

# THE CLARION



**SCHOOL  
SUPPLY  
Drive**

M&Ms will again sponsor the SHAKE (Seniors Helping Kids' Education) program. The school supply drive will be held July 11—August 9. Collection bins will be available at the church by July 11, and will be picked up August 9 or 10. School supplies will be delivered to schools starting August 20.

Last year 33,336 students received donated school supplies, 84 schools received supplies, and 1527 boxes were delivered to all Benton/Franklin public schools compared to 1048 boxes delivered in 2016. Our congregation filled 4-5 boxes last year! You have helped meet the SHAKE goal "that children will begin school ready to learn equipped with needed school supplies."

Keep your eyes peeled for those back-to-school sales! Thank you in advance for your donations.



July 18-22	Jr Middler Trip
July 28	Marimba Band at 6:30 pm
July 29	Marimba Band at 9:45 am
August 2-5	Men's Walk with Christ
August 6-10	Vacation Bible School
August 16-19	Women's Walk with Christ
August 17-19	All-Church Campout



## *The Marimbas are Coming....!*



The Spokane Covenant UMC Marimba Band is headed our way at the end of July. If you haven't heard this wonderful music ministry before, don't miss these two great opportunities to do so.

Saturday, July 28 – 6:30 pm – Outdoor family friendly concert on our grassy area near the garage. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and invite your friends to come and enjoy the uplifting songs of the marimbas. The music will last about an hour and we'll provide cold water and treats.

Sunday, July 29 – 9:45 am – Join us for morning services which will feature multiple selections by the marimba band. Afterwards, don't rush right off, as the group often enjoys offering several post-service songs, as well.

We are grateful to June Lamberd, the band members, and Spokane Covenant for their willingness to share this uplifting ministry with us. Let's show them our gratitude by attending and inviting others to both of these events.

## *Revival Postponed*

The Revival that was scheduled for July 13-14 at Central Church has been postponed until fall or winter.



Dear Friends,  
I just returned from four days at our Pacific Northwest UMC Annual Conference held in Puyallup. One of my distinct impressions concerns what John Wesley

said about the first Annual Conferences, held in the eighteenth century. He and his leader colleagues wanted to look into the faces of pastors and itinerate lay preachers at least annually. Additionally they wanted to bring them together so they could build and nurture their friendships, pray for, and encourage one another. That still happens at AC today.

What matters simmer in the hearts and minds of those gathered? National issues, such as the condition of people under Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency control, happenings in their own families and congregations, and the future of our beloved denomination.

Regarding that last issue, many of those present were focused toward our upcoming special General Conference to be held in St. Louis in February. Delegates (last week we elected ours) will vote on a way forward regarding the status of LGBTQ people in the UMC. As ours is a world-wide denomination, bishops and representative delegates can be found on various sides. Some want to leave the Book of Discipline as it is, (the current edition states that homosexual practice is incompatible with Christian teaching and prohibits LGBTQ people from ordination as elders and deacons, as well as prohibiting pastors from officiating at such weddings, etc.).

A second group wants to permit otherwise qualified LGBTQ people to be ordained and serve in any leadership positions in the church and to permit pastors to officiate at such weddings and blessings.

A third group wants to leave decisions about LGBTQ participation to each annual

conference and congregation since United Methodists in different areas of the USA, as well as those beyond our borders, are not united in their views on these issues. This third group has the greatest support among the Council of Bishops. Which group's position aligns with the voting majority at the February GC remains to be seen.

What I had not anticipated was that those of the first and second groups described above each expect the GC to stand with them. Will our beloved denomination split? Over the last twenty years I watched up-close as Presbyterians debated, bickered, and then recently split. That denomination is now a mere shadow of its former size and influence. Did that ordeal bring gains? After expending millions of dollars' worth of property and experiencing the immeasurable loss of faith and friendship, I'm hard-pressed to see much, if any gain.

At AC I was one of fifty people asked to lead small groups of diverse delegates in conversation about these topics using Anatomy of Peace as our guide. I think Bishop Elaine and her cabinet wanted to find out whether our PNW leaders could hold respectful conversations with people of diverse views and still remain at the table as God's forever family. I can't speak for all the groups because as the AC adjourned, their conclusions had not been tabulated. I am grateful, however, that ours did. Indeed, some new friendships were forged.

One more thing, I was honored to be re-appointed as your pastor for yet another year!

In His grip,

I'm grateful that our seminarian, Alexa Eisenbarth, flew in from Chicago to serve last week as your lay delegate to AC. She sends her greetings.



## Summer Workshops To Make Cool Crafts

There will be two Holly Daze workshops this month, both in the Susanna Wesley Room from 9 to noon. At the first, on Saturday, July 14, UMW crafters and friends will continue decorating shabby chic frames, painting and creating signs, and making "raggy" wreaths.

The second workshop on Saturday, July 21, will be dedicated to finishing various projects and, if there's time, work on assembling cards.

Co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn are grateful for gift certificates, which can be used to purchase supplies, such as two recently donated Craft Warehouse cards. If anyone would like to help UMW get ready for the autumn bazaar but can't make it to the workshops, a gift card to Craft Warehouse, JoAnn's, Michaels, or another craft supplier would be appreciated.

All are invited to take part in the workshops -- NO SPECIAL SKILLS REQUIRED -- and please bring your craft ideas.

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## VBS 2018

Ahoy ye landlubbers, get ready to weigh anchor for a summer adventure, ***Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!*** Join the fun each evening beginning Monday, August 6, through Friday, August 10 from 5:30 pm – 8 pm.

Sign-up and other information is available in the church entry.



## All Church Camp Out

August 17-19  
Hood Park



Plan to join the church family for a fun weekend of camping at beautiful Hood Park campground near Burbank. Fellowship and worship events are planned for everyone, including those who don't plan to camp overnight. Please contact Cynthia Bement at the church office to reserve your spot (the church has booked sites together) and get information about the overnight camping fees and guidelines. The weekend will end on Sunday with outdoor worship at the Amphitheater in the park.

### *Campout Schedule of Events*

Friday afternoon after 2:00 – Campers may begin arriving and setting up

Friday evening at 7:30 pm - Stories and s'mores with Cynthia and Deanna

Saturday afternoon 1:00-4:00 pm - Water fun with kayaks, swimming, and boating

Saturday evening 5:00 pm—BBQ in the covered picnic area - Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and lemonade provided... please bring a salad or dessert to share

SNL at 6:00 pm under the covered picnic area - Marc Harden will bring the message, and Dave Hare and company will bring the worship music!

Sunday morning at 9:45 am - Worship in the park Amphitheater

Sunday by noon—must be checked out of campground

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## Finding freedom

*The paradox of faith is that when we conform our lives to Christ, then we gain our true freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting happiness.*

—Vincent Nichols

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

***Please pray for those in need of healing and comfort . . .***

*Carol Hardacre, Deana Ahrend, Shelby Faught, Anita Knight, Jacque Sonderman, Ann Kelly, Terry Simmelink, Punkie Eddy, Mary Shoop, Norma Williams, Nathan and Jamie Preston, Joan Osborne, Don Shirey, Barry Merrill*

***Three of our members passed into the Church Triumphant in June. Please pray for the comfort and peace of the families and friends of . . .***

- ♥ *Marjorie Tregor, June 5*
- ♥ *Mac Mackenstadt, June 5*
- ♥ *Iman Wintz, June 27. Iman's service will be on Saturday, July 7, at 3 pm in our sanctuary.*

Please continue to cover our church leaders in prayer, including Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, DS Mary Huycke, and Pastor Jerry.

Our Jr UMYers and their leaders will be traveling July 18—22 on the annual Middler trip. Please pray for their safety, and that they will grow in their faith and relationships.



Because the new 2018 income tax law substantially increases the standard deduction, many philanthropic retirees might choose to no longer itemize their deductions; however, tax-free qualified charitable distributions from IRAs are still allowed. This provision, which has been around for several years, allows taxpayers who are 70½ or older to transfer up to

\$100,000 from their IRAs to charity, tax-free. You can't deduct the donation (which is irrelevant if you are taking the standard deduction), but the distribution counts toward your required minimum distribution for the year. It is not counted as part of your adjusted gross income, which can help you avoid the Medicare high-income surcharge and may lower taxes on your Social Security benefits. If you have questions on this, our Finance Committee may be able to help you, or contact your tax accountant.



Maxwell Buchholz	2-Jul	Angel Trump
Mary Gaden	4-Jul	Lori Butler
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul	Harold Baker
Nancy Osborn	5-Jul	Louise Gustafson
Mirina Enderlin	5-Jul	Beth Halsey
Cassie Dauncey	7-Jul	Tim Mowry
Kelly Dean	8-Jul	Alexa Eisenbarth
Phil Lamont	9-Jul	Lily Bruce
		Kaylon Marquardt
		Jim Foster
		Dayna Enderlin
		Cynthia Bement
		Karen Barcot
		Jeanette Mitchell
		Seth Solbrack
		Naomi McDermott

9-Jul	Amanda Porter	24-Jul
9-Jul	Mary Lamont	25-Jul
10-Jul	Joyce Norman	27-Jul
12-Jul	Dianne Marquardt	28-Jul
12-Jul	Jeff Jansen	28-Jul
12-Jul	Steve Kennelly	29-Jul
13-Jul	Jerry Poole	29-Jul
14-Jul	Susan Urban	29-Jul
16-Jul	Susan Bechtol	29-Jul
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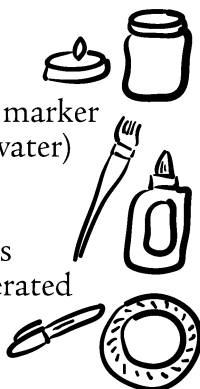


# A STARRY LIGHT

Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

## What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



## What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.

# FUN FOR KIDS

## GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

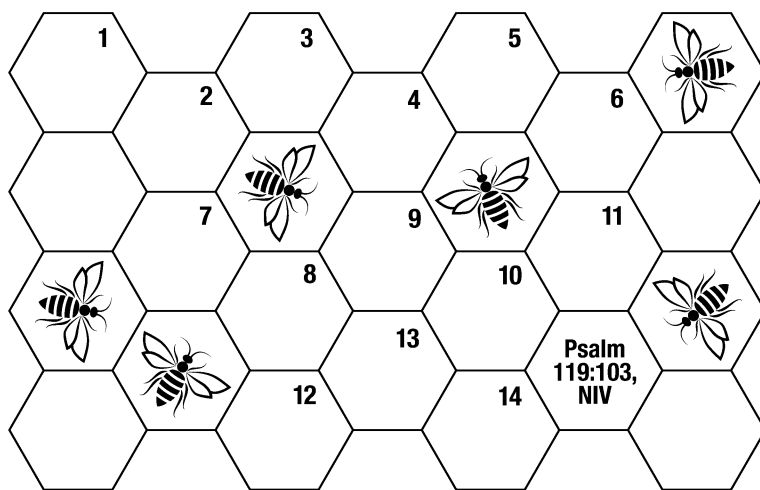
### CLUES

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. rhymes with cow      | 8. the tongue's job      |
| 2. opposite of sour     | 9. more sweet            |
| 3. pronounced "R"       | 10. rhymes with pan      |
| 4. rhymes with four     | 11. golden liquid        |
| 5. Letters create ____. | 12. Pleased __ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two       | 13. rhymes with fly      |
| 7. rhymes with by       | 14. body part            |



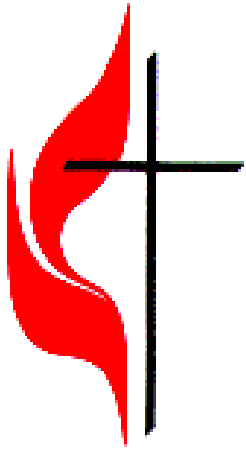
### WORD BANK

than your to are  
sweet sweeter How  
my honey mouth  
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV





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### *Summer Worship Schedule*

*June 10—September 2*

Service at 9:45 am

Nursery provided

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### *Summer Church Office Hours*

*June 11—August 31*

8 am - noon

Monday through Friday

(509) 582-2163

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### **Bookkeeper**

Fifteen to twenty hours per week.  
Flexible hours.  
Position will be available August 1. Compensation: DOE. See position description on our website. Position will remain open until filled. Send resume and completed application form to Jerry Poole, C/O church office.

*Articles for the August  
2018 Clarion will be due  
on July 20.*

