



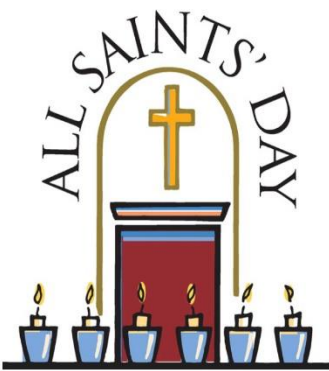
The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

November 2021

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Every year on the first Sunday in November, Selah United Methodist Church remembers the members and friends who have died during the past year. We need the names and information on your friends or family members who have died in the past year. Please email them to Kevin Dow <PapaPriest@gmail.com>. Thank you!



Also, on the second Sunday in November we honor those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Usually, we have a display of mementos on display in the Simonson Room, but pandemic protocols will make that impossible. This year we are asking the congregation to loan us pictures of veterans *in their uniforms*. Those pictures will be scanned into a display for the video system at the church, and played before and after worship on November 14th. You can get the pictures to me at church, or email them to me at the email address above.

Thanks, Kevin.



Mission Outreach

Selah Food Bank



Yakima's Operation Harvest Food Drive on October 21st collected over 90,000 pounds of non-perishable food that was distributed to local food banks, Selah Food Bank included. The bins and shelves of our local food bank looked well stocked after this large annual community food drive. Added to this was our own grocery basket of donations . . . so many boxed

dinners, canned food and baking supplies! Because of the month's hearty donations to the Selah Food Bank, Tammie, the lead volunteer, says they do not have any special needs this month, but with the holidays approaching, any item that you think would add to a holiday dinner would be gratefully received. Your choice. Our congregation is hugely generous with their many donations to the sanctuary grocery basket as well as the Free Little Pantry outside. You are the best! Thank you.

November is Holiday Dinner Month, Your Choice

Camp Hope

Wesley UMC is one of the regular monthly meal partners with Camp Hope. Every 4th Tuesday, the resident families look forward to a hot, delicious meal. This month the Wesley cooks planned, prepared and delivered with the help of SUMC a fiesta meal of beef enchilada casserole, black bean and corn salad, mixed vegetables, lime Jello with pears and milk.

Aided by long time Grange members, Ron and Becky Johnson, the Selah Heights Grange donated all the vegetables and fruit from the Fair Ag Building display to Camp Hope. Lots of squash, apples, tomatoes and cucumbers. From the Grange Dairy Bar, they also donated milk, apple juice, ice cream and hamburger buns. No doubt, the Camp Hope staff and resident bellies were very appreciative.

Rod's House

With seasonal cold temperatures at night already here, Rod's House is finalizing plans to help the homeless youth in Yakima.

Again this year, Motel 6 behind Target has generously offered to provide rooms to several youth. We have not many details yet of the arrangement, but last year there was a limit of three to a room; eight rooms in all. The staff at Rod House, in cooperation with their many meal partners, will provide two meals, one at midday at Rod's House and an early evening



meal at Motel 6. It is heartwarming to know that the teens and young adults will have access to meals and a warm room with beds, showers and microwave and fridge. The many warm clothes that SUMC has recently donated will certainly help keep these young people warm as they move outside from the motel each morning.

NW Harvest

The NW Harvest warehouse is full of unseen activity everyday with the huge donations of food from the community and the Washington State Food Bank. Although the staff is minimal, they remain closed to the volunteering public.



WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

The Worship Team (Committee) met October 19th by Zoom, to allow Mark Williams to avoid a trip from Kennewick to Selah. The Team is aware of the inevitable movement toward the end of the Liturgical year on November 21st.

On Communion Sunday on October 3rd, we decided to place the Communion elements on a table at the back of the Sanctuary, and have people pick them up on their way into the building. Pastor Mark then elevated the bread and the cup while Kevin sang “Let Us Be Bread”. Folk continue to struggle with getting the covering off the wafer and then opening the juice without squeezing the cup and ending up wearing the juice in the process. We will be experimenting with a differently designed set of elements in the future to try to address this difficulty.

The Team also decided to re-introduce a Children’s Time and Passing of the Peace back into the service. Passing will involve having people “greet” each other without moving from their place. That will allow us to welcome each other without violating the COVID protocols

The Team has had positive feedback from the use of different affirmations of faith and will continue that practice.

November 7th is All-Saints Sunday, and we will be remembering those friends and family members who have died in the past year. There will be large candles on a table in the front of the Sanctuary to honor members of the congregation, and smaller votive or tea-lights to honor other family or friends. There will be an acolyte at the table to light candles instead of having congregants moving around the Sanctuary. Please tell Kevin (PapaPriest@gmail.com) if you have a name of someone you would like to have honored.



November 14th we will be observing Veteran’s Day during the worship service. If you know someone who served in the Armed Forces, please submit a photograph of the person in uniform. The pictures will be scanned and displayed on the video screens as a part of the service.

November 21st is Christ the King or Reign of Christ Sunday, and marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

November 28th is the 1st Sunday of Advent. The Team will be asking various groups within the congregation if they will agree to be responsible for one part of the decorating. Areas include the Christmas Tree, Advent Wreath, swags on the pillars, greenery on the Communion rail and the railing of the balcony, and the Narthex. A large-scale decorating party is not consistent with the COVID protocols. The Team is still discussing what plans can be made for Christmas Eve and the 1st Sunday of Christmas, in lieu of the usual Christmas sing-along.

The next Team meeting will be at 1:00 o’clock on Tuesday afternoon on November 16th on Zoom.



Selah UMW

We would like to thank everyone who donated socks and underwear for the **Voices for Children Organization**. They will be delighted to

get these items.

Last month we provided the funds to put together two "Thank You" baskets of snack goodies for our hospital workers in the Emergency Room and ICU units at Memorial Hospital. They were very appreciative of the baskets.





Our November 16th meeting will be Thank Bank program. UMW members put loose change in a Thank Bank container throughout the year for things they are Thankful for. The money collected is given to UMW mission organizations throughout the U.S. and the global community. (Meeting will be via Zoom)

SAVE THE DATE! Selah UMW Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 19th following the worship service. Plan on buying some delicious breakfast breads, muffins, and rolls.

Tressa Cummings, Selah UMW President



Fall Stewardship Campaign

Dear SUMC Family,

Last year at this time, we had our annual giving campaign while the pandemic was increasing, there was no vaccine and no options to meet in person in our sanctuary. Amid all the uncertainty, many of our congregation continued to give faithfully, as they were able, to maintain the ministry of Selah United Methodist Church. Even as we continued to meet on Zoom and Pastor Dirk held two full time jobs, members maintained and improved our church building and grounds in anticipation of reopening. Yes, we are a family of believers.

Through the grace of God, a government grant and the giving of our members we have reopened our sanctuary, are financially solvent and have been able to pay our bills through 2021. This is a reason to rejoice and look forward to the new year. Thank you for all your prayers, your giving and your courage in moving forward through very difficult times.

The financial needs of the church continue and now is the time to consider what's needed for SUMC in 2022. While there is still uncertainty and some continue to struggle financially, we're asking again for your commitment to continue to support our church during the coming year. We will be talking about giving during the next month. Giving cards will be mailed shortly. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you are led to give and return the commitment cards on Sunday November 21st.

Thanks, Lyle Von Essen



Pastor Update for Congregation:

It is looking like we will be getting our interim pastor earlier than originally thought. I have had correspondence with the District Superintendent and he indicated beginning of December is now that anticipated start date. This person will be with us until the end of June next year, at which time the Bishop and Cabinet will appoint a full-time person to our Congregation. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or other members of the Church Council.

Thanks, Gail Davis

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

At our meeting in October, it was realized that there were too many obstacles to having a successful bazaar this year, so the difficult decision was made to not have one again this year. We are looking forward to being able to resume having the bazaar next year.

Donna Ruud, President



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Some of you know that for the past five or six years I have been involved in getting started a

non-profit called Yakima and Selah Neighbors' Network. This organization's mission is to provide help to seniors who want to age at home rather than move into assisted living if they are physically able to stay at home. The help we provide includes transportation for appointments and social activities, shopping for groceries, assistance around the house with things like changing light bulbs, batteries in smoke detectors, help with light yard work, help with electronics – just to name a few things. This help is provided by a group of volunteers who delight in being able to help. We also keep our members informed of activities in the community as well as organize social events. During the pandemic, at least twice a month we have had Zoom presentations by community members who have interesting topics to share, started a walking group that walks together weekly, met virtually via Zoom for Coffee and Conversation in the morning and Happy Hour in the afternoon. There is an annual membership fee to cover our expenses, but other than that all help is provided free of charge. We have SUMC members who are donors, volunteers and members of the organization. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me or go to our web site www.yesneighbors.org

Becky Johnson



Thank you for the good you didn't do.

I've had that confusing sentence stuck in my head for much of the week. One of the challenges of navigating a pandemic is that we can't really see the good we are doing, only the missed opportunities of more people getting sick, hospitals overwhelmed, and far too many lives lost.

Local churches across the GNW Area have been sacrificial in their embrace of COVID-19 related precautions and restrictions and surprisingly open in adopting new technology. Our congregations are often among the most cautious in their communities, something which has not been easy. Members (and leaders) have grumbled, but who would have ever predicted how resilient and adaptive the majority have been!

I have absolutely no doubt that you have saved lives over these past 18 months. I can't tell you how many, but I know it is more than just one or two. I hope you can take a moment to absorb that – our churches have saved lives.

So, again. Thank you for the good you didn't do. And apologies if you still find that confusing.

Patrick Scriven serves as Director of Communications and Young People's Ministries for the Pacific Northwest Conference and is the convener and communicator for the GNW COVID-19 Response Team.



NOVEMBER Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Renee Heide
- 1 Trent Harrington
- 3 Kendra Behn-Smith
- 6 Karen Davis
- 13 Glennis Wilson
- 15 Nicolai Kreger
- 20 Joy McFarland
- 20 Zachary Voight
- 25 John Herdrich
- 26 Gregg Charcas
- 28 John Baranowski

Anniversaries

None of our church family tied the knot in November



FYI – the church has a new email address and it is selahumc@gmail.com

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)

THURSDAY CHECK-IN

10:00 am THURSDAY check-in. Join Zoom:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/669186246?pwd=NmsxRGsrNktoaUI1NWdKaUxhbmlNQ09>

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

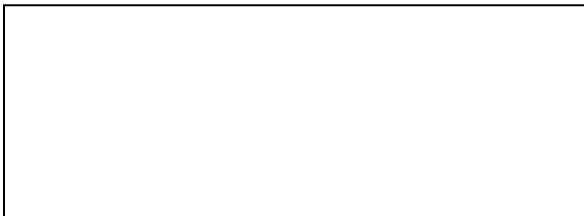
- 1 All Saint's Day
Beginning of American Indian Heritage Month
- 2 Coffee Hour at Sundance Espresso @ 9:00 am; Continuing every Tuesday
Election Day
- 4 Weekly Check-in @ 10:00 am via Zoom; Continuing every Thursday
See link on prior page to join Zoom
Afternoon Circle @ 1:00 pm, Simonson Room
Pub Theology @ 6:00 pm, Wandering Hop 508 N 20th Avenue, Yakima
- 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends; Fall Back One Hour
UMM Breakfast @ 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom
See link on prior page to join via Zoom
Holy Communion; All Saint's Remembrance;
24th Sunday after Pentecost
- 9 Book Bunch @ 7:00 via Zoom; use check-in link on prior page to join
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom
See link on prior page to join via Zoom
Veteran's Day Observance; 25th Sunday after Pentecost
- 16 Worship Team Meeting @ 1:00 pm via Zoom
UMW Meeting @ 7:00 pm via Zoom
Use daily check-in link on prior page to join via Zoom
- 17 Church Council @ 6:00 pm, Simonson Room
- 21 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom
See link on prior page to join via Zoom
Reign of Christ Sunday (Christ the King)
First Day of International Bible Week
- 23 Book Bunch @ 7:00 pm via Zoom; use check-in link on prior page
Camp Hope Dinner, prepared and delivered by Wesley with help from SUMC
- 24 Newsletter Articles due
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 26 Native American Heritage Day
- 28 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom
See link on prior page to join via Zoom
United Methodist Student Sunday; 1st Sunday of Advent

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Growing Into the Image of Christ



Newsletter articles for the
December newsletter are due
November 24

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.”