

December
2019

Snohomish United
Methodist Church

The Evangel

Pastor's Corner

Sunday, December 1st marks the beginning of the Advent season; that season when we long for and prepare for the birth of Jesus. This year the theme we'll hear in worship is: "Fear Not: From Fear to Joy."

This theme is inspired by two things.

The angel's refrain "fear not" which is spoken again and again in the stories leading up to Jesus' birth. The angels appear to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds in the field to invite them into God's plan. Each time the angels appear, they bring a greeting of peace so that they would not be afraid. This angelic refrain is a contrast to King Herod's own fear when he learns about the "newborn King."

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the hymn "Joy to the World." Written by Isaac Watts in 1719, the hymn is based on Psalm 98 and looks forward to Christ's coming again. It is thought to be the most widely printed hymn (at least according to Wikipedia!) and is widely regarded as a favorite Christmas carol. Perhaps you're humming it now just thinking about it!

In the very first verse, "Joy to the World" proclaims Christ's coming and invites us into it, saying: "Let every heart prepare Him room." Normally, I sing right through it, but I began to wonder what it looks like to make more room in our hearts for Christ to come; for joy to flourish. What if we heard this, not only on Christmas Eve but in the weeks leading up to Jesus' birth? How might our waiting and watching of this Advent season be different with that invitation out front: Let every heart prepare Him room.

At the same time, the angels' "fear not" refrain echoes in my mind. Why is *this* the refrain that is repeated again and again throughout the whole story; from prophecy to fulfillment? The good news comes only after a word of peace to dispel the fear. I began to wonder if God knows how much room fear can take up in our hearts. Maybe entrusting those fears that live within us to the Light of God's love is how we make more room for Christ to come into our hearts. And so, this Advent theme was born: Fear Not: From Fear to Joy.

I hope you'll join us throughout this season as we journey together and anticipate the birth of Christ. May we all make more room for the good news to enter into our hearts where joy can abound!

Peace,

Pastor Janelle



Calling all Carolers! On Saturday, December 14th at 11AM, we'll be caroling through the halls for our neighbors at the Snohomish Health and Rehabilitation community (800 10th Street, Snohomish). We'll meet in the lobby and a program director will lead us from there. All ages are welcome! Join us in spreading the joy! Please let Pastor Janelle know if you plan to attend so we know to look for you.



We will be meeting for our Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4th at 11:30 a.m. in Clark Community Hall. The meal will be a potluck so bring something to share. Please bring a friend with you to help us celebrate the year. We are also collecting food for the food bank Christmas Baskets.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:00 in the Library. *Merry Christmas to all.*

January Meeting

Our January annual planning meeting will be on the second Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 2020. We will be meeting together at 11:00 a.m. Please add this to your calendars. This is your time to bring program ideas for the next year. Thank you.



FROSTIE'S WONDERLAND BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE SALE—UPDATE

The UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND UNITED METHODIST MEN'S groups would like to thank everyone who helped make the BAZAAR and VETERANS DAY celebrations a wonderful success. All of your donations, hard work, prayers and hugs really paid off!

As of now, we have received \$6,457.77 before expenses. The final total will be provided after the New Year.

We have received many compliments and warm wishes. So, many thanks! And, remember that the BAZAAR BOUTIQUE IS OPEN FOR YOUR LAST MINUTE PURCHASES THRU CHRISTMAS.

The VETERANS DAY POTLUCK was well attended. Thanks to your delicious foods, our wonderful Scout Troop, Tom Lafferty and his music, and Pat and Pat Fisher in charge of the kitchen. To our wonderful church family, Blessings for the holidays.



The United Methodist Men's group will be hosting their annual All Church Christmas dinner on Monday December 9th at 6pm. The men's group will be providing turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, a hot vegetable, coffee and punch. ***We ask anyone attending to bring a side dish, salad or dessert of their choice.*** Entertainment will be provided by Tom Lafferty. If you would like to donate a box of tea, the Snohomish Food Bank has asked the church for this item to help fill their Christmas food baskets.

Please RSVP. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. You can also contact Tom Ayers or Pat Fisher.



From the Methodist men's group:

It was decided that the men will change from a dinner meeting to having a breakfast meeting instead. Our meetings will be held at 8:00 AM on Saturday January 11th, Saturday February 15th and Saturday March 14th . We are making the change to avoid the heavy traffic on weekday evenings and also to avoid having people driving to and from meetings in the dark and wet winter weather. We hope this will prove to be a better time for new members to attend as well. All the men in the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Ayers or Pat Fisher if you plan to attend at the new meeting time.



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birthday

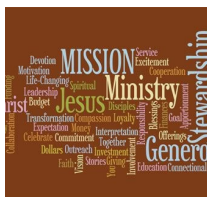
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12/21 Sean Harris

12/22 Kevin Kurtz
12/23 Karl Maurer
12/27 Rose Bullock
12/29 Addamae Akin
12/31 Wayne Clark

12/11 Dan & Connie West
12/13 Dwight & Linda Heister
12/23 Matthew & Yvette
War Bonnett
12/28 Carroll & Cherri Brown

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!



MISSION NEWS



Snohomish Chalet Christmas Giving

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a resident for the Chalet's Christmas party. Please remember to bring gifts to the church by Wednesday, December 4th. The Chalet is having their Christmas party on December 8th.

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We will have a 'warm giving tree' to collect socks, gloves, hats and mufflers for the homeless in Sultan.

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

Pat Dodson, 360-568-6202, patcdodson@aol.com

Special Sunday Offering

We have had a busy November being thankful, so we have changed Our last United Methodist Special Offering, United Methodist Student Day, to Sunday, December 1st. This special offering empowers United Methodists to pursue educational opportunities through scholarships and low-interest loans. Your participation invests in the future of the church by supporting young leaders who are transforming the world. Together we educate students so they can make a difference in the world. Join with me in giving to this offering on Sunday, December 1st. Thank you.



From the finance committee....

Thank you for your support during the month of November as we encouraged you through our Stewardship/Visionary Campaign to dream, plant, water and bloom the many works of our church through your prayerful, financial, resourceful and visionary support. As we move in to 2020 please continue to ask yourself what are you called to give yourself to? Thank you...



Just a friendly reminder too that year end contributions take advantage of a 2019 tax deduction...which in turn helps the church budget end on a positive note.

Thank you,

Mary Burpee, Finance Chair



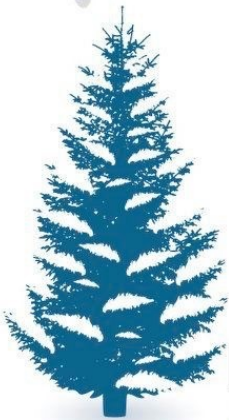
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Adult Sunday School Communion Sunday	2	3	4 10am UMW Board Meeting 11:30am UMW Meeting 7pm Choir Rehearsal at GS	5	6	7 9am-2pm Preschool Holiday Event 10am Choir Rehearsal
8 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Christmas Cantata 3pm Common Grnd Christmas Concert	9 6pm UM Men's All Church Dinner	10	11 6—8pm Preschool Orientation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12 9am PEO Meeting	13	14  11am Caroling at Snohomish Health & Rehab
15 9am Adult Sunday School 1pm Ted L's Students Christmas Recital	16 9:30am C2C Meeting	17 Evangel Articles Due	18	19 11:30am Book Club	20	21 
22 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Children's Pageant	23 2:30pm Community Kitchen	24 8pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas  Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29	30	31	Every Sunday Happenings: 9am— Adult Bible Study 9:15am— Choir Rehearsal 10am— Worship 10:15am— Children's Sunday School 11am— Fellowship			



I Wish You
Christmas

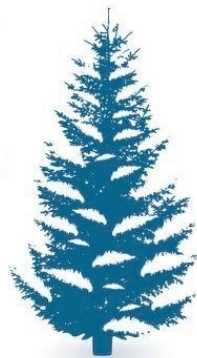
HOLIDAY CONCERT
WITH THE MILL CREEK CHORALE

DECEMBER 7, 2019
PERFORMANCES AT 3PM & 7PM



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The
Mill Creek
Chorale

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TICKETS: <https://tickets.chorusconnection.com/mcc14/events/146>

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