



The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

June 2019



On May 19 six members of SUMC traveled up to Lazy F to participate in the blessing of the new dining hall. There was an excitement in the air about having a dream and witnessing it come true. One of the speakers stated that this dream of a new dining hall started about ten years ago. At that time, it was just a dream. With a lot of prayers, tears, sweat and determination today it is reality. But this reality would not have come about if it was not for those that dreamed and those that helped make the dream come true.

It is great to witness this new dining hall and the potential it will bring to further God's kingdom through camping. I was struck by one of the other speakers that stated this dining hall is not just for us but for future generations of campers. He stated, "that forty to fifty years from now campers will still be using and enjoying this dining hall." This resonated with me because we at SUMC are in the process of painting our church. Ok, this might not be as exciting as a new dining hall. But this will help preserve our church for generations to come.

As we dream about having a full sanctuary with many children this reality might not happen today or tomorrow. But we must continue to dream about the future of SUMC and the potential we have to influence future generations. We are witnessing this by maintaining our building. We are witnessing this through our strategic planning. We witness this by reaching out to those in our surrounding community. Lets' continue to dream about a full sanctuary and make this dream a reality for us and the generations to come.

Shalom Pastor Dirk



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee met May 9th at Daniel's Kitchen. We discussed the events that occurred since the past meeting in February.



Appreciation was expressed for the choir music during Lent and for the Easter Sunday service. We discussed the number of hymns during the service and decided that, since Methodists are a singing denomination, four hymns during the service is an appropriate number. We also discussed whether we thought that we should have a postlude following the service. We decided that since people immediately begin visiting after the end of the service, they would not be listening anyway.

Boy Scout Sunday was snowed out this year. We learned that the Church Council has designed a policy for dealing with snowy Sundays. Decisions for cancelling Sunday services will be made on Saturday evenings and announced through social media.

The committee was satisfied with the attendance at the special services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and the sunrise service. We will plan to continue those services in the future.

The committee made plans for High School Senior Recognition Sunday. The church provided Wesley Study Bibles for both Maya Voight and Ryan Mead. Pictures were projected on the media screens, and both girls were invited to share their plans for the future.

June plans include Communion on June 2nd, Pentecost is June 9th, and Margaret will make sure that Red paraments are put out. The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference is concluding on Pentecost Sunday, and both Pastor Dirk and Kevin will be in Puyallup. Pastor Rex Van Beek will lead the service that Sunday.

June 16th is Trinity Sunday. Pastor Dirk will be able to lead worship, but will be in the middle of his annual training, which is again at the Yakima Training Center. That Sunday is also Peace with Justice Sunday, which is one of the six Sundays with Special Offerings. Margaret will change the paraments to white for Trinity Sunday. June 23rd will include a special barbeque for soldiers at the Training Center, if they are able to attend, as well as the congregation.

Independence Day Sunday is July 7th. There will be an outdoor service on the porch of the church. A Service for Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on August 25th, as school starts on August 26th in Selah and on August 28th in Yakima. There will be a Blessing of the Beasts on September 1st that will be held on the church porch.

The next committee meeting will be held July 11th at 11:30 AM at Nana Kate's. People who are interested in worship are always welcome at the meetings.



Selah Food Bank



June Is Canned Fruit and Vegetables Month!!

Again, I was greeted with a smile from the lead volunteer at the Selah Food Bank. She knew exactly what the food bank shelves needed, and then, she quickly added "But you can give us *anything*. The Methodist Church always gives a lot." How about that tribute of appreciation? For the next few weeks, the food bank could use any kind of canned fruit or canned vegetables. You know that any non-perishable food item is always gratefully accepted by the volunteers who help the Selah area families feed their families. Thank you for your continued support.

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Camp Hope and Northwest Harvest

Northwest Harvest: We are done packing school lunches for the Wesley Backpack Mission. We can still volunteer on the 3rd Saturday of the summer months when we will be sorting and packing fresh produce or other miscellaneous sorting or boxing. It is a different kind of work, still a social time, and very helpful to the NW Harvest operation. In order to have enough or not too much produce or cans ready to pack, they ask that we let them know by the 3rd Friday approximately how many volunteers from SUMC plan to help. So, if you would like to join in the sorting this summer, please let Linda Drew or Pastor Dirk know. The Backpack Mission lunch program will begin again in September. Summer dates (at 9am): June 15, July 20, August 17

Camp Hope: The Wesley cooks will continue throughout the summer to plan, cook and serve meals to the Camp Hope residents regardless of where their temporary home is located. On May 28th, dinner was served at the Toppenish Armory. We at SUMC have baked many cakes - we are called the Selah Bakers - and several of us also transport and help serve dinner on the 4th Tuesday of the month to these friendly, cheerful and grateful residents.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



We are needing donations of small tubes of sunscreen to put into our hygiene bags for Rod's House. Please put any donations in our UMW box. (Located by behind the coffee hour table) Selah United Methodist Women will be taking a break for the summer. Our last meeting will be June 11th. We will be meeting at River Ridge Golf Course at 6:15 pm for dinner.

Tressa Cummings, UMW President

4-H Horse Show



Please mark your calendars for **June 27 to 30** to help with the concession stand we will be running for the 4-H horse show that will be held at state fair park. In addition to being a fundraiser for our church, we are providing good food to the 4-H families at a reasonable price. They appreciate our being there. **A signup sheet is posted in the Narthex. Please sign up to help. No experience needed!!**

Here piggy, piggy, piggy



Thank you to all the "pig owners" who returned their well-fed little critters to the barn the first two Sundays in May. We were able to donate \$338.70 to the Days for Girls project. We have received a very nice thank you note from the local director and they are very appreciative of the donations which will be used to purchase fabric for the kits. If you do not have a piggy bank and would like to be

involved with this fundraising opportunity please see Linda Drew, Tereica Kaumheimer or me and we will get you your very own "little animal". We will be calling the pigs back in next fall for another project that will be announced at that time. Again, THANK YOU!!

Gail Davis



Pacific Northwest Conference News

Each month I get emails from various sources within the Pacific Northwest conference with articles or links to articles about things happening within the United Methodist Church – both in the Pacific Northwest and around the country and world. In May I read an article from Bishop Stanovsky following a meeting of the Council of Bishops early in May about how she and other Bishops are hopeful about the future of United Methodist in spite of the uncertainty and crisis facing us. If you would like to read the article, click on this link <https://greaternw.org/why-im-hopeful/> :

Hope for the Children of Africa:

Local United Methodist churches of the Pacific Northwest Conference have been supporting the orphanages of Jamaa Letu in Lubumbashi, in the Democratic Republic of Congo for many years. *Stories of the Congo* is a book filled with touching autobiographies of the 24 current university students who grew up at Jamaa Letu orphanages in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Get to know this part of our church family by purchasing your book now! <https://jamaaletueducation.org/stories-of-the-congo> You can also send a \$25 check per book to: Wesley United Methodist Church of Yakima, 14 North 48th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908 - Make sure you put "Congo Book" in the memo line! and provide your contact information so they can ship you the book or you can arrange to pick it up since Wesley is just around the corner from us!

Summer Travel Prayer

With June comes the start of many summer vacations and travel. I just saw this post of a prayer for summer travel from Psalm 121:5-8:

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in

From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Safe travels for our church family over the summer. Becky



NOW THAT'S THE SPIRIT

Summer is here and the efforts of Don and Connie Schramm and Bob Ruud to keep the lawn green and manicured are already showing. The outside of the church is very inviting due to their efforts. It will be even more so with the fresh coat of paint that is just around the corner. Thank you, Don, Connie and Bob for all our hard work. It is noticed and appreciated!!



Bud Hall Memorial Scholarships Awarded

The recipients of the 2019 Bud Hall Memorial Scholarship are Ryan Mead, Maya Voight and Zach Voight. Each student has “grown up” in our church and is very deserving of the award. They will each receive \$2000.00. Ryan will attend Central Washington University. Maya will attend Whitworth College. Zach will be in the ROAR Program at Washington State University. The Scholarship Team sends our best wishes to these very capable students.



AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Circle gals are winding down now, having had our last meeting in May. In September we will be back to bazaar planning. Be thinking about items for sharing at the Garden Table this summer. I want to thank you for supporting us this year. We could never have come up with \$4,000 for the painting of the church without your help.

We will celebrate our year with a luncheon at the Elk's Club in Selah at noon on June 6th. If you would like to join us you are most welcome. Just let me know for reservations.

Donna Ruud
President



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 4 Helen Charlot
- 7 Matthew Mead
- 8 Lanae Brown Ross
- 9 Gail Davis
- 9 Don Schramm
- 9 Lucas Mahugh
- 10 Logan Hayman
- 11 Mark Charcas
- 12 Bob Ruud
- 13 LaVerne Nelson
- 13 Wyatt Harrington
- 15 Joanne Helms
- 16 Andrew Baranowski
- 18 Merl Brothers
- 20 Katie Kaumheimer
- 21 Michelle Helseth
- 26 Lois Cummings
- 30 Rikki Gonzales

Anniversaries

- 10 Don and Jean Hobbs
- 13 Jim and Beth Mahugh



JUNE SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE



We need your HELP!!!! We need people to help the teachers in the Sunday School class! We are going to continue Sunday School/nursery care through the summer. We do not have very many teachers, so if you can help even once this summer it would mean the teachers would not to teach more than once per month. You do not have to do any teaching or planning, just come and be a helper. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help! I will have a sign-up sheet at church on June 2nd.

June 2 – Cheryl Natland and Debbie Jespersen

June 9 – Joy McFarland and ??

June 16 – Margaret Antanaitis and ??

June 23 – Tereica Kaumheimer and ??

June 30 – Susan Eisenhower and Becky Johnson





JUNE CALENDAR

- 2 Worship Service @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
 - 5 Home Zone Preschool Graduation @ 11:00 am
 - 6 Afternoon Circle luncheon @ 12:00 pm at Elk's Golf Course
 - 6-9 PNWUMC Annual Conference in Puyallup
 - 7-28 Pastor Dirk National Guard Training @ Yakima Training Center
 - 9 Worship Service @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary Pentecost Sunday **Wear Red**
 - 15 NW Harvest Volunteer Saturday @ 9:00 am at warehouse
 - 16 Worship Service @ 1:00 pm, Sanctuary
 - 19 Church Council Meeting @6:00 pm, Simonson Room (bring dinner if you wish)
 - 20 Home Zone Team meeting @ 1:00 pm, Simonson Room
 - 23 Worship Service @10:30 pm Sanctuary
BBQ lunch after service for National Guard servicemen/women
 - 25 Newsletter Articles Due
 - 25 Camp Hope dinner, Wesley UMC @ 5:00 pm
 - 27 – 30 4-H Horse Show Concession Stand Fundraiser, State Fair Park
 - 28 Rod's House Backyard BBQ
 - 30 Worship Service @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
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newsletter are due June 25

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Mission Statement

“As a sacred body that worships God, we feed the soul of our communities, serve the needs around us, and open our hearts in respectful acceptance of all.”

Vision Statement

“Be an Energized Church. Our hands in constant prayer.”