

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

Veradale United Church of Christ

The Messenger



Join us for our “Baby Shower for the Baby Jesus” on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Bring things needed by babies from birth to 5 years old (diapers, clothes, toys, formula.) Three Wise Ones and their wise friends will process into worship with our gifts and set them before our nativity. After worship we will have fellowship and the gifts will be taken to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery to help the babies in need.

JANUARY 2019



Thoughts from Your Pastor

On the last Sunday of 2018, we heard the passage from the Gospel of Luke where Jesus at 12 years old tells his parents that he knew what he **must** do. He is compelled even as a child to be about God's business. Also, on Sunday, we saw pictures of the many things we as a church did in the past year. These images reminded us of how we blend worship with action and action with worship. We do this not because we "should." We do this because love for our neighbor compels us.

We shared words and reflections that describe our church, kindness, compassion, love, welcoming we're among them. My favorite was from Dary. He told us that before becoming part of our community the expression "Co-Exist" probably described his thinking. Now, he says that the word that describes what he has experienced with us is Co-Thrive.

We are a Co-Thrive church. We stand in solidarity with our neighbors of other faiths and people of no faith that they may thrive and do good for others. We genuinely affirm that the Divine is concerned with how we treat one another. Remember Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." This describes the followers of the way of Jesus and the vision of God.

In 2019, our Co-Thrive church must consider what to do about our expenses to be in this time and place. Please, join us for our budget meeting on Sunday, February 3, immediately after worship. We will look at our finances and consider what we can do to better use our facility. If we are to keep this location and continue to maintain our building, we will need everyone's help. **Do you know a nonprofit that needs to rent an office space? Is there a music teacher who wants to rent for recitals?** We had only two recital like events at our church on 2018. **Can you give your time to help "market" the rental spaces at our church?**

Our church genuinely seeks to live out the love known to us in Jesus. We can do this any where we gather. In 2019 just as we have done all along, we will blend worship with action and actions with worship so that everyone may Co-Thrive because the is the Spirit within this community.

With blessings,

Pastor Gen

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
'BUDGET' MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

We will hold our Annual 'Budget' Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, February 3rd immediately after worship service.** Please plan to attend this important meeting. Every member has a vote and voice to be heard as we look forward toward our new church year with important information and decision making.

Questions: 926-7173 or contact a Council member.

**WEEKLY TUESDAY MORNING
PRAYER IN THE SANCTUARY**



Remember we have silent prayer in the Sanctuary every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (**resumes 1/8/2019**) where everyone is welcome. If you are unable to stop by the church, take a moment wherever you are to pray. There is also a 'Prayer Request' box in the foyer.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our **Monthly goal is \$8,300.** We had **\$8,608** towards that goal as of **December 26th**. If you have questions contact the office at 926-7173 or Gae Ann Moffit, Treasurer.

Please plan to attend the Congregational 'Budget' Meeting on Sunday, February 3, 2019!



**LOCAL MISSION
OFFERINGS**

We will hold our next **SVP Food Bank** Offering during worship service on **Sunday, January 27th**. Please remember to bring your food and other items for SVP and place them in the church foyer.

***The commodity for the month of
January is Tuna***

VUCC donated **\$130 pounds** of food to SVP in December.

Thank you Mary Sandoval for all your deliveries. Your help is much appreciated by the congregation.

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Thank you all for the **Hope House Donations** all year. *We will hold a blessing of these donations on the first Sunday each month.* Thank you Don and Jan Young for delivering them.

We will continue this Outreach in 2019 so keep bringing in your donations. See list on bulletin board.

COUNCIL MEETING

Our January Council meeting is on **Monday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. If you have questions contact the office at 926-7173 or a council member.



CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



Please join us in showing our unity and solidarity in creating a world where equal rights, respect, and access is not just a distant dream! **On Monday, January 21, 2019 from 10:00am through 2:00pm** with MLK Day Rally, March and Activities in Spokane.

**Monday, January 21, 2019
Spokane Convention Center
334 W Spokane Falls Blvd.**

VUCC participates' meet up time and place to follow on Worship Bulletin 1/13.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



January 2019



		1 Happy New Year! OFFICE CLOSED Pt. Gen Out of Office	2 9:15 – 11 a.m. FLLC Meeting Fellowship Hall	3 6:00 p.m. FAB Mtg	4	5 Joyce Walker-B
6 'Epiphany Sunday' 'Baby Shower for Jesus' 9:30 a.m. Music 10:20 a.m. Praise 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Hope House Offering) 11:45 a.m. Fellowship	7 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Joyce Walker Mtg. Fellowship Hall	8 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary <u>(Resumes)</u> 4:00 – 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.	9 7-8:30 p.m. Choir Practice <u>Resumes</u>	10 Bonnie McPeck-B	11 Days for Girls 10am – 2pm at LDS on 16 th	12 9:30 a.m. Saturday Coffee Fellowship @ VUCC (Book-'The Dreamer & the Doctor')
13 9:30 a.m. Music 10:20 a.m. Praise 10:30 a.m. Worship, 11:45 a.m. Fellowship 5-7 -p.m. VIP - <u>Hall</u> Melodi & Deb Bradshaw-A	14	15 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary 4:00 – 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg	16 7-8:30 p.m. Choir	17	18 10pm – 6am Sat. Tuffin Bakers Jeanne Salibury-B Dale Fattu-B	19 6:00 a.m. Tuffin's End Baking Women's March Spokane – Convention Center-334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Opens at 10am Rally -12pm, March at 1pm
20 MLK Sunday 9:30 a.m. Music Practice 10:20 a.m. Praise 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Fellowship	21 OFFICE CLOSED MLK DAY Rally & Resources 10am – 2pm Downtown Spokane 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting Debbie Bradshaw-B	22 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary 4:00 – 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg Amy Roberson-B Charlie Salt & Wayne Shull-A	23 7-8:30 p.m. Choir <u>Newsletter Deadline for February</u>	24	25 Bobbie N. Spencer-B	26 9:00 am – Noon Photography Workshop @ VUCC Faith Action Network-2018 <u>Legislative Conf.</u> 9am-3pm at Spokane Valley United Methodist Church 115 N Raymond St.
27 9:30 a.m. Music 10:20 a.m. Praise 10:30 a.m. Worship, Food Bank Offering, 11:45 a.m. Fellowship (Birthday Cake) Jean Nelson-B	28	29 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary 4:00 – 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg	30 7-8:30 p.m. Choir	31		

Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Fellowship Folks
January 6	Helen Bonser		Last Names P-Z
January 13	Marvin Wilson		Last Names P-Z
January 20	Helen Bonser		Last Names P-Z
January 27			Last Names P-Z

December Birthdays



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the 2019

Eastern Washington Legislative Conference

*‘Inform, Inspire, Involve’
Saturday, January 26
Featuring*

Faith Leaders Panel: Connecting Faith and Public Policy.

*Workshops on environment, gun safety, taxes,
immigration, homelessness, & health care*

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Spokane Valley United
Methodist Church**

115 N. Raymond St. – Spokane Valley

TO RSVP

Send suggested donation of \$20 (\$5=Scholarship)

To The Fig Tree. 1323 S. Perry St.

Spokane, WA. 99202

Call: 509-535-4112 . 535-1813

Email: info@thefigtree.org

FELLOWSHIP TIME (REMINDER)



January fellowship time will be brought to you by the letters **P through Z**. The kitchen committee will prepare coffee and juice every Sunday and will be available to direct clean-up. Folks with last names starting with the letters above are asked to provide snacks. If you have questions contact, Lea Chilberg or Helen Bonser.

February: Last Names - A-E

March: Last Names – F-J

‘BABY SHOWER FOR BABY JESUS’

CELEBRATE EPIPHANY

We celebrate Epiphany on **Sunday, January 6th** with a **‘Baby Shower for baby Jesus’** where we will bring gifts (birth to age 5) to be donated to Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery. This is one of our VUCC local missions.



SATURDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to the **Saturday Coffee Fellowship** that will meet at **9:30 a.m. on January 12, 2019** at the church for delicious snacks and coffee, other drinks. We will have a discussion of the book *"The Dreamer and the Doctor"* by Jack Nisbet, local author. The book is about history of the Inland Northwest in late 1800s-1900s where a couple homesteaded where Farragut State Park, ID is now. Valley Library has a waiting list for the book. Questions, Call Becky Knapp at 509-868-9513.


Hope to see you!

The Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery is supported entirely from private donations. You can help us keep kids safe by making a financial donation, or donating any of these much-needed items.

Crisis Nursery Needs

- Formula
- Diapers (4,5,6)
- Pull-Ups
- Diaper Wipes
- Gift Cards
- Office Supplies
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- New Children's Clothing
- CASH DONATIONS

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1004 E. 8th Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99202

 Vanessa Behan
crisis nursery

The Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery provides emergency shelter and care for children facing crisis situations like poverty, homelessness, substance abuse and domestic violence. Thanks to the generosity of the local community, the Crisis Nursery has provided safe shelter to more than 76,000 children since 1987.

Crisis Nursery Facts

- 89% of clients are female
- 69% are single parents
- 19% are homeless or in transitional housing
- Median age of parent is 28
- 57% have an annual income of less than \$5,000
- 54% report high to extreme levels of stress *

*Parental stress is associated with the risk of child abuse and neglect

NEED MINISTRY DUTIES FILLED IN

The Ministry Duties Binder in the Sanctuary is in need of filling slots for the year 2019- January – December. **Please check your calendars and sign up where you may serve in our ministries.**

We use this sign up listing to help Pastor Gen and myself complete the weekly worship bulletins and for the monthly 'reminders' in the Newsletters.

'DAYS FOR GIRLS' (new day of the week)

The next Days for Girls Sewing Event will be **Friday, January 11th from 10am-2pm at the LDS Church on 16th Ave.** next to Evergreen Middle School. You do not have to sew. There are other preparations to do such as cutting materials, tracing patterns, ironing pieces, putting cut pieces together for someone else to sew. **This is open to the public, please come join in!**



Women's March Spokane

JANUARY 19 2019

SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER

334 W. SPOKANE FALLS BLVD

DOORS OPEN 10am

RALLY AT NOON, MARCH AT 1pm

RESIST—PERSIST—INSIST!

SAVE THE DATE!



Women's March Spokane




Smith-Barbieri Progressive Fund
A CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Donate Here

Join with us as we participate in this event in downtown Spokane! Flyers are available at VUCC in the Bulletin on 1/13 and on the Fellowship Table and Foyer Table. *Stop by and take flyers to hand out; pass the word!*

FRED MEYER'S 'COMMUNITY REWARDS' PROGRAM

We continue VUCC as a 501-c3 Non-Profit organization who will receive funds each time someone uses their Fred Meyer's Rewards Card. **Sign up** and 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.** **IT'S EASY TO DO!**

Thank you to those shoppers signed up in 2018. We have received funds quarterly through the year.

‘PLUM PUDDING’ & TALENT SHOW - DECEMBER 2, 2018



Plum Pudding was wonderful. Thank you, Marvin!



Enjoying Goodies at Plum Pudding



Charlie, Jan and Paul ‘In the Band’



Christmas Play during Worship Service



The Christmas Play was one of our best! Thank you, Charlie for finding the story!



January 6th, Epiphany, is the last to see this year's collection of nativities. All Christmas decorations are packed away after worship.



The Photography Workshop that meets at our church went to Coeur d'Alene to watch Eagles. Here's a few.



PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Did you get a new camera? Want to learn more about how to use it and all the feature?

Come join us as we offer Photography Workshops on the **4th Saturdays of each month from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at VUCC beginning on January 26, 2019.** This is for ‘all levels’ of photography experience or no experience at all. Come learn about your own camera and the amazing things you can Do!

Field Trips are a part of the Photography Workshops each month (as scheduled). The workshops are at VUCC and are led by Pastor Gen Heywood. Available is a hardcopy of the ‘Workshops Informational Outline’ on the foyer table outside the sanctuary or it may be emailed to you.

For more **information or to reserve your space call** the church office or Pastor Gen at **926-7173.** Please leave your **name, phone number and email address** so Pastor Gen may contact you. These Workshops are free but donations are accepted.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Please have your information and articles to the office by **Wednesday, January 23rd.** During Office hours are 9:30am – 12:30pm Monday through Friday. **Or email or phone us.**

Let's continue to get our information out into the church and surrounding communities.

If you need help with your article contact me by phone or email and I will be glad to assist you. Office: 926-7173 or veradaleucc@gmail.com.

Thanks, Joyce

‘UPDATING’ PHONE DIRECTORY

Please give the Church office your updated info when you have a new address, phone number or e-mail address. You may contact the office by phone, email or fill out a ‘Green Card from the sanctuary or foyer table and turn it into Pastor Gen or leave it in the office.

We will print an **updated Phone Directory** after the February Congregational Meeting and we would like to have the most current info for everyone! Call 926-7173 or email to: veradaleucc@gmail.com.



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Epiphany

Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.