



Food Bank Needs

- Canned Fruit
- Jams and Jellies
- Ketchup
- Rice

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

RUMC October Celebrations

Birthdays

10/3 Becky Perry
10/8 Patti Drummond
10/10 Pat Markham
10/13 Nolan Lockwood
10/25 Tanner McMullen

Book Club News

RUMC's Book Club restarts this month. We will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, to discuss the book, *Crossing to Safety*, by Wallace Stegner. Books are available for sign-out in the adult classroom.

- Happy Reading!
Roberta Hansen

My Journey Searching for God's Purpose

...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with Your God? Micah 6:8 NKJV

In past weeks, Pastor Andrew has been focusing on God's purpose for us as a church and in our community. At the same time, the daily readings from my Women's Devotional Bible (NKJV) for September had the theme of purpose. Coincidence? Maybe, but I think that God just might have had a hand in it.

As I look back, it seems that I have focused on being a nurturer, caregiver and peacemaker. I wanted to help others feel better and get along with each other. It upset me when my efforts did not help those I cared about, and I would search for a more effective plan. I put a lot of pressure on myself until I figured out that I was not the one in charge and that God could and would be my guide, inspiration and help.

Now, even though I knew this, I would occasionally slip up and try to do things "my way" without consulting Him. When I was deciding what to study in college, I was torn between nursing (University of Washington) and vet school (Washington State University). I chose nursing and applied to the UW; but, apparently, my advisor sent my application to the wrong university since I received an acceptance to WSU. I first thought that God was telling me something, but my reaction was to be very upset. My advisor was able to get UW to process my application, even though the deadline was passed, and I was accepted. I chose to focus on pediatric and neonatal nursing and to care for the most vulnerable patients and their families. God's purpose for me kept me in the nurturing, caring role.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m.
Teen Class

9:30 a.m.
Adult Class

10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time

11 a.m.
Worship Service

Bell Ringing Rehearsals



The Bells of North Kitsap are rehearsing again at

RUMC — 3:30 p.m. every Monday — with a performance scheduled for worship service on Sunday, Oct. 30. The group is always looking for new members. No experience is necessary, but an ability to read music is helpful. For details, contact Hollace Vaughan at (360) 297-3250.

Note: Redeemer hosts the Kingston Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Nov. 1 ...

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WHY
ARE
WE
HERE?



According to the Christian writer Mary Graham, God's purpose is for us to walk with Him, think like He thinks and do what He would do. "He accompanies (us) through life," she writes, "(and) once we know Him, we learn to trust His heart. We know his intentions toward us are good." This is a positive and comforting thought, but we must continually remind ourselves to keep this message in our mind and heart, or we will be searching without God's guidance.

This happened to me when, for medical reasons, I retired from nursing. I felt lost and without purpose, and I become more and more confused and depressed. It took a big crisis in my life for me to ask for help and guidance from both God and mental health professionals. Once I felt stronger and more focused, I could look to God in prayer for a new purpose.

I asked to start the Caring and Sharing Program as my personal mission. I wanted to acknowledge the highs and lows in the lives of fellow members of the congregation by sending cards, calling, texting, e-mailing and visiting. My next step was to seriously consider accepting the role as RUMC lay leader. I gave it a lot of thought and prayer and felt that God was calling and challenging me. Being lay leader has been a big learning curve, but I have been blessed to be guided by two pastors, a very supportive congregation and, of course, God. I have learned that God gives purpose and joy in humble service.

God has called each of us by name to be living examples of His love in Christ. No matter where we are in our lives, God's words inspire us to work on our discipleship and help us focus on our purpose. It is not always easy, but finding that purpose helps to make your life filled with joy and abundant love for family, friends, community, country, world and, most importantly, God. "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

■ **Yours in Christ, Roberta Hansen**

Prime Timers Luncheon

Prime Timers, the group for those 65 years and older, will meet at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at RUMC. Bring a sack lunch and come hear Pastor Andrew, who will be our special speaker.



Magical Strings Returns Nov. 27

Celtic group Magical Strings returns to Redeemer for the sixth straight year to ring in the holidays and benefit Kingston Middle School's WEB program. For many at Redeemer, Christmas would not be the same without this performance! Tickets will go on sale soon at brownpapertickets.com, and some will be available at church. Plan now to attend: **3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, at Redeemer.**

Supply Stats

The School supply drive for the middle school netted:

- 6 backpacks
- 3 hoodies
- 48 notebooks
- 16 composition books
- 12 notebooks binders

Plus pencils, pens, index cards and more! Thanks to all who donated.

Ad Council Notes

The Sept. 18 Administrative Council meeting concentrated on planning for the upcoming Charge Conference on Thursday, Oct. 20, at Redeemer with District Superintendent Cara Scriven. From the UMC website: "The primary responsibilities of the charge conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church." The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will meet with the D.S. at 6 p.m. followed by an all-church conference with her at 7 p.m. The tentative agenda for the All-Church Charge Conference includes: Business Items (10-15 minutes), Vision & Mission Conversations Follow-Up (10-15 minutes) and Question and Answers with the D.S. (30-40 minutes).

Pastor Andrew throughout October will continue talking to folks who are interested in working as a team to develop vision and mission for the church and community. Additionally, Redeemer will host the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Nov. 1 to promote the Holiday Bazaar and Magical Strings concert. The Ladies Fellowship and Community Connections will be working together to decorate the tables and prepare flyers.

■ Susan Hougham, Ad Council Chair

Kingston Food Bank Receives Sleeping Mats



Barb Fulton of the Kingston Food Bank holds up one of the sleeping mats donated to her organization from RUMC's Ladies Fellowship to help homeless individuals in the North Kitsap

area. The mats, each of which is made from hundreds of plastic bags, offers recipients a dry place to sleep. Ladies Fellowship works on the bags at 1 p.m. every Monday at the church.



Mark December

Redeemer UMC and Faith Episcopal will provide the food for the Kingston Community Meal on Friday, Dec. 30. (Note: The meal always falls on the last Friday evening of the month.) More details will follow in next month's newsletter.



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And Forgiveness
With North Kitsap***



Holiday Bazaar is Nearly Here!

Planning for the Holiday Bazaar is fast underway. For sale will be Christmas decorations, hand-made fishing hooks, painted Russian boxes, garden art and so much more, as well as a wide assortment of baked goods.

Organized by the Ladies Fellowship, the bazaar is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar will feature vendors again this year, with vendors keeping all proceeds from sales. Cost for space with a table is \$30 for the two days.

To rent a space or for other details, contact Dawn Ratcliff at (360) 930-8248.



Barb Fulton is Honored with Humanitarian Award

Barb Fulton in September was honored with the 2015-2016 Humanitarian Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the

Auxiliary Department of Washington for her services benefitting homeless and needy veterans and their families. The award is given to only one person in the state per year. Her church family also honored her at the reception Sept. 25 welcoming Pastor Andrew and his family. Barb, we are so proud of your work serving others!