



GREAT SPIRIT

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Great Spirit Newsletter December-January 2020

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From the Board of Trustees

By Helen Stewart

The Board of Trustees and the Congregation will be welcoming Wisdom of the Elders to share the Great Spirit space. Wisdom of the Elders will move into the two rooms in the basement and the inner Office in December. It has been a challenge for the Board to vacate the space and find storage for things needed throughout the year. Wisdom of the Elders, a multifaceted Native American organization, records and preserves traditional cultural values through education, multimedia documentaries, storytelling and cultural arts. Check out their website at www.wisdomoftheelders.org.

Recently the Board ordered testing for Radon in the lower level rooms. Since the levels returned exceeded safe levels, mitigation will be needed. The Board is working with Soil Solutions to determine the next step.

Our church facility is being used by several new groups for meetings and activities. Check the hall calendar and be sure to schedule events with Helen Stewart (503-282-6431).

LOVE, CONNECTION, SPIRITUALITY, TRADITION

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Great Spirit United Methodist Women present their Annual Holiday Bazaar
December 7th 10:00am – 3:00pm

Holiday Gifts

Christmas Decorations

** Baked Holiday Treats**

Native American Craft Items

** Handmade & Specialty Items**

Soup and Bread Lunch available for donation

For information or booth space, please contact Helen at 503-282-6431

HISTORIAN NEWS

Great Spirit welcomes new members Nicholas Wickliff, Jill Erickson, LeAnn Abraham, and Christopher Gardner. Helen Iles has taken pictures of the new members for the archive.

WORSHIP WITH US

Worship services are held each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Worship includes smudging and is a mixture of Native American prayer and Christian hymns with a Native theme. A potluck meal follows worship.

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Opportunities for Connection

- Great Spirit Choir rehearses every Sunday morning at 10:15 am.
- December 7th Great Spirit UMW Christmas Holiday Bazaar 10am-3pm
- Core Team meetings, December 8th and January 12th during potluck
- Open Circle at Augustana Lutheran Church December 15th and January 19th 3-6 pm
- December 23rd Christmas Eve-Eve "Spirit of Christmas" Candlelight Service 6:30 pm

FINANCE NEWS

In November, property taxes of \$7200 were paid to Multnomah County for the parsonage. In December, the big expense will be the Radon mitigation estimated to be \$3000 to \$4000. All routine bills and insurance have been paid. Please continue to add your name to the Offering Envelope if you need documentation of your donation.

Financial Secretary, Helen Stewart

BOTTLES AND CAN LADY (Helen Iles)

Thanks to everyone that brings bottles and cans for recycling. Helen Iles has turned in \$3575 so far this year. Helen hopes to exceed the amount collected last year so bring your containers for recycling to church. She will provide pickup for

Happy Birthday!

- December 4 Claudia Long
- December 11 Nicolas Wickliff
- December 13 LeeAnn Wermy
- December 13 Mandy Marple
- December 13 Sharon Kent
- December 15 Ed Wermy
- December 16 Laura Campos
- December 21 LeeAnn Wermy, Jr.
- December 25 Carol Edmo
- December 30 Hasani Milton
- January 25 Darlene Fields
- January 26 Brian Wagner

To add your name to the Birthday list, please let Helen Stewart know the important date. Anniversaries are important too!

Anniversaries

- If you have an anniversary in December or January, let us know

large amounts.

Helen could use help sorting and lifting on Thursday mornings, let her know if you are available to assist.

WILSHIRE SEWING CIRCLE

The Sewing Circle meets on Monday afternoons from 1pm- 3pm. Quilts, bags, and aprons made by the sewing circle will be for sale at the Holiday Bazaar on December 7th.

The UMW (United Methodist Women) is requesting quilts/blankets to be made and then delivered to agencies benefiting or working with children. The washable blankets can be knitted, crocheted, tied, quilted, or fleece. The UMW will gather the quilts at the Annual Conference in Puyallup, WA next June. The sewing circle will be working on this project beginning in January.

Call Helen Stewart (503-282-6431) or Bobbie Edwards (971-373-2099) for more information.

OUR CORE VALUES

LOVE – Love is the way.

CONNECTION – All of creation is connected by Spirit. That spark of the Divine connects with all humanity and the rest of creation.

SPIRITUALITY – Without cultivation of the spiritual life, we become unbalanced. Active participation in the development of one's spirituality is critical for a whole life. We believe this happens best in community.

TRADITION – Those who have gone on before us leave legacies of the old ways and wisdom with those who become elders. We encourage, value, and listen to them, so our tradition(s) may continue to help shape and guide us, informing who we are and what we will become.

We seek to become and embody these values every single day.

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