



September
2019

Snohomish United
Methodist Church

The Evangel

Pastor's Corner

During my retreat last week, I spent a lot of time watching the river run outside my cabin door. In the three days of silence and prayer, the bubbling water was my only audible conversation partner. I watched and listened as it ran over rocks; rushed with a different energy to carve new paths through the shallows; and moved more slowly in the deep, as though wanting to linger in the familiar, well-worn places. I noticed the places where it once flowed but didn't now. I marvelled at the fullness of the river's own life and the wonder of God to create it all! And I suddenly realized, as if for the first time, why Jesus used so many parables to teach his followers. Parables are the stories of what's right in front of us. They draw us into deeper engagement with the world, even while giving us new ways of seeing that world and what it might be.

Watching that river right in front of me, I couldn't help but see a story for the life of the church told in the running river before me. The life of the church is a river: full of deep and eddies where beloved traditions cause us to linger. The life of the church is a river: flowing with different energy to carve new paths in a changing landscape where we chase a new vision for God's work now. The life of the church is a river: alive and flowing. From our vantage point we see but one section--the rest flows from a Source unseen, but known; the rest flows on in a path unseen, but realized through Christ's redeeming work. And to take it all in, to be immersed in the water, is to rejoice at the wonder of it. To marvel once more at God's life-giving, playful, creativity!

I find this image of the river to be particularly fitting for this time of year. With September, beloved traditions resume in full: we look forward to CROP Walk, the musical gifts our choir brings, and the return of our various small groups to their monthly gatherings. For many of us, these are the places of deep where faith and relationships are nurtured and sustained. With this September, new visions emerge that promise to carve new paths: we look forward to welcoming our partnership with the Lake Stevens Cooperative Preschool, and we are eager to receive new members into our congregation on Rally Sunday, September 22. For many of us, these are the places that bubble with different energy that remind us of the 'new thing' that God is always doing to transform us and our world. All together and all at once, it reveals God's Living and Life-Giving Spirit—playful and creative and steadfast. Thanks be to God!

In this coming season, there are couple of happenings that I'd like to highlight:

Join us in welcoming the LSCP as they begin classes on Monday, September 16th. Looking for ways to connect? Add the families and teachers to your prayers for a good year; or volunteer to read or share a story with the kids—they love the connection and we can help you make it. Also consider bringing notes of welcome to the office by September 15th for us to pass along!

Rally Sunday, September 22: A day of worship, mission and fellowship. We'll welcome new members, commission CROP Walkers, and kick off our fall worship series: "Sunday School Stories and Grown-Up Faith." I hope this series will bring us to the intersection of beloved tradition and new vision. We'll hear some of the stories we first learned (and loved) as kids and listen for what message they have for us in our adulthood.

"On The Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity and Getting Old" by Parker Palmer—Join our adult Sunday School class beginning September 22 for this book study that explores the experience of aging. The class meets Sundays 9:00-9:45AM in the library.



SEPTEMBER UMW GENERAL MEETING

UMW will meet on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. The executive team will meet at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be a Pot Luck so bring food to share with everyone. Plan on coming and spending a time of Fellowship with the women of our church.

Our October meeting is on the 2nd and we will be preparing lunch for Habitat for Humanity on October 9th. Come to our meeting for more information.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Every year our United Methodist Women award Special Mission Recognition pins to members of our congregation. This is based on special activities that these people do to help our church reach out in mission both in our church and in the community. We also make a donation to UMW Mission in their honor. This year, we awarded three pins: Bill and Glenda Clemans for their work in our church including the screen in front of the sanctuary and Trustees committee. There is a lot of work done in the church that helps us to run smoothly, but it is never recognized by many. Karen Long received the other pin for her outreach in the community with the homeless, both at the community kitchen and also at the homeless winter shelter. Thank you all for your hard work. A list of recipients will be on the bulletin board outside of Clark Community Hall.

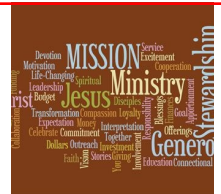
MISSION INFORMATION

Socks

Everett Spirit of Grace Church collected new socks for five years to send to missionaries in Alaska for distribution there. We would like to continue their tradition in the sock Mission and collect socks in September. We also have been providing socks to Sultan. Please bring new socks and we will make sure that they get to Alaska and Sultan. Thank you.

Many Thanks

Thank you for continuing to support the Sultan area by bringing in school supplies in August. We will be collecting socks in September and also food for their "Operation Full Bellies," This month, let us bring sandwich fixings: peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned chicken, cheese and mayonnaise.



UMW DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Puget Sound District UMW will hold their 2019 Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 14th at Edmonds United Methodist Church. Please contact Pat Dodson if you are interested in attending

UMW CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Our Conference Annual Meeting will be in Wenatchee on October 10 & 11. Registration forms are on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.



“FROSTIES” WONDERLAND BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2nd 10:00—3:00

Hi everyone! The EVERGREEN STATE FAIR is in it's final days. Everyone is celebrating LABOR DAY, and the beginning of school. Fall feels in the air, and it is time to make final plans for our CHURCH BAZAAR. With only two months to go, there is lots to think about.

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations that have arrived and been stored. There are some beautiful crafts already created and ready to sell. The menu has been planned and the theme “FROSTIE’S WONDERLAND” has been chosen. Darling snowmen everywhere!

So how can you help. Find items to donate, set aside the week of October 28, 29, 30, 31 and November 1st to come sort, price, and have fun visiting, snacking and making this year the best BAZAAR ever.

Blessings from the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND UNITED METHODIST MEN.

QUESTIONS Call Carolyn Janssen 360-794-3360

United Methodist Churchwide Special Sunday Offerings

Our church has been very generous giving to the six Churchwide Special Sundays with offerings. These offerings enable United Methodists like you to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere. We have two offerings that are taken in the fall and our church has already given generously to the four that have been taken this year.

2019 Donations

Human Relations Day -- \$526.00

UMCOR Sunday -- \$917.00 (One Great Hour of Sharing)

Native American Ministries Sunday -- \$423.00

Peace With Justice Sunday -- \$508.00

Three Remaining Offerings:

Along with the socks that we collect for Alaska missionaries, we will have a Special Sunday Offering to support the Alaska Conference of the UMC on **Sunday, September 8**. This Special Sunday offering was approved at our 2019 Annual Conference as a way to strengthen our partnership with the Alaska Conference. Together we can do more to help share the Gospel to the people of "The Last Frontier."

World Communion Sunday (first Sunday of October) provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

United Methodist Student Day (last Sunday of November) furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.



Hikers! Our September hike will be an easier one of less than 3 miles with no elevation gain and a wide graveled trail. It will be on Thursday, September 12th. It is located near the Everett sewage plant so we're calling it "The Rose Bowl Hike", although you probably won't notice. Meet at the church parking lot at 9:00 am and we'll carpool to the trailhead. RSVP to Tom or Bill (Bill at bgsname1c@comcast.net, Tom at taamaa@comcast.net) but if you don't know until the last minute, come anyway. We love having you. Also, if you haven't filled out an Emergency Contact Form, please contact the office for a copy, fill it out and bring it with you to the hike. The emergency form folder goes with us on all hikes. Any questions, call. Bill: 360-572-0405 or Tom 425-322-4254.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Blessing of the Backpacks during worship C2C Meeting after worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4 10am UMW Board Meeting 11:30am UMW Meeting	5	6	7
8	9 6pm UM Men's Meeting	10	11 6—8pm Preschool Orientation	12 9am Church hike 1pm Craft & Quilting Club	13	14
15	16 9:30am C2C Meeting 9:30am Preschool begins	17 Evangel Articles Due	18	19 12Noon—Book Club @Kathy's house	20	21
22 Rally Sunday <i>Welcome new members</i> 12:30pm CROPWalk	23 2:30pm Community Kitchen	24 Cub Scouts Meeting	25	26 9am PEO Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting	27 Lifetouch Directory Pictures	28
29	30	Every Sunday Happenings: 9am— Adult Bible Study—beginning Sept 22 9:15am— Choir Rehearsal 10am— Worship 10:15am— Children's Sunday School 11am— Fellowship				



happy
birthday

9/03	Keith Janssen	9/28	Consuelo Ayoh
9/08	Edna Huwe	9/29	Becky Keithley
9/08	Brian Reynolds	9/29	Cherri Brown
9/10	Fran Ortmeyer		
9/11	Kaleb Bishop		
9/12	Michael Smith		
9/13	Nicole Berntson Noone		
9/18	Jess Jarris		
9/24	Patricia Dodson		
9/26	Natalie Heinemann		
9/27	Ellen Anderson		

Happy
Anniversary

9/04	Klaus & Carolyn Janssen
9/06	Dick & Ellis Walker
9/15	Robert & Carlene Weeks

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and it's not listed, please call or email the church office. Thank you!

SUMC will be updating our picture directory—it has been since 2013!!

Photos will be taken Friday, September 27 1PM-8:20PM and Saturday, September 28 10AM-5:10PM. Members can sign up for a photo appointment online here:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/boz4xlzv/>.

Please know that the website is open Mondays starting at noon through Fridays until noon. You will not be able to schedule an appointment online during the weekends. If members have a problem using the on-line registration, they may call Glenda 509-430-0641 and she will be glad to help you get the appointment made. She will be out of town September 3rd-6th. Alternatively, you can make an appointment with Glenda in person on Sundays at Church. Look for her before and after worship in the foyer beginning Sunday, September 1st.



Save the date

to be photographed for the new
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directory

Photography dates
September 27 - September 28

Lifetouch.



Exciting CROP Walk News!

This is the 50 year anniversary for CROP Walk nationwide. (Snohomish has been involved for 22 years.) So we are planning a big celebration. Everyone is invited!

The theme is "Tailgate Party". There will be live music, raffles, game booths, tasty snacks, AND the Seahawks game will be on the big screen! And, guess what!?! Prizes will be awarded to the best CROP costume!! (Costumes center around

Water, Hunger, Education, Health - the CROP Walk mission.) This will be fun for the whole family!

Sunday, September 22, 2019 at Christ the King Lutheran Church 1305 Pine Ave. Registration is at 12:30PM and the Walk begins at 1:30PM. Get this on your calendar - even if you are unable to walk, you will enjoy the fun!

Here is how you can be involved:

- walk
- donate and ask your friends and family to donate
- volunteer at a booth or water station
- provide snacks (finger food)
- help serve food

Remember, even if you are not walking, you can still ask friends to donate to this wonderful cause.

Together we can help end hunger in our community and around the world!



Hunter Strande, grandson of Carolyn and Klaus Janssen, would like to thank everyone for supplying him with egg cartons for his used golf ball sales. This is his eighth year of selling at the Glen Eagle Golf Course.

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