

# The Spirit

October 2019

Amazing  
Grace  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF GRAYS HARBOR

“Were not our hearts on fire when [Jesus] spoke to us?” Luke 24:32

“... as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to ... take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ’s love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.”  
Ephesians 3: 16-19 NRSV and Message

**We’re part of a story as big as the cosmos and as personal as our own hearts;** a story begun with God’s uttering the words: Let there be... Let there be light, let there be rivers and oceans, skies and land and fill them all with creatures and plants: humans and beloved beings of all sorts. And God said, “It is good.”

Our story envelops every moment of our days but **transcends the bounds of time.** It began with a word and it is the Word that sustains us, ensures that the story we are inhabiting has God at its center, the God who is Alpha and Omega, the one who would let nothing separate humanity from God; the one who would fully enter into our humanity to live and die as one of us; the one who put an end to the power of death through suffering and dying as we do.

**This is the story we are invited to live in every moment; a story that sets our hearts on fire** when we are brave and vulnerable enough to show up, be fully present, and walk side by side with these beloved others God has given us to love even when we’re unlovable; to serve with even when we don’t always agree about what that means; to share all of life with even when it’s messy and uncomfortable; even when we disappoint each other and ourselves. That’s the life of REAL community that the Holy Spirit gathers, empowers, equips and sends. That’s our life at Amazing Grace.

In this time of uncertainty in our world, you **are invited to become more deeply grounded in God’s love through the story** that is big enough to hold all of what makes you, you – all of your hopes and your



fears, your dreams and your nightmares. We become more deeply grounded through gathering regularly with this community to pray, to sing, to question and to think together about what it means to live God’s radical love here and now. Grounding in God’s story is defense against all the other stories that want your life, your energy and your hope. If regular gathering for you has been monthly in the past,

**you are invited to double that** to twice monthly and watch for ways that the Spirit will nurture you through that commitment to letting the Spirit work in your life.

**You are invited to become more deeply grounded in God’s love though learning our story in a deeper way** by joining one of the small groups forming to study *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God’s Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe* by Daniel Erlander beginning the week of Oct. 13th. Even though it’s illustrated whimsically and may look childish, **it’s not!** It’s a faithful study of our Story – Genesis to Revelation that, reveals the Biblical God and so we must proceed with “fear and trembling” lest we rush in where angels dare not tread. Knowing the story that holds our own keeps us deeply grounded in healthy soil that can sustain us for a lifetime. This study is for all ages so Sunday School will be using this study as well. If there is not a group meeting at a time convenient for you, please talk with Pastor Val so we can figure out a different time.

**You are invited to become more deeply grounded in God’s love by deepening relationships with**

**those God has given us to love;** relationships that encourage honest conversation that springs from our willingness to be vulnerable. Notice all the opportunities at Amazing Grace for you to grow in relationship with this diverse group of people. If spending time with others is a stretch for you (*Introverts unite! ... Alone at home?*) consider staying for fellowship after worship once in a while; or sit with someone you barely know. Try attending a function you've never participated in before: a 4F dinner or quilters or maintenance crew or a book study group. We continue to look for ways we can grow in relationship through study, fun events and service. If you have an idea, please let me know.

**God's Spirit continues to ground us in God's love for the sake of our living "full lives, full in the fullness of God" so that we can support each other in living those full lives and through that draw others into that same transformative love.** The prospect of living truly full lives that require vulnerability and honesty can be terrifying. But we don't go alone. We take baby steps together, trusting that the Spirit is holding us, guiding us and will sustain us in our faithful efforts toward living the full life that is God's desire for us all. Amen

You are loved!  
Pastor Val

### *from* **The Invitation**

It doesn't interest me what you do for a living. I

want to know what you ache for and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing.

It doesn't interest me how old you are. I want to know if you will risk looking like a fool for love, for your dream, for the adventure of being alive.

It doesn't interest me if the story you are telling me is true

I want to know if you can disappoint another to be true to yourself. If you can bear the accusation of betrayal and not betray your own soul.

It doesn't interest me to know where you live or how much money you have.

I want to know if you can get up after the night of grief and despair, weary and bruised to the bone and do what needs to be done to feed the children.

It doesn't interest me who you know or how you came to be here.

I want to know if you will stand in the centre of the fire with me and not shrink back.

It doesn't interest me where or what or with whom you have studied.

I want to know what sustains you from the inside when all else falls away.

I want to know if you can be alone with yourself and if you truly like the company you keep in the empty moments.

by Oriah Mountain Dreamer



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



natural beauty, a sign of God's wonderful creativity, is defiled by pollutants and waste, resulting in ecological crisis. As a member church of The Lutheran World Federation, we affirm "that the global ecological crisis, including climate change is, human-induced. This is a spiritual matter. As people of faith, we are called to live in right relationship with creation and to not exhaust it."

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we share a deep love for all of God's creation and a profound responsibility for it. Made in the image of God, we are called to continue what God is already doing for the earth (Psalm 104), enabling it to flourish. God assigns humans to care for the earth as God does, in loving servanthood. (Philippians 2:7, Genesis 2:15).

Daily we witness the evidence of a rapidly changing climate. At the same time, we also witness in too many instances how the earth's

The effects of the warming climate are felt in nearly every corner of the globe. These include increased migration, food insecurity due to changing agricultural landscapes, national security issues and health problems. As bad as it is for all creation, the most vulnerable people around the world are suffering the most. Yet they have contributed the least and, as noted in the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, are ill equipped to adapt to or mitigate the effects of a changing climate to build resilient communities.

An honest and credible look at the increasing environmental degradation and climate change names the neglect, carelessness and wrongs of industry, civil society and global governmental leadership. It also recognizes how human beings individually and collectively worsen the attacks on God's creation. As a church, we must confess our frequent lack of urgency in addressing environmental degradation and slow action to address a changing climate. We also must pledge to acknowledge the intersections of racial and environmental injustices and strive to involve the voices of those most affected in the process.

In grateful response to God's grace in Jesus Christ, this church carries out its responsibility for the well-being of society and the environment. Our "concern for the environment is shaped by the Word of God spoken in creation, the Love of God hanging on a cross, the Breath of God daily renewing the face of the earth." Our concern is, then, propelled by hope and guided by principles of justice. We find our hope in the promise of God's own faithfulness to everything God has made. We seek justice for all of creation in concert with God's creative and renewing power. We do so understanding that we have the ability and responsibility to act together for the common good, especially for those who are most

vulnerable to the effects of climate change. As presiding bishop, I give thanks for all the ways this church embraces our common responsibility to care for all of God's creation. I call on us as individuals and congregations to continue efforts through stewardship, education and advocacy. I am reminded of the 2016 Churchwide Assembly resolution "Towards a Responsible Energy Future," among others, that urges members of the ELCA and its related institutions to exemplify personal and institutional responsibility. Such efforts could include practicing energy conservation, congregational energy audits, purchasing more energy efficient appliances and vehicles, and investing in renewable energy systems. These resolutions also urge advocating at all levels of government for public policies that support clean, renewable energy sources.

The present moment is a critical and urgent one, filled with both challenge and opportunity to act as individuals, citizens, leaders and communities of faith in solidarity with God's good creation and in hope for our shared future. We claim God's promise in Revelation 21 for "a new heaven and a new earth" as we pray together:

"Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us coworkers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



School kits to be sent around the world  
through Lutheran World Relief were filled  
on  
God's Work Our Hands Sunday.



## WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER



### FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Bob Murray, Kenny McCoy, Susie Kallendar,, Sarah Robbins, Penny Holbrook, Kevin, Tom Plumlee, Christine Scott, Lana Wilke, Ardith Savoy, Jeani Shofner, Ginny Clark, Philip, Matthew Green and family, Betty Schlaht, Maxine Cogburn, David Shaw, Don

Rabung, Whitney Morean, Jean and David Hanson and we pray for family and friends mourning the loss of Mary Alice Walton. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. For family and friends mourning the death of Margaret Murray. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. For family and friends mourning the death of Loyd Gill's brother. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**FOR AMAZING GRACE:** that all we do in fellowship and service would be done humbly following the Holy Spirit's guidance.

**FOR THE WORLD:** Console us, Redeemer God, when we are dismayed by the news of the world. Stir your people to act and speak for justice and mercy throughout the world.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY IN THE PAST AND FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING:** especially Caleb Berken, Steven Kincaid, John Kupka and Crystal Rojas.

**FOR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD:** especially Stacie Evensen's Myanmar Mission.

**FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE MARGINS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY:** Those who live outside, in cars, or in unstable housing; those who live with food insecurity; those who are unemployed or under-employed.

**FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR THE CARE OF THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Organizers of Family Promise, workers at the Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission and those reorganizing the Aberdeen Food Bank.

**God of love, hear our prayer. Amen.**

We periodically edit the prayer list. Please contact the office 532-8250 to update prayer requests.

Contact Brenda Grant with prayer requests at:

[brenda\\_k\\_grant@hotmail.com](mailto:brenda_k_grant@hotmail.com)

## PRAYER LIST

We are committed to praying for the needs of the people. Our prayer list has not been updated in a long time. If you have updates on any of the people we have been praying for, please let the office know. If any names that we removed should be added back on to the list, let us know.

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS:

Eileen Schermer, October 3  
Keith Lile, October 4  
Doug Schermer, October 9  
Michelle Weiberg, October 12  
Dee Erickson, October 15  
Philip Stegemoeller, October 20  
John Tieder, October 26  
Arlene Torgerson, October 30

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Linda & Walt Ebel, October 10  
Bret & Theresa Kaufman, October 21



## Thank you:

Arlene Torgerson for donating items for the caring cupboard.

Diane Hanson for donating printing paper to the church office.

Rev. Alvina Olstead for bringing the good news on September 8th & 15th.

Hank Bilderback for leading worship on September 8th and 15th.

Naomi Kraiger for helping Vicky assemble bulletins.

Carmon Shaw for helping assemble bulletins and newsletters in September and for filling in for Naomi.

Gene Schermer & Mike Hubbard for setting up the tables for the quilters.

To those that helped out with the 3 GWOH's projects. For those that provided transportation/tools and for those that helped make the sack lunches.

To those that provided flowers for Sunday worship for the month of September as a way to celebrate or honor a special day for a loved one.

Amy Ostwald for the beautiful new church directory.

To the maintenance crew for all their hard work.



## THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED FROM OTHERS

- **Pacific Lutheran University** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$112.40
- **Habitat for Humanity of Grays Harbor** thanks Amazing Grace for the very kind donation of \$42.86 & \$69.54 for May and June.

## MINISTRY FAIR

**Begins this week with Mike Barkstrom showing us all the ways we can be involved in the ministry of caring for the property we have.** Council has been studying Holy Currencies this year, learning about the Cycle of Blessings God has invited us to be a part of. Each week you will hear from a different ministry leader who will answer your questions and show you how you can be blessed by joining in that aspect of ministry at Amazing Grace. You are invited to spend significant time in prayer discernment, listening for God's call to serve in ministry through Amazing Grace.

### KICK OFF 4-F DINNER GONE HAWAIIAN

The meal will be a Kabob dinner on October 5th with all the fixings. The cost is \$20 per person, \$10 for kids under age 10. Get those flower shirts and dresses ready !!

If anyone would like to make a raffle basket, please contact :  
Judi - [jhubbard1952@comcast.net](mailto:jhubbard1952@comcast.net) or  
Kristine - [mfinazzo7@comcast.net](mailto:mfinazzo7@comcast.net)

## ALL CONGREGATION BIBLE STUDY begins week of Oct. 13

**Manna and Mercy** is our guide from Genesis to Revelation. Sunday School to Adult, everyone is invited to be immersed in "God's unfolding promise to mend the entire universe." We'll use the Manna and Mercy book, video and study guide as well as other sources. Multiple groups will meet so sign up in the Parish Hall. If you don't find a time that works for you, please speak with Pastor Val. We'll find a time for everyone! Manna and Mercy is graphic novel format but packed with great theology. Books are \$10. Please leave your check or cash in the envelope if you can help with the cost.

## 2020 CALENDARS

Calendars are coming. As a church fund raiser John Tieder will be offering his 2020 calendar. John is currently collecting photographic images to be included in this year's calendar. The calendar will be available for preview and ordering during our annual pie auction November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## FAMILY PROMISE NEWS HELP FAMILY PROMISE WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZON!

If you shop on Amazon, a half a percent of your purchase can be applied to Family Promise of Grays Harbor. Here's how you do that: Log into your Amazon account. Then type in smile.amazon.com in the top white http address bar. Hit enter and it takes you to the charity page. Where it says select a charity on the right, go to the bottom option of pick "your own" and type in Family Promise of Grays Harbor. Select Search. The next page will appear and you press "select". Then hit "yes" you agree to start your shopping with smile.amazon to get the benefit. You're done....*Start Shopping!*

## SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

The Special Events team helps with funeral receptions and other events that come up in the life of the congregation. They are usually called on to provide sandwiches, dessert, veggies etc. There may be other opportunities that we don't even know about yet! If you would

## SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

### UNION GOSPEL MISSION October 1

Mary Ellen Salmon, Leader Elaine Lokken,  
Carmon Shaw, Naomi Kraiger  
Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon  
Shaw 360-532-2940



**The director of UGM says that we can expect to serve about 50 people. They need food delivered before 5PM so that they know what is coming. Thank you!!!**

### HELPING GRAYS HARBOR'S AT-RISK YOUTH

**The 1st Sunday of each month** we highlight the needs of the at-risk youth in our community. Our Caring Cupboard is a one-stop donation site for the Gravity Center and other entities that serve Grays Harbor Youth.



### G.R.A.V.I.T.Y. Program

Typical Gravity Center kids are experiencing

like to be a part of this, please let me know. We can figure this out together. (Maybe if we put our heads together we can also think of a better name!) Please contact Judi Hubbard at Jhubbard1952@comcast.net or let's talk at church.

## AMAZING GRACE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new church directories are in the fellowship hall. Please pick yours up and add your name to the list so that we can get one to every family. **All contributions toward covering the cost of printing the directories are appreciated.** The cost was \$3.50 each. Any questions, contact Pastor Val or Amy.



poverty and neglect. The kids are always hungry and can always use: Cup of Noodles, instant cocoa packets, bread, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna, cookies and fruit. In addition the **teen parents** need: Diapers Size 1 or larger, baby wipes, soaps or lotions, clothes, bottles, Children's Tylenol, diaper rash creams. These items may be left in the basket in the Parish Hall for pick-up and delivery by Vicki Mitchell.

### EXPLORATORY INTERNSHIP TEAM

Amazing Grace is an exceptionally nurturing community that could contribute to God's mission in the world by raising up leaders. In addition, the Aberdeen area is ideal for new leaders learning how to bring God's love to hurting people in tangible ways. For these reasons, and following the stirring of the Spirit, an exploratory team is discerning whether this ministry, hosting a seminary intern for a year at Amazing Grace is where God is leading us. If you are interested in being a part of this discernment process, please let Pastor Val know.





**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2019 6:15 pm**



Vision: A welcoming place where grace happens.

Mission: To Experience and share God's love through worship, education, and community.

Values: Radical Hospitality; Passionate worship; Intentional faith development; Risk- taking mission and service; Extravagant Generosity.

Attendance Pastor Val, Dee Erickson, Mark Smalley, Phil Stegemoeller, Theresa Kaufman, Judi Hubbard, Mike Barkstrom, Vicky Kolb

Call to Order Mark Smalley 6:15

Prayer and Devotions –

Prayer – opportunity to name a joy/concern on your heart

Holy Currencies, 13

-If we only receive, we are not whole, we must also give.

Establish Quorum

Review and Approve Agenda **M/S/P**

-Under Business Items: b. Use of Memorial Funds was added.

Review, correct and final approval of minutes for last meeting, August 20, 2019 **M/S/P**

Would like council to let office know how we should proceed with council minute additions, and corrections that are sent to the office after minutes have already been published in newsletter. What can office do to help people get these corrections in in a timely manner?

-Vicky will give council a deadline by which corrections need to be returned to be included in the newsletter. Any corrections returned after that date will be noted in the following month's newsletter.

### **Financial Reports**

- a. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman- – since benevolence was paid at 8% instead of 9%, next month's benevolence checks will be paid at 10%.

-Next month will be property taxes.

-Endowment paid for bells directly.

-Transactions by Account **M/S/P**

-Allison from the Synod will be going to a webinar to learn about what is the best program to use for both the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer.

- i. Portico Benefits Choices

- b. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

- i. New Program for financial secretary

-Phil is ready to start working on it.

**Business items** (these are generally items that are beyond any one ministry or don't fit under any ministry, special requests from the community)

- a. Directory – Amy-Ordered.

- b. Use of memorial funds- There was a discussion among council members about what these funds should be used for.

- c. Bel Aire Property to be converted to a forestry zoning **M/S/P**

### **Ministry Reports**

- a. Worship – Dee Erickson

- i. Altar Guild- there was a discussion about lighting the Altar picture in the sanctuary and maybe getting it done before Easter.

- ii. LAT-

- iii. Worship Committee

- iv. Baptism August 28st

-Shayna was baptized at Lake Quinault on August 28th and it turned out great. While Pastor Val was gone last week, she baptized Matt Nixon at Rum Lake in British Columbia

- b. Outreach – Joelle

- i. Family Promise – AGLC's week – July 21-27

- ii. Homeless outreach -A meeting is scheduled for early October.



God's Work. Our Hands. sign-up sheets for the 3 projects are on the tables in the fellowship hall.

- c. PSALM report - Joelle & Pastor Val
  - The first cohort will be starting their second year with a retreat in October.
- d. Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald
  - i. Sunday School- The first day of Sunday School will be September 29th.
  - ii. Confirmation- The new confirmation class will start in October.
  - iii. Youth Group- Pastor Val and Pastor Doug from the First Presbyterian church talked about combining kids from both churches to form one big group. This is still a work in progress.
  - iv. Adult group study- The Manna and Mercy books are here, and they will be out in the fellowship hall on September 29th. This class will be offered at least 3 times: Thursday evenings at 7pm, Wednesday noon after the quilters are done and on Sunday after fellowship.
  - v. SNL Sunday Noon Live - guest speakers will present on topics related to Faith and Life. If you have an idea for a speaker or a topic - contact Pastor Val. This begins in October and goes through May. There will be no guest speakers in December. In October the guest speaker will be from Habitat for Humanity, in February or March Bob Delastrada will speak.
- e. Fellowship – Judi
  - The Ministry Fair is coming up. Several council members have picked a date when they will set up a booth to provide information about their team. Judi will be on October 6th: she will be talking about Guess Who's Coming to Dinner a one-time event in the winter, as well as other aspects of the Fellowship ministry. Dee will be on October 27th and Mike will be on September 29th. Judi is looking into scheduling a visit to the Polson Museum—maybe this winter.
  - i. Communion Ministry
  - ii. Welcome Committee
  - iii. Special Events Team
- f. Property – Mike Barkstrom-
  - Mike spoke with First Presbyterian Church about the fenced-in area on their property and determined that Amazing Grace's needs are different. Mike has talked with someone who will put in a fence for \$2400 plus tax. Mike will be receiving a diagram about what the fenced in area will look like. Once Mike receives all pertinent information, he then will take it to the Fire department to be sure it's safe and up to code.
  - The Fund raising for the roof is approximately 2/3 of the way done. The slider windows for the fellowship hall are due next week and they'll take 3 or 4 days to install.
  - The maintenance crew will be working on fixing cracks on the stairs, that lead into the sanctuary from the street entrance. Once the crack is repaired, we will get a bid on putting some sort of outdoor covering over the deck area between the top of the stairs and the main church doors.

### Task Assignments

- Vicky needs to set up a date each month for when council members need to get their corrections in. When all corrections have been made, she will then re-send the minutes to council members.
  - Council members will go over Chapter 14 next month.
  - Theresa will do some housekeeping on reports.
  - Theresa has appointment next Tuesday with Easter and Stoney to get help with QuickBooks.
  - Theresa will email Mike Barkstrom about the funds collected/billing from Family Promise.
  - Mike will see about who to contact to get the Altar painting lit.
  - Pastor Val will contact Hank about cleaning gutters for one of the GWOH projects.
  - Pastor Val will let Mike know if she needs anything for the sack lunches.
  - Pastor Val needs to check the microphones in the sanctuary
  - Pastor Val will contact the council members that have not signed up for the Ministry Fair.
  - Phil will see if anyone would be interested in doing the card reader
  - Phil will manage a plan for the conversion
- Adjournment and closing prayer 8:23

### PASTOR'S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – August 2019

#### WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday worship – Plan and lead  
Plan adult education  
Plan seasonal and special worship services  
Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing  
Prayer





## ADMINISTRATION

Meet with ministry leader as needed  
Reports: congregational; synod; ELCA

Coordinate Imagine Process w/ Synod D.E.M.  
Conference Pastors meeting monthly  
Conference deans – meet bi-annually & as needed  
Recordkeeping: updates to documents; church ledger  
Work with office administrator: bulletins, newsletter, etc.  
Council meeting & Exec. Comm. meeting monthly  
Newsletter - writing, editing  
Meet with treasurer as needed  
Mutual Ministry meeting  
Endowment Committee advisor



## FELLOWSHIP/PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING PSALM – mentor; spiritual direction

Prayer Chain – coordinate w/ Brenda Grant  
Healing monthly  
Grace notes weekly or as needed  
Pastoral care as needed  
Hospital visits; homebound & assisted living visits  
Coordinate with ministry leader as needed

## OUTREACH

Food Bank reorganizing meetings  
Monthly local Pastor's group  
Facebook page – outreach through social media.  
Coordinate with others to support homeless and fragile people  
Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

## BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

**YOUTH AND FAMILY** Adult study: plan and participate  
Confirmation: plan and lead  
Sunday School: coordinate with ministry leader

## STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM Study and integrate into sermons

## OFFICIAL ACTS – None in July

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:** Books: Dear Church: A love letter from a black preacher to the whitest denomination in the U.S. by Lenny Duncan; Reading the Bible with the Damned by Bob Ekblad; The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation by Richard Rohr

## OTHER ACTIVITIES in August

**ADMINISTRATION:** Internship site possibility  
Install computer software in office

**OUTREACH:** Facebook presence maintenance; events created  
God's Work Our Hands planning

**PASTORAL CARE:** Visits, calls, texts, messaging as needed

**WORSHIP:** Mid-week summer worship  
Outdoor worship at Lake Quinault w/ baptism  
Planning for fall

**YOUTH/FAMILY/Education:** Confirmation Camp – 3 days of service, observing faith lived in the community, attended Friday prayer at the Islamic Center and Shabbat service at Temple Beth Hatfiloh  
Plan for all-congregation study- Manna and Mercy

Planning for guest speakers throughout the year on topics of interest:  
Feb or March – Neighbors in Faith community teaching “Faith over Fear”; Director Terry Kylo will preach, then present during fellowship time; that afternoon they’ll offer the community training.

Feb or March – Bob Delastrada – faith and civil disobedience  
October – Habitat for Humanity speaker  
Work with PSALMist – Mike on his project – developing a Care of Creation presentation

**VACATION:** None

**UPCOMING:** 9/22 God's Work Our Hands Sunday AND Sunday School Kick-off – Includes Blessing of the Backpacks (blessing students, teachers, and staff)  
 9/29 Blessing of the Animals after worship  
 Vacation: Oct. 1-4 (No Sunday)  
 Central Things study – after worship Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 13  
 Manna and Mercy – all congregation study begins the week of Oct. 13



## AUGUST BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name		Date	Total
Checking			\$ 26,700.57
-PSALM			\$
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 433.51
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,620.00
-Bells			\$ 547.09
-Friends in Need			\$ 801.00
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Altar Guild			\$ 70.00
-Noisy Offering			\$ 93.80
-Grace Fund			\$ 380.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 33,488.00</b>
Fundraising Checking			\$ 215.90
Maintenance Checking			\$ 20,725.79
- Roof sub account of m			\$ 17,699.39
Youth Checking			\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 3,505.93
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,906.75





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## BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTANCE

Please notify Mike Barkstrom or send a message to the church office if there are any repairs needed at the church. Sometimes members or visitors notice things that need to be fixed that the committee is not aware of. Your input is helpful in these matters.

Mike Barkstrom: mkbarks1@gmail.com - (360) 589-1393

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**Office Administrator:** Vicky Kolb

**Liturgists:** Hank Bilderback, Keith Lile, Laura Carle, Greg Johnstone

**Musicians:** Kristine Burns, Heidi Seelke



## OCTOBER 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### October 6

**Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Diane Hanson; **Communion Assistant:** Joelle Buckman; **Ushers/Greeters:** Maurita White & Judi Hubbard; **Depositors:** Gene Schermer & Mark Ostwald; **Fellowship:** Shaw, Green, O'Connor, Lokken, Fernandez; **Altar Guild:** Cynthia Johnstone; **Sunday School Teacher:** Amy Ostwald

### October 13

**Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Diane Hanson; **Communion Assistant:** Joni Hildreth & Theresa Kaufman; **Ushers/Greeters:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Depositors:** Michael Mendoza & Darrell Lokken; **Fellowship:** Hanson, Erwin, Hodge, Seelke; **Altar Guild:** Laura Carle & Dee Erickson; **Sunday School Teacher:** Anneliese Kraiger

### October 20

**Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Diane Hanson; **Communion Assistant:** Dee Erickson & Kristine Finazzo; **Ushers/Greeters:** Elaine & Darrell Lokken; **Depositors:** Eileen Schermer & Hiedi Seelke; **Fellowship:** Finazzo, Evanson, Hubbard, Waite, Winter, Steinhauer; **Altar Guild:** Trish Safstrom & Elizabeth Tilley & Maurita White; **Sunday School Teacher:** Laura Carle

### October 27

**Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Diane Hanson; **Communion Assistant:** Carrie Erwin & Molly Leithold; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mike & Arlene O'Connor; **Depositors:** Mike Barkstrom & Ray Hodge; **Fellowship:** Barkstrom, Hildreth, Buckman; **Altar Guild:** Kathy Wehage & Diane Hanson; **Sunday School Teacher:** Carmon Shaw

Grace Helleson sends her greetings! Amy Ostwald and former member Emily Meier visited Grace in Portland recently. She is doing well and turns 97 on her birthday September 14.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
6 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL/MINISTRY FAIR	7 4:30-6:30PM GIRL SCOUTS	8	9 5:30-6:30 PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	10	11	12 7-8 PM AA
13 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL/MINISTRY FAIR NOON Manna & Mercy	14	15 6:15 PM COUNCIL MEETING	16 9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE CREW Noon Manna and Mercy 5:30-6:30 PM AA	17 7PM Manna & Mercy	18 6-10 PM SCRAPBOOK	19 7-8 PM AA
20 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP/S.S./MINISTRY FAIR NOON Manna & Mercy	21 4:30-6:30PM GIRL SCOUTS	22	23 5:30-6:30 PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	24 7PM Manna & Mercy	25	26 7-8 PM AA
27 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP/S.S./MINISTRY FAIR NOON Manna & Mercy <b>REFORMATION SUN- DAY &amp; CONFIRMA- TION</b>	28	29	30 9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE Noon Manna and Mercy 5:30-6:30 PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	<b>31 UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>  <b>Pie Auction Nov. 24th after worship</b> 		



**Please join us for worship  
Sundays at 10am w/ fellowship and educational  
opportunities afterward.  
Fellowship group is Thursdays at 7pm**

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