



# June 2026



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**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY  
GOD!**

# Pastor Leslie's Message

Dear Church Family,

Happy June! It has been wonderful to have time this Spring to focus on my role as a mama to two little boys and it is wonderful to return to my role as your pastor. Thank you for your grace and support while I've been away from my office. I am returning sleep deprived, but healed and ready to use my brain for something other than keeping track of feeding and sleep schedules!

As lofty as my postpartum goals were, babies have a way of reminding you of the basics of life. Oliver's schedule right now is: "eat, sleep, poop, repeat as needed." My schedule was reduced to surviving: "keep the kids alive, keep yourself alive, gold star if you shower before noon." On paper, parenthood looks terrible sometimes. And granted, I won't look back fondly at walking the baby around the room at 2am because he just can't settle, or fighting with my husband over nothing because we are both just so tired. But Oliver just learned how to smile. Luca is obsessed with helping (when he wants) and is very keen to make sure he gets his share of parent cuddles. Watching them grow is a kind of joy that is hard to describe and I'm grateful I get to experience it every day.

As I thought about what to preach when I returned, I kept coming back to the basics. During the summer, I like to take a break from the lectionary and do something different. So, we are going to do a series called Church 101. If you've been attending for long, you may remember we did a series like this 5 years ago. You might recognize some of the material, but some of it might be different or something you've forgotten. Since that time, our Sunday attendance has nearly doubled so for some of you, it may be totally new. Regardless, sometimes it is helpful to go back to the basics! We will be looking at overviews of the Bible, the Church Calendar, Denominations, and Sunday mornings. We will wrap it up by looking at our own tradition of Methodism and a report from Annual Conference that is taking place later this month (fun fact: Annual Conference began in 1744 and is actually one of the main markers of Methodism). It is my hope that this series helps to deepen your faith and remind you of why we do the things we do.

I have missed seeing you all each week! Know that I have been and am continuing to pray for you all. If you would like to catch up, receive prayer, or need someone to just sit with, I am here! Please reach out!

It is my joy and honor to be your pastor.

*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.

# Church Council News

A lot has been going on at the church during the last couple months. Some of these items might be covered in other articles, but these are actions the Council has taken in the last couple of months.

Thanks also to Pastor Tom for his energetic and interesting sermons while stepping in during Pastor Leslie's maternity leave. He also attended two Council meetings and offered valuable insights.

Special thanks to the Men's Monday Morning Coffee Group for taking down the Dress A Girl dresses. They were then carefully packaged and are now safely on their way to Hope for Women International to be distributed to girls around the world, including in the USA. Thanks to ALL involved, including those who contributed to this worthwhile annual WUMC mission.



Our choir is looking for new members, and they have an opportunity for individuals to "try it out" next fall, with no obligation to continue afterwards: The other Joyful Noise Choir that sang for us last Christmas Eve, is happily returning this year, and has invited our choir to sing with them. Both groups will learn the same music, in parts. Our choir members will join their respective sections (alto, soprano, etc.) for the performance. It should be fun! Our regular choir practices are held on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

As you can easily see, the flame on the east end of the church building has been installed. Pastor Tom led the kick-off to raise money for our new flame on the west end of the church building. This effort raised over \$5000 to offset some of the funds needed by the Trustees account. Special thanks to Pastor Tom and all of you who contributed to this needed effort.

The Sunnyside School which has been using our basement has found a new location for the next school year. Their last instructional day is June 11. They have reserved the sanctuary for the evening of June 10 for an end-of-year program and expect to be moved out by about June 30.

A Girl Scout troop reserved the fellowship hall for meetings beginning April 14. All rental paperwork has been completed. Cleta attended the first meeting and was impressed with their respectfulness of the building. There were eight junior high girls in attendance.

You might notice that our Sanctuary carpeting; the original one that was installed when the building was built(!), has recently been repaired. It is failing and will need to be replaced before too long. Preliminary research has produced a rough estimate of \$23,000 ... future fundraiser heads up.

A huge thanks to Kathy McKinley who very ably covered the office during Mona's medical leave.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and the delicious chocolates. And to all of you who helped me, supported me and offered encouragement while I was filling in for Mona while she was on medical leave, know that I couldn't have done it without you!

With Love,

*Kathy McKinley*

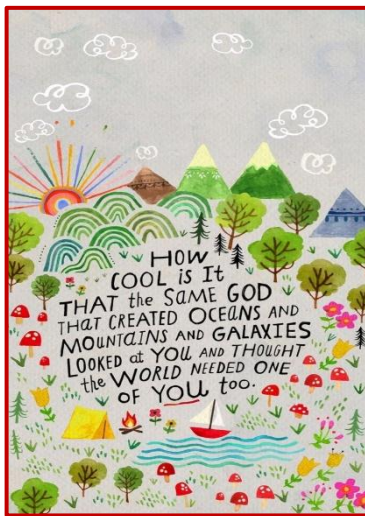
Linda Christiansen reports that the new volunteer positions we need are nearly completely filled. The most urgent need to fill the sound booth with a team of at least four, now includes Lisa Stone, Carol Fleming, Bob Jacobs, Linda Christensen, and Starla Ryan.

# Church Council News

## Community OUTREACH












Our Amazing Kids effort, led by Judy Barber, has completed its Community Outreach project to deliver \$10 Jack in the Box coupons to all the children ages birth to 18 who live in the two subsidized housing projects in Washougal. Mona designed and now has printed beautiful and playful greeting cards, while Judy worked tirelessly with Jack in the Box to obtain 60 gift cards, which were graciously initialed by the JITB district manager to also include a FREE beverage.







Warmest regards,  
*Barb Crozier*  
Church Council Chair


# WUMC 2026 Church Council

Officers	Name
Council Chair 	Barb Crozier
Council Vice-Chair 	VACANT
Treasurer 	Tom Crozier
Endowment Chair 	Gene Cox
Financial Secretary 	LouAnn Wittler
Finance Committee Chair 	Stan Hodgkin
SPRC Chair 	Cleta Gilman
Trustees Chair 	Joe Wittler
Lay Member•Annual Conference Social Justice 	Judy Barber

These are Officers that are required of all United Methodist Churches

Endowments Committee	Name
Endowment Chair 	Gene Cox
Endowment Committee Member	Tom Crozier
Endowment Committee Member	Cleta Gilman
Endowment Committee Member	Rev. Leslie Kollreno
Endowment Committee Member	LouAnn Wittler
Endowment Committee Member	Joe Wittler

Finance Committee	Name
Finance Committee Chair 	Stan Hodgkin
Finance Secretary • 1 	LouAnn Wittler
Finance Secretary • 2 	Joe Wittler
Finance Committee Member	Gene Cox
Finance Committee Member	Tom Crozier
Finance Committee Member	Cleta Gilman
Finance Committee Member	Rev. Leslie Kollreno

SPRC – Staff Parish Relations Committee	Name
SPRC Chair 	Cleta Gilman
SPRC Member	Barb Crozier
SPRC Member	Carol Fleming
SPRC Member	Judy Barber

 Voting Member

# WUMC 2026 Church Council

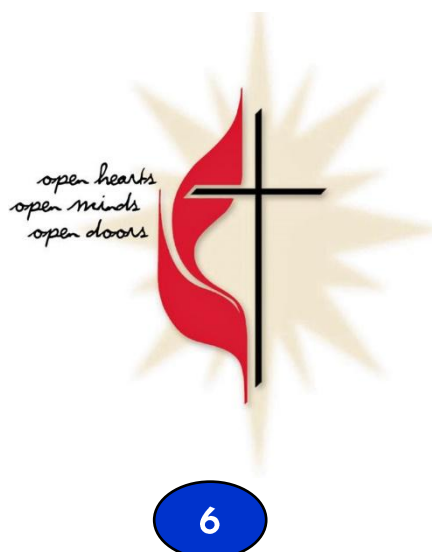
Trustees/Facilities	Name
Trustee Chair 🖐️	Joe Wittler
Trustee Committee Member	Linda Christensen
Trustee Committee Member	Gene Cox
Trustee Committee Member	Stan Hodgkin
Trustee Committee Member	Bob Jacobs

WUMC Council Members	Name
Membership Secretary	Tom Crozier
Memorials Chair	Gladys Dole
Worship Chair	Kathy McKinley

Staff Members	Name
Pastor	Rev. Leslie A. Kollreno 🖐️
Music Director	Janet Orjala
Mona Chisholm	Church Secretary

WUMC Missions	Name
Congregational Care Coordinator	Sandy Havrelly
Dress•A•Girl	Cleta Gilman
Hathaway Elementary School	Chuckie Smiley
Heartfelt Quilters	Cleta Gilman
Treasure House	Linn Jacobs

WUMC Fund Raiser	Name
Fund Raiser - Christmas Bazaar	Cleta Gilman



# Pastor Tom's Sermons

Pastor Tom Tucker filled the pulpit from March 15 – May 31 while Pastor Leslie was enjoying maternity leave with Martin, Luca and newborn Oliver.

His sermons are available on our website.

Go to [www.washougalandmethodistchurch.org](http://www.washougalandmethodistchurch.org), and click on 'Media'

## Media Library



**FROM WARM HEARTS TO HEARTS OF FIRE, RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT!**  
May 24, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker



**A NO KINGS MOMENT?**  
May 17, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker



**SPIRIT MATTERS, ALL LIVES MATTER & ALL MEANS ALL**  
May 10, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker



**SHOW US THE WAY**  
May 3, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker



**WHO IS THE OTHER? BRING US TOGETHER.**  
Apr 26, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker



**THE WALK TO EMMAUS, BREAKING BREAD, WARM HEARTS**  
Apr 19, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker



**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT?**  
Apr 12, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker



**PALM SUNDAY**  
Mar 29, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker



**WHO NEEDS UNBINDING**  
Mar 22, 2026 • Pastor Tom Tucker

# June Giving Report

## INCOME

General Fund Giving	\$ 12,819.80
Endowment Transfer - Operations	908.65
Ministerial Housing Transfer	2,583.33
Rental Income	300.00
Rental – Trustees	300.00
Dress-A-Girl	230.00
Trustee Flame Donations	4,000.36
Native American Sunday	286.00
Checking Interest	1.29
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,429.43</u></b>

## EXPENSES

Personnel	\$ 11,853.25
Apportionments	2,280.00
Native American Sunday	286.00
Transfer Trustees Rent	300.00
Transfer Dress-A-Girl	230.00
Transfer Flame Donations	4,000.36
Other Expenses	1,583.30
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,532.91</u></b>

## NET PROFIT

**TOTAL NET PROFIT** \$ 896.52

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**TOTAL FLAME DONATIONS AS OF MAY 24, 2026** \$ 5,231.44

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You may remit your Offerings to  
PO Box 12, Washougal, WA 98671

OR ... Online at [www.washougalunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://www.washougalunitedmethodistchurch.org)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact

*LouAnn Wittler*

Financial Secretary

[joeandlouann@comcst.net](mailto:joeandlouann@comcst.net)

360.606.2833

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38

# Trustees Brief

The total cost of the LOVE ONE ANOTHER CROSS & FLAME was \$11,880.96, including almost \$1,000.00 in taxes. The total amount collected from the fundraiser was \$5,231.44



The Cross & Flame emblem is a powerful reminder of who and Whose we are as United Methodists.

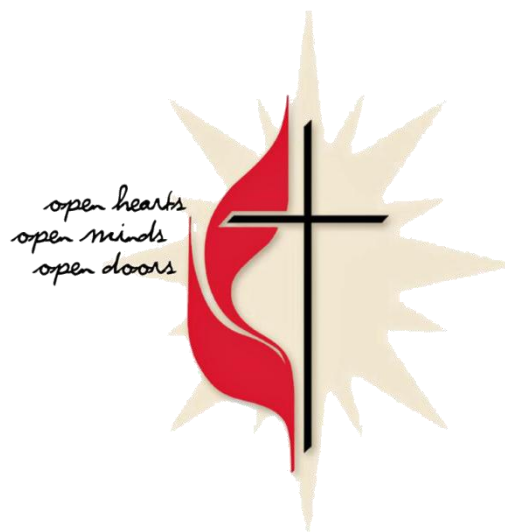
That's why protecting and preserving its use and integrity is important. The emblem isn't just a logo - it's a powerful symbol of our faith.

The history & significance of the **CROSS & FLAME** emblem are as rich & diverse in meaning as The UM Church itself.

The **CROSS** reminds us of Christ's sacrifice.

The **FLAME** represents the Holy Spirit's power and our passion to share God's love as well as to serve as a reminder of Pentecost when witnesses were unified by the power of the Holy Spirit & saw:

**"Tongues, as of fire"**  
Acts 2:3



# Trustees Brief



Before & During



After

# Kudos Volunteers



Long Time WUMC Volunteer, **Linda Christensen** has been purchasing items at her own expense and merchandising the Narthex & Sanctuary week after week after week. She's pictured here on Pentecost Sunday.

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Additionally, Linda has operated the Audio Visual Sunday Worship Services. That is until recently when congregants **Carol Fleming, Bob Jacobs, Lisa Stone and Starla Ryan** signed up to help, giving Linda a well-deserved break.

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As always we extend our gratitude to **Dave Steinke** for his consistent attention to keeping the WUMC grounds in picture ready shape and to **Bob Jacobs** for using his mechanical skills to make sure the landscaping tools are ready for action.

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Speaking of the WUMC Volunteers who show up week after week after week, let's not forget to give a big shout out to our weekly Church Cleaners: **Gene Cox, Susi & Clark Nichols, Bill Revett, Leah Justesen-Brown, Bob & Linn Jacobs & Megan Baker.**

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And then there's our Liturgists who step up to the pulpit and lead us into the Call of Worship each Sunday  
**Gene Cox, Barb Crozier, Tom Crozer, Gladys Dole, Carol Fleming, Stan Hodgin, Judy Barber and Cathy Morton-Greenlee.**

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Our Congregational Care Coordinator, **Sandy Havrelly** along with our Fellowship Hour Coordinator, **Cheryl Forman** wish to thank you for the cash donations placed in the Kitchen Fund jar located beneath the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hallway. Additionally, they would like to remind you to check that Bulletin Board every once and a while to see if there is a needed 'tag' item that you would like to contribute to the cause.



For now, these items are running low in inventory if you are so led: Napkins, Paper Soup Bowls, Paper Dinner Plates, Small Paper Dessert Plates, Paper Towels, White 13 Gallon Kitchen Trash Bags and Hot Coffee Cups.

# Happy Birthday

happy  
**BIRTHDAY**

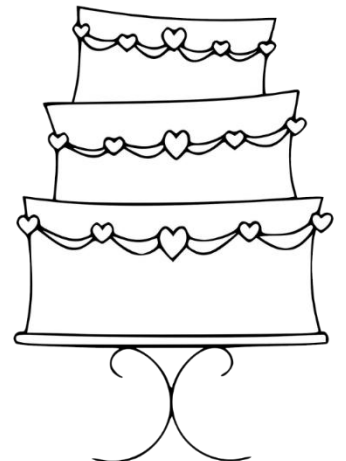
Linda McMahon	June 2
Joan Hess	June 2
Lisa Stone-Pero	June 3
Rick Kelly	June 5
Bridget Garver	June 16

# Happy Anniversary



Joe & Martha  
Kelly

June 14, 1958



# Page Turners

The Washougal United Methodist Church Book Club

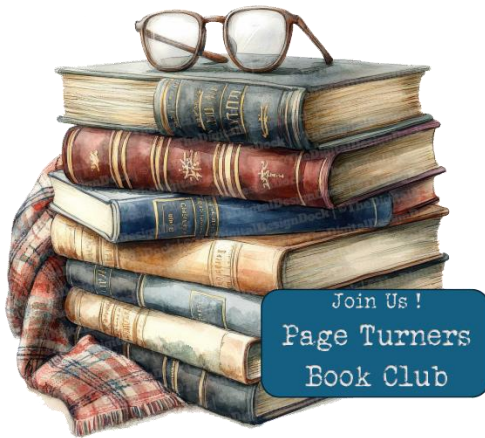
## Page Turners

Meets every Third Tuesday of every month ~ Noon  
Leonardo's Pizzeria

### Judy Whetzel ~ Coordinator

Leads the group and welcomes everyone to join the  
Club

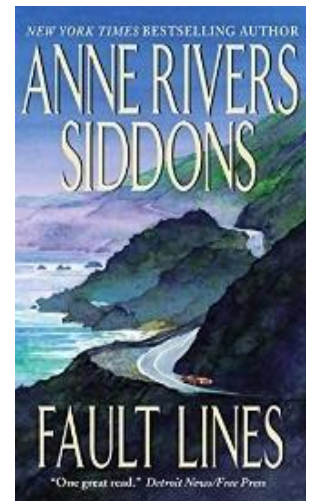
Contact Judy at 360.600.9796 -  
maui.born62@gmail.com for more information



## June ~ Fault Lines

by Ann Rivers Siddons

When her daughter runs away to her aunt in California, Merritt Fowler of Georgia takes a plane to bring her back, the trip a welcome change from a demanding husband and an equally demanding mother-in-law who is suffering from Alzheimer's. The scene is set for a steamy romance during an earthquake.



# Sunnyside Schoolhouse



Dear WUM Congregation,

Sunnyside Schoolhouse would like to say a HUGE thank you for hosting us this school year. Your beautiful grounds, cheerful classrooms, and open spaces have given us a delightful place to learn and grow. We enjoyed friendly chats with the Men's Coffee group each Monday morning and have loved all your smiles and kindness. We feel so blessed to have found you in our time of need, and have you offer such a wonderful space for our use. We will always think fondly of our special year here.

Love,

*Mrs. Johansen & Students of Sunnyside Schoolhouse*



# We Compost

Submitted by Cathy Morton-Greenlee



Now seems a great time to share a few reminders about what is accepted in the We Compost hub carts:

ALL foods are accepted in the We Compost Community Hub carts, including:

- \* Cooked or raw meat, seafood and bones
- \* Prepared/cooked food, baked goods
- \* Dairy products
- \* Grains
- \* Produce
- \* Coffee grounds

Please NO yard debris, leaves or plants in hub carts. While it's true these items are compostable, the We Compost Community Hub carts are intended for residents to dispose of food scraps only – specifically to reduce the methane emissions that are produced by food decomposing in the landfill.

If you do have yard debris, you can contact Waste Connections of Washington for information about curbside yard debris service, or yard debris drop-off is available at all three local transfer stations.

If you have questions about what can go in the hub carts, email the team at [info@clarkwecompost.org](mailto:info@clarkwecompost.org).

# Father's Day is the 21<sup>st</sup>



There are a range of events which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day.

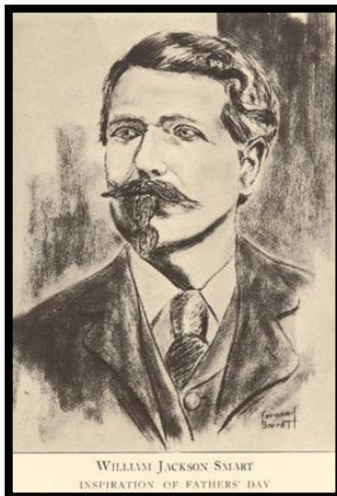
One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.



Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

It's been said that because of Sonora's actions, the Father's Day recognition put Spokane, Washington on the map 😊



# Happy Birthday John Wesley

John Wesley was born on June 28, 1703 in Epworth. He was the 15th child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. Samuel Wesley was a graduate of the University of Oxford and a poet who, from 1696, was rector of Epworth. He married Susanna, the 25th child of Samuel Annesley, a dissenting minister, in 1689. Ultimately, she bore 19 children, nine of whom lived beyond infancy. She and Samuel Wesley had become members of the Church of England as young adults.



John Wesley was an 18th-century English cleric and theologian best known for founding the **Methodist Movement**. Alongside his brother Charles and George Whitefield, he led a major evangelical revival within the Church of England.

Key highlights of his legacy include:

- **Methodism:** He established "Methodist societies" focused on spiritual discipline, small-group accountability, and the universal availability of God's grace.
- **Evangelism:** Known as an untiring preacher, he traveled an estimated 250,000 miles on horseback and preached over 40,000 sermons.
- **Open-Air Preaching:** He pioneered reaching working-class people and the poor by preaching outdoors when churches barred their doors to him
- **Practical Theology & Social Action:** He emphasized holy living, combining faith with social reforms like prison visitation, education for the poor, and early abolitionist advocacy.



# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Men's Coffee 9 ♥ Felt Quilters 10-2 Clela's Shoppe	Pastor Leslie's Back In the Office 😊 Joan Hess Linda McMahon Birthdays	Lisa Stone-Pero Birthday		Rick Kelly Birthday	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship * 10 Communion Fellowship Hour 11	Men's Coffee 9 ♥ Felt Quilters 10-2 Clela's Shoppe		Sunnyside Schoolhouse End of Year Program			
 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship * 10 Fellowship Hour 11	Men's Coffee 9 ♥ Felt Quilters 10-2 Clela's Shoppe	Bridget Garver Birthday Page Turners Noon Leonardo's Pizzeria		Church Council Meeting 3		
 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
First Day of Summer <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Worship * 10 Potluck Sunday 11	Men's Coffee 9 ♥ Felt Quilters 10-2 Clela's Shoppe					
28	29	30				
John Wesley's Birthday Worship * 10 Fellowship Hour 11	Men's Coffee 9 ♥ Felt Quilters 10-2 Clela's Shoppe					

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