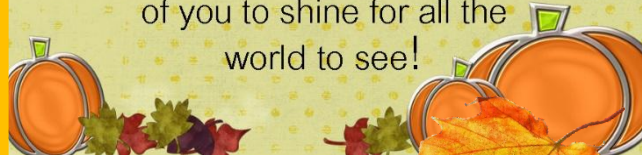


WASHOUGAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



October 2026

Being a Christian is like being a **pumpkin**. God **picks you** from the patch, brings you in, and **washes off** all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and **scoops out** all the yucky stuff. He **removes the seeds** of doubt, hate, and greed. Last, He **carves you** a new smiling face and **puts His light inside** of you to shine for all the world to see!



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A Message from Pastor Leslie

Dear Church,

Every other November, there is a federal election in our country. In 1920, Warren G. Harding was the first formal contender in the presidential race at 321 days before the election (10 months). A century later, for the 2020 presidential election, John Delaney formally announced his candidacy 1,194 days before the election (3years, 4months). Elections cycles have lengthened in our country to the point that it often feels like we are *always* in election season.

WE ARE
Stronger
TOGETHER

Campaigns are political battles. Candidates are trying to convince you that they are the person who is best for the job and the other person(s) are wrong for the job. There is nothing inherently wrong with this, it's a hallmark of democracy and one that I actually enjoy. I have fond memories of cramming into a college apartment living room with a diverse group of friends to watch a presidential debate on TV as we all argued politics. The downside comes when election season never stops – because it means the *fight* never stops. There is no time to work together when you are always fighting. Beyond this, because candidates are always fighting to get people to vote for them, they don't have time to actually care about those who they know won't vote for them. It seems that gone are the days of a politician who wants to work for all their constituents, the ones who will grant them or keep them in power are the only ones that truly matter. When the campaign never ends we start to view the world, ourselves and others, through the lens of political affiliation – even when we may not want to do so.

Last month, the Vice President went to Kansas to stump for the senate race. Normally this would not be news, but this year the Democratic nominee is Adam Hamilton. If that name rings a bell, it's because we've used some of his books and Bible studies at our church before. His primary job is as the senior pastor of Church of the Resurrection (COR), the largest UMC church in the United States. Recent endorsements for Hamilton from state GOP politicians have pushed the race into a dead heat. This is big news because Kansas has the reddest senate seats in the country, having not elected a democrat for 94 years.

This is important for Kansas, but it wouldn't normally be important for us. I've been to COR and met Adam Hamilton, I think highly of him as a pastor and person, but you and I don't have a vote in the Kansas senate election. Then the Vice President called him a radical left lunatic, criticized not only his ministry but degraded Church of the Resurrection, the people who attend, and mischaracterized the UMC as a whole. That's not politics. And we are a connectional denomination, it's a big part of our doctrine. That means COR is part of our church, we are part of theirs, and someone lied about us. Church of the Resurrection is not politically active as a church. They have remained neutral on Hamilton's candidacy and they have openly encouraged people to vote their conscience. However, they are very committed to their community and living out the call God has given them. In response to the verbal attacks, Bishop David Wilson, Church of the Resurrection, and nearly 200 clergy across the state all published statements denouncing the comments and highlighting the ministry of the congregation.



A Message from Pastor Leslie

I'm sad this has happened. VP Vance is very open about his Christian faith. We believe there is one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-27) which means he is part of us, too. As the body of Christ, we are breaking our own bones to further the cause of the empire. This doesn't mean that we can't be part of politics. It means that our allegiance is never to the kingdom of the world above the kingdom of God.

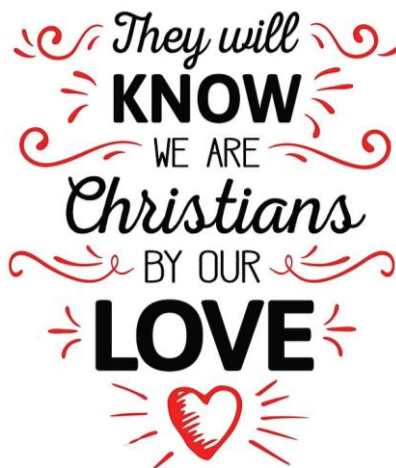
This month we are going to hear even more ads on the radio and television. We will receive even more flyers in the mail. We will get even more text messages, phone calls, and maybe even a knock on the door. Regardless of how you decide to vote when the ballot comes, please remember that the names on the ballot are people. They are more than party platforms and political ideologies. They are not our enemies, and how we think and talk about them matters. You don't have to endorse them or agree with them. You can and sometimes should openly campaign against them – but hating, dehumanization, and untruthful hyperbole is wrong. Even when it's just inside our own heads (1 John 3:15).

Once they are no longer candidates, win or lose, they will still be our neighbors, our friends, and colleagues, our loved ones, made in the image of God. And this is how the world will know you are a Christian, by your love (John 13:35).

It is a joy and honor to be your pastor.

Pastor Leslie

You can always reach me by phone/text at 626-340-5638
or email at wumcpastorleslie@gmail.com



Clark County Confirmations

Confirmation is an important step in the faith development of a person. In the UMC, we practice infant baptism (though all baptisms are recognized and anyone can be baptized at any age). This baptism welcomes a new life into the family of God as a member of the Church family and declares that God is already present in their life through prevenient grace. Confirmation is when a person makes their own declaration of faith and can (but are not required to) join the church as a professing member. At that point, they have all the rights and responsibilities as any other adult member.

In order to do that, they go through a confirmation class with other youth and a mentor. They learn about our history, doctrinal beliefs, and other faith traditions both inside and outside Christianity. One important aspect of confirmation is that you don't do it alone, which has become harder as churches have continued to grow smaller. So several years ago, the Clark County UMC churches decided we should just do it together! All the pastors take a turn teaching and churches take turns hosting. This fall we have a confirmation class of 13 students across the Clark County Churches. Each Sunday from October 5th- December 6th, they will be meeting together to learn and grow in their faith.

Washougal is one of the churches that doesn't have any students to send to confirmation class. Pastor Leslie will be in the teaching rotation, but that is not where our participation stops. The United Methodist Church is a connectional one. Their kids are our kids and our members are their members. When we do confirmation together, we all have a role. Our role is prayer. Each week, we will pray for these students and their mentors as they take this journey of discipleship together!

On Sunday evening, December 13th, Bishop Bridgeforth will be coming to Ridgefield to bless and celebrate our confirmands.

You are all invited, more information will be forthcoming.

Clark County Confirmations

We are praying for

- | | |
|----------|------------|
| 1) CALEB | 7) KYLE |
| 2) GRANT | 8) PHOEBE |
| 3) MILA | 9) MAX |
| 4) ELISE | 10) ADDY |
| 5) KODY | 11) FINLEY |
| 6) DOUG | 12) CHLOE |
| | 13) AUSTYN |

And their Mentors



♪ An Invitation ♪



I am inviting anyone who loves to sing to join our Joyful Noise Ensemble Choir.

We have two different functions:

- 1) Lead Congregational Singing
 - 2) Provide Special Music about once a month.
- You can participate in just one function, or both.

We meet at 9:00 am on Sundays to go over all the hymns for that Sunday Worship Service. Then, at about 9:25 am, we work on the anthem for that month.

Our Anthems symbolize musical sermons with uplifting songs that resonate more beautifully with more voices.

♪ Come sing with us! ♪

We have fun singing together. We think you would have fun, too and we would love to have more voices in our congregation join the WUMC Joyful Noise Ensemble. Spoiler Alert: We will be getting new microphones, so our voices will be better heard.

Come talk to me or any of our choir members after church if you are interested or are just curious.

Janet Orjala ♪

janetione@gmail.com



October Birthdays



ROBERT HARRIS

10/05

BOB JACOBS

10/05

JUDY BARBER

10/15

JUDY WHETZEL

10/23

CHERYL FORMAN

10/28

Happy Anniversary



Ed & Ladinea Faler

October 16



Rick & Lisa Pero

October 12



Giving

Income Statement for Month Ending August 31, 2026

INCOME

General Fund Giving	\$ 9724.72
Endowment Operations Transfer	908.65
Ministerial Housing Transfer	2,583.34
Hathaway School Supplies	454.00
UMCOR	240.00
Checking Interest	1.03
TOTAL	<u>\$ 13,911.74</u>

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$ 11,015.54
Apportionments	1,994.00
Hathaway School Supplies	454.00
UMCOR	240.00
Other Expenses	4,521.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 18,224.54</u>

NET LOSS

\$ 4,312.80

I HAVE FOUND THAT
AMONG ITS OTHER BENEFITS,
GIVING
LIBERATES THE SOUL OF THE
GIVER

— MAYA ANGELOU —



"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help
the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Acts 20:35



You may remit your Offerings to

WUMC • PO Box 12 • Washougal • Washington • 98671

or

Online ~ www.washougalunitedmethodistchurch.org

or

Drop in the Offering Plate on Sunday Morning

If you have any questions, feel free to contact

LouAnn Wittler

Financial Secretary

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Annual Holiday Bazaar 2026



By Sandy Havrelly
WUMC Congregation Care Coordinator

Friday
Saturday

November 13
November 14

4-7 pm
9-3 pm

This year's Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on the evening of Friday, November 13th from 4-7 pm and on Saturday, November 14th from 9-3 pm.

Following is a brief history of a decade long tradition at WUMC. Records found in the church archives indicate our Annual Holiday Bazaar began at the site of the original church on B Street. That building was the site of our original church during the years 1896-1969. Although we have no records of the first Bazaar, we do know it began as a source of revenue for the church's yearly budget. The church we are now located in opened it's doors following a building campaign and a lot of volunteer work to complete the building in 1970. T that time the focus of the Bazaar was to fund our yearly apportionments to the Conference.

In the 1990's Cleta Gilman took over the reins with a much more open-ended dream. Changes that benefitted the growth of the Bazaar were welcome and were tried. Some ideas became the basis of today's Bazaar while others were met with a "WHAT WERE WE THINKING?" interaction and dropped. This attitude continues through today. Cleta's vision was that of a Boutique Bazaar where quality goods and a welcome décor would meet the public with love and in turn they would bring friends the following year, and in some cases, the next day! Sales increased!

Annual Holiday Bazaar 2026

Around the year 2000, she felt our Bazaar needed to become a Community Outreach activity. She proposed to the Church Council that we tithe 10% of profits towards a community need. Sales increased!

Through the years our tithe has gone to several Organizations: Police Department for Defibrillators, new Benches for Hathaway Elementary School's Cafeteria and more. When hunger became a clear and present need in our community, we adopted The Interfaith Treasure House, the local Food Bank in Camas-Washougal, as the beneficiary of our tithe. As long as hunger prevails in our community, we will continue supporting The Treasure House. It has been noted that advertising our tithe has increased Community Outreach. Sales increased!

Other changes that have been added to the Bazaar through the years include a Parking Team, a Team to set out signs the Monday before the Bazaar, "New to You" - unique, clean, like new items, Outside Sales, Quilt Drawing, Baskets Raffle and families willing to donate food and other items to help with the kitchen supplies needed to prepare pies, soup and sandwiches. Sales increased!

Of course, it goes without saying that the pies, soup and sandwich sales are an added feature leading to more sales. For those new to the church, the Bazaar originally set up tables and guests sat and ate amongst the items for sale. However, it was becoming more and more difficult to maintain because of space. Then the pandemic hit! When we were allowed to open the doors and welcome the public into our church home, Cleta made the move to change from Dine-In seating to Take-Out service. There was concern, but it all went well and as a result there was more room for displays and more room for people to move about shopping. Sales increased!

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar, located in our present building, has profits that have risen from \$800 a year to nearly \$20,000! Last year we thought we might reach the \$20,000 threshold, but alas, we were a bit short. Perhaps this year! It takes a team and many helping hands combined with love and prayer to pull off our Bazaar, but with God as our guide and love as our passion, we will continue to thrive and grow.



Your WUMC Church Council, realizing how close we were to the \$20,000 profit, voted to tithe 10% to the Treasure House, as if the total had been reached. God led. Love in action!

Watch for emails from your Congregation Care Coordinator. You will be kept up to date on last-minute details. You will continue being updated as to What's Happening NOW and you will receive information on how YOU can help if you feel led to do so.

Annual Holiday Bazaar 2026

Bazaar Leaders

Many Hands Make Light Work

If you are interested in working in one of the following areas, please get in touch with the Leader of that group so they can schedule you into a work time.

Position	Leader	Cell #
Cashiers ~ Check Out	LouAnn Wittler	Staffed
Cash Sales (Friday Night)	Cleta Gilman & Cheryl Forman	Staffed
Quilts & Baskets Drawing	Uela Spanier	Staffed
Permits	Starla Ryan	Staffed
Greeters	Linn Jacobs	360.852.7783
Bakery	Starla Ryan	360.798.7030
Kitchen	Cheryl Forman	808.343.1095
Outside Sales	Starla Ryan	360.936.9145
Floor Walkers	Sandy Havrelly	360.606.8813
Parking	Stan Hodgins	503.310.5014
Signs	Men's Group – Joe Wittler	360.954.6509
Furniture Moving	Men's Group – Joe Wittler	360.954.6509
Set Up	Cleta Gilman	360.521.9975
Print Advertising	Sandry Havrelly	In Process
Facebook/Web Site Advertising	Kathy McKinley & Pastor Leslie	In Process
Online Advertising	All of Us	In Process

The best advertising is personal one-to-one advertising.

SPREAD THE WORD



Annual Holiday Bazaar 2026



*Mark Your
Calendars*

MONTH of OCTOBER

200 Pie Crusts made prior to the week of the Bazaar

SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 12th

NEW  YOU

LAST DAY TO BRING "New To You" items

SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 8th ~ Following Fellowship

1. Men move tables to designated places
 2. Box up toys and stack under tables.
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MONDAY ~ NOVEMBER 9th ~ Heavy Workday

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Men's group
move furniture | 2. Set up trees | 3. Men put out
signs |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
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TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 10th

1. From 10 am to 1 pm ~ Decorate Trees ~ Lunch provided
 2. Bazaar Team begin Merchandising
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WEDNESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 11th

1. Bazaar Team continues Merchandising



Annual Holiday Bazaar 2026

THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 12th

1. Apple peeling (all are invited to participate beginning at 9:30 am. Bring your peelers and knives. Lunch provided)
2. Bring in Candy and Baked Goods
3. Begin Packaging and Pricing Baked Goods
4. Merchandising continues



FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 13th

1. Clean Up and Prepare to Open
2. Be inside the building 3:30~3:40
3. Group Prayer at 3:45
4. Doors Open at 4:00 pm

Watch for regular emails as I keep you up to date on last-minute details.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have regarding this year's sure-to-be-the-best-Holiday-Bazaar-yet.

Sandy Hawrelly

WUMC Congregational Care Coordinator

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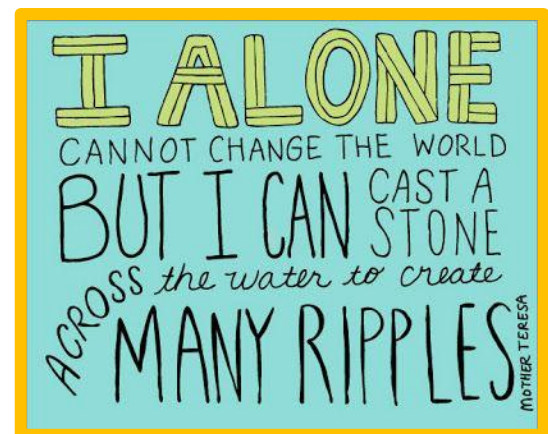
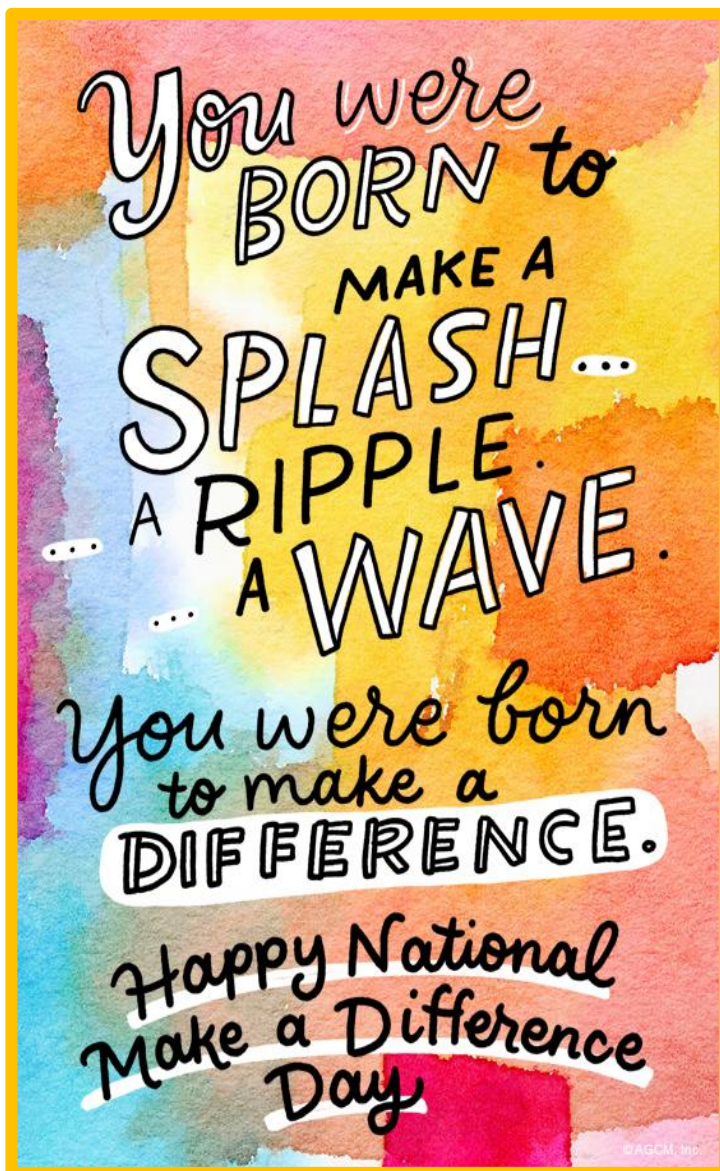


Make A Difference Day

National Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 24

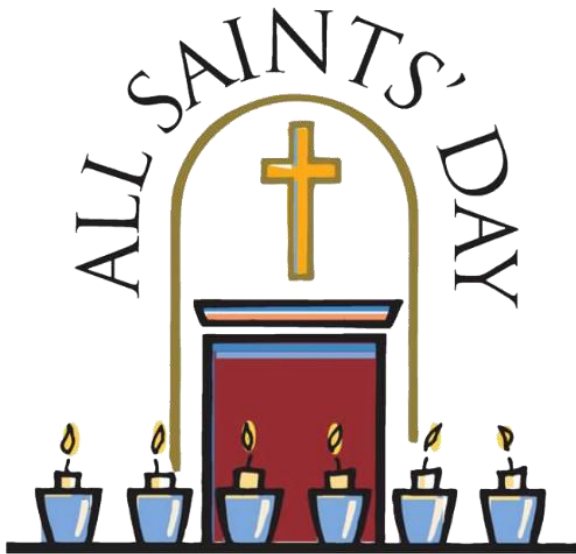
National Make a Difference Day is the largest national day of community service in the United States. This day is a national day of service that encourages people to make a positive impact in their communities through volunteer work, acts of kindness, and community service projects.



YOU CANNOT GET THROUGH A SINGLE DAY WITHOUT HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD AROUND YOU. WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO MAKE.



All Saints' Day



Sunday, November 1st

We will be honoring our dearly departed during Sunday services with the reading of the names of loved ones who passed this year and lighting a candle in remembrance of their lives.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

All Saints' Day, also called All Hallows, Hallowmas, and Feast of All Saints is always November 1st each year and celebrate and honors all the Saints; especially the Saints who are not honored on other days of the year. The day is preceded by All Saints' Eve (Halloween) the night before and then followed by All Souls Day.

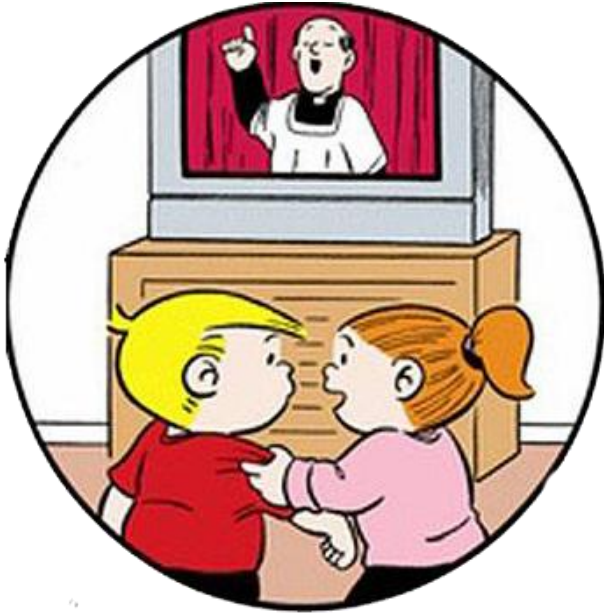
The 3 days together represent the All Hallowtide triduum (religious observance lasting three days) as a time to reflect and remember the saints, martyrs, and the faithful who have died.

To honor and give thanks for the saints in our lives – family or friends – who are now in the arms of our loving creator, we name them as part of our worship on All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026.

If you would like to honor your loved one(s) who have passed in the last year with a candle and the reading of their name, please make sure to give their full name to Pastor Leslie no later than **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th**.

You may email her at wumcpastorleslie@gmail.com
or call or text her at 626.340.5638

Kids Say The Darndest Things



Did you hear that?
People in Heaven have Ever
Laughing Life!

Casey asked her Sunday School teacher a question: "If the people of Israel are Israelites, and the people of Canaan are Canaanites, are the people of Paris called Parasites?"

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do? A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up!"

The Sunday School teacher had just told her class the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus fleeing into Egypt to escape Herod, and then she asked her students to draw a picture about the story. She came

to a little boy's drawing and was slightly puzzled to see he had drawn a picture of an airplane so she asked him to explain. Joey responded, "Well, this is the "Flight into Egypt." Here in the back of the plane are Mary, Joseph and Jesus." The teacher pointed to the stick figure leaning out of the cockpit of the plane and asked, "Who is this person?" "Oh," Joey responded, "That's Pontius the Pilot!"

One Sunday morning, the Pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly,

"Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor." Pastor McGhee, what is this?"

"Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked,

"Which service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?"

Kids Say The Darndest Things

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Mrs. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that." Bobby looked up and replied, "Well, Mrs. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned."

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

A six-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service: "And forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

The Sunday School teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah had built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl raised her hand and replied enthusiastically, "To make gravy!"

A Sunday School teacher asked her preschool class as they were on their way to the church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A mother was teaching her three-year old the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime the little girl repeated the prayer after her mother. One night she said she was ready to say it by herself. The mother listened with pride as her child carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."



WUMC Stewardship is Here !



Stewardship

A Way of Life

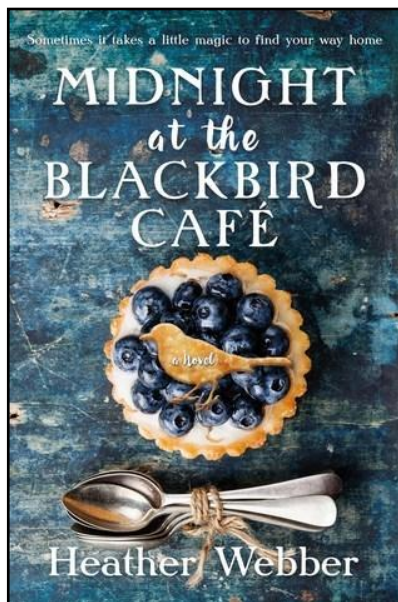
It's Annual Pledge Campaign Time 2026

It is the time of the year we gather to celebrate and rejoice in our many joys and accomplishments in the past year.

We celebrate the goodness of God in our lives and our Church and thank Him for our many blessings.

November 8-29, 2026

Page Turners Book of the Month



NOVEMBER

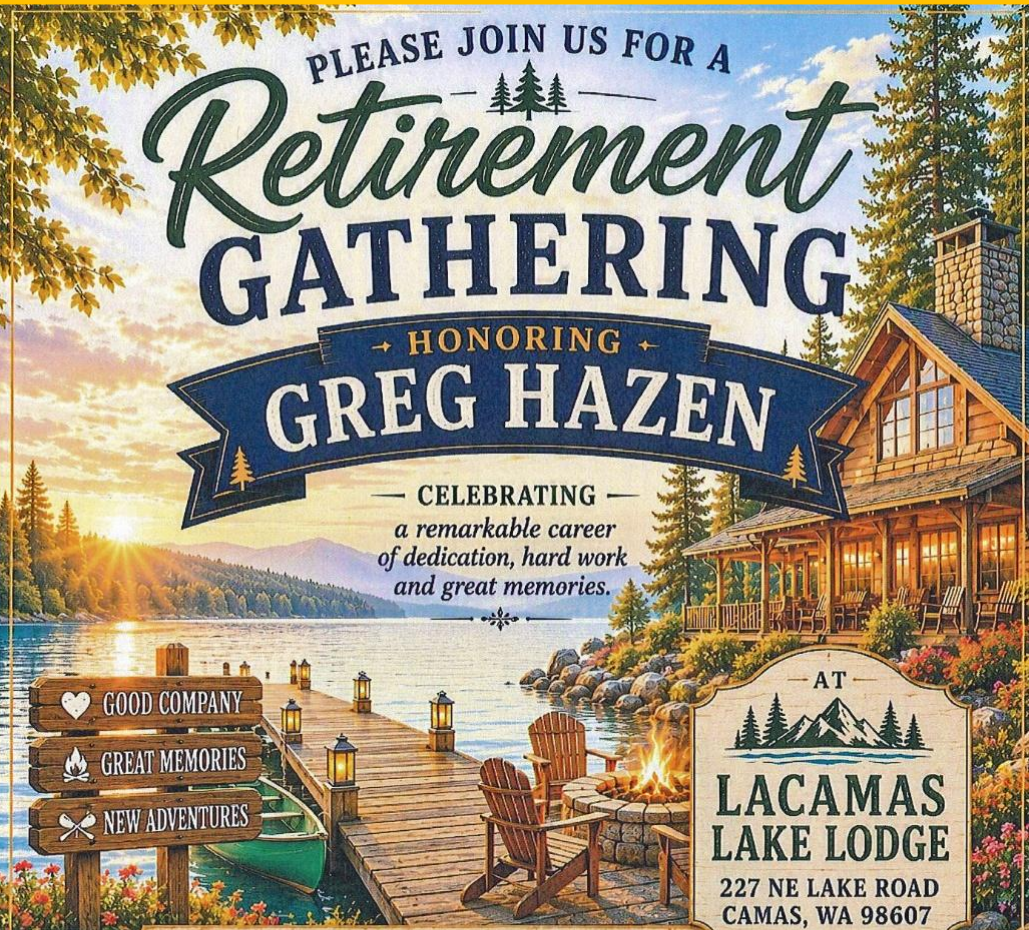
MIDNIGHT AT THE BLACKBIRD CAFE

By Heather Webber

Recommended by Kathy McKinley

A charming magical realism novel set in Alabama, centering on Anna Kate Callow, who inherits her grandmother's cafe. She returns to a small town, intending to sell the business but instead uncovers family secrets, experiencing the magical "blackbird pies" that bring comforting dreams, and finding romance.

Greg's Retiring! Let's Party!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Retirement GATHERING

→ HONORING →
GREG HAZEN

— CELEBRATING —
*a remarkable career
of dedication, hard work
and great memories.*

AT
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LAKE LODGE
227 NE LAKE ROAD
CAMAS, WA 98607

GOOD COMPANY
GREAT MEMORIES
NEW ADVENTURES

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 9, 2026
3:00 PM
TO 6:00 PM

CELEBRATING
48 YEARS
IN COMPUTER PROCESS CONTROL
with Honeywell/Measurex and Panther Systems
in the pulp and paper industry.

Come celebrate this next chapter with us!

RSVP
KINDLY RSVP BY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
360-601-5637
gregoryghazen@gmail.com

SPOUSES AND
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS
WELCOME
FAMILY AND FRIENDS
WELCOME
Background Music Will
Be Provided by Hollie Olson
hollieolsonmusic.com

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU
Thank you to the many colleagues, customers, friends, and family members who have been part of this incredible 48-year journey in Computer Process Control with Honeywell/Measurex and Panther Systems serving the pulp and paper industry.
Your support, friendship, mentorship, and teamwork have made this career both rewarding and memorable. As I begin this next chapter, I look forward to celebrating with all of you and sharing stories, laughter, and memories from the years we spent together.
With sincere gratitude,
Greg Hazen

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU!

Salmon Creek UMC Retreat



Soul Care 

SATURDAY

— **WOMEN'S RETREAT** —

Saturday, October 17, 2026 9:00am - 1:30pm
Salmon Creek United Methodist Church
12217 NE Highway 99
Vancouver, WA 98686

Reconnect. Renew. Refresh.

Guest Speaker
Poppy Smith
Author, Speaker, and Spiritual Coach
FLOURISH AS A WOMAN

"My longing is to see women flourish at every age and stage of life. I believe this is God's desire and that He wants us to grow spiritually, emotionally, and personally."

 Registration opens August 16 and closes October 4.
The cost is \$20 per person, which includes a delicious Panera lunch. Registration forms will include lunch selections.

 **To register**
Contact Laurie Doering (360) 606-7494
lauriej0503@comcast.net

 For women of every age and stage of life!

Holiday ~ October 12, 2026



Columbus Day is celebrated every year on the second Monday in October. In 2026, it falls on October 12. The holiday marks Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492. But critics have long questioned whether the Italian explorer should be celebrated. They assert that his arrival led to the colonization and mistreatment of Native Americans.

Historians also say that Columbus did not "discover" the Americas. Indigenous peoples had lived there for thousands of years. He was also not the first European to reach North America. A Norse explorer named Leif Erikson came to Greenland around AD 980. This was almost 500 years before Columbus's arrival.

Because of this, some states never celebrated Columbus Day. Hawaii renamed it "Discoverers' Day" in 1971 to honor its Polynesian founders. South Dakota changed it to "Native American Day" in 1990. Over the years, many schools and universities also stopped observing the holiday.

In 1977, a group of Native American leaders suggested changing the holiday to "Indigenous Peoples' Day." They wanted to honor those hurt by the early settlers. Berkeley, California was the first city to make the change in 1992. Since then, over 100 cities and several states have adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day. In 2021, President Joe Biden officially recognized the holiday. He asked Americans to celebrate it on the second Monday of October, along with Columbus Day. President Donald Trump reversed the dual presidential recognition of the holiday by omitting Indigenous Peoples' Day from his official Columbus Day Proclamation, returning the federal focus exclusively to Christopher Columbus.

But not everyone agrees that a name change is needed. For Italian Americans, Columbus Day is an important part of Italian Heritage Month, observed every October. They say that the holiday celebrates Italian culture, not Columbus. Some have even suggested changing the name to "Italian Heritage Day."

The ongoing debate shows that history can be complicated. But no matter the name, the holiday is a time to think about the past and remember the people we honor.

Information obtained in part from NPR/OPB

October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 LGBTQ History Month				1 	2	3 
World Communion Sunday 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship – 10 Communion Baptism Fellowship – 11	Bob Jacobs BD Robert Harris BD Men's Coffee – 9 Bazaar – 10-2 World Teachers Day					World Mental Health Day
11	Pero Anniversary 12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship - 10 Fellowship – 11 Last Day to donate NEW TO YOU	HOLIDAY Indigenous Peoples & Columbus Day Office Closed			Judy Barber BD Council – 3	Ed & Ladineia Anniversary Boss's Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 10 POTLUCK SUNDAY Laity Sunday	Men's Coffee – 9 Bazaar – 10-2	Page Turners Noon			Judy Whetzel BD	United Nations Day Nat'l Make A Difference Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship - 10 Fellowship - 11 Reformation Sunday	Men's Coffee – 9 Bazaar – 10-2	 Cheryl Forman BD		Deadline for Names 		Halloween 

