

The Circuit Crier

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From the Desk of Jin Ming

Dear families of Jesus Christ,



We were asked to “hark” the smallest voice of a crying baby and patiently wait for HIS coming. Now joyfully we have received the greatest gift of all - Jesus Christ! As we embrace another year, “Relationship” will be the key word for the year of 2018. To be able to have a strong relationship with our Lord, we have to have some basic factors to build the foundation:

Acceptance - *“accept one another then first as Christ accepted you...” (Romans 15:7). We all have different hobbies and different tastes, how can we accept each other with different perspectives? Because God does, so shall we!*

Happiness - *“A happy face means a glad heart...” (Proverbs 15:13). Happiness is wanting what you have, not having what you want.*

Honor - *“Love each other...and take delight in honoring each other” (Romans 12:10). Our habit in today's world is to love our lives alone. To stay out of each other's affairs. To keep our distance. That is not God's way, though. God asks us to love each other and to care for each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.*

You cannot live happily without other Christians who support you, encourage you, pray for you and help you keep a strong relationship with God. That is why God created the relationships between the Creator and creatures, between human beings and animals, and between human beings.

With our faith and commitment, let us watch closely our relationship with God.

Happy New Year to you all!

Pastor, Jin Ming



From Jin Ming's Desk: January & February Scripture Readings

January 7th: Gen. 1:1-5; Ps. 29 (UMH 761);
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

January 14th: 1 Sam. 3:1-10; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18
(UMH 854); 1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

January 21st: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps. 62:5-129 (UMH 787);
1 Cor. 7:29-31; Matt. 1:14-20

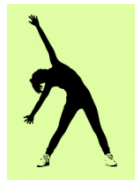
January 28th: Deut. 18:15-20; Ps. 111 (UMH832);
1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

February 4th: Isa. 40:21-32; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c
(UMH 859); 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 11th: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6 (UMH 783);
2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 18th: Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10 (UMH 756);
1 Pet. 3:18-22; Mark 1: 9-15

February 25th: Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31
(UMH 752); Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38



Wellness Class By Pastor Jin Ming!

Beginning on January 9, Pastor Jin Ming will be offering a wellness class in the Fireside Room from 3-4 PM. Please sign up with the office if you are interested in attending!



Date: January 9

Time: 1 PM

Program: Dr. Jim Shank, Superintendent of Coupeville District will present “State of Our School”.

Hostesses: Val Hillers & Suzanne Wallis

Date: February 13

Time: 1 PM (Executive Committee at Noon)

Program: “Our Community Response Teams”, presented by Eve Parrish

Hostesses: Linda Osborn and Kathleen Flower

Date: February 22

Time: 1 PM

Program: “Day of Prayer and Denial” by Jodi Burcham

Place: Kathy Van Winkle’s Home



Evacuation Safety Training by Craig Anderson

On January 28 during coffee hour, Craig will explain how to deal with emergency situations, including active shooters, evacuating the church during a fire, and medical emergencies. Please plan on attending this worthwhile training!

CLIMATE CHANGE: Our Call to Conversion

*A Four Session Contemplative Conversation**

Hosted by the **Greening Congregations Collaborative**
(Coupeville United Methodist, Langley United Methodist, St. Augustine's Episcopal,
St. Hubert's Catholic, Trinity Lutheran, Unitarian Universalist, Unity of Whidbey,
Whidbey Island Friends Meeting)

ALL ARE WELCOME to one or all of these community conversations

SESSION ONE: OUR EARTH COMMUNITY

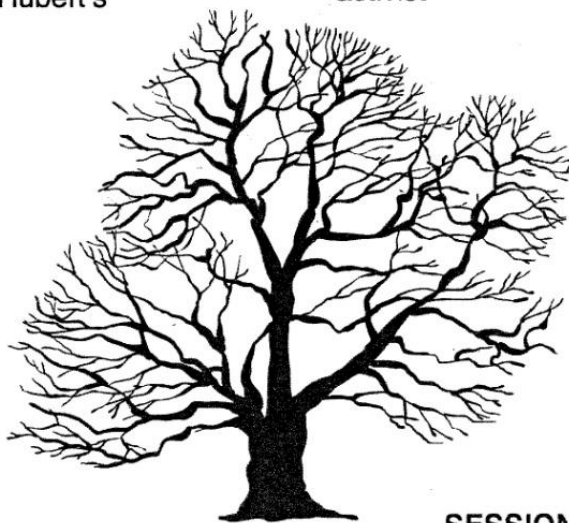
Monday, January 8, 3 pm

St. Hubert's Catholic Church, Langley
Facilitated by Patty Bowman, Executive
Director, Intercommunity Peace and
Justice Center and Elizabeth Guss,
Pastoral Assistant, St. Hubert's

SESSION TWO: THE SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Monday, January 15, 3 pm (Following the

Martin Luther King Interfaith Service)
St. Augustine's, Freeland
Facilitated by Don Miller, conservation
photographer and Dianne Shiner, poet
activist



SESSION THREE: ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

Monday, January 22, 3 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland
Facilitated by Kate Davies, Senior Fellow-
Whidbey Institute, and Tom Ewell, Civility First

SESSION FOUR: ECO-IMAGINING OUR EMERGING FUTURE

Monday, January 29, 3 pm

Unity of Whidbey, Langley
Facilitated by Randall Berthold,
retired NASA earth scientist
and Donna Vanderheiden

*Sessions will be based on the readings from the booklet, *Climate Change: Call to Conversion*, available for \$2. For more information, contact Dianne Shiner, shiner.dianne@gmail.com

Roots & Wings 2018

February 24, 2018 @ 9:00 am - 3:30 pm



Join us for the annual Puget Sound District training event!

Morning classes will explore our inward faith journey. Afternoon classes will explore our outward faith journey. Additional classes will be offered for finance, trustees and SPR to support our congregations.

Early bird registration starts January 1st for \$20

After February 9th it jumps to \$40.

Lunch is included and on-site childcare is available. Class descriptions will be coming out shortly.

Scholarships available to those who need financial assistance. Contact Puget Sound District Administrator, Hollie Swanson at 1-888-818-4288 or pugetsound@pnwumc.org.



Remembrances of the Heart 2018

The Whidbey Health Hospice Care's 2018 Remembrances of the Heart Service and reception will be held here in our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 17 from Noon – 5:00 PM.

Please join others who will reflect on those they have lost, and to celebrate their lives and what they gave to all of us.

Please invite folks who might not know about the service so they may benefit from it, as well!

Birthdays!!

January

3rd Emily Hancock & Val Hillers
6th Don Sherman
8th Alan Hancock
9th Christopher Hutchinson
11th Marena Rebeschke-Smith & Beverly Cheek
12th Jill Hein
13th Virginia Brown
16th Elizabeth Hancock
22nd Roger Sherman
31st Bill Johnson

Birthdays!!

February

- 1st Beth Haight
- 3rd CJ Roberts
- 4th Carmen McFadyen
- 5th Kathleen Anderson & Linda Osborn
- 7th Brian Roberts
- 10th Pat Coffey
- 13th Spence Purvis
- 14th Jan Vaughan
- 15th Carolyn Lhamon & Ava Mitten
- 17th Eve Parrish
- 19th Dan Miranda
- 20th Bruce Faunce
- 23rd Wylie Vracin
- 24th Ramona Laster
- 25th Brian Haight & Catherine Lhamon
- 27th Marilyn Clay



MERRY CHRISTMAS from Jamaa Letu !

Dear prayer team,

When we remember about Christmas, there's many good ideas that comes in our mind and heart. Christmas brings families and friends together, it is a time to celebrate the arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus. It is a time to be free from the daily duties. Family get together and do fun things with those we love. Yes Christmas is about all that.

But it is also so much more when we think about spiritual side to acknowledge God's best and greatest gift to the world. God send the only son who came to bring us the message that God loves all of us so deeply and wants each of us to be with Him forever.

THANK YOU AND OUR APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for your prayers, financial support and sacrifice to Jamaa Letu boys and girl orphanage.

Thank you for giving them second chance to become who they are today. Through your help over these years, you have brought Christmas a Joy each year to our orphans in Congo.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018. Our prayers are with you all.

*Blessings,
The Chikomb and Orphanage family.
Love, Joy and Peace.*



*Happy New Year
Everyone!*