



JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER 2021



Reverend David Weekley Appointed As RCPUMC'S New Pastor

On behalf of the Bishop, District Superintendent and the Board of RCPUMC we are pleased to announce that Reverend David Weekley has been appointed as our new pastor effective September 1, 2021. David is a retired elder with thirty years of active ministry in the United Methodist Church. He is returning to Portland after doctoral studies at Boston University around spiritual formation among transgender persons.

David is a music enthusiast, who loves to sing tenor in choirs and also plays the trumpet. He believes in collaboration and consensus and is eager to get started on some exciting ministries with our

church community. David and his wife Deborah will be moving from Boston and taking a few months to recharge before starting with our church on September 1.

I know he will receive a welcome that only Rose City Park UMC can give! Please keep David and Deborah in your prayers during this time of transition for them as they look for housing in the Portland area. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Pettygrove at kayp1024@gmail.com.



Charge Conference Called

We will be having a special Charge Conference on Sunday, July 4th immediately after the church service to vote on Pastor David Weekley's compensation package. Any and all interested parties are invited to attend. It should take no longer than 10 minutes.

- Kay Pettygrove

Strategic Plan Is Coming Soon!

Your board has been very hard at work developing a Strategic Plan for RCPUMC. This plan is a broad brush stroke of the direction we feel our church is being called to move in the next 3 to 5 years. We have wanted to create a document that provided direction but also allowed for discernment moving forward. This is a fluid document with the expectation that it will change over time. The Strategic Plan will provide a framework moving forward for growth and expansion of ministry opportunities in an intentional and well thought out way.

We will be sending the Strategic Plan to you via email the week of June 28th and look forward to your input and comments. This is not a document that will be voted on by the congregation as we aren't requesting substantive changes to our operations at this time. It is to help us define who are, where we want to be going and how we will be measuring our successes. Once the congregation has had a

chance to look over the plan, it will be submitted to the District Office. Pastor Weekley has been sent a copy and will be forwarding comments and suggestions as well, prior to submission to the District Office.

This is our vision for our future. It is our desire that the Strategic Plan of RCPUMC provides direction, hope and a renewed excitement for ministry within our neighborhood, community and world. We sincerely hope that when you receive the plan, you will spend some time with it, pray over it and offer up your thoughts and suggestions. We cannot move forward without your help and enthusiasm! Once the plan has been submitted to the Conference Office, the real fun will be begin! We will start implementing some of the suggesting changes and defining ministry opportunities moving forward.

Then we get to do what we do best...dive into serving our community with passion, enthusiasm, grace and the love of Jesus shining through us! You can submit comments, suggestions and concerns to any of your board members (see contact information below) via email.

Your current board members contact information is:

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Board Update: June 2021

Let’s celebrate- July 2020, do you remember we had a new District Superintendent, Tim Overton-Harris but no pastor? Behind closed doors, the Board quickly expressed our concerns to Tim. His reply was honest and candid, ‘All available pastors have been assigned by the Conference. Additionally, I would like to recruit someone that’s a good fit for RCP and someone that will strengthen RCP.’ In less than a month, he was able to borrow from Camp Ministries, Pastor Dan Benson!

Our prayers were answered, Pastor Dan was just what we needed. Pastor Dan will be missed but the Board is optimistic that Tim

Overton-Harris has recruited an equally talented pastor in Reverend David Weekley.

Times change- To remain successful, businesses often update their strategic plans. This allows them to adapt in our ever-changing world, so they remain competitive. Like successful businesses, the RCP Board, with your suggestions, has created a Strategic Plan to help guide our path for the next 3-5 years. A draft of RCP Strategic Plan will be sent to your email soon.

Opportunities- 'Mirror Jesus's hospitality by building community with our neighbors for common purpose and belonging.'

- In 1913, 108 years ago, members of our community made a plan and created Rose City Park. Then like today, you are the church and your voice matters. When you receive the Strategic Plan, please review it and reply back to approve or make suggestions to improve it.

- Get involved. After reviewing our new Strategic Plan, you will notice a focus on mission. We are an active and service-oriented church. Everyone is invited to create a mission that they are passionate about. Or join a current mission like collecting food, join our music program, participate with our prayer chain group, serve on the Board or a committee. The opportunities are limitless. Our focus is mission and service to others. Like our Mission Statement says:

"RCPUMC is a place to grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ by seeking a deeper relationship with God. To invite, welcome, nurture and respond to ALL people with compassion and God's love through our actions, locally and in the world."

Many thanks. Grace and Peace by David Whitaker, Board Member – Personnel Team

Building Updates from Elsa Johnson

As our county has moved into a safer risk level, our building has updated our Covid safety guidelines. If you would like to check out those updates, head over to the church website, "Covid 19 Building Updates"

page--- <https://www.rcpumc.org/covid-19-building-updates>.

Contact Elsa Johnson with questions, building@rosecitypark.org.



Congregational News

If you have any joys or concerns you want shared, please contact Patricia Holman at: plholman1025@gmail.com)

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays in June and July:

6/10 Larry McDowell

6/11 Corinne Tate

6/16 Alan Ely

6/19 Ruth Geislinger

6/20 Lisa Bennett

6/25 Barbara Ely, Don Sheets, Kim Upham

6/27 Janelle O'Gara

6/28 David Buell

7/26 Andrea Schmidt

7/28 Jennifer O'Leary

7/30 LeAnn Kelley

JOYS

Congratulations to Kathy and John Green on their 50th wedding anniversary in July.

It was a joy to be able to worship together in person!

Kay Pettygrove's nephew, Bryce, completed his 3rd degree blackbelt in Tai Kwan Do. Kay enjoyed a week of vacation with him and family.

Pat Sharp is doing well after a medical procedure.

Dan Benson is thankful his sons have been vaccinated.

Congratulations to Rev. John Watts, former Rose City pastor, who is retiring from ministry July 1st.

Blessings on all the UMC congregations whose buildings are permanently closing, as announced at Annual Conference. Included is Richland UMC in Richland, Oregon, where Frank Holman attended as a child. Most buildings are being reimagined, some continuing on the ministries of the church

CONCERNS

Clint Moran asks for prayers for his son, Gary.

Healing prayers for Linda Hurley who had heart valve replacement surgery June 21.

Kita Montgomery's sister, Roserria Roberts is having open heart surgery in a month.

Steve Foye may have to have heel surgery.

Continued prayers for Tim Uecker who is doing well after unexpected triple bi-pass surgery on June 3rd. He was in worship on Sunday. Tim was pastor at our church and led the "Basement Band." He and Jennifer O'Leary are music partners, and currently recording 2 CDs. Angela Joy Allen's cousin was killed, and she prays for action to stop gun violence.

Betty Dodd asks for continuing prayers for her grandson who lives in Tel Aviv. We pray that the peace holds so his family can join him this month.

DEATHS

Cecil Thompson, longtime member our church, passed away on May 23. We have no information on a service. Cards can be sent to his son at: John Thompson, 1520 Marine Drive N.E., Tulalip, WA 98271. Cecil will be remembered for his kind and loving spirit, his optimistic attitude, and his love for our church and congregation.

July Food Donations: It's Pasta Month!

Our monthly food drive continues Saturday, July 17 from 11-Noon in the church parking lot. Any kind of pasta and red or white sauce would be appreciated. You can also leave donations on my side porch, down the driveway, any time prior to 10:30am on the 12th. If you have any questions, please call Patricia Holman, 503-459-3090. Thank you!

Scouting Update

Eagle Scout Aidan Ehrismann and Life Scout Joshua Li of Troop 117, Cascade Pacific Council won the Junior Mens U.S. Rowing National Beach Sprint Trials for their category in offshore rowing yesterday in Sarasota, FL. They represented the Rose City Rowing Club (RCRC), Portland Oregon, where they are members.

People in the offshore rowing community had no idea where these boys came from. Both races were pure nail biting excitement. There was one moment where Aidan lost his footing as he sprinted into the waves at the start of the race, causing the RCRC team to launch behind the opposing team. Drone footage caught the moment when the boys began to accelerate and crash through the white cap breakers, closing in on their competition.

The announcer commented at one point that the RCRC boys were "hot on their tail." The RCRC team maintained synchronized powerful strokes towards the course buoy. They not only caught up to the opposing team, but overtook and passed them by a boat-length

before arriving at the course buoy that was being pushed around by the waves. They navigated a close quarter 180deg. turn before rowing back to shore. As soon as the boat beached, Josh sprinted to the finish line.

Aidan and Joshua were selected to represent the United States in the first ever Beach Spring Offshore Rowing World Championships which will take place in Oeiras, Portugal, September 24, 25, 26, 2021.

Aidan and Josh showed stellar sportsmanship during the races, which was recognized by U.S. Rowing officials who have submitted their names to receive a national sportsmanship award.

Live coverage of the races were live streamed on HereNowSports News Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HereNowSports/videos/3799958980127382>

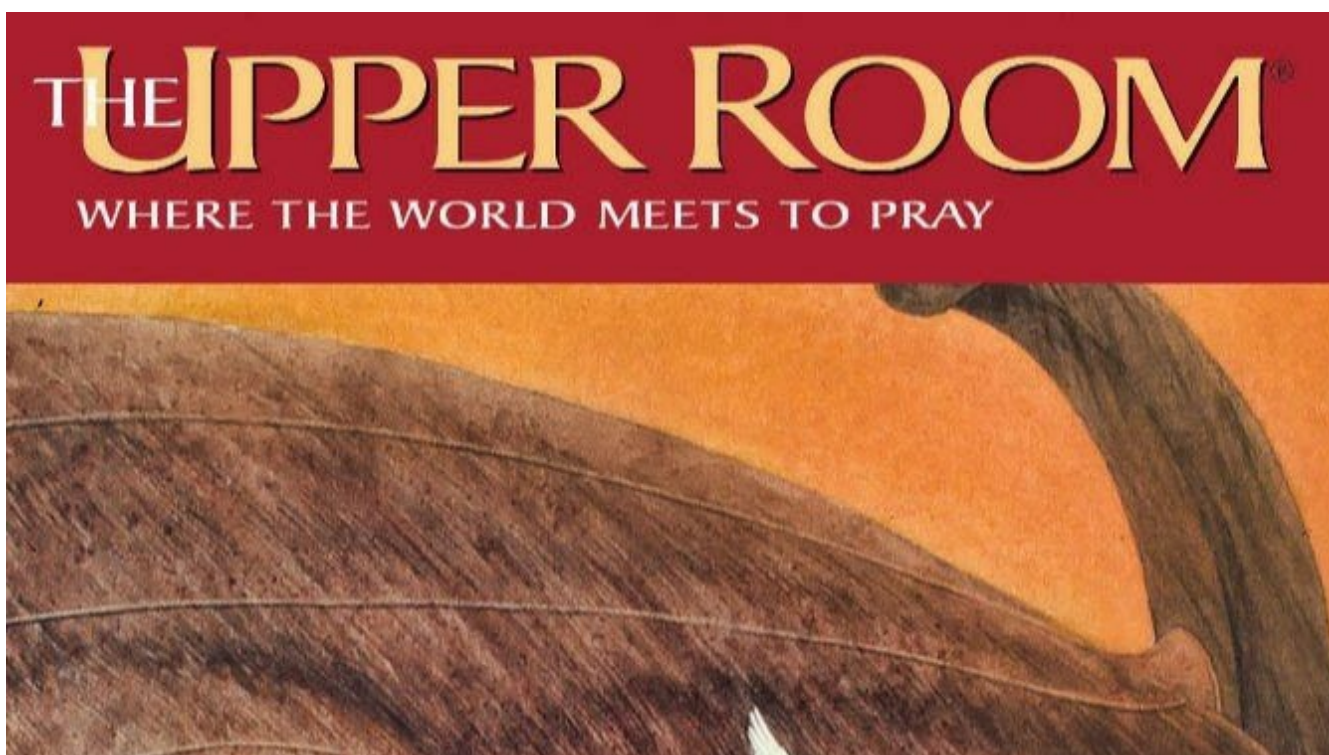
Scouting

Both boys were also selected for the Olympic Development Program (ODP) earlier this year, which is being held in Jacksonville, Florida.

There is no rest for the weary... they will be checking in today at ODP for one month of grueling Olympic training. Needless to say, Danielle and I will be working on some fundraising for this incredible opportunity.

Scoutingly,

Chuck Ehrismann | Troop117 SM



Upper Rooms Devotionals are Here!

The Upper Room Devotionals for May/June are now available. If you would like a copy, please contact Elsa at building@rosecitypark.org. She will be in the office on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm. If this time doesn't work, please contact Jack at office@rosecitypark.org to make other arrangements.



Just as a reminder, the prayer chain is available to those that would like to request prayers. Also, if someone would like to join the prayer chain all they need to do is send a request to be added to the email address below. rcpumcprayer@gmail.com

Our Church Signs



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