



# The Good News

A Newsletter for Friends and Members  
of Kirkland Congregational United Church of Christ  
June 2019



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***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!***

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## **From our Pastor:**

Pentecost is the day in the religious calendar when we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a gift to the disciples. This gift transforms the disciples into teachers and leaders rather than followers and it is through this gift and through the leadership of the Apostles that the early church is formed. This year Pentecost falls on June 9, which is the last day our church program year and the date of our Annual Meeting.

Often, partially because Pentecost comes the end of the church program year, we end up glossing over the importance of the Holy Spirit. This also happens because the Holy Spirit is mystical, hard to define, and variously described in the bible, which leads many of us to skip past Pentecost for fear of wrongly naming the Holy Spirit and its meaning. As I was looking for a concise way to describe the Holy Spirit I came across a poem simply entitled Pentecost, written by the English poet William Blake:

### ***Pentecost***

Unless the eye catch fire,  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
The God will not be known.

Blake's poem describes the faculties and senses of the body as the receiver of the Holy Spirit and implores the body to experience the presence of the Spirit in order to know God. I share this poem because it is a reminder that Pentecost wasn't merely an event that happened to the early church... it is an event that continues to happen today as well. But only if we allow ourselves to catch fire as the Spirit comes to us—in eyes open to see the fire of divine presence, in ears open to hear the needs of God's children, in tongues ready to speak truth, in hearts afire with love, and with minds open to be changed by the holy fire of God's presence.

It is no small thing that our church's Annual Meeting will be held on Pentecost. Our meeting may feel like a routine or even unimportant gathering, because the only item on the agenda is to elect our council leadership for the coming year. However, we are electing these leaders because they will be the ones to help uncover the movement of the Spirit in our midst and guide us as we respond.

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# Bible Sunday

**June 2, 2019**

It is a long standing tradition at Kirkland Congregational UCC to present our children and youth a special Bible at various times of their faith journey.

We present Bibles to our second graders, sixth graders, and graduating High School seniors.

We have 2 second graders: Kaden Griswold and Riley Scott, who will be receiving the "Shine On Bible"

Our sixth grader to receive a Bible is Marin Lambert. She will be receiving the "Good News Bible."



This year we will be presenting Bibles to two graduating High School Seniors. They will each receive a UCC Presentation Gift Bible with their name engraved on the front cover.

**Cody Gaskill** ~ Cody will be graduating from Lake Washington High School on June 17, 2019

**Ben Kehrli** ~ Ben will be graduating from Overlake High School on June 9, 2019.

**Congratulations to Cody and Ben!**  
We are so very proud of each of you!

We also honor graduates that are connected to our congregation through membership and family connections.

**Isaac Grams** is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington on June 13.

**Zac Knibb** received his Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity from Brigham Young University on April 25.

**Rebecca Johnson**, granddaughter of Sarah and Dick Johnson is graduating from Jackson High School on June 15.

**Ashley Lambert**, granddaughter of Gale Peterson and niece of Shauna and Ryan Lambert, is graduating from Jackson High School on June 15.



## Committee Meetings Christian Education Committee

Next meeting date is:

**Monday, June 17, 2019**

Helliwell Room at 7:00pm

## Church Council Meetings

**Monday, June 3, 2019**

Helliwell Room at 7:00pm

and

**Monday, June 24, 2019**

Helliwell Room at 7:00pm

# All Church Barbecue

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

**following worship and  
Congregational Meeting**

Come enjoy sizzling hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs off the grill, an array of salads and a wonderful dessert.

Meat, buns, condiments, beverages and dessert, as well as plates and silverware will be provided.

**We are requesting that you  
bring a Salad to share.**



## **Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 9, 2019**

Sunday, June 9, 2019, is the date of our Annual Spring Congregational Meeting. The meeting will take place immediately following the morning worship service.

Voting on:

- \*New Officers for Church Council
- \*Receiving Year-End Committee Reports

Your participation in this congregational process is critical to our commitment to and the continued living out of our covenant to each other.

Be a part of the celebration of the energy and enthusiasm we experience as members in the life of Kirkland Congregational United Church of Christ.

## After Church Events

**Sunday, June 2 ~ Adult  
Education Class**



**Sunday, June 9 ~**

**Pentecost Sunday**



KCC Congregational  
Annual Meeting  
following worship



All Church BBQ,  
following meeting.



**Sunday, June 16 ~**

Father's Day ~ Celebrate the  
Father's figures in your  
life.



## Mark Your Calendars

**Saturday, June 1:  
Spring Clean-Up  
9:00am—2:00pm**

Lunch provided



## The No-Sew Blanket Making Project continues

Our next Blanket Making Party will  
take place on Wednesday, June 12th.

**What:** We will make 2 additional  
“No Sew Blankets” which will be  
given to someone within our  
community.

**No experience required!**

**Who:** All ages and genders are  
invited to join in the work, fun and  
fellowship.

**When:** Wednesday afternoon,  
**1:00pm, June 12, 2019**

**Where:** Lounge, KCCUCC

**Snacks and Beverages Provided**





## Sunday School Class

Sunday, June 9, will be the last day of regular Sunday School for our children. During the summer months we will have a carpeted area and a table in the front of the sanctuary with quiet activities for the children during worship.

Nursery Care will continue to be provided for infants through age 5.



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Your vote in support of those who are nominated to our church council is an important affirmation of their gifts and their leadership. Please join us on June 9<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the Spirit moving among us in worship and in the life and leadership of our church.

Finally, in celebration of Pentecost we will collect the **UCC's Strengthen the Church Offering**, which supports church renewal and growth across our denomination.

See you in church,

*Ryan*



"Thank you" to all the members and friends of the congregation for your continued support of our Christian Education program for all ages; Sunday School class, Adult Education Classes; Faith Uncorked, Peace and Justice Awareness; our monthly mission projects, as well as the special projects of Children's Sabbath 40 Days of Prayer; Hopelink; the Tree of Angels; Christmas Ornament Making; the Lenten Projects, Granola Bars for students at Franklin High School, Nourishing Networks School Break Boxes and Our Blanket Making Project.

We thank all those who work on our behalf to help us enhance our faith journey in a variety of ways throughout the year. Those dedicated people are Eloise Boyle, Jennifer Gaskill, Lynne Gaskill, Sarah Johnson, Margie and Van Kichline, Grace Lambert, Brianna Moss, Jim Peterson, and Rev. Ryan Lambert.

We are so blessed to have a special angel in our nursery each Sunday who receives lots of hugs from little ones, but very little recognition from the rest of us. Thank you to **Andrea Morton, also known as "Mary and Lily's Mom,"** for her gentle and loving presence.



## KCCUCC Camp Scholarship Fund 2019

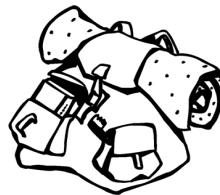
Each year we make an effort to provide 50% of the camp registration fee for each camper from KCCUCC that attends a summer camp, and/or a retreat at either of our camp locations. This fund is available for all children, youth, and adults. In past years, the fund has supported campers at Kid's Camp, Intermediate Camp, Junior High Camps, Senior High Camp, Family Camp, Women's Retreats, Men's Retreats, Confirmation Retreats, Regional and National Youth events.

The Outdoor Ministry Programs in our Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ are among the best. Our Camp and Conference Centers: **Pilgrim Firs** near Port Orchard, and **N-Sid-Sen** on Lake Coeur d'Alene, outside Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, are outstanding facilities in magnificent locations that are changing lives for the better, forever.

Last year, many KCCUCC adults, children, and youth attended a camp or retreat at one of our sites. We want to be able to send our youth, children, adults, and families to the camp or retreat of their choice this year, but we need your help!

During the next 6 weeks, the Christian Education Committee will be accepting donations to the KCC Camp Scholarship Fund after church to reach our goal of \$500. Support your church family as they experience the wonders of the outdoors and explore their relationship to God, themselves, and others.

**Please give  
generously!!!**



## N-Sid-Sen Camp and Conference Center



Work Camp (Free/all ages) - June 18—21  
Intermediate Camp - July 7-13  
(going into grades 5-6)  
Junior High Aqua Camp - July 7-13  
(going into grades 7-9)  
Kid's Camp - July 14-17  
(going into grades 2-4)  
Senior High Aqua Camp - July 14-20  
(going into 10th grade-entering college)  
Emerging Adult Camp— July 19—21  
(ages 19-35)  
Family Camp #1 - July 28—August 3  
Family Camp #2 - Aug 19—25

For information, call 208-689-3489 or  
visit [n-sid-sen.org](http://n-sid-sen.org).

## Pilgrim Firs Camp & Retreat Season



Service/Mission Camps  
June 24—29.

For information:  
call 360-876-2031  
or visit [pilgrimfirs.org](http://pilgrimfirs.org)



# Living the Season at Home

## During the Summer

Ideas for nurturing faith and discipleship at home during the Summer:

Perhaps during the Summer months, you are not able to participate in church activities regularly. Or maybe you are looking for faith experiences to share together at home. Or you might be a grandparent or other relative who wants to include faith conversations in your time with the children in your life. Whatever your particular circumstance, this resource will help you nurture faith and discipleship at home. “Living the Seasons at Home” provides a weekly engagement of a focus passage from the lectionary. These passages will possibly be the same ones you hear in church on Sunday. Even as you set aside space and use special materials, Sacred Presence is always with us. Therefore, faith conversations can happen anytime and anywhere.

### **June 2: *Haunting Claims of Freedom***

**Acts 16:16–34**

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

John 17:20–26

#### **Something to think about, talk about or do**

Unexpected ministry arises when the gospel brings its followers into conflict with economic and judicial systems. Enacting the gospel’s liberation can be costly. The details of the story paint a scene where escape seems impossible. Paul and Silas act in freedom. They sing. They pray. The mission the authorities intended to stop keeps its focus and adapts to its new locale. Prisoners and jailers listen, the gospel is proclaimed, and lives are transformed.

### **Together**

The story of Paul and Silas in jail presents an opportunity to think about people in jails, prisons, and detention centers.

**\*\*Share stories of people you know who show courage in their faithful living.**

**\*\*Find ways you can support one in your community – perhaps by giving them some games or other items. Or go online and learn about prisoners of conscience through an agency such as Amnesty International.**

**\*\*How can you be supportive of their work?**

### ***Prayer***

*O God, we are thankful for the songs and stories of faith that fill us with courage. We pray for those who suffer when they follow in your way. Amen.*

**Come,  
Holy Spirit**



## **June 9: *Pentecost Sunday***

**Acts 2:1–21** or Genesis 11:1–9

Psalms 104:24–34, 35b

Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21

John 14:8–17, (25–27)

### **Something to think about, talk about or do**

On the day of Pentecost, God's Spirit breaks into the world like a rush of wind and blaze of fire, filling the disciples with new power, new boldness, and new life. The Spirit acts to create a community of every language, culture, and nation. If the disciples needed any more convincing that their mission has scope beyond their group and nation, this experience proved it! Pentecost Sunday celebrates the animating and sustaining presence of God's spirit within the community of the church. The Spirit gives the church its mission and the power to undertake it. The church is truly the community of the spirit.

### **Together**

Talk about people who have made God's love known to you in the way they live.

**\*\*To whom do you show God's love?**

**\*\*Write all the names on a paper plate with markers or crayons. Cut the plate into a spiral. Start on the edge of the plate and cut around and around, moving inward until there's a small circle remaining at the end. Attach colored ribbons to the outside of the spiral. Tie a piece of yarn or string to the middle and hang the spiral**

near a window where it  
can spin in the breeze.



### **Prayer**

*Gather us near, Holy Spirit, and light the fires of your life in us. Then scatter us into the world, to bring your love and joy.  
Amen.*

## **The Season After Pentecost**

**The Season after Pentecost** is sometimes called Ordinary Time. Not ordinary as in “ho-hum” but ordinary because these Sundays are not attached to any special festival, such as Christmas or Easter.

In this ordinary time, we live in God's love, and we live out God's love. All of the stories we encounter in this season help us discover what it means to hear and live in God's way and discover how living faithfully every day can transform our lives.

God is with us every day. Every day is an opportunity to follow Jesus, to grow as disciples, to share God's love. That makes even the most ordinary day special!

## **June 16: – *Wisdom Calls***

**Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31**

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15



### **Something to think about, talk about or do**



the beginning of time, it was Wisdom who helped God order the cosmos and established the patterns that hold creation together. It is clear that Wisdom lives in community with God as a playful companion; Wisdom delights God and in turn finds joy in God's presence. Wisdom calls out to all God's children and longs to be heard. Will we listen?

### **Together this week**

Consider how you can care for creation in your corner of the world. Brainstorm ways you can celebrate creation and offer thanks by protecting and preserving it. Try to carry out at least one of these ideas in the next week.

**\*\*Create blessing stars** Draw stars and cut them out of paper. Write or draw on them all the blessings of creation you can think of: earth, birds, fish, animals, stars, moon, people, and so on. Tape a star or two to each mirror in your home. Each time any of you look into the mirror, you will see one of God's wonderful creations reflected in the mirror as well as the beautiful blessings of creation you have named on the star.

**\*\*Creation is an intricate design while at the same time incredibly vast.**

Find a spider's web or a picture of one. Examine it closely. It looks delicate, yet it is strong enough to withstand wind and rain. Share thoughts about how a spider's web is a beautiful symbol for celebrating God's creation.

### **Prayer**

*Creator God,  
help us to hear Wisdom's voice  
and join the dance  
of caring for creation. Amen.*

## **June 23: *Deep Down Questions***

**1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a**

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

### **Something to think about, talk about or do**

Elijah was scared and ran away from trouble. He hid in a cave and waited, hoping to hear God. Elijah heard a wind strong enough to break rocks, but he did not hear God. There was an earthquake and a fire. Elijah listened for God in the roar and chaos but did not hear God. Then there was a silence, a stillness, and Elijah heard God in the stillness. Elijah heard God in the silence. God was always with Elijah even when Elijah did not realize it. Like Elijah, sometimes we have to be still and look deep down to discover that God is with us.

### **Together this week**

Place a candle on a small table and light it. Surround it with small rocks and stones. Sit around the table and silently look at the flame and the stones. Try and see if everyone can sit in the silence for one minute. (Longer if it goes well!)

**\*\*Talk about what that felt like.** Share what each person was thinking during the silence.

**Meal time** —While having dinner, play an upbeat song from a favorite CD, then play a quiet song of instrumental music or nature sounds.

**\*\*Talk about the difference and preferences between the two pieces of music.** You may want to try eating a meal in total silence and explore that experience.

**Door hanger** —Take a business-size envelope and make two holes in one of the short ends. Tie a string through the holes to make a hanger.

**\*\*Write on the envelope:** “SHHH! I need time to sit in the quiet.” Or draw a peaceful picture. Hang your creation on a bedroom door. You may wish to put small pieces of paper and crayons in the envelopes so that if someone comes by, they may leave a note.

### **Prayer**

*Thank you, God, for being with us all the time, especially when we are worn out. In moments of stillness, may we feel you near us giving us the strength that we need. Amen.*

## **June 30: Take Up the Story**

**2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14**  
**Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20**  
**Galatians 5:1, 13–25**  
**Luke 9:51–62**



### **Something to think about, talk about or do**

In 2 Kings we hear of Elijah being taken up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha is left behind to take up Elijah’s work, and Elisha is to share the story and add his own chapter to it.

Elisha asked for a share of Elijah’s spirit so that Elisha could do this task more fully. This work and spirit were represented by a piece of cloth called a mantle.

When we pick up the story of God’s love and pass it on, God’s work in the world continues from generation to generation.

### **Together this week**

**Sharing stories** —Do you have a favorite family story, perhaps one that

shared by more than one generation?

**\*\*Talk together about your family stories that you would like to keep telling.**

**\*\*Share what your family values are and how you would like to share in carrying out God’s work in the world.**

**\*\*Write these down and illustrate them.** Place them in a container. Decorate it and label it the (name) family’s mantle. It is a symbol of your story and work. Store it in a particular place. On special occasions or chosen dates, take out your mantle, read it, and add in new things. You may wish to take a piece of cloth and decorate it with markers or paint and wrap your container in it.

**\*\*Invite everyone to share one or more favorite Bible stories.**

What do they like about this story?

What does it tell them about God?

### **Prayer**

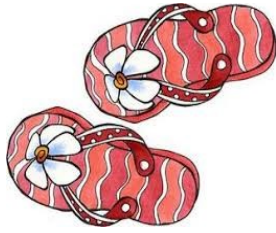
*Dear God, thank you for your love that we have received from others. Help us to pass your love to others. Amen.*











*“Shine! Let your light shine before others...”* is the theme of the UCC’s General Synod meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from June 21st-25th. Please keep our denomination in your prayers as our church gathers together. You can keep up on Synod happenings at: [www.synod2019.org](http://www.synod2019.org).

# Summer Time!

# June 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Worship at 10:30am Bible Sunday 	3 KCC Council Mtg 7pm 	4	5	6	7	1 Andrea Morton Work Party 9am- 2pm 
9 Worship at 10:30am Isaac Grams Congregational Meeting 	10	11	12 Blanket Making Lounge 1pm	13	14	15 Nate Grams 
16 Worship at 10:30am	17 CE Committee Mtg 7pm 	18	19	20 Pat Jovag 	21	22
23 Worship at 10:30am	24 KCC Council Mtg 7pm 	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship at 10:30am						



## Kirkland Congregational Church Prayer List



In your time with God this week, please lift up the following people in prayer:

Sunni Sartor	Nancy Lanphear	Lisa Granat
Jesse Adams	Jerry Rutherford	Sarah Johnson
Dorris Knibb	Ruth Wiesen	Barbara Lynch
Judy Hjorth	Philip Vaswig	Barbara Anderson
Gordon Godwin	Barbara Dietrich	Jim Peterson
Family & friends of Susan Peterson		Janet Godwin

Victims of abuse

Victims of crimes and violence

Victims of natural disasters

Residents of Camp Unity

Please contact the church office to add someone to the prayer list or to have a name removed; call 425.822.3811 or email [kccucc.office@gmail.com](mailto:kccucc.office@gmail.com).



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