

The Messenger

Selah United Methodist Church



January 2017

One of Pixar's newer movies is "The Good Dinosaur". This film is a coming of age story. The main character, Arlo, has to learn who he is and how to overcome his fear in order to find his place in the world. The story is loosely based on frontier life where those who weren't strong enough to withstand the harsh environment didn't survive. The cards are stacked against Arlo. He is the runt of the litter. He is the weakest, smallest, and slowest. He is also the most frightened. In spite of his obvious failings his parents treat him no differently than his two siblings. In fact, Poppa and Momma expect great things from all three of their children.

Early in the movie, the family gathers around the newly built silo to watch as Poppa and Momma place their 'marks' on the completed building. The marks are a sign of accomplishment and pride. An important milestone has been reached and it is worth noting. Poppa tells the children that the time will come when they will each get to make their mark as well. Each of them will contribute something of worth and they will be able to note the occasion for posterity. While Poppa is speaking about a literal mark the children will get to make, his comment can be taken in a symbolic way as well.

As we move through our lives we leave evidence of ourselves behind. We leave our mark on people that we come in contact with. When we do something big or memorable, we leave our mark and those who see it know that we have been there. Things that we do and say have an impact on others whether we mean them to or not. Sometimes we don't intentionally set out to affect someone but manage to do so anyway. We can all tell the stories of those friends, family members, teachers, or random encounters that have changed us in a basic and fundamental way. Unfortunately not all of those stories are positive. Sometimes the marks we leave turn into scars.

When we tell someone that they don't belong, that they are less, or that they are not 'one of us' we leave a mark. When we ignore someone, dismiss their pain, or minimize their experience we leave a mark. Often those marks are permanent. They carry at least as much weight as the positive marks we leave, possibly more. People bear those marks throughout their lives.

As we start this new year, let us move through it with awareness. We all have a chance to leave our mark in this world. What kind of mark do we want to leave?



~Pastor Kendra

Selah Food Bank

This may sound redundant. It is...but the food bank really needs more cereal. The church did well with cereal donations last month - there were two, yes two, pickups of cereal from the full grocery baskets, but they could use more. The Selah community has been so generous with their perishable and non-perishable donations that the shelves look pretty well stocked. Did you know that Sav-On Food donates many gallons of milk and packages of cheese to the Selah Food Bank? If you are tired of buying cereal, Tammie, the lead volunteer, suggested that they can always use peanut butter, canned chicken or tuna or a favorite, boxed Mac 'n' Cheese. The volunteers send the SUMC community a very grateful thank you for the many and continuous donations in 2016

January is More Cereal Month!

(Or if you'd prefer Peanut Butter, Tuna or Chicken or Mac'n Cheese)

Worship Assistants

January

- 1 Kevin Dow
- 8 Chuck Natland
- 15 Tressa Cummings
- 22 Ron Drew
- 29 Makenna Helseth

If you would like to be included in the schedule, please let the church office know.

If you are unable to be the Worship Assistant on your scheduled date please find a substitute. Please call someone or switch with someone on the schedule.

If you change your assigned date the Church Secretary can correct it in the bulletin if you let him know soon enough.

Happening Around the Church...

The local chapter of the American Red Cross needs a sponsor for their February 16 blood drive at the Selah Civic Center. That involves helping set up tables, chairs and equipment before the drive begins, checking donors in when they arrive and serving them snacks after donation. The drive is from 1:00 to 6:00 pm - help setting up is need beginning at 12:00 and take down is around 7:00 pm. From 1:00 to 6:00 two to four people are needed to check in donors and fix and serve snacks. Donations of cookies, bread, cheese and mayo for sandwiches is also needed. Please let Becky Johnson know if you are interested in helping. There will also be a signup sheet posted in the Narthex around the first of February.

Blood Drive



American
Red Cross



Shout
out!

A Shout Out to the eleven SUMC volunteers who helped pack 488 meals at Northwest Harvest for the Backpack Mission. Woohoo!

Please let us know what service you are doing in the community!

Thank you to everyone for supporting the angel tree. All of the food and gifts were delivered and each family showed great appreciation by their words and actions of hug and tears of joy.



Happening Around the Church...

Selah United Methodist Women

The month of January and leading up to the Super Bowl Sunday we will draw attention to Human Trafficking. Watch for information segments each Sunday.

Valentine Tea

February 11, 2017

11:30 am - come and make Valentines!

12:00 p.m. - Lunch finger sandwiches, fruit plate, delicious cookies and tea.

Bring a special that has to do with Valentine's Day. A poem, story, something you received as a gift, or valentine clothing.

Invite a friend to come join us in fellowship, fun, and food.

We will meet January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the John Simonson Room.

Happy New Year!

~Tressa Cummings
Selah UMW President

From the Worship Committee...

Saturday January 7 we will take down the Church Christmas decorations. This is a quick but important job. Please come at 10AM to help.

Happening Around the Church...

Finance Committee

Thank you for your continued support of our church. As a result of that support, we are able to pay 2016 Apportionments in full before the end of the month, pay all of our bills and will end the year with money in the bank. If you haven't turned in your pledge card for 2017, please consider doing so. Pledged support is important for us to plan for the upcoming year.

Trustees Committee

I appreciate all the help from the congregation this past year to keep our church building in good working order and the lawn and garden areas cared for. Although so much of the positive things we do take place outside the building, it is important that we have a comfortable and safe place to worship and gather together.

~Becky Johnson

Birthday and Talent Show Celebration

This is your opportunity to sign up to coordinate our annual birthday potluck and talent show!

This person coordinates the date and people sign up for table decorations, cakes, and talent. If you are interested, please contact the church office.





1—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)—
Epiphany—Communion

7—Take down Christmas decorations @ 10:00
am

8—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)

15—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)

17—United Methodist Women @ 7:00pm (Simonson Room)

18—Finance Committee @ 6:00pm

18—Ad Council @ 6:30pm

19—HomeZone Steering Committee @ 6:30pm

21—Northwest Harvest @ 9:00am (NW Harvest Yakima
Warehouse)

22—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)

29—Worship @ 10:30am (Sanctuary)

Coming Up!

February 16—Red Cross Blood Drive; February 11—Valentine Tea

Birthdays

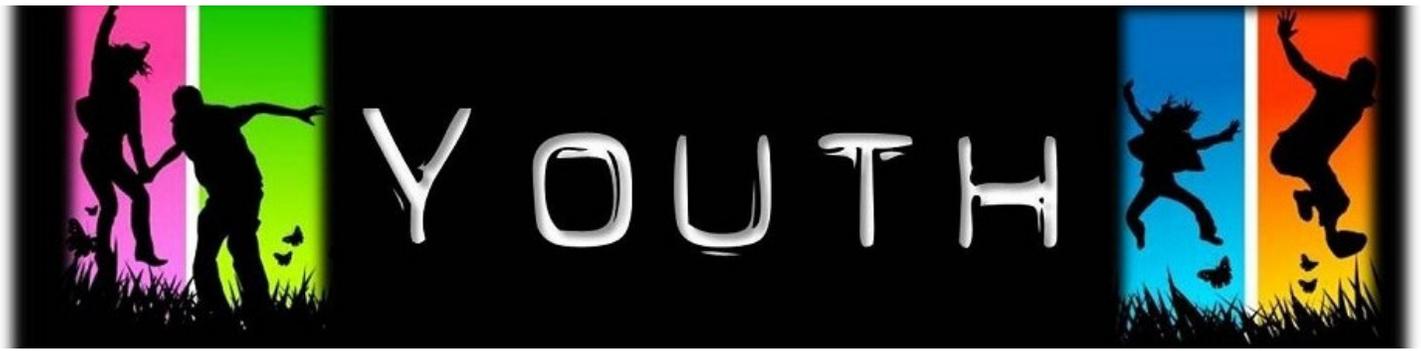
- 1 Connie Schramm; Dorothy Munroe; Rex Van Beek
- 2 Debbie Charcas
- 4 Susan Eisenhower
- 6 Tommy Helms; Jesus Gonzalez
- 7 Haley Coburn
- 11 Jean Hobbs
- 12 Sandra Shelton
- 16 Steven Schramm
- 18 Rhonda Gonzalez
- 26 Carol Williams
- 31 Lisa Rene (Schramm) Schilperoort

Anniversaries

- 15 Charles and Jean Cummings
- 18 Jim and Melissa Harp
- 29 Matthew and Kathryn Mead



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please let the church office know.



Youth Group will continue to meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Wesley, unless otherwise noted!

We feel it is right for youth to have their time and space to bond with each other, share their stories, and become disciples of Jesus Christ. We also feel youth should not be secluded from the rest of church life. Our focus is to create a safe space for youth to form relationships that will help the group share the love of God to others.

While we do enjoy fun and games, our main focus is to look at God's Word, pray for our youth group members and others, and exercise servant leadership to others in the Yakima Valley and beyond.

Our youth group consists of grades 6-12 and meets regularly on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Our Wesley youth have combined with youth from Se- lah UMC and others. All are welcome.

We hold special events throughout the year in addition to weekly gatherings. Our youth are also actively involved in camps, mission/service trips, Day Camp/ Vacation Bible School and other programs.

For any questions, please call Scott at the church office at 966-2370, or by email at scott.klepach@wesleyofyakima.org.

Jan. 6: Ice Skating 6:00-9:00. Meet @ Wesley at 5:45pm

Jan. 9: Meet @ Youth Room

Jan. 16: NO YOUTH GROUP (MLK observance)

Jan. 23: Meet @ Youth Room

Jan. 30:

~Scott Klepach Jr.

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Newsletter articles for the next
newsletter are due

January 25th!

Articles can be emailed to
mlhelseth@gmail.com or the
church

Mission Statement

“Let us be a sacred body that worships God, feeds the soul of our communities, serves the needs around us, and opens our hearts in respectful acceptance of all.”

Vision Statement

“Be an Energized Church. Our hands in constant prayer.”