



# July 2019

## Langley United Methodist Church Newsletter

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An Advocating, Greening, and Reconciling congregation

### **THANK YOU TO MANY MANY!!!!**

It took quite an effort to get ready for our new pastor and family, especially after renting out the parsonage. All the flower beds were weeded and mulched, moss was removed from the walls and roof, the driveway was cleaned, prepared for the fence, resealed some of the woodwork, cleaned the kitchen and made repairs, cleaned bathrooms, installed new light fixtures inside and in the garage, installed new smoke and CO2 alarms, and the list goes on.

If you could not make any of the work days, please thank one of the people listed below!

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Clancy Dunigan  | Greg Roger    | Victoria Ritts | Kathy Gural       |
| Dave Gural      | Dave Anderson | Kelly McDonald | Sharon Berlin     |
| Harriet O'Neal  | Nancy Scoles  | Eve Carty      | Heather Dubendorf |
| Willy Dubendorf | Roger Barr    | Jim Pugh       | Robert Ramsey     |

There are generous people who provided meals and snacks and gift cards for the Füss family upon their arrival as well!

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| Jennifer Morris | Betsy McCullough | Dana Kelly | Eve Carty        |
| Sharon Berlin   | Marcia Dunigan   | Nancy Barr | Darlene Houlihan |
| Leneen Carr     |                  |            |                  |

For the gorgeous plants on the front porch which provided a lovely welcome!  
Jim and Terri Rowley

Finally, thank you to those who help fund the Trustee budget!!!!

Thank you so very much,  
Candy Ramsey

AND

I think a huge thank you needs to go to Robert and Candy Ramsey for spearheading this effort and doing a lot of the work, they spent many hours at the parsonage by themselves getting things done.

AND Jennifer Morris dealt with many of the details of our pastor transition, the paperwork plus the parties--many thanks.1  
Eve, church admin

Dear Langley UMC Church Family,

First, I want to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome and all of the help with moving in and getting settled!

Second, I want to start us all thinking about the year to come as we start our time together. To help with this, I want to share a few guiding principles (for lack of a better word) that I ask you to join me in:

1. No one serves or leads out of a sense of duty. If you are on a team or committee because you feel like you *should* be there, but are tired or bored, you have permission to take a break. And if we discover that there is no one who is interested in continuing a program or ministry, then we let that ministry go without guilt, remembering that for everything there is a season.
2. If you are tired, you are allowed to rest without shame or guilt. Even in worship ;)
3. You (almost) automatically have my permission to try something new. If you want to start a ministry, organize an event, start a class,... then go for it. The only thing I ask is that it keep with Langley UMC's mission, vision and values. Just let me know and Eve what you are doing and when!
4. In keeping with #3, experimentation will be welcomed and encouraged. One of the truths of our current church context is that doing the 'same old thing' is a sure way to kill the church. Whether we are talking about worship, church structure, fellowship time, ministry or the physical plant of the church, it is important that we look at the whole of who we are with an eye towards newness. This doesn't mean that we will be reckless in making changes, but it does mean that we all need to be willing to try, to experiment, and to strive so we can learn and grow.
5. We will operate with integrity. What I mean by that is that I have too often encountered people who, while working towards justice on the larger scale, will demean and belittle people they are with day to day. If we are to be a people and a place of justice and compassion, then it is important to be as loyal to that in our small interactions as it is in our broader conversations and initiatives.
6. We will orient towards joy. I believe that our faith should help us to be joyful. By this, I don't mean an ignorant blissfulness but rather a sense of happiness and peace in that we are blessed to be together in a loving, supportive faith community and blessed to be working for the "Kin-dom" of God with justice, grace and hope.

In the coming weeks, we will be gathering in small groups so we can begin getting to know each other. As we do so, I'll be asking what you are passionate about (coffee, kayaking, British mystery shows, music, food...) and how our passions and places of excitement can shape the future of Langley UMC and the wider community.

Again, thank you for the warm welcome and for all of the help!

Blessings,

Rev. Rich

## Summer Worship

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|-----------|------------------------------|
| 21-July   | Revelation 21: 5             |
| 28-July   | Luke 10: 38-42               |
| 4-August  | Col. 3: 1-11, Luke 12: 13-21 |
| 11-August | Hebrews 11: 13-16            |
| 18-August | Hebrews 12: 1-2              |
| 25-August | Luke 13: 10-17               |

Note: Rev. Rich and the worship team reserve the right to change these texts & themes.





When it met in early June, the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference offered many opportunities for members to pray and worship together, engage in respectful conversation, and craft and perfect legislation to express its shared values and commitments.

The following links should be helpful for those seeking to learn more about and share what happened this year.

For storytelling from the event, visit our [Updates Page](#).

For Actions: [Download Approved Legislation](#)

To watch significant moments and messages: [YouTube playlist](#)

The brick honoring Anne Hartley has been installed in the Memorial Garden at Des Moines UMC. The brick includes a custom image of a flute. Anne was a longtime member here and added her wonderful flute playing to our Sunday services.



We will celebrate Rudy Whittaker's life on Saturday, August 3 at 2pm. Rudy was such an important part of our church's life. He worked the dishwasher, ushered whenever he was needed, past Council and SPR chair. Plus many other "jobs" he cheerfully did! All the while taking wonderful care of his beloved Julie.



Thanks to Harriet O'Neal for hosting the United Methodist Women's picnic, and to Harriet and Linda Tuck and all the others for facilitating so many receptions on our behalf.

- 2 Gavin Imes
- 3 Jeff Drake
- 5 Blair Paul
- 5 Don Zisette
- 6 Brent Friedman
- 12 Wilma New
- 16 Ralph Lueken
- 17 Michael Monson
- 18 Jerry Millhon



- 21 Sara Hunt
- 21 Rosemary Martin
- 22 Jenny Gochanour
- 23 Steve Boyd
- 27 Lucy Hansen
- 30 Karen Calhoun
- 30 Erica Eden
- 31 Evan Todd

# July

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|---------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Fri. 5  | Men's Prayer Breakfast                              | 7:30am        | The Braeburn  |
| Tue. 9  | Women's Coffee Breakfast Group <b>every Tuesday</b> | 9:30am        | Clover Patch  |
|         | Adult Spiritual Formation mtg                       | 10am          | Fireside Room |
|         | Open House For Rev. Rich                            | 3-5pm         | Lobby         |
|         | Trustees mtg  | 5pm           | Fireside Room |
| Wed. 10 | Bible Study   | 10am          | Fireside Room |
|         | Women's Gathering                                   | 7pm           | Prayer Room   |
| Thu. 11 | Thursday book club                                  | 2pm           | Fireside Room |
| Sun. 14 | Worship Design mtg                                  | after worship | Sanctuary     |
|         | Mission/Church & Society mtg                        | 3:30pm        | Dunigans      |
| Fri. 19 | Men's Prayer Breakfast                              | 7:30am        | The Braeburn  |
| Sat. 20 | Church Council                                      | 1pm           | Sky Root      |
| Tue. 23 | Bible Study   | 10am          | Fireside Room |

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

Office Hours  
Tue. thru Fri. 9am to 2pm



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on a journey of love"*

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