



North Kitsap Redeemer United Methodist Church

March 2017

An Invitation to Community



Food Bank Needs

- Saltine cracker
- Jello
- Cereal
- Canned Milk

Please place donations in the grocery cart in the foyer. Thank you!

Celebrations

A Celebrations list has been compiled and will be distributed with the newsletter.

Church Clean-up

The next All Church Cleaning is scheduled for March 25th at 10:30 am. Please come and ensure that our worship space is pleasing to the Lord!

There are a couple of things I would like to share with you all this month. First, we will begin a new teaching series based on one of my favorite bible heroes — Joseph. In this four week series, we will tease out a few aspects from his life which might help us navigate our day-to-day lives as we continue growing in grace and becoming more and more like Jesus. Our District Superintendent, Cara Scriven, will get us started on March 12th with the opener as we examine the cross-cultural encounters throughout Joseph's life. From there, we will be looking next to what it means to be faithful to God in everyday work life and wise in our interactions with others. Then we will journey into a discussion about the ethic of Joseph's life and examine some examples of what the classical virtues look like for him and what they might look like for us today. The series will conclude with our sitting at the feet of Joseph, the leadership expert, as he teaches us what it means to lead and to be led by others. I am excited that we will journey through this section of Genesis (37-50) together, and I am also hopeful that you will be able to join in each week.

Second, I wanted to remind everyone of the team application. I have fielded several questions regarding the application, so please allow me to clarify a few things. The application does not necessarily have a direct connect to service on an existing ministry team. The application, among other things, is a tool to help us get to know each other and to guide future conversations about service on one of Redeemer's ministry teams. It is difficult to pray for you fully, to pray over the gifts God has given you, or begin to discern how we might move forward together without some idea of where people are on the spiritual landscape.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.

Adult and Youth
Classes

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time

11 a.m.

Worship Service

PASTOR'S HOURS

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Green Light Diner,
Poulsbo

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Redeemer UMC

Thursday

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Redeemer UMC

CONTACT THE PASTOR:

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Thanks for your Generosity!!! But...

We currently have an abundance of paper supplies, so please check with Shirley Wiley before purchasing additional paper products to confirm what's needed. Also, supplies are now kept in the annex next to the youth classroom.

My preference would be as many people as possible complete the application and return it to the church office during the month of March. We are in the process of developing some new teams which will be instrumental in helping us create a new ethos at Redeemer and the team application is simply a step in this new direction. Let me stress it is not some sort of spiritual test, nor is it intended to create anxiety for anyone. By way of example, the first question on the application is, "Please describe your relationship with Jesus." I am hoping for an honest answer, not necessarily a churchy answer; so if your relationship with Jesus is in shambles or is nonexistent or if it is thriving, just tell me that. My assumption is we all expect basically the same thing from one another, and that, in a word, is transparency.

Final thing from me here is to say to you just how blessed Kelly, Jansen, and I are to be with Jesus on mission and in community with you, Redeemer! Each week you evidence the grace of God just a little more and continue to make this place home. We, as a local church family, certainly have work ahead, and much of it has no immediately clear-cut solution, but together we can continue to pray, work hard, and do the next right thing as we seek to meet the challenges of life with the hope of Christ. As always, I am honored to be your pastor.

Godspeed,
Pastor Andrew



Youth + Snow + Art

Redeemer Youth will be heading to the slopes at Steven's Pass on Saturday, April 8. Before then, they will be selling baked goods to help raise money for the trip. Please look for their baked-goods table after church on Sundays.

For information about the snowboarding trip, see Tammy.

One Sunday each month, Roberta Hansen is leading a hands-on spiritual art class for the Youth. Stop by the Youth classroom before worship service some Sunday to see the beautiful creations that are emerging from this group!

Prime Timers' St. Patrick's Day Feast

Prime Timers will celebrate St. Patrick's Day early, on March 7 at noon at the church. Jesse Shanklin will make a wonderful corned beef meal, and there will be a donation plate to cover costs. Patti Drummond will be our speaker. If you will be coming to the luncheon, it's important that you call/e-mail Carol Moser (360-297-5101 / cjmmoser@comcast.net) to RSVP!

For the Schools!

Please save Campbell soup labels and Box Top labels. The schools get 10 cents for each label. You can give your labels/Box Tops to Carol Moser.

Mat Making Ministry

There will be mat-making parties on Monday, March 13 and Monday, March 27th, at 1 p.m. at the church. Come join the fun and weave waterproof sleeping pad for the homeless!



Administrative Council Report

At the February 19th meeting, the Administrative Council continued to review progress on various initiatives, including revising the rental policy (and updating the web site accordingly), better defining how the designated memorial funds may be used, and how best to obtain and record information about new visitors. Additionally, we will work on developing a brochure describing the various groups currently on the announcements slides. This is so that visitors and new people to the congregation will be aware of what these groups do (not just when they meet) so they may determine which group might be a "fit" for them.

Regarding continuing to build Covenant/Vision/Mission teams, Pastor Andrew explained that he is looking to develop three types of teams: operational, directional, and task-based. An operational team would focus on adaptive work with no immediate solution. A directional team would work on structure and policy issues. A task team would work on specific problems to develop tailored solutions. A teams application form, which can be found on the back table in the sanctuary, must be completed and submitted to Pastor Andrew before consideration for any team.

■ Susan Hougham, Ad Council Chair

Summer Parking Lot Rummage Sale!

The Ladies Fellowship is planning a Parking Lot Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. Sellers will be responsible for set-up and clearing of rented spaces, including removal of all unsold items after the sale. There will be a \$10.00 charge for each car-sized space. Sellers keep all proceeds from the sales. Participants must bring their own table or other means to display their items. Contact Carol Moser at cjmmoser@comcast.net to reserve a space.



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And Forgiveness
With North Kitsap***

HELP WANTED!!!

Work from home! In home or on-site training provided!

SKILLS & EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: A sewing machine and the ability to sew a ¼-inch seam. All other material and equipment furnished.

Yes, our Prayers and Squares Ministry is asking for your help. We currently have many children's quilts but are down to just two adult quilts. Of the four ladies that are still sewing, three are in their 80s and are getting very tired. We have a lot of great fabric and patterns and will gladly mentor any new quilter. If you cannot make the 2nd Saturday meetings, we will gladly tutor you at home or at the church. If interested, please contact Fran Larabee, Betty Thunder, Susan Houghman or Phyllis Wahlquist.