



# The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

June 2021



Last Sunday we had our first outdoor Church Service. It was great to be able to gather again at our Church. It was far from perfect, but we will continue to strive for perfection. We will continue to have outdoor services for the rest of June. If God is willing, we will be back in the sanctuary July 4. Before this can happen the inside of the church needs to be cleaned. It has not been used in over a year and is in serious need of cleaning. This includes the sanctuary, narthex, bathrooms, and Simonson

Room. We have over a month to get this done. If you are able to stop by the church and get some of this cleaning done, please let me know. Otherwise, I will get together a list of things that need to be done and we will have a work party sometime in June. I also want to emphasize these dates are NOT set in stone and they could move up or back depending on many factors. I am asking again for patience as we make this transition. With this transition let's not think of it as moving back into the church but moving forward with God. One of the many things that I have learned during this pandemic is that Church can be done anywhere - not just behind four walls of a sanctuary.

On Pentecost Sunday, which is found in Acts chapter two, the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples in the Upper Room. The lesson we need to learn from Pentecost is the Disciples did not stay in the Upper Room but went out into the world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We cannot stay in our homes or churches and expect the world to know who Jesus is. As we remerge from this pandemic, we must be out in the world proclaiming the Good News of Jesus and demonstrating His love for the World. As we remerge let's move forward, not back, in our walk with Christ. Let His love transform your life, so that we can transform the world through Christ's Love.

Shalom Pastor Dirk



## Mission Outreach

We continue to make a meal for 25 teens and young adults for Rod's House the last Friday of each month. With some assistance from SUMC, Wesley UMC continues to plan, prepare and deliver a dinner meal for 75-100 residents at Camp Hope and 50 homeless at Noah's Ark on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We soon hope to be able resume serving the Camp Hope residents this summer. We truly look forward to that outreach and meeting with the residents who are so loving and appreciative. As in past summers, volunteer opportunities at NW Harvest will be few, if any. I will keep you posted as Yakima begins to return to normal.

### Chicken BBQ Coming Soon



On June 20, there will be a BBQ chicken lunch at the church following worship service. This is Father's Day and can you think of anything better for Dad than our BBQ chicken? You can either take lunch home or eat outside the fellowship hall. The lunch will be the chicken, baked beans and coleslaw. Donations will be accepted and any money donated beyond that needed to cover expenses will go toward a BBQ chicken dinner for Camp Hope.



### Bud Hall Memorial Scholarship

The nine members of the Bud Hall Memorial Scholarship Team have awarded the 2021 Bud Hall Memorial Scholarship to three very qualified students. The recipients are Maya Voight, Ryan Mead and Makenna Helseth. Each one has been awarded a \$6000.00 scholarship. Maya attends Whitworth College; Ryan attends Central Washington University and Makenna will attend Western Oregon University. They are all very deserving students who have "grown up" in our church. The Scholarship Team sends our best wishes to these very capable students.

Margaret Antanaitis



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## Selah UMW

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Selah UMW had Anna Marie Martinez - Voices for Children Yakima board member speak at our May meeting. Voices for Children is a non-profit organization that helps children in the foster care system. They serve children in

Yakima, Sunnyside, and Toppenish. The organization has four Board members, one half time employee and about ten regular volunteers. They provide children entering the foster care system a buddy bag which includes blanket, socks, underwear, a stuffed animal, and other necessary items to give these children some comfort when leaving a bad situation. Anna estimated that they give out about 300 buddy bags and 700 -750 blankets per year. They also have a store called Identity; where children can shop by appointment for clothing. All clothing is donated and in good condition. Donations of new underwear and socks are accepted as well as fleece blankets, flashlights, night lights and travel size alarm clocks. the volunteers launder and sort through the donated clothing.

Our unit decided to collect flashlights, travel alarm clocks, and night lights for the Voices for Children. We will collect these items throughout the month of June. There will be a donation box inside the narthex and the box will be out during Sunday worship service. Someone mentioned during our meeting that you can get LED flashlights at the dollar store. You might have these items laying around your house that you aren't using any more. These items give foster children a sense of security during the night. If you have any questions, contact Tressa.

June 22nd will be our next meeting. We are planning to go out to dinner. Place and time TBA .

Tressa Cummings, Selah UMW President



## Greetings to all you SUMC pig keepers



After more than a year of inactivity in the pig pen, we are ready to call the pigs back to the barn. Last year we had decided to use the funds gained through the Piggy Project as a donation to the YWCA domestic violence program in memory of Emily Harris. Then the world fell apart and nothing got done. Now that things are looking up we hope that the pigs have been well fed and will be ready to ante up on July 18th. I know some people have full pigs and some pigs may not have been overfed since we couldn't be out spending our dollar bills to generate a lot of change, but whatever we can collect will be appreciated by the

YWCA. We figure if we get the word out in the June messenger that will give all plenty of time to dig out the pigs, dust them off and get them to the Church on the 18th of July. Thank you to all you participate in this fun project.

Small Group: Bob and Donna, Don and Connie, Ron and Linda, Sue Eisenhower, Debbie Jespersen, Tereica, and Gail.



## UMC Camps Offer Summer Programs

All four of the camps located in the Pacific Northwest Conference are offering summer camping experiences designed to provide safe and fun camp experiences for families. Both Lazy F Camp outside of Ellensburg and Ocean Park Camp located on the Long Beach Peninsula are offering family camps. The family camps limit participants to immediate families or family bubbles who will be assigned housing together. Lazy F family camps will have meals provided while at Ocean Park, families will be in units with full kitchens and will do their own cooking. Both camps will provide many typical camp activities. Camp Indianola located on Puget Sound and Twinlow Camp located in Northern Idaho are both offering some age level camps as well as family camp. All camps are taking special precautions to protect visitors and staff and following appropriate COVID-19 protocols. For information on the camps and how to register visit the camp web site at [pnwcamps.org](http://pnwcamps.org)



## GNW Area Creates Circle of Indigenous Ministries

As friendships and ministries with Native American and Indigenous peoples grow, the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church is creating the Circle of Indigenous Ministries. Developing mutual, healing, and life-affirming relationships with Native Americans and Indigenous peoples in and outside the church is part of the GNW Area's ongoing efforts to heal historic trauma and dismantle racism.

Rev. Dr. Allen Buck, pastor of Great Spirit United Methodist Church in Portland and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is being appointed as the director of the Circle of Indigenous Ministries, beginning July 1. Rev. Buck will also continue as part-time pastor at Great Spirit.

The Circle will support Native American and Indigenous churches, fellowships, and ministry partners through resourcing, coaching, consultation, and friendship in the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences.

The goal is to do what we have been doing, but do it more intentionally," said Buck.

Since Buck was appointed to Great Spirit UMC in Portland in 2017, he has assisted the Oregon-Idaho Conference, as well as his colleagues in the Pacific Northwest Conference and Alaska Conference, in acts of repentance, land return and healing with Native American communities across the area. "The Christian Church has done deep and lasting harm to Indigenous peoples and cultures around the world for centuries," Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky said. "Rev. Buck is helping us learn our history, repent of our sins and form healing partnerships based on humility and mutual respect. "

"The Circle of Indigenous Ministries will amplify Indigenous voices and their wisdom while also empowering more authentic leadership of Native American and Indigenous peoples within the church," said Oregon-Idaho Conference Director of Connectional Ministry Laurie Day, who also serves assistant to Bishop Stanovsky.

For years, the Oregon-Idaho Conference has supported Huckleberry Camp for Native American youth at Camp Magruder in the summers as well as a Nez Perce culture camp at Wallowa Lake Camp in northeastern Oregon. In 2016, the unofficial spiritual home of Native American United Methodists in Oregon-Idaho Conference, Wilshire United Methodist Church in Portland, was on the verge of closing. Former Columbia District Superintendent, Rev. Erin Martin, recruited Buck, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, to serve Wilshire UMC and help grow its ministry into what is now Great Spirit UMC.

The Greater Northwest Area has moved recently into larger acts of repentance and healing, including returning a portion of Wallowa Lake Camp to The Nez Perce Tribe in 2018. In April, the Conference returned the former Wallowa UMC property to the Nimiipuu as well.

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Day said Buck has also helped leadership across the Greater Northwest Area begin acts of land recognition, repentance and building more friendships with local tribes and native organizations.

In addition to its work with the Nez Perce Tribe, Great Spirit UMC took ownership of the Chiloquin United Methodist Church building in southern Oregon, when the congregation was officially closed in 2020. Great Spirit UMC has since turned building use over to The Stronghold, a Native-led organization which partners with the Klamath Tribe to provide culturally responsive peer support services to Native people in transition – be it homelessness due to natural disasters, domestic abuse, drug addiction or more.

Buck said there were no conditions placed upon The Stronghold’s use of the building, because as the church works to decolonize white spaces, it is important to listen to what the Native and Indigenous communities want or need.

“It’s all about relationships,” Buck said. “You can’t do Indigenous ministries without relationships.”

Buck said he is excited to mentor and walk with emerging Native and Indigenous leaders who could serve churches in Native communities. He is eager to partner with the GNW Innovation and Vitality Team to help identify and train culturally responsive leaders in the church.

Day said financial support for The Circle of Indigenous Ministries is coming from across the GNW Area and beyond. This work of recognizing and partnering with Native American, Alaska Native and other populations often marginalized by the church is ongoing.

All of these opportunities are growing, which is why we’re creating the Circle of Indigenous Ministries and we believe Allen Buck is the right leader to continue developing these strong friendships and healing bonds,” Day said. “The need and ministry have grown so much that we cannot wait any longer.”

Grant funding and conferences support will not be enough to develop and sustain the project long-term, which is why the Greater Northwest Area [has established a Circle of Indigenous Ministries fund](#) so that individuals may contribute to this growing ministry in the life of the church.

As the incoming director of the new Circle of Indigenous Ministries, Buck said he could use everyone’s prayers as he embarks on this exciting new journey in ministry.

“Pray for us and help us make sure this becomes the priority it needs to be,” he said.

*Article above taken from Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky’s blog*



## June Celebrations

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### Birthdays

- 4 Helen Charlot
- 7 Matthew Mead
- 8 Lanae Brown
- 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

- 13 Jim & Beth Mahugh





## ***JUNE CALENDAR***

Pastor Dirk is on National Guard Assignment until end of June, but available for Church worship and meetings.

- 1 Daily Check-in via Zoom with Pastor Dirk @ 10:00 am  
Continuing Monday - Friday unless canceled by Pastor Dirk.  
**See link on next page to join via Zoom**  
In person check-in at Sundance Espresso to start in July
- 3 Pub Theology via Zoom @ 6:00 pm - Continuing every Thursday,  
**See link on next page to join Zoom Meeting**  
Watch for announcement for future in person meeting
- 6 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Outdoors and via Zoom **Communion – remember bread and juice if watching via Zoom - Link on next page to join via Zoom**
- 7 PNW Clergy Executive Session (Closed to the Public) via Zoom
- 8-17 Pastor Dirk will be on vacation
- 13 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Outdoor and via Zoom **See link on next page to join via Zoom**
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Outdoor and via Zoom **See link on next page to join via Zoom**  
Father's Day – Chicken BBQ lunch following worship – take home or eat outside at church  
Greater Northwest Conference, Opening Session 6:30-8:30 pm via Zoom (Open to the Public)
- 21 PNW Annual Conference Focus Groups 2:00-4:30 pm via Zoom
- 22 UMW @6:15 pm; dinner meeting place to be announced  
Camp Hope dinner prepared and delivered by Wesley UMC with help from SUMC  
PNW Annual Conference Individual Session 6:00-8:30 pm via Zoom
- 23 Church Council, Simonson Room in person @ 6:00 pm  
PNW Annual Conference Individual Session 9:30am- 12:00 pm via Zoom  
PNW/AK Shared Session 2:00-3:30 pm via Zoom  
GNW Closing Session 6:30-8:00 pm via Zoom  
GNW = Greater Northwest Conference (Alaska, Pacific Northwest & Oregon/Idaho Conferences)

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- 25 **Newsletter articles due**
- 27 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Outdoor and via Zoom **See link below to join via Zoom**
- 28 John Wesley's Birthday (born 1703)

## **ZOOM LINKS**

### **SUMC Sunday Service**

**Time: 10:30 a.m.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/692949701?pwd=LzlNSWYyT1BGUzNhVHc0ME9ydnBLQT09>

Meeting ID: 692 949 701 Password: 021416

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

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### **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=NmsxRGsrNktoaUI1NWdKaUxhbmlNQ09>

Meeting ID: 669 186 246 Password: 848493

One tap mobile: +12532158782,,669186246#,,1#,848493# US (Tacoma)

### **ZOOM PUB THEOLOGY ON THURSDAYS**

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

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/95829189054?pwd=cGJwYmw3M2UrTDk4MIITVUUySVI3QT09>

Meeting ID: 958 2918 9054 Password: 013652

One tap mobile: +12532158782,,95829189054#,,1#,013652# US (Tacoma)

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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**

“To be an energized faith community.”