



# The Messenger



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Selah United Methodist Church

October 2020



Welcome to fall- This happens to be my favorite time of the year. I love the vibrant colors that indicates that change is on the way. I also love the crispness in the air that reminds me that winter is on the way. As we continue to proceed with COVID-19, the seasons remind us that things do continue to move forward. We are in a season of change within the church. As we have been

patient with COVID-19, we need to be patient with the way the Church is heading. I know we all hoped to be back in church by now, but the reality is we just do not know when this will take place.

This fall also brings us into an election season, which also can bring change. As we watch the election process take place it becomes truly clear that we are a nation that is divided. With that said- we as Christian need to have Jesus Christ centered in our lives. It is when we take our eyes off him is when we get ourselves in trouble. We need to remember the words of Jesus, “Love God with all your heart, mind, and soul and love your neighbor as yourself.” As we move forward regardless of who wins the election, we still have Jesus centered in our live and we must continue to love another. Of course, I will continue to remind you every Sunday how important it is to follow these words of Jesus.

Shalom, Pastor Dirk

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## Mission Outreach



**Feeding the Community**

Our mission work in the community has been limited because of state restrictions on social interaction during the pandemic.

### **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 Selah Food Bank stays adequately full with the help of NW Harvest and the community. Masked volunteers are quite 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.

### **Camp Hope and Noah's Ark**

In September, the Wesley cooks and bakers prepared and delivered everyone's favorite, Tater Tot Casserole, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, cookies and milk to Camp Hope. Camp Hope is considered a low-barrier shelter camp meaning drug and alcohol possession and use are not allowed on site. The camp, under the hard work direction of Mike Kay, was previously in the hands of Sunrise Outreach Center. This spring, the Sunrise Center announced to city leaders that it no longer wanted to run the encampment. In mid-August, the Yakima City Council voted 6-0 for the new non-profit Grace City Outreach to take over the camp immediately and through July 31, 2023. Grace City's plan says that services will continue at Camp Hope as they have been for the past year and a half. Under the new camp management, they will be able to serve up to 100 men, women and families per night. Quoting from the Yakima Herald, *"Grace City will fill immediate needs and empower people with tools to get back to living healthy, productive lives."*

Noah's Ark waits for final improvements to their living and dining facility funded and facilitated by grants they have received. We keep hoping that the Noah's Ark community will soon be part of the Wesley cooking agenda.

### **Rod's House**

Rod's House were given the go ahead to partially open on September 14th. That means that they have a usable kitchen and are at a familiar home base for the homeless teens. At this point, only Rod's House adults are allowed inside. Throughout the day, the young people can receive food,



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including our weekly sack lunches, toiletries, and clothes though the front porch window, sort of walk-up style. It is not the best arrangement, but the staff is working hard to meet the needs of the homeless youth under the pandemic guidelines that they must follow until they can fully open. A second Rod's House is being established in Sunnyside with help from the community in the lower valley.

## Selah United Methodist Women



We have not met since March. Our group continues to support mission work through our annual pledge and donations to five missionaries out in the field.

Seven Rivers UMW held their Annual District meeting via Zoom Saturday, September 18th. We had 26 participates. Not bad for our District. One of the guest speakers was our PNWUMW President Ja'net Crouse who spoke on what it takes to become a US Citizen. First you need to apply and pay \$700 filing fee. Once that is processed and you attend classes. (There are a few more steps in between that I did not list) There is an interview where you will have to answer questions in English, tested on reading ability in English (must read one out of three sentences correctly), and write one out of three sentences correctly. After you are done with that portion, there is a civics test. There are 100 questions. The questions are categorized: American Government, Rights and Responsibilities, American History, Recent American History, Geography, Symbols and Holidays. The person applying for citizenship will be asked 10 question and must answer 6 correctly. This is an oral test. Our speaker asked us 10 random questions. I didn't fair very well on the American Government portion. Here are a few of the questions. How many can you get right? Answers are on page 7.

1. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
2. How many US Senators are there?
3. If the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
4. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one.
5. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
6. Who was the president during World War I?

You can view these questions and learn about the citizenship process online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

***Selah UMW will meet October 20th via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. we will use the Pastor Dirk's daily check in link for our meeting.***



## ***World Communion Sunday***



### **Raising up new leaders to transform the world**

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 4, we will receive a special offering to support scholars in their education. Because of our giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

Growing up in the Democratic Republic of Congo was not easy for Clarice Ndaya Kadima. She recalls being admitted to Africa University, but she could not register because she lacked the funds to pay the tuition. "My father is a retired pastor within the West Congo Annual Conference, and my mother is unemployed," Kadima said. "I saw other students registering for classes, and I felt like giving up. Bishop Mande Muyombo (resident bishop of the North Katanga Annual Conference) told me about the World Communion Sunday scholarship. I used to hear people talk about miracles, but today I can testify of the miracles in my life because the World Communion Sunday scholarship covers my tuition, accommodation and immigration fees."

In The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday is one of six Special Sunday offerings. On the first Sunday in October, our designated gifts benefit students around the world by providing scholarships, mentoring and training.

As we come together to receive Holy Communion along with Christians around the world, we recognize our unity and shared commitment to building God's kingdom on earth. Together, we help raise up new leaders around the world, equipping them to be agents of change. Please give generously on Oct. 4.





## ***Job Well Done***

Connie has reported that the firepit sitting ring and logs have been replaced and reset. So, we once again have a safe and functional outdoor area for use. THANK YOU to Connie, Don, Bob and all the others that helped with this project. Debbie Jesperson and Connie are continuing with the work to get the ceiling fans in the sanctuary replace/repared so that we can use them without the horrible noises they were making. It is wonderful to know that even though we are not "meeting" as a congregation, we are still "working" as a congregation in many ways.

Thank you, Gail Davis



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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's that time of year again! With the Outbreak of Covid-19 our Charge Conferences this year pose some significant challenges to our district. The in-person restrictions require me to meet via Zoom (either by phone or by computer) with each congregation wherever feasible. This year, I am calling for these conferences to be specifically a "charge conference" instead of an "all-church conference." Not everyone is aware that there is a difference in our Book of Discipline, but the main difference is that a "charge conference" invites and allows votes from your church council as well as any other key leaders to make sure that the charge conference is reaching those that will help facilitate meaningful conversations that will make a difference in the long-term. Too many attendees could get unwieldy for a Zoom conference if we open it up to the entire church. SUMC's Charge Conference will be November 7, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

These conferences will follow a pattern of spiritual formation/spiritual practices, scripture reading, prayer, charge conference business, and then a group meeting around the topic of the direction of our Annual Conference. I know we have so much happening in our world this year, but the focus topic will be a strategic conversation about racial inequality in our world. I know some of us feel like issues of racism strike a little closer to home than others, but what happens to one part of the body affects all the parts of the body (1 Corinthians 12:12-31). I am aware that it is a complicated year, so we can also briefly discuss any questions relative to the global COVID-19 pandemic (and the Reimagining Life Together document), our denominational divide/General Conference (which was rescheduled to September 2021), the wildfires and recovery efforts in our district. The first 30-60 minutes of the charge conference meeting will be a meeting between myself and the SPRC.

I am so grateful to be in ministry with all of you, even in the midst of a challenging season in the life of the church. I look forward to connecting with you all more soon.

Blessings,

**Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell**  
District Superintendent & Missional Strategist

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## September Celebrations

### Birthdays

### Anniversaries

- 1 Mic Mackey
- 5 Alicia Shoddy  
J. R. Schenk
- 10 David Charcas
- 12 Brad Schilperoort
- 13 Jacob Mahugh
- 16 Rob Gallion
- 21 Justin Justice
- 23 Chuck

- 3 Merl & Marilee Brothers
- 10 Kevin & Elaine Dow
- 21 Dave & Tereica Kaumheimer
- 31 Mic & Virginia Mackey

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### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 3

- 1. 27
- 2. 100
- 3. Speaker of the House
- 4. Must be 18, You don't have to pay to vote, any citizen can vote,
- 5. James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Publius
- 6. Woodrow Wilson



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

- 1 Daily check-in via Zoom with Pastor Dirk @ 10:00 am  
Continuing Monday - Friday, during September unless canceled by Pastor Dirk.  
**See link on next page to join Zoom Meeting:**
- 1 Pub Theology via Zoom @ 6:00 pm Continuing every Thursday  
**See link on next page to join Zoom Meeting**
- 4 Bible Study with Pastor Dirk via Zoom @ 9:15 am  
Continuing every Sunday  
Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am;  
**World Communion Sunday – remember bread & juice**  
**See link on next page to join Zoom Worship**
- 11 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am
- 12 Columbus Day Holiday
- 14 Book Bunch via Zoom @ 6:30 to 7:45 pm
- 18 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am
- 20 UMW Meeting via Zoom @ 7:00 pm (use morning check-in link)
- 21 Church Council Meeting via Zoom @ 6:00 pm
- 23 Book Bunch via Zoom @ 6:30 to 7:45 pm
- 25 Sunday Worship via Zoom @ 10:30 am  
Reformation Sunday
- 25 **Newsletter articles due**
- 27 Camp Hope Dinner prepared and delivered by Wesley UMC.  
Watch for food requests from SUMC, if needed, the week before
- 28 Book Bunch via Zoom @ 6:30 to 7:45 pm
- 31 Halloween

Worship and meetings will be via Zoom until we have implemented procedures for reopening safely.





## SUMC Sunday Service & Bible Study

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

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://greater-nw.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

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**Monday – Friday @10:00 am daily check-in via Zoom. Join Zoom:**

<https://greater-nw.zoom.us/j/669186246?pwd=NmsxRGsrNktoaUI1NWdKaUxhbnlNQ09>

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://greater-nw.zoom.us/j/95829189054?pwd=cGJwYmw3M2UrTDk4MlITVUUySVI3QT09>

Meeting ID: 958 2918 9054 Password: 013652

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

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October 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.”