



The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

June 2 0 20



As we head into June and summer it looks as if we will continue to hold church services on Zoom. The Bishop announced that churches will not be able to open until at least June 15. With the situation in Yakima County, I would guess we will not be opening SUMC anytime soon.

On a positive note, the Bishop has released her plans on how the local church can start the process of reopening. The Church Council has asked Rev. Kevin Dow to lead a Taskforce to prepare and implement a plan for reopening SUMC. This Taskforce is made up of individuals on the Church Council and Worship Committee. Please pray for this Taskforce as they have a difficult task ahead of them.

On June 2 SUMC parking lot will be used as a testing facilitate for COVID-19. This is a great opportunity for our Church to help the community and county in this age of COVID-19.

As we continue to move through this quarantine, please remember to continue to reach out to each other. I have been adding individuals to my prayer list in my weekly email to call, write letters or a card. It is a simple task but it can make a difference in a person's life.

Shalom, Pastor Dirk



WORSHIP COMMITTEE



The Worship Team hasn't met since March, and isn't scheduled to meet until a week before reopening takes place (currently a week before June 15th). The team has been appointed to a task force to develop the plan for what we need to do when it is time to reopen.

Reimagining Life Together

On May 20th, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky issued guidances on steps that United Methodist Churches in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington will be required to meet before they reopen in-person activities, like worship. There are three steps/phases that will need to happen:

- 1) Bishop Stanovsky will end, or relax, suspension of in-person worship and building closures, allowing movement to the next phase. (This suspension is *currently* scheduled to end June 15th but may be extended).
- 2) State and county health departments permit intended activities in the next phase.
- 3) A local church plan has been approved and implemented by the District Superintendent working under the authority of the Bishop.

At its May 20th meeting the Church Council appointed a task force to develop the plan for submission to the Council and eventually to District Superintendent, Joanne Coleman-Campbell. It is not the job of the task force to determine if the requirements are good or bad, constitutional or not, but to develop a plan which will meet the Bishop's requirements for reopening for our most vulnerable members, and to ensure due diligence to prevent negligence.

The task force is made up largely of members of the Worship Team with the addition of some volunteers. Kevin Dow was asked, and agreed, to provide leadership for the task force. It will meet using Zoom until such time as it is permissible to meet face-to-face. Task force members are:

Worship Team members: Kevin and Elaine Dow, Pastor Dirk Robinson, Margaret Antanaitis, Gwen Chaplin, Cheryl Natland and Bill Walton and volunteers Shelley Von Essen and Glennis Wilson. In addition, Bob & Donna Ruud and Don & Connie Schramm have agreed to get the church building ready.

If you have input for the task force, or comments that you feel need to be made, please reach out to one of the task force members.

by Kevin Dow Task Force Chair



Mission Outreach

The church building doors may be closed, but the loving, caring and generous hearts of the SUMC congregation continues non-stop with the Mission Outreach of the church.



Feeding the Community

- So many have been making masks, making phone calls to check in, sending "thinking of you" notes, visiting with social distance, shopping for meals, and staying in-touch.

- Several provided milk, brownies and corn tortillas for the Camp Hope dinner that was prepared by the Wesley cooks. Last month, they served beef and elk casserole with vegetables and coleslaw and brownies.

- For several weeks, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, groups have been packing bagged sandwich lunches for the Rod's House teens who have taken temporary shelter at Dad's House Church in Yakima.

- A few gathered at NW Harvest to help with their mission of preparing donated fruit and vegetable cans to be sent to the food banks in the county including the Selah Food Bank.

- The prayers and giving and the work of Selah United Methodist Church has never stopped . . . the church has never closed. That's who we are, that's who we have always been.

Friends Quarantine Check-in

From Ron and Linda Drew: Ron and I have enjoyed the leisurely pace to work in the yard - no deadlines, no stress. And who would have guessed that Ron, aka Maurice, is a pretty good woman's hair trimmer?

From Ron and Becky Johnson: We are now providing childcare for our grandsons as both parents are working and going to school full-time and their normal school and childcare providers are closed. We are lucky to be able to see them during this time, but it can be exhausting!



The 4-H horse show scheduled for June 25 to 28, for which we operate concessions, has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. Thank you to those who have helped in past years. They plan on being back next year.



BOOK BUNCH

Calling on Selah UMC reading enthusiasts. We've recently formed a Book Bunch. Interested in reading Christian-based book(s) at a relaxed pace in an informal group? Then please get in touch with Lee Hamilton (lee.hamilton88@gmail.com). We're eager to have additional members. For now, we've chosen to read Christian books that are on the easier, lighter side. Our first book, recommended on a Christian-based reading list, is a fiction book, *Smoke Screen* (2019) by popular author Terri Blackstock. Learn about the book



at: <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/44441954-smoke-screen>.

It's available as an e-book or in print. Join in the fun.

Home Zone News

The Home Zone Steering Committee met May 18 to discuss when and how to reopen. With so many unknown factors and uncertainties in regards to COVID-19 and with taking into account the safety of our Home Zone employees, the children and the church; it was decided that it would be best to keep the Home Zone closed for the summer. It was also decided that the Home Zone will not reopen until the school's open their doors again. This was a difficult choice, but one that needed to be made. Please keep Shannon and her employees in your prayers.

Blessings Pastor Dirk



Peace With Justice Sunday

The gospel is a message of redemption but also of peace and freedom. As Christians, we are called to spread peace, do good and stand for justice. Take a look at the scriptures:

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

Not much has changed when it comes to peace and justice from the culture and context of those Scriptures to today. We still need to work to encourage peace and seek justice. As United Methodists, Peace with Justice Sunday is one way we are working together to seek justice. While we recognize that no nation or culture is absolutely just, we believe that we are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers. It is necessary to work together to resolve conflict peacefully because it is in that resolution where work such as eliminating poverty, caring for orphans, and kickstarting health initiatives can be successful. So what does being a peacemaker, peacekeeper or peacebuilder look like? Peacemaking is defined as the process of creating a settlement between differing parties. If you have children, we are sure that you have played the role of peacemaker many, many, many times. Even if you don't have children, perhaps this is a role that has been played by you or a friend to help settle a dispute. Peacekeeping is keeping people from attacking one another by creating a buffer of neutrality between them. On a global scale, we've seen the UN or neutral nations act as peacekeepers. At a local level, this could mean involving a mediator to help. Peacebuilding is a process that establishes peace through resolution, institution building or at the political level with the goal of preventing recurring violence. Like any good lesson, it is never enough just to learn it. We must now act on what we know. Peace with Justice Sunday is based on these ideas that the way to stand for justice is to simultaneously create pathways for peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding. It is a day to take action by funding peace with justice programs in our communities. One such program we want to highlight is the Peace with Justice Network. This network provides resources and legislative actions to support peacemaking and peacebuilding. Learn more by visiting their website: <https://www.umcjustice.org/what-we-care-about/peace-with-justice>.

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If A Dog Were Your Teacher

If a dog were your teacher, these are some of the lessons you might learn because dogs are filled with wisdom. They are truly glorious beings who would teach you . . .

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a ride
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure

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- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience
 - Let others know when they've invaded your territory
 - Take naps and stretch before rising
 - Run, romp and play daily
 - Thrive on attention and let people touch you
 - Avoid biting when a simple growl will do
 - On warm days stop to lie on your back on the grass
 - On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree
 - When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body
 - No matter how often you're scolded don't buy into the guilt thing and pout; run right back and make friends
 - Delight in the simple joy of a long walk
 - Eat with gusto and enthusiasm
 - Stop when you have had enough
 - Be loyal
 - Never pretend to be something you're not
 - If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it
 - When someone is having a bad day be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently
- (anonymous author)



May Celebrations

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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

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





JUNE CALENDAR

- 1 Daily check-in via Zoom with Pastor Dirk @ 10:00am
Continuing Monday - Friday, during June unless canceled by Pastor Dirk.
See link on next page to join Zoom Meeting:
- 2 National Guard and Yakima Health District drive through COVID-19 testing
All day in parking lot
- 3 Book study via Zoom @ 6:30 pm, continuing every Wednesday
First book: *Smoke Screen* by Terri Blackstock
- 4 Pub Theology via Zoom @ 6:00 pm Continuing every Thursday
See link on next page to join Zoom Meeting
- 7 Bible Study with Pastor Dirk via Zoom @9:15 am and continuing every
Sunday
Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am; **Peace With Justice Sunday**
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- 14 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am
Celebrating Makenna Helseth's High School Graduation at her home
2:00 to 5:00 pm; Meet at West Park UMC parking lot for a congregation
caravan @3:00 pm
- 15 Home Zone Steering Committee meeting via Zoom @11:00 am
- 17 Church Council Meeting via Zoom @6:00 pm
- 20 NW Harvest Volunteer Saturday (tentative), warehouse, @ 9:00 am
- 21 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am; **Father's Day**
- 23 Camp Hope Dinner prepared and delivered by Wesley UMC; Watch for food
requests from SUMC the week before
- 25 Newsletter articles due
- 28 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am, **John Wesley's Birthday**

Worship and meetings will be via Zoom until Stay Home Stay Healthy Order is lifted and we have implemented procedures for reopening safely.



SUMC Sunday Service & Bible Study

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/692949701?pwd=LzlNSWYyT1BGUzNhVHc0ME9yd
nBLQT09](https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/692949701?pwd=LzlNSWYyT1BGUzNhVHc0ME9yd
nBLQT09)

Meeting ID: 692 949 701 Password: 021416

One tap mobile: +12532158782,,692949701#,,1#,021416# US (Tacoma)

ZOOM CHECK-IN WITH PASTOR DIRK

Monday – Friday @10:00 am daily check-in via Zoom. Join Zoom:

[https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/669186246?pwd=NmsxRGsrNktoaUI1NWdKaUxhbnl
NQT09](https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/669186246?pwd=NmsxRGsrNktoaUI1NWdKaUxhbnl
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ZOOM PUB THEOLOGY ON THURSDAYS

Thursday @ 6:00 pm via Zoom. Join Zoom:

[https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/95829189054?pwd=cGJwYmw3M2UrTDk4MlITVUU
ySVI3QT09](https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/95829189054?pwd=cGJwYmw3M2UrTDk4MlITVUU
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Newsletter articles for the July
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

“To be an energized faith community.”