

# THE TIDINGS

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



As Pride Month comes to a close, our work does not.

July invites us into **Disability Pride Month**, reminding us that liberation has never belonged to one community alone. Many of us live at the intersections of identities, queer and disabled, A person of Color, and disabled, immigrant and disabled, trans and disabled, aging and disabled. Our movements have always been strongest when we refuse to leave any part of ourselves, or one another, behind.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once reminded us that **"we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."** That truth is as urgent today as ever. None of us are free until all of us are free. The fight for disability justice is inseparable from the fight for LGBTQIA+ justice, racial justice, economic justice, and every movement seeking the full dignity of every human being.

Disability is not something "other." It is part of the beautiful diversity of humanity. Whether visible or invisible, temporary or lifelong, disability deserves celebration, not pity, not shame, and certainly not exclusion.

As we move from rainbow flags into Disability Pride Month, may we continue building communities where accessibility is an act of love,

belonging is expected, and every body, every mind, and every story is honored as sacred.






May our pride always make room for one another.

Pastor jermell



# What does the Disability Pride Flag mean?

**Each color signifies a different group of disabilities:**

-  **Physical Disabilities**
-  **Psychiatric Disabilities**
-  **Cognitive & Intellectual Disabilities**
-  **Sensory Disabilities**
-  **Invisible & Undiagnosed Disabilities**
-  **Honors disabled lives lost**



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DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY  
EARN TRUST. SERVE.

## OFFICE HOURS

**Office Manager's Office Hours** are Tues.-Thurs, 2:00 - 4:00. Closed Monday and Friday. You can reach the Admiral Church office at 206.932.2928. The fastest way to contact us is via email at [admiralchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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 (206)471-1597 or email him at [jermell.witherspoon@gmail.com](mailto:jermell.witherspoon@gmail.com) to arrange a time and location.

### June Admiral Events

Worship Sundays at 10:30 with Special Summer Music  
Jazz Jam Tuesdays 2 - 9 at the Admiral HUB

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June 1 - August 31 Summer Food Drive

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- July 5 - Communion
- July 5 - First Sunday Potluck
- July 11 - Games, Games, Games 2 -5pm Admiral Chapel
- July 20 - PFLAG Meeting 7 - 9pm Admiral Chapel



## OUTREACH TEAM Summer Food Drive

The Summer Food Drive is underway. 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 your phone and scan the QR Code on the posters that you will start seeing around town soon. Or go on the church website to the White Center Food Bank link to donate to Admiral Church's Summer Food Drive!

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!



**Scan to Donate**

## CONNECTIONS TEAM

The Connections Team has taken on the organization of the Potluck and Coffee Hour sign-ups for after church socializing. Two weeks before a new month begins a sign-up sheet for hosting these social events will be presented and passed around during church and coffee hour. Those who sign up will be sent a sheet of directions detailing the tasks involved so that they can plan efficiently.



**Please consider signing up to help** spread the work load of those who have been doing it for years. It isn't difficult and it will help A LOT!

## **BY-LAWS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, LEADERSHIP RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE**

**Since our move to St. John the Baptist, the BPLC has worked on revising the Policies and Procedures Manual into two separate documents: The Admiral HUB Policies and Procedures (which was largely about the functioning/non-functioning of the building) and the Admiral Chapel Policies and Procedures Manual. Of course the Admiral HUB Policies and Procedures Manual will be short lived.**

**Meanwhile the Admiral Chapel Policies and Procedures Manual needs some further revision with some changes that were made at the most recent Council Meeting. These changes include:**

- 1. The creation of a Rental Committee**
- 2. The subsequent adjustment of the description of the Trustees Committee’s responsibilities.**
- 3. The abandonment of the Worship Support Groups concept and the creation of a Worship Support Committee**
- 4. The addition of coordinating the Potluck and Coffee Hour responsibilities to the Connection Team’s list of responsibilities.**

**These changes will be in effect once the BPLC has completed their work. The Pastor, all Team Leaders and Committee Chairs will receive a digital copy of the latest version at that time. A copy will also be available to the congregation on the church website in the Members Portal.**



## TRANSITION COMMITTEE

***Changes Are Coming!***

**Plans for being completely out of the building at 4320 SW Hill Street are in the works! The final moving date is July 8th. On that day, the movers will take what is left there to our storage unit!**

**You may have questions about our move and I would like to address some of them here:**

- 1. Are we taking the entrance doors? Yes, we have been working with Third Place Designs to provide them the information to incorporate both sets of doors into their plan.**
- 2. Are we taking the altar? Yes, while it is a huge piece of sanctuary furniture, we just couldn't leave it behind! It is so Admiral!**
- 3. Are we taking the bell? Yes, the city is expecting us to honor the past members of the church and the bell may be useful in this regard since it has seen the entire history of Admiral in it's day.**
- 4. Are we taking the sculpture on the east exterior wall? No, we cannot afford to have it removed and will not have a large enough exterior wall.**
- 5. Will be taking the roof cross? No, it was custom made to fit the roof of that particular building's slope.**

**The Design and Planning Committee are meeting with Third Place Design to make some unexpected adjustments in the design plan and to select exterior colors. Watch for more updates and information soon.**

**We are planning on handing over the building to Homestead Community Land Trust in mid-September with a completion date of the project in 2028.**

**Watch for new signage at the 4320 SW Hill Street building giving the community some basic information about the progress of the project.**

**PFLAG MEETING MONDAY JULY 20th. 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, July 20th @7:00 PM (note time change)! Supporters are welcome!

**TOBI'S JAZZ HANG**

**Tuesdays 2-9**



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.

## **GAMES, GAMES, GAMES** **Admiral Chapel**

Do Justice

Love Mercy

Walk Humbly

**JULY 11th 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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