



September
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Snohomish United
Methodist Church

The Evangel



Even though fall is knocking on the door, our summer worship series still has *Encanto* songs on repeat in my mind. Including this verse from the song “Dos Orugitas” which focuses on the necessary transition of caterpillar to butterfly: *so afraid of change in a world that never stops changing*. We don’t have to look hard to see evidence of Greek philosopher Heraclitus’ assertion that “change is the only constant.”

Change is all around us. I’ve reflected on this recently with several folks who have recalled all that has shifted and developed in the world in their years. The fact that Facebook exists where once it would have seemed like something out of science fiction is itself evidence of this change! Let alone that it also prompts us with memories of who we once were and the things we once did. Yes, we live in a world that never stops changing. And yet, many of us have some level of fear when it comes to change. *So afraid of change in a world that never stops changing*.

Our worship series this month, “Re-Shaped,” will explore this theme of change. And the reality that we are created for change. Not to fear it, nor to resist it, but to accept it as the necessary part of our own transformation. After all, how often do we hear God’s promise to do a new thing? Or the call to remain steadfast (not stagnant)? To grow and mature as disciples? To follow into the unknown?

We can only answer that call when we are willing to engage change in ourselves and our world. We can only seek a more just society aligned with God’s Kingdom vision when we are willing to disrupt the kingdoms that rule around us. We are made for change and our faith demands that we accept that.

Over the next four weeks, we will draw from the work of preacher and worship designer, Dr. Marcia McFee to discover how we can be animated and activated for change. Dr. McFee describes this series, saying:

We are actually made and equipped by a Creator who knew we would need to be partners and agents of change throughout history. We must be called to change.

We must spend time discerning and deepening our understanding of the call that is luring us until we are ready to let go of “what was” in favor of the new creation.

We will begin with a look at what it means for us to be created for change: like clay in the potter’s hand. God molds and shapes and re-shapes us over the course of our lives. The second week reminds us that all of these changes begin as internal work. No matter the changes that surround us, transformation takes root within. From there we learn open-handed living that holds lightly to what is so that we can hold fast to what matters most. This is the only way we can be ready to release what needs letting go. It’s only in our last week that we will move to take the next ‘first step’ in our journeys.



Mission and Social Justice



Back to school time! Both our Sultan and Snohomish missions could use those foods needed for lunches. Suggestions include: peanut butter, canned meats including chicken, canned noodles with meat, stew, top ramen, soups, energy bars, fruit and pudding cups, cookies, applesauce, snacks including chips and crackers, cereals, cocoa and raisins.

October 1 is World Communion Sunday! [World Communion Sunday](#) provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.



October 1 is a big day for mission! It is also Crop Walk Sunday. Grab your tennis shoes and let's help end hunger in our community and world! Yvette Warbonnet is organizing this for us.

And more GOOD NEWS! Community Kitchen will restart soon. If you would like to help with this incredible, local mission, see Mr. Pat Fisher.



We are a very generous church and I am very grateful for the donations you have given to our local missions and our six church wide Special Sundays. In addition, there have been many generous donations given to help the people of Maui.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9/03 Keith Janssen	9/22 Clark Stafford
9/10 Jeff Davis	9/24 Patricia Dodson
9/10 Fran Ortmeyer	9/27 Ellen Anderson
9/11 Kaleb Bishop	9/29 Becky Keithley
9/12 Michael Smith	9/29 Cherri Brown
9/18 Cyndil Davis	10/01 Klaus Janssen
9/18 Jess Jarris	10/04 Emmalee Harris



9/04 Klaus & Carolyn Janssen
9/06 Dick & Ellis Walker
9/15 Robert & Carlene Weeks



FALL KICK OFF — SEPTEMBER 10

JOIN US AT 10AM FOR THE START OF THE FALL WORSHIP SERIES EXPLORING HOW WE ARE "SHAPED & RE-SHAPED", FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK, CIDER PRESS AND GAMES AFTER WORSHIP. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.





UWF (formerly UMW) NEWS

Our first fall meeting is set for Wednesday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Library. This is a meeting for all women in the church that are interested in getting together for fellowship. It will also be a hybrid meeting so join us on zoom, if you can't make it in person.

Please join us. The link is: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/99066700739>

Dial in by phone: 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 990 6670 0739

I am planning on seeing you soon. Thank you, Pat Dodson

UWF Puget Sound Missional District Annual Meeting

Our United Women in Faith District Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16th at Bothell United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Theme is: Finding the United Women in Faith within: Different Paths for Different People based on the following Scripture: Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. This sounds like an interesting meeting. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$12.00 to cover lunch. Please contact Pat Dodson at patcdodson@aol.com for a registration form.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is a brief summary of the Church operating fund for the current year. The operating fund records, contributions to and expenses for, the general operation of the Church. This includes salaries, utilities, program, budgeted missions and apportionments. The operating fund DOES NOT include gifts to special missions, memorials, special projects, etc.

	Income	Expense	Total
July 2023	\$15,875	\$16,944	-\$1,069
August 2023	17,195	\$16,880	\$315
Year to Date	\$146,629	\$140,865	\$5,764

At the end of August all outstanding bills, including apportionments, have been paid.

Revenue for both July and August increased due to some of our donors paying their pledges in advance. Hopefully revenue will continue this increase in the coming months so that expenses are matched.

Additional details are available from the treasurer.



Vacation Bible School 2023.
We had a great turnout—
100+ kids—and lots of fun.
Looking forward to next
year!



CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Help Feed the Hungry

Walk with us on October 1, 2023

The Snohomish CROP Hunger Walk 2023

12:30 registration at Christ the King Lutheran Church
Snohomish, 1305 Pine Street, Snohomish, WA 98290

If you would like to participate in the walk or help, please
contact: Diane deckerihle@gmail.com subject CROP.

Or register to walk and/or donate on-line:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/snohomishwa>

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The 25th Annual Snohomish CROP Hunger Walk, October 2, 2022.



25% of the money raised here in Snohomish stays in Snohomish. The Snohomish CROP Walk is the major funding source for the all-volunteer Snohomish Community Kitchen.

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