

HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From Our Shared Heart

Pastor Karen

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's a time of endings and new beginnings at Harmony United Methodist Church. You celebrated Pastor Don Ford's ministry in your midst these past seven years at the end of June, and I am sure there is still grieving for his departure to re-enter retirement, especially if you are one of the many whose lives he impacted so deeply.

July 1, I became your new pastor and today, almost at the end of July, my husband Alan and I are finally finding time and energy to move some furnishings and some of my clergy books into the Pastor's Study at the church. Alan has been busy creating an office space for me here at home as well. It's been a whirlwind of learning how we do things around here at HUMC, getting up to speed on our relationship with our unhoused neighbors, and getting to know the community in a different way than as a "normie." Hope you can drop by during my office hours or by appointment and share a cup of tea or coffee with me.

The times they are a'changin' (as Bob Dylan would sing) in our denomination, in our Greater Northwest Area (OR, ID, WA, and AK). Of necessity, many changes are happening at the local church level as well. One of the biggest changes is an attempt to lighten the workload of the local church pastors. In her meetings and discussions with our Staff-Parish Relations team and our Ad Council, our District Superintendent Rev. Wendy Woodworth informed our leadership that with a half-time appointment, the expectation is that I work 90 hours per month, or 22.5 hours a week. One of the primary ways local churches are being expected to pick up some of the reduction in pastoral workloads is for our church to have a laity-led worship service once a month. Our first one will be July 27. We will be learning how to function again more as they did back in earlier times in Methodism, with invaluable laity leadership and participation.

My official office hours are Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **I am always available for pastoral emergencies.** I encourage you to text, email, or call me if you want to schedule an appointment to talk with me either during office hours or at another time. I'm experimenting with "Coffee with Pastor" on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. at a local bookstore, Books by the Bay. I hope you'll drop by! My workdays are Sundays through Wednesdays and my days off are Thursday and Friday. My Sabbath is Saturdays. You can reach me by email (pastorkaren.humc@gmail.com) or phone or text me at (541) 915-0335.

Please read the article in our upcoming September newsletter about "Meet Our New Pastor and Her Family" for more information. It is inspiring to get to know you and I look forward to our journey together as the HUMC Christ-Body in these times.

In our shared heart of Christ,
with love and blessings,

Pastor Karen

LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

This fall we are hoping to have some interesting and growth-inspiring happenings at HUMC. From September 1 until October 4, 2025, we will be aligning our worship theme with our “mother church,” the Anglican Church in Great Britain. The founders of the Methodist movement in the middle 1700s, Charles and Samuel Wesley, were both Anglican priests.

This liturgical season from September 1 to October 4 is called “Creation tide” or “Season of Creation.” We will end this season with a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi and a “Blessing of the Animals.”

I am working on several adult series for October to be co-facilitated by colleagues and me: “Dreams and Visions in the Bible,” and “Beyond Soul Betrayal: Identifying and Healing from Religious Hurt.”

Also, we are working on offering a monthly Taize service.

Finally, we will have Laity Led worship services on the last Sunday of each month. We will be sharing Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

I welcome your input and feedback! The root meaning of “liturgy” is “the work of the people.” Let's do this!

In the love of Christ and with blessings,

Pastor Karen

Hello Harmony UMC Family,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to attend the 2025 Annual Conference as a representative of our church family. It was a spiritually rejuvenating experience, and I learned a great deal about both the broader Methodist Church and how the administrative side of the church functions. Below is a brief recap of the highlights:

Highlights from Annual Conference 2025:

- **Youth Presentation** The youth brought joy and energy to the conference! Many of them participated in the worship music team throughout the event. During their dedicated presentation, an entire youth worship group led us in music. A quote that stood out to me was: *"People ask, 'Where are the youth?' Go out and seek!"*
- **Laity Session** Andrew and Brian from Genesis Christian Mediation spoke on the theme *"Listen in Love, Speak in Grace."* A thought-provoking insight they shared:
 - We speak at an average of 150 words per minute
 - We can listen at 400 words per minute.
 - We think at 900 words per minute

This highlights how much is happening in our minds even as we speak and listen, and emphasizes the importance of speaking with intention rather than simply filling the space with words.

The second session, *"Speak with Grace,"* will take place on **August 5**, and a third session, *"Act with Justice,"* is to be scheduled.

- **Juneteenth Celebration** We had a meaningful presentation from the president of the Salem NAACP, followed by an invitation to a Juneteenth block party during the lunch break. It was both educational and celebratory.
- **Truth Telling Project** This initiative, led by Rev. Alan Buck in partnership with the Circle of Indigenous Ministries, aims to foster deeper understanding and reconciliation. Learn more at: www.greaternw.org/circle.
- **Closing Worship** The conference concluded with a powerful worship service that included appointment and ordination celebrations, as well as a sermon from the laity.

Helpful Links and Important Dates:

- www.umi.org/ministries-priorities – Current conference priorities
- www.elevateumc.org – Ministry resources site (in progress)
- www.umi.org/journal – Conference notes available this fall
- www.greaternw.org/circle – Circle of Indigenous Ministries
- **August 5, 2025** – Second Laity Session: *Speak with Grace*

June 18–20, 2026 – Next Annual Conference (location TBD)

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve and represent Harmony UMC. I look forward to continuing the conversation and sharing more as we live out our mission together.

Blessings,

Kim Agricola

Harmony UMC Updates



~SHARE ~ CONNECT ~ SERVE ~ GROW~

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

TWO WAYS TO CONNECT ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 1. COME TO CHURCH IN PERSON @ 11:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING**
- OR**
- 2. STREAMING LIVE ON HARMONY UMC FACEBOOK page**

If you are attending in person, please remember:

- Childcare is available
- Fellowship time after church

Free

If anyone is interested in the wicker furniture that was in Pastor Don's office, please let the office 541-267-4410 or Pastor Karen at 541-915-0335 or email pastorkaren.humc@gmail.com

We would like to give a big thank you from the Glasgow family for the generous Donation of \$20,000.00 from Joan's estate.

The family has also asked that we stop saving pill bottles as they are no longer able to keep up with them.

Coos Food Cupboard:

**Please give non-perishable food items to the cupboard.
Basket located in the narthex**

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal 5-8-Mayim Shalom	2 11- Lunch (First Presbyterian) 3:30 Sq Dancers
3 11 Worship	4	5 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal 2 HIV Alliance 6:30 Ripple Effect	6 12 Garden Club 7 Alanon	7 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal	8 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal	9 11- Lunch (Gloria Dei)
10 11 Worship	11	12 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal 2 HIV Alliance 6:30 Ripple Effect	13 7 Alanon	14 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal	15 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal	16 11- Lunch (HUMC) 3:30 SQ Dancers
17 11 Worship	18	19 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal 2 HIV Alliance 6:30 Ripple Effect	20 7 Alanon	21 11-1 Compass Outreach	22 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal	23 11- Lunch (Faith Lutheran)
24 11 Worship	25	26 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal 2 HIV Alliance 6:30 Ripple Effect	27 7 Alanon	28 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal	29 11-1 Compass Outreach Meal	30 11- Lunch (Emmanual)
31 11 Worship 12 Potluck						

Harmony General Fund & Ministries

Harmony UMC Outreach/Ministries

- * Saturday Community Fellowship Meal
 - * Clothes Closet
 - * Mat Ministry
- * Eastside Snack Pack Program
 - * Harmony House
 - * Juniper House
 - * Wesley Fund
- * Coos Food Cupboard
- * Camping Scholarships (United Methodist Camps)

Remember, giving with a cheerful heart and a spirit of generosity is a beautiful way to honor God and bless others.

Coos Food Cupboard

Harmony UMC is a faithful supporter of Coos Food Cupboard. Please give non-perishable goods. There is a basket in the narthex for Coos Food Cupboard.

Thank you!



HARMONY UMC General Fund As of July 30, 2025

July Monthly Expenses

Income:	\$ 5,734.00
Expenses	\$ 9,822.76
Inc. less Exp	\$ -4,088.73

HARMONY UMC Dedicated Fund Balance As of July 30, 2025

Wesley Fund	\$ 5,489.69
Eastside Snack Pack	\$ 3,252.78
Sat. Fellowship Meal	\$ 1,415.72

Share...Connect...Serve...Grow

WE ARE STEWARDS THROUGH...

...OUR PRAYERS

- Fonda Keller
- Judy Lovell
- Rev. Martha Wagley



If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain, please contact Pastor Karen at 541-915-0335 or email pastorkaren.humc@gmail.com

...OUR GIFTS

- Coos Food Cupboard
- Harmony House
- Juniper House
- Eastside Snack Pack Program
- Saturday Community Fellowship Meal
- The Wesley Fund : Helping those in need
- Mat Ministry
- Harmony Singers, Musicians & Sound Booth
- Harmony UMC Staff

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1- Rachel Clark
4- Raymond Lathrom
7- Jim Hurd
12- Fonda Keller
13- Barbara Patrick
16- Mike Morris
18- Marie Martin
27- Greg Crew

29- Josie Reid
30- Barbara Cornell



...OUR PRESENCE

Please come and join us on
Sunday 11:00 am. Worship Service
If you do not feel comfortable with in-person worship, we are still streaming our services on Harmony UMC Facebook Page.
Please join us in worship !

...OUR SERVICE

- * *Providing hot meals to the community on Saturdays : 5 churches participate.*
 - * *Realizing that we do not own this building—God owns it and we need to allow other groups to use it.*
- ⇒ *Big Thank You to all our volunteers*

Volunteering when needed

- ♦ *Those who work for Harmony UMC*
- ♦ *Our groups that cook, help, and feed those individuals who come to the Saturday Community Fellowship Meal.*
- ♦ *All the other volunteers who help to make our church the place to be.*

ANNIVERSARIES

8th-Nova & Fairy Lovell
16th-Ron & Judy Lovell

