

FUNDRAISER

**Support
FCUMC Alumni,
Allayna Farmer
on her Expedition to
The West Bank**



Would you support Allayna, our former FCUMC youth who attended several mission trips, as she joins a group to bridge communities in the West Bank this November?

Contact her at: allaynafarmer@gmail.com

More info in Thursday newsletter email & October Epistle



*Donate at
GoFundMe*

Allayna Farmer, one of our former youth who went on several FCUMC youth mission trips is planning to go to the West Bank with Sabeel's delegation of 15-20 adults in November. Their goal is to create a bridge between Americans and Palestinians, in the hopes that American advocates can assist in generating aid and compassion in the United States.

She began her Master of Social Work at La Salle University in Philadelphia this past January. Allayna expresses gratitude to Fairwood for igniting the light of service work on a global scale. Her trips to Belize, Montana, Portland, and San Francisco are pillars to her commitment to service work, which would not have been possible without the church.

Upon her return, she'll present what she learned in-person at FCUMC and report in the January 2026 Epistle newsletter.

Her goal is to raise \$2,000 to help pay for her ticket and travel. Scan the QR code to donate at her GoFundMe. Checks can also be mailed to her at: 1711 S. Cleveland St., Philadelphia, PA 19145.

Questions? Contact her at allaynafarmer@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals

Today, October 12, 11:30am

Outside in front parking lot

*all are
welcome!*



Everyone is invited to a short outdoor Blessing of the Animals service after the regular Sunday worship service today, October 12th. So that people can go home to get their pets, we'll start at 11:30am out in the front parking lot. You don't need to have a pet to enjoy this service.

Bring your pet or bring a picture of your pet to be blessed by Pastor Cathy. Pets must be leashed or in carriers. Invite your neighbors and friends with pets!

We'll have a memorial table for our blessed pets of the past. Consider bringing a picture of pets you've loved and include their names on the back for us to see.

Blessing of the Animals is traditionally done around the Feast of St. Francis.

Questions? Contact Sharon K.



Youth Choir practices have started. We meet on Sundays after church in the choir room (11:15-11:50).

All 6th – 12th grade youth are invited to join us each Sunday! It's a new school year so it's a great time to try something new even if you have never sung with us. Bring your friends as well, no prior choir experience necessary. We focus on contemporary Christian music.

We plan to sing this fall on Oct. 19th. We will not have practice after church that Sunday.

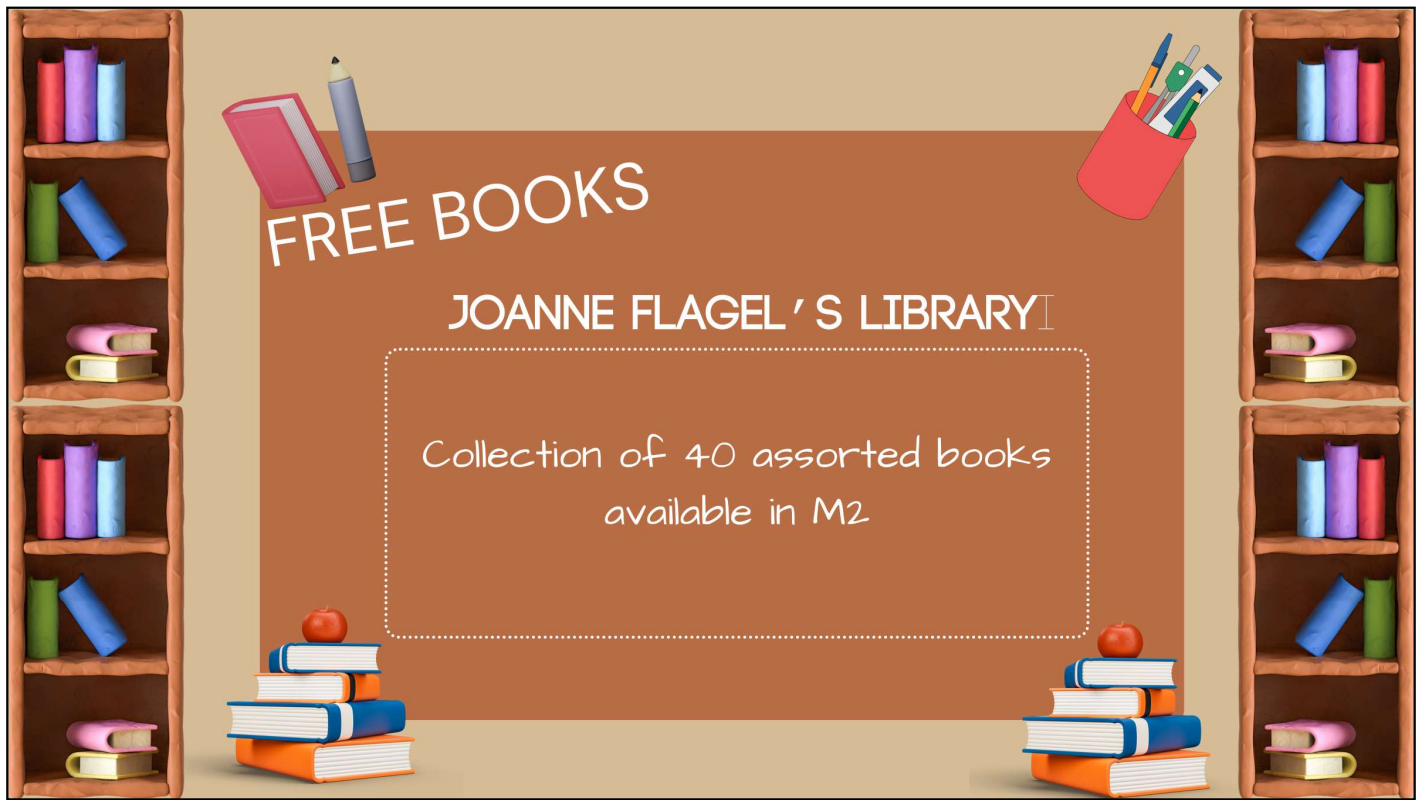
For more information contact Bill & Lori at bill.mcewen@comcast.net.



October pet Food Drive

Recipient of the pet food drive are the Salvation Army in Renton and Kent Animal Shelter.

Donated pet food drive can be place in the donation box by the front door or the pet food box inside narthex.



Joanne Flagel had a library of over 200 books, mostly religious books.

Several books were about how to teach Christianity to children, youth, and how to lead small groups.

You are welcome to look at **the last 40 books in room M2** and take as many books as you want."

A poster for FCUMC Trunk or Treat 2025. The background is dark brown. At the top center, "FCUMC" is written in white serif font. Below it, "Trunk or Treat 2025" is written in a larger white serif font. To the left of the title, there is a cluster of colorful candies (orange, purple, yellow, and red) and a green monster head. To the right, there is a cluster of more colorful candies and a light blue car. The text "NEW Date!" is in white, followed by "**October 26th**" in orange with a black outline. Below this, "5:30-7" is in white. Then "Set up at 4:30" is in white. Below that, "Volunteer Needs:" is in white. Then "Cars for Trunk or Treat" is in white. Below that, "Help at stations/ games" is in white. Finally, "Decoration help" is in white. The text "Donate Candy to the Green Monster!" is written in green, slanted, and outlined in black, positioned to the left of the date.

FCUMC

Trunk or Treat 2025

NEW Date! ****October 26th****

5:30-7

Set up at 4:30

Volunteer Needs:

Cars for Trunk or Treat

Help at stations/ games

Decoration help

Donate Candy to the Green Monster!

This year's Trunk or Treat (and games) for the children will be held on SUNDAY, October 26th (yes, this is a change from previous announcements). The event is 5:30 – 7:00, with setup starting ta 4:30pm.

Volunteers are needed for decorating and clean up, helping with the games, and cars for the trunk of treat time. Donations of candy (peanut-free) can be left in the "green monster" in the narthex entryway.

Contact? Samuel or Emily Hansen.

START OF WORSHIP

Changes happening now!

9:55 - 10:00 Countdown time

Lay Reader welcome

Passing the Peace

Prelude music

Light of Christ and pastor enter sanctuary

Call to Worship

Opening Song/Hymn



Feedback welcome!
Contact a worship leader

The Worship Committee received feedback that generated thoughtful consideration at two of our recent meetings. We hope to offer the prelude music as a more meaningful element of the worship experience by connecting it to the Call to Worship.

So, **effective now**, the start of our worship services will be: Immediately after the countdown time (i.e. 10:00), the Lay Reader will welcome worshippers, offer any verbal announcements, then invite the congregation to Pass the Peace of Christ. Then we'll move into the Prelude with the light of Christ and the pastor entering the sanctuary. Following the Prelude, we'll then share in the Call to Worship.

Another change we're making is to present any Mission Moment after the offering. The offering is our time to respond to God with our gifts, gifts of money and our time and prayers. This puts the Mission Moment in the context of offering ourselves as our response to God's gifts to us.

We welcome any feedback. Please contact our worship leaders with any feedback for our worship experiences at FCUMC!