

WILSHIRE UNITED METHODIST NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP

May and June 2017



Greetings Wilshire!

4-24-2017

The Buck Tribe is almost there - 45 days and 2,071 miles to go! This sign is a few miles from our home in Edmond, Oklahoma. If only it was .5 miles before we were together... But, there are still several things to be done, here and there, plus that "little" bit of driving. We are very excited about the journey we will share, trusting Creator goes before us, making the paths straight, and lighting the way.

I have been praying for you all and already working on preparations for beginning our adventure in ministry together. I know that you all are preparing and praying too. I have been in communication with Loretta, Helen, and DS, Rev. Erin Martin. Rev. Martin and Dr. Bill Gibson (Greater NW's Director of Congregational Development) have worked to secure our funding and commitment with their team. Helen has told me about your willingness to get the parsonage ready for us, which we truly appreciate it. I know there will be paperwork and other things to organize too, as we make this fresh start together. Wado in advance.

We are actively engaged in transition here, saying our goodbyes, and entrusting our current church's rebirth to the Spirit and their new leadership. Our house here is on the market (say a prayer). "My" Erin has already been offered several teaching positions in the Portland area. Our oldest daughter has even made a few connections with the dance team at Grant High School. It all feels like progress.

In March, I attended the UMC's Path 1 Training for multi-culture ministries. Last week, I had lunch with Rev. Chebon Kernell, Executive Secretary of NA/Indigenous Ministries at [General Board of Global Ministries](#). He assured me that we have his support, offering to walk with us, mentor me, and planning to turn in the paperwork for our grant that same day. I've connected with the Mt. Hood Cherokees, adding several new friends to my Facebook. Then last Thursday and Friday, I went to Tahlequah, OK., Capitol of the Cherokee Nation, to say, "til we meet again," to many cousins & friends, but also to see my Tribe's traditional spiritual leader. He too, has blessed our partnership, my calling there, and sends me to you with tobacco, as a reminder of our shared purpose and interconnectedness with the Spirit, the earth, the heavens, one another, and all beings, yesterday, today, tomorrow, and the future.

See you soon! Blessings and Peace, Allen

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meets at 10am on the second Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

The Board of Trustees will work with the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) to ready the parsonage for the Buck Family. Once the needed repairs and redecorating are assessed a “work party” will be scheduled.

June 3rd is the day set for the Annual Boy Scout Yard Work Day. As last year we will include a Church Clean-up Day. A Hot Dog Lunch is provided for all. Bring your appetite and polishing cloths to church in the morning.

The Board continues to address safety and maintenance issues around the church and property. The next Board meeting will be May 14th at 10am.

Board of Trustees Chairperson, Helen Stewart

FINANCE NEWS

Wilshire UMNAF is very happy to Welcome Pastor Buck. The Buck family will be residing in the parsonage. It will very nice to have a family with children in the home.

From a financial viewpoint, Wilshire will not be receiving rent from the property. The deficit will amount to approximately \$1500 per month. Revenues from other sources are being explored. Please consider increasing your pledge or adding a little extra to the collection plate on Sunday.

Financial Secretary, Helen Stewart

CHURCH COUNCIL

At our meeting on April 9, Bobbie Edwards reported on the CONAM (Committee on Native American Ministries) meeting held at the Collins Retreat Center March 31 to April 1. Attendees included people from all over the greater northwest area as well as Bishop Stanovsky and our own Gloria Marple & Ed Edmo. A concept to ponder from the meeting: "A River is a gathering place not a border."

This June, people will be gathering from near and far at a joint United Methodist Oregon/Idaho & Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. The conference will be held at the Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach located beside the magnificent Columbia River....and not far from the confluence of the Willamette River joining into the Columbia.....a gathering together of people and water to reach across borders. The dates for this event will be June 14 - 17 on the very same weekend as the renowned Delta Park Powwow, June 16 - 18...both events very near on the banks of the Columbia River.

We are putting the word out that Wilshire UMNAF is in need of volunteers for these two events, to represent our church community as a delegate to the Annual Conference as well as help man our table/booth at the Delta Park Powwow...(can't think of a more uplifting/inspiring place to be). Pastor Buck will be attending the Church Conference as well as finding time to be in community at the Powwow.

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) needs new members so we can be as welcoming as possible for our new pastor and his family. Would you consider volunteering on this committee which meets bi-monthly or as needed? This group acts as a sounding board between a pastor and the congregation.

Finally, even though our Salmon Honoring Event had to be postponed, we can build on the groundwork already laid to continue this effort for a future date that will work. Congratulations to our church community that will still be hosting a Plant Sale & Indian Taco Lunch on May 6.

Respectfully, *Loretta Milton*

SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee)

For the past months we have been meeting and doing the business of the church in a collaborative way. Since we haven't had a pastor we have all stepped up to do jobs as a commitment to maintaining a place, a lodge for spiritual growth of the WUMNAF community. In June and July we will be celebrating the next step in

our spiritual home and lodge ... A new leader will be moving into our parsonage with his family. It is most important as we grow that we have a representative group of members that are willing to step up and join the SPRC committee. Please contact me bobbie.edwards.pdx@gmail.com or in person at church.

For a smooth transition for all who now and will in the future call WUMNAF their spiritual home or lodge we need to have a SPRC with vitality and leadership. Please prayerfully consider how you can help grow a vibrant congregation that worships & prays together as we grow as a spiritual family.

Submitted by Bobbie Edwards, WUMNAF SPRC Chairperson

MISSION and OUTREACH

Helen Iles delivered boxes to Mainspring Portland (formerly Fish Emergency). The boxes included 59lbs of clothing, 15lbs of food and 4lbs of hygiene items to assist in providing for those in need. Thanks to everyone that donated the items.

Please continue to drop donations for Mainspring and the Backpack lunch program in the baskets in the Fellowship Hall corner.

THE BOTTLE & CAN LADY (Helen I.)



As of April 23, 2017 Helen has turned in \$856.05 for the year from bottles and cans. The recycle value has been increased to 10¢ for each bottle and can.

The money will go towards Wilshire UMNAF's commitment to Shared Giving Apportionments to the Oregon-Idaho Conference. Helen single-handedly counts the containers and treks them to the recycling center. She appreciates receiving the bottles and cans from members, friends, and neighbors. Give her a call if you have containers for pick-up at 503-252-0026!

Thanks to everyone who was and is able to contribute!! Keep those containers coming as we continue to make our commitment to ministries beyond the local church!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Our library has been gifted with 3 new books, authored by Rev. Randy Woodley, who was in worship with us on March 19, 2017:

1. Living In Color - Embracing God's Passion For Ethnic Diversity, published in 2001;
2. Shalom and the Community of Creation - An Indigenous Vision, published in 2012;
3. The Harmony Tree - A Story of Healing and Community, illustrated by Ramone Romero, published in 2016.

Another recently donated book: Massacre at Sand Creek - How Methodists Were Involved in an American Tragedy, by Gary L. Roberts, published in 2016

Items from the library can be checked out for a 3 week period by signing the clipboard with title, your name and date....located in the Fellowship Hall.

HISTORIAN NEWS

Helen Iles has completed the History Book for 2016. She includes copies of every church bulletin, newsletters, event flyers, and pictures taken at Church services and events. Occasionally Helen will display several Albums from past years in the Fellowship Hall. If you ever want to see a particular year, ask Helen.

UMW NEWS

As we continue to pick up the pieces from the passing our beloved President, Jean Shevland, Loretta Milton will continue to serve as the interim Director until such position is filled. Tami Gallegos will also continue to serve as Treasurer. A meeting will be held on May 4th with our UMW District Treasurer, Suzanne Wardenaar and Shepherdess, Ann Murchison to assist us with the roles and responsibilities of the Treasurer and the Unit itself. This meeting will allow our Unit to reconcile last year's budget for 2016. This meeting will also allow us to wrap up 2016 and move forward and meet our goals for 2017 as a UMW chapter for the Columbia District.

On April 8, Wilshire UMW held their second UMW meeting for 2017. We are still looking to fill the President and Spiritual Growth position at this time. If you are interested in filling either position, please contact Loretta Milton or any other

church member. A list of the Slate Officers for the UMW Columbia District was handed out to those present. Information regarding the “Criteria for Healthy, Vital Unit” was also discussed and used as a reminder for the purpose of our Unit. Loretta was going to try to add the Salmon Festival in conjunction with the Annual Plant sale, but that fell through. Instead, we will continue to have the Plant Sale/Indian Taco Sale as planned on May 6, 2017. Please see attached flyer at the end of this newsletter. The Salmon Festival will be held at a later date.

On April 21-22, Helen Iles and Loretta Milton attended the Annual UMW Columbia/Cascadia Spiritual Growth Retreat that was held at the Alton Collins Retreat Center. Resources for our UMW Unit were also available for purchased or free of charge during this time (Prayer Calendar, Reading Program, Response Magazine, etc.)

Upcoming events are:

May 6 – Plant Sale & Indian Taco Sale

May 20 – UMW Meeting

July 14 & 15 – Garage Sale

July 15 – Indian Taco Sale

July 27-30 – Mission U @ Alton Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek, OR

September 23 – Columbia District Annual Meeting – Christ UMC, Beaverton, OR

October 21 – Oregon/Idaho Annual Conference – Gresham UMC, Gresham OR

WILSHIRE SEWING GROUP

The Wilshire Sewing Circle meets on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Bring your own sewing projects and/or ideas for projects to share. We have donated fabric, several sewing machines and notions available. Call Helen Stewart for more information (503-282-6431). Members of PiNeWaus have been using the sewing room to prepare for their POWWOW. Everyone is welcome to join.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st Gloria Marek
5th David Collier
12th Kathy Lesley
14th Jean Wojnowski

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

7th Raleigh Marple
20th Ricardo Gallegos
21st Keith Borton

Happy Anniversary

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1ST David and Janell Collier
2nd Raleigh and Gloria Marple
6th Paul and Louise Darling
20th Ricardo and Tami Gallegos

Healing Notes

Our new program: Healing Notes: Native American-Style Flute Music for Healing & Transition is underway! Healing Notes is a service for healing; special gatherings and celebrations; birthing; convalescence (home or facility) from illness or injury; death, dying and grieving; hospice; funerals, weddings, etc. Stephanie will travel to you and play the Native American Flute for you or your loved one(s). The potential benefits of music in a healing setting are calming, soothing, relief from pain, alleviation of distress, peace and relaxation. Reading, conversation, and smudging are also available upon request. All visits are strictly confidential. There is no charge for this service; funds for this program are provided by grants and voluntary love donations. This service is open to all ages, ethnicities, creeds, and spiritualities; it is nondenominational and there is no proselytizing. If you are interested in this service, please call Stephanie at the number during the hours below. If you need brochures, please contact either Stephanie or Helen Stewart of the Board of Trustees. Please don't hesitate to call Stephanie at (503) 846-1755 between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., if you have any questions or concerns.

-Stephanie Baldrige

Prayer Tree

Should you, or anyone that you know, be seriously ill, coming up for surgery, convalescing, dying, etc., please help us activate the Prayer Tree by calling Stephanie at (503) 846-1755 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or e-mailing her at: alaria@syrynx.net. In this way, we can notify everyone quickly and easily, and put all of our collective prayers to work!

-Stephanie Baldrige

Cascadia Flute Circle

Don't forget to visit www.cascadiaflutecircle.org for a wealth of Native American cultural information and traditional (as well as non-traditional) recipes. We're not just about Native American Flutes! Please contact Stephanie at alaria@syrynx.net or (503) 846-1755 if you would like more info on Cascadia Flute Circle, Native American Flute presentations/lectures, lessons, concerts, weddings, funerals, etc.

Stephanie is now also doing Native American Flute lessons online. Please visit www.nativeamericanflutelessons.com, or contact Stephanie for more information.

See below for Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship new Vision and Mission statements

Vision

Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship is a home for all to gain strength, comfort, understanding and guidance, celebrating living in Creator's world. The fellowship will be a bridge between traditions, generations and beliefs.

Mission

Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship's Mission is to bring children and elders together to share Christian and Spiritual traditions

These are works in progress.....please see Church Task Force if you have questions or input on the statements. You are also welcome to attend the Church Task Force meetings.

**Sundays Worship 11:00 AM
Potluck and Fellowship
following the service**

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7PM Barbershop	4 UMW Budget Mtg 6PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	5	6 Plant Sale Indian Taco Sale
7 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck	8 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	9 Boy Scouts	10 7PM Barbershop	11 Flute Lessons 7 PM	12	13 Mt. Hood Cherokees 10am - 1pm
14 10 AM Board Meeting 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck 1 PM Church Council	15 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	16 Boy Scouts	17 7PM Barbershop	18 Flute Lessons 7 PM	19	20
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June 2017

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Please join us
Wilshire United Methodist
Native American Fellowship
Annual

Plant Sale & Indian Taco Sale



WHEN: Saturday – May 6, 2017

**TIME: 10am – 3:00 pm (Plant Sale)
Sale)**

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE Use ramp door at rear. Please bring bottles and
soda cans for recycling to this event.**

**WHERE: 3917 NE Shaver Street
Portland, OR (503) 282-6431
11:30 am – 1:00 pm (Indian Taco**