



SUMMER

June marks the beginning of summer for all of us. It also means summer vacation for students and families. Summer is a busy time of recreation, sports, vacations, and events. It's a time when we fill up our schedules in order to keep the kids busy or just catch up on family time and outdoor time.

These are all good things, but busyness can also be a barrier to a growing faith. When busyness distracts us or even separates us from having a focus on God, it will certainly have a "quenching" effect on our faith and spiritual growth.

While summer activities are healthy for a family, pure busyness is not. In the midst of your summer activities, remember to make time to be with God, together, worship Him together, pray together. Take time to read Scripture together and take time to be alone with God.

I promise to do the same. ~ PASTOR TOM MILES

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Twenty 4'x12'x2' garden boxes, 50 cu yards of soil, one excavator, irrigation piping, 2 antifreeze garden valves, about 350 hours of labor, over 1 month to build and prepare a community garden to bless our neighborhood with fresh vegetables.

But there is more. There is love.

Thirty community and church members gathered on Saturday, June 1 to complete the Garden. While WVBC will host the Garden space and supply the water, our community will manage the garden. Our prayer is that the garden will bear fruit: Vegetables, relationships, and discipleship, all for the Kingdom. If you are interested in getting involved, please let the Community Garden Team know (Maria Herrera, Gail Wheeler, Tamara Lubeck, Irmgard Blevins)

I want to thank all of you who made this possible.

~ PASTOR TOM MILES



Over 30 people broke bread and read Scripture together at Common Bread on May 31. Thank you to Patrick Vestal and his team for hosting!



ROCK FINISHES STRONG

On the 22nd we wrapped up our first full year of the Rock. Throughout the year we had over 30 kids step through the doors of our building hearing foundational truths of God word while growing in their friendships with one another. The last night we invited families to come be apart of hearing what the kids had accomplished. The kids shared facts of what they learned about the Bible and as collective whole said the 66 books of the Bible. We ended the night and year with raffles and ice cream sundaes. Everyone was sad the year was ending but all are excited for VBS in July. Thankful God provided so much and taught these kids so much this school year.

- Vera Hallman



NEW MEMBER



Ronald Lytle

Welcomed
May 19, 2024

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE

Many things in your church office happen behind the scenes. One project we have been working on for the last 3 months is changing the church management software. We are in the process of replacing the old software, Servant Keeper, with a more user friendly, functional, and cost-effective church management program, Planning Center. The old software is outdated and very difficult to use and access information. Planning Center will improve our ability to input member information, integrate financial data, process background checks, communicate with the church family, sign up for functions and events, and access information. We have been running Planning Center in the background during the month of May

to test it's functionality and plan to change over 100% to Planning Center on July 1st. Most of you will not notice the change but their will be some changes to those who use online giving. For those who do, we will contact you personally and work with you to make the changeover.

I want to thank all of you in advance for your patience and support of this process. I want to especially thank Jerry Fast, Don West, and Connie Crandall for their many hours of extra work on the project.

~ PASTOR
TOM MILES



About a dozen hikers met for a light breakfast on May 25, then headed to Triple Falls. It was a great day for bonding over a 3.6 mile hike up the Oneonta Gorge.

GRADUATES 2024

(in addition to the grads listed in last month's newsletter)

Lichelle Dinh
OHSU
Bachelor of Science
Nursing

Justin Thomas Neill
Grand Canyon University
Bachelor of Science
Accounting

Elisa (Wright) Rempel
Corban University
Bachelor of Science
Accounting

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