



April 2020

Snohomish United
Methodist Church

THE EVANGEL

Dear Friends,

I hope that this finds you healthy and staying home. In accordance with Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order and the guidance of our Bishop, I am **suspending ALL church and outside group meetings through (at least) April 30, 2020. The church building will be closed during this time.** This takes effect Friday, March 27.

During this time, there will be NO office hours and all calls are asked to be directed to my cell number: 216-215-4474. In order to minimize the risk of spreading this illness, only previously authorized lay leaders and staff will have access to the building for essential functions during this time. I will continue to work remotely to make worship and check-in videos available. I'm also exploring other ways to connect and will share those in the weekly emails.

I wish I had better words for it, but all I can say is that these are strange and difficult days for us. I grieve the isolation; the fear; the closure of places/events that bring so much meaning to our lives; the overwhelm of news and rapidly changing ways of being together. I will miss Holy Week worship as I have always practiced it. It's okay to grieve. And be afraid. All while trusting that God can comfort and transform. My hope still rests in the promise of resurrection, of life anew, that awaits on the other side of the cross and tomb. So may it still and always be.

In this unknown wilderness wandering, I have taken solace in different things in different days. Snippets of Scripture run in my head and heart: **Psalm 23** The Lord is my Shepherd...

Jeremiah 29:11 I know the plans I have for you, to prosper you and not harm you, to give you hope and a future.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Matthew 22:37-40 (paraphrase) Love the Lord Your God with all Your heart, mind, soul and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.

These (and many others) are the words that ground me in this season. These are the words that make up my center. It reminds me of one of the spiritual practices from this season: Walking the Labyrinth. A labyrinth is not a maze. A maze leaves you dizzy and running into dead ends. A labyrinth, however, is a winding path that intentionally leads to the center. There's no where else you can go but towards the center and then back out.



In these uncertain days, when our journey ahead seems winding and maybe anything but clear; may the image of a labyrinth bring us hope. In such days, may we return to the center of our hope and faith to find God there, standing with us. May we breathe deeply of God's Spirit and exhale: one foot in front of the other as we journey the winding path back, together. Amen.

Find us online—

Check our website: snohomishumc.org (find worship videos and online giving options)

Follow our Facebook Page: Snohomish United Methodist Church

*Watch for "Holy Week at Home" worship guides to be emailed. Mailed copies will go to those on our Evangel mailing list.



Dear Church Family,

In these days of uncertainty and anxiety and as we move forward to what might be a new normal for all of us we are blessed to have our church family and building to give us hope for the future. Our first concern is to make sure we all stay healthy and safe. While we can't hug or handshake with each other a phone call to say hello would be a wonderful way to reach out to each other. Another way to keep our future in view is to remember that we do still have a financial calling to keep our church functioning. I understand these are uncertain times for all of us and we probably won't feel the full impact until many months ahead but I am reaching out to you and asking if you can continue to keep our church in your prayers and to financially give to any extent that is comfortable for you. We are being careful with our spending, and in good standing currently, but bills and salaries still need to be paid.

Mailing your personal check, establishing an electronic transfer with your bank or setting up a PayPal account (PayPal does have a service charge) are options for continuing to support the church financially.

I know we all are looking forward with much anticipation to when we can gather in the sanctuary to worship together and sit around the table for coffee and fellowship but until then stay safe and be well.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me.

Blessings,

Mary Burpee

From our Missions Team regarding Food Bank Easter Baskets:



This year our church is supporting the Snohomish Food Bank by collecting donations of money to buy Easter hams. Donations are due to the church by Friday, April 3. Donations can be made by check or online with our new PayPal giving option on the church's website. If you would like to use a check, it can be mailed to the church. If you use the PayPal option, please email the church with a note stating that the contribution is for the food bank.



UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN APRIL MEETING

We will not be having our regular meeting in April. I will be keeping everyone informed by email. If you would like a phone call, please let me know. My phone number is 360-568-6202.

We are still planning on the tea on May 16. Please add the date to your calendars and we will keep you informed.

This has been a different time for all and is a chance to reflect. Pastor Janelle has been wonderful in keeping us all informed. Stay well and God Bless you all.

Pat Dodson, UMW President

**SAVE THE DATES CELEBRATIONS SPONSORED BY
THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

MAY 16TH SPRING TEA AT 12:00 Free event, and open to all ladies of the church and your friends. A wedding dress style show featuring a wedding dress made from a parachute, during WORLD WAR II. We will keep you posted on this even due to the closer of our church and all other social functions. It may need to be postponed.



JUNE 3RD NO HOST LUNCH, AT COLLECTORS CHOICE RESTAURANT. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UP SHEET.

JUNE 7TH GRADUATION SUNDAY, PARTY FOR OUR SENIORS DURING COFFEE HOUR.

NOVEMBER 7TH ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE SALE

NOVEMBER 15TH VETERANS DAY POT LUCK CELEBRATION, DURING COFFEE HOUR

On a personal note, I miss you all so very much! We need to have nice events to look forward to. Please place these dates on your calendars and pray that we will be together again very soon.

PS The new chairladies for the bazaar will be Glenda Clemans and Patricia Tisdale.

HOLIDAY MAGIC will be the theme. Please give these wonderful women all of the loyal support that you bestowed on me.

Blessings Carolyn Janssen A BAZAAR WOMEN, EMERITUS



4/02 Matthew Warbonnet
4/04 Evan Emery
4/05 Royce Loshbaugh
4/05 Benjamin Harris
4/10 Ival Salyer
4/10 Hayden Strande
4/10 Brooke Wilburn
4/12 Tony Bullock
4/14 Ida Bonneywell
4/18 James Bernston
4/19 Dawson Pratt
4/20 Mary Burpee

4/20 Mason Bishop
4/21 Richard Yost
4/26 Mrs. Pat Fisher
4/30 Katryna Harris



If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and it's not listed, please call or email the church office. Thank you!

4/25 Annie Hayes & Michael Smith

UMCOR Sunday Offering

For over 75 years, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has been offering the ministry of compassion, walking alongside survivors of disasters and meeting the most urgent needs. UMCOR stays with communities long after a disaster strikes and news of it has disappeared from the headlines.

Every day of the year, United Methodists have an opportunity to do a world of good and sustain UMCOR's legacy of hope. By contributing to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), United Methodists share in UMCOR's work to bring relief to thousands of people in more than 80 countries.

UMCOR Sunday is an annual church-wide offering that is usually observed on the fourth Sunday in Lent (this year, March 22). This offering secures UMCOR's administrative costs, thus allowing 100 percent of all other donated funds to go directly to designated programs. It also guarantees the availability of unfettered funds when disaster strikes. *Our church will set a Sunday for this offering after we return to regular worship together.* Thank you.

Lent is a season of repentance, self-examination, and awareness, not just of our own spiritual needs but also of the needs of others. When we journey through Lent, we come to a greater understanding of Christ's call to minister to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ's name. The UMCOR Sunday offering and UMCOR helps us to do this.

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