



By Pastor Yukio Hamada

There's a bright, golden haze on the meadow. The corn is as high as an elephant's eye And it looks like it's climbing clear up to the sky. Oh, what a beautiful mornin'! Oh, what a beautiful day! I've got a beautiful feelin'. Everything's goin' my way.

- Rodgers & Hammerstein

With all the Bad News in the world today, it's hard to imagine waking up like Curly did singing "Oh, what a beautiful morning," in the Rodgers and Hammerstein play "Oklahoma."

Sometimes it's hard even for Christians to remember that the gospel is Good News

s. When I thought about August and the harvest, it reminded me of Jesus' challenge to the seventy-two disciples that Jesus sent out back in the gospel lesson

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for the Fourth Sunday After Pentecost on July 6, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."** Somebody needs to tell people who are burdened by the chaos and division and anger of the world and tell them that God has good news for them. But, as God asked in Isaiah's prophecy, "the Lord asks, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'"

As Summer draws to its close and Americans get absorbed in Back to School shopping and return from vacation mode to work, **may we at St. Timothy respond to God's challenge as Isaiah did and answer, "Here I am! Send me!"** The sad thing is that American Christian culture thinks that "going for God" and evangelism means that we have to go door-to-door and ask "Are you born again?" or "Do you know Jesus?" That may be one way to spread God's Good News," but I think that God would prefer that every Christian would know that they can be evangelists by simply showing God's love. As that old 60s camp song proclaimed, "They will know we are Christians by our love..."

With God's Work Our Hands fast approaching on Saturday, September 6. I hope the people of St. Timothy will respond to God's call in Isaiah and join us by turning out to **be God's Hands to do God's Work by joining us to walk around our neighborhood and pick up trash and show our neighbors that we care about them.** Although the churches in the East Portland Ministry Alliance have decided not to participate in GWOH this year, I think it's important for St. Tim to support the ELCA's Day of Service; so, **Tim Jupp is leading us again in this SOLV project.**

As trees beginning to change color and with leaves falling, rather than dreading the cold and darkness, let us remember that **Spring and Summer will return.** God is the Lord of Life and brings life, light, and love to us. So, despite all the bad news, the anger and division, the fear and oppression, and the trials and tribulation, our faith will enable us to endure and to bounce back.

Paul tells us in Romans, **"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

So, John Steinbeck is right, the cold of winter can remind us of the sweetness of Summer warmth. Our faith strengthens and empowers us to face the challenges and to look forward to God's new day to sing,

"Oh, what a beautiful morning!

Oh, what a beautiful day!

I've got a beautiful feeling!

Everything's going my way!"

**BECAUSE GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL
AND GOD IS WITH US!!!**

Social Concerns

Food Pantry—Our mission to the community:

Thank you to all the shoppers/donators who are members and supporters. We are blessed. We served 333 people in July. As expected water and drinks are highly valued and we had a number of families. Some shoppers bring kiddo items in to be given at the volunteers discretion. Our next Portland Food Project pick up is August 9th--volunteers to help at Open Bible at 9:30 am are appreciated as well as people at St. Tims to unload at about 11:30. We are so grateful to this organization.

Fifth Sunday August:

Our Fifth Sunday for August is the American Cancer Society in honor of Jean Whitford and so many more members and others who have been in need of our prayers and support. I personally am a survivor and worked for the American Cancer Society for 5 years. I personally and professionally know that the resources that they provide for people with cancer and their caregivers can include lodging for those far from home, rides to treatment, and other services like the connection free air transport, etc. They are the key organization with medical information

online and a 24 hour helpline. Much of the funds also go to research that is so needed for all of us. For years we participated in Relay for Life Fundraiser. We have many pictures of survivors and those who have left us. Please consider donating.

As part of our congregational picnic we will be sponsoring a drawing for donated items. Please donate your treasures and purchase tickets. Bring your items on Sunday the 3rd or drop them off in the office during the following week during office/pantry hours. We would appreciate the time to organize before the event. Fun for all.

Cultivate Initiatives:

We continue our support monthly and will accept adult clothing for their clientele.

Snow-Cap:

We continue to support this organization with donations of clothing and egg cartons. SnowCap is also collecting back to school items. Check the bulletin board or ask Sherry W. for the list. We have done backpacks in the past, but are choosing to support their efforts.



Fifth Sunday November: Looking ahead, our Fifth Sunday for November will once again be for coats for kids in the Centennial School District. Be ready to donate and help us with good deals.

FELLOWSHIP—Cheryl Nelson

There is only 1 week until the Church Picnic on August 10th. Be sure to join in the festivities!

Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided as well as coffee, tea and water.

You can bring side dishes or snacks to share. Ice chests with ice will be available for cold beverages you want to bring.

There is a list of items that are needed for the hamburgers and hot dogs on the sign up sheet that is being passed around.

Also, there is a place to sign up for the areas you are willing to help with. Since the picnic is after church services, help in all areas will be greatly appreciated. Some things can be done before services.

In case the sign up sheet somehow misses you, the sign up sheet will be available downstairs during the coffee hour.

Thank you!

70TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

“ST TIMOTHY MEMORIES” cards are ready for you to fill out and return for display at our 70th Anniversary celebration. Take a card home and think about a memory, story, moment you would like to share. Collected memories will be compiled into a scrapbook to share. Please turn your completed memory cards in by September 6th.

ADDRESSES: Please let me know by email or text if you have the addresses of former members or any others who might be interested in attending. Send emails to St. Timothy or sherrywil@comcast.net or text or call me at 503-760-6819. Sherry W.

70th ANNIVERSARY UPDATES: We met on July 24th to discuss where we are currently with the preparations for the 70th Anniversary Party. Things are progressing well. If you are interested in what's happening or want to help, please join us at our next meeting on August 24th during the coffee hour after the worship service. All are welcome!

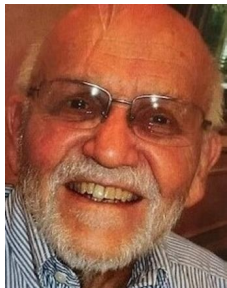
August Worship Services

If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	August 3	August 10 Annual Picnic	August 17	August 24	August 31
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Shannon H.
Lector	Shannon H.	Twila R.	Lisa S.	Shannon H.	Twila R.
Usher	Allen P. & Tim H.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Tim H.	Skip & Marcia E.	James G. & Jayce
Communion	Cathy H.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.
Tiny Tims	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.
Video & Sound	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray
Counters	Candace O. & Tim H.	Elaine S. & Candace O.	Candace O. & Ray W.	Elaine S. & Tim H.	Ray W. & Tim H.
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.

Rev. Donald Herbert Maier

May 15, 1936—June 28, 2025.



Rev. Donald Herbert Maier, devoted church leader, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died on June 28, 2025, at age 89.

Don grew up in Eugene, Oregon. In 1959, he married Sylvia Marie Warneke. He served the Lutheran church in Ghana, Port

land, Seattle, eastern Europe, Asia, and Alaska.

An adventurer at heart, Don led youth group backpack trips on parts of the Pacific Crest Trail, summited Mt. Hood, and sailed from Maui to Bellingham. He was also a dedicated fan of the Oregon Ducks and Seattle Mariners. At family gatherings he was a master card player.

Donations may be made to ELCA Global Mission or a charity of your choice in Don's memory.

Pastor Maier served at St. Timothy for 20+ years. If you would. If you would to send a card to Sylvia you can mail it to 12507 Greenwood Ave N, Unit A312, Seattle WA, 98133.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet August 3 after worship during coffee hour. Topics for discussion and planning will include: Sunday School Helpers, Adult Bible Study, Quarterly Youth Projects, Skits, and Worship Assistants.

Karen O.

PROPERTY

ADOPT A FLOWERBED OR PLOT OF LAND :

The property committee is asking the congregation if there are individuals or families that would consider adopting a flowerbed/plot of land at the church to maintain and beautify nine months out of the year. Contact Ray @ 503-936-7439 (text please).

ALARM RESPONSE BACKUP NEEDED:

Ray Whitford is looking for individuals who would be willing to be a back-up responder for emergency alarm events here at the church. Please text Ray at 503-936-7439 for more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL WISH LIST FOR SNOWCAP

We would appreciate your donations by August 1st (the earlier the better) but will take items later

- Subject dividers
- Three-ring zipper pouches
- Colored pencils (box of 12) & markers
- Multi-color highlighters (especially yellow)
- Water color sets
- Pocket folders
- Pink pearl erasers
- 12-inch rulers
- Pointed & blunt scissors
- School supply boxes
- Spiral notebook (college & wide rule)
- Pencils & ball pointed pens (black-blue, red)



- Composition notebooks (college & wide rule)
- Paper (college & wide rule)
- Glue & glue sticks
- Crayons (box of 24)
- Children's pants in kids sizes 6x-14
- New socks (adult sizes)
- New underwear (boy's & men's)
- Gently used shoes, labeled with size on the toe with tape (this helps so much!)

St Timothy will be collecting these items and deliver to SnowCap. Please bring them to office and label Back to School SnowCap.

Thanks, Sherry W., Social Concerns

August 2025

St. Timothy News August 2025

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Ray Whitford Lisa Sanders Allen Perhus Elaine Scott Chris Willmschen</p>					<p>1 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>2 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p>3 4 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church Education Committee Meeting during Coffee Hr.</p>	<p>4 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry 4 pm Call Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5 11 am—1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>6 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>7 10am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>8 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>9 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits 9:30 am PFP pickup 11:30 am unload at St Tim</p>
<p>10 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church</p>	<p>11 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>12 11 am—1 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm Council meets</p>	<p>13 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>14 10am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>15 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>16 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p>17 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church</p>	<p>18 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>19 11 am—1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>20 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>21 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7 pm—8:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>22 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>23 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p>24 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church 70th Anniversary Planning during coffee hour</p>	<p>25 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>26 11 am—1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>27 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>28 10am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>29 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>30 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p>31 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church</p>	<p><u>August 10th following the worships service</u></p> 					

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Address Correction Requested

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