



June 2019

Snohomish United  
Methodist Church

# THE EVANGEL

## Pastor's Corner

*We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;  
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.  
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.  
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song!*  
TFWS #2182 "When God Restored Our Common" Life v2

I recently went to a transitions workshop offered at Sasha's daycare. The presenter began by talking about transitions children face in general: moves, beginning a new school/teacher, family changes. He reminded us that all change includes an element of loss. Sometimes the loss is more obvious than at other times, but still, ***all change brings loss***. Even 'good' changes mean a loss of what was. Which began the conversation about grief. We talked about the stages of grief and how rarely we actually experience them in any kind of orderly fashion. Instead, we talked about grief as messy and surprising. Then he said something that I've been reflecting on ever since. He said: the *minimum* cycle for grief is two years. At first this surprised me, until he explained that it takes that long for what we experience in our heads to settle into our hearts; it takes that long for the practical changes that we experience to be incorporated into who we are.

***Two years.*** This at least made me feel better about all the residual grief I still experience from the changes in my own life in the last few years. I may want to rush it along from time to time, but it's nice to know it's okay that grief lingers. It was good to be reminded that we're not alone in the grief. And to know that grief is a natural response to change. I began to wonder about the goodness of grief, too. Like grief in response to growth or grief as a reflection of deep love and meaning that we have in our lives.

As I've continued to reflect on this, I've prayed about what it means for our community. We have certainly known death, loss, and the transitions of the life cycle. We have known moves, retirements, the expectation of new babies, graduations, job changes. We know the promise and uncertainty of new community partnerships, like with the Lake Stevens Cooperative Preschool. We know grief: both painful and good, as a sign of loss and a sign of new life. We know grief as the work of life that nurtures our faith and invites God's re-creating within us. In short, I think we know what it is to be Easter people who, in all things, still hope in resurrection.

My friends, I have found that my prayer for God's peace in our times of grief is already realized in all the ways we come together as a community of faith. This causes my prayers to intermingle with praise; praise for this community of love, patience and gentleness. Praise for the resilience of our shared life. Praise for the courage and compassion we extend to each other when we show up time and again ready to serve, feed, hug, listen, or just be. Praise for the healing I have seen happen here. Praise for the ways we are willing to say 'yes' to what God is inviting us into next.

I give thanks for the dreams that God is unfolding for us as the Snohomish UMC. I give thanks for you and the steadfast work that we are about together here as Easter people. Thank you for your good and faithful witness. As we close in on our first year together, I want you to know that I am so honored to be your pastor. I am grateful to be counted in community with you. And I look forward to what God will invite us into next. May it be full of laughter and song!

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We continue our quest to host the Lake Stevens Cooperative Preschool (LSCP) to expand our ministry and outreach to the Snohomish and Lake Stevens communities. This was an eventful week in that quest. We convened a meeting at our church, Monday, May 13, that brought together an official from the City of Snohomish Planning Department, the Director of Lake Stevens Cooperative Preschool, a parent of a student at LSCP, a representative of Edmonds Community College (the sponsor of LSCP) and several members of Snohomish UMC. The City of Snohomish official received a tour of our building along with our description of the specific portions of our facility the Preschool intends to use.

The purpose of this meeting was to resolve questions regarding the need for a City-issued Conditional Use Permit in order for our church to host the Preschool. The Conditional Use Permit process could lead to requirements for expensive additions/alterations to our church, such as a fire-suppression sprinkler system, which would be prohibitively expensive for our church and/or the Preschool.

All of us at the meeting focused on the goal of making the Preschool at our church a reality. Toward that end, we generated some ideas that would eliminate the need for a Conditional Use Permit and, thereby, avoid the prohibitive expenses. The City of Snohomish official committed to taking our proposals and ideas back to her office for further consideration. The meeting concluded on a note of optimism that our church will embark on this expansion of our outreach and ministry to the people of Snohomish and Lake Stevens.

In peace,

*Pastor Janelle Kurtz*

*Michael Manley*  
Church Council

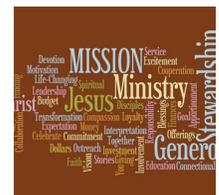
*Jody Berntson*  
SPRC Chair

### Peace with Justice Sunday

Our next special Sunday offering is Peace with Justice on Sunday, June 16.

Peace with Justice Sunday supports shared United Methodist Ministries locally and globally. For example, funds have been used to:

- fund a United Methodist peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities;
  - equip Liberian United Methodists to implement the denomination’s Social Principles to contextually address social justice issues; and
- provide resources for Pennsylvania students to educate their community about sex trafficking at home and abroad.



*Connectional giving through offerings like Peace with Justice Sunday provides an opportunity for us to share the costs of worldwide ministry with other United Methodists and to highlight the Social Principles that are an integral part of our Wesleyan heritage. Please give generously to support peace with justice ministries locally and globally with your gift today. **Together we do more.***



### **JUNE MEETING -- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019**

The executive committee will meet at 10:00 AM. We will celebrate the summer by having lunch out at the Collectors Choice Restaurant. Meet at the church at 11:30 AM to car pool or you can go to restaurant. Our reservation is for 12:00 noon under Carolyn Janssen's name. All women are welcome and we hope that you will join us!

The Collectors Choice Restaurant is at 120 Glen Avenue in Snohomish. Their phone number is 360-568-1277. This is a no host affair, and Collectors Choice will do separate checks for each of us. We would love to have all our church ladies join us. We will need a head count for the restaurant, so please look for the sign up sheet in the church foyer or call Carolyn at 360-794 3360, or e-mail Carolyn at kandcjanssen@aol.com.

### **OPERATION FULL BELLIES IN THE SULTAN AREA**

Donna Rice gave an interesting program about Operation Full Bellies to our UMW at their meeting in May. This program was developed to feed children in the Sultan School District on weekends and through out the summer. To quote Donna, *"1000 meals are made to be given children, for the weekend, so they will have something to eat. Their parents are either very poor, drunk, or high and don't have enough food to feed them. Very sad!"*

There is a list of needed items posted on the bulletin board outside of the Clark Community Hall. Each month I will try to highlight needed items for "Operation Full Bellies" and "Open Hands Ministry." Food items needed include individual Cereal packets and canned meals like Spaghetti, stew, Hamburger helpers, pasta, etc. "Open Hands Ministry" can always use hygiene items and socks. Thank you.



The United Methodist Women invite you to take part in the following celebrations:

June 5th—UMW Luncheon at Collectors Choice Restaurant 12 noon

November 2nd—Church Bazaar 10am-3pm

November 10th—Veteran's Day Potluck during coffee hour 11:30am



happy birthday

- 6/02 Paul Rentko
- 6/03 John Daly
- 6/04 Bill Clemans
- 6/05 Annie Hayes
- 6/06 Jeff Burpee
- 6/06 Bob Anderson
- 6/08 Allyson Pratt
- 6/08 Sasha Kurtz
- 6/08 Jan Pulliam
- VanLeynsele
- 6/13 Julie Davis
- 6/15 Melissa Bullock-Clark
- 6/23 Maria Araniva
- 6/25 Jim Bolm
- 6/26 Carlene Weeks
- 6/29 Dan West

- 6/01 Tony & Rose Bullock
- 6/04 Dennis & Barbara Dinkla
- 6/07 Dick & Gloria Yost
- 6/10 Matt & Sonia Bishop
- 6/14 Bob & Jody Berntson
- 6/14 Ted & Nancy Lombard
- 6/20 Clint & Cathy Stubsjoen
- 6/21 Gary & Jane Johnsen
- 6/28 Pat & Pat Fisher
- 6/28 Steve & Tracy Pratt

Happy Anniversary

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



This month's volunteer: Tom Ayers. Tom is our "go-to guy" for any building maintenance, yard work, or any issues or questions on how things work around the church. Tom is also one of the leaders of our monthly hiking group. Tom and Mary have been members of SUMC since 1991. They both take care of God's Garden and Mary volunteers in the office as needed. We are so grateful for them!



**Save the Date:** Since National Night Out always occurs on the first Tuesday in August, watch for this year's 36th annual festivities to be scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in neighborhoods from coast to coast. The City of Snohomish will hold its festival at the Boys and Girls Club downtown. The Public Safety Commission of Snohomish will again welcome volunteer services SUMC's members and friends can provide.

Hikers: Get ready for a little longer hike on the Monte Cristo Trail on June 26th. This will be 8 miles but on an easy trail with only a little up and down. We will cross the Sauk River over a log but it is very large and stable. Pack a lunch and take at least a quart of water. We will have lunch at the gold and silver mining camp, then return via the same trail. Meet at the IGA grocery in Granite Falls at 8:00 AM and we will carpool to the trailhead. Look for the black Suzuki Grand Vitara and Tom's little red car out by the street. RSVP to Bill Clemans and/or Tom Ayers: Bill at [bgsname1c@comcast.net](mailto:bgsname1c@comcast.net) or Tom at [taamaa@comcast.net](mailto:taamaa@comcast.net) Any questions, call Bill: 360-572-0405 and Tom 425-322-4254. Get this on your calendar!



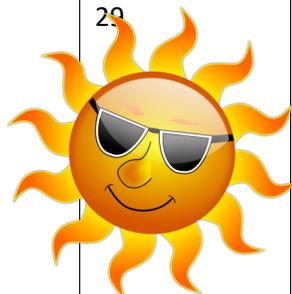
### Chalet Birthday Party

Our church will be hosting the birthday party for July Birthday Residents at the Chalet in July. Stay tuned for further information. Thank you, Pat Dodson





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| <p><b>Every Sunday Happenings:</b><br/>         9am—Bible Study<br/>         9:15am—Choir Rehearsal<br/>         10am—Worship<br/>         10:15am—Children Sunday School<br/>         11am—Fellowship</p> |  |    |  |                           |    | 1   |
| 2<br>Communion Sunday<br><br>3pm— Common Ground Spring Concert   | 3<br>9:30am—C2C Visitation Team Meeting                          | 4  | 5<br>10am—UMW Board Mtg<br>12 noon UMW Lunch CCR<br>7:30pm—Choir Rehearsal | 6                         | 7  | 8   |
| 9<br>11:30am Graduation Celebration<br><br>2pm— Piano Recital  | 10<br>6:00pm—UM Men’s Group Dinner El Lago                       | 11 | 12   | 13<br>9am—PEO Meeting     | 14 | 15<br>9:30am— Ruth Circle   |
| 16<br>Father’s Day Peace w/ Justice Offering   | 17<br>Evangel Articles Due<br>9:30am—C2C Visitation Team Meeting | 18 | 19   | 20<br>10:30am — Book Club | 21 | 22<br>2pm—Mark Kuehn Celebration of Life  |
| 23<br><br>30   | 24<br>2:30pm— Community Kitchen                                  | 25 | 26<br>8am—Hike to Monte Cristo   | 27<br>9am—PEO Meeting     | 28 | 29<br> |



# Common Ground

Pat Castro, Joel Cummings, Jon Cummings,  
Tom Lafferty, Jeff Thoreson & Jeremy Young

Don't miss our concert:

## *"Close To You"*

*Special Guest: Jacob Herbert (Baritone)*

*Benefit for The Patrick Castro Excellence in Music Scholarship*

*Featuring the music of "The Carpenters"*

Sunday, June 2, 2019 • 3 pm

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