



December  
2020

Snohomish United  
Methodist Church

# The Evangel

From Pastor Janelle

## Advent & Christmas Overview

The narthex will be open for donation drop-off and décor exchange:  
Tuesday's 9:30—11:30am and Thursday's 11:00am—1:00pm

### Connect:

1. **At-Home Advent Worship Kits**—Bring your Advent wreath with you when we gather online for worship and light your candles along with our readers. Remember that your church family is doing the same! Use the enclosed activity guide to engage in mission and faith.
2. **Christmas Decoration Exchange**—take a little piece of your church family home with you! Bring an ornament or decoration from home that you want to share. Put your name on it and leave it in the “Decoration Exchange” box in the narthex. Be sure to choose one to take with you. **Bonus activity:** pray for the person whose décor you now share! (Items will NOT be returned.)
3. **Christmas Greeting Videos**—Be part of our Christmas Greeting montage—we're hoping to see all of you! Put on your Christmas finest or most festive, gather your household, and record yourselves smiling, waving, saying “Merry Christmas!” Send videos to [cyndilddavis@gmail.com](mailto:cyndilddavis@gmail.com) by **December 14**.

We can also record these greetings for you when you drop-off donations--let Lorraine know in advance if you want us to record when you come. OR log-in to our Fellowship Zoom Call on Dec. 13 at 11AM and we'll take it from there!

**Give:** 3 ways to give above & beyond this season. More details on all of these inside!

1. Contribute to **Care Packages** for our homebound members (**Due Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**)
2. Support our **Sultan Ministries**—Give to the “Warm Tree” and/or sponsor a teen for Christmas.
3. **Food Bank Christmas Basket donations**—give through the church office by Dec. 21

**Christmas Eve: Drive-Thru Christmas Blessing: 3-5PM on Thursday, December 24th.**

We'll have music playing, a blessing waiting, and a candle you can take to use for singing “Silent Night.” Please stay in your cars and wear a mask. Our pre-recorded Christmas Eve Worship service will be available online beginning at 9:00AM for you to watch with your household.

**Stay connected by sharing stories/pictures as you journey through the season. Ways to share:**

Email: [pastorsnohomishumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsnohomishumc@gmail.com) Text: 216-215-4474 Phone: 360-568-5755

Zoom Fellowship Facebook (Snohomish United Methodist Church: All Church Group)

*May the Light of Christ shine bright this season!*

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## Additional Reminders for this Advent/Christmas Season

- Remember that we are closed to in-person worship at least through December 31. Our Re-Imagining Team follows Conference and local health department guidelines. They will evaluate these for the first quarter of the new year.
- Please wear a mask and socially distance every time you come to the church for any reason. Help us minimize people in and out of the building by combining activities into one trip, whenever possible.
- Continue to worship with us online, Sundays at 10AM. Christmas Eve worship will be available beginning at 9AM so you can worship with your household any time that day. We'll have a mini-cantata and pageant on December 20<sup>th</sup> with a "Lessons & Carol-sing" on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Join us:

Website: <https://www.snohomishumc.org/sermons>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Snohomish-United-Methodist-Church-145803315466926/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChUez2kdQB0YkikGzg747aQ/featured>

### You Can Help!

#### We are wrapping Up Another Fiscal Year

My parents taught me to manage my financial resources to provide for my family. My church taught me to manage my financial resources to provide for God's creation so that I could provide for my family.

Since I have retired (thank you all!), I have had time to better understand how life-giving, dependent, and delicately-balanced this "managing and providing" is to realizing God's promise "That you (all) might have life and have it abundantly."

And so, I have served as your church Financial Secretary for coming up to one year, and wish to thank you all for how faithful and generous you have been as a family of God.

Additionally, I wish to give you some fiscal information for closing this year and beginning the next, so that we may continue to be faithful stewards.

The Finance Committee (Mary Burpee - chair, Carroll Brown - treasurer, and myself along with Pastor Janelle and Mike Manley - Council chair) have just completed a pledge drive. Knowing how much giving (income resources) we can expect allows us to better budget and manage these gifts on your behalf. As of November 30, we have received 36 pledges totaling \$125,556.00. Pledges may always be adjusted as your financial situation changes. Now, Carroll will come up with an accounting of our expected financial obligations (preliminary budget including staff salaries, program expenses, office expenses, apportionments, and building expenses.) Then the Church Council will establish a 2021 Budget.

It is not too late to pledge for 2021, the deadline was just a step to allow us to move on to budgeting.

More deadlines:

Monday, December 21 - Noon - Last day to contribute to Food Bank Holiday Baskets.

Thursday, December 31 - Noon - Last day to turn in your 2020 tithes and offerings.

Early in January I will send out 2020 Giving statements via email.

Please look for upcoming information for 2021 Stewardship in emails and in your mailbox.

Thank you,  
Anne Hayes



## Snohomish Food Bank Christmas Baskets 2020

Thank you for donating to the Thanksgiving and the Christmas Baskets for the Snohomish Food Bank. You all are so wonderful with sharing with everyone and you are a delight to work with.

Christmas Basket donations need to be made by *Monday, December 21*. Money that was received after November 20 will be used for the Christmas Baskets and money received after December 21 will be used by the food bank to help with their regular feeding program. Carroll Brown will deliver these checks to the Food Bank. Merry Christmas to all.

Pat Dodson



12/03 Sharon Lempe

12/04 Janelle Kurtz

12/07 Jane Schwarz

12/07 Holden Strande

12/12 Nathan War Bonnett

12/17 Sarah Anderson Field

12/21 Tena Hilton

12/21 Sean Harris

12/23 Karl Maurer

12/27 Rose Bullock

12/29 Addamae Akin

12/30 Rosemonde Lawson-Djito

12/31 Wayne Clark



12/11 Dan & Connie West

12/13 Dwight & Linda Hiester

12/23 Matthew & Yvette War Bonnett

12/28 Carroll & Cherri Brown

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

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Merry Christmas to all the women in our church. Hopefully, we can start meeting later this spring. I hope to set up a Zoom meeting early in 2021. I will let everyone know when that happens. Have a Merry Christmas. Pat Dodson

### **A Note from Operation Full Bellies**

Dear United Methodist Church and Members that have so graciously donated to our mission in Sultan:

We are so very grateful for all the help you have given us over the last several months. It has been a very rough time for us, due to the pandemic. Because of all your donations, we have been able to continue to feed all these children and for me to help with the low income families and homeless. I personally spend over \$100 each month just buying toiletries and other house supplies so they can do laundry and take care of their children, etc. Food stamps don't cover all those needs.

All of you have been a tremendous blessing and we can't thank you enough for all your help.

Blessings to all of you.

With love,

Operations Full Bellies and Donna Rice

### **SULTAN MINISTRIES**



Yes, it is that time of year again when we think of others. I was at the church today, Monday the 23rd of November and saw more bags of food and clothing. You are so generous. We are a church in mission and have been active sharing in our local communities. We always furnished Christmas gifts for the July Birthday residents at the Snohomish Chalet and since the Chalet has closed, we will be helping Sultan teenagers.

We will have a 'Warm Giving Tree' to collect socks, gloves, hats and ear muffs for the homeless in Sultan. In addition, there are teenagers in that area that need Christmas gifts.

Our list includes (number of and age): Boys -- 1-17, 2-16, 2-15, 1-14 & 1-13 and Girls -- 1-17, 2-15, 2-14 & 1-13. Ideas for gifts are: ear buds, reusable water bottles, makeup & cologne, fuzzy blankets, crafts, hats, gloves & scarfs, games & gift cards. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church on Tuesdays 9:30-11am or Thursdays 11am-1pm. Extra wrapping paper or Christmas gift bags would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

Remember, they are also feeding many children and teens in the Sultan Area. Donna mentioned to me that they can use packets of oatmeal, especially the variety ones.

Thank you for all your help in making Christmas merry and warm for others.

Pat Dodson



Advent is the time we await, prepare and celebrate the coming birth of the Christ Child. Perhaps there is not a better way of showing our happy anticipation than to share with others.

This time of Covid-19 has necessitated a seemingly monumental lack of social contact within our own lives. Now, the Holidays are intensifying that sense of being separated from people we love. Because we are aware of this phenomenon, we must make certain to remember those among us who are even more isolated in their own homes or in care-facilities. Action is more important than just knowing. In reaching out to these friends, we are living the meaning of Advent and of Christmas.

Now, what might be done? Consider that a Christmas card, perhaps a simple home made little gift, something that your child or grandchild created to send, or just a thoughtful note would brighten the spirits of some of our brothers and sisters in Christ. All ideas and efforts are happily accepted. Christmas is for giving, is it not?

Advent begins this coming week. If you would/could drop off any gift by December 14, we will make certain that they are delivered. Soon would be very good!

The following names are those in our congregation who would greatly appreciate your "Christmas Blessing":

Evan Emery

Eleanor Leight

Eleanor Owen

Max Weed

Dave and Mariellen Brown.

In the event that someone's name was not listed, please let the church know.

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