



# GREAT SPIRIT

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## From the Single Board

By Helen Stewart

The Single Board once again is requiring masks to be worn in the Church, even for those that have been vaccinated due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. Hand Sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available. Congregational singing is prohibited. Safety of the congregation is the main concern of the Board. To go lunches or snacks have been available after each church service.

Take note of the calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance or the website of activities and meetings being held at Great Spirit.

In the Methodist calendar, September would be a time to remember Stewardship. Stewardship is the focus of giving time, talents, and financial support to the church. Money helps us pay our taxes, insurance, bills, apportionments and keeps the church doors open. Time and talents we all have something we can give-

playing the flute, cleaning up the kitchen, giving a welcoming smile to the person sitting six feet away or serving coffee. Think about how you can give to Great Spirit.

Pledges and tithes can be mailed to Great Spirit UMC at 3917 NE Shaver St. Portland, OR 97212.

Submitted, Helen Stewart

## HALLOWEEN HOSPITALITY

Helen Iles and friends will be on the front porch giving out bags of treats on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween! Starting at 5:30 pm.

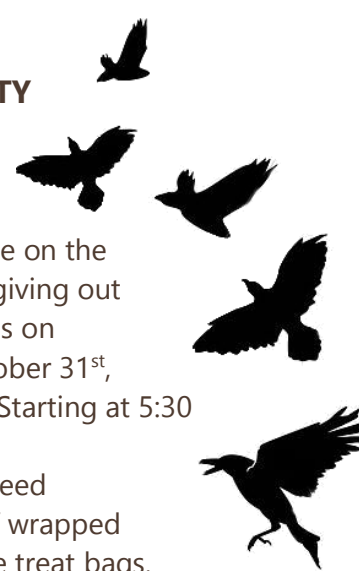
She will need donations of wrapped candy for the treat bags. Please come help serve apple cider to the costumed neighborhood children and parents. Dust mop, Helen's dog, wears a costume to the event.

You are welcome to come in costume too!

## WORSHIP WITH US

We are putting weekly video check-ins and devotionals on our website, [www.greatspiritpdx.com](http://www.greatspiritpdx.com), under the "News" section and on Facebook. We are also inviting everyone to pause and pray with us at 11:00AM on Sundays. There is a new prayer request form on the front page of the website.

Phone: 405-431-9912



## BOTTLES AND CANS LADY (Helen Iles)

Helen continues to collect bottles and cans for recycling. The money goes toward Great Spirit's Shared Ministries Apportionments. Shared Ministries are the programs and projects supported by the Oregon-Idaho Conference Churches such as Campus Ministries, disaster relief, new churches, and camp programs. As of the end of July, Helen has turned in \$3,000.

Bottles and cans for recycling can be left at the church, preferably at the ramp door to the Sanctuary. Helen will pick up bottles and cans from your location. Please give her a call at 503-252-0026.

## Happy Birthday!

### AUGUST Birthdays

- August 2 Dean Wagner
- August 6 Jane Spencer
- August 15 David Allison
- August 19 Leslie Hall
- August 27 Chisao Hata

### SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- September 8 Siale Edmo
- September 9 Eva Johnson
- September 9 Louise Darlling
- September 10 Lois Wagner
- September 20 Betty Lou Finch
- September 24 Tami Gallegos
- September 24 Skyler Morrison
- September 27 John Edmo

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

- August 1 Craig and Kathy Lesley
- August 7 Ed and LeeAnn Wermey
- August 15 Joseph Chadborn and Jane Spencer

## HISTORIAN NEWS – Let's Keep in Touch!

Helen Iles, the church Historian, welcomes submission of pictures or other documentation of events either at Great Spirit or associated with Great Spirit. She would like to include them in the archived scrapbooks.

Send notes or digital pictures to Helen Stewart (helkatstew@comcast.net) for inclusion in the archived books or to be submitted to the newsletter.

## MISSION

After the successful yard sale in July, Helen Iles delivered 80 lbs of clothing to MainSpring Portland. Other items left from the yard sale went to Portland Adventist Community Services and Value Village.

## GREAT SPIRIT T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE



We have T-shirts! Sizes in stock now range from Large to 4XL. They are for sale at \$20 each. All proceeds go to further outreach efforts. If you are interested, please send an email message to Monika. [monikagreatspirit@gmail.com](mailto:monikagreatspirit@gmail.com).

## DONATE

Great Spirit accepts donations. You can designate something specific, like outreach or women only. We also have a general fund, which is what keeps our lights on, the heat on, and the doors open, as well as emergency food services. On the website at [greatspiritpdx.com](http://greatspiritpdx.com) scroll to the bottom of the page and click the DONATE button.

## GREAT SPIRIT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

News Update/ August, 2021

As we continue to face the uncertainty of a global pandemic, as well as unpredictable weather, our UMW unit has managed to keep moving forward. Meeting in person during June, July and August is helping us re-establish connection as well as letting new people know we exist. We are also connected to the Regional and National UMW which can be a powerful force, with a 150 year legacy of "turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."

To this end, our "all hands on deck" Great Spirit Yard Sale was held on July 31.

Keeping with pandemic protocol, tables were all outside, with items ranging from clothing to jewelry to works of art. We can never underestimate the amount of determination, resilience and cooperation required to facilitate this event.....a BIG thank you to all who donated time and effort!! We were rewarded with good community participation due to much milder weather on that day. Thanks to Pastor Monica for transporting many items to a local non-profit.

These are some UMW events to put on your calendar:

- October 9, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the church, wearing our masks and social distancing.



## Opportunities for Connection

- Pastors Allen and Monika have posted sermons and "Pause and Pray" on the website and Facebook. Take a few minutes to view the website at: [www.greatspiritpdx.org](http://www.greatspiritpdx.org) or facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/greatspiritpdx>
- Anyone interested in joining the Single Board should speak to Pastor Allen or Assistant Pastor Monika.
- Volunteers needed to help with Sunday take-home lunches

- September 25, 2021 - Columbia District Annual Meeting (this was changed to an online meeting and will include people from Rainier to Portland to Milton-Freewater). Meeting will have some business as well as presentation on the crisis of homelessness.

Respectfully Submitted  
Loretta Milton

## 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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