

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

Veradale United Church of Christ

The Messenger



Image of Milky Way, Saturn, Jupiter, and a communications tower from the top of Steptoe Butte.

Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name

African American Spiritual
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Hush, hush somebody's calling my name,
Hush, hush somebody's calling my name,
Hush, hush somebody's calling my name.
Oh my God, Oh my God, what shall I do, what shall I do?

Sounds like Jesus, somebody's calling my name,
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Oh my God, Oh my God, what shall I do, what shall I do?

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Thoughts from the Pastor

"I'm so glad trouble won't last always," says the old African American Spiritual, "Oh my God. Oh, my God, what shall I do, what shall I do?" My belief is that in trouble, we need to do the best we can to be the people we want to be after trouble is gone because "trouble won't last always."

Thank you, church for being amazing through the troubles we have been facing. We have changed how we worshipped to meet the troubles of the pandemic. Some of us worship in the building on Sunday and most of us are on Zoom, Facebook, and even in the parking lot listening on 89.3 FM through our short range transmitter.

This Sunday, August 30, our worship includes songs to support Helen as she grieves the loss of her daughter Terri. Our service also includes Don Young bring the message to young hearts and Glen Scott bringing a message to all of us. This came together because, yes, I had a rushed surgery. The problem with the gallbladder was missed when I went into urgent care with symptoms on Tuesday, August 18 so by around midnight Saturday, August 22 - Sunday, August 23 I ended up in the ER, had bunches of tests, and then surgery. So much unwanted drama.

Even when troubles come, our little church just gets things done. Many thanks go to Wayne, Charlie, and Scotty for picking up the needs of worship! Many thanks to Joyce for keeping our church community connected with what was happening! Many thanks to all who have kept us well fed and to all who have added us to your prayers. Thank you!

The doctor has told me that I'll feel much better after two weeks and expect it to take six weeks to get back to full energy. She told me I could make short drives to the store by the end of this week. This is really workable.

"Troubles won't last always." Again, thank you for all the love, kind thoughts, and prayers. It is an amazing community that we share in Veradale United Church of Christ!

With gratitude,

Pastor Gen

**‘REMINDER’
CALL PASTOR GEN
IF ATTENDING WORSHIP IN PERSON**

Please be sure to call 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 Station 89.3FM (from our parking lot) at the same time as in person. COVID precautions are being followed and in place at the church for in person attendees.

Pastor Gen: 1-408-593-9556 – Cell or 509-919-3768 - Home

**‘MESSAGE TO YOUNG HEARTS’
(DURING WORSHIP SERVICE)**

Message to Young Hearts for September:

Each week we will have a theme and everyone is invited to bring something that represents that theme. This might be a story, a poem, a picture, or something else that represents the theme. You can post your ‘share’ on Facebook Comments. Those at VUCC in-person can bring theirs to share.

Sunday, September 6, Labor: What does it mean to work, build, harvest, create....

Sunday, September 13, Belonging: usually this is our Sunday to collect water that would later be used for baptism. We blend the water together as a reminder that we are one. Think about what it means to belong._

Sunday, September 20, Being fair: ways to help us keep fair with each other and ourselves.

Sunday, September 27, What do you like to make? Why?

**MEMORIAL GARDEN
BRICKS AND REDESIGN**

We are planning to redesign and update the Memorial Garden at VUCC. Current memorial funds will be used to purchase and engrave bricks for members of our congregation who have past away. In addition, if you have friends or family who were not members but for whom you would like a memorial brick included in the garden, you can purchase one or more. The cost for each brick with engraving of first and last name will be \$25.00 total. **You can send your payment to the church made payable to Veradale United Church of Christ Memorial Funds by September 1, 2020.**

Please contact Don Young (509) 979-0228, youngdcyoung@gmail.com, with questions.

HOPE HOUSE 'WISH LIST'

(Every donation gives a woman hope!)

(Our giving at least thru September 2020)

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH 'WORSHIP IN PERSON' COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

On June 28th we opened Worship Services 'in person' in the Sanctuary following COVID-19 safety and sanitation requirements.

Due to these requirements in keeping everyone safe and well the Worship Team is looking for a person to volunteer for one Sunday a month (5 Sundays means we would like to have 5 volunteers). **We still need 2 volunteers.** Contact Wayne Shull. Supplies will be available.

Here is what to expect on Sundays at 'in person' Worship Services:

1. Enter through front door (church wings will both be closed).
2. Only the one bathroom by the front doors will be used.
3. Temperature and names will be taken at the door.
4. Masks are required (we will have masks for forgetful folk).
5. Chairs will be set at 6' apart. Please, do not move chairs. **Those in same household family may sit together.**
6. No Bibles, Hymnals, Pens, Pencils, or Coloring Table items available during worship services. Please bring your own Bible.

Please, let Pastor Gen know if you are coming in person so that she can be certain we have enough chairs set out. Thank you, Gen.



SPOKANE VALLEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS **(Our giving at least thru September 2020)**

Please hold your VUCC donations at home or contact SVP at 927-1153 to see if they are excepting donations at this time. We will resume our VUCC Collections once we are meeting again at the church.

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**

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL



Our Council Meeting will be **through on September 21st at 7:00 p.m.** Watch your email for a **H.O.M.E.** memo with 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.

BRING WATER FROM SUMMER TRAVELS

On **Sunday, September 13th** we will **collect water from summer travels.**

Bring your water to church and we will steralize it and blend the water together as a reminder that we are one. This will then be used in our Baptismal Fount for communion Sundays.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY


THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Attend Worship Services 'In-Person', on Facebook (Zoom) or listen on Radio Station 89.3 FM (from our Parking Lot)
In-Person attendees need to call Pastor Gen prior to each service.

		1 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen 9:30 – 10:00 am. Chronicles of Corona	2	3 1:00 p.m. Longevity Mtg.	4 Deadline for Auction Items	5
6 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship <u>(Remote & 'OPEN')</u> Hope House donations ' on hold ' for future	7 LABOR DAY! OFFICE CLOSED	8 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen 9:30 – 10:00 am. Chronicles of Corona	9	10	11	12 9:30 a.m. Saturday Coffee Fellowship (Outside on North Side Lawn)
13 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship <u>(Remote & 'OPEN')</u>  <u>Collect Water from Summer Travels</u>	14	15 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen 9:30 – 10:00 am. Chronicles of Corona 5:00 – 6:00pm. Truthful Tuesday On Zoom	16	17 9:00–11:30 am FLLC Meeting	18	19 6 – 8 pm AUCTION on Facebook (Zoom)
20 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship <u>(Remote & 'OPEN')</u>	21 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	22 Fall Begins! 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen 9:30 – 10:00 am. Chronicles of Corona	23  Articles due for October	24	25	26
27 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship <u>(Remote & 'OPEN')</u>	28	29 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen 9:30 – 10:00 am. Chronicles of Corona	30	<u>Access Facebook – (Zoom):</u> For Worship Services https://zoom.us/j/98581223201 Meeting ID: 985 8122 3201		

Date	Worship Services	Time	Access Services <u>Or Contact Pastor Gen if attending in person!</u>
September 6	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
September 13	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
September 20	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
September 27	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ARTICLES



Please have your information and articles to Joyce by **Wednesday, September 23rd**. If you need assistance with your article call or email at 926-7173 or veradaleucc@gmail.com. I can access the emails from home. Thank you, Joyce

WEEKLY TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER WITH PASTOR GEN HEYWOOD (REMOTE)

Remember we have silent prayer every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. Pastor Gen Heywood will hold prayers from her home on the Veradale UCC Facebook page.

SATURDAY COFFE FELLOWSHIP



Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m. at VUCC**. We agreed that the **northwest corner of the church yard**. We will bring our own chairs, and our own drinks/snack.

We will discuss “*Giver of Stars*” by JJ Moyers. As of August 8th there was a long wait list at the Valley Library so hopefully you have already read it or able to buy or borrow a copy elsewhere. **If you are willing to lead the discussion, let me know.**

Looking forward to seeing you on September 12th!

Blessings and Namaste,

Becky

VUCC ‘ONLINE’ AUCTION (FACEBOOK-LIVE (ZOOM))

We will hold an **Online Facebook-Live (ZOOM) Auction** on **September 19th** from **6-8 pm**. We still need a few Gift Baskets to offer. If you have something to donate please **contact Marvin Wilson by Friday, September 4th** at email address:

Sammyspamw.mw@gmail.com so he can put it on his list and also see the item(s) being donated. **September 4th is the deadline to have items at the church or to Marvin.**

Items will be available for viewing on Facebook for two weeks prior to the September 19th ‘Live’ Auction date.

Thank you, Longevity Committee.

SEPTEMBER - BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



9/8: Cherall Anne St. James & Diane Smith-A

9/9: Charlie Salt – B

9/26: Genevieve Fawcett - B

9/28: Aspen Davies – B

9/29: Lea Chilberg – B

Kathy Rennert – B

FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

1. Obtain a Fred Meyer (FM) Rewards Card from any cashier or customer service at your Fred Meyer store. If you already have one, skip this step.
2. Got to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards to link your Rewards Card to the church.
3. On the community rewards page **Click** on the **Rewards** tab. On the menu that drops down **Click** on **Fred Meyer Community Rewards**.
4. On this page, scroll down to "Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?" & **Click Re-enroll or link your rewards card now**. Follow the instructions & enter your card number.
5. It will ask you to sign in, you may have to set up an account using your email address and a password, if you don't already have an account. Then **Click** on **Sign In**.
6. On the page that comes up after you sign in, under **Find Your Organization** **Enter** **Veradale** or at least the first 3 letters of the church name in the box. **Click Search**.
7. **Select** **Veradale United Church of Christ** and **Click Enroll**.
8. An Account Summary will come up. There will be a box at the top that has a checkmark and states "Your enrollment in the community rewards program has been updated. Thanks for participating. Your account info can be edited on this page."

AUGUST FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our **Monthly goal is \$8,800**. We had **\$8,265** in donations towards that goal as of **August 31st**.

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://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

PRAYERS & CONCERNS from Sunday Worship and Tuesday Prayer

Sunday 8/23 – Prayers for Pastor Gen as she was in the hospital that morning for emergency gallbladder surgery. Surgery went well by the afternoon Gen was home recuperating. Prayers for a speedy recovery and for Hana and Henry to stay strong during this time. Hana is at home and helping Pastor Gen.

Sunday 30 – Naomi asked for prayers for her brothers' in-laws with some COVID cases and possible exposure.

Marvin's Dad is recovering from being ill.

Helen and family as they grieve the recent loss of her adult daughter, Terry Sullivan.

Jerry Brines – Prayers as Jerry and the family as they grieve the recent loss of his adult grandson.

Prayers for those in Portland, Spokane and other locations in support of justice.

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



AUGUST 11th - 'HANA PARTY' PICTURES

Many Thanks to all who participated in the drive through party!

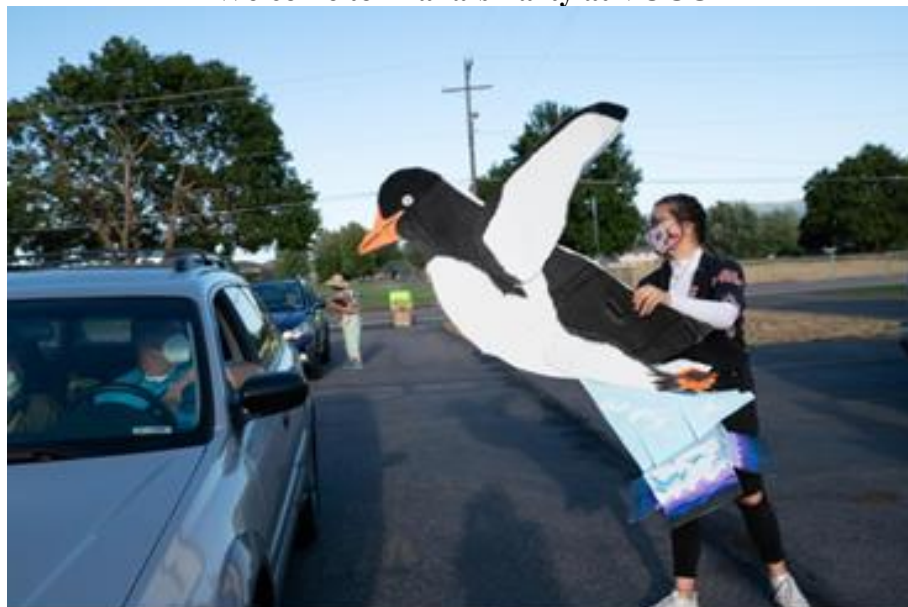
This was definitely out of the ordinary! We learned a lot and much fun was had! Thanks!



Henry, Mark and Don Helping with Dinners at the Party!



Welcome to 'Hana's Party at VUCC



Hana Receiving Gifts to her 'Dream' Box.



Dinner's Given To Party Guests In Their Cars



Don Giving A Dinner to a Guest of the Party



Guest Parked in the VUCC Lot Listening on Radio to Hana's Presentation/Program

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Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

(‘Remote’ on 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.