

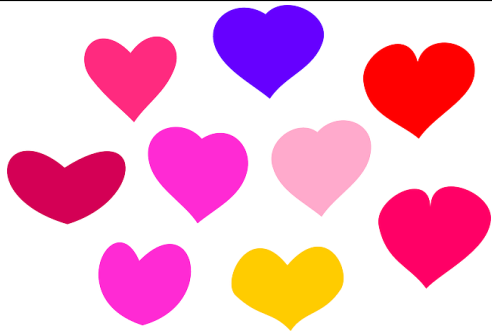


The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

February 20 20



February is known as the month of love because we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. Jesus has taught us to love every day, 24/7 365/366 days a year. Let's begin 2020 by loving all of those around us near and far. I know the congregation hears this message every week but it is a very important message and more importantly a way to live. Valentine's day is about Eros love, where as we as followers of Christ need to seek agape love. This is the love the Christ showed to the world, a love for everyone.

We as Selah UMC have been working hard to emulate this agape love with our work in the Yakima Valley. We witness the Holy Spirit working through us we continue to be the Light of Christ in our Community, State, Country and World. But now is not a time to rest on our laurels, but to continue to do the work that Christ is asking us to do. I am asking each of you to please pray about ways we can continue to be the light of Christ and to spread that light into the darkness.

Shalom, Pastor Dirk





WORSHIP COMMITTEE

by Kevin Dow



The Worship Team met Thursday, January 9th at Daniel's Kitchen for its regularly scheduled meeting. After an opening prayer, we reviewed worship activities for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Thanks to Dorothy Munroe for the Thanksgiving display. The Team also appreciated the diversity of folks who lighted the Advent candles at the beginning of worship but there needs to be a microphone provided so they can be heard by the congregants.

Decorating of the church for the Advent/Christmas season went well, was accomplished quickly because of all the help. Undecorating was also done quickly and easily following January 5th worship. Thanks to all who help with decorating and undecorating!

The Nativity Scene display was very successful. We appreciated use of the new tables purchase by the Ladies' Afternoon Circle. Thanks to Gwen Chaplin and Elaine Dow for organizing the display and setting it up and to the folks who loaned us their displays. There were quite a few who left their displays until the end of the service on December 29th.

The Team discussed the Christmas Eve services and decided the Family service should be held earlier next year. When the service starts at 7:00, it ends close to bedtime for young children. We felt a start time of 5:30 or 6:00 pm would be a better.

There was a desire for a choir during Advent and Christmas Eve, however, there were not enough singers to have as many choral numbers as was wanted. Kevin will try to get some singers to sing in a choir or small ensemble for the Lent/Easter season.

The Team discussed children and Communion. It is felt that celebration of Communion is an important part of who we are as United Methodists, and that we see the children as important parts of our church family. We don't want to force children to participate if they are reluctant, but we don't want to exclude them either. John Wesley thought that celebration of the Lord's Supper was an important means of grace, and it is one of the two sacraments in our church. Cheryl Natland will talk to parents and children about these matters.

The second Sunday of February is traditionally recognized as Scouting Ministries Sunday in the United Methodist Church. We have tried to work with our sponsored Scout troop to find a mutually agreeable date to have them participate in our worship service. In the past they have greeted, ushered, collected offerings, and sometimes even read Scripture. Pastor Dirk will meet with Scout leaders to find a date that works for the Scouts.

Ash Wednesday is February 26th this year. The service will be held starting at 6:00 PM.

Daylight Savings starts on March 8th, so be looking for those notices, and "Spring Ahead" before you go to bed on the 7th.

The Team meets again February 13th at 11:30 AM at Daniel's Kitchen. The no-host lunch is open to all people who have suggestions for worship, or who have ideas for planning of worship events.



Selah Food Bank/NW Harvest/Camp Hope



2019 was a good year marked with tremendous giving by Selah United Methodist Church evidenced by the church grocery basket that was always full. With the winter months ahead, the Selah Food Bank will work hard with NW Harvest to keep food for warm and nourishing meals on their shelves. For the next two months, they are not asking for specific food staples and want you to know that the volunteers are appreciative of any non-perishable food item that you would like to give. You might consider their most popular requests: boxed Mac-n-Cheese, other boxed meals like Rice a Roni or Hamburger helper, chili or chili makings and any kind of cereal. Whatever you choose to give will certainly help feed a Selah area family.

January and February are Your Choice Months

Northwest Harvest

In January, Northwest Harvest will resume the third Saturday Volunteer day. We will join Wesley friends and other community neighbors with filling meal bags for the Backpack Mission. Backpack meals are given to chosen needy school children to take home for the weekend. Come join us for two hours of worthwhile mission work and good fellowship on the third Saturday at the NW Harvest warehouse. If you are 9 or older, you can come. It is fun! Early 2020 dates are: February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16.

Camp Hope

We continue to help Wesley UMC with the Camp Hope dinner on the fourth Tuesday of each month, which will be February 25. We meet at Wesley UMC at 5:15. If you are interested in volunteering, talk to Pastor Dirk.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Have you found the gadget you can't live without to share at the Valentine Tea? You still have time.



Valentine Tea
February 8, 2020, 11:30 p.m.
Selah United Methodist Church
Food, Fellowship, Fun

Program: Gadgets You Can't Live Without! Kitchen, Household, Garden, Sewing/Crafting items etc. . . All women of the church are invited to attend. Bring a friend.

Our theme this year is Gadgets. Please bring a gadget you couldn't live without. Could be something from the kitchen, household, garden, sewing/crafting item etc . . . You will be invited to share why you couldn't live without this item.



We will be making Valentine Cards to give to church members that are not able to attend Sunday Service or church activities, plus can make a few extra to send to someone special.

Selah UMW meeting for February will be February 19th, at 7:00 pm in the Simonson Room. All women are welcome to attend.

Tressa Cummings, Selah UMW President



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Shrove Tuesday is February 25 and we will again be having our annual pancake dinner beginning at 6:15 pm. We will provide the pancakes (UMM have agreed to cook). You bring your favorite pancake topping to share. This is an easy dinner with good friends. Please plan on joining.





UMCOR (United Methodist Commission on Relief)



Still thinking about going to UMCOR in April but would like some more information. Sunday, February 2, right after church we will meet in the Simonson Room and talk about the UMCOR Trip.

Curious about UMCOR West Depot is all about? Come spend a week and volunteer with us at the Salt Lake City, Utah **UMCOR West Depot April 26 - May 1, 2020.**

I have been 3 times and learn something new every time I go. The days work consist of checking or putting together either Health Kits or School Kits, there is also a sewing room for those who like to sew. The work we do is very easy, but it is also fun to visit and get know the people you are volunteering with better. There is also time to explore Salt Lake City and of course time to relax after a full day of working at the depot.

We will be staying at the Episcopal Retreat Center in downtown Salt Lake City. Dorm style rooms that are very comfortable shared bath between two room, sitting area to visit or play games and cooking space to prepare meals/snacks etc. . . If interested please come talk to us.

We need to know how many people are going.

If you are interested please talk to Tereica Kaumheimer or Tressa Cummings



This is a picture of most of those who went to UMCOR West Depot last year.





Afternoon Circle

Circle gals are preparing their delicious soups for you. They will be available on Sunday Feb 2nd, which is "Souper Bowl Sunday". They will be all packaged up for you to take home & enjoy. You will also have a selection of bread/rolls & dessert. They freeze nicely so that you can purchase all your favorites. More folding tables have been purchased for use within the church. We are trying to replace the heavy, heavy, wooden tables that many of us can't handle anymore. They will be so helpful for the bazaar, receptions & other uses. So again, thank you for supporting us so that we can continue to acquire items needed.

Our next meeting will be Thursday February 6th and hosted by LaVerne Nelson.

Donna Ruud, President

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 1 Cody Natland
- 3 Ron Johnson
Lynn Hoselton
Tereica Kaumheimer
- 9 Brandy Voight
- 10 Brianna Smith
- 12 Curtis Natland
- 14 Linda Drew
Dorothy Justice
- 15 Destiny Baynes
- 17 Debbie Jespersion
Noah Zalewski
- 26 Garrett Brown
Dillon Hulse

Anniversaries

None of our church family tied the knot in February





United Methodists of the Greater Northwest,

*What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by.
The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out...
We saw the glory with our own eyes...*

Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

John 1, The Message

This morning United Methodists around the world received a word of hope that the strife that has racked our Church might find a peaceful end.

A group of sixteen United Methodist leaders from around the world, who hold a wide range of theological and social convictions, have negotiated protocols for a graceful separation within The United Methodist Church. If adopted by the General Conference in May, the proposal would:

- Maintain The United Methodist Church intact.
- Allow local churches and annual conferences that choose not to remain affiliated with The United Methodist Church to leave, while maintaining their property, assets, and liabilities.
- Commit \$39 million to racial and ethnic inclusion and anti-racism work.
- Convene the first session of the post-separation United Methodist Church, perhaps before leaving Minneapolis in May, to create four regional conferences.
- Allow for the first session of the newly established North American Regional Conference to act on proposals to remove prohibitive language regarding LGBTQ clergy and weddings. In the meantime, signers to the Protocol have agreed to abeyance on complaints against clergy for related offenses.

While this is not the resolution I hope for, I believe it may be the best next step for the people called United Methodists who have been unable to find a way forward that maintains the unity of the Church. It does not move the Church toward Christ's vision that we "may all be one...so that the world may believe" (John 17:21), but it is a faithful effort "to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3), even as we find it necessary to walk separate paths for a season.

I trust this proposal is designed to unbind us from our "irreconcilable differences" and free us to focus on the future. It does not guarantee a particular outcome, but it appears to offer United Methodists in the United States the opportunity to choose a future that is fully inclusive of LGBTQ persons.



Please read the proposal, asking prayerfully whether it offers Life and Light as we seek to create a new movement of Wesleyan faithfulness in the Northwest and around the world. You can read the proposal at:

<https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/files/websites/www/pdfs/signed+umc+mediation+protocol+statement+-2020.pdf>

May the Life of Christ live in us, and the Light of Christ lead us into the future,

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky

FEBUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

February 2 – Joy McFarland & ??

February 9 – Tereica Kaumheimer & ??

February 16 – Susan Eisenhower & Becky Johnson

February 26 – Cheryl Natland & Debbie Jespersion

As you can see, we need assistants to help the teachers on February 2 and 9. If you can help, please write your name on the schedule posted on the bulletin board in the narthex or let Cheryl Natland know.



Happy Birthday!



What Happened to Birthday Dinner?

Some of you might be wondering about our annual birthday dinner that has been held during January in past years. A few of us decided to move it to March. Why? So often we have bad weather in January that makes it hard to get to the dinner and even when weather isn't bad, some don't like driving in the dark. So, it will be held on March 29. Stay tuned for more details.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 2** UMM Breakfast @ 8:00 am, Daniel's Kitchen
Bible Study @9:15 am, The Upper Room (continuing every Sunday)
Worship Service @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Souper Bowl Sunday soup sale after church
 - 3** New Testament Bible Study @ 1:00 pm, The Upper Room (continuing every Monday)
 - 6** Ladies Afternoon Circle @1:00 pm, Simonson Room
 - 8** Valentine Tea, @11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
 - 9** Bible Study @9:15 am, The Upper Room (continuing every Sunday)
Worship Service @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Potluck after worship service
Worship Team meeting @11:30 am, Daniel's Kitchen
 - 16** Bible Study @ 9:15 am, The Upper Room
Worship Service @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
 - 17** President's Day – office closed
 - 18** UMW Meeting @7:00 pm, Simonson Room
 - 19** Church Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm, Simonson Room
 - 20** Home Zone Team meeting @ 1:00 pm, Simonson Room
 - 23** Bible Study @ 9:15 am, The Upper Room
Worship service, @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
 - 25** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner @ 6:15 pm, Fellowship Hall
 - 25** Newsletter articles due
Camp Hope Dinner, Meet at Wesley UMC @ 5:15 pm
 - 26** Ash Wednesday service @6:00 pm, Sanctuary
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Newsletter articles for the March newsletter are due February 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

“To be an energized faith community.”