

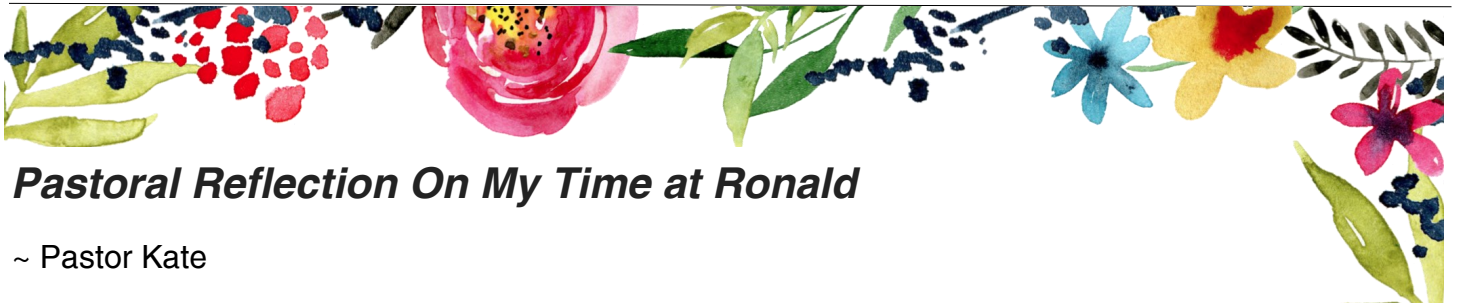
Ronald United Methodist Church

Connect with God. Connect with yourself. Connect with your neighbor.
Because communing can heal us.

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Pastors: Kate Kilroy & Pat Simpson



Pastoral Reflection On My Time at Ronald

~ Pastor Kate

Spring is here, and that has me reflecting on how quickly my first year with Ronald has flown by. Genuinely, church, I love you. Not as a matter of fact, *because all humans are worthy of this kind of way.* In a deep, transformative, aching-attachment kind of way. **Indeed, I am so very grateful for my privilege to serve this robust and passionate community of faith with the healing gospel of Jesus!**

I am tearing up as I write these simple words.

Friends. Siblings. Sojourners and co-collaborators...

I am so very blessed and happy to have been appointed by our Bishop to minister alongside you all as we collectively make the redeeming love of God known throughout Shoreline.

On April 12, 2023, I spoke with our Chief Missional Strategist (DS Derek Nakano) about how my particular training was in innovative ministry and my concerns, given my field expertise, about being the right fit for the context of Ronald. He reassured me that he felt my unique gifts were calibrated for a context just like Ronald and that he trusted Spirit to guide me, the church, and himself as we pressed forward. I was a bit nervous that I would be “too innovative” and cause disruption when I meant to offer blessing.

Now, this year later, I am so truly thankful that Derek saw what I could not. Ronald has been such a gift to me and my own faith journey in the on-going discovery of my own vocation. This church is everything this pastor could have hoped for, and here are just a few of the reasons why I say so:

- **This church is sincerely willing to be creative**, try new things to reach new people, and re-examine our processes so that they honor the heart of the need. I am not sure any lay person could fully understand how exceedingly remarkable that is. It's jaw-droppingly unique to have the majority of the congregation so ready to explore and experiment with ways to make faith accessible. It inspires me!

- **The lay leadership is exceptional!** Not a Sunday passes when I am not impressed with the level of volunteer care taken to develop a meaningful worship service in a space full of hospitality. Some of those lay leaders are at the church as much as I am! The work is completed with genuine, cheerful hearts.

- **The board is strong and capable**—truly, the board is oozing with competency and passion. I am sitting in rooms with people I sincerely respect and am honored to collaborate with. They are willing to bravely take action to set the church up for long-term success! They lead with humility and integrity as they take action informed by risk and rooted in hope!

- **Ronald's love for others is authentic.** Even for me. My youngness, my gender, and my queerness would be deal-breakers in some other congregations. But not here. I am not dismissed based on any of those facts. Rather I am embraced and trusted based on my performance in my role, and limited by filtered opinions based on those identities. Knowing how loved I am in my whole self makes me a zealous evangelist not just of our Good News *but of the Good News as it is authentically experienced here in our local context of Ronald United!* I am genuinely so proud to pastor Ronald United Methodist Church!

Surely, even without the maturity and willingness of the church, my pastor-heart would love you all anyway, but reflecting on how true all the above is just makes my cup runneth over.

I love you, church. I really do.

Only God knows how long I will get to pastor at Ronald United. But I am delighted to know we have another year to continue to grow in faith together and invite others to join this healthy, intergenerational, multiethnic, egalitarian, and progressive congregation! May God reward this faith community for all their willingness!

Ronald: Help Wanted

Church needs

Did you know we have several areas of the church that need some active support?

Each Sunday, we feel the impact of the gap. Please review this list of urgent needs and ask yourself if you might be able to serve for a season.

Sunday Tech Support

We need weekly tech support running our soundboard. **This can be on a rotation schedule with other willing, trained people.**

No experience is necessary. We can train!

Sunday Money Counters

We need weekly money counters! We need two more people to count the physical money that is donated each week and record it in a ledger. These people cannot share the same household with other counters (for security reasons), must honor the confidentiality of the givers, and be able to use a calculator. **This can be on a rotation schedule with other willing, trained people.**

No experience is necessary. We can train!

Sunday Coffee Hour Help

We need coffee-hour help so our regular servers can have a break. Pastor Kate noticed that the same 1-4 people have been carrying out the duties of setup, food prep, and cleanup (in addition to their other volunteer services) during her time with us. **This can be on a rotation schedule with other willing, trained people.**

No experience is necessary. We can train!

Sunday Usher

We need a weekly usher to sit in the back lobby/narthex during service. This person should be willing and trained to offer hospitality and be attentive to possible security concerns. **The usher can rotate with other willing, trained people.**

No experience is necessary. We can train!



Events Coordinator

We need an events coordinator who can come to ensure the security of the building when we have renters in the space. This person would be entrusted with a church key and to operate as a liaison, as they stay on site in case of emergencies and also make sure the space is secured when the rental time has ended.

- ◆ Non-member building users will pay an hourly rate for an event coordinator to be on-hand, so this is a paid position.

No experience is necessary. We can train!

Additional Board members

We had a few people step back from our church board. We are looking for church members to help with

- ◆ Finance (detail-oriented)
- ◆ Staff Parish Relations (Human relations work).

They would attend meetings held about every six weeks or so and help with decision-making on behalf of the congregation.

No experience is necessary. We can train!

Please forward any inquiries to Pastor@RonaldUMC.org

Ronald News & Updates

No sleeping/loitering

Due to yet another unfortunate incident (4/22/2024) from specific unhoused community members involving a direct threat to our partners at Compass housing, the board approved Pastor Kate's request to immediately implement a firm "no loitering and/or sleeping policy" as the standing church policy.

Due to the severity of the above-mentioned incident, we will arrest this particular party if they return to any event offered on the Ronald Commons Property for the next year. Pastor Kate regrets that trespassing is necessary.

It is also true that there is a brutal, unfair stigma that associates all unhoused people with being potentially threatening people. As a faith community, we should all reject this generalization and name that there are many reasons why and how a person could end up pressed up against the cold exterior of our building just trying to sleep. Let us be clear: we do not believe all unhoused people are dangerous or that they should all be lumped together into oversimplified categories that allow for their dehumanization.

We emphatically want to communicate that we do NOT believe all (or even the majority) of those who have sought shelter beside the church are dangerous to the mission of ourselves or our community partners. However, we have no way to distinguish who may be safe and who is not. Unfortunately, those who are not safe have caused such significant harm that we must assist, in whatever way possible, in preventing ongoing suffering to the vulnerable population that we invited to be our neighbors a decade ago.

The board will continue to discern a long-term, well-thought-out policy and response to the letter written to the church members and read aloud during our 4/21/2024 service. *Copies of that letter and formal documentation are available in the church office for any interested parties.*

In closing, may we at Ronald United affirm our allegiance to our UMC social principles that state:

"The rights and privileges a society bestows upon or withholds from those who comprise it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons and groups of persons. We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to... religious affiliation. Our respect for the inherent dignity of all persons leads us to call for the recognition, protection, and implementation of the principles of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that communities and individuals may claim and enjoy their universal, indivisible, and inalienable rights."

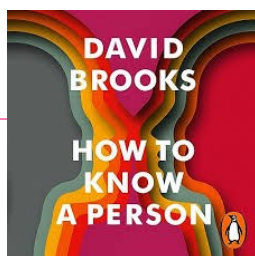
Read more: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/social-principles-the-social-community>

Please hold your board in prayer as they do this holy and painful discernment work to prevent harm and yet to do so in a manner that does not reinforce the dehumanization of stigmatized people.

Please send your concerns to the church office to be forwarded to the full church board on your behalf. Office@RonaldUMC.org

2024 Church Board

- ◆ **Co-chairs:** Gina del Rosario-Martin, Tom Harris
- ◆ **Trustees:** Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger, David Lewis, Brian Henry
- ◆ **Finance:** Stephanie Henry, Gretchen Holt, (1 open position)
- ◆ **SPRC:** Tara Sullivan, Shay Lavarias, (1 open position)
- ◆ **Lay Leader:** Marilyn Reid
- ◆ **Lay member to Annual Conference:** Reuben Roque



How to Know a Person,
book review
By Pastor Stan

One of the best books I've read lately is David Brooks's *How to Know a Person — the art of seeing others deeply and being deeply seen*. In the book, Brooks writes about "Important skills in building a friendship or creating a community." He says that "Being open-hearted is a prerequisite for being a full, kind and wise human being."

Brooks goes on to say that *"building a friendship or creating a community involves performing a series of small concrete social actions well: disagreement without poisoning the relationship; revealing vulnerability at the appropriate phase; being a good listener; knowing how to end a conversation gracefully; knowing how to ask for and offer forgiveness; knowing how to let someone down without breaking their heart; knowing how to sit with someone who is suffering; knowing how to host a gathering where everyone feels embraced; knowing how to see things from another's point of view."*

The book is really full of fantastic gems. It's serious reading, and it's really worth your money and time. I'll share some more thoughts from the book next time.

By the way, I have several books on the history and government of the Philippines.

If you are interested in having them, please let me know.

You can make a donation to our church.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

As a church and people who believe in the power of prayer. let us lift up our loved ones in the joys and concerns that they are experiencing.

- ◆ Prayers for Dennis Reid who had surgery in early April
- ◆ Prayers for the Corsilles family. Carla Corsilles-Roque let us know that her aunt, Aida Corsilles died on Easter morning. Her memorial was April 11 at Beacon UMC.
- ◆ Prayers for Tremell Collins. His son Tyrell died in mid-April. Tremell went to Indianapolis for his eulogy.

If you would like to have us pray for anyone, please notify us, and we will add them to next month's prayers. Office@ronaldumc.org or 206-542-2484



Ronald UMC has adopted Patricia Matula who is now 15 and 9th grade. That means we need to raise \$500 to cover the expenses for her to attend the next year of school.

Jar\$ for JAMAA Letu 2024!!

www.jamaaletu.org/

The money collected supports the operating expenses of JAMAA Letu, the orphanages, such as food, clothing, school fees, utilities, medical care, and salaries for the staff.



Safety Officer

~ Sandra Reynolds

Thank you for being so conscientious about leaving the parking places in front of the church open for those who need easier access to the building.

Wearing masks in the building is optional. Hand sanitizers will continue to be provided.

Persons with symptoms of any contagious illness are asked to remain at home.

Donations to RUMC

A feature in our *Ronald Review* is to list the names of those who gave gifts in memory, honor, or thanksgiving along with the honoree or the event.

- ◆ Shallum & Marvin Legaspi in honor of Ramon's birthday

These gifts go into the Memorial Fund/Capital Campaign, and are used to purchase items to enhance our worship, facilitate our fellowship, and further our mission.

May Anniversaries

May 1: Edna & Jerry Jonason

May 20: Zelda & Julius Carbonell

May 21: Zeny & Allan Ocampo

May 26: Stephanie & Brian Henry

May Birthdays

May 2

- Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger

May 3

- Trina McCarrell

May 4

- Trisha Eckerlin
- Charise Miller

May 7

- Lori Mina
- Kenneth Ocampo

May 12

- Rachel Lopez

May 13

- Cecile del Rosario

May 16

- Zelda Carbonell

May 20

- Tina Tiongson-Villavacua

May 21

- Reul Roque

May 25

- Lucas Paet

May 28

- Helen Buccat
- Alfredo Lapid

May 29

- Risa Reyes



MAKE IT WORTHY
 YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO MAKE IT WORTHY GRAND OPENING CEREMONY THAT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF OUR EXCITING JOURNEY

LAUNCH PARTY

don't miss it

RONALD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | 17839 AURORA AVE N SHORELINE, WA 98133

MAY 11, 2024 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

May 11 from 4pm-8pm in our Fellowship Hall

you are invited to join in a launch party celebration with Gambian food, music and dancing for **Make It Worthy!**

Make It Worthy is a nonprofit currently serving the residents of King and Snohomish County, providing services such as:

- K-12 after-school tutoring, social services, (i.e. utility payments and rent assistance), scholarships, food and clothing donations, and mentorship programs for the future generation of youth and residents of our communities.

MakeltWorthy is actively involved in participating in educational and youth programs aimed at promoting excellence in children.

Social Equity is considered a top priority for all children and youth, and we are committed to promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in our efforts.

Our goal is to create an environment that provides all families and children with equal opportunities to succeed in life.

We always keep *the ticket price low & the quality of food & auction items high*, to make this a great event for church members to invite friends and relatives.



**Ronald United Women in Faith
 Spring Tea & Auction
 May 25 starting at 3:00**

\$5 requested donation supports Ronald UWF missions
 Reservation required by May 23. Call Marilyn Reid 206-369-3221 or the church office 206-542-2484 office@ronaldumc.org



Donated auction items appreciated!

Previous items include:
 Giftable items | Handmade crafts | Gift baskets | Gift cards | Sharing of skill (babysitting, yard work) | Items you have enjoyed & wish to share

Donate auction items by May 19: Drop off items at church or contact Martha Circle members

- Game night basket
- Date night
- Craft lovers basket
- Chocolates basket
- Gift cards to local businesses
- Spa kit
- Themed Books basket
- Coffee lovers basket
- Sports tickets
- Kit for outdoors adventures
- Grill basket
- Travel kit
- Picnic set
- Music lovers basket
- Bake-off basket
- Self-care kit
- Movie night kit

**United Women in Faith
 Spring Tea & Silent Auction
 Saturday, May 25**

~ Sandra Reynolds
 Women United in Faith will once again host our Spring Tea and Silent Auction. **We always keep the ticket price low and the quality of food and auction items high**, to make this a great event for church members to invite friends and relatives. Start contacting potential guests and be looking for items to contribute to the auction.

Tickets are only \$5. They will be on sale before and after church. You may also call the church office or Marilyn Reed to make a reservation. Space is limited, and reservations are required.

Donate auction items: You may bring auction items to church on Sunday or at times arranged in advance. We will find storage space. Popular items are: homemade foods and craft items, coupons for professional services or items such as work around the house or special baked goods for future events. Use your imagination. Many people shop for gifts at this event.

Sunday School

~ Sandra Reynolds

The next set of lessons covers stories from *Acts of the Apostles*. These stories of the young church are very interesting and central to understanding how the faith was spread.

Kids check in with Pastor Kate

Mondays at 5:30pm

Kid's check in will be held any Monday evening when school is in session. :)

I am passionate about helping our kids build relationships with their faith community, develop their sense of ownership, and facilitating discipleship for very young hearts! Join here:

greaternw.zoom.us/j/91487734446

Anti-Racism Book Group

Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 on Zoom

~ Tara Sullivan

We encourage others to join our anti-racism book club .

Membership Info: May 19 at 3pm

Curious about what it means to be a member of Ronald UMC?

Attend an informational Zoom meeting
May 19, 2024.

Ronald UMC invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Membership Sunday Informational Zoom

Time: May 19, 2024, 3:00pm

◆ Zoom Meeting:

greaternw.zoom.us/j/97427023653

◆ Meeting ID: 974 2702 3653

Find your local number:

greaternw.zoom.us/u/ageTbLXGz

June 9: New Members & Membership Sunday!

Sunday, June 9, will be a day of joyful celebrations as Ronald UMC welcomes new church members, baptisms, and confirmation graduates into its faith community!

We have at least three baptisms, one confirmation, and 5 potential new members!

Wow! That is so exciting!

The June Newsletter will offer more information for those who want to bring cards or know who we are celebrating. In the meantime:

- Consider bringing an extra treat to share for coffee hour to celebrate!
- Know that we will take a HUGE, whole church photo to include our new members that Sunday!
- We will also be honoring existing members by updating our directory!
- Share this opportunity to join with others!

If you are unsure if you are a member or are curious about becoming one or getting baptized, please message Pastor Kate at

Pastor@RonaldUMC.org

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CHECK IN VIA ZOOM

BRING YOUR FAITH HOME

PASTOR KATE WILL HOST A WEEKLY ZOOM MEETING ON TUESDAYS TO CONNECT, SHARE PRAYER REQUESTS, AND OFFER SOME ENCOURAGEMENT.

WELCOME YOUR FAITH INTO YOUR HOME AND HEART WITH ONLINE, COMMUNAL PASTORAL CARE.

TUESDAYS
6 PM-7:30 PM

PASTOR KATE



We want to honor our graduates!

If you, or someone you care about, is graduating at the end of this school year, we want to celebrate them!

Email office@ronaldumc.org by **May 26** if you have a graduate in your family to celebrate!

Let us know:

- ◇ their name
- ◇ where they just completed school & degree if relevant
- ◇ what they plan to do next.
- ◇ include a current & baby picture
- ◇ Oftentimes folks like to list parents & grandparents who supported the graduate.

We will post our congratulations in the June *Ronald Review*

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Ronald
united

Embracing diversity for
shared healing

*a united methodist Shoreline church

**United Women in Faith, Martha's Circle
May 1 at 10:30 in the Gathering Room**

Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship and an interesting program. You will be welcomed with no expectation of becoming a member, but new members are always welcome.

Help make our salad

Salad greens, dressings, and dessert will be provided. If you wish, you may bring something to put on top of a salad. Please have your item ready to serve.

Agenda: We will continue making plans for our Spring Tea and Silent Auction, so think about whom you will invite and what roles you will be taking in our first fundraiser of the 2020's.

Caring Crafts

April 13 from 10:00—4:00

Gathering Room

Everyone who loves doing handiwork in cheerful company is invited to bring their current project and a lunch.

Hang out, for a bit or the whole day.

Folks work on knitting, mending, crocheting, scrapbooking, multi-media art, and card-making.

Beers & Beliefs

Thursday nights

~ Tara Sullivan

Beers and Beliefs is a fellowship group of Ronald United Church in Shoreline. We're excited to meet new folks who are looking for some good discussion and connection!

We meet regularly on Thursday evenings at 7pm and a few other events throughout the year.

- 1st Thursdays of the month we meet at Fremont Brewery (BEERS). Fremont Brewery also has non-Alcoholic options and allows you to bring in outside food.
- 3rd Thursdays we meet at Ronald for a faith discussion (BELIEFS) with Pastor Kate.
- In between, we'll post in our Facebook group for our meet-up spot.

Facebook group link here: https://fb.me/g/p_DUsUjED6Gd8GMCMP/htuBbOKR

Volunteer request for Ronald Commons Café

With our Thursday dinners having returned to in-person, sit-down meals... ***we need more help.***

If you are interested, please use signup.com/go/XBZkOzO to sign up. It is important for us to know who is coming to manage our staffing.

**Thursday Bible Study
10:30 in the Chapel**

Join us in the Chapel to connect with the Bible and related text in community.

**May 2 Bible Study will have 2 special guests:
*a couple who are missionaries from Côte D'Ivoire will share their stories & ministries***

The Rev. Dr. Jean Claude Masuka Maleka is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries assigned to evangelism and church planting in Côte D'Ivoire. He is based in Abidjan.



A consecrated Elder of the South Congo Annual Conference, Jean Claude was born into a United Methodist parsonage in Kolwezi in the Katanga Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He has a master's degree in Bible and theology from Worldwide Evangelical Seminary. He also holds doctorate degree of ministry (DMin) at Wesley Theological Seminary and has a long-standing affiliation with the United Methodist Jerusalem Parish in Lubumbashi, where he has worked in Christian education and youth ministry.

Francine Ilunga Mpanga Mufuk is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as coordinator for Young Girls Ministry in the Côte d'Ivoire Annual Conference in West Africa. She was commissioned in June 2015.



Growing up in The United Methodist Church, Francine was influenced toward a mission vocation by the youth fellowship and participation in church-related Scout work. She was called by God as a Sunday school teacher, and became "passionate about transforming lives of children and young girls" who are often victims, especially in times of conflict such as that experienced in recent times in the DRC. Her husband, Jean Claude Masuka Maleka, was also engaged in children's ministry.

Francine and Jean Claude have two children, Berthe and Ephraim.

Siding Capital Campaign for May Update

~ Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger

jasonmetcalflindenburger@gmail.com

The siding work was completed by Pacific Exteriors April 12 — April 19. According to all RUMC members that I've spoken to, the crew did great work. They were pleasant and positive to be around, worked very professionally, and cleaned up after themselves. Sandra brought them muffins, Marvin brought them pizza, and I brought them Gatorades at different times. Other RUMC members may also have brought presents to the workers. What a blessed community you are!

The total price of the work done was \$104,000. This used the \$65,000 given for the Capital Campaign and the \$40,000 from the Judy Pound estate that was given with the intention of supporting a siding/exterior improvement of the church. The work was completed on time, and on budget. There were no cost overruns. We are not expected to need the gap loan from the Faith Foundation, though additional gifts to help cover painting costs in full are appreciated.

Two huge thank yous to the congregation. First, for your gifts to this Capital Campaign, whether large or small. Second, for your gifts of prayer, as the work was completed without any major SURPRISE issues that required extra money. Thank you so much for both of these methods of support.



The painting will be Saturday, June 29 to Friday, July 5.

As part of the United Methodist goal of faithfully participating in the life of the church, please consider a gift of your *service* on these dates.

I would especially love "all hands on deck" Saturday, June 29, with the goal of painting the courtyard.

I would love teamwork on other days as well:

- ◆ **Sunday, June 30** (goal: getting majority of ground-floor painting done in the first two days!)
- ◆ **Thursday, July 4** (in the morning before your BBQ?)
- ◆ **Friday, July 5** (do you have this day off work before a long weekend?)

Please mark your calendar for any of these dates that some, or all, of your family can come help support the church with an act of service.

The goal is for all the painting to be done by Friday, July 5 with the church completely covered in its new colors of Night Gray and Arctic White.

Park Day?

**Outdoor church service +
potluck + playday?**

I'd love to have a Sunday this summer where we have a short service at a public park and then stay and play in the sunshine together!

Let's brainstorm a location.

Suggested locations should have public bathrooms, be accessible to people who need wheelchair/walker access, are within a 20-minute drive of the church, and have plenty of parking.

Email suggestions to pastor@ronaldumc.org



Camping with Mission Gathering

Save the date: June 20 — 21

We have been invited to tag along for a camping adventure with Pastor Jill's church, Mission Gathering.

More information to come.

More information about their faith community here: missiongathering.com/mg-bellevue/

Summertime in our larger community



2nd Annual Shoreline Juneteenth
Community Celebration
Wednesday, June 19, 4pm—8pm
17500 Midvale Ave N

Join us for a day of joy, remembrance, and empowerment as we come together to celebrate our journey towards freedom!

Join a facilitated, family-friendly faith camp this summer!

Just a reminder, we are approaching camp season! Yay!

Here are two family camps being offered in the end of July that come highly recommended:

<https://campindianola.org/camps/family-camp/>
<https://www.seabeckchristianfamilycamp.com/>



Vacation Bible School

www.edmondsumc.org/vbs2024

Edmonds UMC is having VBS
August 5-9 from 9am-noon
PreK—6th grade
\$75 (scholarships available)

Come join us for **Camp Firelight: A Day Camp Adventure with God** (Psalm 56:3), exploring the ways God walks beside us with intention, wisdom, peace, and joy!

Sign up your kids to participate or volunteer today!

Volunteers: We need your help! Join us in leading elementary school kids during Vacation Bible School this summer. Register online to serve in this ministry.

Karin Johnson, karinj@edmondsumc.org



Pride Sunday June 30, 2024

Save the Date:
50th Annual Seattle Pride Parade
More details to come.

News from Community Partners



Hopelink Notes
~ Darol Reynolds

The nonfood items you brought during Lent totaled 90 pounds.

Our clients were so pleased and grateful to receive such a variety of personal care products.

What is Hopelink?

Nali Gabbert Hopelink Case Manager,
Family Development Program

"Since 1971, Hopelink has served homeless and low-income families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities in King and Snohomish counties; providing stability and helping people gain the skills and knowledge they need to exit poverty for good. With service centers in Redmond, Bellevue, Kirkland, Shoreline and Sno-Valley (Carnation), Hopelink is the largest nonprofit organization in the area. We provide a network of critical social services through a number of different programs – including housing, transportation, family development, financial assistance, employment programs, adult education, financial literacy training and five food banks.

For more information on the services

Hopelink can provide please call 206-440-7300 (Shoreline Office) or visit www.hopelink.org

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"Hopelink's Family Development is a program designed to help families achieve greater stability and self-sufficiency. Families work with a case manager to create a personalized goal plan, focusing on the strengths and potential of your family.

Goals can center around increasing income, education, legal issues, health resources, parenting, and more. This may look different for each family.

While FDP is not a housing or financial assistance program, your case manager can help you navigate the housing system and connect you to resources. FDP cannot guarantee housing.

To be enrolled in the program or to find more information on the services Hopelink can provide please call 206-440-7300 (Shoreline Office) or visit www.hopelink.org"

FAN SPRING SUMMITS
MAY 5, 3:00-4:30PM & JUNE 9, 3:00-4:30PM

Join us online to celebrate our collective advocacy from this past legislative session and strategize towards statewide policy together!

REGISTER NOW

Register for FAN annual Spring Summits
fanwa.org/regional-spring-summits
Scheduled online for **May 5 & June 9, 3:00-4:30pm.**

YMCA Host Homes Program

- ♦ Hosts may be eligible to receive a monthly stipend for up to 6 months to offset housing expenses.
- ♦ Participants will receive case management support as they work toward gaining stability and becoming self-sufficient.

seattleyymca.org/social-impact-center/get-involved/hosting/webform-host-home-request

Are You Experiencing Homelessness or Unstable Housing?

HOST HOMES PROGRAM

Traditional Model	Kinship Model
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young adults ages 18 - 24• Participants are matched with Hosts in the community who have a spare bedroom and can provide them with a safe and supportive environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth and young adults ages 12 - 24• Participants have identified a supportive adult who is willing to temporarily host them.

Hosts may be eligible to receive a monthly stipend for up to 6 months to offset any housing expenses. Participants will receive case management support as they work toward gaining stability and becoming self-sufficient.

Eligibility:	Additional Info:	Apply Today:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 12 - 24• Lives in King County• Currently experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness (within 14 days).• Minors must receive notarized permission from parent/guardian or an adult with Power of Attorney. Assistance is available if you require help obtaining signature for form.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretation services are available.• Background checks will be conducted on the Host, participant, and any individuals residing in the home who are 18+. Please note: A legal record does not affect eligibility status. We will work with you to find an appropriate match.	<p>SCAN ME</p>

News & Updates from The UMC



Hosted by the GNW Area Lay Leaders, the first 'Laity Meet-Up' panel tackled **"Today's UMC: What Laypersons Need to Know About General Conference."** The panelists included three General Conference delegates: Rev. Jim Doepken (Alaska), Skylar Marston-Bihl (PNW), and Jan Nelson (OR-ID), who provided an overview of what General Conference is in addition to discussing several significant pieces of legislation.

* A recording of the first 'Laity Meet-Up.' greaternw.org/news/recording-now-available
All three will represent their conferences when General Conference convenes on April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, N.C.

Save the Date: The lay leaders hope to host the next 'Laity Meet-Up' on **June 1**, where they expect to discuss what happened at General Conference and what it means for United Methodists in the GNW.



Heritage Sunday 2024 resources now available

The General Commission on Archives and History has partnered with other United Methodist general agencies to provide a number of resources to local congregations in recognition of this Heritage Sunday (May 19, this year) in the life of our denomination. This year's resources will highlight Wesley's emphasis on love in its 2024 theme, "Rooted and Grounded in Love."

More information: resourceumc.org/heritage-sunday



Annual Conference

Pastor Kate will receive her commissioning from the Bishop on Sunday, June 16, in Richland, Washington, at this year's annual conference.

For those who would like to be there, the church is welcome to come to celebrate, and that Sunday service is open to the public free of registration.

Learn more about the Pacific Northwest's Annual Conference here: <https://pnwumc.org/ac2024/>

Registration is now open for the 2024 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Session

June 13-16 at Central United Protestant Church in Richland, Wash.

Annual Conference will be livestreamed so interested United Methodists can follow along without needing to travel. All clergy and lay members of the annual conference, regardless of whether you attend in person or online, must register to be able to participate.

May 1 registration deadline to attend in person, **May 15** to participate online.

Learn more <https://pnwumc.org/sc2024/>



Electing a new PNW Conference Lay Leader

Members will elect a new Conference Lay Leader during the 2024 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Sessions. This vital position can provide a meaningful lay voice during and in between annual conference sessions as resourcing is offered and decisions are made. The current lay leader, Nancy Tam Davis, will complete her service after two quadrennia.

A page detailing the position's responsibilities and an application have been published on the PNW Annual Conference Sessions website - pnwumc.org/ac2024/lay-leader-election/.

Applications filled out by May 1, 2024, will be published alongside other pre-conference materials. Additional nominations can be made on the floor at annual conference during the laity session where the election will take place.

You are invited to worship every Sunday at 10:45am.

Join us in the Sanctuary, from your computer, or by phone.

Worship in-person:

All are welcome to worship with us in person.

You can wear a mask if that helps you feel more comfortable, but they are no longer required.

We do ask you to stay home if you have any symptoms of illness.

Worship from home:

Zoom: Each week, the link is the same. greater-nw.zoom.us/j/867526399

YouTube: Watch us live, or catch the recording on our YouTube page [youtube.com/@RonaldUMC](https://www.youtube.com/@RonaldUMC)

Listen on your phone:

Listen on any phone. Dial one of these numbers:
669-900-6833 | 253-215 8782 |
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When prompted, enter meeting ID: 867-526-399



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- ◆ Follow our Facebook page for updates too. [facebook.com/RonaldUnitedMethodist/](https://www.facebook.com/RonaldUnitedMethodist/)

MAY Calendar

May 1
10:30am Martha's Circle

May 2
10:30 Bible Study with Côte d'Ivoire missionaries

May 5, Sunday

May 11
10:00 Caring Cards
4:00 Make It Worthy launch party

May 12, Sunday, Mothers Day

May 19, Sunday
3:00 Zoom Membership Info meeting

May 25
3:00 United Women in Faith
Spring Tea & Silent Auction

May 26, Sunday

May 27, Memorial Day

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS
10:45am worship

MONDAYS
5:30pm Kids check-in with Pastor Kate

TUESDAYS
6:00pm Pastoral Care "coffee hour"
greater-nw.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tceyqqz0sHNXsknTZhtW8zk5ODbUAPiak

WEDNESDAYS
7:00pm anti-racism book group

THURSDAYS
10:30am Bible Study
5:30pm Ronald Commons Café
7:00pm Beers & Beliefs

SATURDAYS
10:00am Choir rehearsal

**Ronald Commons Café
Thursdays from 5:30-6:30**

Free, delicious, high-quality dinners served in our Fellowship Hall

- ◆ Sit-down meals from 5:30 — 6:30.
- ◆ Vegetarian meals available.
- ◆ Take-out meals available starting at 6pm.

We need volunteers.

To volunteer, please use signup.com/go/XBZkOzO. It is important for us to know who is coming to manage our staffing.

Thank you!
~ Ronald Commons Café Chefs



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May 2

- Carnitas with rice & beans
- Roasted veggies with rice & beans
- Salad
- Dessert

May 9

- Braised brisket
- Veggie: quinoa nuggets w/marinara sauce
- Roasted potatoes
- Salad
- Dessert

May 16

- Meatloaf
- Veggie: lentil loaf
- Mashed potatoes
- Salad
- Dessert

May 23

- Beef bourguignon with buttered noodles
- Vegetable stew with brown gravy
- Salad
- Dessert

May 30

- Ground beef casserole
- Veggie lentil casserole
- Salad
- dessert