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August 2018 Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:19c

In his May 15 Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy blog my spouse and the Presbytery Leader Craig Howard wrote the following:

"In the book, *A More Beautiful Question*, Warren Berger writes that questions enable us to think and act in times of uncertainty. Berger believes the type of questions we ask and even the way we ask questions can lead us forward to solutions or inhibit us from seeking a creative way out.

"Berger lifts up a method of questioning called HMW – How Might We? "How might we" is different from "How can we?" or "How should we?" Can or should implies judgment.'

"Regarding How Might We, Berger writes:

How – The solutions are out there. How inspires creative confidence.

Might – We can try ideas out there that might work and might not. Either way it's ok.

We – We're going to do it together and build on each other's ideas.'"

This month, our Session has scheduled our "Summit on the Future" following worship Sunday, August 19. This is our church family's opportunity to prayerfully discern "How Might We" in conjunction with other questions guiding us toward the kind of pastor you will seek to join with you in your ministries. There is more information about plans for our "Summit on the Future" elsewhere in this month's newsletter. Please remember Luke 10:02 and the invitation to continue praying for God's guidance at 10:02 a.m. or p.m. or both during this transitional ministry time.

As we did after the "Summit on the Past", summaries of the surveys and conversations for the "Summit on the Present" were compiled and sent to you, with paper copies now available for pickup in the narthex.

If you haven't already, please check out our church's new website at www.pacificpresbyterianchurch.org. If you have pictures, especially candid ones, from our church family life together, please email those to me at revms-gamm@gmail.com for possible use on the website.

See you in worship, and around the church, continuing to get to know you as we serve together during this time of ministry transition!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Marilyn

Hymn Sing Worship Service

Sunday, August 26

We will have a hymn sing worship service on Sunday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m. Please send your hymn requests to Barbara Alt, Pastor Marilyn or Pam Manuel in the church office by Sunday, August 19, and we will include as many of your favorites as we can.

Pastor Marilyn will be staying at Union after worship to lead their "Summit on the Future" on August 26.



Clerk's Corner

- Communion servers for August 5 – Kathi Risenhoover, Jim Reed, Nancy Watson, Marianne Perez
- Coffee urns have been donated to church to use in place of the Bunn coffee pot. This will be tried for awhile to see if we need a new Bunn system.
- AC units have been serviced again after a blown fuse and icing on a unit requiring freon. The units are 20 years old and may need to be replaced next year.
- Contacting AT&T about what needs to be done to restore WIFI service to sanctuary and fellowship hall.
- Clean-up day for the kitchen is scheduled for Saturday, Aug 18, 9-12. First Dinner with Us of the new school year will be Aug 23. Everyone is invited to help. Donations of desserts each Thursday is appreciated. Monetary donations for Dinner with Us and the Weekend Backpack program are appreciated. Mark your envelope or check with the program name so it gets into the appropriate designated fund.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Happy August Birthday!

August 9th Jennifer Reed
August 10th Mardi Fievet
August 14th Sharon Gibbons
August 16th Pam Crader
August 21st Ethan Denny
August 26th Claire Sutterer

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTIONARY READINGS</u>	<u>LITURGISTS</u>	<u>DEACONS/ USHERS</u>	<u>COMMUNION RULING ELDERS</u>
August 5, 2018	11th Sunday after Pentecost Communion “Reframing Scarcity into Abundance” from John 6:1-21	Marianne Perez	Jim Reed	Jim Reed, Kathi Risenhoover, Nancy Watson, Marianne Perez
August 12, 2018	12th Sunday after Pentecost “Coming to the Bread of Life” from John 6:24-35	Bob Price	Stan Williams	
August 19, 2018	13th Sunday after Pentecost/“Summit on the Future” “Seeking God’s New Thing” from John 21:1-19	Karen Whitlock	Becky Reed	
August 26, 2018	14th Sunday after Pentecost Hymn Sing Service so Pastor Marilyn can lead Union’s “Summit on the Future”	Becky Reed	Gavin Overschmidt	

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

9am.—4:30pm



AGAPE House Wish List

Cereal

Peanut Butter

Canned Meats: chicken, tuna & beef

Canned Fruits

Canned Vegetables

Macaroni & Cheese

Boxed Meals: Chicken, Tuna & Hamburger

Helper

Pasta, rice, beans

Spaghetti & tomato sauce & tomato paste

Mission Report

The first “Dinner With Us” for the 18/19 school year is just around the corner!

SAVE THE DATE for August 23rd.

Volunteers needed starting at 4pm.

If you are unable to make a Thursday night, donations of your favorite baked goods are appreciated.

Pre Dinner Volunteers are NEEDED!!!

Stop by on August 18th from 9am—12pm and lend a hand in preparing the kitchen for the Dinner With Us. Help is needed in cleaning the pantry, stove and cabinet.

Neighbors



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Feeding

Stress-free Ways to Support Your Church

Schnucks E Scrip Program...

- It's Free
- It's Easy
- Join Today
- Register your card
- Present the card to the cashier at time of purchase



Schnucks then presents a percentage of your purchase to the church!

E-Scrip cards are available at the church office.

EcoPhones

It's Easy to Recycle!

- Cell phones (even broken)
 - Inkjet Cartridges
 - Laptop Computers
- Ipod, Microsoft Zune, Sandisk & Creative MP3 players
 - Digital Cameras
 - Digital Camcorders
- Sony PSP, Nintendo DS & Gameboy handheld games

Items can be dropped off at the church or church office

“Seeking God’s New Thing”
Pacific Presbyterian Church’s “Summit on the Future”

“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

Isaiah 43:19

The first step in our transitional ministry in preparation to seek a new called and installed pastor is to take a close look at our sense of mission and ministry. Who are we, how did we get here, and who and where do we want to go in the future are questions we continue considering in a three-part mission study process Pastor Marilyn has proposed. The three parts are called a Summit on the Past, a Summit on the Present, and a Summit on the Future. The theme for the three summits is “Seeking God’s New Thing” from Isaiah 43:19. Our hoped-for goal is as to have 100 percent congregational participation in each summit.

Our Summit on the Future will be Sunday, August 19 following morning worship. Although details are still being finalized, in broad general terms you can expect and come prepared for the following:

We will review results from the Summit on the Present congregational vitality surveys, and our conversations.

We will review results from our neighborhood exegesis exercise, particularly thinking about “How Might We?”

What is working well, what is life-giving, in this church? What do you want to carry forward into the future?

What do you want more of in the future? What are your hopes and dreams for this church family?

What do you need in your next pastor to help you achieve that?

We will begin formulating a Mission and Ministry Statement, which will be refined by the task group for presentation to the Session and the Congregation for approval.

A lunch of sandwiches, chips, cookies, and drinks will be provided.

Looking ahead, we will hope to finalize each congregation’s mission study reports along with a joint mission study report for submission to the presbytery and seek permission to elect members to a joint Pastor Nominating Committee in September. Hopefully writing a joint Ministry Information Form for beginning our pastor search can begin in late September.

NOTE: Union’s Summit on the Future will be Sunday, August 26 and we will have a hymn sing worship service. Please hold their congregation in special prayer on the days of their summits. They are being asked to do the same for you on the days of our summits.



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