

Ocean Shores United Methodist Church

Fall News – November 2024

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday pancakes! Sam Nations is spearheading a project to serve breakfasts. Beyond gustation and fellowship the objectives include Mission and fund raising. Members have expressed enthusiasm, and Council will discuss soon.

Charge Conference

The annual charge conference was held Saturday, October 12, at Church. Attendance was the largest in a decade. The agenda went as prescribed, and discussion ensued regarding pastoral arrangement vis-a-vis the sister churches.

M.I.L.E

Bishop Bridgforth is encouraging congregations and ministry settings to go the M.I.L.E. this year and focus on Jesus' call in the story of the Good Samaritan to "Go and Do Likewise."

M: Ministry that Matters.

I: Itineration and location.

L: Lay Ministry Enhancement

E: Eliminating Racism

Formation of a small group is pending to formulate response.

For more information, please see <https://greaternw.org/m-i-l-e-2023-annual-conference-sermons/>

Worship Format

Council approved current preaching arrangements. Pastor Pam preaches the 1st and 3rd Sunday, Rooe Simpson 2nd, and Dave Wilson 4th. Every 5th Sunday district churches exchange lay preachers, and Dave represents Ocean Shores on the circuit.

"Prayer and Prayer"

Summer Education for Adults was held Aug 19-23 at OSUMC. The nine participants developed the theme and took a personality inventory to make better sense on how to pray. Crafts and food.

OSUMC Leaders

Pastor – Rev. Pam Meese

Pastor-Parish Chair – Barb White

Lay Leader – Rooe Simpson

Treasurer – Mike MacDonald

Trustees Chair – Dave Wilson

Finance

Large deficit in 2024 is declining. Mike presents 2025 Budget at Council in Nov.

Food Bank

The end-of-month Tin Cup collections offers very modest support to Ocean Shores Food Bank. A bin is located in the Narthex for donations.