

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 2018

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SUNDAY

8:00-9:00 - Coffee & Fellowship

8:30-9:00- Prayer Walk & Morning Prayer

9:00-9:45-Adult & Children's

Sunday Bible Lesson

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 - 11:30

Children's Church

2nd Sunday: Communion

11:30-12:30 Finger Foods

JUNE 3rd POTLUCK



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY

Prayer @ 9:45am

Worship Dance Class

4:00pm Call Trish @ 935.4899

Prayer & Praise Service

June 13th @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY

Men's Breakfast

June 2nd @ 8am

Priority One Volley Ball

Summer Vacation



FREE
METHODIST
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June 21st
thru 23rd is
the annual
FM Conference
being

held in Redmond, WA. this year!
It's within driving distance!!!

The Pacific NW Conference, the Oregon Conference, and the River Conference will all join for a time of worship, and prayer together. Get energized! Please call the office for details.



Abundant Life Community Activities

Children's Arts & Crafts, storytelling, group games, and races are activities that some of the ALF members have started up in their desire to reach out into the community for Christ. Last year we attended the Chewelah Farmers Market and Colville's Rendezvous Days.

If you would like to help, we are planning on setting up for various events throughout the Colville Valley again this summer. It's fun and a great opportunity to advance the work of the gospel. All are welcome.



SMALL GROUPS

connecting equipping transforming



Josiah's Fire reflects how God uses even the hardest of circumstances to His glory. Join the Yada Yada study, Tuesdays, 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Call Linda 936.0031 for more info.

Brown Bag Bible Study Noon Wednesday's



All are Welcome!

This summer study starts June 6th at NOON in the Alf Fellowship Hall. Pastor John will be facilitating with Pastor Brenda stepping in as needed.

This is a no frills, bring your own lunch kind of study. Spend your lunch hour drawing closer to our Lord and Savior through His Word.





May has been a busy month here at Abundant Life Fellowship. One of the highlights was Pentecost Sunday, where the Holy Spirit graced our worship time with the Presence of God. Most of the congregation lingered in their seats well after the service

was officially over enjoying the peace and serenity of God's Shekinah Glory. While seemingly incongruous, a short time later we had our annual meeting, known in FMC circles as Society Meeting. We had the first quorum we have had in years and had an engaging time electing the coming year's leadership slate, as well as making a very significant decision regarding the future of the Thrift Store and the vital ministry it offers our community.

May is always a key month in my family, as both Patty and myself experience birthdays. I am thrilled that mine corresponded to the 70th birthday of the modern state of Israel. Patty and I thank you folks for the nice card and gift we received from the church, as well as many individual expressions and thoughtfulness.



Verse of the Month

James 1:27

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

The reference to orphans reminds us of a major event in the life our church, Royal Family Kids Camp. As most of you know this camp is a special ministry to foster kids. These are not orphans in the strictest sense of the word, but close enough. This camp is designed to give these kids a week filled with opportunities and activities most of them would not otherwise experience. Of course they also get to be ministered to by Christians and see the love of Christ in action. They can hear Bible stories and have exposure to the Faith that they might not otherwise experience.

The verse also mentions widows. We have some of these in our church and in our community. Let's remember to reach out to them in an extra special way.

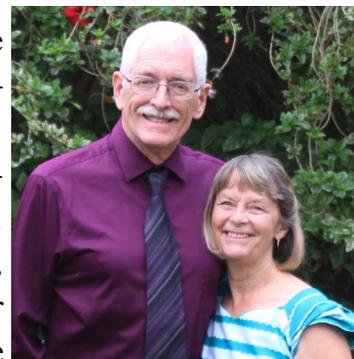
Though the verse does not mention this June is also the month of our Annual Conference, a key meeting in the life of the Free Methodist Church, as it was in the Methodists of old. This year is special insofar as three annual conferences are coming together to share the experience. We will be meeting in Redmond, WA at the largest Free Methodist Church in the US. Our pastors, delegate, ministerial candidate, and some spouses are all planning to go.



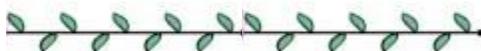
Greetings from Keith and Carolyn Jones, and the HAN staff in Uganda! God is faithfully working through His people here in the villages, prisons, groups of disabled people and those with leprosy. 2018 is not even half finished and the literacy program “Learning to Read to Read the Bible” is in full swing. So far there have been 6 Teacher Training Workshops (TTW) and 6 graduations – so hundreds more people have learned to read

and write in the Lango language! Many of those graduates in the prisons have signed up for English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes, so we had 3 more TTWs to train additional teachers! Currently 5 ESL classes are running in the prisons!

One of our goals before Carolyn leaves at the end of June, is to have in each of our 6 prisons either a library with tables and bookshelves, or a “library box” which can be locked to secure the books. Fountain Publishing in Uganda assisted us in choosing good literature written by Africans in both the Lango Language and English. Then, they were so pleased with the work of HAN in the prisons, they gave us a 20% discount on their already low prices of their books! Halleluiah. God has His people everywhere! We will be



praying for ALF and the Royal Family Kids Camp, standing firm with our brothers and sisters and their missions in the U.S.A.! Please pray for us also. Go with God!



Royal Family Kids Camp is in the final stretch of preparation. They are crossing their t’s and dotting their i’s to provide 30 foster kids from Stevens County the week they will look back on as the week of learning first hand of God’s unconditional love for them in a fun and safe environment.

The camp week starts on June 17th during the Sunday Service at Abundant Life, where the Counselors, and Staff continue their spiritual preparedness through corporate prayer with the congregation. Please attend and extend your hand in prayer that lives are changed through the Holy Spirit. Please keep RFKC in prayer throughout the week. Your faithfulness in prayer is vital! Counselors and staff will give testimonies the next Sunday, June 24th, of highlights and insights during a special time of sharing during the regular service.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 1 Corinthians 3:6





Sunday School is from
9:00 - 9:45 for all ages.

Please consider being a substitute teacher occasionally for any of our children's classes and nursery this summer!

The need is great and the workers are few!

The Book of John is the new study being lead by Pastor Brenda Nagunst in the Adult Sunday School classes. Using our new skills from our newly ended study of Spiritual Discipline we are excited to discover new insights of our faith in the Book of John.

Phyllis Fitzgerald continues with her curriculum for the youngest children (ages 3 through K), while Val Messerall is 1st- 4th grades is starting in the Book of James. They are investigating the different aspects of what it means to love and lay down your life for your friends in their everyday life. Kerry Burkey is looking at the various aspect of the creation with the 5th through 8th graders, and Loretta is using the Grapple studies for her High Schoolers.

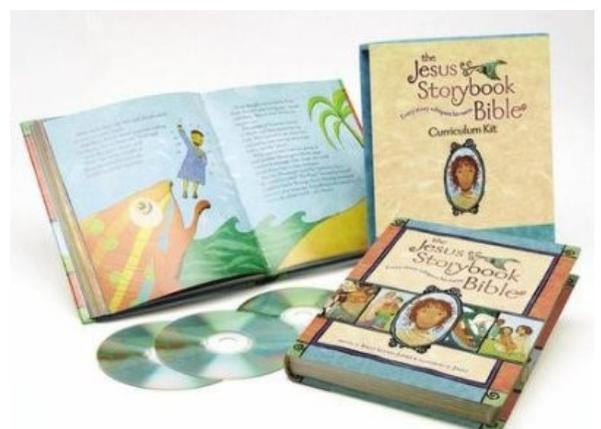


Children Church teachers; Lisa Wallner and Trish Miller will be having the summertime off from their regular class duties.

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. If you have any questions please contact Val Messerall at the church office or 935-4363.

During the summer months, starting in June, the curriculum will vary from the "The Jesus Storybook" which is videos based on the children's bible that is used in the classrooms, Superbook, and other Christian DVD's.

Classes will be combined and be shorter in length. Children will be excused for class after worship for the summer months. More volunteers are needed to fill in during this time. Contact Val with any questions.



But this I call to mind
and therefore I have

Hope:

The steadfast
love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Instead of stripping Peter of his "post" for abandoning and denying him, Jesus did the opposite: he gave him more responsibility. Peter had been spectacularly unreliable, and yet Jesus reinstated him as "rock." Irrational, inscrutable, the opposite of a good idea—this is how Jesus chooses to work in the world. The wonderful truth is that God doesn't need strong and "morally fit" vessels to accomplish his will. He

needs broken ones—men and women who have been slain, humiliated, disillusioned. Peter was an utter failure on every level, but Jesus commissioned and used him anyway. Why? Because the success of the church doesn't rest on our "goodness." Rather, it rests on God's goodness. It does not depend on us--on our collective abilities or progress--at all, but rather on God's promise. I think Peter probably found great relief knowing that the Christian message is "Great is THY faithfulness", not "Great is MY faithfulness." And I think we can too. I know I do.

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW NEED PRAYER?**

CALL THE PRAYER CHAIN:

**LOLITA LYON
935-8244 OR**

**MARY KNAPP
936-0319**



MY GOD IS

Faithful

Lamentations 3:22-23

Abundant Life Fellowship

LOVE GOD.

LOVE PEOPLE.

MAKE DISCIPLES.



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