

# New Day Communique'

## New Day Christian Fellowship

### Thank You!

Words are so inadequate to express the tremendous gratitude we feel for you, our church family. Thank you for the many gifts you gave us; the dinner, the music, the decorations and pictures of us over the years. The wonderful program that not only blessed us but also touched members of my family who were here. The monetary gift to help fund our upcoming trip and the personalized giant Scrabble board picture that will hang in our living room will be a constant reminder of your love.

We have felt so honored to serve here and we will treasure the wonderful memories we'll be taking with us. Thank you for blessing our lives.

With much love (and tears),  
Pastor Ron & Brownie  
Philippians 1:3-6

We're on the  
Web [newdaycf.org](http://newdaycf.org)

Our new interim pastoral couple is Pastor Joe and Caryl Culumber who live in Covington. They have broad experience in ministry and are looking forward to serving us at New Day Christian Fellowship. Pastor Joe will be available in the office Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. Pastor Joe and Caryl are available anytime day or night for coffee, a meal, conversation or a pastoral emergency.

**Leadership Summit** is the annual

gathering of pastors and delegates from the churches of the PNW Conference of the Free Methodist Church. This year, we were joined by the River and Oregon Conferences at Timberlake Church in Redmond, WA. Our church sent Pr. Ron & Brownie Kocher, Amy & Nick Wagner, Dave Clark as the Primary Delegate and Debbie Tibbils as the Reserve Delegate.

There were a lot of good things talked about and done, but what continued to strike me was how much it felt like a giant family reunion! We couldn't turn around without bumping into someone we knew (even me who is so new to this family!). As a big family we were able to worship God and celebrate what each member is doing to bring the Kingdom of God to earth. This included hearing about Northwest Urban Ministries, Impact Middle East, local FM church plants and seeing statistics of growth in the last year. One awesome number that they gave us was that in the US there are 148 FM Church Plants, at least one in every conference in the USA except for three (none of which were at the conference!).

We heard several speakers who challenged us as pastors and lay leaders to see people and everything around us through the eyes of redemption, to let God ask us the questions that hit the core of what

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WORKDAY JULY 14TH  
8AM-NOON  
(details will be emailed)



## From the Principal's Desk by Josh Snyder

Dear Church Family,

This year has been a very impactful for our school community. This year's spiritual theme was "Treasuring Jesus," which brought to mind that the life, the works, and the teachings of Jesus are the greatest priority for our lives. The verses for our theme come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount which says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt 6:19-21).

Below is a list of the top 10 highlights for the 2017-2018 school year:

1. We began progress monitoring and data analysis using Star Reading, Math, and Early Literacy Assessments and launched a school-wide Response to Intervention
2. Faculty reviewed and updated Social Studies curriculum maps for grades K-8
3. Established Safety and Security Committee, made up of parents to make recommendations to the school administration. A Plan created for campus security updates in our "Keeping Campus Safe Initiative"
4. Two board members added to the school board this year – Steve Stroud & Jessica Spaid
5. Organized and implemented a needs assessment (6-hour retreat) with all constituency groups
6. Board approved five-year Strategic Plan with link on the website for you to see: <http://www.valley-christian.com/s/strategic-plan-2018-2023.pdf>
7. Annual auction raised 17% more money this year than the previous year
8. Purchased 3D printer to be used 2018-2019 school year
9. Ran three radio campaigns on Spirit 105.3 for greater school advertisement & awareness
10. Launched Parent Teacher Fellowship this Year



Thank you for your continued prayer and support to Valley Christian School.

In Service to Christ,

Joshua Snyder, Principal

### SAVE THE DATE!

All ladies are invited to the Ladies Bible Study Summer Party on Monday August 13, 2018 6PM.

At the home of Sandee Almaas:

30 R PL NE

Auburn, WA 98002

## Imo Sparks Memorial Library - Literature Reviews from our Library

### The Undoing of Saint Silvanus

By Beth Moore

Only God knew why Jillian Slater agreed to return to New Orleans on the news that her father had died. She hadn't seen him, or her grandmother in twenty years. But when the manager of her grandmother's apartment house called and said her expenses would be paid if she'd fly out for the burial, a free trip to New Orleans was too intriguing to resist.

See Marj Halpin for help with Library Needs.



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we do, to see whoever we are discounting through God's eyes and so much more. During the PNW Conference Business Meeting, they affirmed the largest class yet into the CMC (Conference Ministerial Candidate) Class, honored our own Pastor Ron for his retirement, discussed transferring Elders, met the new SPU Chaplain Lisa Ishihara, met those who were to be ordained that weekend as Elders and discussed what was happening generally with our conference. The official minutes will be published soon!

For a complete list of business, additional statistics and more, see the Conference Packet online at <http://www.pnwc.org/cp/>

Overview provided by  
Amy Wagner

## PICNIC AT THE PARK

Join us for food and fellowship on Sunday, July 29th at Les Gove Park picnic shelter after worship service until 3pm. Church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, paper goods and ice water.

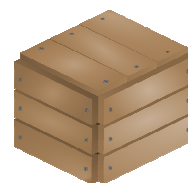
Attendees will need to bring their own beverages if desired, lawn chairs and sun-shades as seating will be limited. Please bring enough to share, according to the first letter of your last name.

A-K Side Dish

L-P Dessert

Q-Z Salad

## Missions News "Serving Our Church, City, and World"



Missions Box and Jar

### Missions Jar

The first Sunday of the month we collect in our jar for our Good Samaritan Fund, helping those in our own congregation who from time to time find themselves in financial need. Please call the church office if you need to fill out a form to apply for these funds. One of the highlights at Leadership Summit is our Partnership Offering. Over the years this offering has supported a number of different ministry projects, locally, regionally and around the world. In June we will be collecting for the 2018 Leadership Summit Partnership Offering helping it support TWO strategic initiatives: Northwest Urban Ministries and Church Planting in the Middle East.

**Northwest Urban Ministries:** Northwest Urban Ministries is a faith-based outreach and community development organization partnering to meet needs and empower people. Northwest Urban Ministries promotes spiritual wholeness while meeting needs and offering resources through after-school and seasonal programs for local youth. Relationships are built and developed to mobilize people to better serve their communities.

**Church Planting in the Middle East through Impact Middle East (IME):** We will also be supporting church planting through *Impact Middle East*. IME "empowers Arab Christ-followers to share the grace and truth of Jesus among the least reached and to establish creative, reproducing faith families throughout the Middle East."

### Missions Box

There is no missions box for the month of July. Please be watching for sales on backpacks though for later in the summer!

## A New Day at 'New Day'

Change is the air here at New Day Christian Fellowship. During the past month we have congratulated Terri Clyde & Pastor Ron Kocher-retiring after many years of service to us. Our church is not the same as it was before they took their positions at New Day and it will not be exactly the same in the future. But God is the same and He has great plans for us as we continue to follow Him. (Jeremiah 29:11)

We are very pleased to welcome our interim pastor, Joe Culumber, and his wife Caryl to our congregation on Sunday, July 1st.

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### **From Linda Adams, Director of International Childcare Ministries**

Dear Friends at New Day,

We got your wonderful donation of \$1800 for Bibles for COUNT ministries in India. I can see from your email that you have been keen to partner with Dexter and Deena Gollapalli in their beautiful outreach to children.

COUNT is doing marvelous work and they make the dollars stretch to accomplish a lot. I see that you also have offered not to tie Deena's hands, but to free her to choose whatever combination of translations, picture Bibles, Sunday School curriculum or similar tools so children can learn about the God who made them and loves them and the Son of God who has died for them. That is very strategic.

We are ever so grateful for your very generous contribution this year to our ministry in Asia. Your donation was matched by another church, so it is a double blessing! God continues to show us his great goodness and faithfulness by blessing us with great friends in ministry like you. We so appreciate your strong and faithful support of various projects through ICCM. Your church has filled many needs over the years; clean water, protection from traffickers and a variety of special projects. We literally couldn't do all we do around the world without generous and compassionate donors like you. May your church succeed in all the ways God defines success. God bless you!

### **A Word from Brownie**

In 2006 when Ron and I unloaded our UHaul in the rental house on Main Street, little did I know how important this church family was going to become for me! You probably didn't realize that because we had only been married not quite six years, that you would be a primary training ground for me in how to be a pastor's wife. I was also in a galaxy far, far away from my own family in Atlanta, and my adult "family" in Illinois. Learning to navigate within a church filled with talented and loving folks was a constant learning experience for me—but one that I relished! You allowed me to be myself as I taught school, found my various passions and as I let those church events that fit my need for the new and unusual.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for loving both Ron and I as you have. Your cards, calls, invitations and support the past twelve years mean more than you can possibly imagine.

On the Sunday when I play His Eye is on the Sparrow I hoped there would be a number of you old enough to remember the words...."For his eye is on the sparrow..and I know he watches me"....I played this for you....The Lord has his eye on the Auburn church and I know he hold you gently in His hands...



### FAQ's From Tithe.ly's Website:

**Does it cost me anything?** Nope! It costs you nothing to give to your church using Tithe.ly

**Is my Credit/Debit info secure?** Yes! We take data & payment information seriously. All sensitive financial information is stored with bank level security.

**How will my data be used?** Your personal data will *never* be sold, traded or given to third parties.

**How will I know when I'm charged?** You'll receive an email confirmation.

**How long does it take for the church to receive my gift?** Usually 2-3 days between the time you give & when it appears in your church's bank account.

**What if I type the wrong amount?** Make sure to contact your church, they can refund the amount then you can make another donation.

We are so excited to announce that we have launched an online giving option through Tithe.ly! It is safe, secure and can be done quickly through any laptop, phone or tablet. This option has been carefully and intentionally selected after examining several different giving platforms, and we believe that this is the best choice for our church at this time.

You can designate your giving to several of our funds including Tithes and Offerings, Missions, VCS and Other as well as designate different amounts to different funds on the same giving window. Simply look for the "Add Gift" button and select to add another gift to a different fund. Additionally, there is an option for you to cover the transaction fee, or not. The fee is 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction.

Tithe.ly also allows you to set up automatic reoccurring payments and direct withdrawal from your bank account if you desire. Following any tithe you will receive an email receipt that you can print for your records. However, Tithe.ly will track your giving throughout the year.

\*\*See Amy Wagner for any questions.

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We don't know yet how long he will be ministering to us, but we are looking forward to seeing how God will work among us during this transition period -as God prepares us for a new senior pastor. Our Board of Leadership (BOL) has taken the congregational survey input that many of you provided (Thank you!) and created a pastoral profile document. That profile was submitted to our conference superintendent, Matt Whitehead. The BOL has met with Matt three times so far and he is actively working with the conference Ministerial Appointments Committee (MAC) to find the right person to Shepard the flock here at New Day in the future. As the MAC identifies candidates, Matt will arrange opportunities for our board to meet and interview the candidate(s) as we seek God to confirm His choice with all involved in the process. Please continue to pray for Matt, the conference MAC and our BOL as we follow this path to discover God's will for us -the change that He ordains.