



A Little Something



July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns & Songs

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
As the Deer
This I Believe

Scripture

Psalms 139:1-10
Matthew 13:24-30
Romans 8:22-30

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YG Summer Schedule

July

(Dates & Times - TBA)

Hazen's Blueberry Farm
Adventures - Go-Carts &
Mini-Golf

August

(Dates & Times - TBA)

Umpqua River - Fish & Swim
Jerry's Rogue River Boats,
In Gold Beach

Food Cupboard

July

Challenge

**Canned Fruit &
Canned Vegetables**

**No Paper Grocery Bags Needed
at this time!!**



**Used Bath Towels
Needed!!**



7/19

Rick Barron

7/26

Claire Blanc

7/28

Ruth Forrester

Session Meeting

Tuesday,
July 21 @ 6:00 pm



**Redfish Concert @
First Pres.**

**Thursday, July 24
7:00 pm**

Hearts with a Mission Fund Raiser

SUMMER BREWSDAY!

July 20-24

Purchase a drink of your choice
at the following locations and
\$1.00 from every drink sold will
benefit families and seniors
right here in Coos County.

Monday Shark Bites 5-8pm

Tuesday Back Alley 5-7pm

Wed. Ezekiels 9am-Noon

**Thurs. Books by the Bay
9am-6pm**

Friday Kaffe 101 6am-2pm

**Friday Blue Box Seafood Co.
6-9pm**

Oregon Coast Music Festival

July 11-July 25

For ticket and event information you can go to:

<https://Oregoncoastmusic.org>

or

Coos Art Museum Lobby

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

I have come to believe that there is more grace in becoming wheat than there is in pulling weeds. —The character Dietrich in the science fiction novel Eifelheim by Michael Flynn

The answer to the question, “What is the most obnoxious, pernicious and destructive weed in the continental United States?” will vary according to where you live. You might say Kudzu is the worst. Infamously known as “the vine that ate the South,” kudzu is a highly aggressive, rapid-growing vine that covers and kills native plants, shrubs and trees, primarily in the southeastern United States. It causes more than \$100 million in damages annually. But you could also argue that cogongrass is the worst. It’s extremely hardy and aggressive, forming dense mats that crowd out native vegetation and displace wildlife in the southern United States. Russian thistle is a problem in the West and Midwest. On the Oregon coast, ivy, salal and blackberry vines are passionately loathed.

Anyone who has tended a garden knows the frustration of weeds. They grow quickly, stubbornly and often right beside the plants you cherish most. Jesus uses the idea of living among the weeds to describe life in God’s world: wheat and weeds growing side by side, good and evil intertwined.

The servants want to pull the weeds immediately, but the master says, “No — not yet. You might uproot the wheat along with them.” God’s patience may feel puzzling to us. We wish he would sort things out now: end suffering, fix injustice, remove what harms. But Jesus teaches that God sees more than we do — protecting the growing wheat even while the weeds remain. The world can feel overgrown with trouble, especially when health limits us or when news brings worry. But today’s reading from Matthew 13 reminds us of at least two things:

- (1) God is patient, not powerless.
- (2) God is tending the garden, even when we can’t see or understand.

The final harvest belongs to God, not us. That’s not meant to frighten but to comfort — because it means the world isn’t spinning out of control. God will make things right according to the divine timetable. We can live faithfully in the middle of the weeds because we know that God has not stopped tending the field.

And even small acts of goodness, prayer and love are signs that the wheat is still growing.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord of the harvest, help us trust your wisdom in a world that often feels tangled and restless. Grow in us patience, hope and steady faith. Protect what is good in our lives and in your world. And give us confidence that, in your time, all things will be made right. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 10-12

Monday: Micah 5-7

Tuesday: Nahum 1-3

Wednesday: 2 Kings 20-21

Thursday: Zephaniah 1-3

Friday: Habakkuk 1-3

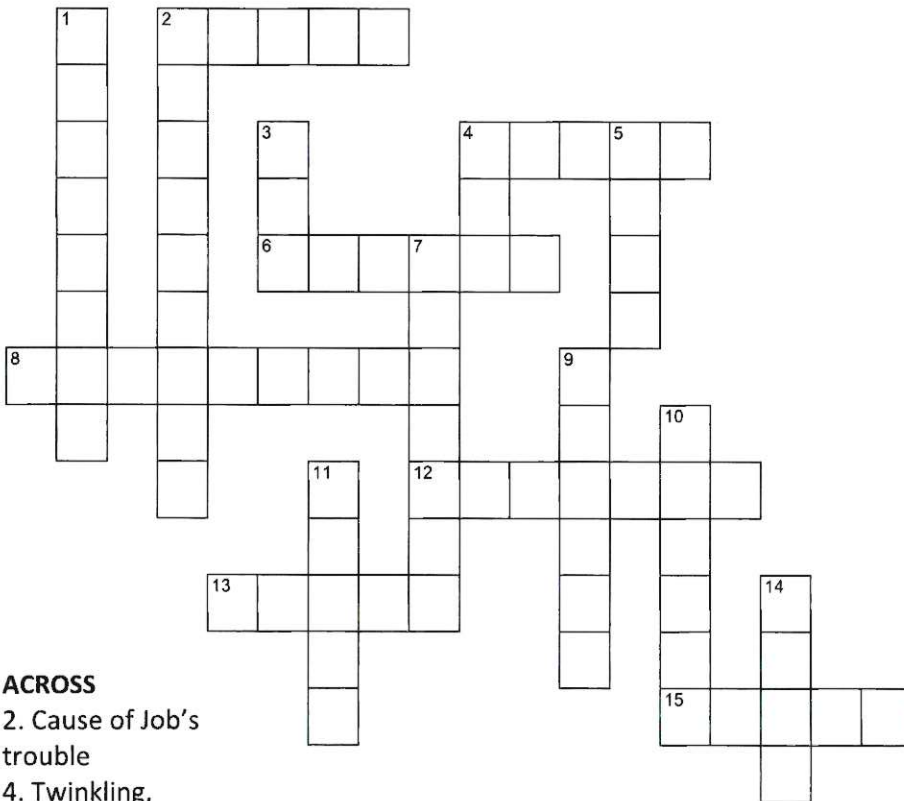
Saturday: Psalms 79-81

VERSE TO REMEMBER

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

—Micah 6:8

CROSSWORD: All of the clues and answers are taken from the story of Job, the book in the Bible that comes right before Psalms.



ACROSS

2. Cause of Job's trouble

4. Twinkling, heavenly lights

6. The Shuhite, a friend (2:11)

8. Creature of the deep (41:1)

12. The Temanite, a friend (2:11)

13. Sores

15. Job had 7,000

DOWN

1. The One who ever lives (19:25)

2. Affliction

3. Had seven sons

4. Ocean

5. Precipitation

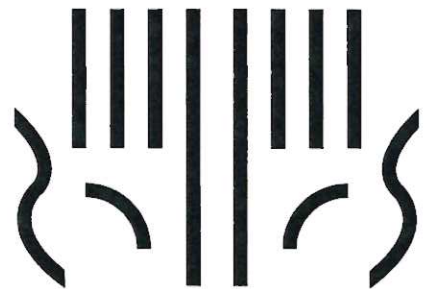
7. Job had 500

9. The Naamathite, a friend (2:11)

10. Job had 3,000

11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)

14. Job had 500 yoke



Nevertheless, the righteous
will hold to their ways, and
those with clean hands will
grow stronger.

J o b 1 7 : 9

Solution:

Across

- 2. Satan
- 4. stars
- 6. Bildad
- 8. Leviathan
- 12. Eliphaz
- 13. boils
- 15. sheep

Solution:

Down

- 1. Redeemer
- 2. suffering
- 3. Job
- 4. sea
- 5. rain
- 7. donkeys
- 9. Zophar
- 10. camels
- 11. Elihu
- 14. oxen

Sandwich Ministry Blessings

July, 2026

This has been an amazing month in which two women who were in serious trouble with drugs and mental issues are now in rehab. I went to Gloria Dei last Wednesday to have lunch with the people there. Darlene saw me and waved me over to where she was standing in line waiting for the food to be served. She looked so good, so clean, her hair styled and a big smile on her face. She held open her arms and we hugged. She said, "I have been in Bay Area First Step for 3 months." This woman had been homeless for years and acting crazy almost every Sunday that she came for lunches and clothing and hygiene kits. I had prayed for her and I know Kathy did too.

Then I went to get bread and bagels from Robin Friday and Brian saw me and called me over. He is a homeless man who attends Life Change Church and we see him every Sunday and have for years. He said, "Have you heard that Raylee is in rehab in Eugene"? I said, "No, I haven't". He said she finally got on the rehab program. I told Brian that I am thrilled and that Kathy and I and many other people have been worried and just felt so bad that she couldn't seem to get into a rehab program. I told him that I had been praying for her and I am smiling as I write this. I have her phone number and I tried to call her but a recording came on saying her phone is restricted right now. I'll try again in a few days, just to encourage and praise her. She is another person who has been on drugs and homeless for years.

My heart is filled with joy and thankfulness as I see these positive things occur and also I am so thankful and amazed at all the donations I continue to receive both in goods and monetarily.

I wrote out a thank you note to the checker Kathy at Fred Meyer's and for the past 2 Fridays, she hasn't been there when I have. I put one of those crosses Charlotte makes for me to give out in with my note. So, this a.m. I told the checker that I had this note and she said she would see Kathy gets it as her shift hours have changed and she would be in at 1:00 P.M.

I thank everyone for their prayers, support and encouragement that makes this Sunday Sandwich Ministry continue to be so successful.