

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

Veradale United Church of Christ

The Messenger



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“This is my Song”

Third verse by Georgia Harkness

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May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

NOVEMBER 2020



Thoughts from the Pastor –

I've been thinking about the motto of our country "Out of Many One" or in the Latin "E pluribus Unum." The suffering of our time has exposed that we are not one. Worse, there is a great effort to keep dividing us. However, in our act of voting, we are one for a moment. We share our individual voices to move us again toward that goal that out of many, we can be one.

Fear has been weaponized to keep us from letting our "many" be our oneness. We have even been led to fear that our vote doesn't count. Voting is "Out of Many, One" voice that is not a single melody line but is more like an orchestra with tones and harmonies.

The importance of our vote is more than who wins. It is a testament to who we are in this moment. When everyone votes, we can better see all the layers. This takes mindfulness and an ability to see beyond the "win."

However, the successful use of sports metaphors to describe elections as well as the generating of excessive fear has made elections all about the side that "won." This is even more troubling as we now have multiple sides to every issue with some of them being completely imaginary. The movement is toward trust in conspiracies, propaganda, and something like a shell game with facts has cost us relationships within our friendships, families, and neighborhoods.

These have expanded the rift in existing societal divisions. Even when our voting is finally completed and every vote is honored and counted, we have a long road to travel before healing. In many cases, the breakage caused by lies, fear, greed, self-righteousness, white supremacy, and Christian Dominionism may be unrepairable.

This is a moral issue. "The moral arc of the universe is not a stagnant reality. It requires people who keep bending it. Who in their strength, grace, mercy, love, sacrifice, suffering and speaking truth, they keep bending it. The more of us that engage in bending, the faster it is bent. It's not just left to God alone." The Rev. Dr. William Barber

The transformation, the bending of the arc toward justice, toward fulfilling the ideal to be "Out of Many, One" will take mental and emotional maturity that may be beyond some of our fellow citizens. Still, this is our practice. We will love our neighbor as ourselves. We will speak truth, respect science, and love God through our devotion and through our actions so that the many be one. That was, after all, the prayer of Jesus, "Father, I pray they will be one, just as you are in me and I am in you. I want them also to be in us." John 17:21

Thank you for voting with your conscience. No matter the results, we continue to love our neighbor as ourselves.

With prayers and blessings,
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

‘MESSAGES OF THANKSGIVING’



Would you like to make an “offering” about what it means to live with a “Thankful Heart.” Each week, we will take a moment to share our gratitude.
Let Pastor Gen know that you have thoughts to share.

GENEROSITY SUNDAY

Bring your Pledge Card for Offering Time or Mail, Call or Email your Pledge.

On the second Sunday in November, we will determine how we will be “Living Generously” in support of the ministry and mission of Veradale United Church of Christ. We will celebrate our **Generosity Sunday, November 8, 2020 at our 10:30 am worship service.**

We practice the way of Jesus in this small and mighty church! We share a partnership with God and one another through our prayers, worship, study, and actions. So, in these days ahead, please, consider what it means for us to be “Living Generously.”

Thank you for being part of this community dedicated to living the way of Jesus.

With deepest gratitude,
Pastor Gen

HOPE HOUSE 'WISH LIST'

(Every donation gives a woman hope!)

(Our giving at least thru November 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



SPOKANE VALLEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

(Our giving at least thru November 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**

NOVEMBER COUNCIL



Our Council Meeting will be **through on November 16th at 7:00 p.m.** 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.

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.

THANKSGIVING MEAL



Let Pastor Gen know **if you would like to have a virtual Thanksgiving meal together.** We would make our own little meal and join together on Go To Meeting. Want to visit with each other on Thanksgiving Day?

Email: genheywood@att.net

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY


WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 2020

1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote & 'OPEN')	2	3 ELECTION DATE <u>VOTE!</u>	4	5 1:00p.m. Longevity Mtg	6	7
8 Generosity Sunday 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote & 'OPEN') Turn in your Pledge Cards During Offering	9	10 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen 5-6 pm Truthful Tuesday (Remote)	11 Veteran's Day OFFICE CLOSED	12	13	14 9:30 a.m. Saturday Coffee Fellowship on (Go-to-Meeting)
15 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote & 'OPEN')	16 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	17 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	18  Articles Due for December	19 9:00-11:30 am FLLC Meeting (Remote)	20	21
22 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote & 'OPEN')	23	24 9-9:25 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	25	26 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	27	28
29 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship (Remote & 'OPEN')	30	<p>Attend Worship Services 'In-Person', on Facebook (Zoom) or listen on Radio Station <u>89.3 FM</u> (from our Parking Lot)</p> <p>In-Person attendees need to call Pastor Gen prior to each service.</p> <p><u>'DAYLIGHT SAVINGS' TIME BEGINS NOVEMBER 1st!</u></p> <p>Don't be late for Sunday November 1st Worship Service!</p>				

Date	Worship Services	Time	Access Services <i><u>Or</u> Contact Pastor Gen if attending in person!</i>
November 1	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
November 8	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
November 15	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
November 22 November 29	Sunday Worship Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone (remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ARTICLES

Please have your information and articles to Joyce by **Wednesday, November 18th**. 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.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS



We are thinking of using our silk poinsettias and making this a way to give to the three offerings for the UCC, One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthening the Church, and the Christmas Fund. So, **for a donation of \$15, a poinsettia will be placed in memory of those you want to recognize.** The list of those remembered will be printed in the bulletin for Christmas Eve. **The money will be divided between the three special offerings** and the poinsettia will be available to be used next year.

END OF YEAR OFFERINGS PROCESSING NOTIFICATION

We will be closing the financial books by **Sunday, December 27th** this year in order to have all 2020 offerings accounted for in the current tax year.

Please have your **offerings** (all types) for 2020 completed **by Sunday, December 27th**. *If you are mailing your donation please mail early enough for VUCC to receive them in the mailbox by 12/27.*

Any donations after that date will be counted towards 2021 because we cannot deposit them until January 4, 2021. Questions: Call the Office at 926-7173 or talk to Diane Smith, Treasurer.

DECORATE THE CHURCH



This year we will be decorating outside more than inside. If you have an outdoor string of lights that can be connected with others, bring that to the church with your name clearly taped on it. We will light up the little outdoor nativity and shine light in the darkness.

FAITH ACTION NETWORK 'VIRTUAL' ANNUAL DINNER HOST VIRTUAL TABLE

We want to make sure you have all the information you need to register for **FAN's Virtual Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 15**. Just click on the registration link bit.ly/FANDinner2020--once we have your registration and email address, we'll keep you posted on the exciting developments!

The virtual nature of this year's event will enable us to connect statewide with more of our network than we ever could have done at our in-person dinners! We can celebrate the work we do for justice in the places we live with friends, members of our faith communities and organizations. We can commit to **Rise Up Together** in the work that will be ahead of us, whatever happens in the November election.

Be a Virtual Table Host! Click the box on your registration form, and then invite friends and colleagues to virtually join you. You can send them to our event page fanwa.org/annual-dinner where they can learn more about it and find the registration link. As a host, you will invite them to your own Zoom gathering room; if you don't have your own Zoom hosting account, you can co-host with another friend in your circle who does.

The first half hour (5:00-5:30pm) will be virtual social time all across our beautiful state! At 5:30pm, you will help everyone move into the main room to be together for our program. As a host, we'll send you a virtual packet in the next few weeks with tips for making it a great time and fun for your guests. We will also offer a Zoom host training before the event for those who would like that. We would like all participants to also register on the FAN event page, bit.ly/FANDinner2020 so they receive updates too.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our **Monthly goal is \$8,800**. We had **\$6,339** in donations towards that goal as of **October 26th**.

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

SATURDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting will be **Saturday, November 14th at 9:30 a.m. through 'Go-to-Meeting'**. We will be discussing "*The Moment of Lift*" by Melinda Gates. It is about the work of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to empower women with education. Valley Library has hard copies and audio versions. I am looking for a volunteer to facilitate the discussion.

New to GoToMeeting? Install app:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/168492205>

Join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/168492205>

You can dial in using your phone:

+1 (646) 749-3122 / Access code: 168-492-205

This is a new way of continuing book club and discussions. Let me know if you have questions.

In the meantime, "Take Care of Yourself, and Each Other".

Namaste, Becky

NOVEMBER - BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



David Knapp – B – 11/1
Helen Bonser – B – 11/3
Jan Young – B – 11/4

Greg Salisbury – B – 11/7
Blake Vogt – B – 11/16
Donita Nunley – B – 11/23

PLUM PUDDING, RECORDINGS



We boldly go where we have never gone before!

Call or email Pastor Gen and she will record your story, poem, song, etc, in the sanctuary (or you can send her your recording). She will make a **video** of all of us and we will **show it at the church and on Facebook and Zoom on Sunday, December 6 at a time to be determined**

***In December we will hold another Facebook Auction fundraiser. Details soon from the Longevity Committee. ***

PRAYERS



Prayers of concern for

Marvin Wilson's Dad who is weak.

Marvin who can no longer lift his Dad and is having trouble getting caretaker help.

Kathy Cleveland as she recovers from cancer surgery and for Sally as she cares for Kathy.

Prayers of joy for

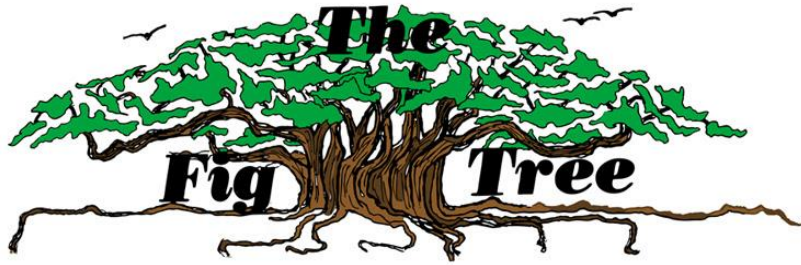
Justin and Naomi as they have moved into their new home recently. What a blessing!

FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Fundraising

We continue VUCC as a 501-c3 Non-Profit organization who will receive funds each time someone uses their Fred Myer's Rewards Card. Currently we have earned \$18.71 this fourth quarter. If we get \$25.00 or more we get a check for the church. Sign up is easy with the link below and our VUCC NPO Number **LN110**. Link: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Thank you shoppers who have continued to support VUCC in this fundraiser!



Fall Festival of Sharing 2020

Dear Friends,

The Fig Tree is launching a fall campaign to invite support of sponsors. Please help us spread the word to let your congregation know we seek new and ongoing readers to join those supporting The Fig Tree's mission of sharing stories, connecting people, fostering understanding and inspiring solidarity among the diverse communities in the Inland Northwest.

The "Fall Festival of Sharing" will run Oct. 21 through Nov. 29. There are opportunities to donate through The Fig Tree Facebook Fundraiser at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/676720579936400/>, on our website at www.thefigtree.org/donate.html or by mail to The Fig Tree, 1323 S. Perry St., Spokane, WA 99202.

To help promote the event through your newsletter and announcements, we invite you to **share a flier** at thefigtree.org/2020FallFestivalofSharing.pdf. You may add your own words of support.

It's hard to deliver bulk orders with many faith communities not gathering in person, so we invite you to send addresses/emails of leaders who might value receiving and reading The Fig Tree in print or online. Donations for bulk copies are welcome.

We invite you to share article ideas with us, as well as your reflections for editorials or Sounding Board comments.

Many thanks for your assistance in spreading the word,
Mary

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Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Facebook-Zoom & (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.