



# THE BEACON

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ALL THE PEOPLE

## MAY BASIC NEEDS DRIVE FOR FOOD BANK BABY FOOD & FORMULA



*Memorial Sunday*  
*May 26*

**Come with us to  
the Bloedel Reserve  
Botanical Gardens  
Friday, May 31**



**Leave Church at 10:30am  
Lunch Silverdale Mall Food Court**

# 2020 VISION

**FOR MASON CHURCH**  
**June 2 - After Worship**  
*Information Inside of Beacon*

**Sunday June 9 - Appreciation Sunday**  
**COME CELEBRATE KARRIE NEVIN**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Last Sunday Before Summer Schedule**

More  
Information  
Inside  
Beacon

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**9:30am in the Sanctuary**

May 12  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
*Generation to Generation*  
Psalm 97; John 17.20-26

Revelation 2.12-13, 16-17, 20-21

May 19  
**Pentecost**  
*Dazed and Confused*

May 26  
*On Being Wise*  
Proverbs 8.1-4; Psalm 8

June 2  
*A Different Gospel*  
Galatians 1.1-12; Luke 7.1-10

June 9  
*Spread the Word*  
Galatians 1.11-24; Luke 7.11-17

June 16  
Annual Conference

**NEXT BEACON and  
JULY CALENDAR  
DEADLINE**

Noon, Tuesday, June 4 (mail 13th)

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**  
Tuesdays at Noon

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## By The Way . . .

Eyesight is an amazing gift. My mother was always fearful that she would go blind, but fortunately she did not. She was the first of many folk I have heard marvel at how much brighter the world looked once they had cataract surgery. I've been told the day is coming for me as well.

I didn't start wearing glasses until I had passed the 40 year milestone. Once I started I progressed quickly to bifocals. It has something to do, not only with my age and nearsightedness, but because of my astigmatism. It's clear (or actually, not so clear) when I am not wearing my glasses how much I need them.

What I often wish I could see is the future. As much as I dream and plan or worry and speculate, there is no guarantee that what I hope for or imagine or fear will ever come to pass. And still I project and plan and hope for the best, while working hard to make things happen. What helps me most often is sharing my hopes and dreams and plans with others who can support and advise and correct my ideas, and come alongside as partners with me.

Twice in the last year, we have come together as a church community to examine our self understanding, to name our hopes, and to begin the process of looking together in the same direction. We discovered and named our sense of Mason Church as family and community, and built on our strengths to revamp our coffee fellowship and our facility for welcoming of newcomers. We rolled out the basics of a new organizational structure and we are still trying to understand it and make it work.

It's time to do this again, coming together after church on a Sunday morning, to share with one another where our hopes might take us in the next twelve months or even longer. We will celebrate the areas of growth, have some fun, listen to new ideas, get caught up, imagine new possibilities, get creative, set some goals, and eat together. (Yes, there will be food.)

In talking this over at Church Council, someone asked me what to call this event. I hadn't thought of anything until writing this article. If we talk about vision, and consider everything we plan and do in relation to that vision, and my thoughts have taken me to the reality of the importance of vision, why not refer to this planning time as developing 20/20 or "perfect" vision?

Come for worship, stay for the fun on June 2. To prepare yourself, ponder the meaning of Hospitality, Outreach, and Compassion. May we become the place where people come "To Know the God of Love, To Share the Love of God, and To Bless the World with Compassion."

See you in church!



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## Appreciation Sunday is June 9th

Our Youth Activities Director, Karrie Nevin, has taken a new full time job. She will be stepping down from her position at the church by the end of June, or earlier, if a replacement can be hired. Sunday, June 9th, will be your opportunity to express your thanks for a job well done. Come to worship, stay for the celebration! Bring a card to say thank you. Karrie will be missed in her role, but will continue to be with us as a member and active in the Circle of Friends.

## RENDER TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S

by Jim Wicks

It's Spring. Tax Time. Time to, as Jesus commanded, "render to Caesar what is Caesar's." (Mark 12.17)

It might seem like Jesus is telling us that we should cheerfully fulfill our obligations to the IRS (or at least, the government). Keep politics and religion separate. But this isn't necessarily what Jesus meant with this rather cryptic phrase. (read Matthew 22.17; Mark 12.15, Luke 20.22)

Jesus' actual answer is so good that his antagonists dispersed, stunned and defeated. Seeing clearly what is Caesar's - the coin bearing Caesar's image - Jesus' remaining audience was prompted to wonder what, exactly, is God's image.

It is this second implied question that modern readers neither ask nor seldom try to answer. Many modern readers will not expect a scriptural reference in Jesus' answer. His Jewish audience, on the other hand, familiar with the Torah, would have known that it is we human beings who bear God's likeness. (Genesis 1.26) The Gospel writers added, "and to God the things that are God's. (Mark 12.17)

The passage suggests that Christians should not respond to civil issues without first and foremost studying their religious duties in the matter. In other words, when Jesus tells his audience to "render to Caesar," his point is that they should pay their taxes like dutiful Roman citizens, and that they should be rendering themselves to God. When it comes to what people owe God, Jesus is saying we are all in the very highest tax bracket, this time of year or any other.

SCRIP	
ORDERS	PICK-UP
May 19	May 26
June 2	June 9
June 16	June 23

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

FRIDAYS  
6am at Knapps



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



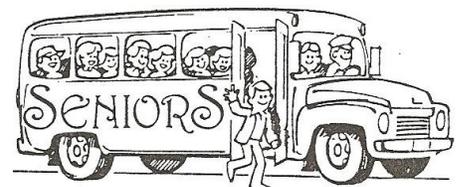
### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Saturday, May 25, 10am in the Parlor  
In May we are collecting baby food and formula.

In June we'll be collecting diapers & wipes  
Please use collection bucket in the foyer

### LEAH CIRCLE

2nd Wednesdays at 9:45am in the Parlor



### MAY ADVENTURE

Friday the 31st

Come with us as we visit the famous Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island. The van will leave at 10:30am, & stop for lunch at the Silverdale Mall Food Court. We will explore the Reserve and its shops in the afternoon, and be home about 4pm.

Entrance fee is \$9 each

Van cost will be \$4 each

Everyone is welcome to join us!

# SUNDAY S OLOS

No meeting in May  
Watch for information about June

## ADULT LUNCHEON

third Wednesdays at Noon  
June 19

The Annual Adult Ministries Picnic will be held at the Gig Harbor Picnic Area in Point Defiance Park. Barbecue ribs will be provided by Denny Denend. **Side dishes and dessert will be potluck.**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the church foyer and let us know what you can bring. Have questions? Please call Barbara Cramer at 565-0651.

This is our last activity before summer, so come on out and enjoy a day of sun and fun!

## GRADUATION

Do you know someone who is graduating from high school or college this year? Please call the church at 759-3539 and let us know.



## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY

01 Brent Beckstead	14 Katie Grindley
01 Joyce Schuetz	15 Candy Christensen
02 Krista Berry	17 Jane Brosius
02 Pat Roundy	17 Griffin Epperson
03 Billy Frederick	17 Shirley Knoop
03 Tim Gabriel	20 Gust Erickson
03 Steph Wood	21 Kasi Perez
04 Kay Shropshire	21 Kathy Starr
05 Robert Shropshire	23 Tom Marshall
06 Dana Gappa	23 Selena Perez
06 Helen Menghetti - 90	23 Sam Woodard
06 Maygen Perez	24 Alyssa Jazmine Morris
08 Kathy Fox	25 Glen Garrett
09 Nancy Norton	26 Barbara Weikert
10 Mike Queree	29 Dane Gainey
11 Annette Funk	29 Brian Nelson
11 Darce Patterson	29 Ann Welton
12 Gaye Winsor	30 Jane Barker
	30 Regan Sheehy

## HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARY

01 Leif & Marlynn Haslund
04 Greg & Alice Newkirk
07 Doug & Karen Nelson
08 Sig Olson & Diane Schurr
09 Jim & Jeannette Allphin
11 George & Lavonne Hoivik
14 Tim & Clare Gabriel
18 Gust & Andrea Erickson
19 George & Nilmah Mills
22 Thomas & Teena Johnson
25 Lee & Elizabeth Gingrich
25 Nancy & Darrell Patterson
26 Bill & Peggy Barton



## MEDICINE WHEEL with ROY WILSON

1st Wednesdays at 7pm in the Parlor (June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4)

Roy Wilson, retired United Methodist pastor, Chief and Spiritual Leader of the Cowlitz Tribe, teaches us how well Native American Spirituality coincides with Christianity and other religious beliefs.

## PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Sunday, May 26

This annual special offering allows the UMC to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. One is the Ohio-based Faith Communities Uniting for Peace that encourages Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Jews, Muslims and Sikhs “to live from a vision of peace rooted in faith.” Another is a partnership with other religious and humanitarian groups in Liberia. The UMC provides a place for former child soldiers to live, recreational activities to address war trauma and basic necessities such as fresh drinking water and medical treatment.

All local church offering dollars are forwarded to the local Annual Conference which retains half of the proceeds and forwards to other half to the General Council on Finance and Administration and is then made available to the General Board of Church and Society.

Each Annual Conference has a Peace with Justice Coordinator and a committee that determines how the conference money will be used. Some conferences give grants to local churches and other UM programs that promote peace with justice; others use the money for training in conflict resolution or other education initiatives within the conference.

## YARD MAINTENANCE

**Volunteers are needed** to cut and edge the church lawn. Gary Grindley and Dick Wittstock did it recently. It took six hours because the grass was so long and had to be cut twice.

We’d like the grass to be cut weekly and edged once a month during the growing season for maintenance. If you can help, please contact the church office at 759-3539.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Would you like to be an acolyte, an usher or to help serve communion? Please sign up on the sheets located in the foyer.

## CHILDREN’S CHIME OR BELL CHOIRS

Paige Hansen and Krista Berry will be leading a Chime Choir for Pre-K through 3rd graders, and a Bell Choir for 3rd graders and up. They are meeting at 9am in the Parlor every Sunday.

## FINANCE REPORTS

### APRIL PLEDGES

Budgeted: \$20,333  
Received: \$12,429.42

### APRIL WALL REPAIR

A payment of \$1,439.50 was made toward wall repair.  
Amount received for wall repair was \$667.

### SPECIAL NOTE

To all Donors to the Church Budget or other Funds at Mason Church:

Please mark on any check in the memo line and/or on the envelope your intention for the use of funds given. The accounting system works on the information you give us with your donation. It is especially important that you indicate money intended for the Wall Repair fund. You could also sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer and make a specific designation. Contact the church office if you are interested. Thank you.



**Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, August 10.**  
 To donate please contact:  
 Devin Alongi, Tim Gappa  
 or George Schuetz.

# 2020 VISION

**FOR MASON CHURCH MOVE FORWARD FOR MINISTRIES OF**  
**June 2 - After Worship Outreach - Compassion - Hospitality**

**Come for Worship Service Stay for Conversation**  
**Pastor Bonnie, Leading Discussion**

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

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Mason United Methodist Church  
June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Worship and Sunday School	3	4 Beacon deadline 7pm Scholarship Committee	5 7pm Choir 7pm Medicine Wheel	6 7pm Trustees	7	8
9 9:30am Worship and Sunday School	10	11	12 9:45am Leah Circle  7pm Choir	13 mail Beacon  7pm Finance	14	15 Circle of Friends
16 9:30am Worship and Sunday School	17	18	19 Noon Annual Adult Ministries Picnic 7pm Choir	20 6pm SPRC	21	22
23 9:30am Worship and Sunday School	24	25 9:30am UMW Calling Ministry	26	27 6pm Council	28	29
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TEXT - TO - GIVE

A new and easy way to donate funds to people in need through the United Methodist Committee on Relief is TEXT-TO-GIVE. When you text a program code to 80888, a \$10 donation goes immediately to the program you selected. For U.S. Disaster Response text RESPONSE; for International Disaster Response use EMERGENCY; for health programs use HEALTH; or for undesignated donations to UMCOR please use UMCOR. You can text any one of these codes to 80888 to support that particular program, or all four to give \$10 to each of them.

UMCOR provides emergency relief in many areas of the world. To learn more about the UMCOR ministries, please visit [www.UMCOR.org](http://www.UMCOR.org). You may also donate to any project by placing a contribution in the offering plate at any local UMC, but be sure to designate your preference of destination.

UMCOR is tax-exempt under section 501c3 of the IRS Code and qualifies for the maximum charitable contribution deduction by donors.

In addition, **please pray** for those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of natural or man-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

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## NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE MASON CHURCH LIBRARY

SPRING brings new titles to our library! Do you want a quick read or informative non-fiction, find it here.

Imagine people walking hand-in-hand from 1731 to 2009 with a message. It happens in *Hand In Hand* by Andrea Pinkney and illustrated by her husband, Brian. They tell us how a human chain is created from Benjamin Banneker to Barack Obama, and share the story of ten black men who changed America. Designed for upper elementary students to adult readers.

*A Rare Jewel* is a collection of writings and beliefs of Jeremiah Burroughs (1599-1646). As a peaceable spirit in another time, he longed for Christian unity with a zeal for purity of doctrine and worship.

Are you into a quick read with an invitation to read a series of books?

We have four new titles in the Patchwork Mystery series including *The Calico Trail*.

Three new titles including: *Never Give Up* keep us reading in the Tales from Grace Chapel Inn.

*With Open Arms* introduces us to stories from the Hope Haven series.

Leslie Gould & Mindy Clark co-authored a fiction book about *Amish Nanny*, Ada Rupp who finds the cave behind a waterfall, a dying confession and a secret agreement - all in Switzerland.

*Light in the Darkness* is a beautifully illustrated children's book that reminds us that slaves were not allowed to learn the alphabet or read. A suspenseful story about some who learned to read in secret.

To borrow any book from the church library, just fill in the card and leave it in the box.