. We will hope to discover for ourselves the saving grace of God that continues to be a work in our life and in the life of our community. All women are welcome to be part of UMW. Friendship Circle, a part of UMW, meets the second Wednesday of the month at noon in the Gathering Place. Bring your lunch and then enjoy a yummy desert.



Women on a MISSION

5th Saturday, Women in Mission

Tabor Heights UMW will be hosting a mission event **Saturday, July 29th**. We will meet at 10:30 in the Gathering Place to cut fleece into scarves for the sock wrap packages to be given at Christmas. Bring a small

salad to share at noon. Also if you are able, bring some fleece yardage for the scarves. All women of Tabor Heights are invited. It will be a time of fellowship and mission. Please come even if you are not able to do any of the cutting. Bring scissors, cutting wheels and mats if you have them.

The U.M.W. is also planning a mission event for **United Methodist Committee on Relief or UMCOR** for short. We would like to put together some health kits to be sent to them this fall. We will meet **Saturday, September 30** at 10:30 in the Gathering Place and compile the final contents to the packages. At noon there will be a potluck lunch and fellowship time All are welcome to come and join in. If you care to donate items for the kits, here is what goes into them:

- 1 Hand towel, 15'X25' to 17'X27' no cleaning, kitchen, or microfiber towels.
- 1 Wash cloth
- 1 Metal nail file or clippers. No emery boards or toenail clippers
- 1 Comb, sturdy. No rattail or pocket combs or picks
- 1 Bath size soap, 3 oz. or larger. Do not remove from package
- 1 Tooth brush. Adult Size, do not remove packaging.
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste.



Tabor Heights UMC wishes to recognize and encourage those of our wider church family who are pursuing education after high school. We have designated funds* for providing a gift to assist those wishing to further their education. Applications are available on the church website and the scholarship/gift is available to anyone who has an

active relationship with *THUMC and their family members*.

We need a Newsletter Articles!

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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Summer 2017

Although many enjoy vacationing and the leisure of warm summer days with sunshine and flowers, there are many who need to be remembered with loving thoughts and prayers.

We pray for~

Joanne Mattson, who continues to be cared for in rehab.

Pat Regan, recovering from surgery.

The Eisert family as they grieve the passing of their daughter, Debi.

The family and friends of Marilee Miller who recently passed.

We rejoice and give thanks for ~

The birth of Lydia and Leon Morrell and congratulate their mother, Sara and grandparents, Pete and Sandy.

The blessing of volunteers who have diligently worked to enhance our church property and for the gifts to make the Bob Denney Memorial Garden a reality.



1) Pray with hope.

No matter how bad the news, no matter how terminal the case, no matter what the doctors and tests say, bring hope to your prayers. That's one of the best gifts you can offer a person, even someone who is terminally ill. When I was in the hospital, my biggest battle was the fight against despair. As long as I could hope, I could tolerate any treatment.

2) Pray with love.

Pain and illness can be isolating. When you're sick, your thoughts circulate around every ache in your body. But to feel loved and know you're loved helps take you out of yourself. When I logged on to Facebook or email I was reminded again and again that people loved me, cared about me. And I didn't even have to look that far: sitting by my hospital bed there would be my wife, my sons, my brother, my best friend.

3) Share your prayers.

Send a note, a card, make a comment on Facebook, call, leave a message on voice mail, put your prayer in an email. There were times when I couldn't focus on a message and there were many times when I didn't have the energy to reply, but to see or hear a prayer was a balm to my spirit. Don't expect a response to your messages. I feel like my best prayers are a mirror of God's unconditional love—they come without strings attached.

4) Be the stand-in for prayer.

When I'm sick I find it hard to pray for myself. I'm too ornery, distracted, worried, tired, foggy, gloomy. It makes me especially grateful to know others are praying for me. I can coast on their love and compassion, knowing that when I'm better, I'll be able to pray for them.

Happy Birthday to You, Evie!

Evie ,the only child of George and Bernie Harford, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan where she attended grade school and 2 years of high school. She had the usual childhood illnesses plus one being scarlet fever resulting in a mastoidectomy three years before antibiotics. She spent several weeks as a child at her grandmother's farm in Saginaw and also at their cottage at Higgins Lake. She enjoyed lots of summer birthday parties, slumber parties, baby sitting and helped in her mother's beauty shop as her father was ill.

When Evie's father died, her mother remarried Joe Swanson. She found school to be friendly, had boy-friends and worked in a flower shop. Her parents built a house while they lived in their travel trailer for one and a half years.

After high school graduation she went to Whitman college. (The same college Merridee Holzworth attended.) She transferred in her sophomore year to the University of WA to study nursing. She met Gene Brim and after five and a half years of college she graduated, they married and lived their first year together in Danville, CA while Gene was in the air force. After the service they moved to Cedar Hills and Gene was employed at Good Samaritan. Gene died in the year 2002. Their children are Cammie, Elizabeth, Julia and Thomas. They all attended Glencoe Elementary after they moved to Mt. Tabor in Portland. They are all now married and live in the Portland area. She has 12 grandchildren.

Evie worked part time both volunteering and contract nursing. She has hiked locally, in Italy and Mexico. She played a lot of tennis for 19 years running. She has always enjoyed socializing, cooking, gardening and reading and all are still a part of her life. She relinquished her Oregon nurse's license five year ago and discontinued her 10 years as parish nurse at THUMC.



THE SHACK

I'm sure that many of you have read the book, "The Shack" by William P. Young. It's a wonderful book and now a movie. It stars Octavia Spenser and Sam Worthington.

This is the story of a man, Mack Phillips and his children, Josh, Kate and Missy who go on a camping trip up to Wallowa Lake where a terrible tragedy happens. Mack is very angry at God and struggles with the pain of loss and how to go on with life. Later he receives a note inviting him back to the shack where it all happened. He meets three beings there who help to restore his faith and deal with his pain.



A NOTE FROM OUR LAY LEADER



Do you know that staff meetings are held on the first Monday of every month? Regular participants are Pastor John, Pastor Orphy from God's Grace Church that shares our space here at Tabor Heights, our bookkeeper Susan Flores, a member of the Vision Board, and myself. We also have those from our congregation who have special mission interests come to a meeting in order to share their passions and see how we can empower them. Pastor John begins our meetings with a devotional, sharing/check-in, and prayer time. Currently he is leading us thru the book "Real Good Church."

We always go over the calendar to see if events are being covered. One of the first regular events to come out of our meetings was the monthly work day at the church. This has proved to be a good coming together of both churches as a work party to help in keeping the grounds and church in good shape.

Here are some items addressed at our meeting this month:

- *July 15 is the next clean up day with hot dogs and volleyball to follow.
- *July 16 is Christmas in July under the guidance of Pete Morrell and his committee.
- *August 14-18 we are hoping to sponsor a Music Camp for children at the church with four other churches. Hoping to reach our neighborhood as well.
- *August 20 we will have a barbecue potluck with God's Grace Church following our worship. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied by the church with the people bringing side dishes.
- *A summary of the last Vision Board minutes will be sent out via e-mail.
- *We had a discussion about making sure all building users are aware and have a copy of our Safe Sanctuary Policy.
- *We are beginning the process of Mia Park being an intern here as part of her requirements for her seminary schooling.

-Joanne Dobrinski