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Langley United Methodist Church Newsletter

An Advocating, Greening, and Reconciling Congregation

Online Giving

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The more folks that go onto automatic giving the easier it is for our money intake people and the less mistakes that can happen.

You can also donate to our special offerings online.

If you have any questions just talk to me and I can lead you through the process.

Eve Carty

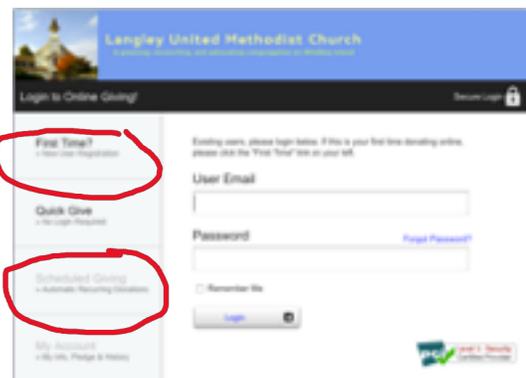
To set up a recurring payment:

- go to langleyumc.org (this is the church homepage)
- on the right, click on the blue Donation button, this brings you to the church donate page
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- you just fill out the form and activate it

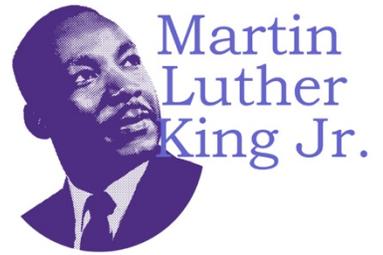


LUMC website giving page

Database Giving platform



On Sunday afternoon, January 20, at 3:30, the 14th annual Whidbey community Martin Luther King, Jr., “Blessed Are the Peacemakers” gathering will once again be held at St. Augustine’s. Please note that this year’s event will be held on Sunday rather than Monday as in years past.



As in past years, a narrative read from the pulpit will interact with readings from the pews. This year the readings will focus on the white racism and privilege that has emerged from America’s Original Sin of slavery. From the African American experience has come a cry for justice and inclusion. Voice and activism to bring forth what is best in America. This has brought about significant gains in justice and inclusion, but it has always been arc of the moral universe that continues to bend towards justice.

Our nation’s jagged arc of the moral universe began with the destruction of slavery which brought the promise of Reconstruction. A backlash to these gains resulted in a codified system of economic and political discrimination known as Jim Crow, enforced by lynchings. Yet the promise of freedom refused to die and the Black Freedom Movement of the 1960s brought forth a social revolution. Again there was a backlash, but hope rose again with the election of the first African American president. Today, once again we live in a time of backlash. White racism has raised its ugly head, but there remains hope. This year’s event, while not dimensioning the reality of white racism, is intended to stoke that hope in a time of uncertainty.

The Rev. Carla Robinson will be the featured speaker. Carla is a priest within the Diocese of Olympia. She is a dynamic speaker with a compelling personal history who has been featured at two previous Whidbey Martin Luther King events held in 2008 and 2011. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Peace Fellowship is pleased to again welcome Carla to St. Augustine’s. She will speak to the topic of the “Emerging Beloved Community.”

As always, music will be a key component of the service. The Beloved Community of the Civil Rights, or Black Freedom Movement, found strength and inspiration from music that reflected the gospel music of the Southern African American churches. The Whidbey gathering will also draw strength and inspiration from this music. The Trinity Lutheran Music Minister, Karl Olsen, will again lead the singing. A special presentation will feature St. Augustine’s Molly Felder-Grimm singing “Beautiful Fool” in honor of Dr. King.

As always, this annual Whidbey community Martin Luther King event is especially significant as a community witness for inclusion, racial and gender justice. A time to honor the best attributes and values of American society. Make this Martin Luther King holiday a day on, not a day off.

The “Blessed Are the Peacemakers” community event is planned, organized and implemented by the St. Augustine’s Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

January 2019 Sundays

January 6

EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-17

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 13

BAPTISM OF

THE LORD

COMMUNION

Isaiah 43:1-7

Palm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

HUMAN

RELATIONS

SUNDAY

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians

12:1-11

John 2:1-11

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

January 6 is Epiphany, which celebrates how God is made known to us in Jesus. We hear the story of the Magi who followed the star. The following is by U. A. Fanthorpe, a British poet, who included an original poem in each year's Christmas card.

BC–AD

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect

Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

I'm captivated by those last two lines "Walked haphazard by starlight straight Into the kingdom of heaven." Walking by starlight, following God's call for our lives, sensing that Divine presence that draws us closer to the mystery—that's what the poem suggests. It is that word, "haphazard" that intrigues me. The dictionary defines it as "lacking any obvious principle of organization." Life for me can feel haphazard. While I do make plans, schedule events, try to be organized, sometimes simply by chance I stumble upon something that is absolutely beautiful—a tiny glimpse of heaven.

As we read the story of the Magi (three gifts, but an unknown number of persons!) we know they did a bit of planning. They studied the movement of the stars and when a new star appeared they sensed it meant a king was born. They followed the star—a bit haphazardly perhaps, not sure where it might lead. It was only when they tried to plan logically—"Let's go talk with King Herod," that they went off track. They needed to keep following the star.

The New Year is a time of resolutions and plans, but perhaps we too might "walk haphazard by starlight," open to God's revelation along the way. Perhaps we might hear the song of angels. Starlight will guide us, shining the way to Jesus, who is the hope of all creation. We don't need to have the future all figured out; all we need to do is follow the star wherever it lead us. Who knows? We too might be "overwhelmed with joy." (Matthew 2:10)

Blessings,



Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift! It is a delight to serve this amazing congregation. I do appreciate your generosity and caring.
Pastor Mary



Opening Inward

Mindful Spirituality Gathering
Sunday, January 27
Fellowship Hall
2:00-5:00
Sharon Daloz Parks

Join us for an afternoon of words, insight, and meditation on the theme of Opening Inward. Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks will be our keynote speaker. She is a resident of Whidbey Island, has her doctorate from Harvard University, and was involved with the founding of Whidbey Institute. She speaks and consults nationally in the area of leadership and ethics for corporate, non-profit, and other professional groups across sectors, especially in business, higher education, and religion. One of her areas of interest is faith development, including personal transformation through the spiritual life.

This is the second in our *Mindful Spirituality* series, based on the book by Duncan Ferguson. Those who are not participating in the small group studies of the book will also find this time meaningful.

The afternoon will begin with a talk by Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks, followed by time for small group discussion or individual contemplation. We will end with a Taize service. Join us for an enriching time.



Music and Bridges Project

Sunday, February 3, 1 to 3pm
South Whidbey Assembly of God

Sponsored by LUMC and SW Assembly of God

music and Bridges Project uses music to facilitate a sense of shared humanity within communities of different ideological, political, or spiritual backgrounds. The project has the groups engaging in musicking together and, alternately, having conversation with one another. The musicking might involve singing, listening to music, songwriting, and/or playing musical instruments. Conversations are dovetailed with the musicking and facilitated to explore meaningful topics to create understanding but not to try and change another person's point of view

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Special Offering for Lyda Pierce on January 20

The Rev. Dr. Lyda Pierce serves as a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries for Hispanic/Latino Ministry Development in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. Lyda supports the development of Hispanic/Latino ministries throughout the conference.

This offering is opportunity to raise the \$900 needed to fulfill our part of the covenant agreement we have made to support Lyda in her mission work. Lyda and her husband, photojournalist Paul Jeffrey, have had a long relationship with this congregation.



LUMC Volunteers

Below is only a partial list of the volunteers that make Langley UMC function. If you are feeling called to help out at church, talk to Eve, there is room for all of us here at LUMC.

Church Council

Chair – Candy Ramsey
Pastor Mary Boyd
Eve Carty (Lay Member of Annual Conference)
Larry Fox (SPR)
Rosemary Martin(finance)
Matt Todd (finance)
Angie Ramsey
Betsy McCullough
Rudy Whittaker
Victoria Ritts
Beth Wheat

Ministry Teams

Finance Chair – Rosemary Martin
Nominations & Leadership – Pastor Mary Boyd
Staff Parish Relations – Rudy Whittaker
Trustees Chair –
Adult Spiritual Formation – Adult Forum leader Paul Morris
Welcome, Hospitality, & Fellowship –
Small Dinner groups organizer – Gail Pierce
Care Committee – Greg Gilles
UMW – Nancy Waddell
Worship – Susan Gilles
Missions/Church & Society – Shared Responsibility

A Huge Thank You to our outgoing Finance chair, Harriet O’Neal. Leading finance is not one of the more “fun” jobs at church, but it is vital to the health of the congregation. And Graham Johnson is moving to the other side so gracefully leaves his Trustees chairmanship. His wise and knowledgeable leadership will be greatly missed.

THANK YOU HARRIET AND GRAHAM!

Staff

Pastor Rev. Dr. Mary Boyd	Director of Music Ministry – Karen Calhoun
Organist – Kathy Fox	Asst. Director of Music – Betsy Arand
Family Program Associate – Angie Ramsey	Custodian – Greg Roger
Nursery Attendants – Jade Iversen & Ana Clark	Church Administrator – Eve Carty

Sanctuary Guild

Gail Jiles-organizer
Nancy Roger
Kathy Gural
Anngaylia Breedlove
Sharon McDaniel
Sande Wascher-James

Sanctuary Guild and Communion Set up need more volunteers. For those who like to work behind the scenes, on your own schedule these are the perfect positions for you. Talk to the organizers, Gail and Sharon, or Eve in the office.

Communion set up

Sharon McDaniel-organizer
Jennifer Morris
Gail Pierce



Langley United Methodist Women – Special Meeting
Thursday, January 10 at 10:30 am
Fireside Room Snacks, Coffee/Tea
Followed by optional kitchen clean-up and lunch

Apologies for needing to re-schedule the December meeting! But here we are in January and we need to do some catch-up. So we will have a mostly-business meeting, allocating the Cookie Walk funds, learning date and topic preferences for programs in 2019 and confirming officers. We'll also do Joys & Concerns & News to start the meeting. Everyone is welcome, especially those new to UMW!
It's fine to come for as much as you have time for, or email suggestions to nancyw@whidbey.com .

Following the business portion, we will go upstairs to clean or reorganize some of the kitchen equipment, including some donated silverware that matches our pattern. We'll just do as much as people have time for that day, and make plans for the rest. **A simple LUNCH will be served** whenever we are hungry. Flexibility is the keyword here!

Cookie Walk was a success! Thanks to everyone who contributed with cookies or purchases or volunteering! We have over \$2000 to work with for our local donations. Come to the meeting or ask to be included in the process to help us allocate!
nancyw@whidbey.com

The website address for the **Pacific Northwest Conference UMW** has changed because of issues with the old one. It is now part of the overall Conference web site at:
pnwumc.org/umw

3 Paul Morris
4 Pat Hannah
5 Patty Imes
5 Marie McElligott
8 Irene Stewart
10 Anne Hartley
11 Candy Ramsey
12 Jeremiah Mays-Childers
15 Paul Arand
18 Anna Joan von Waldow

January



20 Aengus Dubendorf
20 Suzi Stonebridge
23 Anja Bentsen
24 Katrina Bentsen
26 Layla Akhtar
27 Donny Gochanour
29 Bill Bone
31 Wendy Ardans
31 Sharon Berlin
31 Megan Drake
31 Sean Drake



Hope & Renewal

Four Contemplative, Community Conversations

SESSION 1:

Hope & Renewal: An Introduction

Facilitators: Elizabeth Guss & Don Miller

Monday, January 14, 3:00 pm

St. Hubert Catholic Church, Langley

SESSION 2:

Hope & Justice

Facilitators: Dianne Shiner & Luis Sanchez

Monday, January 21, 3:00 pm

St. Augustine's in-the-Woods
Episcopal Church, Freeland

SESSION 3:

Rebounding from Despair to Hope

Facilitators: Kate Davies & Larry Daloz

Monday, January 28, 3:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

SESSION 4:

Hope in Community

Facilitators: Terra Anderson & Richard Gammon

Monday, February 4, 3:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

These conversations are freely offered, although donations are appreciated. Everyone is welcome to one or all sessions. Each session is expected to go for about 90 minutes.

This year's conversations are inspired by Kate Davies' new book, ***Intrinsic Hope: Living Courageously in Troubled Times***. While reading the book is not required, it is highly recommended. Books can be purchased at each session, or in advance from Kate (katherinestefaniedavies@gmail.com), at Moonraker Books in Langley, or online.

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Wed. 2	Adult Spiritual Formation mtg.	10am	Fireside Room
Thu. 3	Choir rehearsal. Every Thursday	7pm	Sanctuary
Fri. 4	Men's Prayer Breakfast	7:30am	The Braeburn
	Trustees mtg	9am	Small Mtg Rm
Sun. 6	Kids' Epiphany Play		during worship
Mon. 7	Office Closed every monday		all day
Tue. 8	Women's Breakfast Coffee group every Tuesday	9:30am	Clover Patch
Wed. 9	Page Turners	1pm	Fireside Room
	Women's Spiritual Gathering	7pm	Prayer Room
Thu. 10	United Methodist Women	10:30am	Fireside Room
	Thursday Book Club	2pm	Fireside Room
Sat. 13	Mission/Church & Society	3:30pm	Dunigans
Tue. 15	Bible Study	10am	Fireside Room
Fri. 18	Men's Prayer Breakfast	7:30am	The Braeburn
Sat. 19	Church Council mtg	10:30am.	Ramseys
Tue. 22	Bible Study	10am	Fireside Rm
Sun. 27	Parks Mindfulness event	2pm	Fellowship

January

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Worship at 9:30am
 Nursery available
 Sunday School for
 youth and kids at 9:45
 Fellowship Time
 following worship
 Adult forum at 11am

Office Hours:
 Tue.-Fri. 9 – 2:00
 Closed Monday



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 on a journey of love"*

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