



August 2019

Snohomish United  
Methodist Church

# The Evangel

## Pastor's Corner



This summer I've enjoyed learning more about how you experience God in your lives: singing your favorite hymns, hearing the stories that inspire them and reading about the "gardens" in your life where you have known the Living God (pictured at left). I've gotten an insight into the generations of faith who raised you and the moments that have nourished your faith. I have even had the joy of being invited into your "garden" spaces as we have hiked together (below) and planted God's Garden together.

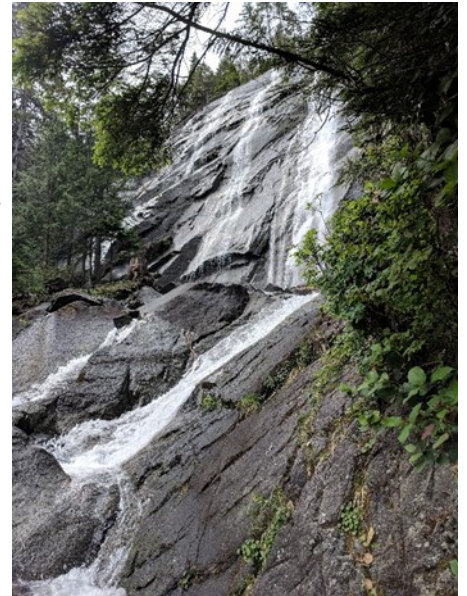
As I spent some time reading more about the places where you have met the Living God (in National Parks, on a canyon's edge, in your gardens, early mornings still in bed, on a beach while 'Amazing Grace' sounds from a distance, in the holy and hard moments of burying loved ones and anywhere and everywhere in between), I am reminded how often these are moments of 'being.' These are so often the moments when we are present in a way that is not about what we do or accomplish. These aren't check-list moments. These are wholly, and holy, Sabbath moments.

Sabbath is the gift that reminds us that God is God, and we are not. It is one of the great commandments that helps us keep God at the forefront by removing us from the center. It is the rest that renews us for the work that God would have us do in order to love God and our neighbor with our whole selves.

As I reflect on this summer sabbath reminder, I find myself drawn back to the 'star word' that I received at Epiphany: "I AM." It is the name God claims as God's own. I find myself considering how Sabbath is the invitation to rest in the "I AM"-ness of God. It is the invitation to let the God Who Is, be the God who is in you.

Sometimes that is an invitation to clear away everything that takes up room in our hearts but doesn't lead us towards more love in the world: Like the refining fire of a brilliant sunset to prepare for the clear night skies. Sometimes it is an invitation to be full of the Spirit's presence and power in a way that leaves us imagining new dreams. So full of Holy Imagination that we are freed from the burdens that cling to us to dance playfully. Sometimes it is an invitation to stillness, to do a little less in our frenzied world and to be a whole lot more, instead; like the wildflowers that flourish in the hand of God's provision.

My prayer is that we all accept the invitation. Show up to our "garden" places where we have known God before. Listen for God's voice to call our name again. Dare to venture where God waits to meet you next. Rest and play and breathe in the Great I AM. May Sabbath abound so that the Love of God would abound in us.





Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th at 11:30am.  
Please put this date on your calendar. See you then!

## UPDATE ON THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SPRING TEA

Our SPRING TEA was held on MAY 18TH. About ninety ladies joined us for a fun afternoon. Our thanks to all who participated, and we are looking forward to another in 2020. The raffle was a big hit. Many nice items were donated and displayed. We brought in \$587.00, and distributed half to the Snohomish Chalet, and the other half to Donna Rice to be used for the Open Hands Ministry in Sultan. Thank you again!

## Snohomish Chaleet

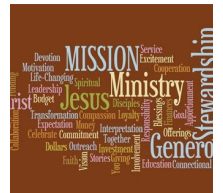
For years our church has participated in helping the Snohomish Chalet (aka Delta Rehabilitation Center) with honoring the residents with July birthdays. This year we held an ice cream party with favors and flags on Tuesday, July 9. The party turned out great! Thank you to all the volunteers that showed up. This is an important mission outreach activity for our church and also for our United Methodist Women. We currently have nine residents with July birthdays and will be helping to make their Christmas brighter with gifts.

The Delta Rehabilitation Center will be having their annual Summerfest on Saturday, August 3rd from 1:00-3:30pm. There is fun for everyone and all are invited. I have posted a flyer on the bulletin board, and one is in this newsletter for more information.



## Operation Full Bellies and Open Hands Ministry

August is here and school is quickly arriving. This month let's concentrate on individual cereal packets and snack items including energy bars and crackers with cheese or peanut butter. Open Hands Ministry can always use soap and toothpaste. Thank you!



## School Supplies for Sultan

Our church has collected school supplies in August for the past few years. This year we will be sending these new supplies to Sultan to help the students there.

Please help by picking up items when you are shopping. Some ideas include:

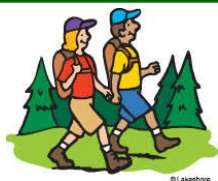
- Notebook paper—both wide and college rule
- Blue , black and red ink pens
- Crayons
- #2 Pencils

Thank you for your support of our students!  
Pat Dodson, Mission Chair



The UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S BAZAAR will be held on NOVEMBER 1st and 2nd. While you are cleaning and sorting please store away your unwanted ladies and children's clothing and household items. We can use all the donations you have to offer. If you need them out of your house please contact me and we can find storage elsewhere. Last year we made over \$5,000.00 and purchased the new tables in the Fellowship Hall with some of the money.

Blessings, Carolyn Janssen 360-794-3360



Hikers: Join us for the August hike on Thursday the 15th. We will be hiking to Wallace Falls out highway 2 near the town of Gold Bar. It will be 4.6 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 1,925 ft. This is twice the elevation gain of the last hike. You may again want to bring a snack/lunch, water, and your camera. We will meet at the church parking lot at 7:30 am and caravan to the trailhead. The early hour is in order to insure parking space. RSVP to Bill Clemans and/or Tom Ayers: Bill at [bgnamelc@comcast.net](mailto:bgnamelc@comcast.net) , Tom at [taamaa@comcast.net](mailto:taamaa@comcast.net) Any questions, call. Bill: 360-572-0405 or Tom 425-322-4254.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE NURSERY**

We no longer have Julia as our nursery attendant and we need volunteers to be available to care for children in the nursery on Sunday mornings (9:45- 11:30). If you do not have a background check with our church you will need to contact Lorraine in the office to complete the online background check.

We will begin the hiring process before the end of summer but if you know of anyone who may be interested in the position please let me or anyone on SPRC know. Thank YOU!

Jody Berntson  
SPRC Committee

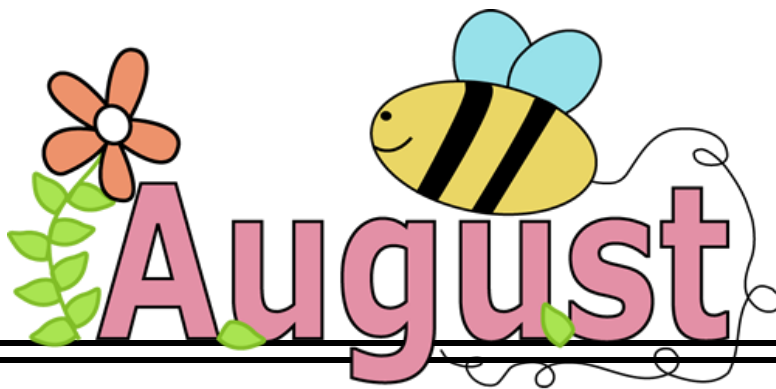


- 8/02 John Ortmeyer
- 8/11 Lorna Rentko
- 8/16 Ruth Ann Erickson
- 8/20 Steve Pratt
- 8/21 Tim Burpee
- 8/27 Patrick Lafferty
- 8/27 Frank Rentko
- 8/31 Harper Strande

Happy Anniversary

- 8/04 Howard & Tena Hilton
- 8/13 Tim & Mary Burpee
- 8/13 Joni & Todd Wilburn
- 8/15 Mike & Karen Manley
- 8/19 Brian & Lyn Reynolds
- 8/19 John & Janet Daly
- 8/20 Bill & Jane Schwarz
- 8/21 David & Carol Biles
- 8/31 Tim & Barb Stobb

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 1:00-3:30pm Chalet Summer Fest
4 Communion	5 9:30am C2C Team Meeting	6 5:30pm National Night Out @Snohomish Boys & Girls	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 7:30am Wallace Falls Hike  11:30am Book Club	16	17
18	19 9:30am C2C Team Meeting	20 Evangel Articles Due	21	22	23	24
25	26 2:30pm Community Kitchen	27	28	29	30	31



### God's Garden Update and Help Needed

We are well on our way to a bumper crop this year! We've harvested about 250 pounds of produce. With the nice weather, we've planted a second planting of beets. And the winter squash and pumpkins are growing big!

We harvest every Tuesday and Friday morning at around 9:30 a.m. This is where we could use your HELP! I am having knee replacement surgery on August 7 so I'll be out of commission for a little bit. John and Janet Daly are faithful workers but the harvest is the hardest task. Could you spare an hour or so on a Tuesday or Friday morning to help?

Please let me or the Daly's know when you are available.

Thanks and I promise I'll be back out there as soon as possible!

Mary Ayers



**Save the Date:** National Night Out occurs on **August 6, 2019** in neighborhoods from coast to coast. The City of Snohomish will hold its festival at the Boys and Girls Club 402 2nd St at 5:30pm. There will be many local vendors, free food, games for kids and much more! The Public Safety Commission of Snohomish will again welcome volunteer services SUMC's members and friends can provide.



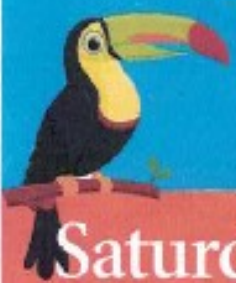
## Save the date

to be photographed for the new  
Snohomish United Methodist Church  
directory

Photography dates  
September 27 - September 28

**Lifetouch**





You are Invited to Delta's 44th Annual

# Summerfest!

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 from 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

1705 Terrace Ave Snohomish, WA

Carnival Games & Prizes, Caricature Artist,  
Clowns, Live Music, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy,  
Popcorn, Snocones and much, much More!

Come and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon!!

**EVERYTHING IS FREE!!**

**2 Stages!!**

\* Papa Kila's Band  
& the Island Dancers!

\* Lindi Moo will entertain us  
with her Ryhthm and Moooves!

\* The Leight Fantastics

No Entry Fee!  
Ample Parking!  
Games & Snacks  
are FREE!!

Have Questions?? Interested in volunteering??

Contact our Activities Director,  
Cherlyn MacGurn (360) 568-2168  
[activities@deltarehabsno.com](mailto:activities@deltarehabsno.com)



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