



# GREAT SPIRIT

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## Greetings Great Spirit Relatives

By Rev. Allen Buck

The Buck family moved here seven years ago. We are in our eighth year of sharing the journey together now. What a blessing and privilege it has been/is to be a pastor with you. One of the things I love about our sacred family is that you all put into action our shared values. You aren't just talking. I see you. After seven years, I am beginning to find somewhat of a rhythm created by the seasons and the places where you all continue to put love, tradition, connection, and spirituality into action.

I get nostalgic thinking about Delta Park Powwow of 2017 that was happening the first weekend we moved here. You were there. You were there this year too. I see you. And now it is almost October. This makes me think of one of the other important places you all have helped create and shown up for - Indigenous Peoples' Day. For the last seven years, usually on what some call "Columbus Day," you have been there to help reclaim this day, celebrate

Indigenous People, and speak truth.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is important. It is a counter to the celebration of Columbus, who has been embedded as a hero in the mythology of "discovery," which we know really led to colonization and all the horrors that came with it. You all, Indigenous People and allies know the truth. Showing up and celebrating may seem superficial to some, but it helps us affirm The People. I've seen you there! And I want to see you there again.

On October 14, I invite you to show up at Barbie's Village (935 NE 33rd) from 4:00-8:00PM. I'll be there. We will have a table there. Google Sarah Augustine, as she will be the main speaker this time. There will be free dinner. There will be a children's powwow. The Portland Indigenous Marketplace and vendors will be there. Now we just need you all. Please mark your calendars, tell others, drive others, and share Future Generations Flyer on Facebook (you can find it on the GS FB Page). Wado (Thank you), Blessings, See you, Allen

### WORSHIP WITH US

Worship services are held each Sunday at 11:00 am at 3917 NE Shaver ST 97212. Masks are optional. Worship includes smudging, drumming, and Native American prayer.

Services can be viewed on Facebook or on our website

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There is a prayer request form on the front page of the website.

## FROM THE SINGLE BOARD

Ready for a new season? Fall is coming. The leaves are beginning to change colors and the days are shorter!

An update on the changes at the Conference offices was addressed by Pastor Allen. District Superintendent Tim Overton-Harris is now an Assistant to the Bishop and our District Superintendent will be Karen Hernandez. She will cover both Columbia District and the Sage District. The Sage District continues to Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho. She intends to visit Great Spirit UMC and all the area churches.

Pastor Allen wants to hold an All-Church Conversation meeting during potluck as we did before Covid. It will be an opportunity for the whole congregation to participate in the planning, development, and future of Great Spirit. Watch your Sunday Bulletin for when it will be scheduled.

The parsonage has a new stove. Erin Buck has been patiently coaxing the old range to bake Potluck dishes but it gave up. The new stove is slimmer allowing the dishwasher to fully open in the compact kitchen.

Sacred Heart Wellbriety has decided to return to NARA for their weekly Tuesday evening meetings. Great Spirit UMC enjoyed hosting the group and left an invitation for the group to return if a meeting place is needed.

Great Spirit UMC continues to schedule multiple groups each month for meetings and events. Check out the calendar posted at the main entrance.

Visit the website [www.greatspiritpdx.com](http://www.greatspiritpdx.com) for Past Sunday Services, Calendar events and Resources.

Submitted, Helen Stewart

## BOTTLES AND CANS LADY (Helen Iles)

By August 31<sup>st</sup>, Helen has turned in \$2,400 of Bottle and Can receipts. The money collected is designated for our Shared Giving apportioned by the United Methodist Church. Shared Giving



## Opportunities for Connection

- Volunteers Needed for Sunday Potluck, Hospitality, Children and Youth Ministry
- Pi Nee Waus Elders meet Tuesday Nights, 5-7pm, 4610 SE Belmont St. Portland
- Orange Shirt Day September 30, 2024
- Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration at Barbie's Village, October 14th, at 935 NE 33rd Ave Portland, OR. Program and Schedule to be determined
- 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](http://www.greatspiritpdx.org) or on Facebook at Great Spirit Native American

supports missions, disaster relief, and other programs of the greater church.

Helen will gladly pick up bottles and cans at your home or business. Give her a call at 503-252-0026.

## MISSION

Helen Iles delivered 46 pounds of Food and clothing and an accessibility walker and cane to Mainspring in August. MainSpring is located at 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and Fremont St.

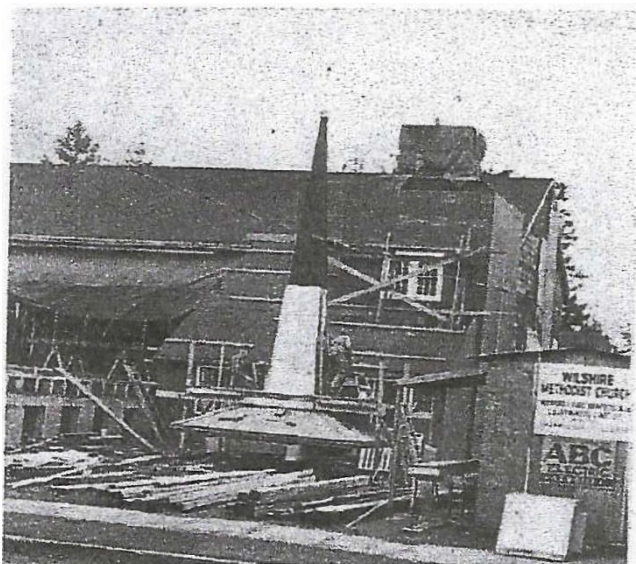
Leave your gently used donations in the bin at the entry to the Fellowship Hall. MainSpring also accepts personal care items and non-perishable in-date food.

## TALKING CIRCLE

Quacinda (Jodyne) Kolln would like to facilitate a traditional style Talking Circle. If you are interested in participating in a small group at the church, please get in touch with Quacinda at [qjt283@gmail.com](mailto:qjt283@gmail.com) or 707-815-6064.

## HISTORIAN NEWS

September viewing of the archived scrapbooks showcased the year 2019. Great to see the activities held before the pandemic. In October, Helen will bring up scrapbooks from another year to view. Place your selection of a particular year in the box, it may be chosen next!



A copper steeple was given by Dr. Joseph Adams in memory of his wife, Myrle Maurine Adams. 1961

## Happy Birthday!

### OCTOBER Birthdays

- October 4 Josh Marple
- October 5 Jim Nelson
- October 6 David Marple
- October 9 MooMoo
- October 9 Bobbie Edwards
- October 16 Se-Ah-Dom Edmo Baker
- October 16 Barbara Nelson
- October 22 Loretta Milton
- October 30 April Gudino-Wermy

### NOVEMBER Birthdays

- November 8 Buffalo Ackerman
- November 23 Caroline 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!

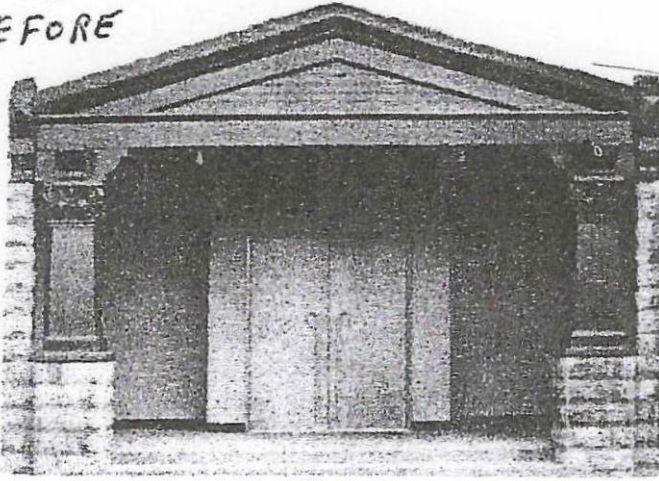
Historic images in this issue commemorate the anniversary of the placement of the corner stone, 100 years ago. Many changes and improvements were made to the original building. In 1961 our current Sanctuary was added. A Connecting stone was laid on August 25, 1974, on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church.





Improvements 1956

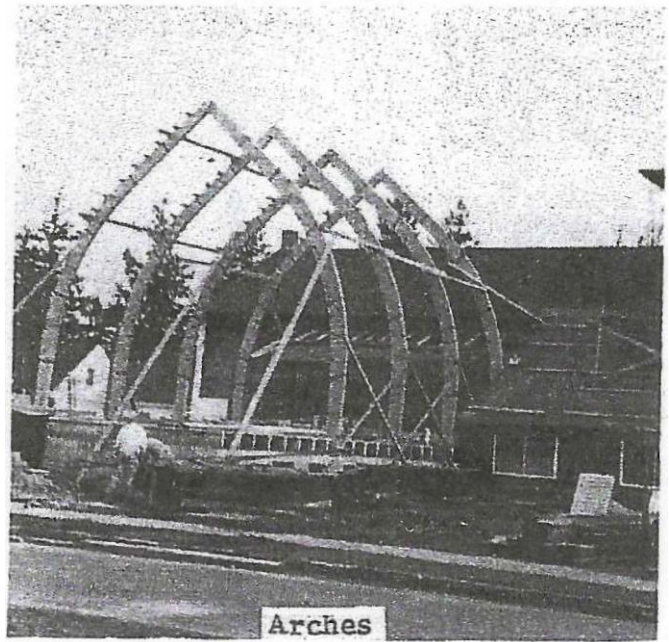
BEFORE



AFTER



Excavation of the basement



Arches

## 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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