



WELCOME
September

OFFICE HOURS: MON-WED

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

THURS: OFFICE CLOSED

PASTOR VISITS

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THE SOUTHSIDE CONNECTION

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

”Start with Love...

It feels great to be home. Sometimes, life takes some unexpected turns; but, God is faithful. Recently, I witnessed God's love in action through the healthcare professionals that took care of my son while he was in the hospital, through his healing, through the hospitality of the clergy that invited us into her home, through the kindness of the United Methodist Church in Missoula as they opened their doors and allowed me to work remotely from their space, through the generosity of friends that reached out to us, through local clergy that helped support our church during my absence and through your kindness and understanding during this difficult time.

Love lightened the load — you see, I experienced many promises of peace while I was away. Thank you for holding my family close in prayer.

Prayer is rooted in Love- Prayer is central in our connection with others.

Paul gave us a wonderful model for relationships and connection in his letter to the church in Corinth. Our relationships should be rooted in love. And-- Love is patient and Kind, It does not envy or boast. It isn't prideful. Love honors and look out for one another. It doesn't hold grudges. Love Protects, Love Trusts—it never fails and it always, always perseveres. God pours out this kind of agape love on us and grace rains down. I recently saw a rainbow after a storm and was reminded of God's love. It this kind of love that should be present in all of our relationships—and, in all that we do. We are called be a reflection of God's love and mercy. It is in this way we play an integral role in God's promise of peace.

I think Poet and Activist Maya Angelou said it best, “Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud”.

Be the promise of peace—and the reflection of God's love through the storms of life.

The promise of peace began with God and continues with us. But—what if we don't quite feel up to the call? Have you ever been there? How can we be the promise of peace if we, ourselves, don't feel at peace? What if our hearts and souls feel anxious and troubled? What if we feel like we are carrying the weight of the world on our shoulders and the burden sometimes feels overwhelming? It can be hard to walk the path of love when our own hearts feel heavy.

In the gospel of Matthew 11: 28-30 (the Message)—Jesus said, “Are you tired? Worn out? ... Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Learn the unforced rhythms of grace—

We are all in a state of becoming and are learning how to live into our own unique purpose—in God's image. And, though the rhythms of grace may ebb and flow like the tides, it is with intention and purpose that we learn to ride the current and discern when it is ok to let go and be carried.

It is ok to let go and be carried.

Come to me, Get away with me and you'll recover your life. Do you feel the love and reassurance in this message? Jesus said, “My way is easy and well –fitting”.

My way is not a burden—in fact, it was made for you. Made to fit your needs and abilities. Made for your strengths and are weaknesses. Made for your capacity to carry through life--- so that you may travel lightly on your path towards wholeness and salvation. We learn how to carry everything in love by following Jesus's example. What would that look like if you started there—with love. Love for God. Love for self and Love for others.

Love always lightens the load.

My prayer for you today is that you will experience God's love in action through the connections you have in your life and will also be the promise of peace for others. May you learn to live into the unforced rhythms of God's Amazing Grace.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jen

SOUTHSIDE

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST
2024



Look What's Ahead

Church Rummage Sale SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH

SACK LUNCH & BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Jen
Tuesdays 11:30 - 1:00 pm

NEW SERMON SERIES

Our new sermon series, "**This is My Story, This is My Song**" will be starting in September and will run through October. It will be in 2 parts. In September we will be delving into some of your favorite life verses and then in October, we will learn more about some of your favorite hymns. Pastor Jen needs your help. Please write/send your favorite life verses and hymns to Pastor Jen and/or the office



Children's Church

"Looking for Southside adults who are interested in being on a **Children's Church Leader substitute list**. On occasion, we need someone to prepare and lead a 10 to 15 minute kids' activity to be held in the Childrens' Church classroom (located off the fellowship hall) during the Sunday sermon. **Please contact Angie Daniel, (208) 250-3772, for further details.**"

COUNCIL MEETING

September 23
6:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Cookies and Cards

Wednesday
September 11th
10 a.m



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Susie Shoemaker
9- JancyJean Carper
16 - Michael Eisenbeiss
16 - Velma Crawford
17 - Judith Dzur
17 - Ray Corbin
25- Shane Shamber
30 - Barb McAlister

ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Ed & Barbara Frisbie
9 - Cynthia & Eldon Betz



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

SERVING THE CHURCH IN AUGUST

Liturgist

1- Barbra Young
8-
15- Monica Stone
22- Beth Corbin
29-

Children's Message

1- Barbara Hayhurst
8- Barbara Hayhurst
15- Barbara Hayhurst
22-
29-

Greeters

1- Deanna Maxell
8- Lily Sorensen
15- Bob & Anya Marks
22-
29-

Coffee Hour Hosts

1- Barb Young & Barb McAlister
8-
15-
22- POTLUCK
29-

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

September 9/2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>Worship 10am in person & on Facebook</p> <p>HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm @SBUMC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rummage Sale Set-up 9 am</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Thursday Message 10am on Facebook</p> <p>Pastor Visitations Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Rummage Sale</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Rummage Sale</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>Worship 10am in person & on Facebook</p> <p>Koins for Kids</p> <p>POTLUCK SUNDAY</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Council Meeting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm @SBUMC</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thursday Message 10am on Facebook</p> <p>Pastor Visitations Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Worship 10am in person & on Facebook</p> <p>Koins for Kids</p>	<p>30</p>					

SOUTHSIDE NEWS

Finance Reports

For the month of July:

General Fund income was \$11,539.35
and expenses \$11,260.99
for a net (+) \$278.36

Our investments continue to accrue funds, so that's good news

For the year:

General Fund income was \$69,407.68
and expenses \$88,259.21
for a net (-) \$18,851.53

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.