

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Snoqualmie United Methodist Church

July/August 2019

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesdays, 4-5:30pm – Bible Study, Carol Peterson's house

Sunday July 14 – Potluck meal following Sunday worship

Saturday August 17 – Parking Lot Sale



Since Pastor Lee is on vacation at publication time, there will be no Pastor's Letter this issue. In its stead, enjoy the first installment of *This Is Us*.

THIS IS US

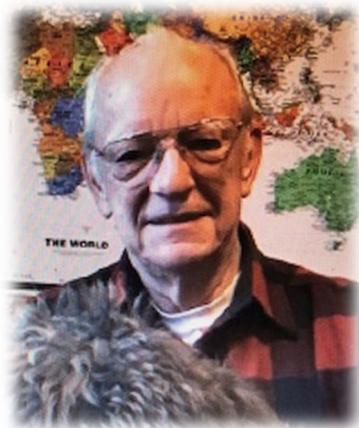
When we at SUMC are asked what we like about our church, many of us answer, "The people." This column will focus on the individuals that make up "The people."

The Welcoming Committee hopes this will bring us a little closer to knowing that person we pass in the church hall or sit two pews behind in Sunday worship or nod to as we pour our Fellowship coffee. We're an interesting assortment.

Susan Irvine

Susan, "Sue" Irvine, is a transplanted Northwesterner, born and raised in Rutland, Vermont. A retired registered nurse and medical researcher, Sue is a lover of people. She says they feed her soul and that interactions between people and animals bring her joy and make her laugh. Sue's friends describe her as "lovably impetuous." She greatly admires Melinda Gates and how "her ability to listen has altered so many women's lives in poor, oppressed countries."





Ernie Jenner

It was while watching his grandpa in his blacksmith shop on Vashon Island that Ernie Jenner developed a knack for “making everything... just like Grandpa.” When Ernie was 8, the family moved to Queen Anne Hill where Ernie’s interest in making models led him to visit Seattle’s Fire Station #20 to see if there was a steam fire engine he could measure up. The firefighters not only made the fire department’s two steamers available to him, but also invited Ernie to come down to the station and play chess after school. Inevitably the fire alarm would go off, and as the firemen climbed on the fire engine they would shout “Ernie, guard the station!”

Ernie’s firefighting background and workshop skills eventually led to his managing industrialist George F. Getz, Jr’s “Hall of Flame” antique fire engine collection in Phoenix. Ernie’s curiosity about how things work - “Popular Mechanics Magazine” having been his childhood guide and the movie “Pinocchio” – the inspiration to be a woodcarver, resulted in a career that included producing wind tunnel models and motion picture special effects at Boeing to carving carousel horses in his studio on Snoqualmie Ridge.

Ernie says the key to his positive values was the firefighter’s interest in him personally and their mentoring as he grew up. Translating this to SUMC, Ernie is on the Welcoming Committee, a “sometimes tenor” in the chancel choir, and hosted the SUMC men’s group at his home for many years. Ernie and Norma, also a former firefighter and the organizer of the Wilderness Rim fire station, live at the base of Mt. Si with a three-acre pasture for their beloved Haflinger horse, Gesie.

Teresa Moore

“Every milestone in my life happened at SUMC,” Teresa Moore says. “My whole family were members here.” Teresa’s Snoqualmie memories include years of riding horses competitively, but she most treasures learning to pack horses and camping for weeks in the Cascades as a member of the Mountain Mamas. She loves a good joke and loves her son and daughter. Back here from years in Missouri, Teresa sees the mountains as the “awe-inspiring Grace of God.”



Will Huestis

On an auspicious day in Seattle 19 years ago, Will Huestis greeted the world, the firstborn son of Shelley and Steve Huestis.

Will enjoys hiking and backpacking, and, in addition to the Pacific Northwest, has backpacked in British Columbia and New Mexico. A few years ago, he and his scout troop attempted Mt. Rainier but were turned back by inclement weather. Will loves to read, especially if the topic is geopolitics or science.



He attends Bellevue College now and plans to transfer to the University of Washington. His ultimate career goals are in the fields of genetic engineering, and cancer research. In addition to his intellectual and outdoor pursuits, Will enjoys singing. A former member of the jazz

choirs at Mt. Si High School and Bellevue College, he occasionally contributes his musical talents to our Chancel Choir.

Will has attended our High School Sunday School, has participated in SUMC youth mission trips and has assisted in teaching our younger children. With his sister Dora, Will also served as a youth representative to the SUMC lead team.

Pat Warner

Sitting in the choir loft because it is “such a joy” and Harley “tells you how to make sounds” is our own Pat Warner. Pat is a dancer—line dancing, tap dancing, belly dancing—and likes to do her own costuming. Pat reads the author Nora Roberts aka J.D. Robb and is current in the process of reading all 200 books that Nora has written. On the serious side, Pat’s hero is her third husband. She said, “I finally got it right! We had a nice way of completing one another. He supported me in whatever.” Pat’s accomplishments are becoming a registered nurse and making the prayer shawls that are given from our church. Her favorite type of nursing was being a home health nurse and teaching people how to do their own care.

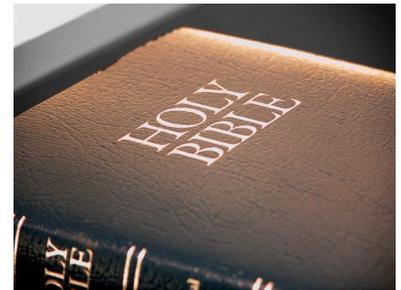


This Is Us is the first of what we hope will be a regular Circuit Rider column. Our thanks to Sue, Ernie, Teresa, Will and Pat. We are proud to call each of you one of us.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

How Jesus Became God

This study from *The Great Courses* is being taught Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm by Carol Peterson in her home in downtown Snoqualmie. Several people attended our first class on July 2nd! All are welcome regardless of your knowledge and background of *The Bible*. You can come as available week to week, and the 24-course series does not have a fixed stop date - we can determine that as a group. Call Carol for directions to her home or for further information about the class. 425-888-0773



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- Class 1 - The Man Who Became God
- Class 2 - Greco-Roman Gods Who Became Human
- Class 3 - Humans as Gods in the Greco-Roman World
- Class 4 - Gods Who Were Human in Ancient Judaism
- Class 5 - Ancient Jews Who Were Gods
- Class 6 - The Life and Teachings of Jesus
- Class 7 - Did Jesus Think He Was God?
- Class 8 - The Death of Jesus - Historical Certainties
- Class 9 - Jesus' Death - What Historians Can't Know
- Class 10 - The Resurrection - What Historians Can't Know
- Class 11 - What History Reveals about the Resurrection
- Class 12 - The Disciples' View of Jesus
- Class 13 - Jesus's Exaltation - Earliest Christian Views
- Class 14 - The Backward Movement of Christology

- Class 15 - Paul's View - Christ's Elevated Divinity
- Class 16 - John's View - The World Made Human
- Class 17 - Was Christ Human? The Docetic View
- Class 18 - The Divided Christ of the Separationists
- Class 19 - Christ's Dual Nature - Proto-Orthodoxy
- Class 20 - The Birth of the Trinity
- Class 21 - The Arian Controversy
- Class 22 - The Conversion of Constantine
- Class 23 - The Council of Nicea
- Class 24 - Once Jesus Became God



SCHOOL BACKPACK AND SUPPLY PROJECT

Mt. Si Lutheran Church is once again sponsoring the yearly backpack and school supply project. Last year 300 backpacks were filled, and the expectation is to fill the same amount this year. Children may sign up at the food bank July 1 through August 7. The supplies will be distributed at the food bank on Wednesday, August 14 and August 21. Monetary donations may be made by writing a check to: Mt Si Lutheran Church, memo backpack project. Place your check in the Sunday offering plate.

Thanks in advance for helping make a successful start of the school year for our local students.

Supplies may be left in the marked containers in the Social Hall until August 1.

Supplies still needed:

Large size pencil boxes

Washable markers (10 pack)

Non washable markers (10 pack)

Black pens (10 pack)

Red pens

Blue pens

Wide ruled spiral notebooks 70 – 100 pages

College and wide ruled composition books

Washable glue sticks

8-inch scissors

Highlighters

College ruled filler paper

Index cards – ruled

12-count box colored pencils

Protractor

Pencils

Pocket folders

1 1/2 -inch binders



Mark your calendars!

You and your family are invited to attend a Potluck after church on July 14th

Remember how much fun our worship in the park BBQ was last summer?

The Welcoming Committee is looking for more excuses to get together.

On July 14th – the Sunday when we normally have our every-other-month Congregational Conversation, -- we will enjoy each other's company over a communal meal. ...Bring your appetite and your favorite dish!

In addition to good food and good fellowship, we'll offer a history/connecting activity that will create a bit of the foundation for our "River of Life and Faith" workshop in September.

QUESTIONS? Contact Carol Morrison emiloo@comcast.net 425-941-0334

UPDATE FROM ABBIE GRIMSTAD

Hello to my beloved SUMC family!

I miss you all so very much. The homesickness comes in waves, but I am constantly thinking about you all, and wish I could teleport to be with you every Sunday.

I wanted to give you all an update on how things are going here. I can't believe it's been half a year essentially since I was back there with you all. The time has flown by so much quicker than I even anticipated, and now I find myself with a little over a week left before my time at The Lir is over. We're about to start tech tomorrow for our final show, *My Romantic History*, and we only run for 5 shows, between the 8th and the 11th of July. I can't wrap my mind around how it's already this time, but I can sense that I've changed so much as a person and an artist through this experience. I'm pretty overwhelmed by the emotions at the moment, so my best bet to make it through next Thursday without a full emotional breakdown is to keep pushing ahead.

This show has been a gem to work on. It's a cast of four, and our director, Erin, is an MFA candidate, and has been such a supportive, cooperative, and humble director to have at the helm.

As far as exciting things we've done outside of shows, we had a short film which we worked on with Ruth Meehan, I'm going to see if I can figure out a way to share this with you all. We also went to London in April for our agent showcase there. The theatre community there is HUGE, and there are shows going on all the time. I know I'd really love to work in London at some point, and I'm also hoping to get representation over there. There's a large number of classical American



work being done there, and hopefully I can get my foot in the door there soon. As far as Dublin representation goes, I haven't had any luck so far, but the last show, *The Wild Duck*, wasn't a great showcase of my abilities, and I was playing characters far beyond my casting range. This next show is a great casting opportunity for me, and I'm also doing a Dublin accent which is great for my casting range because directors and agents can see me in an Irish role.

I've started a job with a sparkling water company called Dash, I'm working as the face of the brand over here in Dublin. It's a UK company, and they are looking to expand into the Dublin market, so it's a really exciting, and thankfully flexible job for me to have. So I'll have that to focus on once I leave here, which will also be nice. It's going to be a huge transition for me, but I'm more excited than scared, so at least that's good.

I still have to pinch myself every day that I'm following my passion here. No matter how hard things feel, I know that a rough day in Dublin is still a day in Dublin.

Essentially half of my class are already done with their last bits of training. Two of the four Gradfest shows (directed and designed by MFA candidates) have already gone up and down, so it's very quiet in the building at the moment. We'll all get together for our Cabaret on the 12th, which is where the entire school, students and staff, get together to perform and celebrate the year. I still need to figure out what song I want to sing. I'm also avoiding finding something because it's an acknowledgment of the end. My big tactic right now is trying to avoid the subject of next week altogether to keep myself from getting too kvetched.

I've definitely felt more at home in Dublin this year, and am really excited to figure myself out anew in this upcoming year, without the structure of school.

I'm super proud of my entire class too! Nearly half of my class have gigs booked, and at least half have signed with agents already. I haven't had as much luck, but it's understandable being American and a little older. Best saying I've heard from my teachers is, "what is for you won't pass you by" and I really do believe that. I also know God is guiding me, and your love and support is keeping me strong.

This is now a very long email, and I feel like I haven't said half of the things I really want to, but I also wanted to let you all know that I have a GoFundMe page up, which I've been posting updates into whenever I can grab photos and such to share. Here's the link: [Abbie's GoFundMe](#). I've been hesitant to share this with you all because I already owe you all so much. You guys made it possible for me to go to my first round of auditions in New York, which was the start of these whirlwind three years.

I am still trying to pay off my tuition, and luckily, I have until graduation in November to do so, but I could still really use support. It's also a great way for me to update everyone, and since it allows me to put photos up, everyone can get a glimpse into the wild ride I've been on. And of course, I would be so very grateful for any support, or if you wanted to share the page with anyone you think might want to support me, please do. This final year has been a huge stretch and test of my faith. I went into it knowing that it would be tough to get through, and that I was taking a huge leap of faith by going back knowing that I didn't know how I was going to cover all the costs. I'm already blown away by the support and love I have received, and only hope I'm making you all proud in everything I do over here. I'm so incredibly blessed.

I also wanted to include my address for the next year. It would be really cool to hear from you all if you had a chance, but email works well too!

Apt 68, The Eglinton, Donnybrook Castle
Stillorgan Road, Dublin 4, Ireland DO4 NF40

I love you all so very much. Thank you for your prayers and support of me throughout my life, I am thinking of you all every day.

Love, Abbie

TRUSTEES UPDATE

Thank you, Richard Whetsell and Lewis Williams for repainting the lines of the parking lot spaces.

And thank you Richard, Lewis and Colin Schneider for all your time spent trimming the church's very overgrown hedges. It's so nice having more light come through the Railroad Avenue windows now. And Colin, thank you for paying your employee Ben to help as well, which enabled the team to finish the project even faster.

Trustees need to find a licensed and bonded electrician who can repair the broken sanctuary ceiling fan. Please contact one of the Trustees if you have someone you can recommend.

Thanks to everyone for encouraging a building that serves!

VITAMINS FOR SOROTI, UGANDA

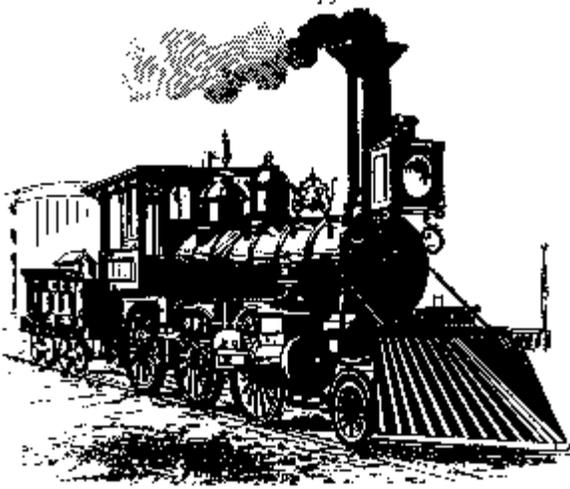


Last year our congregation participated in a project collecting multi-vitamins bound for Soroti, Uganda. Troy Hallamore, a long-time Snoqualmie Valley resident, and his brother delivered 135,000 vitamins in six days in the Soroti District of Uganda. In this region, the majority of the population have sickle cell anemia and the folic acid in the vitamins is an effective method of controlling this incurable disease. Most of the pills can be split in half as they contain 200% of daily folic acid needs. This turned 135,000 pills into 225,000 doses. The multivitamins benefit the entire population, as nearly all suffer from malnutrition. Between 1,100 and 1,300 people suffering from sickle cell anemia received multivitamin help and 20 infant babies at Amachet shelter are now receiving multivitamins.

We are thankful he gave us the gift of sharing in the process. Troy and Mark are preparing to return to Uganda in August, 2019. All vitamins must be collected by July 26. We invite you to donate to this mission.

A basket will be placed in the Narthex throughout July to collect vitamins/cash donations.

Save the Date – SATURDAY AUGUST 17th



**FOR OUR SNOQUALMIE
RAILROAD DAYS**

Parking Lot Sale

Begin now to set aside your no longer used treasures,
and bring them to the church a week before Aug 17.



Questions?

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH: GUATAMALA IMPRESSIONS

All photos courtesy of Pastor Lee

Out of all the people in our group, I think I looked forward to going to Guatemala the least but ended up enjoying it the most. I loved the people and can't wait to go back. I'd like to join other Salud y Paz mission groups and go with them and maybe go with my Uncle Ralph on a separate trip to see the Mayan ruins. The people were so nice and accommodating and even complete strangers came to help me get into the van. I felt the people were generous, grateful, respectful and had a great love for American people and culture. The kids were very well behaved and understood that I didn't know much Spanish and communicated with me through hand gestures. I think I basically loved everything about Guatemala except the water (because you can't drink it and it made me nervous). Alex Holloway



My face hurt from smiling every single time I met someone new. People were so kind and excited to speak Spanish with me. I loved the camaraderie in our attempts to understand each other. One of my favorite memories was of Edwin, Diego Jr., Rachel, and I all working on construction while teasing each other in a mix of Spanish, English, and the SpanishDictionary app on my phone. The opportunity to teach the kids at the school a lesson on toy-making (in Spanish) was amazing too. So were the hugs! I learned so much from this trip, but the most prominent lesson on my mind is that even when you can't express yourself in words, God communicates the feeling anyways. Dora Huestis



This was my first time traveling outside the country! It was an eye opening experience seeing how people can live in such a different way. My time in Guatemala gave me a new perspective on my life and showed me how many things I take for granted about living in the US. I feel a deeper sense of gratitude for the life I live and was reminded how energizing service can be! Andrew Oakley



COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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

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