



The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

June 2018

From Pastor Dirk's Desk,

Wow, I can't believe it's been eleven months since I started my ministry with SUMC. Time surely flies by when you are having fun. It has been a fun and exciting year and I am loving doing ministry with each and every one of you.

As many of you know, I am being ordained during Annual Conference this year. I wanted to take some time to explain the ordination process in the United Methodist Church. I started the process of seeking ordination in February of 2009. This process started with me having a conversation with my pastor. My pastor then recommended me to speak with the District Superintendent. I was interviewed by the District Superintendent, which also included a written essay about my call story. She confirmed that I was ready to begin the journey toward ordination. After the District Superintendent interview, I needed to be interviewed by my local church's SPR. Upon approval by the SPR the church held a Charge Conference to vote if they felt I was ready for ordination, thank goodness it was a unanimous decision. Did I mention that to be ordained in the United Methodist Church you must have both a Bachelors and Master's degree. After being confirmed by my local church I had to start applying to graduate school to start on my Masters of Divinity degree. The school I chose to attend happened to be a four-year program. After being approved by the local church then you must be approved by the District Board of Ordained Ministry, which I was required to be interviewed annually. Once I graduated from Seminary the DBOM recommended that I move forward to the conference's Board of Ordained Ministry. The Board of Ordained requires each candidate to answer questions, which are found in the Book of Discipline. Plus, the board also includes questions from the Conference. When it was all told and done I had over thirty-five pages of written work. The board also required a recorded sermon. At this point the board can decide to recommend "no", "not yet" or "yes." My first two times I received a "not yet." This means I had to return to the District Board of Ordained ministry to once again be recommended to the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, which by the way only meets once a year. On receiving a "yes" from BOM I became a Provisional Elder and Commissioned. This requires a vote by the Elders or those in full membership with the conference. After being commissioned I was required once again to submit written paperwork to the Board of Ordained Ministry and once I had to be interviewed. On the next go around, you either receive a "not yet" or "move forward." Once again you must submit paperwork, this time I submitted forty-four pages. You are interviewed again and this time you either get "not yet" or "yes." If you receive a yes then you are voted on again by the Elders. If they vote "yes" then you will be Ordained into Full Membership of the United Methodist Church. This is followed by the Ordination Service where the Bishop will lay hands on the new Elders. My Ordination Service is June 24 at 10:00 in Puyallup.

As you can tell the process of being ordained can be quite the journey. It has not been easy or fun but in the long haul it was worth all the sweat, blood and tears.

Shalom,

Pastor Dirk.



Scholarship Committee Report

The recipient of this year's Walter Hall Memorial Scholarship is Brianna Smith. We are very pleased to present the scholarship in the amount of \$5000.00 to



Brianna, who is attending Gonzaga University. The funds for the Walter Hall Memorial Scholarship are generated from the interest on an Endowment Fund account established with the Pacific Northwest Foundation of the United Methodist Church by the family of Bud Hall.

Trustees

The trustees have identified several needs around the church that must be addressed in the next few months. We would like to put gutters on the overhang above the entrance to the fellowship hall and along the northside of the sanctuary to deal with rain and snow melt that seeps into the fellowship hall. A very pressing issue is the need to paint the outside of the church. We are in the process of getting bids and hope to move forward this year. We have also noticed cracks in the parking lot that will need to be filled before winter. We will be seeking help with finances to cover these maintenance needs.

Finance

We are headed into summer a little tight with our finances. Summers can be tough for us as people take vacations and otherwise miss church due to busy schedules. This can result in giving being less than normal. Please consider dropping a check in the mail if you know you will be out of town or missing church over a few Sundays. And enjoy your summer!!

Fundraiser

We are operating a concession stand during the 4-H Horse Show on August 11 and 12. Please keep this weekend free to help. This is a fun activity where we are helping the 4-H families by providing good food at a reasonable price as well as helping the church have a little extra money in the bank for the upcoming summer.\



Home Zone News



The Home Zone Steering Committee met on Thursday, May 17 at 1 PM at the Simonson Room. Committee members Kevin Dow and Sue Eisenhower joined Pastor Dirk Robinson and Home Zone Director Shannon Vaughn. The four discussed what was happening at the Home Zone and what was planned for the summer.

The program currently has nineteen preschoolers and 45 school age students enrolled in the program. Sixteen of those students are subsidized by the state. Two of the staff will be leaving at the end of

the school year, as they were enrolled in educational programs and will complete their schooling at the end of the term and seeking jobs in their fields. Another staff member has resigned. That means that the Home Zone will be looking for one or two new staff members.

The Home Zone hosted a Mother's Day Tea for ten mothers who were able to attend. All were mothers of preschoolers, and Shannon was pleased with the turnout. A Father's Day Picnic is planned for later in the year with foods like hot dogs, chips and potato salad. Preschoolers' graduation will be held on June 8th. Shelley Von Essen's nurturing group is coordinating a dinner, and the church will provide a cake.

During summer the students will be going to the Selah pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wednesdays will offer other options, like visiting the library, going to the park, or activities such as bowling or learning to make bread at Panera Bread. Mondays and Fridays will be spent at the church.

The church will offer some campership money for Home Zone students who want to attend camp at Lazy F, and Shannon will check with parents to see if any of the students are interested in attending. The church is also planning back packs for low income students, and students and their families will be invited to attend our "Blessing of the Back Packs" worship service at the start of school.

The program continues to operate effectively, offering nurturing at preschool as well as before and after school care.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

The September Older Adult Retreat will be held at the Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center September 18 - 20. We will be exploring answers for a few of the 'What's Next' questions we are asking in today's world. If the construction of the new lodge proceeds as anticipated, this year's Retreat will be one of the first groups to have meals in the new setting. The Three *What's Next?* questions which will be explored are:

- *What's the Next* thing I should do to help my family be better prepared for a natural disaster?
- *What's Next* for those who have immigrated to Washington State?
- *What's Next* in our spiritual lives? How do Older Adults keep their spirituality and faith alive?

Leading the discussions will be: Wendy Riddle, LLP, Retired, Rev. Jen Stuart of the Ellensburg UMC, and Cathy Raymond, CLM, Tumwater UMC

Registration is open already: either online at: lazyfcamp.org or call the Lazy F office for a paper registration form, 509-962-2780. Questions: Contact: Rosalee Mohney, Dean, rmohney@comcast.net





Worship Committee

Summer is near at hand, and summer activities are being planned. The Worship Committee, at its most recent meeting, reviewed worship happenings since its last meeting, and looked forward to those summer activities.

Pastor Dirk expressed his appreciation for the turn out at both the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services. Although it was far from a “full church,” there were enough folks there to assure a continuation of those services next year.

The “Campership Dessert Auction” was another activity that received positive feedback. A couple of folks felt that the intrusion of the auction into the worship service made the service less worshipful, but most expressed an appreciation of the light atmosphere. It was suggested that we not do the auction on Sundays where there were so many things also going on. Communion and guest speakers lengthened the service by almost half, but most agreed that it was still a shorter time than we would have experienced if we had held the auction following the service in the Fellowship Hall, as was past custom. Future events planned include:

Graduate recognition – June 3rd— Zach Voight will graduate from East Valley High School on June 2nd. If you know of others in the congregation who are graduating either from high school or college, please let Pastor Dirk know.

Guests from the Training Center – June 3rd, 10th and 17th – Pastor Dirk has his annual training on the beginning of June, and in addition to being stationed at the Training Center, he will not only be able to be at worship those Sundays but will be inviting some of the soldiers in his unit to join him for worship on those Sundays. There will be a barbeque on June 10th rather than the usual potluck as a gift to the soldiers.

Father’s Day – June 17th – We will have a similar recognition as we did on Mother’s Day. We are trying to be sensitive to those whose children died too early in life, as well as those who have been unable to have children.

Ordination Worship Service – June 24th, 10:30 PM at Puyallup Fair Grounds – It was decided to cancel worship at Selah that day and encourage the congregation to form carpools to travel to Puyallup for the ordination. Pastor Dirk is being ordained an Elder that day, and the Committee felt that people would be able to support him and also experience the pageantry of the ordination service for those who have never been to Conference. If you are willing to help provide transportation for some others in the Congregation, please talk to Pastor Dirk.

Outdoor Worship – July 15th & September 2nd – Worship will be held at the Fire Pit on both of those Sundays, although there will be no fire at either. The service on September 2nd will also include a “Blessing of the Animals.” Watch for details for these two services next month.

The people who are working in the Sunday School want to let everyone know that there WILL BE Sunday School available any Sunday there are children in worship; also, the Nursery room will be staffed and available. Parents will have the option of having their toddlers either in the Nursery or playing in the corner next to the rocking chair.

The next Worship Committee meeting will be at 1pm on Thursday August 9 at Daniel’s Kitchen.

We would like to have more people be Liturgists. Please contact Kevin if you are interested

We could also use more help operating the sound system and CD’s during worship. Contact Becky or Noah if interested.





JUNE IS CHILI BEAN OR CANNED CHILI MONTH

The food bank has struggled the past few months, but when I visited this week, the shelves look stacked and full - especially the cereal shelf thanks to your abundant cereal donations. The volunteers didn't hesitate to request beans, any kind, but especially the kind that will make a good pot of chili - pinto, kidney, black...Or if you prefer, canned chili with or without beans. Because the food bank is doing well, you can always donate any staple that seems like a good item for the families that depend on the food bank; peanut butter, soup, canned meats, pasta, meals in a box. Whatever non-perishable food item that you choose, know that it is always

gratefully received by the volunteers who help the Selah area families with their food requests. Thank you from all the volunteers at the Selah Food Bank.



ALL HANDS ON DECK

Due to various scheduling conflicts, the date for the Strategic Planning Session (originally scheduled for May 20) has been moved to:

MONDAY, June 25 FROM 4:30 - 8:00 PM
Location: Selah UMC

We'll have a supper break so come "hungry" to help create a new plan for the church. Please let Lee Hamilton know if you'll be able to attend Also, spread to word to anyone in the congregation you believe might be interested in jumping on board to help with the planning.



Afternoon Circle

I would like to share what our group has been up to the last few months: One of our big accomplishments in the Simonson Room is getting the tables & chairs. Circle purchased the chairs but a very generous person donated all of the money for the tables. We certainly are very grateful for their generosity & we will be able to enjoy them for many years to come. We also purchased a new refrigerator & Jan Towell donated a new clock. So a big thank you to everyone for making all of this come together. We are still working on a couple of things there, so be sure to stop in & take a look.

You must all be aware by now of the imperative need to repair & paint the outside of our church. It is going to be quite spendy. So we decided to put our "to do" list on hold & pledged \$4,000 towards this project. It isn't near enough but it is a start.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to long time member of our Circle, Jean Porter. Jean decided to move back home to Austin, Tx. to be with her family. It is a good move for her & we are happy for her but gosh, we are missing our special southern gal. We presented her with a prayer shawl made by one of our church knitters. It looked so nice on her & she knows it was made with love & prayers. We will keep in touch. Thank you so much Jean for all your help & input over the years. You are a very special gal to all of us. We also had to say goodbye to another Circle member. Pat Newbrough passed away in December. Pat was only with us a short time before she became ill. We first met her Practicing the piano. We could hear her playing during our meetings. To hear piano music ringing through the church again was wonderful! She

popped in one day to find out what all the noise was about coming from our room. So we asked her if she could change her practice time so that she could join us, & of course she did. We truly enjoyed her friendship & appreciated her willingness to help out. We miss her & extend our prayers to Rod & the family. Thank you so much Pat for sharing your time with us.

A few of us met with Pastor Dirk & Home Zone people & did a bit of cleaning & re-arranging a few cupboards in the kitchen. Drawers are marked & we are sharing space in the beautiful pantry that Dave Eisenhower made. We will be stocking this with items needed for our monthly potlucks & such.

We welcome four new members, LaVerne Nelson, Karen & Gail Davis, & Susan Eisenhower. LaVerne came to our church several years ago, moved away for a time & now has returned. Nice to have you back LaVerne. Karen, Gail & Susan are of course long time church members but now that they have retired, we nabbed them up before their schedules got too full. It's a joy to have all of you.

Election of officers was held recently & for next year they are President Donna Ruud, Secretary Sandy Shelton, & Treasurer Connie Schramm. A big thank you to all & especially to Mary Lenhardt for being secretary for several years. Our last gathering is Thursday June 7th at 1:00pm at the Red Lobster for lunch. Thank you all for supporting us this year & we hope you have a safe & wonderful summer. Watch for the Garden Table, to be out in the walkway soon.

Donna Ruud President



Thank You Selah High School Woodshop



A big **THANK YOU** to Selah High School Woodshop for restoring the Home Zone sign that is on our bell tower. They did a great job

Here Piggy, Piggy, Piggy

Thank you to the congregation for supporting the piggy project this month to the tune of \$646.09. The cause was Operation Purple at Lazy F, which provides a free camp to military children and our very own Pastor Dirk will provide leadership. We, SUMC, are a small but mighty church and seek to serve our community. Thanks to everyone



WE HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School teachers have decided to continue Sunday School through the Summer. It will be more casual, with no lesson but we will have activities for the kids to do. We will meet in the nursery, and we can also take care of any babies who come to church. We can still use more youth and adult helpers. Please contact Cheryl Natland if you would like to help.

The following is the teacher schedule for June:

- June 3 Cheryl and Debbie or Chuck
- June 10 Margaret and Becky
- June 17 Susan and Joy
- June 24 No Sunday School - Pastor Dirk's Ordination!



2 to 20 – Pastor Dirk will be at Yakima Training for his annual National Guard training

2 -- *Table Talks UMC's Finding a Way Forward*, Wesley UMC @ 9am - noon

3 –Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)— *Honoring graduates*

7—Afternoon circle Red Lobster @ 1:00 pm (last meeting until September)

8 –Home Zone pre-school graduation and taco dinner @6:00 pm (fellowship hall)

9 -- UMW Executive Team meeting at Selah @ 10 am to 2 pm, Simonson Room

10 — Men's Breakfast 8:00 am (fellowship hall, last one until September);
Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary); Potluck following worship

14 —HomeZone Steering Committee @ 6:30pm

16 – Volunteer Day at Northwest Harvest

18—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)

19--UMW, Dinner at Riverview Restaurant (Last meeting until September)

21-24-- Annual Conference, Puyallup Fair Grounds

24--Pastor Dirk's Ordination @ 10:30am Puyallup Fair Grounds

NO Church Service In Selah

25--**Strategic Planning @ 4:30 - 8:00pm, Simonson Room**

27--Dinner for Camp Hope residents, meet @ 5:15 at Wesley

Youth and Family Camps

Check out the Pacific Northwest Conference Camp and Retreat web site for summer youth and family camp opportunities at our four camps: Lazy F, Ocean Park, Indianola and Twinlow. Lots of great opportunities to experience the love of God in a beautiful setting. The web site is <http://pnwcamps.org/> Our church has camperships available for youth to attend camp.

Birthdays

- 4 Helen Charlot
- 7 Matthew Mead
- 8 Lanae Brown
- 9 Gail Davis; Don Schramm; Lucas Mahugh
- 10 Logan Hayman
- 11 Mark Charcas
- 12 Bob Ruud
- 15 Joanne Helms
- 16 Andrew Baranowski
- 20 Katie Kaumheimer
- 21 Michelle Helseth
- 26 Lois Cummings
- 29 Rikki Gonzales

Anniversaries

- 10 Don and Jean Hobbs
- 13 Jim and Beth Mahugh
- 24 Grant and Mary Goss;
Shawn and Kristin Templet



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please let the church office know.

Worship Assistants

June

- 3 Kevin Dow
- 10 Helen Charlot
- 17 Tressa Cummings
- 24 No Service
- July 1 – Susan Eisenhower

If you are unable to be the Worship Assistant on your scheduled date please find a replacement. If you change your assigned date the Church Secretary can correct it in the bulletin if you let him know soon enough.

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Newsletter articles for the July/
August newsletter are due June
25th!

Articles can be emailed to

bjoh461@fairpoint.net or

the church

Mission Statement

“Let us be a sacred body that worships God, feeds the soul of our communities, serves the needs around us, and opens our hearts in respectful acceptance of all.”

Vision Statement

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