

hello AUGUST

August whispers secrets of change and
whispers promises of a fresh start

OFFICE HOURS: MON-WED

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

THURS: OFFICE CLOSED

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THE SOUTHSIDE CONNECTION

Making God's love visible as we welcome, care for, and serve all.

”A Lesson from a Songbird

I often feel called into the wild to a place of quiet solitude and transcendent beauty-- a place where we are called into relationship with creation to enjoy the gift of shade from a tree or marvel at the beauty of God's hand in the fractals of a sunflower. It's a place of rest and renewal- Where we are invited into the sacred to a place that speaks.

The Hebrew word for wilderness or desert is midbar which may also be spelled as m'daber which means “to speak”. Isn't interesting that God led Moses and the Israelites out of bondage into the wilderness to a place that could be translated as “a place that speaks”? Imagine nearly 400 years of lost identity—I've often wondered if the time they spent in the desert served a bigger purpose. A purpose that was rooted in reconnecting with their God. They were led to a place that “speaks”.

Do you ever feel led to a place that speaks?

A few years ago during one of our family adventures into the wild, I spent an afternoon with an aquatic songbird. The bird was perched on a rock in the river as it did a little dance with the flow of the water. It dove in and seemed to fly under the water as it moved effortlessly with the rhythm of the current. The little bird allowed the river to carry it to different rocks and then it started again by jumping head-first into the water. It was obvious that it had a relationship with the river. The river sustained this little bird. It provided all the nourishment it needed and in turn, it seemed like the little bird trusted it. As I watched, I couldn't help but think of the living water Jesus talked about when he met the woman at the well.

Scripture: John 4: 7-13

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.[a])

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

In the ancient world, “living water” referred to water that flowed. The woman questioned Jesus about where she could get “living water”—that is, water that flowed since she was drawing from a well. As you can imagine, living water was preferred over stagnant water. It was thought to be cleaner and more refreshing. But, Jesus changed the meaning of the conversation when he responded to her and instead of a speaking about a physical thirst, he spoke of a spiritual thirst that only he could quench.

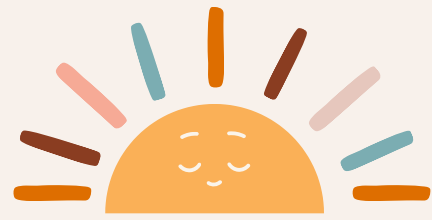
The afternoon that I spent with the songbird in the wild, in a place that speaks, reminded me of this truth- if we believe in Jesus and follow his example, our own spiritual thirst will be quenched. Like the little song bird that was nourished and sustained by the river, we will be nourished and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

My prayer for you is that you will go to the places that speak. I pray that you will lean in, listen and live in response to the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit. I pray that your spiritual thirst will always be quenched.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jen

SOUTHSIDE NEWSLETTER



AUGUST
2024

Look What's Ahead

THIS SUNDAY! 8/18

With the new school year fast approaching, we will have a special blessing of the backpacks for our students and our educators this Sunday. **Kids-- don't forget your backpacks!**

ALSO THIS SUNDAY! 8/18

GPS Singers will be here on Sunday! It's going to be wonderful. Please join us!

Church Yard Sale SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH

Items can be put in the second classroom or in the shed at the end of the parking lot.



70th Wedding Anniversary

Celebrate *Gil & Dolores Gillette's* 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!!

Sunday 8/25 ~ fellowship hour
Cards and well wishes appreciated. If we're lucky, maybe they will share some tips with us all :)



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

**Dave Gangwer turns 90
AUGUST 19!!!**

Celebrate Dave during fellowship time this **Sunday 8/18** :)



SAVE THE DATE

Our next **Cookies and Cards** will be on Wednesday, September 4th at 10 a.m



AUGUST - BIRTHDAYS

11- Catherine
Schamber
15 - Mary Blough
19 - Dave Gangwer
22 - Judy Kirkhart
23 - Cynthia Betz
29 - Kate Garvey
30- Cheryl Hansen
30- Semi White

AUGUST-ANNIVERSARIES

8 - Jim & Leta Collord
13 - Curt & Velma Crawford
14 - Tom & Monica Stone
15 - Larry & Susan Huter
16 - John & Judy Nagel
22 - Brian & Jill Stockham
28 - Gil & Dolores Gillette

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary,
please let the church office know.

SERVING THE CHURCH IN AUGUST

Liturgist

4- Cynthia Betz
11- Barbra Young
18- Beth Corbin
25- Linda Skogsberg

Children's Message

4- Barbara Hayhurst
11- Barbara Hayhurst
18- Barbara Hayhurst
25- Barbara Hayhurst

Greeters

4- Sherrie Barnett
11- Barbara & Dee McAlister
18- Deanna Maxell
25- Lily Sorenson

Coffee Hour Hosts

4- Deanna & Darlene
11- John & Judy Nagel
18- Dave & Lois Gangwer
25- Barbara McAlister &
Sherry Jones

Sign up sheet is by the coffee in the Fellowship Hall ~
Sign up anytime or contact Jenny @southsidebumc2014@gmail.com

August 8/2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Worship 10am in person & on Facebook HOLY COMMUNION	5	6 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm @SBUMC	7 Cookies & Cards 10- 11:30 am @SBUMC ~next on 9/4	8 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations Office Closed	9	10
11 Worship 10am in person & on Facebook Ice Cream Social	12	13 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm @SBUMC	14	15 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations Office Closed	16	17
18 Worship 10am in person & on Facebook GPS Singers Blessing of the Backpacks	19	20 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm @SBUMC	21	22 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations Office Closed	23	24
25 Worship 10am in person & on Facebook Koins for Kids	26	27 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm @SBUMC	28	29 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations Office Closed	30	31 Rummage Sale coming up 9/6 & 9/7



PRAYERS

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR
TYLER WELSHIMER.

REJOICE! SO HAPPY TO
HAVE LILY BACK

WHO CAN WE PRAY FOR?
LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A
PRAYER YOU WOULD LIKE
ADDED.

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SOUTHSIDE NEWS

Finance Reports

For the month of June:

General Fund income was \$11,716.36
and expenses \$16,210.21
for a net (-) \$4,493.85

~ A big part of this was the 6-month property
insurance payment (\$3,140.50)

For the year:

General Fund income was \$57,868.33
and expenses \$77,998.22
for a net (-) \$20,129.89

That is a pretty sizable deficit, but our
reserves are adequate to cover it.

**A full set of the most current financial reports
are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.**

Feel free to come in and take a look.

IMMIGRATION IMMERSION, TUCSON September 16-21, 2024

Offered thru Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Volunteers in Mission; co-sponsored by Oregon-Idaho Methodist Federation for Social Action
Immigration at the U.S. southern border continues to be a human rights issue that can not be ignored. With so many reporting voices, it can be difficult to discern the real story and respond to growing concerns.

Learning more about migration and the crisis at the border from various perspectives, including:

- Immigration Detection Centers
- Arizona Justice For Our Neighbors (AZ-JFON)
- Pema County Coroner's Office

Meeting with several agencies surrounding the Tucson community working with immigrants to participate in hands-on experiences, which might include:

- The Inn of Southern Arizona
 - Humane Borders
 - Tucson Samaritans
 - San Xavier Mission

Travel to Nogales in Sonora, Mexico, (passport required) looking at the economic and civil sectors of Nogales while visiting migrant shelters and services.

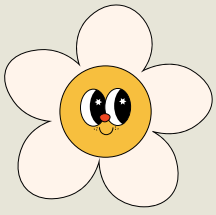
Expected arrival date is September 16, by early afternoon. Participants can expect the experience to conclude the afternoon of September 21.

Cost: \$1,125.00

Includes double-occupancy rooms with private bath at a local hotel, most meals, transportation in and around Tucson, honorariums and project/agency donations. It excludes the cost of travel to Tucson, Arizona. Single rooms are available upon request, and will incur an additional charge. Additional meals and expenses will be at the cost of the participant.

Contact Louise Kienzle for registration details.

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FAITH IN ACTION



Little Red Wagon

Nonperishable food donations can be put in the Little Red Wagon located in the Narthex.

Your Faith in Action team will deliver them to the Salvation Army.

Kids Collecting Coins

The 4th Sunday of each month is set aside for "Koins For Kids"

These donations are used by the Faith In Action Team to provide school supplies and other needed items for local area children.

Habitat For Humanity

You CAN donate your Aluminum CANS for recycling.

Just drop them in the blue barrel in the fellowship hall.

They are taken to Western Recycling, which gives 3 times the refund amount to Habitat for Humanity.

