



# The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

November 2019



Happy Thanksgiving,

It's that time of year again for the leaves to start changing color and there is a crispness in the air. Fall is my favorite time of the year. I love the fall colors and all that fall brings. It is the time of year that I start to reflect on all that I am thankful for in my life. 2019 has been a tough year for me, with many losses. But I am so thankful for so many things. I am so thankful that I have a church family that loves me and I get to love also. This is priceless, much like the fall colors. I am also thankful that I am on this journey with each and everyone of you.

As we head towards Thanksgiving Day and all we are thankful for, let us not forget about those that will not have a hot meal or a roof over their head. Please take time to pray for those that are less fortunate and seek out opportunities to volunteer or donate resources to help.

Acts 20:35 “ In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Let us all be a blessing to others as we head into the Holiday Season

Shalom, Pastor Dirk



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE



The Selah United Methodist Church Worship Team (Committee) did not meet in October. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be remembering members and friends of Selah United Methodist Church who have died within the past year on All-Saints Sunday. Members of the congregation were asked to let the Worship Team know of people who need to be recognized. Candles will be lit and chimes rung as each name is read. November 10 will be our Veteran's Recognition Sunday. If you have military memorabilia that you would like to share for our Veteran's

display, please bring it the morning of November 10. November 24 is Thanksgiving weekend and we will have a special display at the altar. December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent and we will have an Advent wreath that will be symbolic of eternal life through evergreens, and various herbs that have symbolic meaning. The next meeting of the Team will be held on November 7 beginning at 11:30 am at Daniel's Kitchen. If you have some input for the group, please share with one of the members. Team members are: Margaret Antanaitis, Pastor Dirk, Bill Walton, Cheryl Natland, Gwen Chaplin, Helen Charlot, Elaine Dow & Kevin Dow.

Kevin Dow

## *November Potluck*

The November potluck has been moved to November 17, after church. We have been invited to Lazy F Camp for a luncheon on November 10 at 12:30 pm for any of our church family who are able to attend. This is the second Sunday, when we normally would have our potluck. This is also the day after the bazaar and many who are not going up to Lazy F will be taking down the bazaar tables and putting away leftovers. We hope you can all join us on November 17.



## Selah Food Bank/NW Harvest/Camp Hope



Lead volunteers, Tammie and Dave from the Selah Food Bank, met me last week and announced that they had collected our grocery basket of food donations and were excited to tell me that the food totaled 72 pounds. Without any frame of reference, I asked if that "was good? was that a lot?" They gave me a big enthusiastic "Yes!" to pass along to you. This month, they are switching gears from beans and vegetables to meals that are quick to prepare. They are asking for boxed meals like Hamburger Helper or Rice-a-Roni and canned meals like Beef Ravioli or Spaghetti O's. Any cereal can also be a nourishing meal morning, noon or night. These are suggestions guided by their current requests, but they want you to know that any nonperishable food item is always gratefully received and passed to Selah area families who depend on the food bank.

### ***November is Boxed or Canned Meals and Cereal, too***

#### **NW HARVEST VOLUNTEER SATURDAY**

Three SUMC joined with several Wesley UMC volunteers to pack close to 800 meals at NW Harvest for the Backpack Mission. This work helps many Yakima area children leave school on Friday with three meals for the weekend. We talk, pack and work fast to fill bags that go into boxes to be distributed to Yakima area schools. Join us on the third Saturday of each month for this worthwhile mission and always friendly conversation with our Wesley partners.

## **Camp Hope**

Elk and beef pasta casserole led the menu at the October Camp Hope and Noah's Ark dinner, planned and prepared by the Wesley UMC cooks. SUMC bakers provided a few apple crisps desserts plus nine gallons of milk. Camp Hope is full - several residents have their bedding and possessions on the floor in the food tent. Despite the tight living arrangement, the Camp Hope people always greet us with appreciative smiles and a thank you as they are served a hearty delicious meal and as each are blessed by Pastor Dirk with "You are a beloved child of God."

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## Indian John Rest Area



October's theme is Gratitude and Generosity. And those that worked the shifts at Indian John Rest Area felt it in multiple ways - from bright smiles for a hot cup of coffee or a cookie to enthusiastic words of thanks and conversation and donations that kept coming even when there was no request for coffee or cookie or apple. The weather was Fall beautiful with a bonus of Chris, the Running Man, who entertained many of the shifts with stories and more donations. Our church mission is to greet and serve our westbound travelers. Their **gratitude** and **generosity** always warms us with our own **gratitude**. It comes full circle. This year, donations totaled \$968 which will go towards apportionments. For years, this Indian John Rest Area project has been an all church tradition. Again, thank you to everyone for your cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, apples, time and continued support.

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### Here Piggy, Piggy, Piggy

Once again the generosity of this congregation is amazing!! The recent calling in of the pigs brought in a total of \$568.82. I hear there are still some pigs that have not found their way to the "barn" and will be coming in soon. This will cover the cost of the brick at the new swimming pool entry, which will get our Church's name out in the community for a long time in the future. We have decided that the amount over the \$500.00 for the brick will be added to the Church income designated for apportionments. Thank you to everyone that participated in this fund raiser. Remember to keep "feeding coins" to your pig for the next calling of the pigs. We will let you know before that happens what cause we will be supporting at that time.

Thank you. Nurturing Group: Ron and Linda Drew, Don and Connie Schramm, Bob and Donna Ruud, Sue Eisenhower, Debbie Jespersen, Tereica Kaumheimer, Jan Towell and Gail Davis

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# Halloween

Thank you to all who helped with our Halloween Party last week. It was a success, with a nice turnout of families. We had plenty of candy, tasty homemade chili and hot dogs, cupcakes for the cakewalk and lots of help with setting up, running the games and cleaning up afterward. It was a nice evening.

Becky

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## **SELAH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**



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Our November meeting will focus on World Thank Bank offering. We will also be planning the Annual Breakfast Breads Bake Sale which will be December 15th.

Reminder that this coming Sunday will be our last for collecting Socks and underwear for Voices for Children. (clothing closet for foster children)

I would like to bring your attention to a serious subject matter that seems to heighten in the fall and that is teen suicide. A recent article in the United Methodist Woman Response magazine stated that suicide is the leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 10 and 24. Approximately 4600 lives are lost each year and another 157,000 young people are injured during suicide attempts each year. LGBTQ youths are three to six times more likely to attempt suicide than other youth. The National United Methodist Women awarded two \$50,00 grants to two organizations - The Trevor Project and the Tyler Clementi Foundation that offer services to prevent teen suicide. These programs offer safe, accepting and inclusive environments for youth especially the LGBTQ. They also offer programs to end online and offline bullying in schools, workplaces and faith communities. Let's look for ways to support our local schools and outreach programs toward preventing teen suicide.

Tressa Cummings  
Selah UMW President

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*AFTERNOON CIRCLE*

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The Bazaar is just around the corner:

BAZAAR	Nov. 9th	9:00 - 3:00 PM	SATURDAY
SET UP:	Nov 5 & 6	TUES & WED	9:00 - 3:00 pm
PACK UP:	Nov. 10	SUNDAY	

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for worker bees. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Donated items can be left in the choir room. Need lots of baked goods. On Sunday some regular folks won't be available to help & several want to leave early to get to Lazy F in time. Come join the fun. Don't forget the Men's Group will have their delicious BBQ chicken for take-out orders after 11:30 AM on Saturday. Last chance this year to get that yummy chicken.



Donna Ruud, President

### UMC CONNECTIONS

During our charge conference a few weeks ago, our DS, Joanne Coleman told a story about how when she travels, sometimes she will stop at United Methodist Churches and ask to use their restroom – afterall, most church restrooms are much nicer than those in a gas station. Well, Ron and I were traveling last week and I recalled Pastor Joanne’s story as we were passing through Rochester and needed to use a restroom. I saw signs for the Rochester United Methodist Church, so decided to following Pastor Joanne’s example. We were warmly welcomed by Pastor Pam Brokaw, who gave us a tour of the sanctuary. There was a group getting ready to cook some food and Ron helped them figure out how to use a fancy new stove and oven that they were using for the first time. What a great break from our travels. It caused me to think about having signs in Selah that would help travelers or other folk looking for our church find us. What do you think? Let our church council members know your thoughts on this.

Becky Johnson

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## **SUMC Leadership Team 2020**

### **Church Council:**

Church Council Chair:	Gail Davis
Pastor/ Mission Team:	Dirk Robinson
Secretary:	Unfilled
Members of Trustees:	
Year 2020	Debbie Jespersen
Year 2021	Connie Schramm
Year 2022	Merl Brothers
Members Finance Team:	
Treasure	Glennis Wilson
Finance Secretary	Noah Zalewski
Finance Chair	Lyle Von Essen
Members of SPR :	
Year 2020	Don Chaplin
Year 2021	Ron Drew
Year 2022	Lee Hamilton
Lay Member of Annual Conference :	Chuck Natland
Lay Leader:	Shelley Von Essen
Worship Team:	Margaret Antanaitis
Home Zone:	Shannon Vaughan





**Mission Teams**

Nomination Team:	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Linda Drew	Marilee Brothers	Karen Davis
	Don Schramm	Tereica Kaumheimer	Cheryl Natland
	Glennis Wilson	Joy McFarland	Leslie Blackaby

Scholarship Team:	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Jan Towell	Bob Ruud	Susan Eisenhower
	Margaret Antanaitis	Mary Leinhart	Lisa Holyfield
	Sandy Shelton	Nathan Miller	Linda Drew

Memorial Team:	Gail Davis
Nurturing Team:	Helen Charlot
Sunday school Team:	Cheryl Natland
Afternoon Ladies Circle:	Donna Ruud
UMM:	Ron Johnson
UMW:	Tressa Cummings
Membership Secretary:	Gail Davis
Youth Group Team:	Dirk Robinson



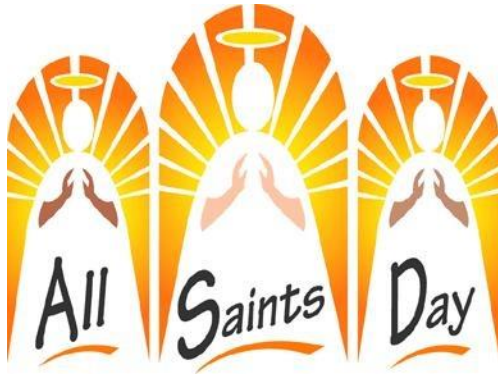
**HOME ZONE NEWS**

Have You visited the Fellowship Hall when the Home Zone is in? It has become an inviting indoor playground. So many Play Centers . . . so much fun!





## All Saints Day: A holy day John Wesley loved



November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church. John Wesley, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard; however, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether. In an All Saints Day journal entry dated Monday, November 1, 1756, Wesley writes, "How superstitious are they who scruple giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints!" It might help to know that the word *scruple* means, "to be unwilling to do something because you think it is improper, morally wrong, etc."

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church. From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

On All Saints Day we remember all those—famous or obscure—who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. We tell the stories of the saints "to glory gone."





## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

- 1 Renee Heide  
Trent Harrington
- 3 Kendra Behn-Smith
- 6 Karen Davis
- 13 Glennis Wilson
- 15 Nicolai Kreiger
- 20 Joy McFarland  
Mary Lee Hulse  
Zach Voight
- 25 John Herdrich
- 26 Greg Charcas
- 28 John Baranowski

### Anniversaries

None of our congregation  
tied the knot in November



## NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE



Thanks to all who have volunteered to be Sunday School assistants. All of the teachers appreciate your willingness to help. As you can see, we need help on two Sundays and especially on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will be posted in the Narthex. Please let Cheryl know if you can help.

November 3 – Margaret Antainitis and Becky Johnson

November 10 – Tereica Kaumheimer and ??

November 17 – Joy McFarland and Debbie Jespersion

November 24 – Susan Eisenhower and ??

December 1 – Cheryl Natland and ??





## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 3** Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall Back  
Men’s Breakfast @8:00 am, fellowship hall  
Old Testament Bible Study @ 9:15, Simonson Room  
(continuing every Sunday)  
Worship Service, All Saint’s Day @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
  - 4** Old Testament Bible Study @ 1:00 pm, Simonson Room (continuing every Monday)
  - 5 & 6** Bazaar Setup, 9:00 am to 3:00 PM
  - 6** World Religion Study @ 6:00 pm, Simonson Room (continuing every Wednesday)
  - 7** Worship Team Meeting @ 11:30 am, Daniel’s Kitchen  
**NO Afternoon Circle**
  - 8** Game Night at Parsonage @ 6:00 pm
  - 9** Church Bazaar @ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
  - 10** Worship Service, Veterans Recognition @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary  
Bazaar take down after worship service  
Lazy F Camp lunch @ 12:30 pm at Lazy F RSVP by November 1
  - 11** Veteran’s Day Holiday, office closed (No Bible Study)
  - 16** NW Harvest Volunteer Saturday @ 9:00 am at warehouse
  - 17** Worship service, @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary  
Potluck after worship service
  - 19** Camp Hope Dinner, Meet at Wesley UMC @ 5:15 pm  
UMW @ 7:00 pm, Simonson Room
  - 20** Church Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm, Simonson Room
  - 21** Home Zone Team meeting @ 1:00 pm, Simonson Room
  - 24** Worship service, @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary
  - 25** Newsletter Articles Due
  - 28** Thanksgiving Day Holiday, office closed
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November newsletter are due  
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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.”