

By Pastor Yukio Hamada

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard... It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. (Psalm 133) We read this short psalm of just three verses on the Second Sunday of Easter and it expresses what Christian fellowship should be. But, as I've shared, in a recent meeting of interim pastors, that doesn't seem the reality for some congregations in our Synod. And, although Luke tries to paint a ro-

matic picture of harmony in the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, we know that the early church was beset with problems and Paul confirmed that in his letters, especially in his letters to the Corinthians.

But, even though St. Timothy is in a time of uncertainty, the symptoms of unrest and doubt haven't been present in our faith community as expressed by some of my interim colleagues in our last meeting. **As I shared with them, St. Timothy has been blessed by strong lay leadership and a healthy willingness of members to help when asked.** Our recognition and gratitude of volunteers on April 21 was evidence of that spirit.



Another example of St. Timothy teamwork is the results of the Congregational Retreat on April 14. In many of the congregational retreats that I've been a part of, we would spend several hours brainstorming and writing ideas on poster paper about what we hoped to accomplish in the next year or two. Then, at the end of the Retreat, we'd roll up the poster paper and it would end up somewhere in the church office. Sometimes the goals might be addressed but most of the time they were forgotten and might surface again at the following year's Retreat. **But, St. Timothy's approach is different.**

What the members at the April 14 Retreat accomplished in a little over an hour (compared to several hours in other Retreats I've been a part of...) was three goals which were Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Reasonable, and Time-measured (SMART). Because the goals set in the Retreat are SMART, our congregation will know if we've succeeded or fallen short. And, even if we fall short, we have a tangible way to make adjustments and improvements. **But, the success or failure is the responsibility, not of just the Retreat participants, but of every**

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member of St. Timothy in volunteering, supporting, and praying to accomplish those goals.

So, what are we hoping to accomplish this year? In planning for our Retreat, I wanted St. Tim's for focus on Evangelism: Outreach, Inreach, and Fellowship & Ministry. After Brainstorming and offering ideas, each Retreat Task Force came up with the following goals:

Evangelism (Outreach): BY SEPTEMBER 2024, ST. TIMOTHY WILL CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP.

Evangelism (Inreach): BY JUNE 1, EACH TEAM MEMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED AN ITEM ON THE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE CARD TO DEVELOP AND BY JULY 1, THE ASSESSMENT CARDS WILL BE MAILED OUT.

Evangelism (Fellowship & Ministry): ON THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY HAVE COOKIES AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME FOR WORSHIPPERS.

The success and realization of those goals are not dependent on the Task Force members, but on every member of St. Tim to support and help. And, when all the members of St. Tim work together as a team and put our hands to our tasks, the Holy Spirit will anoint us with the oil of gladness so we can lift our hands in praise and proclaim, **"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."** - Pr. H

Social Concerns

Food Pantry: We served 77 in March and 81 so far in April. We have been very blessed with donations from our members and then on April 13th from Portland Food Project of 700 pounds. Thank you, Cheryl Nelson, Sherry Willmschen, and Pastor Yukio for volunteering at the distribution site and Ray Whitford for helping put the food in the pantry on the 13th. Thanks to Karen



Olumua, Cheryl and Jean Whitford for putting the food on pantry shelves and overflow shelves. We three volunteers on-site have many stories of the people assisted with 1 bag per adult. Prior to Easter Jubilee, fliers and treats were given to families with children. We also share information about other agencies that might be able to help. For houseless people, besides our presence on 211, we share information on the resource of Cultivate Initiatives who provide help with jobs, showers, etc.

Snow-Cap: We delivered used clothing and egg cartons in April.

Our Just Future: Shelters are providing opportunities to provide meals. Information will be shared for the opportunity in the future.

Cultivate Initiatives: We continue to support their outreach and support for our neighbors.

Easter Lily distribution:

Karen Olumua and I delivered Lilies to some of our homebound members. I delivered to Marcia Severson—left on porch and she called later to express her gratitude. Delivered to Kevin who was delighted to have a visitor and needs size Medium clothes—Karen O is on it. Loved visiting Fred Warren—he is finding it more difficult to remember, but glad for the Lily. Left one at the Knudson's and got a wonderful message of thanks from the 3 of them. Leslie also received one and is enjoying it. Karen delivered to Barbara Swayze who was delighted to receive the lily and chat about how she enjoys



the outreach notes every month; Susan Schuck was surprised and enjoyed a short visit with plans for another visit in the future; Pastor Chuck Hunt was surprised and delighted with a visit and the lily... and worshiped with us the following Sunday!

These visits reinforced how vital outreach / inreach ministry is and what a blessing it is to spend time with our members who cannot worship with us but are a part of our church family.

Sherry

Thanks to our congregation for a great retreat! As Pastor Yukio outlined in



his article, 3 groups were organized and we look forward to hearing about their experiences as time goes on.

In council planning, we settled some dates for the fall. Oct. 8-9 is God's Work, Our Hands weekend. Oct. 13 is Stewardship Sunday. Oct. 20 is Health Ministry Team Sunday. Our October 5th Sunday offering will be Coats for Kids; that is we gather coats or money to spend on coats for kids in the Centennial School District. It was quite rewarding last year. October is also Trunk or Treat time. The plan is to hold it on October 26, a Saturday.

Speaking of 5th Sunday offerings, there will be one in June. Do you have a charity or agency that could use some attention from St. Tim? Leave a note with a council member about your idea. I say leave a note, because my short time memory apparently has a leak.

Jean
Council Secretary

May Worship Services

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

	May 5	May 12 Mother's Day	May 19	May 26
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Ray W.	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Sherry W.
Lector	Sherry W.	Cathy H.	Lisa S.	Karen R.
Usher	Ernie R. & Allen P.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Ernie R. & Allen P.
Communion	Candace O., Gladys K.	Cathy H.	Cathy H.	Candace O., Gladys K.
Video & Sound	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray
Counters	Elaine & Ernie	Ray & Candace	Jean W. & Ernie	Elaine & Cathy
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.

Would you for a "B" 5?

Would you for an "I" 20?
 Would you for a "N" 31?
 Would you for a "G" 47?
 Would you for an "O" 72?
 Would you, would you, would you be
 my BINGO buddy?
 There are prizes for the winners and lots of
 fun for everyone!
 There is lots of "free space" for you to come
 to play BINGO and to enjoy a potluck lunch.
 We meet the 4th Friday of each month here
 at church. Hope to see you soon!

Fred Warren was visited at Easter. What a grand smile.



Kevin Johnson received an Easter lily!






Pentecost is May 19. It's a favorite time to wear red for church.

- Gary Markwart
- Tala'ave Sam
- Jean Whitford
- Angel Lane
- Tommy Strutz
- Lois Jasper
- Diane Verdier
- Maxine Markwart
- Julius Olomua
- Mason Reberry
- Kevin Johnson



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St. Timothy News May 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><i>1</i> 10 —1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs 10 am to 12</p>  <p>Craft Group</p>	<p><i>2</i> 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7 pm— 8:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><i>3</i> 12 pm Worship Committee meeting</p>	<p><i>4</i> 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p><i>5 Easter 6</i> 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church Bible Study Time</p>	<p><i>6</i> 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>7</i> 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>8</i> 10 am—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p><i>9</i> 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7 pm— 8:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><i>10</i> 10 am—1:30 pm Pastor Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p><i>11</i> 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
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<p><i>26 Holy Trinity</i> 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church Bible Study Time</p>	<p><i>27</i> 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>28</i> 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>29</i> 10 am—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p><i>30</i> 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7 pm— 8:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><i>31</i> 10 am—1:30 pm Pastor Hamada's office hrs</p>	

Health Ministry:

We all recognize the difficulty many of our members and friends and family have with cancer. For years our church has had a team for **Relay for Life** and raised funds for the American Cancer Society and celebrated our survivors and caregivers. This year there will be no walk, but donations are welcome. I have started a team which you can join!. Go to [Relay for Life.org/portlandor](https://RelayforLife.org/portlandor)—our team is St. Timothy. More important there is an event for survivors and caregivers on June 2nd, Sunday from 12 to 2 at Gresham Center of Arts Foundation 333 N Main Ave Suite 105. Survivors and caregivers need to make reservations. Donations can be collected in the meantime and given at the event. If there is interest we will hold a Treasures fundraiser at our Picnic as we have in the past. Remember all funds raised go to programs to support people with cancer and research like at OHSU.

Sherry Willmschen

Thank You, Volunteers:

On April 21st we honored volunteers who attend St. Timothy for all the good work you do. Many hands make less work and we think some were surprised at the number of people who give their time to help with the multitude of tasks. Thank you cards and gifts were given and a cake to honor our volunteers. Again, thank you.
Sherry and Karen O.



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