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THE EBBERT CONTACT

Ebbert Memorial UMC's Monthly Newsletter

Affordable Housing Advisory Vote

MOVING AHEAD TO THE NEXT PHASE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Affordable Housing Team's presentations, Q&A sessions, and advisory vote. We had an excellent turnout, and the vote was unanimously in favor of moving forward towards a sale contract with Porch House LLC to develop affordable housing on two of our back lots. This means we're heading into the next exciting phase — developing a project proposal to share with the larger church body and preparing for a charge conference vote this fall. We're grateful for your engagement and shared vision for what's possible!

A Wider Welcome

EBBERT LAUNCHES YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM

Ebbert's AV Team has completed the implementation of an upgraded audiovisual system that includes new cameras and livestreaming equipment. The project was funded by a generous donation from a member of the congregation and was installed on October 1st.

Beginning this Sunday, we will launch our live worship broadcast on YouTube. Over the coming weeks, we'll continue refining the system, but you can find the broadcast at www.youtube.com/@EbbertUMC. Help us reach more people by subscribing to our channel!

The YouTube stream will replace our current Zoom broadcast for worship, though the Zoom meeting will remain available for fellowship and conversation for the time being. Many thanks to Sandy Belson, Andra Smith and Simone Thomas for providing such hospitality each week!

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News and Events

Springfield Homework Club

THURSDAYS FROM 3:30 TO 5:30

All local high schoolers are invited to receive free food and help with homework, test prep, or college admissions every Thursday that school is in session. 3:30 to 5:30 in the Fireside Room.

October Council Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 5:30 PM

Serviceberry Planting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Join the Serviceberry Book Group as they head to Wesley UMC (1385 Oakway Road) after worship to gift our sister congregation with a serviceberry bush in the spirit of abundance and reciprocity!

Affordable Housing Team Meeting

AFTER WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 19

New Sunday School Position Now Open

Ebbert is hiring! A second children's staff person is needed to support Annison and relieve some of the pressure on our lead volunteer. Direct interested candidates to our job posting on Indeed, or reach out to Pastor Liv for details (pastor@ebbertumc.org).

Santa Lucia Pageant: Mark Your Calendars

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 6 PM

Our annual advent celebration for children and the entire community is in its third year and you won't want to miss it! Interested in volunteering? Join our team: pastor@ebbertumc.org.

The Holidays are Approaching

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

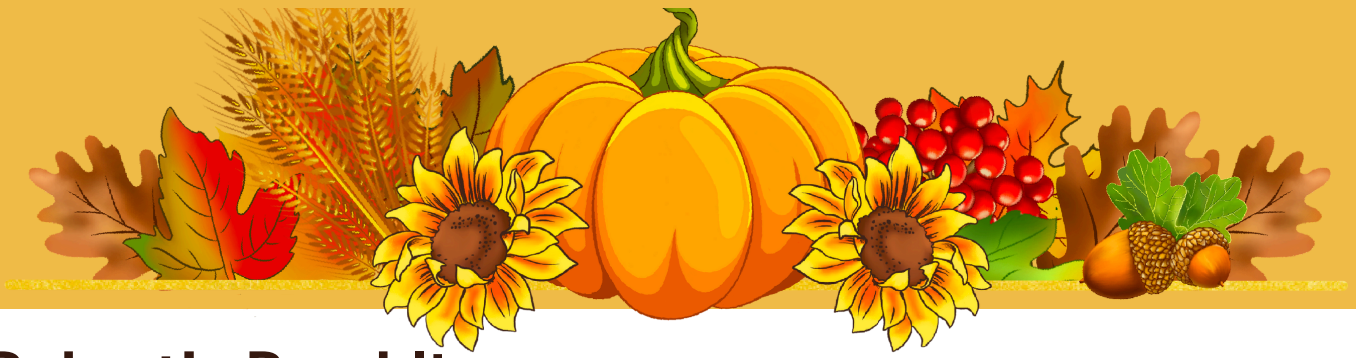
The holidays and new year are approaching, and we'd like to ensure that everyone's addresses, phone numbers, and emails are up-to-date in our records. We also encourage you to provide us with the name and number of an emergency contact. We use this data to track membership, update the directory, pass along messages, send out mailings, and check in on those who are home-bound. Email office@ebbertumc.org or call (541) 746-3513.

Celebrations

We want to
celebrate
with you!

If you find that
your birthday
or anniversary
is missing from
the CONTACT,
please email
office@ebbertumc.org.





Robert's Ramblings

Plenty of churches support missionaries in far-flung places, but we like to think that we have two of the very finest in nearby Otis, Oregon: Bob and Alma Beck. Bob's "Ramblings" have been a staple in the Contact for many years, and we're grateful to receive new dispatches from the Coast.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." — 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

"Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts,

As we also have forgiven our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil." — Matthew 6: 9-13

Growth is not always easy; I know at least this has been the case for me. "Pray without ceasing;" I have asked myself: is this even possible? When I began my walk with God, my early prayers came from Mark 9: 24 - "I believe; help my unbelief!" As I grew, my prayers became more frequent; but I must confess they were most often prayers asking forgiveness. I was selfish, impatient, and easily angered; at least I had grown enough to know I needed forgiveness for my temper!

Fortunately, growth continued. As I worked on projects and become impatient with the problems that came up, I would pray for forgiveness of my temper. Over time, I began to pray for comfort and patience. And later, for guidance, as I tried to determine how to proceed. The interesting thing was that after I prayed, new approaches came to my mind. But even now, I must remind myself to pray before I begin anything.

Now comes the question of praying without ceasing. At a recent men's Bible study, we determined that with the gift of the Holy Spirit in each of us, we have a Spirit of prayer living within us. I do, however, pray that each of us should continue to grow in a Godly prayer life. Peace be with you.

Here by the will of God,
Bob Beck



Mission Central

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT EBBERT AND BEYOND



Become a Homework Helper

THURSDAYS 3:30 - 5:30

Our after-school high school tutoring program (Springfield Homework Club) has launched! Join us on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Fireside Room. We need people to help students with their work, organize supplies and volunteers, develop our marketing, and more! All are welcome. Please reach out to the church office if this sounds like a ministry for you.

Winter Warmth Drive with CCS

CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Winter is coming, and many people lack the basics to help them stay warm when the weather turns nippy. Bring your new or gently used hats, gloves, scarves, socks, jackets, and blankets to Ebbert and contribute to the comfort of your disadvantaged neighbors this winter through Catholic Community Services. A bin will be available for your donations.



Lead as a Liturgist

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

We are currently seeking folks of all ages to serve as liturgists and lead our congregation through scripture readings and prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity to actively engage in our worship services and share your gifts with our community. Please email Pastor Liv at pastor@ebbertumc.org.

Community Garden

HARVEST SEASON IS HERE

Come celebrate the harvest season! In the Community Garden, you'll find an abundance of squash and kale, as well as the last of the tomatoes, peppers, and grapes. Take home a handful of thyme or stock up on seeds for next year's planting. This is the time of year to start putting the garden to bed, so extra hands are especially helpful.

