

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Snoqualmie United Methodist Church

April/May 2017

## SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday May 31 –  
Community Dinner Season  
Finale 5-6:30 pm

Sunday June 11 – Celebration  
of Graduates, Sunday School  
Party

Sunday June 11 – Charge  
Conference 12pm

July 24-28 – Vacation Bible  
School 9:30 am – 12pm

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

My 17-year-old daughter Daisy and I are heading to Guatemala in late June. We'll be gone nearly four weeks. There is much to learn alongside the people there - about them, about Guatemala, about God, about ourselves... I hope we'll stay open each day to Grace, sharing whatever we can give, receiving whatever we are given. I suppose that's life's best orientation no matter where we are in the universe.

Thank you for the flexibility that allows for this faith-filled adventure. We've signed up to volunteer several days in a neighborhood of Guatemala City called La Limonada, and then a week with San Lucas Mission in San Lucas. We'll spend a week in language school too, and visit with inspired leaders of another ministry called Opal House. We're practicing risk-taking mission and service, and with ample humility I'm sure. Daisy imagines joining the Peace Corps someday and this will be her first sampling of what that might be like. She's excited to get matching tattoos in Antigua before we head home. Please pray for us!

I know some people have Biblical reservations about tattoos. Indeed, Leviticus 19:28 directs us *not* to tattoo any marks upon ourselves. I wonder if that's because - in context - such marks identified peoples' allegiance to a different type of god. Biblically speaking, I sure appreciate *God's* tattoo: "I will not forget you," God assures his people. "I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands." (Isaiah 48:15-16)

Our congregation will continue to grow in love and service while I'm away June 24 - July 22. Rev. Melvin Woodworth, Marcia Bennett-Reinert, and Linda Boord will inspire from the pulpit. Our congregational care team will be praying and tending to pastoral needs as they come up. Our co-lay leaders Ron Sumners and Linda Boord will be on call. The Hero Central VBS team will gear up for fun... Songs will rise... All of our part-time ministries continue in the hands of a full-time God!

What are *you* doing this summer? I'll be praying for you too.

Here's to Adventures in Grace, Pastor Lee



Photo by Friends of San Lucas

## WORSHIP FORECAST

Sundays at 10:30 am, Unless Otherwise Noted



**June 4** - Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday! *Creed* - I believe in the Holy Catholic Church and the communion of saints. Welcome new members! Communion Sunday. Acts 2:1-21.

**June 11** - *Creed* - I believe in the forgiveness of sins. Last day of the church school year with backyard carnival of games. Graduation Sunday. Chancel Choir. Charge Conference after worship. Matthew 18:21-35 or John 20:19-23.

**June 18** - **Father's Day**. *Creed* - I believe in the resurrection and the life everlasting. Apostles Creed conclusions. Music with Bless This House. Commissioning prayer as Pastor Lee and Daisy offer themselves to Grace in Guatemala.

**June 25** - Worship with Rev. Mel Woodworth. (Pastor Lee will be in Guatemala, returning to Snoqualmie UMC July 23. )

**July 2** - Communion Sunday with Rev. Mel Woodworth.

**July 9** - Worship features Marcia Bennett-Reinert preaching.

**July 16** - Worship features Linda Boord preaching.

**July 23** - Worship features Spiritual Stories from Guatemala.

**July 30** - *Finding our strength in God*. Worship features Spiritual Stories from Hero Central Vacation Bible School.

## COMMUNITY DINNERS - SEASON FINALE



Enjoy good tasting food and a warm atmosphere of friendship at the last community of dinner of the season, Wednesday May 31st, 5 - 6:30 pm. The cooks are taking summer Sabbath. Thanks to Connie and Rudy Edwards, Colette Johnson, Carol Lawrence, Sandy Simms, Jim and Peggy Richter, Diane Keener, Penny Grady, Edith Klippstein, Mary Brown, Wendi, Kendra and Emily Wales, and others who've helped host this festive and nutritious weekly fellowship. Special thanks to Wendy Holloway for amazing care with table decorations each week (see left), and to Jim Richter for spirit-filled piano music.

## CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE JUNE 11TH, 12 PM

All are invited to stay after worship June 11th for the election of church leaders and review of congregational priorities for the next year. Thanks to our Nominations and Leadership Development Team (Betty Gildersleeve, Penny Grady, Rudy Edwards, and Reri MacLean) and everyone who's excited to serve.

## CELEBRATE GRADUATES IN WORSHIP JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>

If you or someone in your family are graduating this spring from high school, college, or some other program please let Pastor Lee know (425-444-5556, [pastor@snoqualmieumc.info](mailto:pastor@snoqualmieumc.info)).



## SUNDAY JUNE 11TH

The last day of regular Sunday school for this program year is June 11th. A backyard carnival game-fest is being planned. Thank you Wendy Holloway, Angela Richter, Carol Summers, Wendi Wales, Toddie Downs, Rudy Edwards, and Reri MacLean for teaching and loving our children and youth. During summer Sundays we will offer children's play time with craft and prayer. Curricular lessons return in the fall.

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARY

I was so happy to be in church for the first time since my stroke on CROP Hunger Walk Sunday! I felt enveloped by everyone's love. Also, the weather was perfect for the CROP Hunger Walk!

On June 16, I'm moving into Winslow Manor senior housing in downtown Winslow on Bainbridge Island. This way I'll be near my daughter and family. However, I'll be living within walking distance of the ferry. So I'll be able to attend SUMC monthly and see my church family!

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Mary

## THANKS TO ALL DURING OUR DIFFICULT TIMES



Our family would like to thank those in the congregation who sent cards, well wishes and prayers during the past few weeks with the death of our husband and father, Charles Peterson. Your remembrances have sustained us even though his death was unexpected. Many thanks to all of you who said, YES, when we asked for your assistance at Charles Memorial Service and Reception at City Hall on April 15th. Especially to Wendy and Bryan Holloway who are dear friends and spent long hours with our family and Charles in ICU at Swedish hospital. Wendy and Bryan also took on a lot of responsibility for Charles' reception and following. We owe special thanks to Pastor Lee for all her caring, information and loving follow-up to us. I know that life will go on without him, but right now, I don't know how. Don't hesitate to call or stop by - and please talk to us about Charles - we want to hear

any stories or anecdotes you might remember. Thanks to all at the Snoqualmie United Methodist Church.

Lovingly, Carol, Julie & Ryan Peterson

At Snoqualmie UMC

We are becoming the voice/hands and heart of Christ in the community and fostering discipleship that transforms the world! We are practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission & service, and extravagant generosity.

Together in Christ we are caring for our congregation, welcoming the outsider, and empowered for our callings beyond church.

## TRUSTEE NOTES

- Our church family should watch for notices this summer for a "cleaning and sorting" of storage areas around the church. The Trustees are planning to completely clean, sort and discard unneeded items especially in the 2 basement areas. Volunteers will be needed as well as input on what items should go and which can stay. Other storage areas will be sorted and organized as well upstairs, downstairs and around. Hope you can help when we need you.
- Watch for some major renovations to take place from June to fall. The Trustees are anticipating replacing the "push" door at the bottom of the ramp; re-roofing the flat education wing roof; and replacing the three furnaces that are over 15-20 years old and have served their lifetimes. Details will be given on dates, contractors and monetary sources. You will be glad to know that we do not expect to use pledge monies from our 2017 budget, or need a pledge drive as we have in the past for major projects.. The church does have a "capital budget" from the sale of a parsonage back in the 1970's. This money can only be used on projects that will last over 5 years. The Finance Committee and Church Council/Lead Team will have an opportunity to review and vote on these 3 upgrades. Trustees have been working on these projects for many months, and have been getting reputable bids and considering our financial picture. We have never tried to accomplish this many projects in a short time in the 53 years I have been here and have served four terms on the Trustees Committee. We are all glad that we will be able to accomplish all of this to keep our building in good shape for the many people and organizations that count on our facility.

Carol Peterson, Vice Chairman, Snoqualmie United Methodist Church Trustees.

## HERO CENTRAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

for Kids pre-K through 5th Grade

July 24-28, 9:30 am - 12 pm

Campers and volunteers can register  
online through [www.snoqualmieumc.org](http://www.snoqualmieumc.org).

Youth - come volunteer!

Thanks to co-coordinators Beth Hungerpillar  
and Wendy Holloway



## IDAHO MISSION TRIP, AUGUST 13-18



Alex Holloway, Anika Nelson, Carter Nelson, Dora Huestis, Liann Downs, Rachel Holloway, Ruby Richter, Will Downs and Will Huestis are heading for a week of service learning in August. Youth Coordinator Andrew Oakley and Pastor Lee will also tag along. The trip involves various kinds of work projects coordinated through Twinlow Camp in Idaho. After each day's service out in the community, volunteers return to the camp for play, reflection, dinner, campfire and group games.

Thanks to Colette Johnson and Connie Edwards for donating their plant sale proceeds to help fund the trip's transportation needs. Thanks also to a generous scholarship donor! We sure appreciate it.

## CROP WALK UPDATE

Youth from Snoqualmie UMC, Our Lady of Sorrows, Saint Clare's Episcopal and Mt. Si Lutheran teamed up to wash cars for the recent CROP Walk. Nice job! Thanks to Les Schwab in North Bend for hosting.



## Beautiful day for Snoqualmie Valley CROP Walk

Pastor Mary cut the starting-line ribbon for this year's CROP Walk. Thanks to the Meadowbrook Interpretive Center for anchoring the event, which includes a walk from the interpretive center to Centennial fields and back, followed by potluck lunch. Money was raised for Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank and also for Church World Services programs that alleviate hunger in other parts of the world. A count of the total donations is pending at the time of this writing. We joined with walkers from Our Lady of Sorrows, Mt. Si Lutheran, and St Clare's Episcopal. Thanks to Kevin Golic for plenty of hot dogs and to everyone who participated.



### The United Methodist Social Creed

- For Methodist founders John and Charles Wesley, personal piety and social action went hand in hand. Loving God and neighbor has a way of shaping our politics for the common good. What do you believe at the intersection of faith and society's struggles? Our original Social Creed came about in response to societal pressures in 1908. The current version below took shape in 1972. -

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.



### SUMMER WORD FIND

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AUGUST  
BARBECUE  
BASEBALL  
BEACH  
CAMPING  
GARDEN  
HOT DOGS  
ICE CREAM  
JULY  
OUTSIDE  
PICNIC  
POPSICLE  
SUN

### SUMC Children’s Sunday School Programs

Each Sunday during the 10:30 service for ages Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Nursery Care

Available Sundays at 10:30 for infants through three years old with Vivianna Zambrano

#### Upcoming Special Events for SUMC Kids!

**Sunday, June 4** – All children will come back into the sanctuary for communion

**Sunday, June 11** – Father’s Day; End of the year celebration

**Sunday, June 18** – Beginning of Summer Sunday School

**Sunday, June 25** – Birthday Sunday

**Sunday, July, 2** – All children will come back into the sanctuary for communion

**Sunday, July, 9** – Bring a friend to church today

**Sunday, July, 16** – Bring a friend to church today

**Sunday, July, 23** – Prepare for Vacation Bible School

**July 24-28** - Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, July 30** – Birthday Sunday

#### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

THE CHILDREN’S EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CEC) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please contact Wendy Holloway, or anyone on the CEC if you would like to volunteer.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date!!

July 24 – July 28



You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter.

- Psalm 74.17

#### Strawberry-Banana Smoothie Pops

##### Ingredients

2 cups frozen strawberries

- 1 medium banana
- 1 cup low-fat strawberry yogurt or vanilla yogurt
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice cocktail or pomegranate juice
- 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup

##### Preparation

1. Place strawberries, banana, yogurt, juice and maple syrup in a blender and blend until smooth. Divide among six 4-ounce freezer-pop molds. Freeze until firm, at least 6 hours.



### Summer Scavenger Hunt!

See if you can find the following objects:

- An object that is blue and small.
- Something that rhymes with cat.
- Something that begins with the letter "S"
- An object/ picture of something that lives in the water.
- Something you wear in the summer.
- Something that is big and green.
- Something you can write with.
- Something you play with outside.
- Something that ends with the letter "P"
- Something that keeps you warm.
- Something you that is sweet.
- Something that has stripes.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

- Matthew 24.32



## 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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