

The Carillon Newsletter

December 2020



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. -Isaiah 7:14

Immanuel. Emmanuel. However you spell this word it is central to this time of Advent and Christmas. The word Immanuel in Hebrew translates as *God is with us*.

In Isaiah 7:14 we are being pointed to see that the Messiah will be named *God is with us*. God is not some being floating up in the heavens but comes down to be WITH US on this earth. During this Advent in 2020 we need this promise more than ever. This winter has already been a tough one with the weather, the isolation, the restrictions, and so many loved ones passing. Here though we are reminded by God that we have not been abandoned. That God will come down again to be with us. That is the promise of Advent, that we are not alone in the midst of all this mourning, pain, and suffering.

God is present. We are called to look out and see God is with us in the faces of our neighbors, in the messages we get on the phone or in the snail mail, in the creation around us, and where we gather together as church (even if it is online). God is here! God is present with the world in all its pain and suffering.

Note from Council

**Please always wear a mask inside both church buildings. This is a requirement, and we must respect it. Please keep our church safe and respect this rule.
Thank you for wearing your mask.**

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

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*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:6*

God promised all the world peace. God's promises were fulfilled in that stinky stable in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago when the Messiah, Jesus Christ, was born.

Join us this Advent season online in reminding ourselves of God's presence in our daily lives. If you are grieving what the holidays used to be or a loved one we are here for you. God and the church are here to walk alongside you in your grief and in your moments of joy. If you need to feel connected, we are here. You are not alone. Join me on this Advent journey to Bethlehem to celebrate our Prince of Peace...our Immanuel.

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PHOTOS

Please send photos of your Christmas tree by December 10th to sarongraysharbor@gmail.com by for a special treat from Pastor Michelle on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2020

Christmas Concert Fundraiser Our virtual Christmas concert will be held on December 19th at 7pm on Facebook and YouTube. There will be a way to donate directly or you can mail us your donation marked "Christmas fundraiser". All proceeds go to benefit our church and to pay the local musicians for their time and talents.

GHC Jazz Band & Jazz Choir Pre-Recorded Zoom Stream, *December 4th at 7:00pm*
Enjoy performances from GHC students under the direction of Dr. William Dyer & Kari Hasbrouck. Free to Attend at <https://www.ghc.edu/bishop/calendar/ghc-jazz-band-jazz-choir>

Holiday Concert with Civic Choir & Concert Band Pre-Recorded Zoom Stream,
December 11th at 7:00pm
The Grays Harbor Civic Choir, directed by Kari Hasbrouck, presents a performance of Christmas music. Small groups of choir members will perform some new and familiar carols for your enjoyment. Concert Band, directed by Tiffany Maki, will feature members in an ensemble setting, performing a variety of Holiday and Winter selections. Free to Attend at <https://www.ghc.edu/bishop/calendar/holiday-concert-civic-choir-concert-band>

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.

Holiday Giving Opportunities & Outreach

We are in unprecedented times where ministry cannot happen how we have done it in years past. But we are the church and knowing all of you we still want to help our neighbors. Council, along with Pastor Michelle, talked about ways we can specifically give back to the community this year and support our neighbors in need. Below are the ways during Thanksgiving and Christmas we are encouraging all to participate in helping.

Card Exchange. Would you like to help give some holiday cheer to another church member? Sign up to be a "secret pen pal" this holiday season all the way to Easter. You would be assigned another person in the church to send a card to and sign it your "secret pen pal." The idea is we send a couple over the next few months and on Easter you send your last card with your name signed into it. Inside the card include a Bible verse you love or a little prayer. Sign up by emailing or calling the office: sarongraysharbor@gmail.com or 360-532-4611.

Chaplains on the Harbor Fundraiser for a Food Truck. Chaplains on the Harbor that has partnered with Saron and 1st Presbyterian in the past is raising funds for a food truck. They have even, during the pandemic, used our 1st Presbyterian kitchen to prepare meals that are handed out on Sunday evenings in Aberdeen. Currently, they feed between 120-150 people each Sunday. With a food truck, they would be able to increase the number of meals and be able to reach more people than their current location allows. They are hoping to serve meals in a variety of locations in Grays Harbor County reaching more of our hungry neighbors, while also providing pastoral care and help. During COVID this is especially important, because of the hunger spike that has happened to families with school-age children. In addition, on days the ministry is off, they can use the food truck to generate income to provide money to keep the program going. If you would like to help support this ministry write a check out to Saron Lutheran-First Presbyterian Church and put in the memo line "food truck." We would like to write one check to them at Christmas from our congregation.

Adoption of 4 Local Families for Christmas. Pastor Michelle will be reaching out to the local school district to help 4 local families with providing gifts. This year, due to COVID, we are asking for only cash and check donations to the church. This is the safest way to help families during this time. The donations will be divided up to the families and each family will receive a gift card from Amazon, Safeway, and Walmart. Please no physical gifts this year, because we are trying to keep the families and our staff safe.

Hoquiam Food Bank. If you feel like you want to give a little help this holiday season the Hoquiam Food Bank can always use some extra helping hands and donations! Contact Linda Borth or the Food Bank to find out how they could use your help!

PRAYER PAGE

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations
for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek
quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look
forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long
for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of
your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

- *Henri J.M. Nouwen*

Advent Family Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks
of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

- *Author Unknown*

**Please keep the following
in your prayers...**

The family and friends of Cathy Kallio
The family and friends of Jerry Erickson

The family of Barbara Cooper

The family of Shirley Lysen

The family of Dave Hunt

The family of Joseph Tudor

Naomie and her brother Leonard Obi,

Ann and Carl Anderson,

Sarah Clark and family,

Al Reicks and family, Mick Shofner,

Jeff and family, Carrie Larson,

Christopher Judd, Yvonne, Judy Brady,
Kim Conrad, Randy & Debbie Borjesson,

Sharal Patton, Dan, Randy Manley,

Karyn Elayne Turner, Vada Kohn,

Gus Schmidt, Michael Fleming,

JoJean Young, Steven McFail,

Alex Reid and family, Brendan,

Gary Evans, Doris Rosenbach,

Tom Petrich, Connie McCroskey,

Val Rhodes, Arbie & Bonnie Irwin,

Mackenzie Murray, Wayne Carter

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.

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.



COMFORT COOKING THROUGH COVID

Chicken and Rice Casserole

submitted by Val Rhodes

- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 soup can of water
- 1 envelope of dry Lipton Onion Soup Mix
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 8 Chicken thighs

Heat your oven to 350°. Grease a 9x13 baking pan with a cooking spray or vegetable oil.

Mix the first 5 ingredients together and pour them into your baking pan. Take the chicken thighs and nestle them into the soup and rice mixture. Make sure the chicken gets all covered up.

Cover your pan tightly with foil.

Bake for 2 hours. Take the foil off the pan and cook 15-20 minutes longer to brown. Sprinkle the parsley on the casserole just before serving.

NOTE: You may add ½ cup chopped celery and ½ cup chopped red bell peppers if you wish.

December @ Home with Saron-1st

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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</p>						
		1	2	3	4	5
		5p Traveling Through Exodus	10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner	5p Weekly Psalm & Prayer		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10a Virtual Worship w/Communion ADVENT 2	6:30a Music w/Kari	5p Traveling Through Exodus	10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner	5p Weekly Psalm & Prayer	7p Kari's Holiday Concert @ Bishop Center	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10a Virtual Worship Council Meeting ADVENT 3	6:30a Music w/David	5p Traveling Through Exodus	10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner	5p Weekly Psalm & Prayer		7p Online Christmas Concert
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10a Virtual Worship ADVENT 4	WINTER SOLSTICE 5:30p BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE			7p CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE w/Communion	10a CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE w/Synod Lessons & Carols	
27	28	29	30			
10a Virtual Worship w/Communion & Lessons & Carols	6:30a Music w/Kari	5p Traveling Through Exodus				

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Dec Jody Wayman
4-Dec Shirley Ward
4-Dec Jeanne Johnson
4-Dec Becky Root
8-Dec Will Olson
9-Dec Troy George
11-Dec Floyd Hazelquist
11-Dec Mary Morris
13-Dec Kramer Klein
17-Dec Pat Morgan
17-Dec Ron Bacon
20-Dec Karla Johnson
24-Dec Tony Enzler
25-Dec Joshua Gaddis
26-Dec Leona Anderson
28-Dec Richard Easton
28-Dec Atticus Julian-Guzman
29-Dec Paula Boerner
29-Dec Sharal Patton
30-Dec Eric Shofner
31-Dec Kristi Earley
31-Dec Seth Gaddis



Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will
be December 13th.



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

December 21st

Team 2 will be organizing the *December* 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 Erkinen	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~~
 November 15, 2021
 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~~
 September 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 always 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!



**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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