

# **WILSHIRE UNITED METHODIST NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP**

September and October 2017

Osiyo Wilshire,

Would you agree that our community feels like it has momentum right now? Are we in motion? That is my observation. I am certain this started before I got here, but in the last few months, I have seen Creator stirring us to even more action, while orienting our community to think especially about people who don't have fellowship yet. And, people are responding. It feels like energy! It feels like movement.

We are building teams for hospitality, worship, and communications. Every week we are having guests and returning quests. Recently, we have had a meaningful presence at powwows, Fremont Fest, Multicultural Choir Camp, Huckleberry Camp, NAYA, NARA, ONAC, and others.... (All of these would make great articles for our newsletter.)

But, there is more — I see evidence of new things growing in relation to people's awareness of Wilshire and our inclusion in NA leadership in and around the Portland area. We are being invited to be included into more panels, boards, committees, festivals, powwows, camps, and the like. Not everyone sees this part of what the Spirit is doing yet, but I hope you find it as affirming and encouraging as I do.

So here is the thing. We can only be involved in as many of these great opportunities as we have the volunteers and leaders to help make them happen. Having a full time pastor who feels passionate about the mission we share will help, but it is really you — each of you have gifts and graces to help expand Wilshire's positive witness of Creator's love here. (There are also people whom aren't even here yet. They too have the gifts and graces to partner with you and God through Wilshire.)

Simply put, I want to invite each and every person reading this newsletter to intentionally seek out opportunities to be engaged and involved. If you are looking for a place to serve, then let me know. I will gladly help you find your thing. There are also many places where you could just jump right in. So, let's jump, serve, and move together to take the next steps toward becoming The NA Fellowship God wants us to be.

God uses people to embody and live into forgiveness, healing, love, inclusion, justice, and most everything we would like to be about. Creator is up to something here. Whatever we are becoming will only be limited by us. Should we put on the brakes, because we think we don't have enough people, money, time, or talent??? Or, should we step out in faith and keep moving?

Let's agree to live fully into the membership vows we have taken to support and be faithful to our growing church through our prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness (If you haven't joined us officially, let me know — we can make that happen too). I will. Will you?

I believe that you will. So, I thank you in advance for allowing me to be your pastor and for all you have done, are doing, and will do.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Allen



## **FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The summer has been full of activities and opportunities for the Wilshire community to meet Pastor Buck and his family, beginning with Annual Conference, the Delta Park Powwow, Open House at Wilshire, the yard sale, Neighborhood Night Out Picnic, Fremont Fest, and finally Huckleberry Camp.

The Annual Yard Sale in July was very successful. We earned over \$485 from treasures and \$247 from the Indian Taco Sale.

The next Trustees meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am. Reverend Erin Martin, District Superintendent has scheduled the annual Charge Conference at Wilshire UMNAF on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1PM-3PM.

Board of Trustees Chairperson, Helen Stewart

## **FINANCE NEWS**

Current bills have been paid. The property tax money held in reserve by the management company (\$3000) has been forwarded to Wilshire. The balance of the taxes on the parsonage, about another \$3000, will need to be raised by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Financial Secretary, Helen Stewart

## **MISSION and OUTREACH**

School will be starting in September so please remember to bring items for the Backpack Lunch Program. A list of suitable items can be found in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. The food distributed in the Backpack helps to feed the child lunch on the weekends.

Mainspring Portland can use food and clothing to distribute to families in need. Leave donations on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

UMCOR is requesting donations for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Donations can be made to UMCOR directly or left in the Offering Collection on Sunday. Write UMCOR on the check or envelope and the donation will be forwarded.

Drop donations for Mainspring and the Backpack lunch program in the baskets in the Fellowship Hall corner.

## THE BOTTLE & CAN LADY (Helen I.)



Helen Iles reports that we are way ahead of last year. As of August 31<sup>st</sup> she has turned in \$2,594.05 from bottles and cans.

The money collected goes toward Wilshire UMNAF's commitment to the Shared Giving Apportionment. Helen appreciates having the bottles and cans left at the church but is willing to pick up containers, give her a call at 503-252-0026.

Volunteers to help with this ministry are welcome.

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!!

## Lending LIBRARY NEWS

2017 has been a great year for donations to the library. We have many new books including these noteworthy selections:

American Indian Identity, Citizenship, Membership, and Blood by Se-ah-dom Edmo, Jessie Young, and Alan Parker with Foreword by Robert J. Miller - 2016  
A Stroke of Faith - A Stroke Survivor's Story of a Second Chance at Living a Life of Significance

By Mark Moore & Andy Butcher – 2017

Dancing With Words - Storytelling as Legacy, Culture and Faith  
By Ray Buckley - 2003

Nature's Way - Native Wisdom for Living in Balance with the Earth  
By Ed McGaa, Eagle Man – 2004

A Native American Thought Of It - Amazing Inventions and Innovations  
By Rocky Landon with David MacDonald – 2008

Requiem for a People - The Rogue Indians and the Frontiersmen  
By Stephen Dow Beckham – 1971

The Gospel According to Matthew - A Longhouse Version

By Roy I Wilson – 1994

Walking In These White Man Shoes- Youth Explore Native America, 2008-2009  
Mission Study for Youth

By Ray Buckley; Women's Division- General Board of Global Ministries, UMC

Linda Brown, You Are Not Alone - The Brown v. Board of Education Decision, A  
Collection edited by Joyce Carol Thomas, Illustrations by Curtis James - 2003

The following titles by Tony Hillerman, (a beautiful hardcover set), are also  
available: The Fallen Man - 1996; Finding Moon – 1995: The First Eagle - 1998;  
Skeleton Man -2004; The Shape Shifter - 2006

A big thank you to those who have made donations including Carol Edmo, Roxanne  
Williams and Pastor Gloria Marple.

You will find the library shelves in the fellowship hall. Please use the checkout  
clipboard for signing out & returning books (3 to 4 weeks).

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Milton

## **HISTORIAN NEWS**

Helen Iles has completed the History Book through May. She includes copies of  
every church bulletin, newsletters, event flyers, and pictures taken at Church  
services and events.

## **UMW Upcoming Events**

September 16 – UMW Meeting @ 9:30 am

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

October 8 – District Superintendent's Meeting @ 1pm

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

## **WILSHIRE SEWING GROUP**

Beginning in September we will meet for sewing and other crafts on Mondays from  
1:30 to 3:30PM. If you plan to attend call Helen Stewart (503-282-6431) or Bobbie  
Edwards (503-708-7865). We have several sewing machines and lots of donated  
fabric and notions. Bring lots of ideas for Bazaar projects!

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

During four days in August, Wilshire UMCNAF cooperated with three other congregations to organize a vacation Bible school and music camp. We met at Tabor Heights UMC by Mt. Tabor Park in southeast Portland. Pastor John Go and his wife Mia grew up in Korea and with their Chinese-American friend Lan, they taught us about Asian culture and food. The Tongan UMC from Lents neighborhood joined us with their pastor teaching about important Pacific Islander traditions continued by American Tongan families. The Micronesian Christian congregation of Portland enrolled many children and young people of high school age who helped organize the program and made lunches we enjoyed each day. Wilshire pastor Allen and teacher Erin Buck assisted with music and Native American lessons. Ed Edmo told traditional stories and drummed for songs along with Allen. Mary and Paulette worked on the Native American cultural and craft lessons. It was wonderful to have so many diverse cultures represented by the children and teachers from our participating churches. The cultural presentations along with great music and singing lessons added so much depth to our shared experiences. Thank you also for the healthy lunches and interesting snacks that represented various traditional foods.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Meyer

## **HALLOWEEN HOSPITALITY**

Helen Iles will host Halloween Hospitality on the front porch of the church on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Hot Cider will be served. A bag of candy is given to everyone in costume and Helen has her camera ready.

Come in costume and join the fun!

Earlier in the week of Halloween, Helen would like donations of candy and help filling the bags.



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4<sup>th</sup> Eddie Gudino-Wermy  
8<sup>th</sup> Siale Edmo Cook  
9<sup>th</sup> Eva Johnson  
9<sup>th</sup> Louise Darling  
10<sup>th</sup> Lois Wagner  
16<sup>th</sup> Nathan Wagner  
20<sup>th</sup> Betty Lou Finch  
24<sup>th</sup> Tami Gallegos  
24<sup>th</sup> Skyler Morrison  
27<sup>th</sup> John Edmo  
29<sup>th</sup> Eddie Rivera

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4<sup>th</sup> Josh Marple  
5<sup>th</sup> August Chadborn  
6<sup>th</sup> David Marple  
9<sup>th</sup> Bobbie Edwards  
16<sup>th</sup> Seahdom Edmo Baker  
20<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Baldrige  
22<sup>nd</sup> Loretta Milton  
24<sup>th</sup> Rosemary Huggins  
27<sup>th</sup> Laf Keaton  
30<sup>th</sup> Roxanne Williams  
30<sup>th</sup> April Gudino-Wermy

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.nativeamericanflutelessons.com), or contact Stephanie for more information.



# Columbia District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting Saturday, September 23, 2017



## *A Different Kind of Mission Trip*

### Gum Moon Women's Residence

### Youth & United Methodist Women Working Hand in Hand

This year the Youth of Lake Oswego United Methodist Church spent a week in San Francisco working with the Gum Moon Women's Residence and Mary Elizabeth Inn, homes for abused and homeless women and children.

Both residences have their roots in United Methodist women, continuing their legacy for almost 150 years.

Join us as representatives from the Youth Mission Team and two of their adult leaders tell of their experiences working with the women and children of Gum Moon and Mary Elizabeth Inn.

Lunch will be a salad potluck. Please bring a salad to share.



United Methodist Women  
Transforming the Lives of Women, Children & Youth Around the World

Christ  
United Methodist Church

12755 NW Dogwood St

Portland, Oregon

9:00 am Registration

9:30 am Gathering

10:00 am Annual Meeting  
Program

12:00 noon Lunch  
Resource Room

Afternoon Installation  
Closing





## **Mt. Hood Cherokees**

### **Native Craft Fair**

**Saturday, November 11**

**10am - 3pm**

**United Methodist Native American Fellowship**

3917 NE Shaver Street

Portland, OR 97212

Prizes every hour! - Must be present to win.

Refreshments available.

*All vendors are members of a Federally recognized tribe.*

Contacts for Information and Vendor Applications -

Rebecca Goss 503-929-7287 / Vicki Bonora 503-679-4673

Mt. Hood Cherokees is an official satellite community of the Cherokee Nation.

**WILSHIRE UMNAF  
VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT**

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**

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck	4 Labor Day Flute Lessons 7 PM	5 Boy Scouts	6 7PM Barbershop	7 Flute Lessons 7 PM	8	9 Mt. Hood Cherokees
10 10 AM Board Meeting 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck 1 PM Church Council	11 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	12 Boy Scouts	13 7PM Barbershop	14 Flute Lessons 7 PM	15	16
17 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck	18 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	19 Boy Scouts	20 7PM Barbershop	21 Flute Lessons 7 PM	22	23 District UMW Annual Meeting - Christ United
24 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck	25 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	26 Boy Scouts	27	28	29	30

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 AM Trustees Mtg 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck 1 PM Church Council	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck 1 PM Charge Conference	9 Columbus Day Sewing Circle 1:30p Flute Lessons 7 PM	10	11 7PM Barbershop	12 Flute Lessons 7 PM	13	14 Mt. Hood Cherokees 10am - 1pm
15 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck	16 Sewing Circle 1:30p Flute Lessons 7 PM	17	18 7PM Barbershop	19 Flute Lessons 7 PM	20	21
22 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck	23 Sewing Circle 1:30p Flute Lessons 7 PM	24	25 7PM Barbershop	26	27	28
29 11 AM Worship 12 PM Potluck	30 Sewing Circle 1:30p Flute Lessons 7 PM	31 Happy Halloween 6 PM Halloween Hospitality				