



# The Messenger

Selah United Methodist Church

June 2017



## Scholarship Committee Report

The recipient of this year's Walter Hall Memorial Scholarship is Brianna Smith. We are very pleased to present the scholarship in the amount of \$3800.00 to Brianna. Her application outlined her many academic accomplishments which include the National Honor Society. She has also participated in many volunteer activities in our own church, with the Conference Council Youth Ministries (CCOYM) as their president and at Lazy F Camp. Brianna will attend Gonzaga University. We send our best wishes to a very qualified and deserving recipient. The funds for the Walter Hall Memorial Scholarship are generated from the interest on an Endowment Fund account established with the Pacific Northwest Foundation of the United Methodist Church by the family of Bud Hall.

- Did you know that since John Herdrich retired last year, the Home Zone has assumed all the cleaning duties of the church, not only the areas where the Home Zone resides, but throughout the church, upstairs and down, including all the bathrooms? The Home Zone budget includes approximately \$1600 per month specifically for supplies and staff salary related to cleaning. Shannon and her teachers assumed this willingly and gratefully as their part to keep the church clean and welcoming for everyone.

- The United Methodist Men treated all the ladies, including the little ones with colorful flowers on Mother's Day. It was sweet. Recently, these busy men repainted the Selah skate board park next to Carlon Park. Did you know that they maintain the park all year? Now, they have new signs at the park that say that SUMC is the caretaker. A little toot toot for the UMM.



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## Trustees

A you know Kendra will be leaving us in June and Pastor Dirk Robinson will be moving into the parsonage the end of June. There doesn't seem to be much that needs to be done at the parsonage to make it ready for Dirk, but if we find unexpected things that need to be done, I will be looking for help. The end of June could be very busy with the concession stand and getting the parsonage ready for Dirk.

## Finance

Thanks to those who helped with the chicken BBQ last month. Several from the men's group helped cook the chicken and a small group sold them during Selah Community Days. We cleared \$389.00 this year thanks to those who cooked and sold chicken on Saturday and bought leftover chicken on Sunday.

We are headed into summer a little tight with our finances. Summers can be tough for us as people take vacations and otherwise miss church due to busy schedules. This can result in giving being less than normal. Please consider dropping a check in the mail if you know you will be out of town or missing church over a few Sundays. And enjoy your summer!!

## Fundraiser

We are again operating a concession stand during the 4-H Horse training school June 22 to 25. I have posted a signup sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up to work one of the shifts. This is a fun activity where we are helping the 4-H families by providing good food at a reasonable price as well as

helping the church have a little extra money in the bank for the upcoming summer. If you haven't ever helped at this event, please consider doing so. I will make sure you are teamed with others who are experienced.





## Worship Committee

The Worship Committee met May 18<sup>th</sup> at Subway in Selah. We reviewed past worship events and talked some about the upcoming pastoral change.

We discussed the Maundy Thursday worship service. Like Ash Wednesday, it was underattended, with only about a dozen people in attendance. Pastor Kendra did a *Lectio Divina* service, which members of the committee found was very meaningful. Also like the Ash Wednesday service, we are reluctant, in light of the upcoming pastoral change, to stop holding the special worship services, but we will let Pastor Dirk Robinson know about the attendance patterns.

We reviewed the Easter Sunrise Service. There were about 25 attendees, which is typical for that service.

Another special service that we reviewed was

the Festival of God's Creation service. The response to this service, held during the regular worship time, featured six "stations." Each station contained a statement about an element of creation, and a symbol of that element, and folk were invited to pray or reflect on that element. Elements represented were light, water, air, plants, animals, and people. If we do a service like this in the future, we will recommend printing up a booklet for people who have difficulty getting around, or who are visually impaired.

The Wesley Club from Central Washington University led the service on the first Sunday in May, and delighted folk with their enthusiasm. The Mothers' Day service was combined with confirmation, with statements from Aaron Jones, and three youth from Wesley UMC. Although the statements were appreciated, there was frustration because

of the problems with the sound system, which makes hearing difficult. The committee endorsed a proposal from the Trustees and the Ad. Council to start on Phase 1 of upgrading the system.

Pentecost is June 4<sup>th</sup>, and we are reminding the congregation to wear red to worship that day. We will also be celebrating Brianna's graduation from Davis High School. There will be cake following the service and some gluten-free cupcakes for Brianna and others needing gluten-free food.

Pastor Robinson has told the Staff-Parish Relations Committee that he plans to be in the pulpit in Selah on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Church leaders will be attending a Transition Workshop to help us make a smooth and successful transition. Pastor Kendra's last Sunday in Selah will be June 11<sup>th</sup>, and Kevin Dow will be leading worship on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.



## June is SUGAR AND FLOUR Month!

In April, the volunteers at the food bank asked for sugar and flour, and we responded with gusto. Guess how much sugar and flour (plus a few other items) weighed? A whopping 118 pounds! Tammie and Dave who head up the food bank told me, they were surprised and didn't realize how needed these two staples were to the families who depend on the food bank. I visited the food bank today, and they

greeted me with "we need more sugar and flour", any size as they will divide up larger bags into smaller quantities so that more families can take some home. As always, any non-perishable food item that you can or prefer to give helps fill the food bank shelves. We are a small congregation, but in the Selah Food Bank world, we are that BIG generous group from the Methodist Church. A sugary thank from all the volunteers.



## Afternoon Circle

*I know this sounds like old news, but things are happening much faster now on the phone/membership list. A directory is being finalized but we've decided to take it further with a complete membership list. It is so important to keep this current. Our last directory, the pink book, was dated July 2011, many changes. So hold on, it's coming.*

*Circle will take some time off for summer now. Watch for the Garden Table and please share your garden bounty.*

*As you know, the "changing of the guard" (and I mean that respectfully) will take place July 1. We wish Pastor Kendra and Brianna the very best on their new journey to White Salmon and we look forward to meeting Pastor Robinson.*

*Oh my, I hope he is ready to put up with this bunch! Welcome Pastor Robinson.*

*Donna Ruud*

*President*



- 4**—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)—*Communion; Pentecost (Wear Red!); Honoring graduates*—Special Charge Conference following
- 11**—Worship @10:30am (Sanctuary)—*Pastor Kendra's final Sunday*
- 14**—Finance Committee @ 6:00pm
- 14**—Ad Council @ 6:30pm
- 15**—HomeZone Steering Committee @ 6:30pm
- 18**—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)
- 22-25**—4H Fundraiser (State Fair Park)
- 25**—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)

### ***Northwest Harvest***

The third Saturday of each month will continue to be Volunteer Saturday at Northwest Harvest. Volunteers will not be making Three Square backpack meals, but will primarily be sorting and re-packing food. Volunteering is by reservation only. June and July Volunteer Saturdays are already full. If we want to volunteer in August on the 19th, we can, but we need to do it as a group. With summer not yet here, it may be hard to consider August all ready, but think about it. Maybe the regular volunteers can talk and perhaps form a group for anyone interested, 3rd grade or older, and reserve a spot.

## Birthdays

- 4 Helen Charlot
- 5 David Eisenhower
- 7 Matthew Mead
- 8 Lanae Brown
- 9 Gail Davis; Don Schramm; Lucas Mahugh
- 10 Logan Hayman
- 11 Mark Charcas
- 12 Bob Ruud
- 15 Joanne Helms
- 16 Andrew Baranowski
- 20 Katie Kaumheimer
- 21 Michelle Helseth
- 26 Lois Cummings
- 29 Raymond Tayer
- 30 Rikki Gonzales

## Anniversaries

- 10 Don and Jean Hobbs
- 13 Jim and Beth Mahugh
- 24 Grant and Mary Goss;  
Shawn and Kristin Templet



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

## Worship Assistants

### June

**4 Duward Massie**

**11**

**18 Ron Drew**

**25 Shannon Vaughn**

If you are unable to be the Worship Assistant on your scheduled date please find a substitute. The following people will be glad to sub for you. Please call one or switch with someone on the schedule.

If you change your assigned date the Church Secretary can correct it in the bulletin if you let him know soon enough.

# Youth Group Events

All events are held at Wesley United Methodist Church unless otherwise noted.

**Youth Group will continue to meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Wesley, unless otherwise noted!**

We feel it is right for youth to have their time and space to bond with each other, share their stories, and become disciples of Jesus Christ. We also feel youth should not be secluded from the rest of church life. Our focus is to create a safe space for youth to form relationships that will help the group share the love of God to others. While we do enjoy fun and games, our main focus is to look at God's Word, pray for our youth group members and others, and exercise servant leadership to others in the Yakima Valley and beyond.

Our youth group consists of grades 6-12 and meets regularly on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Our Wesley youth have combined with youth from Selah UMC and others. All are welcome.

For any questions, please call Scott at the church office at 966-2370, or by email at [scott.klepach@wesleyofyakima.org](mailto:scott.klepach@wesleyofyakima.org).

Heads up! Below is a look at what's happening for Youth Group over the next few months. I will need adult volunteers to join me as well, so please prayerfully consider when you might be able to help!

Monday, June 5: Yakima Valley Pippins Night!

Monday, June 12: End of School BBQ. (May need to shift to June 19th)

Monday, June 19: Skateland: Christian Music Night. (Unless End of School BBQ need to be shifted to this date.)

Monday, June 26: No Youth Group.

Monday, July 3: TBD.

Monday, July 10: No Youth Group.

Monday, July 17: No Youth Group.

Monday, July 24: TBD.

Sunday, July 30-Saturday, August 5: Mission trip with Sierra Service Project.

**~Scott Klepach Jr.**

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## **Growing Into the Image of Christ**



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Follow her blog: Pastor in Mouse Ears

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### **Mission Statement**

“Let us be a sacred body that worships God, feeds the soul of our communities, serves the needs around us, and opens our hearts in respectful acceptance of all.”

Newsletter articles for the July/August newsletter are due June 25th!

Articles can be emailed to [mlhelseth@gmail.com](mailto:mlhelseth@gmail.com) or the church

### **Vision Statement**

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