Dear Friends,

Here we are, looking forward to another Resurrection Day, April 16. Our faith carries the promise of the Living Lord. How blessed we are to have the opportunity to come together and celebrate our faith together. There are several opportunities to prepare for Easter worship. Please plan to attend all of the events that lead to the Resurrection.

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I look forward to seeing you at these special services.

Blessings,
Pastor Denise
Have you started Spring Cleaning?  
Well spring is coming...REALLY...it is!  
Remember KrisKindleMart when you are doing your spring cleaning. Needed gifts are for women and men. Any treasures you find please leave them in the work room labeled: Mary Zimmerman

It has been two years since  
Joanne Lafeman’s death.  
Jack still misses her very much and continues to rely on your support.

What do you think? Dine out idea…

Wanda Wilson suggested we attend Nayhely’s Place at 9106 NE Highway 99. Mary and I ate lunch there and it is a VERY nice, small place (maybe 50 seats) with a wide menu and breakfast served all day. They are open 7 or 8 am to 8 pm. Monday they close at 3 pm. I asked about eating there after church the first Sunday of a month – our usual pattern. However, when I asked, I learned they have a group of 25 to 30 that comes every Sunday. Their busiest days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Do we want to have dinner (or lunch) there on some other day – Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday?

Please let Sue Kohlhepp know your thoughts on lunch or dinner!
Remember in Prayer, Word and Deed

Prayer Requests

- Chris Hammett  
- Veronica Avery  
- Darla Borella  
- Barb Stellini  
- Meli Nicholson’s parents for their safe arrival  
- Pat Hodney-Gould’s husband  
- Connie and Grover Icenogle  
- Ed Wolthausen  
- Deb Avery’s Mom-Barbara Hayden-Wahl  
- Kristine and Braxton Mathis  
- Cheryl Niehaus’ Mom-Mary  
- Kathy Snider  

Please keep Marc and Veronica Avery and family, Deb and Rick Avery, Angie and Shawn Ball and family in your prayers on the death of Daniel Avery.

Please keep Nancy Huerena and family in your prayers on the death of her mother, Rosalie.

Please keep the family of Lory LeMay in your prayers on the death of Lory.

Easter Breakfast

at Vancouver Heights UMC

Sunday, April 16th from 7:30-9:30 am and then stay for left overs after Easter Worship

For breakfast we will be serving:
Scrambled eggs, sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, fruit, muffins
Coffee, tea and juice

We look forward to celebrating Easter with you!
Trustees:
Tree planting with the city and Mac High 6th Graders went well. We have a list of building maintenance items we are checking off. If you see something that needs our attention there are request forms to the left of the office door. ~ Wayne Roche’

Education Committee
We will be having Summer Sunday School for the children. We will be asking for volunteers to help teach during the summer months.
~Cheryl Niehaus

Finance and Stewardship Committee events for Finance and/or fun:
Plant Sale – May 13, 2017 9:00 am to 2:00pm
Rummage Sale – June 24
Cruise In – July 30, 2017 3:00-7:00 pm
Auction – November 18, 2017
We are not going to try and say which events are for financial gain and which are for fun. We certainly hope all are both!
~Sue Kohlhepp

Administrative Board February 28th
Working to organize a family camp at Ocean Park UMC Camp, possibly in October.
Heard suggestion to fund outreach at Saturday in the Park & The Peace & Justice Fair in July, sent to Finance Committee for approval.
Heard request to reserve time at Administrative Board meetings for discussion on focusing on the direction of future discipleship.
All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend March 25th leadership training in Kelso. Seven people are currently registered.
Agreed that Administrative Board & Finance Committee will have a combined meeting April 11.
~Karen Brachmann

Mission Committee:
The Missions Committee has had 3 meetings this year. So far, we have helped several agencies with toiletries. We have also helped NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally III) by providing paper towels, toilet paper and 8 day bus passes. We plan on everything we do to counting and making an impact. We want to avoid being a drop in the bucket. We are doing it well and keeping it simple!
Thank you for your participation in the toiletry project!
~Darla Borella

All meetings, except Staff-Parish are open for anyone to attend
4/1 Worship Committee Meeting 9:00-11:00 am ; 4/11 Combined Ad Board/Finance Meeting 7:00 pm; 4/9 Missions Meeting 11:40 am; 4/24 Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm
3rd Annual Youth Group

Noodles & Doodles Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday—May 5th at 6:00 pm
Dinner seating will begin at 5:30 pm

Tickets: $20.00 per person

Includes appetizer, salad, bread, choice of main dish, vegetable, dessert and drinks (sparkling cider/soda/water/coffee or tea)

Please see Cheryl Niehaus or one of the Youth for tickets.

(if you are planning on going please let us know—you can always pay for your ticket at a later date)

Maximum capacity: 80 people
No ticket sales at the door
We received a lovely thank you letter from Merle Bramhall for all of the cards he received. He shared about his 100th birthday celebration, sent a photo and also a copy of his letter he received from the United States Senate, the Governor of Idaho and also a copy of the Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor of Meridian, Idaho making February 18th, 2017 Merle Bramhall Day!! It will all be hanging up on the bulletin board for all to see!! Merle really knows how to party!!

March 9, 2017

To my dear church family:

Thank you so much for your cards, and greetings for my 100 birthday celebration. I especially appreciate the "Butterfly" card with so many names of my friends! That was so thoughtful of you.

Let me share with you about my birthday party, which started with lunch at my home Spring Creek. After lunch Todd & Kathy brought a large birthday cake for all the residents, we took many pictures!

Then at 1pm the party started with the chairman of the Meridian, ID city council reading to me a proclamation signed by the mayor, that February 18, 2017 was declared Merle Bramhall Day!

Then Todd shared a short biography of my life and told how proud he was that I was his father. Also my son Scott shared how thankful he was for me as his father. Then I took the mic and shared a little of my spiritual life, that started at the Richfield Nazarene Church, where my family all attended. And ended with our time E. Vancouver Methodist church!

Then Todd's band, the Fort Street Chapel Band, played for over an hour. They have seven members in the band. Three guitars, a drummer who is a woman, a keyboard, a bass and a trumpet. Besides their singing several original songs, the audience especially enjoyed a melody of The Old Rugged Cross, Rock of Ages, and Amazing Grace. They closed the service with I Saw the Light, I'll Fly Away and Me and Jesus. And of course they played and sang Happy Birthday to me!!

And then we had another large birthday cake and refreshments for the band members and the rest of the people and family members and friends that came to celebrate. Turning 100 years old I sure got lots of attention!

I was so touched that so many came to my party, I think there were about 85 in all. I have attached some special letters from the Mayor, senator and the governor of Idaho for you to read.

I want you to know I think of you often, and once again thank you for remembering my 100th birthday!!

Very Sincerely,

Merle Bramhall

P.S. Even though DAO has lived in Idaho for the past 5 years, he remains connected to the church. Thank you for remembering his birthday. It meant so much.

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After  
Easter Worship

11:15 am

All are welcome to come and join the fun and see what you can find!
Ruby Boyd

One of our seniors, Ruby Boyd turns 91 years’ young this year. She was born May 11, 1926 in Loretta, Nebraska and her family later moved to Imperial, Nebraska. She grew up on the family farm and had the usual farm chores to do. She walked three miles to school each day.

She met her husband-to-be in 1945 when he came to town to work. He worked for the power company and continued that work after their marriage. His work brought them to Yakima, Washington. They often lived in mobile homes throughout his career as they moved often as his work required.

Soon a baby girl named JoAnn joined them and Ruby loved staying home raising their daughter. From time to time, they would visit his folks who lived in the deep, deep south. Ruby had never been exposed to racism before and she “bit her tongue” many times to maintain family harmony!

When they moved to Vancouver, JoAnn joined Jobs Daughters. Ruby worked as a leader to girls 12 to 20 years old through the Masonic Temple for many, many years, and she met a dear friend Lou Orthmeyer there.

Ruby, who is an excellent seamstress, made many of the formals that the girls wore. Her sewing expertise led her to making 15 wedding and bridesmaid dresses and a mother of the bride dress! Many of these were for young ladies who were members of our church.

Once JoAnn had married and Ruby’s husband passed away in 1999, Ruby went to work for the Vancouver School District as a cook at Ft. Vancouver High School. She later moved up to a managerial level at several elementary schools. Lou invited Ruby to join her at Vancouver Heights UMC. Ruby joined the church on September 27, 2008. She continues to be a good and faithful member of Sarah Circle which meets at Cascade Retirement Inn.
Tom Wilson’s Workshop-Provide & Protect- March 19.

Thanks to everyone who worked to make Tom’s visit so productive. When so many of us were present he skipped his Power Point presentation and took questions. He included family issues covered by wills, and bequests to institutions such as the church included in wills. If your family currently has no will – either drawn up by a lawyer or one’s self on a computer web site – Tom explained the process Washington State uses to disperse assets. If you have a will Tom recommended reviewing it every five years.

You can find more information on his website:
Northwest United Methodist Foundation

http://www.nwumf.org/

It’s almost time for the Annual Plant Sale!

Saturday, May 13th from 9am-2pm
Just in time for Mother’s Day!
Beautiful hanging baskets, flowers to plant and veggie starts!
Mom will LOVE them (but you need to help plant)!!
VANCOUVER HEIGHTS
UMC

TALENT SHOW

SATURDAY–APRIL 22ND–6:30 PM

COME ONE AND COME ALL TO SEE SOME OF THE
GREATEST TALENT OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY HAS
EVER SEEN!!

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO TAKE PART IN THE SHOW.
SIGN UP ON THE YELLOW POSTER IN THE CHURCH HALLWAY
IF YOU WILL BE PERFORMING PLEASE BE AT THE CHURCH AT 6:10

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE SEE LISA PACKARD

We need some help with the garden irrigation...

Mike Neuschwander is doing an awesome job taking
care of the irrigation system for the garden—but we
need a back up person...even two would be nice!!

Mike might want to take a vacation!!

Please see Wanda Wilson if you are willing to help.
Prayer Calendar 2017

Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends”-John 15:13. Taking Jesus as a model, we can sacrifice our time, resources, skills, joys, smile, ideas, and even just our presence in the community to turn God’s love into action, transform lives and change the world.

Mission Focus
Sengal: Providing literacy training and cloth-making skills for girls and young women.

Please remember in prayer:
Mariellyn Dunlap Grace
Birthday: April 7th
mgrace@umcmission.org
6345 S. Sunbury Road
Westerville, OH 43081
April 2nd
Youth Group
3:30-5:00

April 9th
Youth Group
3:30-5:00

April 16th
Youth Group
3:30-5:00

April 23rd
Youth Group
3:30-5:00

April 30th
Youth Group
3:30-5:00

Cheryl Niehaus
Youth Group Leader
360-567-8616

Kristine Mathis and Braxton will be moving to Elgin, Oregon the beginning of May. If you can help in anyway with packing, cleaning and helping load the truck, please contact the church office at 360-693-4761.
Can you help?

The Circle of Hope will be doing the annual Easter Egg hunt for the children on Easter Sunday, following the Worship service (about 11:15 am). We are asking for donations of grass, plastic eggs and wrapped candy. Please mark "Circle of Hope" and leave in the workroom by April 13.

THANK YOU!!
April Dine-Out

April 2nd
12:00 pm
7105 NE 40th St
Vancouver, WA 98661
Good food and good conversation!!

Just a friendly reminder...

When you or your group/committee uses the building—please double check that ALL of the doors have been locked when leaving. This includes ALL inside doors that were opened, as well as outside doors to get into the building that were unlocked.

We have had doors left open on numerous occasions and we need to protect our building.

Making sure to lock the doors is a simple way to do this!!

Thank You for your help with this!!
EASTER PEACE:
IT DOES NOT MEAN TO BE IN A PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO NOISE, TROUBLE OR HARD WORK. IT MEANS TO BE IN THE MIDST OF THOSE THINGS AND STILL BE CALM IN YOUR HEART.
- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES, WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"

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