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Peg's Perspectives—June, 2013

From the garden: This year my husband and I are putting in some new gardens. If you have ever seen our almost half-acre yard, you would wonder, "Why?" There are already too many spaces with "natural vegetation" (meaning un-weeded and un-pruned for what...three years?) But we haven't worked up the courage...or sufficient embarrassment...to change those spaces yet. No, we are tackling a somewhat less daunting and yet an over-grown and out-of-control area. Mike has built more raised beds; we've imported "good soil"; and are about to plant. I've asked for advice from garden lovers; made numerous trips to the nursery. I've learned never to plant oregano, mint, or those pretty green-viney things that run roughshod over everything else. (I don't know their names, but I do know their leaves!) And we are hopeful that these plants will grow into a colorful "cottage-garden" type space.

The impetus for this change was the trees and plants which had started to invade the outside walls of the house. Mike tells me this is bad for the wooden siding and can cause dry rot and all sorts of evil things. I looked at the lilac bush and some of the other plants (fennel, eucalyptus, day lilies, a couple of trees whose names I don't know but I like) and groan. Must we change this? Must we exile these plants in order to make room for something new? Although I embrace change in many ways, I am loathe to uproot trees or plants. I often feel that if they have survived in my yard thus far, they have a right to live there forever. On the other hand, it is exciting to think about a new garden; different plants and flowers...different colors and textures.

It's a bit like life. Mike and I are uprooting our lives again as we near my retirement on Sept. 15. It's hard to leave the beautiful garden of this congregation...to leave the ministry position I know and love. It's hard for both Mike and I to consider a whole new situation. Even though Mike is not a member of Southminster (continuing to attend a Catholic/Lutheran church) he has come to know and love people here. Whether we remain in Oregon or not, our lives will change significantly.

So, perhaps our new garden is a symbol and a way of "psyching ourselves up" for a life change. It reminds us again that we don't have new growth without cutting away the old; that as painful as it is to uproot, it is also exciting to plant...and there is new beauty to be anticipated. And we can anticipate new beauty because the Creating God always provides the soil and sun and water needed for new growth.

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In this season, when we traditionally celebrate graduations, weddings, family reunions... big changes in many lives...it's important to keep a few things in mind: There is usually some sadness associated with change. Many changes in a short time, even happy changes, can cause stress. Stress can throw us off balance...and that can lead to all sorts of "interesting" behaviors. We need to practice kindness and mercy...to ourselves and others.

It helps to remember that we are always grounded in the Spirit of God's Love, no matter how off-balance we feel. It helps to know that we are surrounded by the love and support of this community. It helps to know friends and community members help "center us". Worship, prayer, listening, and sharing with each other remind us of the hope of new beauty and new meaning to come after uprooting.

Whatever changes are happening in your lives, may you experience one unchangeable reality: you are blessed and beloved of God. Hope and compassion mercy and kindness are yours for the asking.

Blessings,

Peg Pfab

Southminster Life

Thank You Thank You Thank You

I have really appreciated all the cards, notes, kindnesses and support while I have been going through my heart surgery and recovery. It's been a long process but I am finally starting to be out and about a little bit. Thank you all! (s) Florence Evans

Dear Southminster Family, Thank you for all your support these past few weeks with my father's illness and death. It has meant so much to Kenn, Brandon and I to know we had such kind thoughts and prayers covering us during this time. Thank you, (s) Dee Willson.

Rummage Sale—Save The Date

It is official, the Rummage Sale is BACK! August 1-3, 2013 will be the dates you shall save in your calendar. The Rummage Sale proceeds benefit the youth mission trips and transportation needs.

Welcome to the World



Micah Alexander Crump was born May 2, 2013 at 6:29am to the parents Dan and Elizabeth Crump. Grandparents Andy and Linda Crump welcome their 2nd grandchild. The baby was 7lbs, 5ozs and 20 1/2 inches long.

CONGRATS GRADUATES OF 2013

GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

RACHEL GIFFORD, granddaughter of Bob & Kay Gifford, from Tualatin High School in Tualatin as valedictorian, to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX, majoring in Musical Therapy.

KATIE KEPNER, daughter of Char & Darren Kepner, from Beaverton High School in Beaverton, to Bradley University in Peoria, IL and majoring in Nursing.

JESSE MORLEY, son of Laura Cole & Clair Morley, from Beaverton High School in Beaverton, to Portland Community College focusing on general studies before entering Portland State University.

KELSEY ANN THURSTON, granddaughter of Dick Thurston, from Mountain Range High School in Westminster, CO, to Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO.

LIAM TORREY, grandson of Wally Carey, from ACMA in Beaverton, to University of Oregon, Eugene.

COLLEGE & ADVANCED DEGREES

JANE ADKINS, daughter of Ruth & Todd Adkins & granddaughter of Marilyn & Bryce Adkins, from Wellesley College with a bachelor's degree in "Women's & Gender Studies", to Yale University's three year School of Nursing program to study nursing and mid-wifery.

AUBREE CHECK, daughter of Alice Check, from Oregon Institute of Technology with a degree in Medical Imaging (Nuclear Branch).

JENNIFER MUELLER, daughter of Carol & Joe Mueller, from the University of Idaho with her master's in Architecture. She has a job with Callison in Seattle, WA working as an architect in their global commercial group.

TOM PRESCOTT, son of Don & Mary Prescott, from Western Oregon University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.



Alzheimer's Café—June 14, 6:30pm—Gallery

Kathy Ayers will be doing a presentation on Behavioral Intervention for symptoms of Dementia



Concert: Tualatin Valley Community Band

Tualatin Valley Community Band is having a free Spring concert, Sunday, June 2 at 3pm at Deb Fennel Auditorium, Tigard High School. The band will be playing some light pieces, interspersed with solos and small group performances. The featured soloist is Dale Cleland, clarinetist, playing Adagio and Tarantella by Ernesto Cavallini. Dale taught in the Lake Oswego school district for 26 years. In his retirement, he founded the Lake Oswego Millennium Concert Band in 1999 and has been their one and only Musical Director and Conductor. Another favorite solo will be performed by the band's own David Nelson, playing Trumpeter's Lullaby. David played with our Southminster Handbell Choir this spring. Sandy Ruff plays in the flute section. Please join us and enjoy.

Water 2 Wine—Twice as Nice in June

What could be better than attending Water 2 Wine? Being able to attend it twice! Because of the 4th of July holiday; we are moving up the July Water 2 Wine to the last Sunday in June.



Our first Water 2 Wine will be held on **Sunday, June 2 at 2:00pm** at the house of Robin and Dick Burnham. The topic will be a blind tasting comparing Oregon wines to those of the rest of the world. So this month it will be important to bring 2 glasses so that you can compare the 2 wines at the same time.

Our second event will be held on **Sunday, June 30 at 2:00pm** at the home of Jean and Rick Collins. We are hoping to have a representative of Isenhower Cellars of Walla Walla Washington to share with us their wines as well as their styles of winemaking.

As a reminder, please RSVP to water2wine_smp@yahoo.com. We would like to make sure that we have enough wine for everybody. We have a suggested donation of \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of the wine.

3rd Annual Southminster Camping and Rafting Outing

The weekend of August 23, 24, 25 is the date for this summer's Southminster Camping and Rafting Trip. We will camp in the Mt Hood National Forest on Friday and Saturday nights and raft the beautiful Deschutes River on Saturday. Carpooling will be available and we have shared meals. Please join us for a very fun outing! If you have questions please contact Greg and Mary Lou Jones, Craig and Karen Butler or Steve and Debbie Wilkins.

Coffee & Tea Sunday Fellowship

Don't miss the opportunity to host the Coffee/Tea Sunday fellowship! There are openings in both June and July. Please sign up in the Peterson Gallery or contact Kari Stuhmer at stuhmerk@gmail.com, (503) 641-1672 or Nancy Pulone at ncpulone@frontier.com, (503) 521-0228. Written instructions and helpers are available.



M.A.D. Camp - 2013
Register Now — Camp is Filling up Fast!!
For all children ages 6-10 -- Make your plans now to attend our
Music, Art, & Drama Camp.
It will be held June 24-28, 2013 from 9am-12:30pm.
Cost is \$25 per child – includes lunch. Registration forms are now
available here at the church or on our website at www.southmin.org

Gentog

Loving Daycare for Generations Together

Marcie Jones co-founder of Gentog (gentog.com) has participated in several of the Alzheimer's Café monthly events and would like to share her resources with you. Please check out the following: alz.org is a great site for national and local info & resources, alzinfo.org shares clinical info, alzstore.com is a resource for specialty products and a daily newsletter, dementiacareacademy.com has online training featuring Teepa Snow, alzfdn.org offers free teleconferences for caregivers monthly, caring.com has caregiver suggestions, oaads.org (Oregon Association of Adult Day Services) allows you to find an adult program near you, and [facebook.com/generationstogether](https://www.facebook.com/generationstogether) is where you can stay updated on current events and activities with Gentog.

Session News

It was the changing of the guard(ians) at the Session meeting May 16. Not all of the guardians, just one third of them. The Elders, elected by the congregation, serve three-year terms, so every year five retire from active service and five more enlist. It has become tradition that the incoming Elders attend the last Session meeting of the retiring Elders' term, to meet and exchange information. Thus, the "changing of the guard."

The traditional opening of the meeting, when everyone has a chance to "check in," was even richer than usual, with thoughts of what each Session member has enjoyed, if retiring, or is looking forward to, if joining.

In regular business, Craig Butler, as incoming senior Trustee, reported that the church is in good financial health, and, at one-third of the way through the year, has received 37% of anticipated revenue. He and the other Trustees recently conducted a system audit to check that our accounting procedures are operating correctly. They are. "We have good systems in place," he reported.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to reviewing some of the topics to be discussed at the Elders' retreat on May 31 and June 1. These include:

- The overture on same sex marriage that has been drafted by the Sunday Starter group and is to be submitted to the Presbytery of the Cascades in September as a part of it's response to the issue, to be voted on at next meeting of the Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The overture can only speak for the members of Session, with the understanding that our congregation is behind it, based upon the results of the Equality and Inclusiveness survey last fall
- An update on plans for the Adult Education Program.
- An update on the development of a mission statement by the Worship and Music ministr
- The status of the mission study being prepared to describe our church to prospective pastors and help identify church goals and objectives for the Session and Pastor Nominating Committee to use in their search for a new pastor. This effort will be based on surveys of the congregation, which will be conducted in church meetings and possibly by mailers. The goal is for everyone to have an opportunity to participate.
- The plan for removing the dead trees from the backyard and the trees that are tearing up the asphalt in the parking lot. The most economical method is to take out five trees a year. It was agreed that three of the walnut trees be removed as well as the tree in the parking lot that is doing the most damage to the asphalt. One tree was already removed this year for safety reasons.
- Consider the resolution written by the Presbytery of the Cascades regarding the transport of coal to Asia. The Presbytery has asked each congregation to consider drafting its own resolution. The Session will review a resolution that has already been drafted.

Carmel Bentley
Session Scribe

Adult Education



Sunday Starter–Summer Reading Assignment

Sunday Starter will not be meeting this summer, however, we do have a summer reading assignment. As a group we are going to read *Remedial Christianity: What Every Believer Should Know About the Faith but Probably Doesn't* by Paul Alan Laughlin. The book is available at Powell's or online at several places including Amazon. When we begin meeting again in the Fall, we will explore individual chapters and discuss various topics in the book.

Music News



Summer Special Music

Thank you so much for sharing your talent and skills! We truly appreciate you all for our music to be alive throughout the summer services. Our Special Musicians are:

- June 16 - Angela Addington
- June 23 - Nate Shrefler
- June 30 - Kirsti Hegg
- July 7 - Sandy Ruff
- July 14 - Youth Mission trip
- July 21 - Glenn & Ryan Olson
- July 28 - Sky in the Road
- August 4 - Linda Crump
- August 11 - Sandy Ruff & Craig Butler
- August 18 - Mary Gehr
- August 25 - Julie Hoffmaster
- September 1 - Val Schulze



What's Happenin'?? Children's Ministry – June 2013

Every Sunday Morning...

10:00am	Children's time in worship
10:15am	Off we go to Sunday School!
10:55am	Children's Sing Along
11:00am	Dismiss
11:15am	Choir Rehearsal

June in the Godly Play Classroom "Look-fors"

- Ten Commandments
- David and Goliath
- Daniel and the Lions
- Jonah and the Whale!

June in the Joyful Path Classroom "Look-fors"

- Practicing Humility
- Non-Greed
- What is Success?
- Willpower!!

Hello June! We have been diligent in the garden beds....planting lettuce, tomatoes, basil, parsley, green onion, and other mystery seeds. MAD camp registration is happening right now, we've got some great new folks on board, teaching this summer camp. Dates are June 24 thru 28. Check with Mary in the office to register...and you may want to get a move on, last year we had to turn folks away! 3rd graders will be receiving their Bibles on Sunday, June 2. And if you are a volunteer, be sure to be around on June 9 for a small token of our appreciation for your help with Children's Ministries. Thanks for all you do,

As always – Mr. Maldarelli

Youth News

Student Communique — June 2013

www.southmin.org/students

Sunday Worship 10:00am Connections & Everyday Leadership 10:15am

Sunday, June 2 10:00 Worship – All Youth Graduation Sunday! High School Graduates Congratulated... Jesse Morley and Katie Kepner both graduate from B.H.S. – yeah!
DV8 & SNL – 5:30-7:30pm “End-o-year Pizza Party & Lazer Tag” -- Cost - \$5!

Sunday, June 9 -- 10:00 Worship – Music Sunday -- 8/High Youth with Don in the Loft, Middle School with Marcia in Room 9 -- Special Celebration of Last Week of School – TBD!

Sunday, June 16 - Father’s Day – Gay Pride Parade! All Youth on a Mission...

Meet at church approximately 9:00am – All youth interested in going downtown and participating in the Gay Pride Parade are encouraged to join us. We will walk and carry our Southminster banner! We will have pizza at Old Town Pizza!! (YumYumYum...)

Sunday, June 23 – DV8 Special Activity - Student Leaders Decide! See Don to plan a fantastic event.

Sunday, June 30 -- Final Special Breakfast of the year – 9:30am-9:55am

All Youth with Don in Loft for Connections and Everyday Leadership at 10:15am

SNL Spokane G.P.S. Orientations and Important Dates to Remember:

June 16, 23 &/or 30 – Spokane G.P.S. Community Building Activities &/or Retreat T.B.D.

June 30 – Spokane G.P.S. Mission Commissioning Worship Service – 10:00am

July 6 – Spokane G.P.S. Participants meet at Church – Approx. 10:00am

July 14 – Spokane G.P.S. Participant Led Worship Service – 10:00am

Don’t Forget! Thursday, Friday, and Saturday -- August 1-3 – Rummage Sale!

All proceeds benefit the youth mission and transportation!

We need all available families to support this fundraiser. Signup with Don!

Summer Events DV8 & SNL Meet Every Other WEDNESDAY 6:00-8:00pm

- July 2** Tuesday Kickoff—Bullwinkles!
- July 7-14** SNL Spokane G.P.S. Mission Trip
- July 17** Water War
- July 31** Movie Night
- Aug. 4** BBQ
- Aug. 28** Swim
- Aug. 1-3** Rummage Sale Fundraiser
- Aug. 16-18 OR Aug. 23-25** DV8 Weekend Beach Retreat

Summer Camp Opportunities!

The MSC (Mission Support Committee) is reaching out to those of you in the Presbytery interested in Summer Camp programs this year. We are aware of the following resources and opportunities listed in the table below. The links and contact information is provided for your consideration as you decide which summer camp(s) may be best for you and your family.

MSC also welcomes news from individual churches or groups planning camping events. We will share the information via our presbytery CEE and website. Please direct your e-mail to the Portland regional office attention: Mission Support/Camping

marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org

CAMP NAME	WEBSITE	E-MAIL	PHONE
United Methodist – OR/ID Conference	gocamping.org	General Information: camping@gocamping.org Exec. Director: Lisa Jean Hoefner lisa jean@gocamping.org	503-802-9213 503-802-9211
Camp Lutherwood Oregon	lutherwoodoregon.org	General Information: office@lutherwoodoregon.org Director of Programs: Melissa Shults melissa@lutherwoodoregon.org	541-998-6444 206-790-7859
Sound View, a PC(USA) summer camp	soundviewcamp.com	General Information: info@soundviewcamp.com Development Coord: Matthew Klump	253-884-9202

Calendar of Events

See Website– Calendar