



# The Fowler Flashes

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Hello everyone, well, here we are...almost on the other side of Covid. I pray this note finds you happy and healthy. Welcome back as they say at "Cheers". It is so good to be back, good to see you again face to face and good to be seen. Services have started on the 20th of June and attendance has been very good...I know some of you have been out of town, and some of you are not quite ready to come in person. But I am sure I will see you all, very soon, when the time is right. In the meantime, thanks to Bill and Diane Strobeck, you can catch us on Facebook every Sunday morning live...

Ok so looking forward...8 short things!

1. Because it is so crazy hot, on July the 11th we will begin our service at 9:30 am
2. Because of the sanctuary remodel, at some point in July we will begin having our services in Corinthian Hall
3. Just because I like to keep you off balance, we will go low tech and try a modified quaker type worship while we are in Corinthian Hall (not forever, I promise). It will be fun, trust me.
4. Because our Governor will be making a big announcement on the 30 (which you might have already heard by now), who knows, things might be opening up some more.
5. Because our remodeled sanctuary will be amazing, we will have a Grand Reopening Celebration, my guess would be in September.
6. Because we will have new cool and easy to run sound and video stuff, we will need some help running all that...calling on all techies for training and service.
7. And finally, because I love you all...I'll stay at least another year...that is, if you'll have me.
8. Come and see, come and see!

Peace and Joy my friends...pastor René

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# Administrative Council Minutes

June 27, 2021

In attendance:

Gary King

Pastor Rene' Devantier

Nathan Kennedy-Gibbons

Dick Thompson, President

Lance Abernathy

Shirley Thompson Lorraine Chase

Meeting was called to order with prayer at 11:55 by Dick Thompson

Lorraine Chase agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

Minutes of prior meeting were not available for approval

Finance and Special Funds—Gary See Handouts Approved (I don't have record of approval of these documents)

- The Special Funds Chair still needed

- We still need someone to be the Treasurer so that Bob Newell will have time to work with them before year end.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education— Reported on Shelly's behalf

- We will be presenting the Graduation Gifts and Scholarship Winner on July 11

- Sophie needs to complete the Scholarship Form to be considered.

- We need to start the process for Scholarship process earlier next year.

- Sunday School will start in September

Nursery – Reported by Shirley

- Jeni Sherman is willing to continue as the nursery attendant but needs to restart soon. We decided that we should find areas where she can help like updating the activity bags for the children during church. She would be paid for this time.

- We will restart the Nursery in September. We need to rethink the ages that are allowed to stay in the Nursery because of the number of kids. Need to set up an area in the back of the Church for Moms to rock kids.

- A second Nursery Attendant may be necessary.

Worship Church Start Up - Reported by Rene'

- Group agreed that the first two weeks back have gone well

- Once we move to the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Rene' would like to move to a "Quaker Worship" which he will further define but generally the members would be more involved by suggesting scripture that they would like to discuss in more detail, request songs (in the hymnal) and a simple format. There would not be a formal sermon and it would be LOW Tech.

- There was a proposal to change worship time from 10:30 to 9:30 starting July 11 and this was approved.

Music—Reported by Nathan

- We are going to need to be flexible once the sanctuary is closed for remodeling.

- The decision was made to keep the organ but to relocate it in the front so that people can stand around the piano.

- He will be leading the music ministry once per week during the Tutoring Program for Willard Elementary School.

Tutoring Program – Reported by Lorraine

- Presented the attached updated Program based on one day per week starting September 14 and reevaluating in January based on feedback from members and parents.

- We will include this in the Flashes that will go out on Tuesday and present to the congregation on July 11.

This will allow the congregation to participate in Discipleship – every should find some way to be involved.

- The program was approved by the Ad Board based on the motion by Lorraine and seconded by Gary.

#### Trustees—Reported by Lance

- We are waiting for the final bid before another meeting can be held with the Remodeling team.
- They found asbestos and it will have to be removed before we can proceed. Estimate is that it will take one day with a crew of 5 people.
- Lance will follow the policy as established by Gov. Inslee on June 30 for how we will proceed.

#### SPRC—Lorraine Chase

- Pastor Rene' has been reappointed for another year (Yay)
- Based on the crazy year we will not be doing formal reviews but will finalize goals for this next year.
- See note under "Nursery" for have Jeni restart as the Nursery Attendant.
- Lorraine noted that the Staff (Rene', Nathan, Shelley, Diane) has done a **great job** during the Covid shutdown – we are very grateful!
- New District Superintendent is Daniel Miranda
- Presiding Pastor is Geoff Helton (Audubon) – He will be assisting the DS with Charge Conferences and any Issues that come up in the Church

#### New Business:

Dick reported that the next General Conference will be held in September 2022 where they will be voting on the separation. He gave a summary of how the church would potentially split. Gary assured Pastor Rene' that regardless of how the Church votes, his salary / benefits would not be impacted.

#### Dates to Remember

- Next meeting July 18 after Church in Pastor Rene's office

Closing prayer was led by Dick Thompson

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## Our New Prayer Box



**Thank you Larry Price!**



## Fowler United Methodist Church

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The past two years have been difficult for our children and their education! **We are here to help.**

Who: Students in Grades 1 - 6

What: 2:45 - 3:00 Welcome / Snacks  
3:00 - 3:45 Reading or Math tutoring  
3:45 - 4:35 Learn how to play the Marimbas or Djembe drums  
4:35 - 4:45 Wrap Up and prepare to depart  
4:45 Program Ends for the Day

When: Tuesdays from 2:45 - 4:45 pm **starting September 14**

Where: Fowler United Methodist Church - 3928 North Howard Phone: 325-3242

How: **Registration must be completed prior to attending**

[www.fowlerumc.org](http://www.fowlerumc.org)

Church office - Tuesday - Thursday from 10 am - 2 pm

Transportation is not provided. Children must be picked up by 4:45 PM

Fowler volunteers will have had background checks. Masks will be optional.



# Our Graduates!



Corey Walker I plan to take a by-year to figure out what's next.



Sophie Koehler was directly admitted to the computer science program at the University of Washington and will begin in the fall. She hopes to continue with music. She also plans to try to walk on to the rowing team.

Gabriel Nathan-Gibbens - my plan is to take a gap year and volunteer with The Lands Council. I will then attend either Western Washington University or University of Washington.



Eliete Manirambona graduated a year early from school so he has had no chance to set his future plans





# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			2	1 12:30 pm Spring Fowler Music	2	3
4 <b>Worship Sunday at 10:30am Happy 4th!</b>	5	6 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 11:00 - Koinonia 1:00 - Koinonia Bible Study 2pm - Life's Lessons	7	8 12:30 pm Spring Fowler Music	9	10
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25 <b>Worship Sunday at 10:30am</b>	26	27 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 11:00 - Koinonia 1:00 - Koinonia Bible Study 2pm - Life's Lessons	28	29 12:30 pm Spring Fowler Music 12:00 Leadership meeting	30	31  Page 3

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Lenny Chase  
Centhia Niyonyishu

5th - Erik Olsen

7th - Pastor René Devantier

11th - Nathan & Tamara  
Kennedy-Gibbens

18th - Joan Morse

19th - Pastor René & Jennifer  
Devantier

20th - Claudia Hart

21st - Lois Tipple

22nd - Dick & Shirley Thompson

24th - Linda Stancil

25th - Peggy King

26th - Shirley Thompson  
Tim Lloyd

29th John Parrott

Wishing our friends a “happy. . .”,  
a “merry. . .”,  
a “best wishes . . .”,  
and a “blessings . . .”  
for their special day.

If you or your loved ones  
are in need of prayer,  
please contact the office  
to be added to the  
prayer list.



### **Health and Healing**

Prayers for the tutoring program

Prayers for Carol Ring

Prayers for annual conference

Prayers for the church in general

Prayers for Vern

Prayers for our church

Prayers for Shelley Barton

Ongoing prayers for respite assistance with Ryan  
and strength & perseverance

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Thankful for a good cardiology appointment and  
golf enjoyment

Praise that Dick is getting better and doing and  
enjoying more

Prayers for continued opening plans

Praise that Judy had a good pulmonary check-up



## Fowler United Methodist Women

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS GIFT IN MEMORY CARDS

Making a Gift in memory is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of giving. A Gift in Memory is a way to honor a deceased loved one by giving to United Methodist Women in her or his name. Gift in Memory cards are available as both physical cards that can be mailed and as electronic cards that can be sent via e-mail. Physical cards are available from our local unit treasurer, Su Walker, or district treasurer and are available at district or conference events.

A Gift in Memory is a great way to give tribute to someone who touched your life or to honor a life of service by making mission work possible. Your generous giving supports changed lives for women, children and youth in the United States and around the world and helps United Methodist Women continue its almost 150-year commitment to faith, hope and love in action. It supports the ongoing leadership development, spiritual growth, transformative education and service and advocacy opportunities available to United Methodist Women members. Help your loved one's memory live on through your Mission Giving to United Methodist Women.

Sharon Stovall,

Fowler United Methodist Women President

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## The Sanctuary Renovation Update

Greetings Fowler friends,

As many of you already know our church is making action steps this summer to renovate our sanctuary...specifically the chancel area up in front. Although there are many decisions to make during this project there is one specific topic I want to bring to your attention so that you all know that we are treating it with much needed care. Our sanctuary is home to a beautiful and fully functional Allen organ and although we currently do not have an organist to play the instrument we want to make every effort possible to keep this instrument in the sanctuary.

The end point of just exactly where the organ will be placed after the renovation is done is still to be decided. Our hope is that in the end, we will have our organ set and ready to be played so that in the future we can let God's glory flow through someone's fingers and out into the atmosphere of our worship so that lives can be uplifted. If you have any questions about just where we could put the organ up front then I would welcome your reaching out.

Thanks to each of you and for carrying forth with God's spirit helping to guide and direct our energies.

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from Nathan

Our summer music team rehearsals continue throughout July and August and rehearsals are on Thursdays from 12:30-1:45pm. Please don't forget.



**Hello! Sophie would like to invite the church body to her senior recital if anyone would like to come. It will be Friday, July 23rd at 7pm. It is located at 715 W Cora Ave 99205 at the Church In Spokane. CDC guidelines will be followed.**

## YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS



I was so thrilled to see all of you on Sunday!!! We are back!!! Sunday, July 11th, we are honoring our seniors: Cory Walker, Eliete Manirambona, Gabriel Kennedy-Gibbons and Sophie Koehler! We are still receiving donations for the graduates... if you are so moved, please feel free to contribute. Please come to hear the graduates extraordinary stories. Thank you to all who have already contributed... we are so blessed...

Shelley

**Congrats to our Graduating Seniors!**



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