



- Sept 19 Jayce Brown
- Oct. 3 Spencer Bickel
- Oct. 17 Haleigha Cameron
- Oct. 22 Don Smith
- Oct. 26 Majusta Gomez
- Nov. 8 Joyce Smith



WEDNESDAYS
2.00 PM
ON ZOOM

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/93727831668>

STARTING SEPTEMBER 6TH

TRAVEL THE M.I.L.E.

A WEEKLY SERMON STUDY BASED ON OUR BISHOP'S SERMON SERIES
HOSTED BY PASTOR VANGIE

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN

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JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME
LEWIS COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK

WE ARE ENDING HUNGER.

START AT 2:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, SEP 24, 2023
Lewis & Clark State Park
Winlock, WA
Lunch will be provided after the Walk.
Walk. Give. Connect.

- What's Happening at RUMC?**
- Senior Lunches are on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00 a.m.
 - Board meetings will now alternate between after church on 2nd Sundays and 2nd Thursdays on zoom. RUMC Board meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday September 10.
 - Trustees meetings are at 4:30 pm on the 3rd Thursdays.
 - Thrift Store operates 2nd & 4th Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 18214 Corvallis St., Rochester. Come by and shop, or contact Connie to volunteer.
 - September 9 – 10, 23 – 24
 - October 7 – 8, 21 – 22
 - November 4 – 5, 11 – 12, 18 – 19

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
11:00

A SPECIAL CONNEXIONAL SUNDAY
RochesterUMC joins Centralia First UMC for a special message
Potluck to follow featuring Q&A!

KATHERINE PARKER
UNITED METHODIST MISSIONARY TO NEPAL

Hosted at Centralia First UMC
506 S Washington Ave

LOVE OFFERING TO BE COLLECTED DURING POTLUCK

Calendar notes:

- The pastors will be away September 27-29 in Yakima for the Gathering of the Orders. Every Autumn, our Bishop calls the clergy together for worship and conversation.

Pastor Vangie's Preaching Schedule

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| 1st Sundays | Both Centralia & Rochester UMC |
| 2nd Sundays | Rochester UMC <i>only</i> |
| 3rd Sundays | Both Centralia & Rochester UMC |
| 4th Sundays | Centralia UMC <i>only</i> |
| 5th Sundays | Connexional Sunday – Combined service @ 11:00 a.m. Location alternates between the 2 churches. |

*** Please note: If you have any information that needs to get into the newsletter, any events that need to be announced, the deadline for the Holiday newsletter is **Wednesday, November 22nd**. Please have your information to the office by then, thanks!
(You can email the office at centraliafirstumc@gmail.com or call)

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Caring & Sharing

Vangie's Voice



We have many exciting things coming up in the life of the church!

The World Council of Churches invites us to join Christians around the globe to reflect on our interdependence with the natural world and those who share it with us. September brings the Season of Creation. This year, our theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow". We will be considering the beauty and importance of watersheds. What is a watershed? Why watersheds?

From the UMC Justice Ministries Worship Team:

A watershed is a geographical area where the actions of all creatures impact all others through the water that is shared and that flows through the area. So, considering watersheds during this season reminds us that we are upstream from some and downstream from others, and we are all dependent on the same source, not only for water, but for many natural resources and ultimately, we trace our dependence back to the same Divine Source for life itself.

Our friends at the UM Creation Justice Movement have designed worship elements for this theme. I'm friends with a couple of the contributors: Rev. Laura Baumgartner at Haller Lake UMC, and Rev. Paul Mitchell at Pioneer UMC in Walla Walla. UM Creation Justice Movement's website has amazing resources, including action steps to mitigating Climate Change. Check it out at umcreationjustice.org.

We also get to take part in addressing climate change by participating in Crop Walk on September 24. (Details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.) This is a way to address hunger in multiple ways. Climate change is making hunger more of a challenge. Changes in weather affect farming. The increase in saltwater intrusion of farmland and drinking water adds to the hunger problem. Crop Walk helps Church World Service (CWS) "address climate change impacts by helping farmers access seeds and learn new techniques for growing food in changing soil; teach building techniques so schools and homes can be built differently to withstand future natural disasters; and assist communities in learning new income-generating skills like beekeeping to adapt and build resilience." Those are some great reasons to take part in Crop Walk!

On October 1, Rochester UMC will join Centralia First UMC to hear missionary Kathrine Parker, bring us news of her ministry. She is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, working in community development in Nepal. She works to empower adolescents, promote dignity for migrant workers, teach and provide education around sanitation. Centralia UMC has supported her for years, and her grandfather was the pastor of CFUMC in the 1950s. She will bring the message for an 11:00 am service and have a Q&A time afterward at our potluck. We have other opportunities for you to go deeper shared in other parts of this newsletter. Methodists understand that following Christ means being proactive in developing our spiritual growth in community. No matter our age, God wants to continue to form us and deepen our relationship with the Creator. Following Jesus in word and deed, we are disciples. We, the United Methodist Church, are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. May we be faithful to this mission, in ways both large and small.



Centralia First UMC:

It is time for us to get ready for our insurance renewal. In order to be compliant for a renewal it is required that we have **4** people complete the safe sanctuaries training and background check. We realize with a small congregation like we have this is difficult, but it is a requirement no matter our size. **We pay a fine if we do not have this completed by November 1, 2023.** If you have not done this in the last year, please consider doing this. The training is all online and takes about 1 1/2 hours. Please send Nadine an email if you are willing and we will get you all set up. (There were 0 volunteers for this in August)

Thank-you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Centralia First UMC is having a parking lot sale on October 7. Sale hours will be 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. with clean-up being from 3-4p.m. Congregation members and their families are welcome to participate while we open this sale up for the community to come and shop. We appreciate all who would like to participate as our UMW is no longer active. All proceeds from this sale will benefit our church. Please bring your items before 9 am to sell from your trunk, or truck, or you can set up a table or pop-up canopy that morning.. Nothing is to be staged at the church prior or after the day of the sale unless you have spoken to Charlie Boyd to make other arrangements.



Charge Conference

In accordance with the United Methodist Book of Discipline ¶ 246, District Superintendent Kathleen Webber calls our local church members to Charge Conference. Charge Conference will be held Thursday, October 12 for both churches.

Rochester UMC: SPRC Meeting at 10 am
Charge Conference at 11 am.

Centralia First UMC: Gifts & Graces 2 pm.
Charge Conference at 3 pm.

Both churches will be looking for members to joyfully commit up to 3 years to serve either as an officer or on a committee. This work keeps our church going! More info to come very soon.



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Go Deeper

- **Wednesdays at 2:00 pm on zoom, starting September 6th :** "Travel the M.I.L.E.: A Weekly Sermon Study based on our Bishop's sermon series. Sermons available at greater-nw.org/m-i-l-e-2023-annual-conference-sermons/
Zoom link: <https://greater-nw.zoom.us/j/93727831666>
- **Crest to Coast Learning Hub: 4th Tuesdays monthly 4-5 pm on zoom. . The first session is hosted by** Sheila Miranda, Assistant for Connectional Ministries. on the "L" in Bishop Cedrick's "M.I.L.E." Register online here: <https://gnw-reg.brtapp.com/C2CLearningHubEvent>
- **Crop Walk 2023 will be September 23 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewis and Clark State Park.** Lunch will be provided. Walk to help end hunger. We also need volunteers, donations, and sponsors. It's a great opportunity for fellowship! Both Rochester and Centralia are invited. More Info at events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/centralia-wa

Sunday Scriptures for September



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation September 2023

- Sept 3 **Preserve** Ezekiel 18:27-31; Romans 12:9-21
- Sept 10 **Grow** Ezekiel 31:1-14; Romans 13:8-14
- Sept 17 **Upstream** Ezekiel 34:1-18; Romans 14:1-12
- Sept 24 **Nourish** Ezekiel 36:8-12; Romans 15:14-21
- Oct 1 *Special Connexional Service: **World Communion Sunday** with special guest, Kathrine Parker, missionary to Nepal.*
- Service at 11:00 a.m. at Centralia First UMC.** Rochester UMC to join; **no service in Rochester that day.** Potluck to follow service with Q&A time with Kathrine Parker.

Help make Sundays more meaningful by signing up as a liturgist!! Sign up is by our front door.



We are into the eight month of our renewed youth program. Youth encounter our church in a variety of ways. Sometimes they wander over from the park or stop by after school. Sometimes they are making connections through the church's thrift store or another organization using the church. As September approaches it is a good time to reflect on where we have been and our upcoming activities. As I reflect on why I am engaged in this ministry, I am reminded that Jesus was inclusive of all people. So I am convinced that God wants to have a relationship with everyone. That includes the young who are often overlooked within the faith community. This can be challenging when we and they do not realize what a mature relationship with God is like and the benefits of such a relationship. Our current youth are wrestling between the freedoms of

childhood and the responsibilities of adulthood. Youthful yeses needed commitments that come from maturity to bring success. Our program has had some blessings and missed opportunities. I am so thankful for the support of you who have sacrificed your time and resources to support our youth. You have provided resources and cooked meals for our weekly meetings. You made contributions for camp scholarships so no youth was prevented from attending summer camp due to finances. You have offered to support our cancelled camping and fishing retreat. Within in the next three months we will be raising funds for the Lewis County CROP Walk (elimination of hunger), art projects during the time of Art Trails, going to a Native American longhouse and museum. There are also a number of people who have offered themselves as speakers to our youth program.

All we can do is offer and hope that the Spirit of God will guide our young toward a positive future.

—**Pastor Golden Neal, youth pastor**

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