



THE GLEANER

AS A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, IT IS OUR MISSION TO PROVIDE WITNESS AND SERVICE TO ALL THROUGH GOD'S POWER AND GRACE.

OCTOBER 2023

KARYN DIX AND MARC MULLINS, PASTORS



Stewardship Emphasis

This year our theme is "What Shall We Bring?" Yes, we will talk about money, but at the end of the day, what God wants from us is not our stuff, but our "whole heart". Bulls numbering in the thousands and running rivers of oil are not the sacrifice that God desires, but rather our willingness to abandon all other loyalties and claims that clamor for our attention, in favor of one: God. A commitment that does not get measured by the gold standard of empire's wealth, but rather one of the simple turning of life

toward the priorities of the Realm. Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Seems so simple, but we know the opposite to be true.

Stewardship is about more than money. It is a whole life response to the abundant generosity of God. A generosity that is gauged by more than what we hold in our bank accounts. Stewardship is about the care and management of creation, the observation of Sabbath, and the care for the precious gift that is our own life. It is about sharing the Good News of the gospel by inviting others to join us at an always expanding table of grace. Faithful stewardship is about the intentional and impactful deployment of our spiritual gifts. And yes, it is also about our stuff. It is a way of giving that flows from our heart in concrete ways in response to what God has already done.

It is also about our stuff. We cannot forget, the Bible is concerned about money at two basic levels: First, our relationship with money (and what it can provide); Second, how we use what moves through our sphere of influence toward advancing the principles of the Kingdom of God. Do we use what we have been given to make a difference or to make ourselves more comfortable? Do we own our stuff, or is it the other way around? In the end it is about what we bring to God. So, What Shall We Bring?

What shall we bring?

Office Hours.....8:30am to 12:30pm

Monday-Thursday

Adult Sunday School Time.....9:00am

Sunday Worship Time10:00am

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Blessing of the Animals
October 5th 5:00 – 6:30 pm
St Anthony Hospital

In honor of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, St Anthony Hospital will offer a drive through Blessing of the Animals on October 5th from 5:00-6:30 pm. St. Francis of Assisi is remembered for his many miracles involving animals and birds as well as his compassion for healing critically ill and injured people. All animals that you bring will be offered a blessing.



Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) will meet on the second Wednesday of each month starting October 11, at 10:00am in the fellowship Hall.

Come join the Fun!!!

Faithful Comfort Crafters meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 9:00am in the Fellowship hall.
October 6th and 20th.



Now Hiring!

One of the changes coming with Pastor Marc's retirement is a change in our church staffing. We are considering a part-time associate to work alongside Pastor Karyn and focus on music ministries.

For the right person, this could be a great part-time opportunity. We are looking for someone with the gift of musical ability that they want to put to use serving the Lord and this congregation.

We are also continuing to search for paid nursery staffing. Two hours/Sunday, providing care for infants and toddlers during worship services.

If you are interested in exploring either of these opportunities to serve, or if you know someone who might be, please contact Bill Aney, Personnel Chair at (503) 412-9195 or aneykbly@yahoo.com.

Sunday, October 8th Ecumenical Worship Service

On October 8th we are going to try something new. We are joining together with other churches in Pendleton in an Ecumenical Worship Service at the Vert. Worship will start at 10:30 am.

This is a mission focused worship service. The Mission Organization "Compassion First" is going to lead the worship service. Compassion First works in Indonesia to rescue women and children from sex trafficking. They demonstrate the love of God as they provide needed support and resources to ensure a new, safe life for these women and children.

There will be activities for children available during worship next door (next to the library) and nursery care downstairs.

If you want to learn more about Compassion First before October 8th it is available on their website <https://compassionfirst.org>



Gail Plute
Karyn Dix
Patsy Mecham
Philip Binford
Paul Gadaire
Todd Hall
Sherry Zweig
Susan Cavallo
Patty Bohms

October 5th
October 6th
October 9th
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October 24th
October 25th
October 27th
October 30th

Ladies Craft Group

A group of women come together to scrapbook and make cards and other fun craft projects at Shari's Restaurant on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00am. October 14th and 28th.

A great time of fellowship!

Shari's

Board Meeting

The October Board meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 16, at 5:30pm. Members are always welcome.

Please contact Pastor Karyn or the church office if you would like to receive an invitation to attend the meeting in person or online via Zoom. Thank you for your ongoing support of the church.

*Paul and Carol Gadaire
October 10, 1995*

*Celebrating 28 years of
Marriage*



*Mark and Cindy Powell
October 10, 1991*

*Celebrating 32 Years of
Marriage*



Every Sunday at 10:00am.

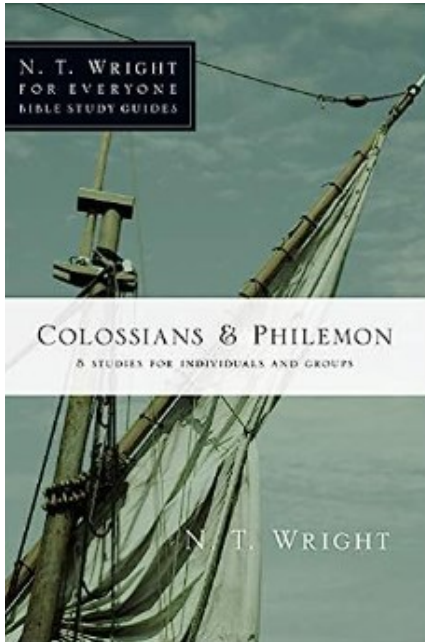


Two Adult Sunday School Options

1. Sundays at 8:45am with Pastor Karyn in the classroom next to the office.
2. Sundays at 9:00am with Ron Gavette in the north classroom on the second floor.



Thursday Bible Study



Happy Hour Bible Study

Come join us on Thursday afternoons, at 4pm, as we gather in the bar at Hamley's for Bible study. This might seem like an unlikely place to have a Bible study. That's the point. It gets people's attention. It helps them see that church people are not "stuffy." We are real people, who care passionately about learning and understanding.

We are currently studying Paul's letter to the Colossians, using N.T. Wright's "For Everyone Bible Study Guide - Colossians and Philemon." Come find out how much fun Bible study can be at Hamley's.

Women's Tuesday morning Coffee

Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am a group of women gather at Buckin' Bean for coffee and fellowship.

Come join the fun!!!



Sunday, October 29

*What shall
we bring?*

Blessing and Celebrating our Commitment Gifts

Dessert Potluck.

On Sunday after worship, the Fellowship team will host a dessert social in honor of the commitment gifts we bring to support the church and the ministries of the church for 2024

Please bring your favorite dessert to share with others for this celebration.



WEEKLY PRAYER

Global Ministries Weekly Prayer for September 17, 2023

Prayers for Kenya

Our dear loving God, we lift up to you All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) in its mission to unite churches in Africa together for life, peace, justice, and dignity. As you gave divine wisdom, guidance, and victory to Moses, your servant, when Israelites were sandwiched between Pharaoh's army and the Red Sea, we pray for AACC and its leadership in addressing almost impossible situations affecting your creation at the continental, international, and ecumenical spheres. As AACC plans for the 12th General Assembly and 60th Anniversary celebrations in Abuja, Nigeria, from November 18-23, 2023, we ask for your intervention.

We commit to you each of the 209 AACC members, including churches, National Councils of Churches (NCCs), theological and lay training institutions, and other Christian organizations in 43 African countries. May you bless their work and give them a coordinated voice as they offer solutions to diverse issues affecting them, their families, and the continent.

God of all creation, bless AACC's host country, Kenya. Give the land and her people political and economic stability. May justice be their shield and defender. May they dwell in unity, peace, and liberty, and may plenty be found within their borders.
Amen.



Forge Youth Mentoring Is up and running. We are looking for people who are interested in helping the youth in this program. There are many areas where we can use you. If you have a little time to brainstorm activities, can help with fund raising, or are interested in becoming a mentor we would certainly be interested in having you join us.

I am the program coordinator for Pendleton. If you have questions or suggestions please let me know.

Kathy Dodge: 541-786-3358 or

kathydodge2023@gmail.com

<https://forgeyouthmentoring.org/>





SMART Reading is seeking volunteers to provide reading support to kids at Pendleton Early Learning Center from October through May.

We have a wonderful new Site Coordinator who will provide support and oversight for Volunteer Readers. The readers participate in one-hour weekly reading sessions with students with the goal of having fun and fostering a love of books and reading.

Join the SMART Reading Volunteer Community! Support children's literacy in your community by providing fun reading experiences for students. Readers spend time throughout the school year helping students gain confidence in their reading abilities and discover a love of reading.

As a Volunteer Reader, you will:

- Read with a child one-on-one or an entire classroom in an elementary school or PreK program.
- Contribute to improving reading skills and confidence of kids in your community.
- Work alongside the Volunteer Site Coordinator to provide a positive environment for students served by SMART Reading.
- Attend a one-hour training and receive ongoing support.
- Complete required documentation during the reading sessions.
- Follow all SMART Reading safety policies, including any safety policies required by our site partners.
- Assist children in choosing books to keep for building their personal libraries! The reading session days and times vary and are determined by the site location and needs.

Learn more and apply online: www.smartreading.org, or call 877-598-4633.

■ **Volunteer!** ■ **Tell your friends, families, and colleagues.**

Join us in doing what SMART Reading does best: spark a love of reading and learning in kids through shared reading time and access to books!

Thank you!


Kate Drahota, Northeast Program Manager
SMART Reading | kdrahota@smartreading.org
Hood River, OR 97031




**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Dear Marc, Karyn, & Shannon,

A warm and heartfelt
THANK you for everything

you have, and Continue 
to do for us when it
comes to all things

Rock & Roll Camp. We deeply
appreciate your willingness,
kindness, and generosity
not only with the church,
but with you all as well.

You're all wonderful!! 

Thank you!

Warm wishes,
Kate Brizendine



Fall Women's Retreat

Living Simply

October 21, 2023, 8:30 a.m.-3:00p.m.

Murray Hills Christian Church

15050 SW Weir Rd., Beaverton, OR

Join your fellow regional women for this one day event around the concept of decluttering and living more simply.

You can find registration materials [here](https://www.oidisciples.org). . <https://www.oidisciples.org>

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KARYN'S KWIPS...

Beginning the Sunday after Round Up I began a four-day study leave. I had been putting some books aside to read during these days. I was able to read thirteen of the books that I had put aside (I saved two for my Spiritual Retreat at the beach October 3-5). I thought I would share a little bit about the books that I read.

“Disciples – Who We Are & What Holds Us Together” – In January I will be offering a class on our denomination, Christian Church – Disciples of Christ. I read this book to help form this class.

“Reclaiming Rural” – This book talks about the gifts of rural churches and the dangers of trying to use “known” and “historical” models of ministry in current rural settings.

“The Flawed Family of God” – The author of this book writes honestly about the examples of imperfect families in the book of Genesis, and the lessons we can take from them.

“It Didn’t Start With You – How Inherited Family Trauma Shapes Who We Are and How to End the Cycle” – This book looks at how traumas from generations before us are brought into our lives today.

“Open and Relational Theology” – Provides a way to look at God that might be helpful for those struggling with their image of God

“The Gospel of Mark” – Amy Jill Levine’s new commentary/small group resource

“Badass Women of the Bible” – A small group study on often overlooked females in the Biblical stories.

“Short Stories by Jesus” and “Scandalous Stories of Jesus” – I will be using perspectives from these books in a sermon series on The Parables in early 2024.

“The Call” – A book about Paul’s ministry that I plan to use is a sermon series after Easter 2024.

“Colors of Hope” – A Devotional/small group study from LGBTQ+ Christians, mostly within our denomination.

“Holy Chaos – Creating Connections in Divisive Times” – As we enter into a very divisive political season this book provides possibilities that could help our community.

“Fear Not – Living Grace and Truth in a Fragmented World” – A small group resource to help us live as people of faith in what feels like more fearful times.

I am grateful to have had this time of study to read these books. I am looking forward to incorporating things from them into my ministry.

Pastor Karyn



Marc's Remarks

I love to people watch. In fact, among some of my favorite memories of dates with Wendy (prior to our marriage in 1979) were evenings spent at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport watching people come and go from any number of the gates inside the terminal. That was at a time long before the existence of TSA when anyone could go, with or without a plane ticket, and sit near any of the gates throughout the entire airport. Wendy and I sometimes would sit for hours, beverages in hand, dreaming of times when we, too, could fly to any number of exotic places.

I suppose that's one of the reasons I've enjoyed the Pendleton Round Up. Besides the experience of attending the rodeo or perusing the various venues up and down Main Street, I appreciate the opportunities I get to sit and watch people come and go. Sometimes I'll engage in conversation with someone I've just met. It's fascinating to meet and talk with people who are from different parts of the country and even the world.

When I think of Round Up as I've experienced it since moving to Pendleton twenty years ago, my thoughts turn to heaven and what it might be like in times yet to come. Oh, I know... the Pendleton Round Up and "heaven" are two vastly different concepts, so comparing them isn't necessarily straightforward. Bear with me, though, as I share some additional thoughts.

Those of us who are from Pendleton know that the Round Up is one of the oldest rodeos in the United States and, like any rodeo, features various events such as bull riding, barrel racing, steer roping, and more. It's a significant cultural event in our region where people from various places come to celebrate the heritage of the American West and cowboy culture.

Heaven, comparatively, is generally depicted as a place of eternal happiness, peace, and the afterlife where people go after they pass away. The specific beliefs about heaven vary among different religions and cultures, but in the Christian tradition it's often associated with eternal life in the presence of the Creator God. It is where God's presence is fully manifest, and people are in close communion with God. Heaven is often depicted as a place of perfect love, joy, and peace.

Comparing Pendleton Round Up to heaven is like comparing apples to oranges because they belong to entirely different realms. The Pendleton Round Up is a real-world event that people attend for sport and entertainment, while heaven is a metaphysical and often deeply personal belief. Nonetheless, I imagine that I'll get to experience the thrill of watching people in heaven someday, much the same as I enjoy it in this life! Of course, I look most forward to seeing people in heaven I've known who have predeceased me in this lifetime. I'm sure that reunion will be unlike any that has taken place here on this earth!

Sincerely in God's love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marc", with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Pastor Marc