

**SPOKANE VALLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
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Sundays
Traditional Service 9 a.m.
Sunday School 9a.m

Staff:

Congregation: Ministers of the Church
Alissa Amestoy: Reverend
Betsy Pletscher: Piano & Organist
Luke Henderson: Director of Music
Margie Manfred: Hospitality Director
Amanda Johnson: Church Secretary
Nate Dunigan: Technical Ministry
James Gilreath- Youth Ministries
Samantha Wallace- Children's Ministries
Britny Grovom- Sunday School teacher

Volunteer Staff Position:
Shirley Porter: Lay Leader

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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9:00am to 12:00pm
1:00pm to 3:00pm

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CONNECTIONS

October 2022

Worship Preview for October

October 2 - "Prophet Margins - Jeremiah Part 2" - Jeremiah 2:4-13 (Communion)
October 9 - "Prophet Margins - Jonah Part 1" - Jonah 1:1-16 (Hymnsing)
October 16 - "Prophet Margins - Jonah Part 2" - Jonah 3:1-10
October 23 - "Prophet Margins - Jonah Part 3" - Jonah 3:10-4:11
October 30 - "Stewardship with the Saints: Authority & Mary McLeod Bethune" - James 2:1-9

(We will celebrate All Saints Day on October 30 and remember those among us who have passed in the last year. If you would like to bring a small photograph or memento of a loved one who has passed into glory, please come a few minutes early to worship and place it on the altar.)



J'adorra and I wish to thank everyone for all the encouragement and prayers we received as we headed to the Regional Championships in Auburn last month! We had a spectacular and positive experience with plenty of fun with our friends! While we weren't in the ribbons, we held steady in the middle of the pack and achieved our personal best score at First Level. We're quite proud of our accomplishments and can't wait to go back next year to compete again! Thank you for cheering us on and being supportive of our dressage pursuits – we are blessed to have such a community of encouragement surrounding us!
– Pastor Alissa and J'adorra



BROADWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
"TRUNK OR TREAT"
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

OUR PURPOSE: *Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to: follow Jesus, love others, and transform the greater community through the grace of God.*



*“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”
(Acts 2:46-47).*

It has always struck me how quickly the early church grew! As soon as the Holy Spirit passed through the people gathered in Jerusalem on that first Pentecost, the Book of Acts records that thousands upon thousands were added day by day. These new converts would gather every day in the temple courts, their homes, the local synagogue, seemingly anywhere, to teach and learn from each other, pray and worship together, break bread and talk about their newborn faith. As they grew in their discipleship, they would come to embrace the fruits of the spirit and commit themselves to living together in unity, harmony, generosity, and partnership to bring forth the Kingdom of God. And you know...they might just have been on to something!

Turns out doing things together is what we’re supposed to be all about, and the Book of Acts isn’t the only place in the Bible in which Christians are encouraged to be in relationship with other Christians through small groups. Throughout God’s Word there are constant reminders that the people of God are called to worship together, eat and fellowship with one another, and learn from each other because that’s what actually helps us grow in our faith and encourage us in our Christian witness. Because this was so important to God, from the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus drew people together into small groups for the purpose of teaching and learning, praying and worshipping, eating and talking! It’s clear from his witness that he never intended his followers to go it alone –

companionship was something Jesus nurtured in his disciples because he knew that having a partner in the faith can help you when you experience doubts, questions, struggles and more.

Mature disciples will tell you that we absolutely need other Christians in our lives to challenge us, support us, and help us understand what it means to live a life for Jesus. The gift of small groups is that it gives you a space to go deeper with what we’re exploring in worship, encourages you to dive into the Bible and ask tough questions, and can even aid in navigating the challenges of living a righteous life in this world. But more than that, when you’re part of a small group, you have the opportunity to also encourage others and help them make sense of the tough parts of living the life of faith, too!

If you’ve never been a part of a small group, or it’s been awhile, the start of the new school year is a perfect time to join one! As I’ve (hopefully) already demonstrated, being a part of a small group or Bible Study can be a source of enrichment in your life and help you grow in your faith. But let’s be honest, joining a small group can seem intimidating, time consuming, or simply not important compared to other obligations. As your schedule begins to fill with family responsibilities, work demands, and more this Fall, it might seem impossible or challenging to fit in one more thing. But, talk to anyone who has been a part of a small group and they will tell you that it is totally worth it - that adding this *one more thing* actually brings value to your life and can even *lessen* the stress of all the other demands.

Children's Ministries



For the Children’s Sunday school, they have been going through all of the helpers in Bible and are now going through the stories of King David. It has been a joy watching all these kids learn and get involved in all of the different activities.

In the month of September Bible Buck Sunday was brought back and it was a huge success. All the kids were really excited to be able to use the Bible bucks that they had saved for so long. The next one will be on November 20th if you missed the last one.

For Nursery we have finally found a caregiver. Her name is Cassandra, and she will be starting on October 9th. If you would like a chance to meet her, she will be up in the Nursery and would love for you to stop by and say hello. If you are wanting to get involved with Nursery or Sunday school, we would love to have you!

Coordinator of Children’s Ministries

Samantha Wallace

Samantha.marie00@outlook.com

Youth Ministires



Our Youth would like to extend an invitation to any congregants that would like to join our discussion of scripture during Sunday School! Please reach out to me and I will tell you a week in advance what scripture we are discussing and at the conclusion of singing please come join our youth! Currently we are going through the Book of Jonah. Please see me to sign up (limited to one congregant per Sunday).

Coordinator of Youth Ministries

James Gilreath (Gil)

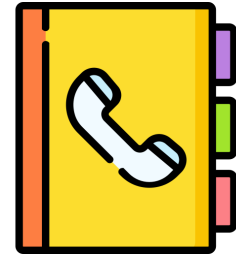
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New Directory is in the works!

We have started the planning as we begin working on the new directory. We will be taking photos on October 9th, 16th and 23rd.

The times photos will be available:

8:30 am to 9:00 am or 10:10 am to 11:00 am



YOUTH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES **(6th-12th grades)**

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Meets Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Youth Room by the main office. For more information, contact Gil Gilreath, Youth Director: 704-723-2291 or stop by the Youth Room



First Aid & CPR Classes

Saturday October 29th, at 9am to 12pm.
To participate in the classes there is a fee of \$50 for non-staff members.

Have you moved? New phone number?

Please let the church office know. It is very important to us to keep everyone connected.

509-924-7262

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I know from my own experience as a pastor that being a part of a small community within the church leads to a greater feeling of connection to the larger Body of Christ and provides a built-in support system when you're in need of prayer, encouragement, and even help with what life throws at you!

If I've convinced you to at least take a look at what we have to offer in the realm of small groups...then keep reading to see the ways in which you're invited to connect with others on the faith journey at Spokane Valley UMC! (And if now isn't the right time, don't fear - there will *always* be room for you when you're ready!) Peace - Pastor Alissa

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Meets Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Fireplace Room upstairs for a Scripture based book study. For more information, contact Linda Hansen: 208-620-0158 or simply show up!

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: *Disciple* is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. Drawing upon the work of scholars combined with personal Bible reading and study by the participant, plus dynamic group discussion, this study group aids in understanding the overall scope of the Bible. *Disciple* Bible Study is a commitment of 3 to 4 hours a week of independent study and preparation for a 2-hour weekly group meeting held over 34 weeks. A new *Disciple 1* class is being planned for January 2023 with me (Pastor Alissa!) For information visit the Connect Desk any Sunday this Fall or contact me: alissaamestoy@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: We currently have four groups that provide an opportunity for members to meet in weekly fellowship, worship and study to help each other deepen their understanding of God's word and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Each group has seven to 12 members and select their own studies which run from four to 12 weeks. New members are always welcome and new groups can be established to meet a growing need.

Here are the current groups and their coordinators:

MONDAYS 9:30am - Shirley Porter: 509-924-2830

MONDAYS 6:30pm - Nancy Larson: 509-928-4899

THURSDAYS 1:00pm - Lois Cwiek: 509-924-9592

THURSDAYS 3:00pm - Marlene McCoy: 509-999-7240

To learn more about small groups or to inquire about starting a new small group or Bible study group, please contact our Lay Leader, Shirley Porter: 509-924-2830

YOUTH GROUP: Meets Thursday evenings at 6:00pm in the Youth Room. All Middle School and High School youth welcome!



Helping Hands

serving one another in love

GALATIANS 5:13



***“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”
John Wesley***

Updates

Thank you for your support of
Naomi Paper Drive

Thank you Thursday Crew for delivering our collection of paper
products to Naomi!!

Through the Cinnamon Roll Sale \$525 was raised! \$475 was
added to that from Mission and Service
Special fund which meant we are able to send \$1,000
to Jama Letu Orphanage.

Broadway Elementary School “Trunk or Treat” Friday, October 28th.
Support this event by bringing bags of **wrapped** candy on
Sundays October 2nd, 9th and 16th to the Connect Desk. You can also sign up
to be part of this event by decorating your car trunk and handing out candy. This
is a fun event for the children at Broadway.



**Coming up at the Connect Desk
Sundays October 30 and November 6 and 13**

Shalom Ministries— Collecting bottles of pancake syrup,
men’s socks and gloves, Dollar Store black Beanies,
hand warmers and small bottles of hand sanitizers.



Broadway Teachers Luncheon on November 17–

Sign up to bring soups, salads and cookies for a staff lunch served at Broadway Elementary.

Thinking **ahead for Sundays November 20, 27 and December 4**

We will be signing up for cookies for Broadway Ornament Night and
collecting jeans and tops for Mission Community Outreach Center “Christmas Joy”
More information coming in the November Newsletter

55 Plus Luncheon and Program

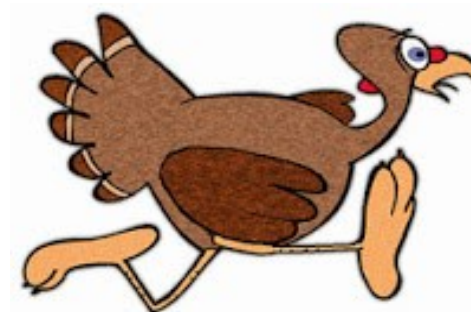
Pastor Alissa was not able to present the program for September
but will present the program on October 27th at noon



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith
seeks to connect and nurture women through
Christian spiritual formation, leadership
development, creative fellowship, and education
so that they can inspire, influence and impact
local and global communities.

Spokane Valley United Women in Faith are putting together
their Pre-Covid Dining In Harvest Dinner and
their successful Covid Take Out Harvest Dinner



**Spokane Valley United Women in Faith
Dining In and Takeout
Annual Harvest Dinner**

November 5th (Saturday) from 4:00-6:00 pm
Dining in from 4:00—5:00 pm
Take out from 5:00—6:00 pm

Adults - \$15

Children (6 – 12 years) - \$7

Children 5 and under - Free



Turkey and Dressing
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans with Bacon
Cranberries
Rolls and Butter
Pumpkin Cake

We will not be collecting money prior to the event.

Preorder your dining in or take out meals and time by calling Madelyn at 509-869-8213
beginning Sunday October 30th through Friday November 4th
between 9 am and 1 pm.

Dining in offered: 4-4:30 and 4:30-5
Takeout offered: 5-5:30 and 5:30-6

For takeout meals have your check or cash ready in a sealed envelope with your name.
Takeout pick up will be at the back of the church by the double gym doors.

For dining in we will collect your money at the door