

## Dear Friends of Eugene First!

What a wonderful shower of blessings for **Baby Girl Briddell** we shared last Sunday. Oh my goodness, the outpouring of love and generosity and beauty and planning and thoughtfulness were another testament to this amazing faith community. As of this writing on Thursday morning there is no baby yet; but, then Adam hasn't come in to the office either! Rest assured we will let you know as soon as the blessed event occurs, and **what name they have chosen!** We'll look for Adam back from his parenting leave sometime **around Aug. 28!**



This Sunday is our annual **Worship & Picnic in the Park**. This is a great, relaxed and fun event for all generations. It's held at Washington Park (2025 Washington St), at **10am**. Bring food to share and your own

utensils, as well lawn chair and/or blanket, hat and sunscreen. Last year it was a bit drizzly. This year it's slated to be a bit warmer, but not hot-hot.



We'll have guitars, mandolin, trombone, and **Quinn Hansen** leading us in our **camp meeting songs**. If you have children or grandchildren, this is a great place for them. Ms. Kay will be on board, but usually they delight in the new play equipment. This is a very fun, relaxed, informal and interactive service.

It is also our Sunday to wish farewell and shower blessings on **Sue and Mike Sanderson**, as they have both found employment in Tillamook. We will have cake in their honor and encourage everyone to give their thanks and thanksgiving to both Mike (17 years a member here), and Sue (8 years a member and Office Manager). The Sandersons were married here. There will be a basket for cards and remembrances. Sue's final day in the office will be next **Tuesday, August 2**. So please stop by and give her a big hug and thank you!



Also as I write, we have members of our June VIM Mission Team volunteering this weekend on the 4962 **Royal Ave. Habitat house build**, directed by Linda Massey's husband Lanny, who also was our head honcho in Washington. Drop by this weekend to encourage them!

A couple of last shout-outs:

Families can meet up with Ms. Kay at **Detering's Orchards this Sunday** afternoon for peach-picking. Then next Saturday (Aug. 6-7) ALL invited (but especially families), for a **campout at Richardson's campground**. Brian and I will be there, ready to share a meal and sing around the campfire.

A week from this Sunday (Aug. 8) is **Bob and Shirley Kingsbury's 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding** Anniversary celebration right after worship. They will have friends and family attending, and grandchildren offering music in worship.



Also on Aug. 8 is your chance to help send needed items to Betsy Guinn's **Cambodia Mission**. Look in **The Messenger** for a list of those items.

Our **Covenant Council** had a wonderful meeting on Tuesday evening. We welcomed new Council members including new Council chair **Chris Gann**. We reviewed the Vision document that came out of **Joel's Café** and discussed how the work begins of living into the hopes and dreams and priorities of all of you who make up this faith community. This is definitely a process we will be living into and working on throughout this next year. I think we were feeling a little like Moses saying to God, "You want me to go where? I can't even see it yet!" But, we are also energized knowing that we have an exciting and yet-to-be revealed journey ahead of us.

I look forward to seeing you all in the Park this Sunday. If you've never tried outdoor summer worship, please join us and give it a try. It's in **our Methodist heritage** going back to the 1800s in our country, when folks would travel for miles to attend summer camp meetings. It's a lot of fun, and great fellowship.

I look forward to being with you, *Rev. Pamela*

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**Last week's Baby Shower**  
and Pastor Adam's last time to preach  
for the next month. Enjoy your time Briddells. We will  
miss you, and are so happy for you.

