



The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

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In this year of COVID it may seem hard to be thankful. It has been a difficult year for everyone. It also has been a year where we have been forced to slow down. It forced us to spend more time with our families. To connect with friends and family that we otherwise might not have. For me I have stopped to realize that I have so much to be thankful for. I have a church that is willing to step out of its

comfort zone and to continue to worship together on Zoom. A church that is willing to let me minister to the Service Members of the Washington National Guard. To a God that continues to bless each one of us. 2020 has been an interesting year full of surprises, tragedies, and disappointments. It also has been a year of many blessings as well. Praise be to God.

Shalom, Pastor Dirk





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Feeding the Community

Volunteer opportunities continue to be limited because of pandemic restrictions and precautions.

NW Harvest and Selah Food Bank

We have had no requests for volunteers from NW Harvest to fill backpacks with weekend meals for school age children. The schools have been providing meals to most if not all children which is good. The Selah Food Bank stays adequately full with the help of NW Harvest and the community. Masked volunteers are always busy on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00-11:00 am serving the many Selah area families who would have little food in their home if it were not for the food bank. You can always drop off food or clothing at the Selah Civic Center if you have supplies that you want to donate.

Camp Hope and Noah's Ark

The Wesley cooks and bakers, with some help from the SUMC congregation, prepared and delivered dinner to Camp Hope on October 27th. They served chicken and rice casserole, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, a resident favorite, cake and milk. With these early cold days and nights, I am sure the tasty hot food helped the Camp Hope residents curl into to their sleeping cots with a full and warm stomach. Pray for their continued COVID free good health and warm tents. Noah's Ark in Wapato continues to work toward needed improvements to reopen.

Rod's House

Good news for Rod's House! They have been unable to reopen because of social distancing constraints in their small house. For months, the adults have been handing out on the front porch sandwich and goodie bags to the homeless young people who come by for food. The directors have now partnered with Motel 6, behind Target, for rooms for 24 teens (not sure how many teens to a room). So, for a while, some young people will have a warm room to sleep and eat. The hope is that previous food partners will begin delivering hot meals to the entrance lounge of Motel 6 where the Rod's House Staff will serve up meals in to-go boxes so that the food can be eaten in a socially distance way in their rooms. There are no kitchen facilities available at the motel entry so warming and reheating food can be done in the rooms that are equipped with microwaves and fridges. I am sure that a bath and shower will be a welcome addition, as well.



Worship Together When??

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The question I have been hearing the most recently is: “When are we going to go to church?” Or “worship together?” Or words to that effect. I would like to be able to give you a date, but there is just no way to know.

When the pandemic first started, we thought we might be able to worship together at Easter. Then we thought maybe it would be Pentecost. Then we thought we might be able to worship in our building sometime mid-summer. Maybe we would be able to gather by Labor Day. Because you are reading the November issue of The Messenger, we now realize that it isn’t going to be for All-Saints Sunday, and probably not even Thanksgiving. I had been thinking Advent, but because Advent starts this year on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, I will be wrong again.

When we designed our protocol for regathering, the Task Force said that there are four conditions that must be met:

1. Approval by the Governor’s Office and the State Department of Health approval for indoor religious gatherings of up to 50 people.
2. Approval by the Yakima Health District for indoor religious gatherings of 50 persons or less.
3. Regathering protocols approved by the District Superintendent.
4. The Bishop of the Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist churches moving to AT LEAST Phase 3 of the Conference Plan, which allows for in-person worship, weddings, and funerals attended by up to 50 people while wearing face coverings and utilizing proper sanitizing and physical distancing.

Although, we haven’t reached Phase 3 of the Governor’s Stay Safe plan, Yakima County’s move to Phase 2 was accompanied by permission for religious services to be held indoors at 25% of capacity (In our case about 75 people). The County Health Department has agreed with that. The District Superintendent has approved our protocol for regathering when the Conference reaches Phase 3 of the Conference plan. So far, the Bishop hasn’t authorized United Methodist in the Pacific Northwest to begin in-person worship. There have been hints that maybe by Christmas. We were hoping for an update before finishing newsletter, but did not receive one.

It would be wonderful to be able to gather for worship together on Christmas Eve, but it won’t be like you probably think. Everyone wearing face coverings, Seating in the Sanctuary arranged so households are six feet away from any other household. No singing of Christmas carols. No hugs. No handshakes. No face to face conversation with someone from another



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household. No cake or cookies or coffee or punch. No gathering in the Narthex to wish others a Merry Christmas.

Why all these rules? Because we don't want to accidentally pass on COVID to someone else in the Congregation. Think of the people who are at the greatest risk – folks with respiratory issues or other health related conditions. And those who are over 65. That is the demographic of our congregation, and we don't want to put you at risk. So, for now we offer Zoom on Sunday mornings, video of the sermon on Facebook or YouTube, a daily Zoom check-in, PUB Theology on Thursday evenings at six o'clock on Zoom, a monthly newsletter either online direct to your inbox or posted on Facebook, or mailed to you if you "don't do computers." Pastor Dirk sends out a weekly reminder of Scripture readings and prayer requests, and SUMC continues to deliver meals to Rod's House and, in cooperation with Wesley UMC, to Camp Hope and Noah's Ark .

We aren't gathering for worship together in our building, but the church is still open. Please pray for each other and join whatever you can.



Kevin Dow



Little Bit of Normal - with BBQ Chicken -

In a normal year, we would be frantically getting ready for the church bazaar and chicken BBQ. Of course, the bazaar cannot happen this year, but wouldn't some of our famous BBQ chicken taste really good! Chuck Natland has gathered some volunteers and will be cooking chicken on Saturday, November 14 for our church family and friends. We will have contactless drive up pickup service and if you are not able to get out or prefer not to, we can arrange door drop delivery.

To make sure we have enough - but not too much - we are asking that you pre-order your chicken by either calling or emailing Chuck - phone is 509-945-4369 and email is razzie54@aol.com by November 10. The price will be \$6.00 for half a chicken and baked beans.



Selah UMW

We had our first meeting via zoom. It was nice to reconnect and catch up with each other and the mission work of UMW. By this time we would have presented our Woman of the Year with a pin during the church service. So we are going to announce it in the newsletter:

Selah UMW Woman of the Year Connie Schramm

Selah UMW would like to thank Connie Schramm for all the work she does at the church that a lot of us don't see or know about till someone says something. Connie has been on the trustee committee for years, treasurer for the circle, worker bee for the bazaar, and waters the plants inside and out since COVID shut down. She keeps our church looking neat and clean by vaccuming, helped in painting the Rock Room, weeding, visits and calls shut ins, and comes up with some catchy saying for the church reader board. Connie assists her husband Don with keeping the church irrigation system running, they help their small group with the Angel Tree and meals for Rods House. Connie and Don love to camp and travel. Favorite past-time is being #1 grandparents to the grandchildren. We appreciate everything you do! Thank you again for all you do. Send Connie a card or call her with congratulations and thank you.

Our next UMW meeting will be via zoom November 17th at 7:00 p.m. using the daily check in link (see page 9 of newsletter for link). Program will be Thank Banks.

We discussed the UMW annual fundraiser, Breakfast Breads Bake Sale in December. Since we are not having in person church services. The bake sale is cancelled. Instead we decided to do a Bakeless bake sale.

A Bakeless Bake Sale is on the way.

These days of staying home due to COVID 19, have allowed you to brush up on your baking skills. We have thought of a plan that's truly grand, and felt quite sure that you'll understand. In an envelope please put the price of a plate of muffins, a loaf pumpkin bread, butterhorns rolls or something nice. No fuss or bother, you've done your part. This is the end of our little tale, Help make a success of our Bakeless Bake Sale for the UMW mission work.

Sponsored by Selah UMW Please make checks payable to **Selah UMW** and mail to:

Cheryl Natland
701 North 57th Street
Yakima, WA 98901
(Mark - Bake Sale)



The following was extracted from Lifestream Newsletter sent by Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell Seven Rivers District Superintendent & Missional Strategist

Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month. Wilbur Memorial United Methodist Church is offering two five-week book studies this month. The first is November 3 to December 1, at 5:30 pm. The book is ***Roots of Resistance*** by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96174903318?pwd=a0hMSERYMGdEa3ZDbGJ3TzRVVlc2dz09>

Meeting ID: 961 7490 3318

Passcode: 806265

The second is November 4 to December 2 at 5:30 pm. The book is ***Roots of Resistance*** by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96422472007?pwd=ZjZodGxvL3c0ZHBMQUc2eW4zTmU1dz09>

Meeting ID: 964 2247 2007

Passcode: 127708

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SUNDAY NOV. 22 @ 4PM PST

A Theatrically Staged Film & Online Interactive Broadcast featuring an All Black Male Cast

Churches have always been (or should've been) at the forefront of conversations that directly affect the moral compass & character of society. Now, maybe more than ever, conversations about **RACISM - JUSTICE – EQUITY** are vital to developing a Kingdom Perspective in your congregation. We are living in a dually-dynamic moment of response to a global pandemic and the resurgence of racial unrest. **While we must be safe we cannot be silent.**

See ActsOnStage.com for Ticket and show info.



November Celebrations

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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| 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 |

No November Anniversaries



Job Well Done

We have so many people in our congregation that step up and do the jobs around the church for which I am so grateful. One that I would like to single out and give a great big THANK YOU to is Bob Ruud. He has been making sure that the lawn is mowed and looking wonderful for the past few summers. He does other "fix-it" projects around the building, many that we don't even know about, but he sees a need and handles it. We are blessed to have Bob among us. **THANKS, BOB!!!**



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Pastor Dirk is on National Guard Assignment, but available via Zoom for Church worship and meetings.

- 1 Fall Back to Standard Time – change clocks back one hour
Bible Study with Pastor Dirk via Zoom @9:15 am Continuing every Sunday
Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am; **All Saints Day**
Communion – remember bread and juice
See link on next page to join via Zoom
- 2 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 Zoom Meeting
- 3 **Election Day – Make your voice heard; VOTE**
- 5 Pub Theology via Zoom @ 6:00 pm Continuing every Thursday
See link on next page to join Zoom Meeting
- 7 **SUMC Charge Conference** via Zoom 5:00 - 7:30 pm
- 8 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am;
Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday
- 11 **Veterans Day - Thank you to all Veterans for your service**
Book Bunch via Zoom @ 6:30 - 7:45 pm
- 14 BBQ Chicken Dinner @ 1:00 pm
- 15 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am
- 17 UMW Meeting via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
Use morning check-in link on next page
- 18 Church Council Meeting via Zoom @ 6:00 pm
- 22 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am
Beginning of National Bible Week
- 24 Camp Hope Dinner prepared and delivered by Wesley UMC.
Watch for food requests from SUMC, if needed, the week before
- 25 Book Bunch via Zoom @ 6:30 to 7:45 pm
Newsletter articles due
- 26 **Thanksgiving**
- 29 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am
First Sunday of Advent and Beginning of Lectionary Year B



SUMC Sunday Service & Bible Study

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)

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=NmsxRGsrNktoaUI1NWdKaUxhbmlNQT09>

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=cGJwYmw3M2UrTDk4MlITVUUySVI3QT09>

Meeting ID: 958 2918 9054 Password: 013652

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

If you would like more envelopes for mailing your giving to the church, please let Becky or Noah know. Or if you know someone else who could use envelopes for sending to the church. We are happy to provide more self-addressed, stamped envelopes.



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Newsletter articles for the
December newsletter are due
November 25

Articles can be emailed to
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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.”