

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

Veradale United Church of Christ

The Messenger



Image of farming under the Hunter's Moon taken near Elder Road, Valleyford, WA

Come, Ye Thankful People **Henry Alford, 1844**

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

November 2021

From the Pastor: An introduction to Lauren Schubring Eastern WA Regional Organizer for Faith Action Network (FAN)



Sunday, November 14, we will bless our pledges made not knowing what the next year will bring. We do this as an act of faith knowing that when we have new information we will make new decisions. The Faith Action Network has over 150 faith communities in Washington State “committed to partnering with FAN and each other to build a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.” (from website).

We already support FAN by sharing their news and attending the annual dinner. We could become a member of their network (Did you know that Rick Steve’s who lives in Seattle is the number 1 contributor to FAN?)

From the FAN staff website you can learn more about Lauren, such as, she “has her undergraduate education at Moody Bible Institute, and completed her Masters in Public Administration and Urban & Regional Planning at Eastern Washington University in March 2021. Lauren also works at The Arc of Spokane as their Assistant Director of County Programs. She cares greatly about seeing inclusion, justice, and equity for all as a reality.”

Lauren is also a participant with our ministry of Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience of Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Her insight and kindness are present as we make our plans and seek ways to move people of differing opinions to find our common ground.

Throughout November, we will consider if we would like to join the Faith Action Network. We will learn more about what being part of the network means. Bring you questions and curiosity on Sunday, November 14 when we will bless our pledges and learn more about the wider community of the Faith Action Network.

With Gratitude,
Pastor Gen

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 from 10am – 1pm Monday – Friday.

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

What Brought Me to this Church

We will continue this as part of our Sunday morning worship where we will hear from people about their faith journey.

Let Pastor Gen know if you are interested in sharing your story.

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.

FRED MEYER'S 'COMMUNITY REWARDS' PROGRAM

VUCC received **\$35.06** for Quarter 3 from the shopping Rewards Card benefit of 7 households. If you wish to sign up for this continuous VUCC fundraiser let me know. Instructions available. Joyce

NOVEMBER COUNCIL



Our Council Meeting will be held **on Monday, November 15th 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 thru November 2021)
Please hold your VUCC food 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 again in the future.

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**

***Mary Sandoval donated in VUCC name 66 pounds of dry goods on 10/4/2021. Thx.*

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY


FRIDAY

SATURDAY



November 2021



ALL ARE WELCOME! ADVENT BEGINS NOV. 28TH CELEBRATING ‘HOPE’ & 3- DECEMBER ADVENT SUNDAYS CELEBRATING ‘PEACE’ ‘JOY’ ‘LOVE’	1 Refugee Kitchen Kits 9 - collected (Louise T.) Leader	2 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	3 4-5 pm – Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 6-7 p.m. Worship Team Meeting in person & ZOOM. 7-8 p.m. Bible Study In-person & ZOOM	4 <u>Virtual</u> Gonzaga Hate Studies Event 11/4 – 11/6 <u>Gen – 4 Minute</u> <u>Speaker about FLLC</u> FLLC - Short Story Winner will Read	5 <u>Virtual</u> Gonzaga Hate Studies Event – 11/4 – 11/6/2021	6 <u>Virtual</u> Gonzaga Hate Studies Event – 11/4 – 11/6 Leaf Clean up (9am start) TURN CLOCKS <u>BACK 1 HOUR</u> TONIGHT
7 <i>DAYLIGHT</i> <i>SAVINGS ENDS</i> <u>(DON’T BE LATE!)</u> 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship with Communion <u>(Remote & ‘OPEN’)</u> -	8	9 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	10 4-5 pm – Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7-8 p.m. Bible Study In-person & ZOOM 360 Spokane Interfaith Committee Virtual Event and on Zoom at 5:00 p.m.	11 VETERAN’S DAY <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	12	13 9:30 a.m. VUCC Book Group (Fellowship Hall)
14 <u>Generosity Sunday</u> 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship <u>(Remote & ‘OPEN’)</u> Turn in your <u>Pledge</u> <u>Card During Offering</u> <u>(Blessing of Pledges)</u>	15 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	16 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	17 4-5 pm – Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7-8 p.m. Bible Study In-person & ZOOM	18 9:00–11:30 am FLLC Meeting	19	20 10:00 – Noon Photography Workshop at VUCC
21 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship <u>(Remote & ‘OPEN’)</u> Decorate for Advent & Christmas (after worship) 4:45–7:00 pm –VIP (?) (Fellowship Hall) ‘FAN’ – 5:30 p.m. Celebration Dinner (Virtual on Zoom)	22  Articles due for <u>December</u>	23 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen	24 4-5 pm – Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7-8 p.m. Bible Study In-person & ZOOM	25 <u>Office</u> <u>Closed</u> HAPPY THAKSGIVING Shall we have a Meal Together at VUCC or Virtual? Time (TBD)	26	27
28 ADVENT 1 – ‘HOPE’ 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Worship <u>(Remote & ‘OPEN’)</u>	29	30 9-9:30 a.m. Prayer-Pastor Gen PNCUCC Giving Tuesday (Jim Castrolang)	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 Contact Pastor Gen if attending in person!</i>
November 7	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17, Mark 12:38-44	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote
November 14	TBD: Guest: Faith Action Network	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote
November 21	Joel 2:21-27, Matthew 6:25-33	10:30 a.m.	Join at church or remote
November 28	Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Advent begins!	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.

Books to discuss are:

November 13 – *If the Creek Don’t Rise* by Leah Weiss, This is a novel about a teacher, set in Appalachia in the early 1900s. It is available for individuals to check out at the Valley Library.

December 11 – *The Little Old Lady Behaving Badly* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg. Valley Library has audio copy only at this time.

Happy Reading!

Becky

END OF YEAR OFFERINGS PROCESSING NOTIFICATION



We will be closing the financial books by **Sunday, December 19th** this year in order to have all 2021 offerings accounted for in the current tax year.

Please have your **offerings** (all types) for 2021 completed **by Sunday, December 19th**. *If you are mailing your donation, please mail early enough for VUCC to receive them in the mailbox by 12/19.*

Any donations after that date will be counted towards 2022; including PayPal because we cannot deposit or process PayPal until January 3, 2022.

Questions: Call the Office at 926-7173 or talk to Diane Smith, Treasurer.

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.

Next FIELD TRIP: “Eagles,” **Friday, December 3, noon** until we get too cold at Beauty Bay, Idaho. Bring Camera, charged Batteries & SD Card with extra room.

Thanks,

Pastor Gen
(408) 593-9556

World Relief Spokane–Refugee Kitchen Kits

Thank you everyone for your amazing generosity, kindness and willingness to help the refugee program in Spokane. The wonderful friends from Veradale United Church of Christ, Baha'is of Spokane, Spokane Valley and North Spokane, along with Inter-faith Book club of Greenville SC, brought complete kits, individual items for kits, and donations to purchase items for the kits. We set a goal of 3 kits by November 1, and then more kits over time. We actually have **9 complete kits** ready to give to World Relief – WOW! **Thank you everyone.** VUCC collected donations of **\$275.00** towards this mission.

Please continue to donate kits, items or money. We will keep making kits for our new friends. *The Kitchen Kit List is on the foyer table and bulletin board.* You may drop off items at VUCC. Office Hrs: (Joyce) 10am-1pm Mon-Fri or drop items off on Sundays. Louise Tajuddin will pick up and make kits as needed and deliver them. World Relief said that these kits are in high demand.

The week of 10/31 there are 4 refugees coming to Spokane and the next week 4-5 more refugees will arrive.



OCTOBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our **Monthly goal is \$8,800.** We had **\$5,821** 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
If you are attending in person on Sundays, offering will be a part of the worship service. Thank you!

Keeping in Prayer

We pray for:

Janey's wife Stacy as she grieves his death.
Al Komarek, Lee Chilberg, Kaye Hult, Deb Bradshaw, Louise Tajuddin, Wayne Shull and Jan's cousin Bobby who continue to recover from surgery.
Polly Komarek whose energy and strength are low.
Deb and Melodie Bradshaw as they help Linda Pruitt downsize her living arrangements.
Sam as she seeks a job where her talent and skills are used.
Penny as she recovers from a TIA.
Al Torres having health issues (Kaye Hult's husband)
Naomi as she may have a labral tear in her hip.
Naomi's Mom getting brain MRI for existing benign cyst.
Paul Fawcett's friend Allison Bennet as she undertakes a 1 1/2 to 2 year soul journey.
Genevieve Fawcett, may she find the support for her mental health.
The family and friends of the young man who died by suicide. May we find ways as a society to help.
Almira community at the loss of their beloved school.
Marshall as he begins moving toward a law enforcement job.
Jim King as he seeks advice on treating his cancer
Our planet, may all those in power and leadership take the hard steps to reduce the effects of climate change.
Those who have lost their homes and are having a hard time finding affordable housing. May they find the help they need.
Our little community that reaches out into the world that God so loves. We are grateful.

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



DECORATE THE CHURCH



We will **decorate the church** for Advent and Christmas on **Sunday November 21**, after worship. Decorations will be put inside and outside the church. Christmas Trees will be put up in the foyers and sanctuary and decorated along with Wreaths, Nativity sets and Poinsettia Plants. *Stay after worship and join in the cheer and fellowship of decorating!*

350 Spokane's Interfaith Committee offers two presentations on

Our Biblical Connection to the Land

At 5:00pm PST on Wednesday November 10th

(This is a Virtual Event & a Zoom Invite Appears Below.)

Daniel Stulac, "Land and People Together: A Biblical Vision of Health." This will be an introduction to an "agrarian hermeneutic," which is essentially a reading strategy informed by the writings of Wendell Berry, Wes Jackson, Frederick Kirschenmann, and other contemporary and second-generation agrarians. I'll apply this reading strategy to an analysis of 1 Kings 17–19 (stories about the prophet Elijah) and in doing so, try to convey the Bible's holistic vision for human health. In short, healing in the Bible is not just a physiological act (as it is for many Westerners); it is an agroecological, theological, and social act as well.

Daniel J. D. Stulac earned his B.A. from Dartmouth College in 2001, and subsequently worked as a campus minister, farm manager, and then director of agricultural development for Partners In Health, Rwanda. He earned an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2012 and a Ph.D. (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament) from Duke University in 2017. He is the author of several peer-reviewed and magazine articles and one monograph, titled History and Hope: The Agrarian Wisdom of Isaiah 28–35 (Eisenbrauns, 2018).

Yoshi Silverstein, "Sojourn & Soil: Connections to Land, Place, and Community in Jewish Tradition & Contemporary Practice." As a cultural and religious lineage of both indigenous and diasporic roots, Jewish tradition and practice offer compelling insights and frameworks for our individual and collective relationships to land, place, and community. For this piece, Yoshi will share Jewish ideas and texts from both ancient and contemporary sources of wisdom that we may use to inform our work on climate change and environmental justice.

Yoshi Silverstein is Founder and Executive Director of Mitsui Collective, which builds resilient community through embodied Jewish practice and racial equity. Selected as a 2021 "Grist 50 Fixer" building a more just and equitable future, Yoshi's work nourishes body and soul through tapestries of embodied spiritual practice, nature connection, somatics and antiracism, and creative expression. Formerly Director of the JOFEE Fellowship at Hazon, he sits on the Board of Directors for Repair the World and holds a master's degree in Landscape Architecture and certificates in spiritual entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, permaculture design, and environmental education. Born and raised in Spokane, Yoshi now lives in the Cleveland area in Shaker Heights, OH on Erie-Mississauga-Haudenosaunee land with his wife and daughter.

Here is the Zoom invite for this presentation:

Topic: **350 Spokane Interfaith Committee**

Time: **Nov 10, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://gonzaga.zoom.us/j/96333378163>

We are preparing a wonderful celebration with friends old and new—save your spot and register for FAN's virtual **Annual Dinner Celebration on Sunday, November 21, at 5:30 PM!** Join us for a festive evening as we celebrate our 10th birthday and Paul Benz's years of service to justice across WA, while also looking towards our future together! Tickets are by donation, and the YouTube event link will be sent out to those who register before November 21. Learn more at our [event webpage](#) and register at: bit.ly/FANDinner2021.

GENEROSITY SUNDAY

Sunday, November 14

Guest speaker: Lauren Schubring of the Faith and Action Network

Did you receive Wayne's two Generosity letters? The second emailed on Nov. 1st as a reminder to turn in your Pledge Card on or before **Generosity Sunday, November 14th** when we will bless the Pledge Cards during worship 'offering' time. Thank you for all your support!

Pledges may also be mailed, emailed or a phone call to the church at 509-926-7173 or veradaleucc@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING MEAL



Let Pastor Gen know **if you would like have a potluck Thanksgiving meal together.** We would make our own little meal and join together on Zoom and or in person. Want to visit with each other on Thanksgiving Day?
Email: genheywood@att.net

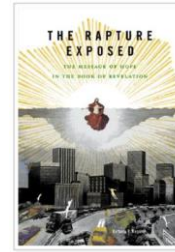
POINSETTIA DONATIONS



We have silk poinsettias purchased through the years by your generous donations. Last year we began a new way to honor our loved ones. If you would like to make a Christmas Dedication, you can give the names and number of poinsettias to be dedicated (**suggested donation of \$15.00 for each dedication**). All donations go to PNCUCC Missions (OGHS, NIN & Christmas Fund equally). The dedication information will be put on a tag attached to the plant(s) which can become an ornament for your tree. Pick up the tags on or after Sunday, December 19.

Please email, mail, phone the church or put your donation and/or dedication information in the offering plate during worship. You can also donate through the church Website 'Donate' button. **Indicate the donation is for Plant or Poinsettia.**

The Book of the Revelation to John Wednesdays 7 to 8pm.



We continue our Bible Study about the Book of Revelation each **Wednesday, 7 to 8pm**. We meet in the VUCC Sanctuary and on ZOOM. This is led by Pastor Gen Heywood. Join us!

<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.

During October VUCC donated 9 Kids Coats and 12 Gloves to SVP. These were delivered on 10/27/2019 by Karla and Greg McNeilly. Thank you all for your donations and the delivery in support of this local Mission.

TED LASSO X MILK BAR BISCUITS

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2 sticks unsalted butter, softened 1 ¾ cup confectioner's sugar 3 tablespoon light brown sugar 3 large egg yolks 1 ¾ cup all-purpose flour ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Heat an oven to 315 degrees and prepare an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, mix the butter and sugars vigorously until smooth.

Stir in the egg yolks. Add the flour and salt, mix just until the dough comes together. ("The less you mix the dough, the more positive vibes your biscuits will have," according to Tosi.) Using damp hands, press the dough in an even layer in the pan and bake for 40 to 45 minutes until a thin, golden brown layer forms on top. Let cool completely before cutting into two even columns and then six even rows. Arrange in pink boxes if you have them.

Yield: 12 Lasso-size slices

**Please, consider how you are called
to give of your time, talent, or
treasure. Needed:**

**Raking leaves on Saturday, Nov 6
starting at 9am.**

**Bathrooms cleaned
Floors washed**

Funds to pay our obligations

OFFERINGS OF TIME AND TALENT



Following a suggestion of the World Council of Churches, we Considered what it means to be a **Welcome Tent** (a We-Come Tent!)



Karla Cleans our Kitchen. Thank you!



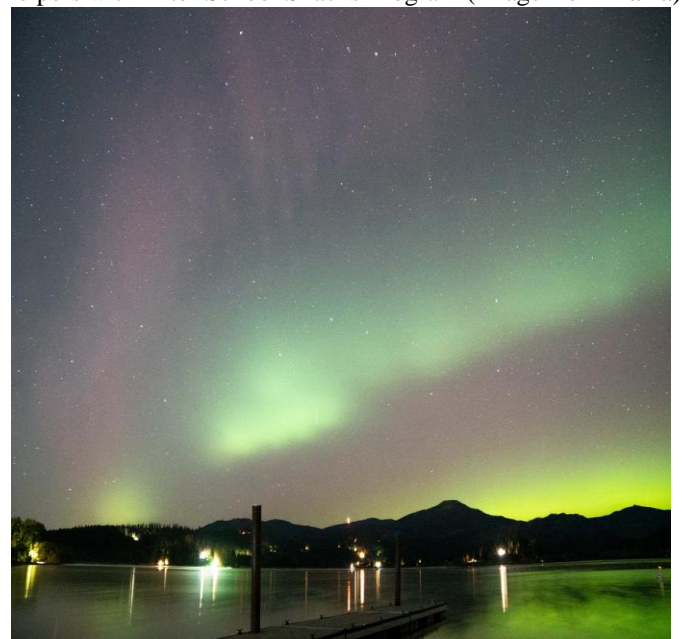
After School Snacks are Back! (Image from Karla)



Helpers with After School Snacks Program (Image from Karla)



Our Tree of Life, Caring, and Communication is a way to better support each other as a congregation. Maureen Carroll leads this ministry of reaching out to each other.



(Hauser Lake, Monday, 'aurora' on October 11, 2021)

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(‘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.