



The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

October 2018

James 1:22 states “But be doers of the Word and not merely hearers who deceived themselves.” As followers of Christ, sometimes it is easier to just listen to his Words. The question that I must ask is: “what are we called to do - to just listen or be doers of the Word?” The book of James makes it clear we must be doers. I hope that most of you have had a chance to read our new Strategic Plan or have seen the snap shot. The plan is focusing Selah UMC to be a church of doers. This process can be frightening and will move us out of our comfort zones. I know you might not want to hear that. I, personally, dislike being pushed outside of my comfort zone. I have learned: when I push myself beyond my comfortable zone, I grow in my faith and understanding of Christ. This growth assists me to become a stronger and healthier follower of Christ. I am asking that all of us stretch our comfort zones and remember that we are in this process together, a process of serving God and extending His love to our neighbors.

Here are some opportunities in October to be servants and doers of the word: Helping with the Youth Group on Sundays at 4:30pm; volunteering at Indian John; Northwest Harvest; Camp Hope; Selah Food Bank; filling Piggy Banks; Reading Program at Selah Elementary; Volunteering to clean the church. Jesus states in Mark 9:33, “...’Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.’” May we all learn to be servants of God.

Shalom, Pastor Dirk



Please remember to bring a small quantity of bread from your ancestor’s country of origin for Communion on October 7.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee met on September 6th at Daniel’s Kitchen. In attendance were chair Margaret Antanaitis, Gwen Chaplin, Cheryl Natland, Helen Charlot, Kevin & Elaine Dow, and Pastor Dirk Robinson. The Committee discussed events that happened since the last Committee meeting. It was noted that the date for distributing backpacks had been changed from the Sunday before school was to start to the 5th of August to accommodate parents who needed to plan what supplies they would need for school. Unfortunately, no Home Zone parents attended the service. It was suggested that in the future, backpacks could be distributed earlier, but still hold the blessing of the backpacks on the Sunday before school starting. The Blessing of the Animals was also discussed. The fact that the service was held on the front porch of the church worked much better than when it was held in the field. The Committee also felt that the way Pastor Dirk had blessed the animals one-at-a-time was very effective.

World Communion Sunday will be observed on October 7th. Congregation members are invited to bring a small quantity of a bread that represents their ancestor’s country of origin. The church continues to struggle with lack of a keyboard player during worship. Some possible solutions are being explored.

Laity Sunday will be observed on October 21st, and the Committee is exploring trying to utilize the video system for a different way to hear from some of the shut-ins.

We will once again be remembering those folks who have passed away in the past year. There will be candles arranged at the front of the Sanctuary, and family members or friends will be invited to come and light candles in their memory. A chime will sound as each name is read.

The next Worship Committee meeting will be held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, October 4th at Daniel’s Kitchen.

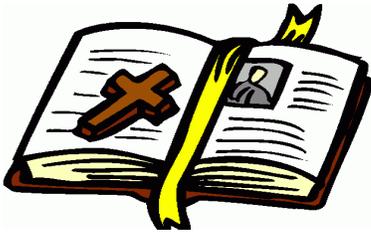
Report by Kevin Dow

CAMP HOPE

Wesley cooks and bakers plan, prepare, transport and serve a meal on the 4th Wednesday of each month for the homeless at Yakima's Camp Hope and Noah's Ark in Wapato. Our congregation helps where they can with cooking and several always go to help transport and serve. This month a call went out for cakes. Our SUMC bakers stepped up and provided six 9 X 13 cakes. The 75 or more people at Camp Hope love the good home cooked food that is provided. It's a small thing to do, but the appreciation and gratitude is huge from the residents. The interaction is always uplifting and makes you want to get to know these interesting people. Everyone has a Story!

Report by Linda Drew





Crossing Over to Life

The Greater Northwest Area of the UMC is encouraging small groups and individuals to participate in an exploration of faith and the Bible. The study, called Crossing Over to Life, will use the book *We Make the Road By Walking*, by the popular Christian author, Brian McClaren. There will be short weekly readings and online conversations throughout the year-long journey set to begin December 2.

To listen to Bishop Elaine Stanovsky introduce the study and get details go to: <https://greaternw.org/crossover/>

Indian John Rest Area Update

Indian John Rest Area, October 12-15.

Late in September, we received good news from the DOT about our Free Coffee weekend at Indian John, October 12-15. They have revised their Hours of Operation with the following: "due to Safety concerns, groups have the option of closing during Late Night Hours, returning by dawn each day". They have installed a keyless lock with a special combination to make it doable. This has caused some scrambling for this year's SUMC reservation, but we now have all shifts covered and no one has to stay from midnight to 8am. Yea! Thank you to everyone who volunteered for shifts, even if you don't have to cover one this year. **We still need cookies, coffee and hot chocolate.** For years, this has always been an all church event - thank you for any support you can give!

Finance Update

We are still struggling to pay our bills each month. For the past few years we have been very proud of paying our apportionments on time and meeting our obligation fully. We are at risk for not being able to do that this year. We have fallen behind in our giving specifically for apportionments. Please consider giving a little extra if you are able to help us get out of the hole we are in.





October is canned chili and soup month !

Carry on! The Selah Food Bank volunteers are very grateful for the beans and soup that we collected in September, but they continue to need more of the same: canned beans of any kind, including chili beans, and soup of any variety. So, as always, please give, as you are able, the special request or any non-perishable food item to help the many Selah area families who depend on the food bank. Thank you from the volunteers.



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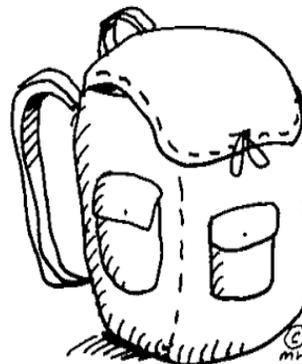
Northwest Harvest

Seven volunteers including two Rainbow Girl members clocked 10 1/2 hours on the first school year's Volunteer Saturday at NW Harvest. We helped fill two pallets of meals for the Wesley Backpack Mission that provides weekend meals to students who have little to eat when they leave school on Friday. We would love to have you join us next month on October 20th or any third Saturday. The food bagging is not difficult and the conversation and getting to know your packing partner is fun.

This year **1 in 8** Washingtonians do not get enough food to meet their basic nutritional needs.

- **1 in 6** in our state must rely on a local food bank to get groceries to feed themselves or their families.

- **1 in 5** Washington kids live in a household that struggles to put food on the table.





AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Bazaar plans are in full swing now. November 10th is coming up fast. Call your family & friends to reserve the date & make a fun day of seeing all the bazaars in town this day. There is a blue tote in the Simonson Room for items you may have from your slightly used books, puzzles or games. There is always excitement to see your crafts or sewing projects you've been working on. Don't forget about baked goods. I'm not kidding, many people from the community come just for our baked goods. Once again, the Men's Group is planning on barbecuing their famous chicken out front. It is soooo special. We couldn't do all of this without your help so a sign-up sheet will be available mid-October for setting up & cashing & then packing up on Sunday.

Our next meeting is Thursday October 4th at 1:00 pm in the Simonson Room. Pat Barton will be our host. It is so nice to have her on the mend & back with us. You are welcome to join us.

Donna Ruud, President

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Pastors Scott and Dirk are excited for the new year in youth ministry! Youth group kicked off the new school season on Sunday, September 9 with a "welcome back" cookout for youth and family members.

On September 16, the group started a 4-week series on school and our life with God through four topics: "Belonging" (Sept. 16), "Priorities" (Sept. 23), "Joy" (Sept. 30) and "Worth" (Oct. 7). In addition to these devotions, the group plays and prays together and will be having more devotions in the fall and other events (such as a visit to the Corn Maze and help with Harvest Party at Selah UMC and Trunk-or-Treat at Wesley UMC) and service opportunities. Youth Group meets every Sunday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at Wesley UMC. Other special events and service opportunities will likely take place different dates and times at various locations.



OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

October 7 - Joy McFarland and Susan Eisenhower
October 14 – Cheryl and Chuck Natland
October 21 - Tereica and J??
October 28 - Margarent Antainitis and Becky Johnson

We still need more teacher assistants! You don't need to do any planning, you just need to be there to help the teacher. Please let Cheryl know if you are interested.

UMCOR TRIP 2019

UMCOR, 2019: We are in the planning stages for a trip to UMCOR in Salt Lake City next March. The tentative dates are March 4 - 8, 2019. For anyone who hasn't gone, this is a wonderful experience to see God's work first hand. IF you have reservations about it being "too physical", there are MANY different types of jobs that we can do at UMCOR, and there are definitely some that involve sitting! I need to get a tentative head count in the next couple of weeks, so I can reserve the Episcopal Center for lodging, which is VERY COMFORTABLE! If you have any questions about the accommodations, the work, etc., please talk to Tressa Cummings, Cheryl Natland, Lee Hamilton or Debbie Jespersion.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We are back to our regular meeting schedule after taking the summer off. UMW meets the third Tuesday of the month in the John Simonson Room at the church. 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m. All women are welcome. Sunday, September 23rd we presented Renee Heide with Woman of the Year award. Renee has been very active in the church, especially in Outreach to members of our congregation that need meals, rides to appointments, or just visit. If you see Renee before she moves to Lynden, WA tell her **Thank You!**

UMW 2019 Reading List is out. I will post it on the bulletin board. We will be adding some new books from the 2018 reading program to the library. Check out the new books. I will have a list attached to the book shelf.

Upcoming dates: PNW UMW Annual Meeting is October 12-13 Vancouver First UMC
Selah UMW meeting is Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. Breakfast Breads Bake Sale
- December 16th after the worship service

Tressa Cummings Selah UMW President



October 14th All Church Potluck to Feature Information About our SUMC Nurturing Groups



Nurturing groups have been a part of SUMC for many years. There are currently 3 nurturing groups and we have the capacity to add a fourth. There is also room for a few additions to the 3 existing nurturing groups. The October 14th all church after church potluck is for fellowship and food. We're just bringing information for nurturing groups as well. All current nurturing group members are encouraged to attend and answer any questions you might have. There will be a "results" hand out from a recent nurturing group members survey, describing what to expect from becoming a nurturing group member. We pleased to share these results with all. We're also excited about the possibility of having more SUMC attendees become nurturing group members. So, come to the all church potluck on Oct 14th and while you're there, learn more about nurturing groups! See you there.

HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 28

Our Annual Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 28 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will need wrapped candy, cupcakes for cake walk, Chili, hot dogs, and volunteers to help with games. Let Becky know if you can help.



United Methodist – Do You Know . . .

How many different kinds of literature can you think of in the Bible? What does the word Bible mean? How did the Methodist Church get United? What are the Social Principles? Who is the Bishop of our Conference? And what is our Conference, anyway? What is a Bishop and what power/authority do they have? There are some of the things that we will be discussing at Kevin Dow's Refresher Class. Refresher class for some, new information for others. The first session will be held Sunday, October 21st at 9:00 AM, and will finish in time for worship. Classes will be held for five weeks on subsequent Sundays.





OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 Staff Parish Relations @ 6:00, Simonson Room
 - 4 Afternoon Ladies Circle @ 1:00, Simonson Room
Worship Committee @ 11:30 at Daniel's Kitchen
 - 7 UMM Breakfast @ 8:00am, Fellowship Hall
Worship @ 10:30, Sanctuary. **World Communion Sunday**
Youth Meeting @ 4:30- 6:00, Wesley UMC
 - 9 Trustees @ 5:30, Simonson Room
 - 12-15 Indian John Rest Area @ 9:00am 10/12 to 8:00am 10/15
 - 14 Worship @ 10:30, Sanctuary. **Children's Sabbath**
All church potluck following worship.
 - 16 Finance Committee @ 6:30, Simonson Room
UMW @ 7:00, Simonson Room
 - 17 Administrative Council @ 6:30, Simonson Room
 - 18 Home Zone Steering Committee @ 1:00, Simonson Room
 - 20 NW Harvest Volunteer Saturday, @ 9:00, Warehouse
 - 21 United Methodist Refresher Class @9:00, Church – room TBA
Worship @ 10:30, Sanctuary. **Laity Sunday**
 - 24 Camp Hope Dinner, meet at Wesley UMC @ 5:00
 - 26 Game or Movie Nite, @ 6:00, Parsonage
 - 28 Worship @ 10:30, Sanctuary
Halloween Party, 5:00 to 6:30, Fellowship Hall
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Birthdays

- 1 Mick Mackey
- 5 Alicia Shoddy
JR Schenk
- 10 David Charcus
- 12 Brad Schilperoort
- 13 Jacob Mahugh
- 19 Evan Mettie
- 21 Justin Justice
- 23 Chuck Natland

Anniversaries

- 21 Dave and Tereica Kaumheimer
- 23 Mick and Virginia Mackey



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please let the church office know.

Members Needing Our Prayers

Please keep Dorothy Justice, Evan Mettie, Mary Lee and Cheryl Hulse, Julie Reinholz in your prayers as they recover from illness and/or hospital stays.



A couple years ago I saw an article about how instrumental the appearance of church property is to attracting new folks. Bob Ruud and Don and Connie Schramm do such a great job of taking care of mowing and watering the lawn. I

feel proud of how our church looks when I drive by. Thanks Bob, Don and Connie for all your hard work.



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November newsletter are due
October 25th!

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

“Be an Energized Church. Our hands
in constant prayer.”