

Worshipping God in Christ, Welcoming all, working for justice and peace

Veradale United Church of Christ

The Messenger



Love Divine, All loves Excelling
by Charles Wesley
Public Domain

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

FEBRUARY 2022

Thoughts form the Pastor

Many have struggled with how we talk to our radicalized neighbors and family members. Our worship team has consider this need and come up with a plan for Lent that focuses on this subject.

During February, we invited everyone to prepare for Lent by reading the book, “Bad Faith: Race and the Rise of the Religious Right” by Randell Balmer. You can get it from the library or buy a copy for \$15 here at the church (make a check to the church with memorial fund in the memo). It is only 141 pages with clear, informative, and understandable writing.

At the end of March and the first of April, we will have two guest speakers who have experienced the religious right personally, one was raised in a cult and one was part of a church that was cult-like. What are the questions you would like me to send to them? What are the issues you struggle most with when dealing with neighbors and friends who are radicalized? How do you communicate with people who only think you are listening to them if you agree with them?

Let me know what books, articles, podcasts, etc have helped you with managing your relationships with those who are extreme. I will share these with all in our congregation so we can build up our skills in responding with love and justice.

With blessings,
Pastor Gen

RANDALL BALMER
BAD FAITH
RACE AND THE RISE OF THE
RELIGIOUS RIGHT



HOPE HOUSE

If anyone wishes to donate items to Hope House VUCC can start receiving donations at the church. Place items in the bins under the coat rack in the foyer. We will be sure donations get delivered. Thank you for supporting this local mission.

Hope House is not accepting donations at their door. **But they can be left at Crosswalk properly marked for Hope House.**

Contact the church at veradaleucc@gmail.com or 509-926-7173 if you have questions.

These donations can be dropped at the church before or after church on Sundays or 10am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday.

Socks	Soap	or See 'Wish List'
Underwear	Cough Drops	on the Church
Sugar	Razors	Bulletin Board &
Creamer	Hair Ties	foyer table.
Hair Conditioner	Coffee	

BELL CHOIR



We would like to start Bell Choir again. If you are interested in being a 'ding-a-ling' (Bell Choir) please contact Naomi Hanvey who will lead this year. Naomi would like to start practices soon. We can always use more participants to play the different pieces of music.

TUESDAY MORNING SILENT PRAYER



Remember to take a moment for silent prayer where ever you are or join us on Facebook from 9-9:30 a.m.

AFTER SCHOOL HEALTHY SNACK PROGRAM



We continue the After School Healthy Snacks Program once a month on a Friday as scheduled. We would like to have VUCC volunteers to help pass out the snacks **in front of the church** to Progress Elementary School students (outside) as they get out of school. We will set up and get **organized with our supplies (snacks, drinks) at 2:50 p.m.** and give out the items **until around 3:30 p.m.** The kids get out of school at 3:15 p.m. which is when we will begin giving the snacks out.

If members can help, please contact Karla McNeilly at (509) 638-8540 or Jerry Brines at (509) 954-9319. The school knows we will be out there on scheduled Fridays! **Everyone helping should wear a mask.** If you do not have one the church has them available.

Our monthly Fridays for this program will vary. We plan to offer snacks one Friday each month working around the elementary school schedule for early release days, teacher's development days and holidays. We will send out notification to let everyone know what Friday each month in the future is scheduled for this program.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL



Our Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.** **'in person'.** Watch your email or any announcements for more information. Email or call the office 926-7173 if you wish to contribute information, concerns, ideas, etc. to the council.

Wayne Shull, Moderator.

SPOKANE VALLEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

(Our giving at least February 2022)
Please hold your VUCC food donations at home or contact SVP at 927-1153 to see if they are excepting donations at this time.

Ash Wednesday
March 2, 7pm

Lent is coming soon!
Save the date and time.
We will be in person and on Zoom



HAPPY VALENTINE'S



FEBRUARY 2022



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS (Beginning 2/1/2022) MON-THUR 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM <u>OFFICES CLOSD FRIDAYS</u>		1 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	2 4-5pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7-8 p.m. Bible Study In-person & ZOOM (Book of Amos) Groundhog Day 	3 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	4 5 – 6 pm Rosa Park's 109 Birthday <u>Drive Thru</u> <u>VUCC bring</u> <u>gifts for MLK</u> <u>Family Center!</u> (See article)	5
6 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Remote & 'OPEN')	7	8 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	9 4-5pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7-8 p.m. Bible Study In-person & ZOOM (Book of Amos)	10 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	11 2:50-3:30 p.m. After School Snack Program (out front)	12 9:30 a.m. VUCC Book Group (Fellowship Hall)
13 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote & 'OPEN')	14 Valentine's Day Nurturer's Day 	15 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	16 4-5pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7-8 p.m. Bible Study In-person & ZOOM (Book of Amos)	17 9:00–11:30 am FLLC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  Articles due for <u>March</u>	18	19 10:00 – Noon Photography Workshop at VUCC
20 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote & 'OPEN')	21 <i>President's Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED  7:00 p.m. Council	22 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	23 4-5pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7-8 p.m. Bible Study In-person & ZOOM (Book of Amos)	24 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	25	26
27 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote & 'OPEN')	28	WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY <u>EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</u> IN-PERSON WITH LIMITED SEATING AND DISTANCING <u>OR ON FACEBOOK AND ZOOM or RADIO</u> 89.3 F.M. (FROM THE PARKING LOT.) <u>FOLLOWING CURRENT COVID REGULATIONS</u>				

Date	Worship Readings	Time	Access Services <i>Or</i> Contact Pastor Gen if attending in person!
February 6	Communion and Luke 5:1-11	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote
February 13	Valentine's and Luke 6:17-26	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote
February 20	President's Weekend and Luke 6:27-38	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote
February 27	Transfiguration and Luke 9:28-43a	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote

‘REMINDER’

Keep flexible about how we worship

We are worshipping in person as most of us are fully vaccinated. We are wearing masks. Please, keep flexible about this. We will continue Facebook, Zoom, and Radio Daniel Station 89.3FM (from our parking lot) as part of our regular worship life. We are weighing the risks and practicing all COVID responsible protocols. Call Pastor Gen with any concerns or questions: cell: 1-408-593-9556 or home: 509-919-3768

VUCC BOOK GROUP



Hi Friends,

We plan to meet at Veradale United Church of Christ in the fellowship hall at 9:30 AM on the second Saturday of the month. Our books to be discussed follows below:

February 12 – **Marsilius Flumo will be our guest!** We are very lucky that the author will meet with us in person!

March 12 – *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. It is a historical novel about a strong woman during the depression and dust bowl. There are many copies at the Library.

Happy Reading! **Becky**

BLESSING BOX

As we reach out to our neighbors through the Blessing Box we are filling it with **winter** items. If you are able, please donate hats, gloves/mittens, warm socks or scarfs to help fill the Box. *Each item should be put into a plastic zip lock bag to keep sanitized and to prevent them from getting wet.* You can bring items to the church 10am-1:30pm M-Thur or Sundays.

If you have questions, contact Maureen Carroll or the office.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



On the 3rd Saturday each month Photography Workshop will be held with Pastor Gen Heywood from 10am to Noon at 611 N. Progress Road, Spokane Valley (Veradale United Church of Christ).

We will meet in the sanctuary so we can keep distance and stream on Zoom if anyone is interest.

From 10:00am until about 10:45am we will review three of your best images and consider lighting, composition, and how it is interesting. From 10:45am until about noon we will share. We will talk about capturing images of birds, especially eagles.

You are welcome to come to all or part of the workshop.

Are you interested? Do you want to be on Zoom or in person? *Do you want to be on the Photography Workshop Mailing List?* Let me know.

Thanks,

Pastor Gen
(408) 593-9556

FRED MEYER'S 'COMMUNITY REWARDS' PROGRAM

(Remember to Sign Up Online)

VUCC continues as a 501-c3 Non-Profit organization that will receive funds each time someone uses their Rewards Card from Fred Meyer's. Please use the 'link' to participate in the program by linking your Rewards Card at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

You need to use this NPO number LN110 to link to the VUCC organization. If you have questions, contact the office at 926-7173

VUCC received **\$15.36** in Rewards during the 4th Quarter 2021. Thank you for supporting this continuous VUCC Fundraiser.

.....

Celebrating Black History Month



Every year we share stories about people we love and admire who are Black. We already have one volunteer for each Sunday. Would you like to bring another story? It would be great to have two stories each Sunday.

Let me know!
Pastor Gen

JANUARY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our **Monthly goal is \$8,800**. We had **\$18,210** in donations towards that goal as of January 31st.

***VUCC Giving Statements were emailed or mailed prior to January 31st. Contact the office if questions.*

Offerings

Please, remember offerings can be given through the church website at <https://veradaleucc.org>

There is an orange donate button on the right side of the page. Or send checks to Veradale UCC, 611 North Progress Road, Spokane Valley, WA 99037

If you are attending in person on Sundays, offering will be a part of the worship service. Thank you!



Keeping in Prayer

Ashley who is 7 months pregnant, has Covid, and has the help of her medical team and family. Her fiancé, Sky Young and her son, Noah are Covid negative. Since everyone is vaccinated and boosted, they have the best chance of getting through this without needed to be hospitalized. We ask for health for Ashely, baby, Sky, and Noah.

Marvin's Dad, Walter Wilson who had surgery yesterday and is coming to the last pages in the last chapter of his life.

Marsilius's daughter who is terminally ill and in Chicago longs for her mother to be able to get here from Liberia. May a way be found.

Kathy and Sally may they arrive home healthy and with wonderful memories.

Lea as she prepares for surgery next week.

Kim (Lea's daughter) as she lives with cancer.

Our church as we plan for 2022.

Our country as divisions continue to fracture our democracy.

Our world as climate change must be addressed by world leaders taking unpopular steps to mitigate the worst harms that will come.

We **celebrate all those with January Birthdays**.

Wish we could be together in fellowship with all of you!

Hope your Birthdays were wonderful!

Stay Healthy and Safe!



FEBRUARY - BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2/5 – Morian Davies - B
Robert Fuller - B
2/8 - Rosa Fawcett - B
2/9 - Pastor Gen Heywood - B
2/18 – Paul Salisbury - B

2/19 – Don & Jan Young - A
2/23 – Andy & Joyce Walker - A
2/25 - Glen Scott - B

Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience of Eastern Washington and
North Idaho invite you to

tell a photojournalistic story

in 5 to 10 images with written text demonstrating that it is

Time to Do Something About...

This photojournalistic contest is open now
through June 30, 2022 for
Middle School, High School, and Adult participants
with any type of digital camera

One top prize: \$150

One runner up in each age group: \$100

contact Rev. Gen Heywood at FLLConscience@gmail.com for details

Gen Heywood

Help us gather gifts for Rosa Parks 109th birthday at the south door of the church. We will give cupcakes in to-go boxes to the first 24 who donate!

Join Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience and Veradale UCC in a

Drive Through Party Celebrating Rosa Parks' 109th Birthday

Friday, February 4, 2022

drop off gifts from 5 to 6pm at

Veradale United Church of Christ

611N Progress Road, Spokane Valley, 99037

Suggested gifts for Rosa

that go to Spokane MLK Family Center:

Kids sneakers and socks,

Winter Care Package: put toothpaste,

toothbrush, one pair adult socks, hat, gloves,

disposable face masks, and

a protein bar in a Ziploc bag

Pantry items: Whole grain rice, and noodles,

Whole wheat bread, Sugar,

Brown Sugar, Butter, Flour (all purpose),

Cheerios, Paper plates, Paper Bowls,

Paper Cups, Plastic spoons,

or donate to the Lasting Legacy Campaign

at www.mlkspokane.org

More info: FLLConscience@gmail.com



The Book of Amos **Wednesdays 7 to 8pm.**



Join us each Wednesday from 7-8 pm for a Study of Amos. We meet in the VUCC Sanctuary and on ZOOM. This is led by Pastor Gen Heywood. Join us!

Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82586610296?pwd=OVM1aUhkVXhRd1E3SnFLMkdnUkhjQT09>

COATS FOR KIDS FOR 'SVP' AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES



As a local Mission of VUCC we will continue collecting **Children's Coats along with Hats, Gloves, Scarves and School Supplies** for Spokane Valley Partners (SVP). Karla McNeilly will deliver these items periodically as they are brought to the church. Please place them in the grocery basket in the foyer or hang them on the foyer coat rack at the left end.

If you have any questions, contact Karla at 509-638-8540 (cell) or the church office at 509-926-7173 or veradaleucc@gmail.com.

Gift Donations to Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

- 1 Parents Choice – Size 5 Diapers – 108 Count
- 1 LUVS – Size 6 Diapers – 64 Count
- 1 Huggies – Size 1 Diapers – 38 Count
- 1 Huggies – Size 4 Diapers – 29 Count
- 1 Pull Ups – Size 3T- 4T - 20 Count
- 2 Huggies Wipes – 56 Count
- 3 Parents Choice Wipes – 80 Count
- 1 Boys Boxer Briefs – Size S/ (6-7) - 10 Count
- 1 Boys Boxer Briefs – Size XXL (18) 10 Count
- 1 Girls Brief – Size 6 – 10 Count
- 1 Girls Brief – Size 18 – 14 Count
- 2 Training Toothbrush Kits – (3mos-4 yrs)
- 3 Blankets
- 4 Cans Mandarin Oranges

These items were collected during the January 2nd 'Baby Shower for Baby Jesus' during worship as one of our VUCC local missions. Pastor Gen delivered them to Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery.

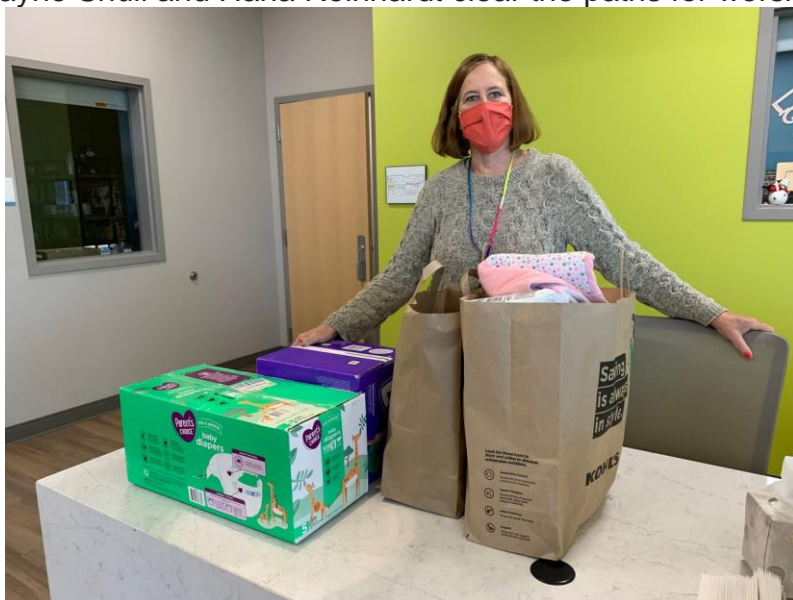
JANUARY PICTURES



Pat Jameson and Hana Reinhardt create individual packages of cupcakes for those who bring gifts for the Baby Shower for Baby Jesus



Wayne Shull and Hana Reinhardt clear the paths for worship.



Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery receives all the Baby Shower gifts.

VERADALE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
611 N. PROGRESS ROAD
SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99037

The Messenger published Monthly
Vol. 34 Published Monthly No. 2 / February 2022

Ministers: People of the Church
Pastor: Genavieve (Gen) Heywood
Office Manager: Joyce Walker
Music Director: Wayne Shull
Phone: (509) 926-7173
Email: veradaleucc@gmail.com
Website: veradaleucc.org
Facebook: facebook.com/Veradaleucc

Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

(‘ZOOM’ and Facebook) and open for ‘in person’ attendees by contacting Pastor Gen prior to each Sunday date per Covid-19 safety regulations of arrangement of chairs and spacing.