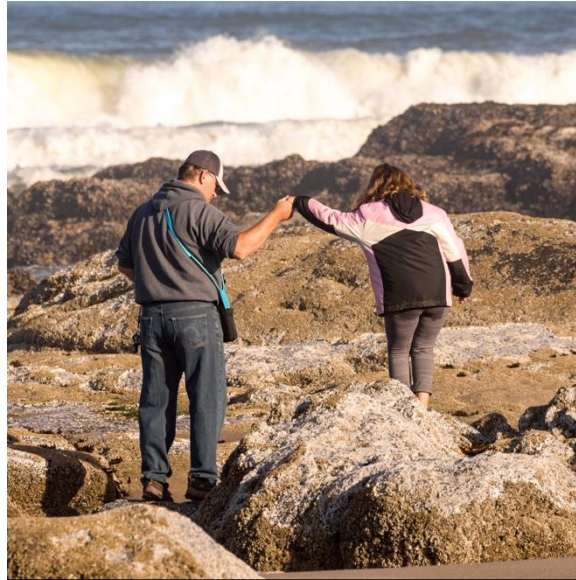


Worshipping God in Christ, Welcoming all, working for justice and peace

Veradale United Church of Christ

The Messenger



God Made from One Blood By Thomas H. Troeger

God Made from One Blood
all the families of earth,
the circles of nurture
that raise us from birth;
Companions who join us
to work through each stage
of childhood and youth
and adulthood and age.

We turn to you, God,
with our thanks and our tears
for all of the families
we've known through the years;
The intimate networks
on whom we depend
of parents and partners
and children and friends.

Through families we've tasted
the value of trust
and felt what it means
to be loving and just;
Yet families have also
betrayed their best goals,
mistreating their members
and bruising their souls.

Help families in all
of their various forms
to face with integrity
struggles and storms;
Grant peace to our homes
that will nurture the bud
of peace for the families
you made from one blood.

"This text was commissioned by Yale University Press for a New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (1992) to provide a hymn that recognizes the many different kinds of families that are represented when a campus congregation gathers to worship" from our New Century Hymnal 427

JUNE 2021

Thoughts from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Members of Veradale UCC,

Our ministry of outreach through the Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience has been working on Heart Interventions — ways to touch the hearts of our neighbors so that we might see each other as fully human. The art contest “Celebrate Curiosity” has finished and the short story contest begun. Below is the art and the words of the artists. May these stories warm your hearts!

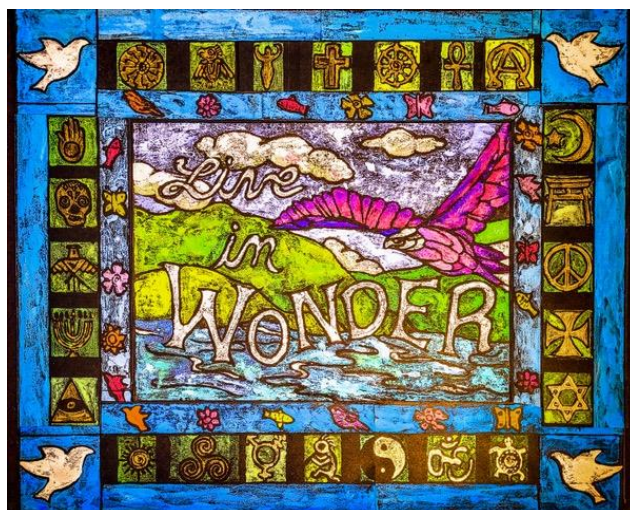
Pastor Gen



Lauren Erickson, winner (age 14)

I was born and raised in Spokane, Washington to Brian and Marisa Erickson and have one brother, Roman Erickson. I have always loved art and language arts. When I was little my mom had taken me to preschool and me art classes and I always enjoyed them so much. Now that I am in middle school, I have taken an art class last year in seventh grade and now in eighth grade.

I have received a paper in my honors English stating that there would be an art contest. Last year first, second, their place belonged to the students who went to my school Jonas E. Salk. Immediately I was interested about the contest and read over the paper again later that night. This year's theme was “Celebrate Curiosity” it took me a few days to really think about how I could even display it on paper or on canvas. Though one day the idea came to mind, I quickly sketched my design on printer paper before my idea left my head. My idea was to have people in circles all around holding hands while others held huge bold question marks symbolizing, we **celebrate curiosity**. I was very confident about it and began to sketch, even though I had little experience with sketching people. I incorporated myself in the front of the first circle in a gray t-shirt and jeans that I customized last year, purple and blue paint dripping up. On the far right is my dad in the original Nintendo controller shirt (he has the same shirt in real life?). My mom is right next to him in her classic hair pulled up in bun, my brother is a few people away waving in the #95 shirt representing his favorite car Lightning McQueen. I wanted to include EVERYONE in my drawing who have different cultures, ethnicities and even people who get around in their own ways. I thought it was very important to include everyone. On the left there is a black German Shepherd who is a service dog to a person that is blind. The dog is my dog in real life, her name is Scout. Before the art contest, my mom had showed me a video about a man named Blake Leeper, who had a prosthetic leg. His message was to keep going and reach your goals. I drew a similar person with a prosthetic leg on the left being inspired by Blake Leeper. My intention was to have lots of people together in circles celebrating curiosity as far as the eye could see. I enjoyed coming up with my design for **Celebrate Curiosity** and I believe I can grow farther with my artistic abilities. Thank you.



Eileen Martin. Adult second place

When I first became interested in visual arts, I studied the woodcuts of a Quaker political artist whose images conveyed a powerful message in such a beautiful format that the viewer was compelled to study it at length. That became my model and motivation for art making. Over the years, and they are many, I've featured environmental as well as political issues in prints and silk batiks. This poster, "Live in Wonder" is meant to honor the major religious and philosophical traditions of the world in the border images which surround the overarching imagery of the eagle, in its realm of power.



Samantha Breno, High School second place

"Beauty is Diversity" My name is Samantha Breno and I am currently a junior at Gonzaga Preparatory. I have been creating most of my life, but I really found passion in art freshman year when I took my first official art class. This past year I have been taking AP Art and have really enjoyed it. I love a variety of art from painting to drawing, clay sculpting to jewelry making, and photography to digital art. I currently sell jewelry and art on Instagram (@hiddenintheshetchbook) and I sell stickers on Etsy (ADaisyStickerShop).

This piece is one I did for my AP portfolio focused around mental health and social issues. This piece specifically is on body positivity and neutrality, which essentially means that it promotes the idea that everyone's body is powerful and beautiful no matter race, size, gender, amount of cosmetic surgery, etc. I tried to include a diverse selection of figures in my piece, I used Posca Paint Pens on glass and attached on a chain with super glue. I hope that the view can be reminded that even if their specific body type lacks media coverage, that they are strong and beautiful in their own uniqueness.



Lexi Henry, Middle School second place

I'm Lexi Henry. I'm 13 years old and I go to Salk Middle School. I really like drawing so when my English teacher told me about this it sounded like a lot of fun. I thought it would be cool to draw a few girls from all over the world and make it look like they were holding hands. I didn't draw it in my usual art style so it was a bit more of a challenge and made it more fun, but I've always liked the idea of people all being united and getting along! Actually, when I was in first grade I drew something a little similar to this, where everyone was holding hands and were all friends.

COME SEE!

On Saturday, June 5, 2021: Gallery of the "Celebrate Curiosity" Art Contest from 9am – 10am at Spokane FaVs – 1551 S. Freya.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JUNE 27, 2021

(2021 Budget Update and Election of 3 Council Officer Positions)

Scheduled for Sunday, June 27, 2021. At this meeting we will present a 2021 budget update and an election of the moderator, vice-moderator, and clerk. Our treasurer, Diane Smith, has one more year remaining on her term. The meeting will take place **immediately following Sunday worship** service on the 27th.

A reminder that our church services are becoming more open as the Governor evaluates the pandemic guidelines and restrictions, so we hope that you will be able to join us in worship and for the congregational meeting.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Shull
Moderator, VUCC

WEEKLY TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER WITH PASTOR GEN HEYWOOD

(Facebook and in person)

Remember we have silent prayer every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. Pastor Gen is at Veradale UCC and on our Facebook page.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

(Anyone is welcome to attend these meeting)

Our **Council Meeting** will be held on **Monday, June 21st 7:00 p.m. in person at VUCC and through 'ZOOM'.**

Watch your email or announcements for any additional details. Email or call the office 926-7173 if you wish to contribute any information, concerns, ideas, etc. to the council. Wayne Shull, Moderator.

Approved Monthly Council Meeting Minutes are posted on the Church Website and Bulletin Board in the Hallway.

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 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

MAY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our **Monthly goal is \$8,800.** We had **\$7,524** in donations towards that goal as of May 24th. *This includes Mother's Day Raffle of \$352.00.*

We are tracking our Monthly Goal. If you have questions, email or contact the office at 926-7173.

Offerings

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

There is an orange donate button on the right side of the page.

or

Send checks to Veradale UCC,
611 North Progress

PASTOR GEN VACATION

Pastor Gen Heywood will be on vacation from **Wednesday, June 23rd through Tuesday, July 20th.**

For emergency Pastoral needs, contact Wayne Shull 509-939-9581 or wayne_shull2004@yahoo.com. He will contact the on call pastors. Office needs contact Joyce Walker at veradaleuucc@gmail.com or 509-926-7173.

**Join us in worship.
There is plenty of room.**

**Please, consider how you are
called to give of your time,
talent, or treasure. Needed:
Weed whacking
Lawn care
Bathrooms cleaned
Floors washed
Funds to pay our obligations**

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



JUNE 2021



WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

IN-PERSON WITH LIMITED SEATING AND DISTANCING

OR ON FACEBOOK AND ZOOM or RADIO 89.3 F.M. FROM THE PARKING LOT.

FOLLOWING COVID REGULATIONS

ENJOY YOUR 		1 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen (Remote)	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote-Zoom)	7	8 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen (Remote) 5-6pm @ VUCC Truthful Tuesday	9	10	11	12 9:30 a.m. Photography Workshop 'Field <u>Trip meet at</u> <u>Turnbull</u> <u>Wildlife Rescue</u> <u>in Cheney</u> (See article)
13 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote-Zoom)	14	15 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen (Remote)	16  <u>Deadline for</u> <u>June</u>	17 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. FLLC Meeting (Remote)	18	19 9:30 a.m. Saturday Coffee Fellowship (Outdoors) 10:00 – Noon Photography Workshop at VUCC
20 Father's Day All <u>Nurturer's Day</u> 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote-Zoom)	21 7:00 p.m. Council	22 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen (Remote)	23 Pastor Gen Vacation thru July 20th.	24	25	26
27 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote-Zoom) Congregational 'Elections' Meeting (After Worship Service)	28	29	30	<u>MARK YOUR CALENDARS!</u> <u>'ELECTIONS'</u> <u>SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL</u> <u>MEETING</u> <u>SUNDAY, JUNE 27th</u> <u>(AFTER WORSHIP)</u>		

Date	Worship Services	Time	Access Services <i>If 'in-person' attending, notify Pastor Gen.</i>
June 6		10:00 a.m.	Join at church or remote
June 13		10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote
June 20	Father's/Nurturer's Day	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote
June 27	Congregational Meeting <u>After Worship</u>	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote

'REMINDER'

CONTACT PASTOR GEN IF ATTENDING WORSHIP IN PERSON

(Pastor Gen for Sundays: June 6, 13 and 20th) (Sundays, June 27, July 4, 11 & 18 - Contact Wayne Shull)

Please be sure to call or email Pastor Gen each time you plan to attend Sunday Worship service in person. Worship will also be seen and heard on Facebook, Zoom, and Radio Daniel Station 89.3FM (from our parking lot). **Keep flexible about in-person.** We are weighing the risks on a week-to-week basis. We are practicing all COVID responsible protocols. Pastor Gen: cell: 1-408-593-9556 or home: 509-919-3768

'N-SID-SEN' OPPORTUNITIES! INFORMATION FROM MARK BOYD-MANAGING DIRECTOR

After much scrutiny, prayer, and research it has been decided that we will be able to offer a different version of camp for 2021. After reviewing what other camps across the country did that worked, we believe we have a set of protocols that will provide the best safety for both campers and staff. (check out our website for more information www.n-sid-sen.org)

All Opportunities are Thursday-Monday

Please know space is limited for all opportunities.

We will be offering the following opportunities for you to come home to the lake:

Families at Camp rentals. This opportunity will allow a single family currently residing together to rent a lodge or cabin for their private use. Campers are responsible for their own meals. (check out our website for more information www.n-sid-sen.org)

Family Escapes at N-Sid-Sen. This is like Families at Camp; however, it includes meals. (check out our website for more information www.n-sid-sen.org)

Program Family Camps. This is a United Church of Christ program for families to come and participate in worship, games, discussion, and service opportunities. There are 3 different dates for these camps. (check out our website for more information www.n-sid-sen.org)

Sr High Camp. This is a smaller social distanced program that will include worship, games, discussion, and service opportunities. (check out our website for more information www.n-sid-sen.org)

Jr High Camp. This is a smaller social distanced program that will include worship, games, discussion, and service opportunities. (check out our website for more information www.n-sid-sen.org)

Class of 2020 Camp. This is for those folks who graduated High School in 2020 and were not able to attend camp. This event will include worship, games, discussion, and service opportunities. (check out our website for more information www.n-sid-sen.org)

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer Kid's Camp or Intermediate Camp this year.

Registration will open no later than March 31st.

All folks attending any N-Sid-Sen event will be required to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols as long as Covid-19 remains a safety concern. (check out our website for more information www.n-sid-sen.org)

Mark Boyd
Managing Director



Mark Boyd
Managing Director N-Sid-Sen Camp & Retreat Center, Pacific NW Conference United
Church of Christ

509.919.3400 | 208.240.1046 | mark@n-sid-sen.org

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 wear masks and meet in the large hall so we can keep distance. We will stream on Zoom if anyone is interest.

From 10:00am until about 10:45am we will go over camera settings and functions. This will include how to format the SD cards, set the anti-shake, use flexible spot metering, using timers, and manual focus, and work in Manual Mode. From 10:45am until about noon we will share three of your best images from this last year. We will talk about the possibility of some aurora activity, telephoto work with birds as well as macro work with wildflowers.

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.

Have your camera, charged batteries, and a tripod if you have it.

Thanks,

Pastor Gen
(408) 593-9556

Field Trips are a part of the Photography Workshops (as scheduled)

Our **June 'Field Trip'** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 12th at 9:30 a.m.** We will meet at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge 26010 S. Smith Rd, Cheney, WA.

Bring: your camera, a long lens for birds and/or a shorter lens for flowers and landscape images, extra charged batteries, and a tripod or mono pod if you have it.

Contact Pastor Gen if you have questions.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



HAPPY ALL NURTURER'S DAY!

SATURDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Hi everyone,

I am delighted to report that 6 of us met at the VUCC Fellowship Hall for a fun discussion of *The Boy, The Mole, the Fox, and the Horse*. It is a sweet and powerful quick-read that everyone would enjoy, so if you haven't read it, the library has hard copies and audio books available.

For **June** we will meet at the church again, **outside weather permitting** or in the fellowship hall otherwise with appropriate social distancing. Our June date will be one week late, **on the 3rd Saturday which is June 19, at 9:30AM**. Our book discussion will be "*The Day the World Came to Town*", by Jim DeFede. It is the story of the town of Gander, Newfoundland on 9-11-01 when US-bound jets couldn't land in our country so many went to Canada. Many landed in Gander, and it is the heartwarming and harrowing experiences of the people in the town and the people on the planes who were stranded for several days. The library has both audio and hard copies.

We will not meet in July, and then regroup at the end of the summer. In the meantime, happy reading!

Becky

CELEBRATE!

We **celebrate all those with May Birthdays**. Wish we could be together in fellowship with all of you! Hope your Birthdays were wonderful!
Stay Healthy and Safe!

LONGEVITY COMMITTEE

Come Join Us!

The Longevity Committee is a group of volunteer church members and friends of VUCC who meet on Thursdays or other days as scheduled to gather ideas, plan and implement events and activities throughout the year in support of the missions and ministries of VUCC. Some prior things are Facebook Auctions, Basket Raffles, and Chile Feed Bingo Night. All are welcome to join this group and bring all your ideas! Call: 926-7173 for Info.

'WELCOME' VIDEO CLIPS

We continue to create these short 'Welcome' Video clips to play prior to our worship services each week.

If you are interested in participating in any of these videos please contact Pastor Gen so she can schedule a time with you to create the video. These can be in-person or with you in your car.

Gen: 1-408-593-9556 or genheywood@att.net

2021 PLEDGE CARDS AVAILABLE



Pledges continue to come in for 2021 and are greatly appreciated. There are blank Pledge Cards on the foyer table outside the sanctuary along with related letters from our VUCC Council. **If you need the card mailed or emailed to you let me know.** Fill out the Pledge Card and return it to the office by mail or place it in the Sunday offering plate. **You may also email or call in your Pledge at 926-7173 or veradaleucc@gmail.com.**

Prayers List

Wayne and Charlie as they travel and remember the life of Marj Shull
Helen Bonser as she receives hospice care.
Marilyn who is still recovering from covid.
Louise Tajuddin's brother recovering from surgery and related pain.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Thank you for helping with the restoration...
Dedication was held after worship on Memorial Sunday, May 30, 2021. Work in the garden continues.

Please contact Don or Jan Young
979-0228 (Don),
979-0224 (Jan), youngdcyoung@gamil.com.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donate towards the renewal of the Memorial Garden please identify the donation as such. You may mail your donation to the church or put it in the offering plant or office.

Faith Leaders and
Leaders of Conscience of
Eastern Washington and
North Idaho present

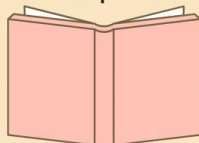


A Short Story Contest "Brilliant Blunders that Left a Mark."

Entries must be received by September 3rd, 2021
\$150 first place and \$100 second place.

Judges are looking for a short story between
1,000 and 2,100 words that can be fiction or
nonfiction of any genre that highlights the ways
we humans own and learn from our mistakes.

For rules email FLLConscience@gmail.com



Short Story Contest

"Brilliant Blunders that Left a Mark."

Entry must be received by September 3rd, 2021.
Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience of
Eastern Washington and North Idaho are proud to
invite short story writers from sixth grade to adult to
enter our first Short Story contest called
"Brilliant Blunders that Left a Mark".

About the Contest

Judges are looking for a short story between
1,000 and 2,100 words that can be fiction or
nonfiction of any genre that highlights the ways we
humans own and learn from our mistakes.

A well-crafted story will:

Express the struggle humans have with admitting
our blunders/mistakes/snafus, what happens when
we own our imperfection and the transformation
that happens.

All stories remain the property of the writer. The
winning stories will be offered to the media for
announcement of their success. The top winner's
story will be offered for a public reading. The top
ten stories may be offered for local publication as
part of Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience
Heart Interventions project. The authors will be
credited on all publications.

Email FLLConscience@gmail.com for the rules.

HOPE HOUSE 'WISH LIST'

(Every donation gives a woman hope!)

(Our giving at least thru June 2021)

*Please hold your VUCC donations at
home or contact Hope House (535-3155)
to see if they are excepting donations at
this time. We will resume our VUCC
Collections once we are meeting again
at the church.*



Socks	Soap
Underwear	Cough Drops
Sugar	Razors
Creamer	Hair Ties
Peanut Butter	Coffee
Tampons	Toilet Paper
Blankets	Milk
Bus Passes	Butter
Shampoo	Breakfast
Cereal	
Conditioner	Ladies
Clothing	
Dog Food & Biscuits	Bras



SPOKANE VALLEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

You may drop off items 8am-4pm (M-F) at
10814 E. Broadway or Mail money to SVP,
PO Box 141360, Spokane Valley, WA.
99214. Please, contact SVP directly to
arrange dropping off food. **SVP: 927-1153**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Katie Krauss – 6/3 - B
Marvin Wilson - B
Melodi Bradshaw – 6/4 - B
Greg McNeilly – 6/12 - B
Robyn Ferguson - B
Mark & Julie Boyd – 6/13 - A
Scott & Shannon Davies – 6/23 - A
Linda Counter – B
Joe McSwain – 6/24 - B
Linda Pruitt – 6/26 – B
Paul & Jeanne Salisbury – 6/26 – A



(photo from Don Young of most of the Monday Memorial Garden work crew - Don and Louise were also workers. Wayne provided lunch!)



FAITH ACTION NETWORK

Join us for a Spring Summit on June 6!

We had a great May Summit last Sunday! Advocates joined us virtually from across the state to talk about legislative wins and imagine our future work together in issue breakout groups.

If you were not able to attend last week, we hope you will join us on Sunday, June 6 from 2-4 PM for our final Spring Summit! Register here: bit.ly/2021SummitJune.

When: June 6th, 2021 2:00 PM through 4:00 PM

Location Online - A Zoom Link Will Be Emailed To You Before The Event.

WA United States

Contact

Phone: (206) 625-9790

Email: fan@fanwa.org

Consider which breakout group you would be interested in joining or if you'd like to suggest and facilitate your own issue topic group:

- Criminal Justice/Police Reform
- Housing/Homelessness
- Environment/Climate Justice
- Immigration
- Hunger/Nutrition/Poverty/TANF
- Economic Justice/Taxation
- Racial Equity
- Healthcare/Mental Health

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Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Zoom, Facebook & (Radio 89.3- from the Parking Lot) 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.