



GREAT SPIRIT

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From the Single Board

By Helen Stewart

Thanks to all the Drummers that participated in the service on September 25th. The sounds of the drum and the singing emphasize the Spirit of the morning.

Mark Charles will be speaking at the October 9th morning Worship. Mark presents a meaningful discussion of the "Doctrine of Discovery" in his book "Unsettling Truths." October 10th Indigenous Peoples' Day will be celebrated at Laurelhurst Presbyterian Church. See Opportunities to Connect below.

The annual All-Church Charge Conference is scheduled for November 13th at 6PM. It will be an in-person meeting at Great Spirit with District Superintendent Tim Overton-Harris.

Great Spirit UMC has received a grant from CDCES, Columbia District Church Extension Society to do repairs to the window wells on the south side of the Sanctuary and install windows in the Sunday School room doors.

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

Have new ideas for Great Spirit to express the Core Values of Love, Connection, Spirituality, Tradition? Join the Single Board to make it happen! Contact Pastor Allen.

Submitted, Helen Stewart



Monday,
October 31ST,
starting at 5:30PM.

Helen Iles and
friends will be on the
Great Spirit front
porch giving out
treat bags to
everyone in costume!



Come Join the
Fun!! Hot Apple Cider will be
served!

Donations of wrapped
candy for the treat bags can be
brought to church by October
30th. Helen will be preparing
the bags before the event.

WORSHIP WITH US

Worship services are held each Sunday
at 11:00 am for vaccinated, masked
persons at 3917 NE Shaver ST 97212.
Worship includes smudging, drumming,
and Native American prayer. To-go
lunch provided following service.
Services can be viewed on Facebook or
on our website www.greatspiritpdx.com
There is a prayer request form on the
front page of the website.

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 scroll to the bottom of the page and click the DONATE button.

MISSION

In August, Helen Iles delivered 45 pounds of food to MainSpring. In September she delivered 45 pounds of household bedding and 17 pounds of clothing. Gently used clothing, in-date food products, and personal care items can be left on the table in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.

BOTTLES AND CANS LADY (Helen Iles)

Helen continues her mission to recycle bottles and cans and donate the proceeds to the church. To date she has given \$3,200. The money collected goes to Great Spirit's Shared Ministries Apportionments. Helen will provide pick-up service of bottles and cans from your location. Please give her a call at 503-252-0026.

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.

HISTORIAN NEWS – Let's Keep in Touch!

Helen continues to gather photographs, flyers, and newspaper announcements to include in the church scrapbook. Helen includes the weekly bulletins (programs) and the newsletters as well. She has completed archiving August 2022.



Opportunities for Connection

- Pastor Allen has posted sermons and "Pause and Pray" on the website and Facebook. Watch at 11:00 am on Sundays at: www.greatspiritpdx.org or on Facebook at Great Spirit Native American
- October 9th at 11am Worship, Mark Charles will be speaking
- October 10th Indigenous Peoples' Day. 4pm-8pm at Laurelhurst Presbyterian Church. See flyer next page
- October 22nd Saturday at 10:00 you are invited to attend a United Women in Faith gathering in the church fellowship hall. Help us with connecting, praying, and planning.
- October 31st Monday starting at 5:30PM. Helen Iles and friends will be on the Great Spirit front porch giving out treat bags to everyone in costume! Come Join the Fun!! Hot Apple Cider will be served!
- November 13th 6PM All-Church Charge Conference at Great Spirit UMC.
- Anyone interested in joining the Single Board should speak to Pastor Allen.

NEWS FROM UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (formerly United Methodist Women)

Our Great Spirit UWF unit gathered in the fellowship hall on Sept. 17 and were treated to a presentation by Pastor Allen Buck. Some of the theological and structural divisions facing the Global United Methodist Church were made clearer; learning more about the Circle of Indigenous Ministries as well as the connections to Great Spirit Church is a blessing. We enjoyed refreshments of strawberry shortcake prepared by Helen Iles.

Continuing UWF's ability to make monetary donations to organizations such as Red Lodge Transition Services and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women is a major focus for our unit. Holding a Christmas Bazaar has been a traditional fund raiser but may not be possible due to current public health concerns. Another avenue could be holding a silent auction at the Indigenous People's Day venue on Oct. 11. How about a 3-night stay overlooking the beach at Cape Kiwanda? Stay tuned for more information and the chance to submit a bid.

We would love to see you in person at our next gathering on Saturday, October 22, at 10:00 a.m. Hoping we can tune in to the OR/ID Conference United Women in Faith's annual meeting in Boise via Zoom. See you then at Great Spirit Church in the fellowship hall.

Submitted by Loretta Milton



FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE (See notice above)

For over a year the FGC has been working with the presbytery of the Cascades and others within the church to engage in the "Land Back" movement. This relationship building and the work will be celebrated this Indigenous People's Day. Oct 10th at 935 NE 33rd AVE, Portland. 4pm-8pm. We hope to see you there!

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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