

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Snoqualmie United Methodist Church

May/June 2019

## SAVE THE DATES

Sun. May 12 – Thank you to Viviana Soliz, 10:30 worship

Sun. May 19 – Plant Sale, 10-10:30 am, 11:45am - 12:30 pm

Sat. June 1 – Dog Day, Three Forks Off-Leash Dog Park, 4pm

June 23-30 – Prayers for Guatemala team



## EASTER'S UPRISING CONTINUES

I buried a few dozen pea and sunflower seeds this week. I'm trying one of those "seed starter" kits with the tiny compostable pots you later plant outdoors. I buried the seeds in plenty of dirt, watered the whole mess, and set it all aside in my home study area. To my surprise the directions call for an indoor space to start, and *away* from direct sunlight. No wonder I've not been especially successful gardening with seeds in the past. My instincts are for all sunlight all the time!

I may have doubted, but there in the shadow of our old family toy box - life was underway. Yesterday I awoke to a green uprising! Almost all the pea plants germinated, small and steady, similar in shape and size. The sunflowers are revealing themselves more sporadically; their postures varied, some much higher than others, some still "asleep" in the dirt. In time perhaps we'll be sharing fresh peas and home roasted sunflower seeds with our neighbors. We're not there yet, but what a dream!

The Way on display in creation invites our participation again and again in the dying and rising of Jesus the Christ. Throughout the Easter season we celebrate the uprising! We welcome the uprising in our own lives, relationships, and callings. We trust the uprising in community. We participate like branches on the vine.

I appreciate some words that a couple of folks have sent me from different outlets: "In order to grow, a seed needs to be dropped in dirt, covered in darkness, and struggle to reach the light." That speaks to me in my personal struggles, and also in our denominational crisis. You? Another quote reads, "When you're in a dark place you sometimes tend to think you've been buried...Perhaps you've been *planted*...Bloom!"

Easter opportunities abound as we move through the crossroads. Yet as Paul notes in 1 Corinthians, full blooms look very different than their seeds. *You do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body* (15:37-38).

Here's to the resurrected body of Christ in which we varied and beautiful parts are all united, wherever our church home. Here's to Love's mystery...and clarity...until *God may be all in all* (1 Corinthians 15:28).

With you in the uprising,

Pastor Lee



Easter Flowering of the Cross, 2019

## WORSHIP FORECAST

Sundays at 10:30 am; see [www.snoqualmieumc.org](http://www.snoqualmieumc.org) for possible updates and adjustments.

**May 5 - Arising in Discipleship** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 35). John 21:1-19. Communion, and music with Wendy Yee.

**May 12 - Arising in Worship** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 36). Music with Sally Russom and Chancel Choir. Mother's Day, with celebration of long-time church nursery "mom" Viviana Zambrano. Psalm 103, Exodus 5:1-4, Colossians 3:12-17.

**May 19 - Arising in Partnership** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 37). Message by Rev. Richard Whetsell. Music with Toddie Downs. Psalm 146; Matthew 10:16-20; 11:28-30; 28:16-20; Acts 16:11-40.

**May 26 - Arising in Stewardship.** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 38) Music with Sally Russom and Chancel Choir. Deuteronomy 15:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:3-19; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15.

**June 2 - Arising through Hardship** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 39) Music with Wendy Yee. Isaiah 40:27-31; Acts 9:1-25; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; 11:22-33.

**June 9 – Pentecost! Spirit on the Move.** Celebrate graduating high school senior Beth Hungerpiller and other **graduates** today. Message by Ed Morrison, Minister of Counseling. Music with Chancel Choir.

John 3:1-21; Acts 2:1-41; Romans 6:1-14. Wear **red** or other Spirit fire color today!

**June 16 - Moving with the Spirit** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 41). Father's Day! Co-mission the Guatemala Team for learning and serving in Camanchaj. John 15:1-8, Galatians 3:19-4:7, 5:1, 13-24; Colossians 3:1-17

**June 23 - Spirit of Love: Loving God.** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 42). Music with Sally Russom and Chancel Choir. Psalm 116; Romans 8:1-17; Ephesians 3:14-21. Choir celebration today as they enter summer break.

**June 30 - Spirit of Love: Loving Neighbor** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 43). Music with Carol Lawrence. Acts 10:1-44; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

**July 7 - Spirit of Love: Loving Self** (We Make the Road by Walking, ch. 44). Proverbs 4:1-27; Romans 12:3-21; James 1:2-8; 3:13-18. Music with Wendy Yee.



### **THANK YOU VIVIANA!!**

Our beloved long-time nursery attendant Viviana Zambrano Soliz is moving on. Please join us in celebrating her time and gifts among us on May 12.

Viviana has been loving our youngest kids on Sunday mornings for 15 years! Pulling back from nursery duties will give her family more freedom to participate in events with their home parish - Saint Joseph's Catholic church in Issaquah.

We'll recognize Viviana on Mother's Day, May 12, with plans to thank her and bless her during children's time in worship. Watch for a congregational card to sign ahead of time, or send your own appreciation to: 415 SE 12th Place North Bend, WA 98045.



## DOG DAY

Saturday June 1, 4pm

Three Forks Off-Leash  
Dog Park

Come Bernard, Charlie, Chocolate, Levi, Luna, Rosie and more! Bring your dog, or your neighbor's dog, or whoever wants to meet, greet, and play. Treats and trophies will be on hand. Three Forks Off-Leash Dog Park is across from Centennial Fields in Snoqualmie.

## CANNED FOOD DONATION DRIVE

**May:** Sides (Rice-a-roni, Pastaroni)

**June:** Cereal and oatmeal – whole grain



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## PLANT SALE



May 19th, before and after church

10 - 10:30 am, 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Indoor and outdoor varieties

All proceeds go toward a new kitchen floor. Dig up your garden extras to share and / or come by some new ones. Questions? See Connie Edwards (425-831-6038) or Colette Johnson (colettejohnson@hotmail.com, 425-888-1714).



## UPDATE FROM YOUR MINISTER OF COUNSELING, ED MORRISON, M.DIV.

It has been over three months since you commissioned me to offer counsel and support to those in need of emotional/spiritual healing. This ministry now seems to be a “win, win, win” situation—for the people I am seeing, my need to share my gifts, and financial support to SUMC through donations.

Some of my work so far has been with SUMC members, though most of those I've seen are from the broader community. Also, most of my work has been with couples, which was my focus for the last several years of private practice. We meet in our library, and I am averaging over six hours per week in this ministry.

I welcome your referrals for anyone you know who may need counseling services. I have a good network of professionals I can refer to if their needs don't fit my skills. And I would love to spend an introductory hour or so with any of you who would like to see if my skills may be helpful in your personal/spiritual journey. I am also available for consultation on relationship struggles with family or friendships.

Thanks for supporting my ministry here.

## SUMC READS

Carol Morrison

### **Reading something you love? Have a favorite book you'd recommend to fellow congregants?**

Karolann Whetsell recently read A MAN CALLED OVE, by Frederik Bachman, at the same time she was reading THE ART OF NEIGHBORING by Dave Runyon and Jay Pathak. “It was a 'God thing' to be reading the two books together,” Karolann said. “The author uses wry humor when Ove's neighbor does all the neighboring things and redeems Ove's life from grief and despair. She sees beyond the grumpy exterior to the ways Ove cares for the neighborhood. The characters are precious, and I shed a few tears.”

Ed Morrison just finished MOLLY'S GAME by Molly Bloom. Ed says, “It's flat writing, but a fascinating story of how money can destroy a soul.”

Sandy Owen loves THE OPPOSITE OF FATE, a heartbreakingly illuminating memoir by Amy Tan. The author takes us on a journey from her childhood as a sensitive but intelligent young Chinese-American, ashamed of her parents' Chinese ways, to the present day and her position as one of the world's best-loved novelists, emphasizing how ghosts, chance, and fate have played significant parts in her life.

**NEW IN THE LIBRARY:** Thanks to Ron Sumners for placing BINDING AND LOOSING, by K. Neill Foster and Paul L. King on the Sharing Shelf. The book is a discussion of the concept of “binding and loosing” as found in Matthew 18:18, and includes a grammatical explanation and historical coverage from the Old and New Testaments, as well as many anecdotal experiences. Ron says, “It helped me to clear up questions on what the above passage really means.”





## GUATEMALA HERE WE COME!

Carolyn and Robin Brenna; Alex, Bryan, Rachel and Wendy Holloway; Daisy and Lee Hartman, Dora Huestis, Andrew Oakley, and Stefan Van Handel will be volunteering with Salud y Paz (Health and Peace) the last week in June. With your support, we'll help build an upgraded clinic and lead toy-making activities at the Susanna Wesley school in Camanchaj Guatemala. We'll be learning from and with the local people as their clinic and school continue to grow. Thanks for the support of your prayers, and through Easter breakfast and mission share donations. We'll co-mission the team in worship June 16th. A post-trip celebration and story-telling dinner is planned for August 11, 6 pm.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH – EASTER 2019





## COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

If you have any suggestions or ideas for me for future issues, please let me know!

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