MCOB NEWSLETTER

Week of Sunday, September 15, 2024



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Prayer Concerns - We welcome all to join in prayer...

- ♥ With sorrow we grieve the death of another friend among us. **Jeannette Lahman** died in her home on September 10. We hold **Dave** and **Mary Lahman**, **Mary** and **Dave Sollenberg** and the **whole Lahman family** in prayer for comfort as they move through their grief.
- ♥ We pray for **Elizabeth Dickman Waas**, **Pat Price's daughter** & **David Waas'** granddaughter. She will have a preventative double mastectomy in Eugene Oregon on September 18. This will be as outpatient and she will be cared for in her home. Elizabeth has asked that folks in our congregation remember her in their thoughts & prayers.
- ♥ We pray for **Vivian** and **Joe Ogden**, who are temporarily in healthcare for PT to return to their apartment.
- ♥ We pray for **Karen Roberts Sare**, who is in the hospital in Indianapolis where her lung transplant medical team can keep an eye on her. She is experiencing difficulty regulating her blood pressure.
- ♥ We pray for **those among us** who have contracted Covid. May the virus and isolation be met with strength.
- ♥ We celebrate with **Tim Hoffman** who turned **100 years** old on September 9!
- ▼ We celebrate with Rachel and Bob Gross who are in Georgia for Rachel to receive the Martina Correia Courage Award, from the Georgians For Alternatives to the Death Penalty.
- ♥ We lift prayers of thanks to those who provide the **ministry of music**, **organization**, and **hospitality** for SING ME HOME.
- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel, and pray with others in our district for South Central District and the conference that took place Saturday, September 14.

WEEKLY CALENDAR (Office Open Mon - Fri 1 to 3pm)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting | Chapel

7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Meeting | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m. Preschool

10:00 a.m. Pastors' Meeting

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Midweek Update on YouTube

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting

7:00 p.m. Executive Board | Conference Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. Preschool

10:30 a.m. CBWF: Relief Sewing | Narthex

1:00 p.m. SMH Steering Committee | Video Conference 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention Meeting | Chapel

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m. Worship: "Who can possibly be righteous?" (Pastor Amy preaching)

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37; James 3:13-4:3, 7, 8a

10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School | West Wing 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School | East Wing

ATC: 3-part series "God & Country" Finale | Room 220

Koinonia: "Samuel, Leader for a Different Tomorrow" | Conference Room

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

12:00 p.m. Standing with People of Color Discussion | Narthex

4:00 p.m. FLC, Kitchen, Narthex, Sanctuary Reserved



We celebrate milestone ordinations for 8 folks in our congregation:

Laura Stone, 5 yrs
Seth Hendricks, 10 yrs
Helen Beery, 35 yrs
Curt Rowland, 35 yrs
Kendall Rogers, 40 yrs
Mark Steury, 40 yrs
Lillian Brumbaugh, 40 yrs
Bob Bowman, 70 yrs

Nurture Nudge See if you can put yourself in a multicultural situation this week or remember a time when you were welcomed by someone from a different culture. What was your comfort level? What would you like to do differently?



Standing with People of Color September 22nd

The Witness Commission of our church organized a time for us to have a discussion prompted by our denomination's annual conference. We would like to invite you to stay after church and Sunday School on Sunday, September 22. We are encouraging you to bring a sack lunch which we will eat before we begin our discussion.

The discussion time should be under 90 minutes.

To see a list of the conversation prompts and the model, you can click <u>HERE</u>. Read more about the program on the denominational website <u>HERE</u>.



Click **HERE** to donate online. Thank you in advance!



WATCH PARTY

JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:30PM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28!

Fall Council Meeting & Fellowship Meal Sunday, September 29



Grab a cup of coffee or tea and let's join together in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Come hear updates from the pastors, staff, and Executive Board. We will review and vote on the proposed 2025 Budget, elect leaders for our congregation. After the meeting we will gather in the FLC for a potluck fellowship meal.

Theme: Worship

UPCOMING WORSHIP THEME:

September 29 - "Inclusion, not excision" Mark 9:38-50 Jim Chinworth preaching





New Community Project

...turning the world upside down...

Hello Friends in Christ. I hope you're doing well as we turn the corner into fall. Speaking of which, we are just launching our fall campaign. Called Rest in Peace, the focus is on building a three-room dormitory for 300 girls at Queensland Girls' School in South Sudan. The school – which

we raised funds to build 10 years ago — was already bursting at the seams, with some girls sleeping two to a bed in existing dormitories. And then refugee



girls from war-torn Sudan began arriving, hoping to continue their education in their new location.

The campaign goal is \$30,000, which will provide the dormitory building as well as 300 3-tier metal bunk beds. While we invite any and all to donate to these fall campaigns, we are particularly hoping



congregations will see this as a cause they can rally behind as an opportunity for special offerings around the holidays. As an added bonus, we have matching

funds from a donor that will increase all contributions by 25%. And as always, 100 percent of donations to our Special Projects go to the programs themselves.

Here's the <u>web page</u> for the campaign. Let me know if you have questions or comments, or need more information of any kind.

Blessings and peace, David Radcliff



Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.