



# The Messenger



Selah United Methodist Church

October 2021



## New Pastor Appointment Process Continues

To the Congregation of SUMC:

I had a conversation with our District Superintendent, Daniel Miranda, last week and the Cabinet and Bishop are working on our need for a new pastor. At this point, there is someone that they feel would be a good match as an interim pastor but that person is not available until January. So, we will continue with Mark Williams as pulpit supply until that time. Noah will be able to remain in the parsonage until Dirk completes his training and the Navy comes to move them to the East coast in November. Daniel also said there are a couple of people he feels would be good candidates for Selah, but they are not available until the regular appointment process next spring with a start time of July 1, 2022. So, we will continue with the status quo for now and support one another as we move forward with our ministries within the Selah/Yakima community.

Gail Davis

## Mission Outreach

The Selah Food Bank, that is open on Monday and Friday from 9:00a - 11:00a, had to close for several days in September because of a Covid-19 quarantine. This left many area residents depending on other ways to feed their families. Our Little Free Food Pantry was the perfect spot to help while the food bank was closed. Thank you SUMC for keeping the pantry full! The food bank is open now and happily back serving the Selah area residents with fresh produce and donations from the community. They have requested boxed dinners in October such as Hamburger Helper, Rice-A Roni, Pasta-a-Roni or any non-perishable food item that will



help put a good meal on the dinner table. Whatever your donation to the grocery basket in the sanctuary, the food bank volunteers are always grateful for your generosity. The lead volunteers are Tammie and David. David, who drives the yellow Selah Food bank truck, has recently learned that his cancer has returned. He is going strong but needs our prayers.



## OCTOBER IS BOXED DINNER MONTH

Camp Hope is struggling with financial setbacks making plans for expansion and continuation of their community projects of helping the local homeless and regular cleanup of the Greenway difficult. Their meal partners are important as always. In September, Wesley cooks and bakers prepared another hearty meal of sliced ham, hash brown casserole, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, apple crisp and milk.

- Rod's House has a steady number of teens and young adults who depend on a hot meal and pocket snacks every afternoon Monday through Friday from noon to 4:00. With the arrival of cooler weather, the coats, sweatshirts and sweaters and much more that you have donated will help keep those young people warm as they head out to the streets in the evening.

- NW Harvest has not yet scheduled any volunteer opportunities, but their ongoing work of serving in the Yakima Valley continues.

- We have heard from Elizabeth Pereira who is the Student & Family Advocate Coordinator for Selah High School expressing appreciation for the church and Dirk's past partnership with the high school. They are seeking donations of toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.) for students, and are also providing a food pantry, and warm clothing/backpacks. Donations of any of these items would be appreciated. There will be a box in the Narthex where you can leave such donations and they will be delivered to the high school.



## WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

The Worship Team (Committee) met September 14<sup>th</sup> on ZOOM to accommodate Rev. Mark Williams in Kennewick. The group discussed COVID concerns. So far, we have been lucky that there have been no known cases within the worshipping congregation. Folks have been very good about following the protocols of distancing and wearing face coverings. There was some concern expressed about folks gathering in the Narthex following worship. Mark is going to move from the Sanctuary door to the outside area to greet people as they leave. The group also discussed possible changes in the order of worship. There has been no adverse reaction to the changing of the Creedal Statement each week. We talked about Children's Time. Mark is planning to incorporate a time reminding us that we are all children of God. We also discussed a time to greet our fellow worshippers, but it wouldn't involve leaving your seat, but waving at someone or texting someone on the other side of the Sanctuary. We also want to remind everyone in the congregation, wherever they are worshipping, not to forget to greet people they don't see in worship, through texts, emails, letters, or phone calls. The relationships between us are what defines us as a church. We will continue using the Common English Bible (CEB) in worship and those texts will be displayed on the screens.

Our church family grew on September 26<sup>th</sup>: Nathan and Heather Miller joined the church and their daughters Rebekah and Miella were baptized, thus becoming Baptized Members. Welcome!!

For World Communion Sunday (October 3<sup>rd</sup>), a small round table will be placed at the back of the Sanctuary and covered with a white cloth. The Communion elements will be there to be picked up by folks on the way to their seats. An Usher will take the elements to anyone who misses getting them on their way in.

The Team also discussed Laity Sunday and Children's Sabbath, which fall the same day this year. We also discussed All-Saints Sunday (November 7<sup>th</sup>) Veteran's Sunday (November 14<sup>th</sup> – no display of military memorabilia this year). If you have a friend or relative who you want to remember on All-Saints, please talk to Kevin Dow.

We would like to recognize all of the things that Noah does to make our worship possible. He monitors the sound levels from the microphones, makes sure the proper slides are displayed on the screens, oversees the "broadcast" of our worship service on ZOOM, and is a resource to help solve all the problems arising from the technology. He will no longer be with us after Thanksgiving (maybe earlier), and if we are to continue to have all the innovations we have come to count on, some folks will need to learn all the things that he has been doing. If you



are willing to learn one or more of these skills, please talk to Noah, and schedule a time to learn. If we don't have the workers, we will be forced to shut down some of our outreach.

The Team will meet again on October 19<sup>th</sup> on ZOOM to discuss the rest of the Sundays after Pentecost and the start of Advent.



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## Selah UMW

Selah UMW met September 21st via zoom. It was nice to get back in touch with everyone. **We would like to congratulate Lisa Holyfield for getting accepted into the Deaconess program.** What does it take to become a Deaconess?

Requirements for the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner ( A Home Missioner is male and Deaconess is female):

1. A call from God to lifetime, full-time mission-oriented service as part of the lay diaconate.
2. Membership in The United Methodist Church.
3. The professional training, education, and/or certifications for the ministry to which one is called.
4. Biblical, theological, and sociological grounding in the prescribed core studies:

Old Testament

New Testament

Theology of Mission

History of The United Methodist Church

Polity and Doctrine of The United Methodist Church

Core studies may be taken at United Methodist institutions of higher learning or at colleges, universities, and/or seminaries that are approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church. Intensive courses (one-to two-week) and other alternative program options are available. Prior coursework may be reviewed for approval of the core studies. Limited financial assistance based on need is available for core study coursework.

5. At the time of consecration and commissioning, position (compensated or non-compensated) in an approved appointment of love, justice and service.



6. Appointments may be in a church-related vocation or helping profession. A deaconess or home missionary must hold local church membership in the annual conference in which she or he will be serving.
7. Continuation of the practice of discernment
8. Ability to serve no less than 10 years of creditable service at the time of consecration
9. Commitment to functioning through diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his mission, which mandates that his followers:
  - a. Alleviate suffering.
  - b. Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth.
  - c. Facilitate the development of full human potential.
  - d. Share in building global community through the church universal

The month of October we will be collecting socks and underwear for "Voices of Children". This goes along with the Children's Sabbath Sunday, October 14th. Children's Sabbath worship service reminds us about the plight of children in our country and around the world. We will have a box in the narthex. Voices for Children serve Children 1 to 18 years of age. (The male teenagers prefer the boxer type underwear).

**Our next meeting will be October 19th at 7:00 pm via zoom. We use the Daily check in link for our meeting.**

Tressa Cummings

Selah UMW President

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## AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be Thursday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Simonson Room. Up to this point, a decision hasn't been made concerning the bazaar. However, there are so many "no" factors looming that it would be near impossible. Due to time restraints the final decision will have to be made at this meeting. Anyone who has any input is welcome to join us on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The loss of our dear friend & Circle member Mary Lee Hulse is met with great sadness. Her pretty smile has greeted us for so many years. She was always there to support us. She was a big instigator for morning work parties so we'd be done in time for lunch at Magic's. And we loved her for it. We bid goodbye to our dear friend -- til we meet again.

Donna Ruud, President



## October Celebrations

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

- 3 Merl & Merilee Brothers
- 10 Chuck & Cheryl Natland
- 21 Dave & Tereica Kaumheimer
- 23 Mick & Virginia Mackey



FYI – the church has a new email address and it is [selahumc@gmail.com](mailto: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=NmsxRGsrNktoaUI1NWdKaUxhbnlNQ09>

Meeting ID: 669 186 246 Password: 848493

One tap mobile: +12532158782,,669186246#,,1#,848493# US (Tacoma)



## ***OCTOBER CALENDAR***

- 3 UMM Coffee @ 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall  
Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom  
World Communion Sunday; 19th Sunday after Pentecost  
See link on prior page to join Zoom
- 5 Coffee Hour at Sundance Espresso @ 9:00 am; Continuing every Tuesday
- 6 Wear orange for justice for Native American/Indigenous children
- 7 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  
Check Sunday bulletin for possible change of venue. Continuing every Thursday
- 10 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom  
20th Sunday after Pentecost; See link on prior page to join Zoom
- 11 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 12 Book Bunch @ 7:00 via Zoom; use check-in link on prior page to join Zoom
- 13 For Pastor Dirk, US Navy Birthday
- 17 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom  
Laity Sunday and Children's Sabbath  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
See link on prior page to join Zoom
- 19 Worship Team Meeting @ 1:00 pm. Possible Zoom, TBA  
UMW Meeting @ 7:00 pm via Zoom  
Use check-in link on prior page to join Zoom
- 20 Church Council @ 6:00 pm, Simonson Room
- 24 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
United Nations Day
- 25 Newsletter Articles due
- 26 Book Bunch @ 7:00 pm via Zoom; use check-in link on prior page to  
Camp Hope Dinner, prepared and delivered by Wesley with help from SUMC
- 31 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am, Sanctuary and via Zoom  
Reformation Sunday and Halloween  
23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
See link on prior page to join Zoom

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Newsletter articles for the  
November newsletter are due  
October 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.”