



The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

January 2020



Happy New Year; it's time to make our New Year's resolutions. I know for myself my resolutions last for about two weeks and then I am back to my old ways. This year let's make resolutions that will last. You might be asking how can this be done? It's done by putting God first in our lives and letting God guide us as we maneuver life. My resolution this past year was to get into shape and run more. I had to understand how this resolution will affect my relationship with God. For me to be an effective pastor I must be physically, mentally and spiritually strong. We have been moving forward with our strategic plan, making progress on several of our goals. But more works need to be done. We have finished our first year with the new Church Council format and will be evaluating how well this worked for the teams that provide leadership for the church. It is important that I am prepared to lead our congregation. The only way that I can do this effectively is by handing it over to God.

Shalom, Pastor Dirk



WORSHIP COMMITTEE



The Worship Committee will meet next for a no-host brunch at 11:30 on January 9th at Daniel's Kitchen. The meeting is open to all who are interested in planning worship. Thank you to those who helped decorate and/or clean the church on December 7 in preparation for the Advent season. The boy scout troop that meets at the church again cut trees and delivered them to the church. Thank you so much. Several people brought their nativity sets for the Nativity Scene display, continuing a tradition started by Susan Herdrich. It was a beautiful display. Epiphany Sunday is January 5, a celebration remembering the visit of the Magi to the infant king. Following worship we will be "undecorating" the church. Please plan to stay for a short while after worship that Sunday to help get decorations taken down and put away.



Human Relations Sunday

On January 19, across the United Methodist connection, we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community. We do this by participating in an offering set aside for Human Relations Day. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: every one of God's children is important.

The Human Relations Day offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and works with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Such ministries give us the opportunity to walk in the margins and continue the work of Jesus.



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: January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16.

Camp Hope

The December Camp Hope regular Tuesday night dinner fell on Christmas Eve. The Wesley cooks baked a delicious ham and scalloped potato casserole served with the resident's favorite coleslaw, mixed vegetables, pears and dozens of homemade decorated cookies. The meal was planned to be delivered by 3:00 pm and the Camp Hope managers were going to serve. After considering the meaning of the holiday and how alone the Camp Hope residents are, the delivery people decided to stay and do the serving so they could wish each person a Merry Christmas. On short notice, we found more who wanted to join including Pastor Dirk and Debbie Jesperson who brought her four grandchildren. We were there at 3:00 with hot food, milk, cookies and candy canes. Despite the circumstances, it was quite festive. After their initial shyness, the grandchildren got into the spirit with enthusiastic wishes of Merry Christmas as they passed out the candy canes and helped people choose cookies and gave treats to the resident dogs. It was truly a heartwarming time for the residents, but most especially for the servers from Selah and Wesley.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Thank you! Our bake sale was a success we made about \$150 . The money will be used to support five Global Missionaries throughout the year. We also put together Christmas packages for six young women at the Ridgeview group home here in Yakima.

Our first meeting in the new year will be January 21st at 7:00 pm in the John Simonson Room. We will be planning the Valentine Tea and discussing social justice issues Human Trafficking and climate justice.

Save the Date



Valentine Tea
February 8, 2020 11:30 a.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.

Tressa Cummings, Selah UMW President



FINANCE UPDATE



This year has been a year of ups and downs financially, but we have ended the year with apportionments paid in full and all our monthly bills paid. **YOU** all are the reason for the ups this year. During our Christmas Eve services offering was collected and will be given to the Union Gospel Mission and Camp Hope, two organizations that we have supported in other ways this past year. A total of \$265.00 was received.

I also wanted to take time to remind you that one way we protect financial safety is to separate the responsibility for taking care of our donations and contributions from requesting checks and authorizing payment of bills. Noah is our financial secretary and is responsible for recording contributions and donations to the church and keeping track of our individual giving. Glennis is our treasurer and Lyle is the new finance representative on the church council. They are responsible for paying bills and approving issuance of checks for other purposes.

Thanks to Noah following up on a comment made during our Church Conference in October, you can now make a donation to the church whenever you shop on Amazon. If you log into your Amazon account through smile.amazon.com and make a purchase, Amazon will make a donation to the charity of your choice. SUMC is now a registered charity for this program. Near the top of the smile.amazon.com page is a spot to choose the charity to benefit from your purchases. Let me know if you need help with this.

As I step down as finance chair, I want to thank you for all of your support. I also want to thank the church council and those in the congregation that contributed to the gift card for Sundance Espresso – my favorite place to get coffee.

Becky Johnson

United Methodist Men (UMM) Make A Difference



Each year the UMM direct some of the money they have raised during the year to our community. This year they provided funds to purchase groceries for the family we bought gifts for on the angel tree and made a \$300 donation to the Union Gospel Mission. They also maintain the skate board park that is located at Carlon Park. Good Job Men!!





JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE



January 5 – Joy McFarland & Becky Johnson

January 12 – Susan Eisenhower & ??

January 19 – Cheryl Natland & Debbie Jespersion

January 26 – Tereica Kaumheimer & ???

As you can see, we need assistants to help the teachers on January 12 and 26. If you can help, please sign up on the schedule posted on the bulletin board or let Cheryl Natland.

UMCOR (United Methodist Commission on Relief)



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 work consists of checking or putting together either Health Kits or School Kits, while 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 better acquainted with those who are volunteering. 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 stay at the Episcopal Retreat Center in downtown Salt Lake City. We are in dorm style rooms that are **very** comfortable with a 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 Tereica Kaumheimer or Tressa Cummings. We need to know how many people are going by February 1, 2020.

Tressa Cummings



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 1 Rex Van Beek
Connie Schramm
Dorothy Munroe
- 2 Debbie Charcas
- 4 Susan Eisenhower
- 6 Tommy Helms
Jesus Gonzales
- 7 Haley Coburn
- 11 Jean Hobbs
- 12 Sandy Shelton
- 15 Tina Remy
- 16 Steven Schramm
- 18 Rhonda Gonzales
- 24 Miella Miller
- 26 Carol Williams
- 28 Dirk Robinson
- 31 Lisa Rene Schramm Schilperoort

Anniversaries

- 7 Charles & Jean Cummings
- 18 Jim & Melissa Harp
- 29 Matthew & Katheryn Mead





United Methodists are disciples of Jesus Christ who continue to heed the lessons John Wesley taught his followers: to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed; being a compassionate presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel.

Did you know:

Red kettles have United Methodist links



When Christmas shopping, many encounter the red kettles and ringing bells of The Salvation Army. Not all will know that the Salvation Army has Methodist roots.

William Booth, a Methodist minister, started The Salvation Army in London in 1865. His passion for reaching the poor, homeless, and hungry with gospel of Jesus Christ led him to open a mission to meet people's physical needs. That mission continues to grow today.

Goodwill Industries is a similar organization with United Methodist ties. Methodist minister, the Rev. Edgar J. Helms, founded the organization in Boston in 1902. He hired and trained people in need of a job, to repair and resell donations he collected.

John Wesley never published a Christmas sermon, but his hymn-writing brother Charles wrote songs for the season from the very beginning. The first Methodist hymnbook, *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1739), includes Charles' "Hymn for Christmas-Day." The song begins, "Hark how all the welkin rings, 'Glory to the King of kings.'" Another Methodist preacher would change the opening line to words we know much better, "Hark! the Herald Angel Sings."





JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1** New Year's Day – Office Closed
- 5** UMM Breakfast @ 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study @9:15 am, Simonson Room (continuing every Sunday)
Worship Service @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Take down Advent decorations after worship
- 6** Day of Epiphany
New Testament Bible Study @ 1:00 pm, Simonson Room (continuing every Monday)
- 9** Worship Team meeting @11:30 am, Daniel's Kitchen
Ladies Afternoon Circle @ 1:00 pm, Simonson Room
- 12** Bible Study @ 9:15 am, Simonson Room
Worship Service @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Potluck after worship service
- 15** Church Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm, Simonson Room
- 16** Home Zone Team meeting @ 1:00 pm, Simonson Room
- 19** Bible Study @ 9:15 am, Simonson Room
Worship service, Human Relations Sunday @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
- 20** Martin Luther King Holiday – office closed
- 21** UMW Meeting @7:00 pm, Simonson Room
- 25** Newsletter articles due
- 26** Worship service @10:30 am, Sanctuary
Bible Study @9:15 am, Simonson Room
- 28** Camp Hope Dinner, Meet at Wesley UMC @ 5:15 pm

Save the Date: February 8, 2020 11:30 a.m. UMW Valentine Tea

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January 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.”