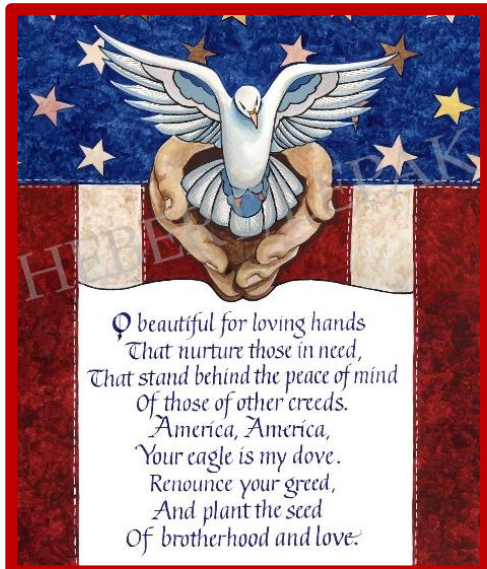


WASHOUGAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



July 2026



O beautiful for loving hands
That nurture those in need,
That stand behind the peace of mind
Of those of other creeds.
America, America,
Your eagle is my dove.
Renounce your greed,
And plant the seed
Of brotherhood and love.

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Pastor Leslie's Message



Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 2026

Members and Guests of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference met online and in person at Spokane Valley United Methodist Church from June 23-25, for its 153rd regular session.

As they did their work, lay and clergy members explored the new United Methodist vision, "Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously," focusing for this conference year on loving boldly. In his call letter, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth wrote:

"We are challenged to love God passionately and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life."

Dear Church,

The Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church held our annual conference June 23-25. This annual meeting dates back to 1744. The purpose of the annual conference as a clergy person is to connect with other pastors, order the business and doctrine of the church, and affirm one's own call as they receive appointment for the next year. In the UMC, appointments run for one year, July 1st - June 30th, unless otherwise needed. Appointments are "set" by the Bishop at annual conference, before that time appointments are "intended." So, while I've known since early spring that my intended appointment was going to remain at Washougal, it wasn't actually official until last Wednesday afternoon.

The liturgy for an elder is in part:

Superintendent

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?

I do so believe!

Superintendent

Do you accept the appointment that Bishop Cedric Bridgeforth has discerned for you?

I accept the appointment!

Superintendent

People of our ministry settings across Washington and Idaho, will you support these persons being appointed?

We will support them!

Bishop

I now fix the appointments for elders.

Pastor Leslie's Message

This year, I attended Conference virtually. While clergy are required to be present, since 2020, we have held hybrid conferences that allow virtual attendance when necessary. When I said these words of affirmation, out loud in my home, I was actively changing a diaper. Baby blowouts wait for no Bishop! I've been reflecting on that moment. Affirming my call from God to pastoral service, committing to live out that call in the United Methodist Church...while wiping poop. My highest honor and basic humility all wrapped up in a child's bedroom and a Huggies size 2. But that is a high calling, too. Caring for my children and raising them to be good people. Life is not one thing. The good and the hard of pastoral ministry is that it is both a job of tasks and a life I get to live.

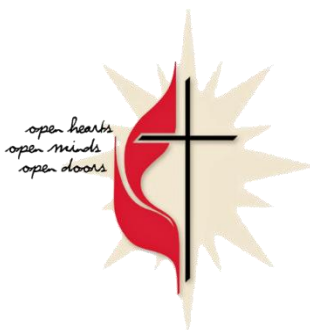
This week, I've had my kids at the office and that is a blessing! I've also worked from a couch while my 4-year-old asked to go to the park, that was hard. I've sat with people and enjoyed happy stories. Blessing. I've anointed the heads of those who are dying. Holy, but oh so hard. I get to write a sermon nearly each week. The academia and sharing of knowledge energizes me. I also understand that I am speaking for, to, and about God in a place of authority. There is a sobering responsibility to making sure my words are not flippant or self-serving. In my first year, I jokingly asked that I not be called on my day off unless someone was dying. Well, it happened and I learned not to say that anymore because it's not a good joke for a pastor. Sometimes it is reciting liturgy while wearing a white robe. Sometimes I get to recite liturgy while changing a diaper. The power of the liturgy remains.

As I start my sixth year as the pastor of Washougal United Methodist Church, I want to say thank you. Thank you for supporting not only me, but my family. Thank you for trusting me with your stories, your prayer requests, your grief, and your willingness to do life together. It truly is an honor and a blessing to be your pastor.

It truly is a joy and honor to be your pastor again this year,

Pastor Leslie

I am always available for you if you need prayer, someone to listen, or a friend to grab coffee with. Please reach out if myself, or our congregation, can support you.



Giving Report ~ May

INCOME

General Fund Giving	\$ 11,214.12
Endowment Transfer – Operations	908.65
Ministerial Housing Transfer	2,583.34
Rental Income	300.00
Rental - Trustees	300.00
NW Natural Refund	236.06
Trustee Flame Donations	1,231.08
Checking Interest	1.15

TOTAL INCOME \$16,774.40

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$ 18,542.79
Apportionments	2,280.00
Transfer Trustees Rent	300.00
Transfer Flame Donations	1,231.08
Other Expenses	1,758.88

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 24,112.75

TOTAL DEFICIT

\$ 7,338.35

GIVING
as an act of worship
BEFORE GOD
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

If you have any questions, feel free to contact

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You may remit your Offerings to
PO Box 12, Washougal, Washington 98671
Online at www.washougalunitedmethodistchurch.org
Drop in the Offering Plate on Sunday Morning



Happy Birthday



Ginny Hazen	July 01
Uela Spanier	July 13
Tom Crozier	July 19
Ladinea Faler	July 20
Sandy Havrelly	July 28
Linn Jacobs	July 28



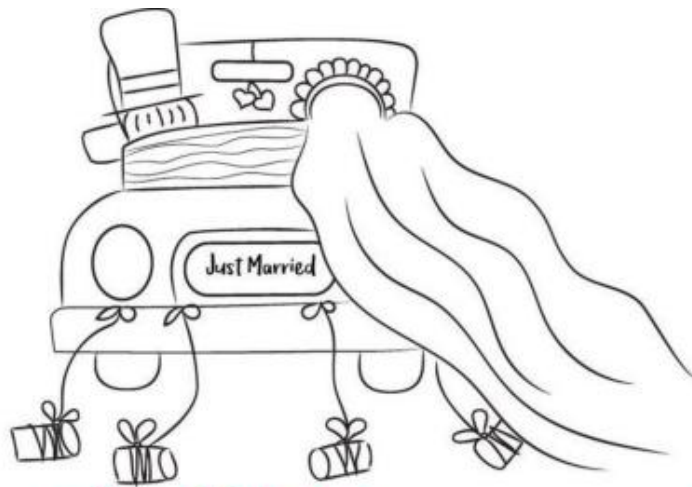
Happy Anniversary



Gus & Sandy Havrelly
July 28, 1962



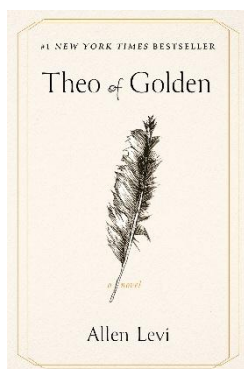
Joe & LouAnn Wittler
July 23, 1967



Just Married

Page Turners Book Club

The **Page Turners Book Club** meets on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month at **NOON** at **Leonardo's Pizzeria** in Vancouver. Judy Whetzel - 360.600-9796 - maui.born62@gmail.com leads the group and welcomes everyone to join. Why should you consider joining? It broadens your horizons. It gives you a break amidst the ever increasing madness of life in 2026.



This Month's Book

Theo of Golden - Allen Levi

(Judy Whetzel recommended)

A Gentle novel about an elderly Portuguese man who arrives in a Southern town, buying 92 pencil portraits of residents from a local coffee shop, to gift them back to their subjects. Though his project forms deep connections, fostering kindness and helping people feel truly seen. (Often, described as a story about the "quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder."

OnLine Worship Services

MISS A SUNDAY SERVICE?

LISTEN TO SERMONS

ONLINE



Go To Our Website
Click on Media
Choose Your Sunday
Sit Back and Enjoy Listening

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Online Church Directory



Our Online Church **DIRECTORY**

How do I access the Online Directory?

Your protected personal information is a key component of operations at WUMC. To access our Online Directory, simply contact the Church Office for our Servant Keeper Log in and Password, write it down and keep it with your other personal Top-Secret Passwords.

How do I update my contact information?

Visit the Servant Keeper website provided by the Church Office. Create your own unique Member Login by entering your email and creating a password (this is a different password from the one provided). You will be directed to the Membership Portal where you can ensure your family's information is complete and correct.

Who will be able to see my information?

The Online Directory is PRIVATE and PASSWORD PROTECTED.

It is managed by the church office. Only those who have the password will be able to view it. The Online Directory, as well as any printed Church Family Directories are intended for personal use only and not for business or other commercial or marketing purposes.

What if I don't want to be in the Online Directory?

If you provided your contact information for the previous paper Church Directory, you will automatically be visible in the Online Directory. However, if you do not wish to have your information visible to others online, you must set up your unique account and choose the option to disable your profile visibility. If you make your profile invisible, you will still be able to log into the Online Directory and see the profiles of other Washougal United Methodist Church members, but they will not see yours.



We Compost Tips

Summer composting tips

Keep your kitchen fresh and your compost routine hassle-free.

Tips to reduce odors and pests

- Drop off frequently.
- Wash pail to reduce residue and odors.
- Store scraps in the fridge or freezer.
- Keep your pail outside in the garage or on the porch, out of direct sun.
- Sprinkle baking soda over scraps to eliminate odors.



Request a free dishwasher-safe pail
(subject to availability) to collect and
transport food scraps to a
community compost hub:

ClarkWeCompost.org



For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA
Office. Voice: 564.397.2322 Relay 711 or
800.833.6388 Fax: 360.397.6165 / Email:
ADA@clark.wa.gov

Funded in part by a Local Solid Waste Financial
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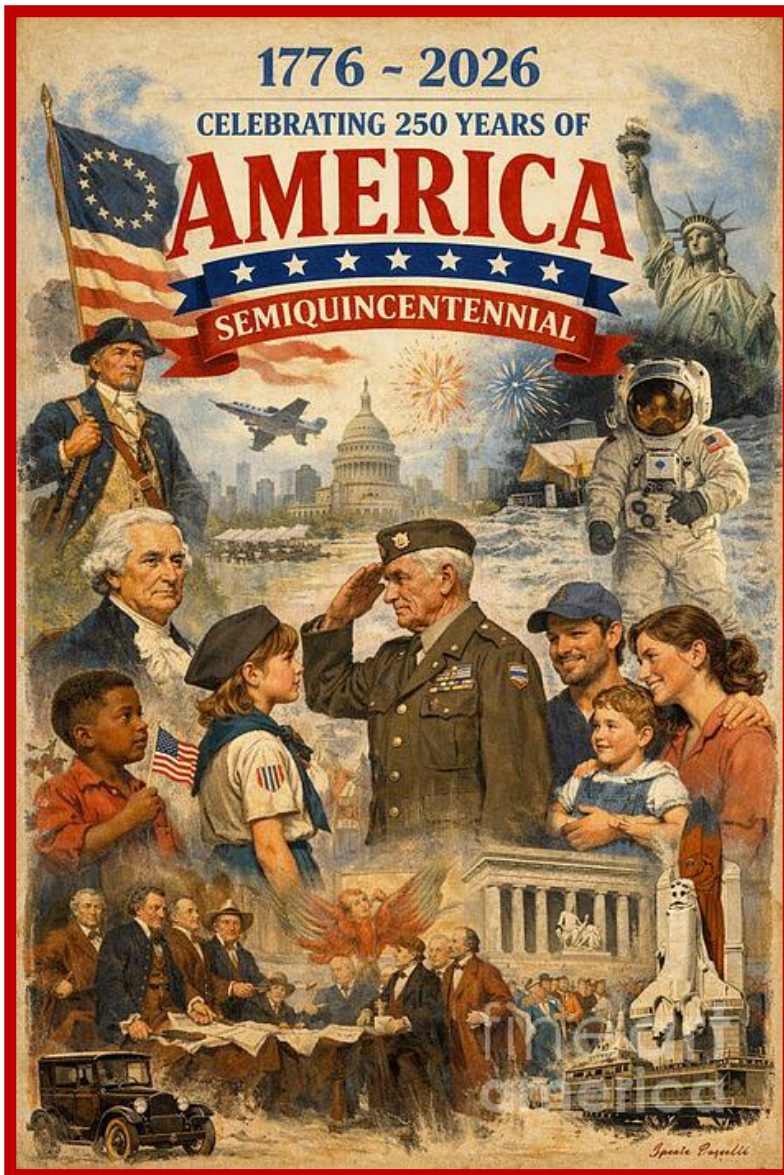
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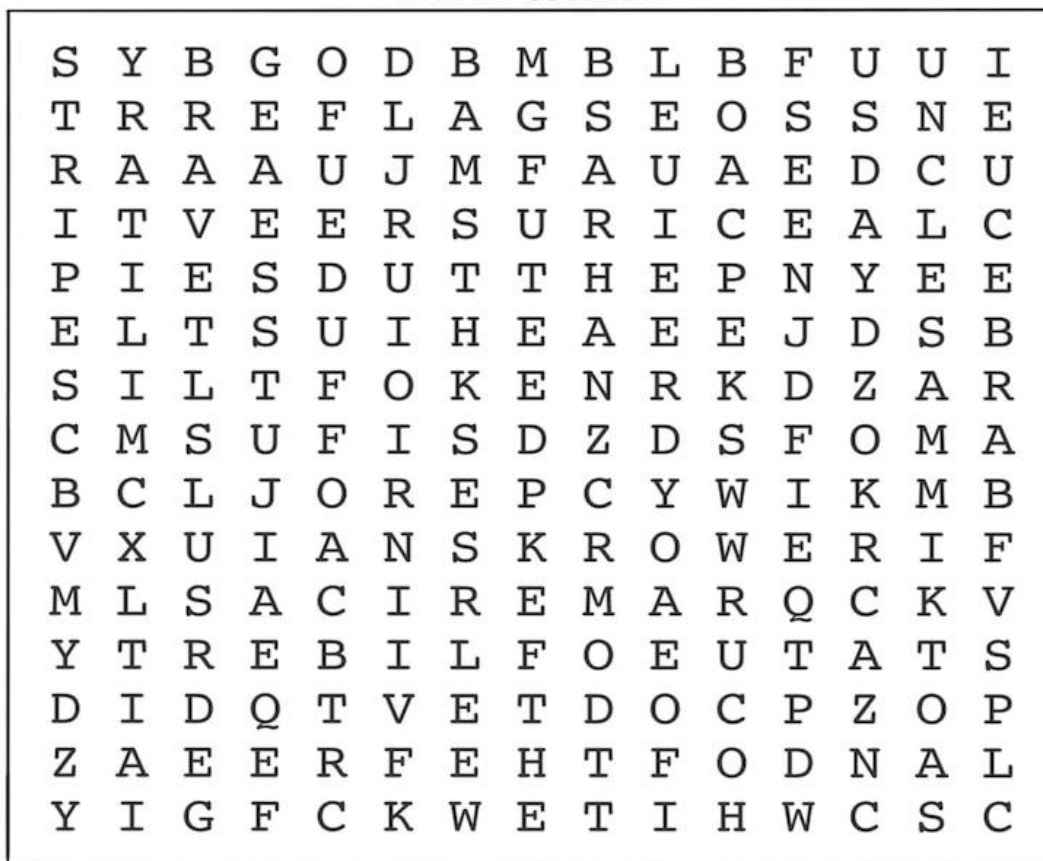
Semiquincentennial

America's 250th birthday—also known as the semiquincentennial—is a massive, historic milestone marking 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

It is special because it offers a rare, once-in-a-generation opportunity to reflect on the nation's democratic journey, celebrate its diversity, and shape its future.



Word Search Fun



AMERICA
BARBECUE
BEAUTIFUL
BLUE
BRAVE

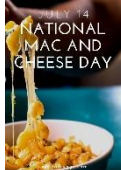
FIREWORKS
FLAG
FOURTH OF JULY
FREEDOM
INDEPENDENCE DAY

LAND OF THE FREE
MAJESTIC
MILITARY
RED
STARS

STATUE OF LIBERTY
STRIPES
UNCLE SAM
USA
WHITE

Hidden Message:

July 2026 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 6th in honor of Independence Day 					
			1	2	3	4
			 Happy Birthday Ginny			
Communion 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 10 Fellowship Hour 11	Office Closed in honor of July 4 th Men's Coffee ~ 9 Quilters/Crafters 10 ~ 2					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship ~ 10 Fellowship Hour 11 Happy Birthday Uela	Men's Coffee ~ 9 Quilters/Crafters 10 ~ 2		Nat'l Hot Dog Day 	Church Council Meeting 3 Fellowship Hall		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship ~ 10 Potluck Sunday Happy Birthday Ladinea Happy Birthday Tom Crozier	Men's Coffee ~ 9 Quilters/Crafters 10 ~ 2	Page Turners Noon  Leonardo's Pizzeria		Happy Anniversary Joe & LouAnn		
Parents Day 26	27	28	29	30	31	
Worship 10 Fellowship Hour 11	Men's Coffee ~ 9 Quilters/Crafters 10 ~ 2	Happy Birthday Linn Happy Birthday Sandy Happy Anniversary Gus & Sandy			 JULY RUBY	It's Almost AUGUST already! As usual, the 1 st person to solve the puzzle on page 11 and deliver proof of same to the Church Secretary will receive a special reward. 