

THE SUNNYSLOPE CHURCH

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Russell Clark	Pastor	Settled
Ken Neher	Moderator/Vice Chair	2023
Carol Bowman	LT Chair	2021
Mary Katherine Deen	Clerk/Secretary	2023
Ed Deen	Treasurer	2022
Cheryl Hall	Financial Secretary	2022
Gary Harlow	Property	2022
Janet Stutzman	Social Action/Outreach	2022
Lois Tate	Hospitality/Celebrations	2022
Sasha Sleiman	Christian Ed	2022
Ben Green	Worship Comm	2021
Bob Jackson	Deacon Representative	

DEACONS

Bob & Edie Jackson
Bess Parsley
Bob Wells & Karen Dunning-Wells
Marian Gillin*
July Hampton*
Ordo Stutzman*



Come as you are. No dress codes.

No judgments.

No discriminations. No distinctions.

So, bring your doubts, questions, and busy kids. God does not reject people. Neither do we. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to full participation in all areas of our congregational life and ministry.

At the Sunnyslope Church we do not put a period where God has placed a comma, because we believe God is still speaking and we are still learning what it means to live in Jesus' realm of love, compassion, and justice.

SUNNYSLOPE CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						7 Leadership Team 8:15 am Zoom Worship 10:30 am Preacher: Pastor Russ
						Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pastor Russ Wenatchee	Pastor Russ Wenatchee	Sunnyslope church-chitchat 4:00 pm				14 Zoom Worship 10:30 am Preacher: Pastor Russ Valentine's Day
						Transfiguration
	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Sunnyslope church-chitchat 4:00 pm		18 Worship Committee Meeting 4:00 pm		20 Zoom Worship 10:30 am Preacher: Pastor Russ
		Ash Wednesday				*First Sunday in Lent
	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pastor Russ Wenatchee	Pastor Russ Wenatchee	Sunnyslope church-chitchat 4:00 pm				27 Zoom Worship 10:30 am Preacher: To be announced.
						Second Sunday in Lent

*Study on the Gospel of Mark is planned to begin the week of the 21st
A notice will go out to the church as soon as dates are confirmed.



REFLECTIONS



Dear Sunnyslope Members and Friends,

I'm having a more difficult time than usual putting my Christmas things away this year—not only because Epiphany is the season of light, but with winter so often overcast and dark, and also being semi-confined due to Covid—my memories of this Christmas just past continue to bring me a lot of joy. I did manage to get my tree down, but everything else is still in place.



But Lent is on the way—and it's early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 17 and the First Sunday of Lent is the 21st. And it will mark for many of us, the last time we were all in church together! For some of us, the commemoration of Lent can seem a dark time, with its focus on the events leading up to Jesus' passion and death. But in the early church, it was also a time when those seeking baptism or membership in the church studied and prepared for that important step in their lives.

I'm hoping that we can also look at Lent in that way this year at Sunnyslope: a time of fresh starts and new beginnings. There is light at the end of the tunnel; we will worship together again in the not too distant future. Watch, too, for information on a weekly Lenten Study on Mark's Gospel, as we prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' Passion and Death, but also his Resurrection!

To be sure, Lent is a solemn and introspective time in the life of the church, but it was never meant to be so dark and gloomy that we lose sight of the joy and light of being followers of Jesus. So keep your eyes and ears and hearts open, for good things are waiting just around the corner...

In Christian Love, Pastor Russ

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Zoom Worship
Every Sunday in **February**

PASTOR RUSS'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon. & Tues.
2nd & 4th Weeks in February
Phone: (509) 671-7854
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COME AS YOU ARE
ALL ARE WELCOME

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Janeal Himes-Jacobson
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Sunnyslope Preaching Schedule

February 07 Pastor Russ
February 14 Pastor Russ
February 21 Pastor Russ
February 28 To be announced.

	OFFERINGS	ZOOM ATTENDANCE
1/3/21	225.00	38
1/10/21	2,800.00	32
1/17/21	900.00	33
1/24/21	1,800.00	34
	<u>5,725.00</u>	<u>137</u>

Average Attendance: 34

Study on Mark's Gospel Planned for Lent

Pastor Russ and the Leadership Team have been kicking around the idea of a study of the earliest gospel in Scripture, the Gospel of Mark, for some time now.

It WILL come off during Lent.

The group will meet weekly by Zoom during Lent and perhaps a bit beyond, though Mark is also the shortest gospel, too.

We will begin during the week of February 21 but are still pinning down a day of the week and time. A notice will go out to the church as soon as those details are decided.

Please consider meeting with us if you can.

Let Pastor Russ know if you are interested and feel free to suggest possible meeting times.

Unfortunately, we can't accommodate all schedules, but we can try to fit as many in as we can!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Kristi Moses
5th Mary Clark
6th Floyd Stutzman
11th Kelsey Stutzman
11th Kaci Ramsey
12th Heather Harlow
17th Sandra Sword
18th Kristin Walton
20th Marcia Ramsey
21st Janet Eakin
23rd Neil Harlow
24th Mila Parsley
27th Gary Gillin
28th Steve Kinzie
29th Jason Bowman



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

21st Dave & Janet Eakin



SPECIAL OFFERING February 28

YWCA of North Central Washington

MISSION STATEMENT

YWCA NCW is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Our local vision is to empower women, men, and children to break the cycle of economic insecurity and homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency through assistance, support and education.

Check out some of the exciting things our local YWCA is doing right here in North Central Washington!! **And while you are at it please send your special offering to Treasurer Ed Deen, 201 South Elliott #11, Wenatchee, WA 98801**

Homeless Housing

Hundreds of individuals face homelessness in NCW. Each night dozens of men, women, and children go without shelter. We want to change that.

YWCA Women's Empowerment Center

The Women's Empowerment Center seeks to empower and equip women to chart their own course toward personal, professional development and economic self-sustainability

Case Management Program

Access to referrals and community wide services, right here at YWCA NCW.

Job Training

Imparting the necessary skills to successfully gain and retain employment.

Advocacy

From social justice to policy change, advocacy matters and the YWCA is at the forefront.

Economic Empowerment Program

Breaking the cycle of poverty one individual at a time through resources and education.

YWCA Thrift Store

The YWCA Thrift Store features items generously donated by the community, with 100% of proceeds directly supporting YWCA programs.

FEBRUARY REPORTS AND UPDATES



OPERATION FACELIFT: Tighten and lift! (tighten down the roof & replace the chairlift)

Help support our efforts to care for two important and much-needed repairs to our church building!

- ❖ We need to tighten down our roof to prevent damage outside and leaking inside, and
- ❖ We want to replace the chairlift from the library to the kitchen to help improve accessibility in our building.

Our goal is to raise a total of \$9,500 to offset the costs, which will be covered from our operating accounts until we can repay them through donations from the people of the church.

We look forward to having these projects completed before we are able to be back together in-person!

If you would like to donate, please send your check with a note on the memo line for "Operation Facelift" to Ed Deen, 201 S. Elliott Ave., #11, Wenatchee, WA 9880.

Future Happenings



Spring Event (Virtual)

Saturday, March 6, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship, Discussion on PNW District values, Music, Creative work

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for additional information.

Annual Conference
Church of the Brethren



June 30 - July 4, 2021

The entire Annual Conference has been re-programmed as a first-time-ever virtual event. This provides Sunnyslope Church with an excellent opportunity to be present as well as "send" a voting delegate.

Registration begins March 2, 2021. The Sunnyslope budget provides financial assistance for our pastor and one delegate to register. Please contact Carol Bowman if you are interested in representing our congregation in this way, or if you wish to attend as a non-delegate.

Go to www.brethren.org/ac for more information.



Annual Meeting 2021 is on - plan to join with others in the PNCUCC!

We'll gather virtually on/around the weekend of **May 1, 2021.**

Conference staff and leadership are planning our time together and will soon be able to share more details as well as open registration. Please note, as usual, there will be a cost for registration so we can put on a quality event, especially with added tech coordination this year.

We're looking forward to gathering for Annual Meeting in April to do the work of our Conference and appreciate connections that continue to happen virtually until then!