



# GREAT SPIRIT

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## From the Single Board

By Helen Stewart

Thirty to forty people have been gathering in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. The Single Board requests that everyone wear a mask in the Church, even for those that have been vaccinated for the protection of all. Hand Sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are available. Congregational singing is prohibited. To go lunches or snacks have been available after each church service. Coffee and tea are set up on a table on the front porch of the church usually by 10:30am.

The Annual Charge Conference for Great Spirit is scheduled for November 23rd, Tuesday, at 6:30pm. District Superintendent Tim Overton-Harris is planning to hold the Charge Conference in person at Great Spirit but that is subject to change and possibly the meeting will be held via Zoom. The usual reports and a few additional "new to this year" supplemental reports will need to be prepared and submitted prior to the

Charge Conference by the Single Board members.

Finance update: Great Spirit received a grant from the General Board of Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church for Pandemic Meal Preparation. The grant will pay for take out lunches on Sundays and food provided on Thursday evenings for Drum Bros.

Property taxes on the parsonage, \$7,926 will be due November 15th.

The Single Board approved assisting FINS, First Indigenous Nations Society, as fiscal agent while they journey to obtain a 501© 3 designation. Great spirit continues to work with The Stronghold: A Culturally Responsive Peer Support Program in Chiloquin.

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.

There is room on the Single Board for Native leaders to participate in the activities and planning of the future of Great Spirit. Interested persons should contact Pastor Allen.

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

### 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

## 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!



## BOTTLES AND CANS LADY (Helen Iles)

Helen is breaking records!!! Last year at this time she had collected \$4,060 from recycling bottles and cans. By the end of October, 2021 she will have turned in \$4,200. The money goes toward Great Spirit's Shared Ministries Apportionments. Shared Ministries are the programs and projects supported by the Oregon-Idaho Conference Churches. Great Spirit is requested to remit \$6,933 in 2021.

Bottles and cans for recycling can be left at the church on Sunday morning or during the week 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!

### OCTOBER Birthdays

- October 4 Josh Marple
- October 5 August Chadborn
- October 5 Jim Nelson
- October 9 Bobbie Edwards
- October 10 Jess Jones
- October 16 Seahdom Edmo Baker
- October 16 Barbara Nelson
- October 22 Loretta Milton
- October 30 Roxanne Williams
- October 30 April Milla Ruby Gudino-Wermy

### NOVEMBER Birthdays

- November 23 Carolyn Underwood
- November 26 Jay Bateman

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

### ANNIVERSARY:

- October 12 Shadow Rose and Matthew Sunshine

## 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. If you have pictures from the Justice for Children Event on October 6th "Wear Orange" or the Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration on October 11th, Helen would like to include them in the archived scrapbooks.

Send notes or digital pictures to Helen Stewart (helkatstew@comcast.net) for inclusion in the scrapbooks.

## MISSION

In September Helen Iles delivered 23 pounds of bedding and clothing to MainSpring Portland. MainSpring Portland was formed in the 1960's as the East Central Church Community Action Program and later was called Fish Emergency Services. Thirteen eastside churches, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran, joined to provide food and clothing for families and seniors in need. Please leave gently used clothing and unopened health care items in the Fellowship Hall donation corner.

## 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Great Spirit Church Library is located in the meeting room off of the Fellowship Hall. Recently we received a large donation of books which have been logged into a master list. Some examples include: *People of the Shining Mountains - The Utes of Colorado* by Charles S. Marsh, 1982; *Sitting Bull - His Life and Legacy* by Ernie LaPointe, 2009; and *The Ways of My Grandmothers* by Beverly Hungry Wolf, 1980.

A haunting story is told in *The Education of Ruby Loonfoot*, a novel by Paxton Riddle, 2002. This account of an abusive boarding school in the Ojibwe territory of Wisconsin tells of devastation and triumph within this system of cultural genocide. Another library selection on this topic is *Fatty Legs* by Christy Jordan-Fenton, 2010. This is a true story of Margaret, an Inuit girl who navigates the harsh conditions of a school in the High Arctic.

To check a book out please sign the clipboard and then return your selection in 3 weeks.

A big thank you to all who have donated items to our library.

Respectfully Submitted, Loretta Milton

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. We plan a Thank Offering Program as well as a focus on education. We will hear from Zalika Gardner, Chief Education



## Opportunities for Connection

- Pastor Allen and Monika Trujillo 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.
- Volunteers needed to help with Sunday take-home lunches

and Culture Officer for Kairos PDX, an elementary school in North Portland built on "love, inclusivity and mindfulness." Masks and social distancing will be observed for this in-person gathering at the church building on NE Shaver St. You are warmly invited.

## 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).



## 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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