



Canby United Methodist Church

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Sundays at **11:15** a.m.

In-Person & Zoom Worship

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pastor Dylan on **Fridays,**

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Pastor's note:

For the past several weeks, we have studied the book *When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton. We have talked about how science helps us to better understand God rather than create conflicts with Scripture. We talked about the fact that we need to share our faith with respect, humility, and love when encountering other faiths; dialogue can help our own faith grow stronger. We also learned that bad things can happen because we/others make bad decisions, and God does not put everything before us for a reason, especially suffering and pain in our lives. We are wrong when we point our finger at the speck in someone's eye rather than deal with the log in our own eye; our hypocrisy makes people turn away from Christianity. Our job is to love no matter what, instead of judging others for their positions on issues with which we do not agree. We are wrong when we bring harm to anybody, especially those who are weak and marginalized in society, including God's LGBTQIA+ children. At any rate, our Scripture, faith, theology, rules, policies, words, deeds, interactions, and passion for God should lead us to love God and neighbors more, rather than judge or harm.

We are all called to be God's agents of love and blessing for those around us as individuals and as a congregation. Your presence in this congregation and neighborhood makes a difference. I am counting on you, and it will take all of us to expand God's kin-dom in this world.

Pastor Dylan

Lectionary Readings

September 19 / 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 9:30-37

September 26 / 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 9:38-50

October 3 / 19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Mark 10:2-16

October 10 / 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10:17-31





September Birthdays
9 Jill Kahle
16 Laura Oldenkamp

September Anniversaries
4 Joe & Gerri Ballas

Upcoming:

Church Council

To be rescheduled

Rummage Sale

October 15 & 16 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)



Small group:

Pastor Dylan is trying to start a book study group. The group will gather bi-weekly during a weekday and study a book together. We will start with the book *WHY?* by Adam Hamilton. The book helps us to understand God's presence and will in our lives.

Please get in touch with Pastor Dylan if you are interested.



Financial Report:

Thank you all for your faithful support. August income was \$7,100 and the expense excluding apportionments was \$7,100. This expense excluded the \$1,000 per month toward apportionments, and we are able to do that because of the PPP grant what we received.

In September our monthly income will increase with the preschool restarting. We are thankful for the steady support of our ministry and continue to pray for guidance as we begin budgeting for next year.

Our bottle/can recycling effort is amazing with everyone participating. I just requested another \$500 check from that account. As I have said many times, keep them coming.

Mark Oldenkamp

Blessing Bag ministry:

Thank you so very much for your prayers and the cash donation for the blessing bags. We really appreciate it; people receive our blessing bags are happy too.



We met two people in the Safeway store; one was in a wheelchair. We gave them each a blessing bag; they said, "God Bless you." We told them, "Spread the love," and they said they would do.

Then when we went to Fred Meyer, we found two men, but we didn't have any blessing bag. So we gave them money; they appreciated saying, "God bless you." And we went on.

We thank the Lord for leading the way for us.

Deanna & Ken

United Methodist Women:

1. We finished Module II of the book "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom." We will begin studying Module III.

2. The Cascadia District Conference on Sept. 25th via Zoom. UMW unit members report

The Messenger

to the Church's UMW room at 10:00 AM. It's only a 2-hour meeting! Sharon Perez will be introduced as the new Membership's Nurture & Outreach Coordinator for the Cascadia District.

3. The UMW Rummage Sale will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15th and 16th. You may begin to bring items on Monday, Oct. 11th through Thursday, Oct. 14th. The Vietnam Veterans of America will pick up the remaining items on Monday, Oct. 18th.

4. The UMW will be providing a class by Turella Woods (Conference Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator) via Zoom on Nov. 2nd in the church's UMW room beginning at 9:00 AM.

Sharon Perez & Deanna Johnson



Sharing wisdom from Hopi Indians:

This moment humanity is experiencing can be seen as a door or a hole. The decision to fall in the hole or walk through the door is up to you. If you consume the news 24 hours a day, with negative energy, constantly nervous, with pessimism, you will fall into this hole.

But if you take the opportunity to look at yourself, to rethink life and death, to take care of yourself and others, then you will walk through the portal. Take care of your home, take care of your body. Connect with your spiritual home. When you take care of yourself, you take care of everyone at the same time. Do not underestimate the spiritual dimension of this crisis. Take the perspective of an eagle that sees everything from above with a broader view. There is a social question in this crisis, but also a spiritual question. The two go hand in hand. Without the social dimension we fall into fanaticism. Without the spiritual dimension, we fall into pessimism and futility.

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Are you ready to face this crisis? Grab your toolbox and use all the tools at your disposal. Learn resistance from the example of Indian and African peoples: we have been and are exterminated. But we never stopped singing, dancing, lighting a fire and rejoicing. Don't feel guilty for feeling blessed in these troubled times. Being sad or angry doesn't help at all. Resistance is resistance through joy! You have the right to be strong and positive. And there's no other way to do it than to maintain a beautiful, happy, bright posture. Has nothing to do with alienation (ignorance of the world). It's a resistance strategy. When we cross the threshold, we have a new worldview because we faced our fears and difficulties. This is all you can do now:

- Serenity in the storm
- Keep calm, pray every day
- Make a habit of meeting the sacred every day
- Show resistance through art, joy, trust and love



*Hopi Indian Chief White Eagle
July 9th, 2021*