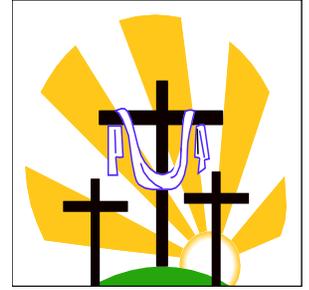


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## *From the Pastor...*

As I write this, I am sitting in the airport in Spokane, waiting for a flight back to Seattle after Nate's aunt's funeral and celebration of life. Next week, the first weekend of November, Nate and I will be traveling to central Nebraska for my grandfather's funeral, just days after All Saints' Day on November 1. So I've been thinking about saints, those who have died and gone on, and those who are still with us. I think of people like Nate's aunt and my grandfather as saints, though neither lived faultless lives or performed any miracles of which I'm aware. My grandfather, in particular, was a gruff and judgmental man. I remember being somewhat afraid of him as a child. He wasn't mean, but he could be impatient, particular, and loud. He had good reasons for why he was the way he was. He was born at the beginning of the depression and those years tore apart his family, leaving him in an orphanage for much of his early adolescence. Those experiences marked him for life, and they caused a fair amount of pain in later generations. It's impossible to speak of my grandfather in any holistic ways and not acknowledge those facts. Still, I'm grateful for to have known him. Underneath his gruff and rigid ways was a kind and fun-loving heart. He was often ready with a joke, whether or not it was appropriate for the setting, and he had more limericks and clever tongue-twisting songs memorized than anyone I've ever met. His funny names for towns and stores always had us giggling. He had no patience for fiction of any kind, but he could spin a good yarn about his own experiences in life and he was always ready to share from his vast store of historical trivia. He loved sports, especially Nebraska Huskers football, to a fault (in fact, he died just after the Husker's had finally won a game after a ten-game losing streak...which, I

would be willing to bet, was no coincidence).

I imagine most people have someone like my grandfather in their families. Someone who was loved but also difficult—wonderful and yet sometimes hurtful. After someone like that has died, it can be difficult for their loved ones to mourn them. We don't want to speak ill of the dead...and, yet, we were impacted in a very real way by the whole person, not just the wonderful things about them. I genuinely believe that we honor the dead when we are honest in our reflections about them. No life is perfect, and we don't really do anyone any favors by pretending differently. On the contrary, allowing for the painful and the beautiful memories to stand side by side can be healing, connecting, and instructive as we continue to shape our own lives. Allowing for the honoring of the imperfect life also means that we're allowed to look up to and appreciate imperfect saints, past and present, as long as we don't skip over less pleasant parts. Those lives can continue to teach us and bless us, complete with their flaws.

So, on this All Saints' Day, I pray that you will be blessed by your memories of all the saints of your lives, maybe especially the thoroughly imperfect ones.

*~Pastor Staci*



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**Toward a Church as Generous  
and Just as God's Grace**

## Important Update on 2019 Pledge Drive



The Session met Wednesday evening, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and among their topics reviewed the 2019 pledge drive to date. As you are aware, this effort is designed to support our ongoing church operating budget for the year 2019. To date we have received pledges totaling approximately \$117,160 and we greatly appreciate all those who have turned in their pledges and their giving commitments. When this figure is compared to last year's pledge dollar total of \$141,960 there is a difference of around \$24,800. Session would like to give well-earned cost of living raises to our staff and pastor and committees would like to expand some of our programs. There are still some outstanding pledges from current members and friends which we anticipate receiving soon. However, as you can see, without even enough pledges to meet this year's budget, we are quite far behind our goal.

Of course, we are limited in what we can give to our church. We ask those who can to prayerfully consider increasing their giving to help balance the budget. We have additional pledge cards on the table in the Gathering Space and if needed we can mail a card to you. We also have copies of the proposed budget available there for your information. Thank you for your consideration in supporting our mission efforts.

For any questions you may have, feel free to contact Carolyn Merritt, Treasurer or Tom Howard, Stewardship Committee Chair.

Yours in Christ,  
The Stewardship Committee,  
Tom Howard Chairperson

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Please make sure to note **your name and phone number** with your article so I may contact you if I have any questions. Thanks again to all of the contributors for this month's **PRESS!**

Thanks -  
Alan Herbig - Editor  
**WOODLAND PARK PRESS**

## November Worship and Scripture Readings

November 4: All Saints' Celebration: Please bring photos or small memorabilia for the Remembrance Table.

Text: Elisha Heals Naaman:  
2 Kings 5:1-15A

November 11: Family Worship

Text: Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly:  
Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

November 18: Thank-Offering Potluck and Dessert Auction After Church!

Text: Swords into Plowshares:  
Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4

November 25: Saint Andrew's Day Celebration: Wear plaid!

If you can, please plan to stay late and help decorate the church for Advent!

Text: Jeremiah's Temple Sermon:  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11

# Bits and Pieces

## WE CHOOSE WELCOME!

**SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION** with Pastor Staci meets Tuesday, noon, [Green Bean Coffeehouse](#) ; 8525 Greenwood Ave N. : November 6: Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4 November 13: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11  
November 20: Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19 November 27: Esther 4:1-17

**BRING PHOTOS THIS SUNDAY OF LOVED ONES** whom you want to remember for our All Saints' Remembrance Table on November 4th. In lieu of a photo, you might bring a small object that reminds you of your loved one. Remembrances of people and pets are welcome. Feel free to add your photos or objects to the Remembrance Table as soon as you arrive on Sunday.

**PASTOR STACI WILL BE AWAY** from November 2 through November 4 for her grandfather's funeral in central Nebraska. If you have an urgent pastoral care need, please contact the Reverend Ellen Action at 248.722.3240 (cell) or [eacton1@gmail.com](mailto:eacton1@gmail.com).

**MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY GATHERING:** Have you wondered about becoming a member of Woodland Park Presbyterian Church? Pastor Staci will lead a fun and informal information gathering at **6:00 pm, November 11, at the Bronsdon's home.** To participate, or if you have questions, please reach out to Gene Oliver at [oliver@holmancahill.com](mailto:oliver@holmancahill.com) or Michael Bronsdon at 206.799.7614 or [michael@bronsdon.com](mailto:michael@bronsdon.com).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Recovery:** Debbie Blane, Flo Bliss, Ken Doak, Bethany Erickson, Evelyn Merritt, and Salwa Nemr .

**Sympathy:** The family of Jerry Tinker, brother-in-law of Alan Herbig, who passed away October 27th. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Pastor Staci and her family as she and Nate travel to Nebraska for her grandfather's funeral

**Missionaries:** Brian and Sandi Thompson-Royer.

**Our college students:** Arthur Bale, Miki Bale, Lupita Barren, Colin Bronsdon, Jessica Cruz, Erin Emery, Kai Hirayama, Luke Luttrell, Myles Sproul Nelson, Ben Peterson, and Emily Peterson.

## Presbytery Connections - November, 2018

By Roger Lee

At the October stated meeting, Presbytery accepted WPPC's offer to host its October, 2019 meeting.. At the January, 2019 meeting, Presbytery may elect Todd Peterson to be the Vice Moderator of the body. Presbytery heard Pastor Staci support the Vacant Property Proposal. It voted down this proposal. The sale of the Seattle 1<sup>st</sup> PC property now proceeds. Presbytery approved Rev. Debbie Blane's change to Honorably Retired. For the 2019 Youth Triennium (grades 9-12), the contact person is Rev. Scott Anderson: [sanderson@standrewpc.org](mailto:sanderson@standrewpc.org) .

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance set up sites for volunteers to stay at three North Carolina sites. These volunteers help survivors in the early stages of the response to hurricanes Florence and Michael. For more information, see: <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/hospitality/>

For those looking for shorter statements on energy, tax policy or end-of-life issues, the 'Social Creed' is such a concise summary. For more information, see:  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/October-27-2018/>

Before 2014, the work of Mission Responsibility Through Investment committee (MRTI) focused on human rights. Now 75-85% of MRTI's work involves environmental and climate change issues, particularly with oil and gas companies. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/mrti-begins-next-season-of-engagement-with-new-guidelines/>

## Healing the Heart of Democracy:

The courage to create a politics worthy of the human spirit

by Parker J. Palmer



### Hope for American democracy in an era of deep divisions

In *Healing the Heart of Democracy*, Parker J. Palmer quickens our instinct to seek the common good and gives us the tools to do it. This timely, courageous and practical work—intensely personal as well as political—is not about *them*, "those people" in Washington D.C., or in our state capitals, on whom we blame our political problems. It's about *us*, "We the People," and what we can do in everyday settings like families, neighborhoods, classrooms, congregations and workplaces to resist divide-and-conquer politics and restore a government "of the people, by the people, for the people."

In the same compelling, inspiring prose that has made him a bestselling author, Palmer explores five "habits of the heart" that can help us restore democracy's foundations as we nurture them in ourselves and each other:

- An understanding that we are all in this together
- An appreciation of the value of "otherness"
- An ability to hold tension in life-giving ways
- A sense of personal voice and agency
- A capacity to create community

*Healing the Heart of Democracy* is an eloquent and empowering call for "We the People" to reclaim *our* democracy. The online journal *Democracy & Education* called it "one of the most important books of the early 21st Century." And *Publishers Weekly*, in a Starred Review, said "This beautifully written book deserves a wide audience that will benefit from discussing it." --(Amazon.com website)

"Everything changes when we read." --Neil Gaiman (author).

Jeri Lee  
WPPC Librarian

## Family Worship is Coming on November 11!

The Spiritual Formation Committee (previously "Worship Committee" and "Children and Families Committee") has been looking for ways to integrate our children's ministry into our regular worship in a more holistic way. In addition to participating in communion and lighting candles, we'd like our children to be able to worship with us on occasion in a way that is geared toward them (as well as being interesting and engaging for the adults!).

On November 11, we'll have our first "Family Worship Sunday". We hope to do this once a month, depending on our families' schedules. These services will include all the standard parts of reformed worship, but many of them may look and feel a little different. We hope this will be a refreshing change of pace for all our regular worship attendees as well as be an engaging way for all of us to meet our children where they are. In preparation, the Spiritual Formation Committee has been working hard, and so have our children! Jenna, Jeff, and the children have been preparing art, reading, and music to share with us during the service. Since children are somewhat more unpredictable than adults in worship, and we want them to be able to be present without feeling like they must perform, we also expect that not everything will go as planned, so we'll all be ready to be flexible! Thanks for joining us on this new adventure, and we'll look forward to seeing you on November 11!





## Calling all of Santa's Little Helpers

It hasn't snowed a single flurry, but Santa Dear, we're in a hurry! 'Tis the Season to start thinking about being Jolly. On Saturday, December 1, WPPC will be hosting a holiday extravaganza for our church family and our Phinney Ridge neighbors to help kickoff the Christmas season. There will be holiday crafts for adults and children, games, pictures with Santa, a Holiday Café, greenery sales, alternative gift giving opportunities, Christmas Sing-a-long, Holiday Performances and more. The Community Engagement Committee is looking for any and all volunteers who would like to help with this ambitious project. If you have a special skill that

you think would be useful during the fair, if you would like to help with the cafe, if you have an idea that you think would be fun, or if you don't have any idea what you might want to do but just want to be involved, let Dustin Wilsor know & he will make sure you are involved. We specifically need volunteers to help decorate the church after service on November 25 when we will be putting up the tree in the sanctuary, hanging swags, and assembling the flocked tree in the lobby.

Please contact Dustin at [dustinwilsor@gmail.com](mailto:dustinwilsor@gmail.com) with any questions or to become involved.

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## The Soup Kitchen Needs Your Help

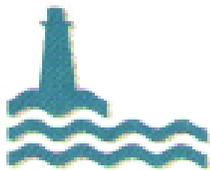
The Monday Feeding Program, WPPC's Soup Kitchen, needs volunteers Monday mornings, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (or part of that time) to help prepare and serve meals to homeless people. Our Soup Kitchen serves an average of 40 people per Monday and over 2,000 meals a year. We especially need volunteers on holidays as we are open **every** Monday. The Soup Kitchen has been closed only 3 times (due to heavy snow) in 34 years of operation!

If you'd like to join a convivial Monday morning group, please contact Gordon Merritt.




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## Deacons at WPPC



From the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church USA

“The ministry of Deacon as set forth in Scriptures is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.”

Every second Sunday, the Board of Deacons meets to try our best to carry out this directive in the Book of Order. Deacons serving now are Roger Brockway, Moderator; Cathy Bronsdon, Secretary; Ken Doak, Treasurer; Alan Herbig, Scott Bale, and June Howard. We spend each meeting reviewing business that comes before the board. Our most important task is that we review the name of every person in our congregation/community and pray for them. We take on tasks like visitation, phone calls, etc. to get in touch with those we understand might have specific needs that we can

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fulfill. We have been preparing cards in the meeting to mail to parishioners/community members that we are aware of who could use an encouraging word.

The loose offering given on the first Sunday of the month is used to fund the Deacon activities. Additional donations are always welcome. We try to keep a balance of about \$1,000 in our account. Recently, the account has risen to over \$2,000 so we voted to give \$500 each to two organizations. One was Youth Cares to help the homeless teenagers living on the streets of Seattle, many of whom identify as LGBTQ. The second donation was made to the Church Council of Seattle to help with its ministry to the immigrant families.

If you have a concern that the Deacons can help you with or know of someone with such a need, there are several ways to get that help. First you can call any Deacon and tell them. Their phone numbers are in the church directory. You can call the church office and DeAnne will get the word to them. Also, there are "Care Cards" in the narthex and on the candle tables in which you can write your concerns and put in the box in the narthex made for them.

Our goal as Deacons is to be of service to you, our congregation and community. We find joy in this work and benefit greatly from the opportunity to provide such service to you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
June Howard

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## **The St. Charles Brunch Team**



The St. Charles brunch team is a group of about eight who prepare and serve a brunch at the St. Charles apartments the last Saturday of each month. The St. Charles is one of over a dozen apartment buildings operated by Plymouth Housing, a great provider of housing for formerly homeless individuals in Seattle.

Each month our brunch consists of a main dish such as scrambled eggs or baked French toast, along with turkey sausage, muffins or rolls, fruit, milk, orange juice and coffee. We prepare the items at home and bring them to the St. Charles, which is located on

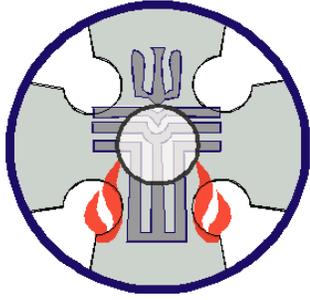
Third Ave just south of Cherry, around 9:30 am, serving at 9:45. The building houses around 65 individuals and our usual attendance is about 45 or so. Brunch is served in the building lobby and the residents can either sit at tables there or take their plates to their room. Our crew is usually finished by 10:30 at the latest.

In addition, The St. Charles Housing Ministry team will again be doing our usual Christmas gift bags for the 65 residents of the St Charles apartments. This year the bags will include men's warm socks, warm gloves, and kitchen or hand towels. As in past years, we would greatly appreciate the congregation's contribution of some of these items. We will also include edible items like cookies, candy, cans of chili or soup and the like. The team members shop for these items and if you would like to make a financial contribution it would be most helpful. You could put your check made out to WPPC in the offering, and write "St Charles" in the memo line.

Beginning in November the collection box for gifts will be in the gathering space. Thank you for your support. The residents really appreciate and look forward to each month's brunch and the holiday gift bags.

Since several members of our team are finding that they need to either pull back somewhat, or retire from the team entirely, we would be happy to welcome any new members to the team. If you want more information you could speak with me, or with Jan Oliver or Peggy McClintock.

Thanks for your interest,  
Gary Ireland for the St. Charles Brunch Team

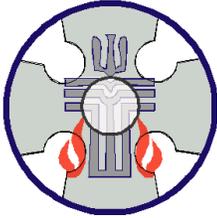


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Each Sunday</b>  <b>9:00</b> Sunday School for All Ages  <b>10:30</b> Worship Service  <b>RAC</b> Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>Please let us know your <b>(Birthday)</b> so we can note it on the calendar.</p> <p><b>JBC</b> = Just Before Church  <b>RAC</b> = Right After Church</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>6:00</b> Spiritual Formation Committee  <b>7:00</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b> (Mary Hale)</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café)</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>All Saints Day</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Ends! Fall Back!</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>7:00</b> Communications Committee</p>	<p><b>8</b> (Anna Bintinger)</p> <p><b>7:00</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>6:15</b> Open Mic Check In  <b>7:00</b> Open Mic Night!</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Family Worship Day</b></p> <p><b>RAC</b> Winter Welcome Team training  <b>6:00</b> Membership gathering</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p> <p><b>6:00</b> Holy Hops! (Location to be determined...)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>7:00</b> - Stewardship Committee</p>	<p><b>14</b> (Arnee Gomez)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>7:00</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>7:00</b> Movie Night</p>	<p><b>17</b> (Gauntt Smith)</p>
<p><b>18</b> (Devin Howard)</p> <p><b>ThankOffering Potluck and Dessert Auction</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> (Natasha Pauw)</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Scottish Sunday St Andrew's Day</b>  <b>RAC</b>—Sanctuary Decoration</p>	<p><b>26</b> (Tom Stover) (Jenni Herr Hernandez)</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>7:00</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><u>December 1st</u></p> <p><b>A Tartan Christmas Activity Day</b></p>



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## **Annual Thank-Offering Potluck and Dessert Auction**

The annual Thank-Offering Potluck will be hosted by the Membership Committee this year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 18<sup>th</sup>, right after church.

We'll also have our annual Dessert Auction, but this time with a twist! This year we are trying something different to encourage more participation and make the dessert auction more accessible to all. Some of the items will be auctioned off as usual. Others will be part of a raffle. Five dollar tickets can be purchased for specific items and a drawing will be held at the end of the live auction.

We are asking for donations of desserts or baked goods to be auctioned or raffled off. We have some regular donations that are quite yummy! The proceeds from this auction have traditionally gone to support the annual All Church Retreat. In 2018 the funds were used to support the All Church Picnic, which was well attended and a lot of fun!

We will also be collecting socks and gloves for the homeless, to be donated to a shelter in our area. Look for the collection box in the Upper Room on the Thank-Offering event day!



Dear Members and Friends of Seattle Chapter Fellowship of Reconciliation.



FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION  
— WESTERN WASHINGTON —

**Upcoming events, details follow below**

Thurs Oct 18, Seattle; fundraiser for **Palestinian Arts Center**

Sat Oct 20, noon, Redmond. MAPS Open House: **Meet Your Muslim Neighbors!**

Tues Oct 23, Seattle; City Council Budget Hearing, Speak for **Affordable Housing**

Tues Oct 23, Seattle; Book Signing by author on **Citizen Diplomacy**

Thurs Oct 25, Seattle; Film on **Direct Action in Environmental Movement**

Thurs Oct 25, Seattle; Lecture on **Conditions in Gaza**

Thurs Oct 25, Seattle; **Abe Keller Peace Education Fund**, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Thurs Nov 1, Seattle; Film “**Who Are These Russians?**”

Sun Nov 4, Seattle; Silent Vigil to **Stop Human Trafficking**

Sun Nov 4, West Seattle; **West Seattle Neighbors for Peace and Justice** meeting

Tues Nov 6, Seattle; **First Tuesday War Protest**

Weds Nov 7, Seattle; Gamechangers: Growing an **Economic Revolution**

Thurs Nov 8, Seattle; speaker on **Prevention of Nuclear War**

Tues Nov 11, Seattle; Book Signing by author on **Citizen Diplomacy**

Tues Nov 14, Seattle; Book Signing by author on **Citizen Diplomacy**

Sat Nov 17, Lacey, near Olympia; **Western WA FOR Fall Retreat**

Sun Nov 18, **Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation program**

Sun Nov 18, Renton; **Faith Action Network** annual fundraising dinner

Tues Dec 4, Seattle; Book Launch, on **Life as an Immigrant at the Border**

**Sun Dec 16, Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation Holiday Party**

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**Thurs Oct 18**, 7 pm, at Kadima Reconstructionist Community (inside Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church), 832 32nd Avenue, at East Marion, Seattle; Beautiful Resistance: Inspiring Hope in Children in Times of Despair. A fundraiser for Alrowwad Cultural & Arts Center, Aida **Refugee Camp, Bethlehem**; see short films made by Palestinians, SKYPE with Abdelfattah Abusrour, founder of Alrowwad; donate so children can find fun and hope in the midst of Occupation. No charge, free-will offering. Sponsored by Tacoma chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace, Kadima Reconstructionist Community, and others info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/265871277369049/>

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**Sat Oct 20**, noon, at Muslim Association of Puget Sound, 1750 NE 67th Ct, Redmond. MAPS Open House: Come **Meet Your Muslim Neighbors!** Ask a Muslim, Open Q&A. Info and registration:

<http://fanwa.org/calendar/maps-open-house-come-meet-your-muslim-neighbors-2/>

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**Tues Oct 23**, 5 pm, at Seattle City Hall, 600 Fourth Ave, downtown Seattle; Fed Up with Skyrocketing Rents? Speak Out for **Affordable Housing!** Public Hearing on Seattle's Budget. Info [Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov](mailto:Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov) or 206-684-8016

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**Tues Oct 23**, 6 – 8 p.m. University of Washington Bookstore, 4326 University Way NE, Seattle; Book signing by author. “Open Borders” on **Citizen Diplomacy** by Betsy Bell with essays by Roscius Doan, Craig Justice, Anne Stadler and Richard Carter. Meet the author, Betsy Bell, and engage in a conversation about **Citizen Diplomacy in the face of nuclear war** in the 1980s. Joining her on a panel will be Prof. Eric Johnson of the UW history department and Dr. Roscius Doan, founder of a medical exchange program in Tashkent in the 80s. Please join us. Info <https://openborderswithlove.com/2018/10/03/open-borders-book-signings/>

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**Thurs Oct 25**, 7 pm, at Seattle Mennonite Church, 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle; Screening of film *The Reluctant Radical*; film explores the path that led Ken Ward from acting within environmental organizations to taking **direct action civil disobedience** instead despite the personal costs. He hopes to awaken people to the **climate crisis** caused by fossil fuel use. Ken Ward and Michael Foster-- two of the five Valve Turners who shut off all tar sands oil to the United States --will be present to discuss their actions and answer audience questions after the film. Admission is free, but there will be an opportunity to contribute to Climate Direct Action, which helps fund legal defense costs for the Valve Turners and other climate activists. sponsored by University Unitarian Church, Seattle Mennonite Church, and Seattle First Baptist Church. Info <https://www.thereluctantradicalmovie.com> and [www.shutitdown.today](http://www.shutitdown.today)

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**Thurs Oct 25**, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, at Ballard Homestead, 6541 Jones Ave NW, Seattle; An Evening with Norwegian physician, humanitarian, and activist Dr. Mads Gilbert. Guests can expect an inspiring, riveting, and heart wrenching evening as Dr. Gilbert testifies to the extreme brutality inflicted upon Palestinians living under Israeli occupation, shares his own experiences of providing immediate and life-saving emergency medical care and training in the besieged Gaza Strip, and shines a light on what Americans can do to support Palestinians and end the occupation. Fundraising Lecture for Rachel Corrie Foundation Gaza Projects. \$20. Due to graphic images, no children under 12 will be allowed. Tickets and info: <https://rachelcorriefoundation.networkforgood.com/events/8962-an-evening-with-dr-mads-gilbert>

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**Thurs Oct 25**, 6:30-9 pm, at Central Area Senior Center, 500 30<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Seattle; **Abe Keller Peace Education Fund**, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration “Journey to Justice” Program and Wine and Cheese Gathering. A fabulous program including Jerry Large, former columnist at The Seattle Times; Ruth Yarrow coming all the way from Ithaca, NY to honor this milestone; and the Seattle Labor Chorus. The Fund has awarded more than 100 grants in its 20 year history to promote peace and social justice education. These include the Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation’s Peace Activist Training Program, From Hiroshima to Hope, Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, The Freedom Project, Youth Undoing Institutional Racism, and Colectiva Legal del Pueblo. Info <http://abekellerpeacefund.org/>

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**Thurs Nov 1**, 7 pm, at University Temple United Methodist Church, Downstairs Fireplace Room 1415 NE 43rd St, Seattle; Film “Who Are These Russians, and Why Do We Hate Them?”, a film by Regis Tremblay. Countering the narrative we have been told about Russia and Putin. Tensions have never been worse and all life on earth is being held in nuclear ransom. Discussion to follow, filmmaker will be present. Sponsored by Veterans for Peace, Seattle. Free and Open to the Public

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**Sun Nov 4**, and subsequent 1st Sundays, 1:30-2 pm, at Westlake Park, 4th Ave. and Pine St., downtown Seattle; Silent Vigil to Stop Human Trafficking. info Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center 206-223-1138 or [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org)

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**Sun Nov 4**, and subsequent 1st Sundays, 5 pm, at Alki Congregational Church, 6115 SW Hinds, West Seattle; **West Seattle Neighbors for Peace and Justice** monthly meeting followed by potluck. send an email to be added to the listserv for event notification, info [jmrepp@q.com](mailto:jmrepp@q.com) or 206-932-9522

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**Tues Nov 6**, and subsequent first Tuesdays, 11 am to 1 pm, at the downtown Seattle Federal Building, 915 – 2nd Ave, Seattle; **First Tuesday War Protest**. It is sponsored by Veterans For Peace, West Seattle Neighbors For Peace and Justice, EarthCare Not Warfare, and the Downtown Peace Vigil. We hope to add other peace and anti-war organizations to sponsor these monthly demonstrations. Info Dan Gilman, 206-499-0226, [dhgilman@outlook.com](mailto:dhgilman@outlook.com)

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**Weds Nov 7**, noon – 1:30 pm, at Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, 1301 5th Ave, MSFT Room A&B, Seattle; “Gamechangers: Growing an **Economic Revolution**.” Africa is a global leader in mobile money, constantly innovating financial services in order to reach millions of customers who otherwise have no access to banking. Join the World Affairs Council and Mercy Corps Country Director Christabell Makokha for a conversation on how breakthrough digital technology has been disrupting cycles of famine and poverty for over a million small and family-run farms throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. Non-members \$25 and up, info and registration <https://www.world-affairs.org/event/gamechangers-growing-an-economic-revolution/>

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**Thurs Nov 8**, 6:30-8 pm, at William H. Foegen Hall, UW Campus, 3720 15th Avenue Northeast, Seattle; WA Physicians for Social Responsibility presents Dr. Tilman Ruff, Co-President of the International Physicians for the **Prevention of Nuclear War** and co-founder of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Winner. Co-sponsored by UW School of Public Health, and Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, UW.

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**Sun Nov 11**, 12:15 – 2 pm, at Saint Mark’s Cathedral Shop, 1245 10th Ave. E, Seattle; Book signing by author of “Open Borders” on **Citizen Diplomacy** Betsy Bell (with essays by Roscius Doan, Craig Justice, Anne Stadler and Richard Carter). Meet the author, Betsy Bell, and engage in a **conversation about memoir and history** with Dick Carter, one of the

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essayists included in Open Borders and UW Professor Elena Campbell, History Department.  
Info <https://openborderswithlove.com/2018/10/03/open-borders-book-signings/>

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**Weds Nov 14**, 6 – 7:30, at Homestreet Bank, 4022 SW Alaska Street, Seattle; Book signing by author; “Open Borders” on **Citizen Diplomacy** a book by Betsy Bell with essays by Roscius Doan, Craig Justice, Anne Stadler and Richard Carter. co-sponsored by the West Seattle Chamber of commerce. Info <https://openborderswithlove.com/2018/10/03/open-borders-book-signings/>

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**Sat Nov 17**, 9 am – 5 pm, at Gwinwood Conference Center in Lacey, WA; 2018 Western WA FOR Fall Retreat “Displacement, Resilience, and Healing: Bridging Our Diverse Communities with Respect, Understanding, & Solidarity” Full info and registration form, <http://www.wwfor.org/fall-retreat-2/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/567443727041706/> or 360-701-5980 or at 360-349-1168

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**Sun Nov 18**, 2018, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, 225 N 70 St, Seattle – Near #5 bus. **Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation program, topic to be announced**  
All are welcome! Free, an offering will be taken. Info 206-789-5565 or [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org) or <https://forseattle.wordpress.com/>

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**Sun Nov 18**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, at Renton Pavilion Event Center, 233 Burnett Avenue South, Renton; **Faith Action Network** will host our annual fundraising dinner. We look forward to celebrating the victories of the past year with you, while gathering together with faith leaders and advocates from across the state to continue to move forward our dream for the common good. We will present our annual awards to advocacy leaders and invite your continuing support of our mission. \$75, info and registration <https://fanwa.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?id=126&reset=1>

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**Tues Dec 4**, 7:30 pm, at the Rainier Arts Center: 3515 S Alaska St, Seattle; Octavio Solis will be at the Seattle launch for his memoir debut, **Retablos: Stories from a Life Lived Along the Border**, to be published by City Lights this month. Given the horror that migrant families and children are still experiencing at the border, Solis’s own stories of **growing up in a Mexican immigrant family** in El Paso, TX are timely. Octavio Solis is an acclaimed Latino playwright. Info [darian@citylights.com](mailto:darian@citylights.com)

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**Sun Dec 16**, 5- 8 pm, at Horizon House Sky Lounge, 900 University St, downtown Seattle; **Seattle FOR Holiday Party** with Festive Potluck. Free, collection will be taken. Attendees are invited to bring new socks, hats, and gloves to be contributed to our neighbors in need. All welcome. Info 206-789-5565