

The Carillon Newsletter

October 2020



Dear Church,

It's October. The pandemic has been going for months. I know some of you are feeling worn out and tired. I know some of you are feeling stressed and isolated. It's hard. It's a strange year. Even in the midst of all this turmoil God is present and here with you, your family, and the world.

During this time, I find myself repeating a Bible verse over and over. I catch myself saying it at random times when I am working or vacuuming. It is the last verse of the Gospel of Matthew. *And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* Jesus says this to the disciples right after the resurrection has happened, and he is commissioning the disciples to go and tell the world about him. *And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* That is how the story of the Gospel of Matthew ends—with a promise and calling us to remember.

This ending is just pointing us that the story does continue after the book is done. We as the church are called to go and share the good news. We continue and are part of this story of Jesus in all the sequels that follow after Matthew in the history of the universe. We are called to see even though we walk through difficult ages God is with us in our pain, suffering, anger, and despair.

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

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My questions for you then is this: How is God with you right now always? How is God right now walking with you? You might feel like God isn't with you right now, but God promises he is right in Matthew 28:20! Have faith in God and listen to God's words...*I am with you always.*

One of the ways we remember this promise is in the greatest commandment that Jesus gave us: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

It's between you and God about the first part of loving completely God, but church can definitely help you with the second part of the greatest commandment and living into it. Loving your neighbor. One way to show love of your neighbor is simple and easy to follow. When it comes to your neighbor, we are taught in the 10 commandments to not hurt, speak ill, or wish harm on your neighbor. This includes people who do not look like you, love like you, or have similar thoughts as you.

Another way to love your neighbor is to give. Give of your time, talents, or treasures. This month we as a church are giving you an opportunity (following safety and social distancing) to love your neighbor in an easy way. We are collecting nonperishable food items for the local food bank. Gather up unexpired food items in your cupboards and donate them to our Fall Food Drive. All you have to do is leave them in a bag on your doorstep for our youth to pick up on Halloween. You are loving our neighbors in need this way, and loving our youth of Saron-1st by giving them an opportunity to safely with their families learn about helping others and dress up in their Halloween costumes. Please join us in this wonderful opportunity!

And don't forget Jesus is with you always calling you to love and care for yourself and your neighbors. We are not alone in this time!

Peace,
Pastor Michelle

Weekly Online Schedule

Mondays

6:30am - Morning Music

Tuesdays

5:00pm - Traveling Through Exodus

In our world today we face so much chaos and it is hard to find hope when facing the unknown. This story of the Israelites points us to remember God's promise and love endures forever. Join Pastor Michelle weekly through the book of Exodus this Fall. She will read through a passage, share some insight about it, and close us in prayer.

Wednesdays

10-11am - Virtual Coffee Hour

5:00pm - Kids Corner

Join Pastor Michelle, Baby Claire, Watson the dog and the cats in reading stories from the Bible! We have guests who show up to share stories about friendship, God's love, and Jesus.

Thursdays


5:00pm - Weekly Psalm and Prayer

Need a moment of contemplation and peace? Do you need to feel a connection to your faith during this time? Join us right on Facebook or YouTube in reading through the book of Psalms. Pastor Michelle will be reading a psalm and have prayer time afterward. Find a moment of peace for you and God this week and join us.

Sundays

10:00am - Sunday Worship

Join us on our Facebook page or our YouTube channel for worship every Sunday.



**Saron Lutheran-
1st Presbyterian
Church**

Fall Food Drive

October 31st

**from
2pm-4pm**

**On your
porch**

*Please call (360-532-4611) or email
(sarongraysharbor@gmail.com) the office, or text Teri, to
receive as many paper sacks as you would like to fill with non-
perishable foods for pickup on Halloween afternoon by
costumed kiddos possibly looking for a treat and a socially
distant 'hello'.*

All donations will benefit your local food bank.

PRAYER PAGE

Keep Us O Creator by Beth Maxwell Boyle

Creator and King of all Creation,
Let us see your glory in all your creation.
Let us see you in our brothers' and sisters' faces,
Let us feel you in the wind and taste you in the salt
spray of the sea.
Shaper of heaven and earth,
Let us see you in the silver face of the moon,
And in the patches of sunlight that filter through the
trees.
Bless us with the knowledge of your ways.
Comfort us with your mercy and grace.
Bring us to you with your unconditional love.
Surround us with the laughter of your living water,
And bring us back to you.
Like sheep who have strayed in the last light of day.
Bring us safely into your fold.
Please God let us always remember,
The gift of your Son our Lord,
Jesus the Galilean.
Our Shepherd and our Teacher,
In His name we pray,
Amen.

New Zealand Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing
of your name echo through the universe! The
way of your justice be followed by the Peoples
of the World! Your heavenly will be done by all
created beings Your commonwealth of peace
and freedom sustain our hope and come on
earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the
hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of
temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to
endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

*Please pray for Pastor Michelle and her
family at the sudden loss of her aunt
Phyllis Koespell,
The family of Dave Hunt,
The family of Joseph Tudor*

*LouJean O'Brien, Teresa Andrews,
Yvonne, Judy Brady, Kim Conrad,
Randy & Debbie Borjesson, Sharal Patton,
Cathy Kallio, Bob, Dan, Randy,
Karyn Elayne Turner,
John & Kathy Converse, Taylor Julian,
Vada Kohn, Sarah Leigh Blomgren,
John Sullivan, Gus Schmidt,
Michael Fleming, JoJean Young,
Steven McFail, Alex Reid and family,
Brendan, Toni Black, Crissy, Gary Evans,
Doris Rosenbach, Tom Petrich,
Connie McCroskey, Val Rhodes,
Arbie & Bonnie Irwin, Mackenzie Murray,
Wayne Carter*

*United Lutheran Church in Tacoma,
Oppressed Persons Everywhere,
Police Officers & First Responders,
Firefighters,
and all people affected by the wildfires.*

World Communion Sunday – October 4, 2020

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. The Presbyterian Church in the USA (PCUSA) has special offerings throughout the year to help remind us as a church that we are not in this alone—that the church is a global church working to help in our world be a better place and called to follow Jesus. World Communion Sunday focuses on the peace of Jesus and that we are part of a global church and there is room in God's house for all. On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God's house. In God's house, there are people of every background. In God's house, there are people of every race, age and gender. In God's house, people who are different from each other in almost every way live together and seek ways to bring about Christ's peace in every part of our lives.

We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world.

The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. Together we are building God's household of peace where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace and justice. If you would like to make a special offering to this you can do so online at:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>



WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Every Wednesday at 10am meet us on Zoom for “face to face” fellowship. On Mondays or Tuesdays when the Rose Blast is published, the link for the Zoom conference will be included. You do not have to have a computer to join as there is a way to simply call in. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

ONLINE WORSHIP ASSISTING MINISTERS

If you are interested in reading or reciting prayers for worship service online, please contact Pastor Michelle about the possibility of adding recordings to the worship service. You do not have to be an expert – we can help!

FROM THE OFFICE

During this unprecedented time of change in our daily lives, we want you to know that we are expecting questions. Please ask for help with anything that you may need, especially when it comes to technology. We have the knowledge and resources to help. **If you have questions about Zoom, we can answer them (you could even practice with your Admin during the day).** If you would like to watch worship on a DVD, we are able to get a Worship DVD to you. If you do not have a DVD player, or internet, please contact the office. We can help. We want you to get everything out of what we can give right now. Please email or call the office. The building is closed, but we are available.



October @ Home with Saron-1st

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All *in-person* activities and Worship is postponed. Please see schedule below for online services. They can be accessed on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Saron1st/ as well as on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZNdVOZECCOpZ0ZZQBVU2Zg						
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4 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 10a Virtual Worship w/communion	5 630a Music w/Kari	6 5p Traveling Through Exodus	7 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner	8 5p Weekly Psalm & Prayer	9	10
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18 10a Virtual Worship Council Meeting	19 630a Music w/Kari UGM Team 4	20 5p Traveling Through Exodus	21 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner	22 5p Weekly Psalm & Prayer	23	24
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4-Oct	Kim Homchick
6-Oct	Lillian Matheson
7-Oct	John Larson
11-Oct	Bill Dyer
11-Oct	Katie Garrow
12-Oct	Charlie Black
15-Oct	Linda Borth
19-Oct	Harold Warren
28-Oct	Bryan Rhodes
30-Oct	Seppo Tuominen
31-Oct	JoAnn Ray



Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will
be October 18th.



Assisting Minister Schedule

Please stay home and stay healthy! We will be together again! If you would like to read for online worship a prayer or readings contact Pastor Michelle via email!



Union Gospel Mission Dinner

October 19th

Team 4 will be organizing the *September* meal for the UGM Dinner.

Our Union Gospel Mission teams need YOU!

Here is a current list of the teams and list of dates each team is serving. You will see that we can use more volunteers! If you are unsure about whether to volunteer, keep in mind that each team prepares and delivers a meal to the mission **only** three time a year, just once every four months. (During the Covid crisis, we are no longer serving the meal...just providing it.) The date of the meal is always the third Monday of the month. The meal consists of a main dish (traditionally Tator-Tot Casserole from the Saron cookbook), bread, salad or seasonal fruit, dessert, and beverage (milk and juice). The teams pick a menu and divide up the jobs: 3-4 for main dish, someone for milk/juice, someone for bread, someone for salad, and dessert. Often one or two members offer to drive the meal over to the mission. That's all there is to it! If you have any questions, give me a call.

360-591-4716 (c) or 360-533-4644 (h)

Note for those individuals already on a team: If you on a team and need to make a change from what you see on this list, please call Teri in the church office (360-532-4611) -Sue Varland

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Gretchen Klein	Jeannette Bruun	Mary Morris	Marilynn Anderson
Eric Shofner	Karla Johnson	Linda Borth	Linda Borth
Diana Petrich	Sherri Owzarski	Ruth Hamilton	Jeannette Bruun
Becky Root	Nancy Rowley	Mike Erkkinen	Barbara Fairchild
Maggie Larson	Sue Varland	Pastor Michelle	Sue Swantek
Shirley Ward (baking)	Sharal Patton	Marcia Smith	Maurita White
Doris Ellingson (baking)	Ingrid Larson	Carrie Larson	Teri Moody

Team 1

November 16, 2020
 March 15, 2021
 July 19, 2021
 November 15, 2021

Team 2

December 21, 2020
 April 19, 2021
 August 16, 2021
 December 20, 2021

Team 3

September 21, 2020
 January 18, 2021
 May 17, 2021
 September 20, 2021

Team 4

October 19, 2020
 February 15, 2021
 June 21, 2021
 October 18, 2021

Collecting Hygiene Items

We are still collecting hygiene items for our friends who come to the community meal. Once we can host again, these items will go fast. Looking forward, we could use a bit of sunscreen/sunblock and lip balm. **We would also like to add masks to our stock.** Socks & hand/feet warmers are always appreciated. 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 contact the office to schedule a time to bring your items. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Property Reports

Parsonage

Pastor Michelle and Phil have been busy with different projects around the parsonage (in between lots of calls, videos, meetings and editing). Fencing in the backyard, touching up the paint on the outside after the bathroom project, cleaning out the garden beds and planting new flowers, fixing the kitchen faucet, and a leak that needed to be repaired.

Rose Center (1st Presbyterian)

A Committee is now in place to maintain the facility going forward. Plans are in the works to really bring this building into its full potential as a retreat and a working community center. There will be calls for work parties in the future so that we can be up and ready by spring. We need to scrape, sand, and refinish the wood floors. Baseboards and lighting need to be addressed. The garage needs to be turned into functioning storage. We also need to acquire certain types of furniture and accessories. If you are out and about and come across any good deals on desks, luggage racks, bed frames, chairs, small tables, storage shelving for the garage, hangers, inflatable beds, WHITE sheets, pillowcases, towels, hand towels and washcloths...we may be interested. Reach out to LouJean or Teri. If we think it's a good idea, we can reimburse you or run out and pick it up.

Saron

Thank you very much to James Ray and Mark Johnson for repairing and repainting the main church stairs. They are looking spiffy!

Also, a big thank you to the families that tend the rose garden and the community garden!

There are more projects to do! If you are interested in receiving Property Committee emails and are willing to put your hand up to help, please let the office know. You will be added to the email list and receive occasional notifications of projects that need to be done.

September Contributions

\$5100



September Finance Recap

Gen Fund Income: \$5195

Normal Expenses: \$9674

Difference: (\$4479)

**Thank you for mailing in and dropping off your contributions!
We can do this!**

Office Hours

The office is currently closed. Please contact the office if you need access.

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