

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Snoqualmie United Methodist Church

September/October 2018

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, Sept 7 – Youth Games
Night, 7-9 pm

Saturday Sept 15 – Men's
Breakfast, 9 am

Saturday Sept 15 – Women's
Retreat, Chez Morrison, 9:30-
7:30

Sunday Sept 16 – Charge
Conference 5 pm

Tuesdays, Sept 18 – Oct 9 –
Living Faithfully book study,
6:30-8 pm

Wednesday, Sept 19 –
Community dinners resume,
5-6:30 pm

Friday Oct 5 – Youth Night, 7-
9 pm



FOLLOWING JESUS

The global United Methodist Church has many doors and one shared mission: *Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.* What does that look like to you...*in you...for you...and for others?*

At Snoqualmie UMC, we put it this way: We are becoming the voice, hands, and heart of Christ, fostering discipleship that transforms the world. We are practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. Together in Christ, we are caring for the congregation, welcoming the stranger, and equipped for our callings in community.

A disciple is one who follows, one who practices, fails, forgives, communes, serves, suffers, dies...and comes ALIVE! Whenever we are moved from lost to found, hurt to healed, ashamed to assured, divided to reconciled,

marginalized to central...whenever we are carried from fear to faith, from death to life, that's transformation!

Thanks be to God for the Grace that ignites us on this path. Thanks to our congregation and visiting friends for the beautiful ways we help each other find, be found, and follow. May all know their welcome to this fullness of life.

We are all invited to pray and fast in support of the Spirit's hand in this work.

Glad to be with you on the Way,

Pastor Lee

WORSHIP FORECAST



Sundays at 10:30 am; see www.snoqualmieumc.org for possible updates and adjustments.

September 9 - *Fall Kick-Off* and Faith Family Photo. Chancel choir returns and a bouncy house welcomes the new Sunday school year. *Faithful Conversations* worship series begins. Communion, with Sally Russom on piano.

September 16 - *Faithful Conversation about the Bible*. What is the Bible? What are our expectations and God's intentions? Consider Psalm 119:105-112,

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and John 1:1 for starters! Big topic. Music with Bless this House and youth leadership in worship.

September 23 - *Faithful Conversation* or other message with Rev. Richard Whetsell, and Chancel Choir with Sally Russom on piano.

September 30 - *Faithful Conversation about Identity*. Consider Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7, 18-24...and Psalm 139:13-18 for starters. Also Acts 8:26-38. We hope to welcome special musician Carol Mukhalian today.

October 7 - *Faithful Conversation about Family Values*. Consider Exodus 20:12-17, Deuteronomy 21:15-21, Ephesians 5:21-6:4 for starters. Music with Wendy Yee.

October 14 - *World Communion Sunday* with friends from Mt Si Lutheran and St. Clare's Episcopal congregations. Combined choir led by Lyndee White. (Rehearsal times to be determined.)

October 21 - *Faithful Conversation about Sexual Ethics*. Consider Song of Solomon 1:15-2:7, 2 Samuel 13, and John 8:1-11 for starters.

October 28 - *Faithful Conversation about Marriage*. Series conclusions. Consider Genesis 2:23-24, Revelation 21:1-4. Music features Chancel Choir.

ANNUAL CHURCH / CHARGE CONFERENCE SEPT. 16TH

Our first ever All Church/Charge Conference as part of the Puget Sound District is scheduled for Sunday September 16th at 5 pm, with Staff Parish Relations meeting at 4 pm. Come meet our new District Superintendent Rev. J. Mark Galang and refresh connections with our extended church. Annual congregational business includes election of key leaders for 2019, reflecting on our shared mission, and vulnerability to Inspiration!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Hey men! Come to a gourmet breakfast prepared by Ed Morrison and stay for a little fellowship and sharing about tools, fishing, football, or faith. Let's get together Saturday, September 15th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions give Richard a call at 918-978-3143.



KEEP THE FAITH: WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please join the women of Snoqualmie United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 15 from 9:30-7:30 in a relaxed time of faith sharing at Carol Morrison's home. We will be focusing on ways and practices that keep us keeping on as we deal with life's events. We will start with brunch. Several women will be presenting various topics for conversation. It is our hope to become closer friends as we laugh and talk together. We will have a snack table. There will be a break for a hike or just a time of sitting on the deck. Bring your knitting. We will have crockpots of soup for a 5 o'clock soup supper. Carol Morrison (425-941-0334) and Karolann Whetsell (918-978-3274) are doing the

planning. If you would like to provide a snack or a crockpot of soup, please let them know. We will be practicing the "beloved community" that we have been hearing about in worship. The directory address has an error so please contact Carol if you have not been to her home before. How long has it been since you were able to have a day apart like this?

COMMUNITY DINNERS

Community dinners resume Wednesday, September 19 from 5-6:30 pm. If you are available and willing to help with cooking, setup/cleanup, and/or serving, please contact Connie or Rudy Edwards.





Four-Week Fall Study

LIVING FAITHFULLY, HUMAN SEXUALITY AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8pm, September 18 - October 9

Karolann and Rev. Richard Whetsell are facilitating an exploration of the UMC's sometimes contrasting views about God and sexuality. *Living Faithfully, Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church* is a short book that represents every side of the issues. It outlines the history of our denomination's debate, the scriptures that inform it, and personal testimonies from differing points of view. Order copies of the book online (e.g. amazon.com, \$12.99), in the social hall sign up board, or by emailing the church office (office@snoqualmieumc.info). A copy will be available for loan in the church library as well. Teens and adults are welcome to this four-week discussion and study group. Childcare can be arranged by request. Gather at the church on Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 pm, starting September 18 and continuing September 25, October 2, and October 9. Thanks to Karolann and Richard for shepherding what we expect will be illuminating study and conversation.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION BY SENIORS

For those members who are 70 ½ and older, a smart way to make a donation to the church is by using the required minimum distribution from an IRA account. Although in the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act starting this year, you will not be able to use the donation as a deduction, donating to the church will eliminate the federal income tax you normally would pay on the amount. It must be made with pre-tax money.

The amount of the required distribution is usually added to your gross income. By having a check drawn directly to the church from this amount, you are saving 3.8% surtax on the donation. The contribution must be made directly from the IRA custodian.

Clear as mud? If you have any questions, please talk to your CPA or financial advisor. Also, I'd be happy to chat with you.

Carol Lawrence

RADICAL HOSPITALITY: WINTER SHELTER RETURNING TO SUMC



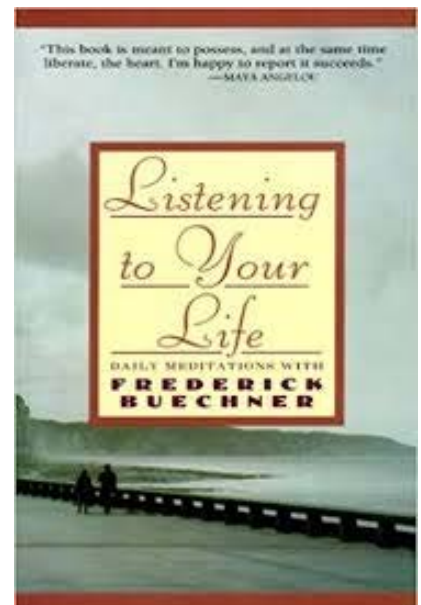
The Winter Shelter hopes to stay at Snoqualmie UMC, November 3rd through January. If all goes as anticipated with city permitting and our building use arrangements, we will host them for 90 days, i.e. through January. That's 30 days longer than previous years. The extended stay reduces stress for shelter guests, saves money by cutting moving expenses, and improves services due to our proximity to the Day Center housed in the American Legion Hall next door. Thanks to our Lead Team/Church Council and the Trustees for the work they do to help this again be a good experience for all involved. Here's to radical hospitality!

THE SHARING SHELF IS A LIBRARY HIGHLIGHT

The new church library is open for book borrowing. One fun feature is the Congregational Sharing Shelf to the right as you enter the room. Leave a book you've enjoyed, and a little note to say what you appreciate about it if you like. Or borrow one that someone else was excited to share. Or both!

Carol Morrison has this to say about a book she brought to share:

Ed gave me a copy of LISTENING TO YOUR LIFE by Frederick Buechner in 1998, on our sixteenth anniversary. He knew how Buechner's words and spirit moved me. They still move me. Buechner is real and up front about how hard lives can be, and equally authentic about the hope and joy Christ brings to us in the midst of difficulty and pain. His writing is so beautiful that I haven't tired of this book and often, even now, re-read passages. Enjoy!





YOUTH GAMES NIGHT

Friday September 7, 7 - 9 pm

Bring a favorite game if you like, and a friend!

YOUTH NIGHT

Friday October 5th, 7 - 9 pm

Social time, food, music, message, and small group discussion.

For more information or to volunteer support, contact Youth Coordinator Andrew Oakley, 425-281-4204.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Work Party



Photos by Reri McLean

Church Worship and Picnic, Centennial Field

Photos by Greg Downs





COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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

Thanks, Toddie Downs (toddiedowns@yahoo.com)

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