

THE TIDINGS

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



Happy Pride Month, Admiral Church Family!

June is a sacred reminder that God's love cannot be contained, restricted, or confined. It spills over boundaries, crosses divisions, and embraces the beautiful intersectionalities of our being. Pride invites us to celebrate the fullness of who God created us to be, across identities, experiences, expressions, cultures, and journeys.

At Admiral, we believe that every person bears the divine image. Every story matters. Every body is holy. Every identity is worthy of dignity, celebration, and love. Pride is not simply a celebration; it is an act of equity, justice, and sacred remembrance. It is a time when a community that has too often been silenced, pushed aside, or pressed down rises with courage, resilience, and joy.

I often think of Pride as something like a volcano, not one of destruction, but of liberation. After generations of pressure, shame, exclusion, and oppression, the LGBTQIA+ community erupts into the world with rainbow glitter, holy audacity, radiant authenticity, and Godly love. What emerges is beauty. What emerges is truth. What emerges is life.

And what a gift that is for all of us.

For those who identify as LGBTQIA+, may this month remind you that you are beloved beyond measure. May your Pride be filled with the joy you

deserve, the community you need, and the freedom to shine as your fullest self.

For those whose lives have been touched by the AMAZINGNESS of LGBTQIA+ people, family members, friends, neighbors, allies, and fellow travelers, may this month deepen your commitment to celebrating and protecting the sacred worth of every person.

Because of who you are, you are welcome here.
Because of who you are, you are loved here.
Because of who you are, you belong here.

May rainbow glitter, fierce hope, and God's expansive love accompany you throughout this Pride Month.

With love from your unapologetically, Queer Pastor,

Rev. Jermell Witherspoon

 **HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!** 
God loves you. We do too. 

June Admiral Events

Worship Sundays at 10:30
Jazz Jam Tuesdays 5 - 7 at the HUB, music and art
Exploring Process Theology Study Thursdays through June 18th
from 6 - 7pm on Zoom

June 1 - Summer Food Drive begins
June 6 - Games, Games, Games 2 -5 Admiral Chapel
June 7 - Tobi Stone's Student Showcase 3:30-5, SJB Parish Hall\
June 14 - Last Choir Sunday
June 21 - Father's Day
June 26 - Pride Movie Night 7:00 Admiral HUB
"1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture"

OFFICE HOURS

Office Manager's Office Hours are Tues.-Thurs, 2:00 - 4:30 PM You can reach the Admiral Church office at 206.932.2928. The fastest way to contact us is via email at admiralchurchoffice@gmail.com

Pastor's Office Hours are Mondays 10:00 - 2:00 and Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00 Make an appointment or just stop by. Additionally, individual Zoom sessions are available by appointment. Please call (470)669-0796 or email him at jermell.witherspoon@gmail.com to arrange a time and location.

JUNE IS HERE!

AND ADMIRAL CHURCH IS PROUD!

Celebrate Diversity! Celebrate our LGBTQIA+ Community! Celebrate God's LOVE for ALL God's children!

Celebrate in Worship with Pastor Jermell as a part of Admiral Church's beloved and exuberantly diverse congregation every Sunday!



OUTREACH

Summer Food Drive

The Summer Food Drive will take place from June 1st through August 31st. This year we are having a **Virtual Food Drive to benefit the White Center Food Bank**. Why VIRTUAL? Our current setting is not as visible or available as it has been in past years. Last year we tried the food drive in a traditional manner, but we were disappointed in the results, so we are trying something new this year! So, get our your phone and scan the QR Code on the posters that you will start seeing around town soon.

Your donations will help the White Center Food Bank purchase foods that they can not take as donations: meat, eggs, fresh vegetable and fresh fruit. They can purchase these items at a much reduced price so that your dollar will go much farther than it would for you at the grocery store!

Let's fill some plates with healthy foods for our neighbors! Give generously! give monthly! give!



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FAITH JOURNEY COMMITTEE

We hope you have been enjoying and growing from the book study of “God of Becoming and Relationship”, which began May 14 and will conclude on June 18. Thanks so much to Pastor Jermell for suggesting this mind-expanding book and leading this inspirational series of zoom conversations!

The next event for Faith Journey will be the showing of the movie “1946; The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture” on June 26. Please see the separate article in this newsletter. Don’t miss it!

A book has recently been released based on the “1946” movie: “FORGING A SACRED WEAPON: The 1946 Bible Mistranslation Behind Anti-Gay Theology”. This new book will be the subject of a Pastor-led book study starting in mid-September. Your Faith Journey Committee looks forward to sharing this with all of you.

Anita Shaffer for Faith Journey Committee



Faith Journey Committee and Connections Team

PRIDE MOVIE NIGHT!

**FRIDAY JUNE 26, 7:00 pm
ADMIRAL HUB**

“1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture”

Sponsored by your Faith Journey Committee and Connections Team, as a part of Pride Month.

PRIDE MOVIE NIGHT! **“1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture”** will be presented movie-theater style, with popcorn, soda and candy, on Friday June 26, 7:00-9:00 pm, at the Admiral HUB. FREE! Post-movie discussion will follow.

“1946” is a revolutionary documentary that chronicles how the misuse of a single word changed the course of modern history. If you’ve seen it before, you know how gripping it is! Bring friends and neighbors and see it again! If you haven't seen it before, you simply **MUST!**

“1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture” is a documentary that explores the claim that the word "homosexual" was mistakenly added to the Bible during an English translation of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) in 1946.

The film's core details and context include:

- **The Core Premise:** The documentary argues that translation committee members broke with tradition and translated the Greek words *arsenokoitai* and *malakoi* in 1 Corinthians 6:9 as "homosexuals". The filmmakers assert this introduced the word into the Bible for the first time, helping fuel decades of anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric and evangelical opposition.
- **The Filmmaker's Perspective:** Directed by Sharon "Rocky" Roggio, a lesbian whose father is a conservative pastor, the film blends theological research with deeply personal, lived experiences. It examines how this translation continues to impact queer Christians and their families today.
- **Historical Evidence:** The film utilizes archived documents from Yale University to piece together why and how the term was initially inserted

Please join us! Bring your friends! You WILL NOT be disappointed!

Anita Shaffer for Faith Journey Committee and Connections Team

CONNECTIONS TEAM

PRAISE AND THANKS TO KATHY AND ANNE!

I'm writing to lift up the artistic and spiritual gifts of two of Admiral Church's remarkable women: Kathy Heinemann and Anne Muller. We experience their artistry every Sunday as we enter our sanctuary. Let's take a moment to thank them!

Kathy Heinemann has been creating art for Admiral Church since before there WAS an "Admiral Church"! A member since she was a teenager, she started out at Fairmount (one of the two churches which merged to form Admiral), singing in the choir with her parents. She's still singing, still inspiring us with her stories of deep and unshakable faith; and, oh my goodness! Her artistic contributions continue to amaze! This rainbow drape created from ribbons stitched together was originally made as a cross drape at the old church.



The satin dove above the altar on Pentecost: Kathy's creation. The satin altar cloths and worship paraments in colors for every season: all Kathy's, all handmade. The white linen tablecloth for the 11-foot altar (which IS coming

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with us to the new church, BTW): Kathy's, again all handmade. Flames and trees and sunbursts and stairways and tissue paper "stained glass" roses and stars and Advent altarscapes. More art pieces and altar installations than I could possibly enumerate, including the storied "Pot of Imperfection", shown here on the Lenten altar as a backdrop for Peggy and Anita's commitment ceremony. And as to Kathy's tireless outpouring of creative energy and imagination and vision... Just: WOW!

Kathy, your lifetime of contribution to Admiral Church of your art and your SELF has been valuable beyond words.

THANK YOU!!

Anne Muller's uber-active mind, spirit and fingers have been hard at work in the service of Admiral Church for over a decade now. We enjoy her exquisite handmade banners every Sunday. But have you really appreciated all the imaginative detail? Just look at the reflection of the bird in the water! And how the fish seem nearer and then deeper as they swim. And so much more, just take time to study them next Sunday! And remember those gorgeous Advent banners? Loved them!

And speaking of artistry, I hope you've been treated to one of Anne's fruit or meat pies or trifles! Yum!! And haven't we all exclaimed over her labor of love in Admiral's gardens and landscaping. True Love and Art can take many forms!

Another of Anne's Love Children is the Admiral "Christkindl Markt"

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(Christmas Market), which she imagined and brought to life some ten years ago. It has been Admiral Church's most successful fundraiser, so great for church recognition and community connection... and such darn FUN!! And it will return!

I cannot fail to mention the spiritual inspiration Anne has been for all of us, of course: Her undaunted courage and triumph in the face of countless challenges, including helping her family to survive and keep together as WW II refugees, once working three jobs to help her family recover from financial disaster, caring for her husband as he struggles with dementia... not to mention her own failing eyesight and past cancer. (Ask her why she wears that streak of color in her hair.)

Anne, Admiral Church is so very grateful for the gift of your art, your food, your flowers, your creative brain and energy... for the gift of YOU!

THANK YOU!

These tributes written by Anita Sh



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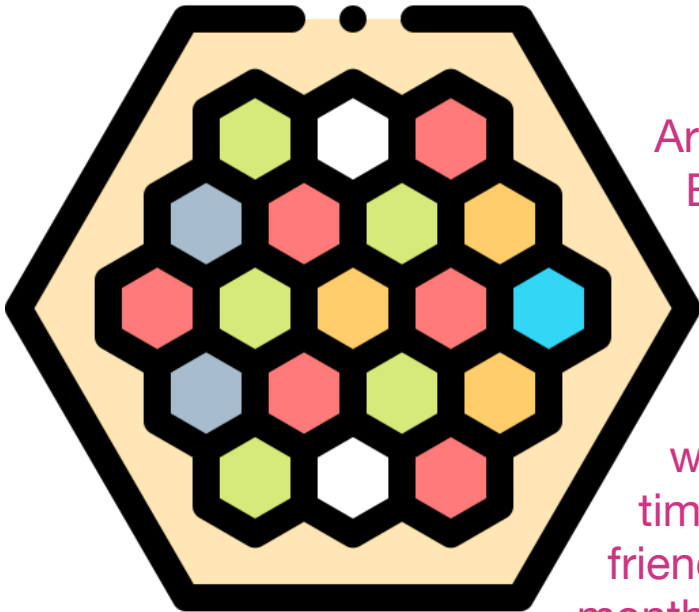
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GAMES, GAMES, GAMES

Admiral Chapel

JUNE 6th at 2:00-5:00



Are you an old-fashioned gamer?
Expert or beginners are welcome.
Hands on boardgames, traditional
games, new games, card games,
whatever type of game you like to
play - this is your chance to show us
what you've got! Come share a fun
time with church friends and their
friends on the first Saturday of each
month!



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PFLAG MEETING JUNE 16th at 7:00-9:00
At the Admiral Chapel at SJB

PFLAG is changing location to the Admiral Chapel at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in May. On every third Tuesday night, Cori and Anita will be there to provide peer-to-peer support, publications, toolkits, and other resources to make sure that the family members of people who are LGBTQ+ get the support they need.



Please join us for our next PFLAG meeting on Tuesday, June 16th @7:00 PM (note time change)! Supporters are welcome!

TOBI'S JAZZ HANG
WHERE "CREATIVES" GET TOGETHER
AT THE ADMIRAL HUB
Tuesdays 5 - 7

Tobi Stone holds a weekly jazz improv jam for all ages in the Sanctuary. Jazz standards and rare swing tunes- easy sight reading, fun jamming! Beginners learn from advanced students, and advanced players get a chance to play with others. Call Tobi with questions at 206.412.0145. All are welcome, so dust off that clarinet, saxophone or piccolo and join Tobi for a relaxing, fun evening. Listeners are welcome.



TOBI STONE'S SPRING STUDENT SHOWCASE
JUNE 7TH 3:30-5:30 SJB PARISH HALL

Do you wonder what Tobi Stone has been up to at Admiral HUB! Come to the SJB Parish Hall on June 7th from 3:30 - 5:30 to here her students as they're progress is showcased. Tobi is a patient, talented teacher. Come support her efforts in teaching both children and adults in our community!



**Worship Service
every Sunday @ 10:30
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