Reverend Melanie – August 2023

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

We have been busy, busy, busy around the church! We have caught up on a lot of maintenance and refreshed and renewed a lot of the church campus, and it shows! Many thanks to all those who contributed to this much needed work getting done and thanks for the work you are continuing to do.

We have held our first large event in several years, the Skyland Celebration, and it was very well received by the community. Much fun was had by all, and over $1100 was raised for the art program at Loma and CT English schools. More thanks to those who contributed in many ways to bring about this event.

Now we look forward. Some upcoming events include:

October 8, 2:00 PM -- Blessing of the animals -- this will be a fun low-key event celebrating our furry, feathery, scaly, slimy, crawly, companions. Well-behaved companions who are leashed or crated are welcome to attend with their people. Photos are also welcome. We will have blessings and treats for all of God's creatures.

November 6 -- Dedication of the new memorial tile -- The dedication will begin during the church service and will conclude outside at the Memorial Bench. Afterward we will enjoy our usual first Sunday pot-luck. We will invite the families and other loved ones of the five people named on the tile, Jeannette Geist, Ruth Dawkins, Richard Lyness, Marcia Rollins, and Del Mahrle.

I always celebrate, but I don't tell you often enough, what a blessing it is to be your pastor. I look forward to many more years of ministry together.

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