



GREAT SPIRIT

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From the Single Board

By Helen Stewart

We have been blessed with a beautiful Oregon Summer! Not too many very hot days and as I tell my friends in the Midwest, "It cools down at night"!

Pastor Allen Buck has been "on the road" most of July so guest speakers have been Maryl Smith and Reverend Leslie Hall. Both have presented the scripture clearly giving us much to think about during the week. The Single Board appreciates the continued presence of the Singers and Drummers during our service Sunday mornings. Also, Flute players, especially Karrie Young who is ready at a moment's notice to play a prayer!

The Pacific Northwest Council of Water Protectors are holding their 8th Annual Medicine Gathering at Oxbow Regional Park, August 21st – 25th, 2025. Come for the day or camp. It is family friendly but leave your pets/animals at home. It is an alcohol and drug free event. Bring your own utensils, plate, bowl if you want to eat. There will be a water ceremony, storytelling, poetry and music. For more

information see

<https://www.facebook.com/pnwcwp> .

Great Spirit has been gifted with a beautiful Star Quilt in memory of a loved one. It is currently draped in the Sanctuary awaiting an established designated wall. {Please see a photo of the quilt on the next page.}

Great Spirit UMC had a good response at our booth at Delta Park Powwow on June 13th-June 15th. Lots of prayer ties were made so our supply has been replenished. It is always a joy to see

friends and make new ones at a powwow!

It is time to revisit preparing a church directory. If you would like to be included, please fill out the form available on the table at the church front door. To improve the selection of food at Potlucks, you are asked about dietary restrictions. The Directory is optional; only provide the information you would like to share.

Great Spirit UMC continues to schedule

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

www.greatspiritpdx.com

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



Happy Birthday!

AUGUST Birthdays

- August 12 Stuart Crazybull
- August 15 David Allison
- August 19 Leslie Hall
- August 25 Tena Benedict
- August 27 Chisao Hata
- August 31 Sheila Kirk

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- September 5 Cat Whipple
- September 6 Hope Poitra
- September 8 Siale Edmo Cook
- September 9 Eva Johnson
- September 9 Louise Darling
- September 10 Lois Wagner
- September 24 Tami Gallegos
- September 27 John Edmo
- September 30 Pastor Allen Buck

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- August 1 Craig and Kathy Lesley
- August 6 Patrick and Tena Benedict
- August 7 Ed and LeeAnn Wermey
- August 15 Joseph Chadborn and Jane Spencer

multiple groups each month for meetings and events. Check out the calendar posted at the main entrance. Also, check out the Opportunities for Connection listed below. Visit the website www.greatspiritpdx.com for Past Sunday Services, Make a Donation, Calendar events and Resources.

MISSION

Clothing donations delivered to MainSpring in July totaled 155 lbs. Place your gently used clothing and personal care items in the bin at the entry to the Fellowship Hall. MainSpring also accepts non-perishable in-date food.

HISTORIAN NEWS

Another roll of film is being processed to include in this year's Scrapbook. Helen Iles chronicles events at Great Spirit UMC with her camera. A different archived scrapbook will be available to view on the table in the Fellowship Hall for August.



A scene from the Delta Park Powwow

Make a suggestion for an Archived scrapbook to be displayed by putting the year on a scrap of paper and insert in the box on the table.

BOTTLES AND CANS LADY (Helen Iles)

Helen Iles will save you a trip back to the store to return your beverage bottles and cans. She will do it for you! Bring them to church on Sunday or drop them off during the week.

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

The total collected for the year at the end of July: an extraordinary \$2,450.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The Columbia District UWF (United Women in Faith) will host its annual meeting on September 20 at Mt. Angel, OR. All are invited.

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 Jodyne at qjt283@gmail.com or 707-815-6064. Jody usually has hot soup along with conversation planned for 7PM on Monday evenings at the church.



Opportunities for Connection

- Volunteers Needed for Sunday Potluck, Hospitality, Children and Youth Ministry
- Thursday nights – PDX Drum Fam and Beading with Tootsie 6-8pm (Join PDX Drum Fam facebook group {private} to confirm meeting.)
- Pi Nee Waus Elders meetings will return Tuesday Nights in September.
- Talking Circle, Monday evenings with Quacinda (Jodyne), 7 PM, contact Jody for confirmation.
- Portland American Indian Elders meeting at NAYA Elder's Room, first Sunday of the month at 1pm.
- NARA Northwest Elders Lunch meets Mondays at Noon-1:30pm at NARA NW RiverHouse, Clackamas River Room, 211 SE Caruthers Street
- Portland Indigenous Marketplace for schedule of events, see their website www.indigenoussmarketplace.org
- August 15-17 Grand Ronde Powwow. Uyxat Powwow Grounds
- August 21- 25 Medicine Gathering, Oxbow Park
- UWF annual meeting September 20

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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