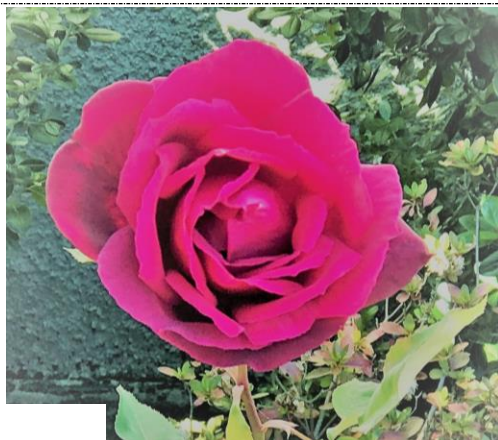


The Carillon Newsletter

January 2020



Dear Saron/1st,

Welcome to the new decade! The holidays are over. The Christmas trees are recycled or put away. The lights are taken down. The Christmas music isn't on 24/7. Winter has come. We are in an "in between" time during the church seasons—and yet we find ourselves in the beginning of a new decade. What will happen next? Will this decade even be different from the last? What new things is God up to?

However, some of us miss after the craziness of the holidays an important day in the church calendar called Epiphany. In some part of the world (i.e. Greece and Ukraine) Epiphany is more important than Christmas. Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on January 6th. It is a celebration of the arrival of the three wise men who traveled to see Baby Jesus. They followed the star from a faraway land to see the Messiah.

Have you ever noticed in our cold winter nights how bright the stars can be? Well, at least when we can see them when the rain has stopped, and clouds have parted. Maybe it is just me, but when I look up to the heavens this time of year, I feel they are shining brighter.

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*Our Vision:
Welcoming all to a
faith community of
service and love.*

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The stars are a reminder for all of us, that even when we face winter there is hope—that light cannot be overcome by the darkness. As we face this new decade and look up to the stars—remember there is hope and that good things can still happen. God is here with us in this world, even when we feel alone. God breaks through and shines bright even when we face dark winters in our lives and in the world.

We need to look up more to the heavens and see the hope shining there—that love has come and will always be shining for all of us. When facing our new decade and all the questions and pondering I like to turn to a verse from Isaiah 9:2, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.” The stars are still out in the sky—just need to take the time to look up and see them shining bright when there is a break in the clouds.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle

For Your Information

Dear Church,

We can't believe it, but the baby will be here in a matter of a few days and/or weeks. The church office will send out an email and post on Facebook when the baby is born. Pastor Michelle and Phil have support from family and friends who live close during this time of transition into parenthood. Due to the dog barking we ask that no one shows up unannounced to the parsonage. Please contact the church office or Phil Olafsen (360-329-2690) if you are trying to contact us.

Following our doctor's advice, please respect our wishes that if you did not get a flu shot this year or are not up to date on your TDAP we ask that you refrain from touching the baby. The TDAP shot is available for free from Grays Harbor Public Health. Thank you for understanding.

Thank you so much for all your support and blessings on all of you in this new year.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle and Phil Olafsen

Finding God in...Pop Culture

January 9th @ 5-6:30pm Finding God in...

Star Wars. It will be potluck. Sign up on the Big Board in Anderson Hall.

Saron/First Choir

Choir practice is every *Wednesday* at *6:30pm* in the Choir room at Saron.

Contact Troy or Kari if you are interested in singing with the Choir this season, or just show up. All abilities are welcome. Come make joyful noise!

Bloodworks NW

Donate some life-saving blood on *Thursday, February 27th from 9:00am-3:00pm*

in the **BloodMobile in front of Saron.** You can sign up online at: www.bloodworksnw.org/drives or call 1-800-398-7888 (sponsor code: 5442)

Drop-in Grief Group

Please join us on Wednesdays at 1:00pm for Grief Group. This ministry is for anyone who has lost a loved one and would like fellowship and support. Meetings will resume on *January 8th, 2020.*

Save the Date

Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance hosted by the Youth will be on Friday, February 14th. Keep an eye on the Rose Blast and February's Carillon for more info. Last year we had so much fun, we hope to see you all there again!

Coffee Hour

Come for coffee, goodies and fellowship every *Wednesday at 10am* in the Fireside Room.

Quilters

Quilters will resume meeting at 8:00am on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting *January 9th.*

Hope to see you there. Any questions, call JoAnn Ray at 360-532-6746.

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Lutheran Literary Ladies plus Presbyterians equals Reading Is Our Thing book club meets every third Thursday at 1:00pm. Next meeting is *Januarv 16th* in the Fireside Room.

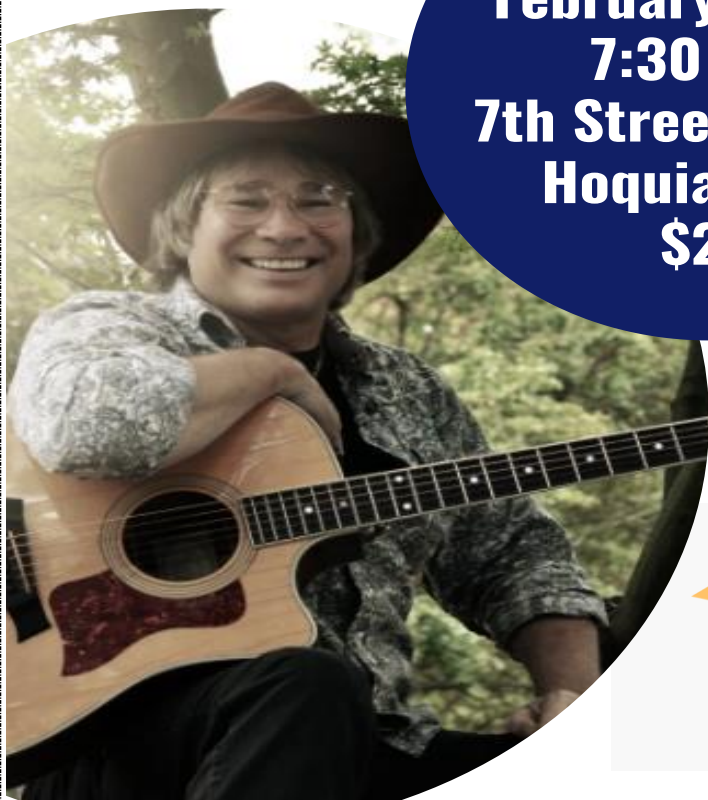
Games Galore!

January 14th from 2-4pm GAMES GALORE! There will be assorted board games, dice and domino games, or you may bring your favorite game. There will be snacks and refreshments, feel free to bring more (no sticky stuff, please).

A Family Promise Benefit Concert

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN DENVER

w/ Ted Vigil



**February 1, 2020
7:30 p.m.
7th Street Theatre
Hoquiam, WA
\$20**

Tickets Available:
City Drug ,Aberdeen
Harbor Drug, Hoquiam
Valu Drug, Montesano
By phone:
360-986-3994





Christmas for Kids in Grays Harbor

A huge THANK YOU to all who made our distribution/celebration event successful. We distributed toys to over 100 kids this year at Saron/1st, gave out over 30 ham baskets and fed over 80 people for the Community Meal/C4K event! And thank you to all who helped with collecting toys for over 800 kids in Grays Harbor! It was all a great success because of YOU!

Family Outreach Night!

Come Help Out! Invite Your Neighbors!
Bring your friends and your appetite!

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, (except November and December meals) we welcome you to our Free Community Meal from 5-6:30pm!

January 22nd

Union Gospel Mission

Dinner

January 20



Team 3 will be organizing the *December* meal for the Union Gospel Mission Dinner.

Cold Weather...Warm Hearts

Our shelves are running low on supplies for our friends. They truly appreciate coming for a hot meal and being able to leave with items that will help them be more comfortable.

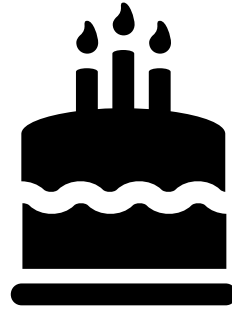
We are currently in need of cold weather items such as socks, hats and gloves, as well as hand and feet warmers. We would also like to be able to provide soap, shampoo, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and pet food (we split up bags into baggies, feel free to donate a large bag). Protein bars, granola bars, instant coffee and hot chocolate are a nice touch as well. Please bring your items to the donation box outside of the office in Moller Hall. Thank you for your generous hearts!

January 2020

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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5 10a Worship & Sunday School	6	7 5-6:30p Finding God in...Pop Culture Education Series (potluck)	8 10a Coffee 1p Grief Group 6:30p Choir Practice	9 8a-12p Quilting	10	11
12 10a Worship & Sunday School Annual Meeting	13	14 2-4p Games Galore!	15 10a Coffee 1p Grief Group 6:30p Choir Practice	16 1p L^3+P=(RIOT) 	17 PEO Set-up	18 12p PEO Founder's Day Luncheon
19 10a Worship w/Choir & Sunday School	20 UGM Team 3 	21	22 10a Coffee 1p Grief Group 5-6:30p Community Meal 6:30p Choir Practice	23 8a-12p Quilting	24	25
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January Birthdays

Jan 4 – Diana Petrich
Jan 11 – Tom Rowley
Jan 12 – Brett Pelan
Jan 12 – Myka Wayman
Jan 14 – Tim Pelan (jr.)
Jan 16 – Gretchen Klein
Jan 18 – Mark Johnson
Jan 18 – Sarah Leigh Sullivan
Jan 20 – Del Pelan
Jan 21 – Sarah Rhodes
Jan 22 – Dave Smith
Jan 25 – Barbara Royal
Jan 29 – Tamara McCarthy
Jan 30 – Donna Pelan
Jan 31 – Nancy Rowley



Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is
January 12th, after
worship. All are invited to
attend.



Assisting Minister Schedule

Please see the weekly Rose Blast or the sign-up sheet on the wall in Anderson Hall for the current schedules.

Property Committee

Property Help

The office has a small list of members who receive emails when something on the property needs to be addressed with the expectation that someone who can fix the issue responds quickly. If you would like to be on this list (and yes, we do need you) please contact the office.

Cold Weather Maintenance

We're still looking for someone to clean the Fireside Room's ductless heat pump filters, autumn through spring. It's a straightforward task with a cloth and a vacuum every couple of weeks. Can you help? Please contact the Office.

November Finance

Recap

Regular Income: \$10,653
Normal Expenses: \$12,227
Difference: (\$1574)

December Attendance

12/1/2019	58 adults & 5 children	\$3725
12/8/2019	71 adults & 4 children	\$2620
12/15/2019	61 adults & 5 children	\$3096
12/22/2019	64 adults & 7 children	\$1622
12/24/2019	107 adults & 7 children	\$1131
12/29/2019	56 adults & 4 children	\$1702

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
10 AM-1 PM

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