

Return Service Requested

SPOKANE VALLEY
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
115 NORTH RAYMOND RD
SPOKANE VALLEY, WA
99206

Sunday 9am
Traditional Service
Sunday School & Nursery

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Zack Reiber



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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.*

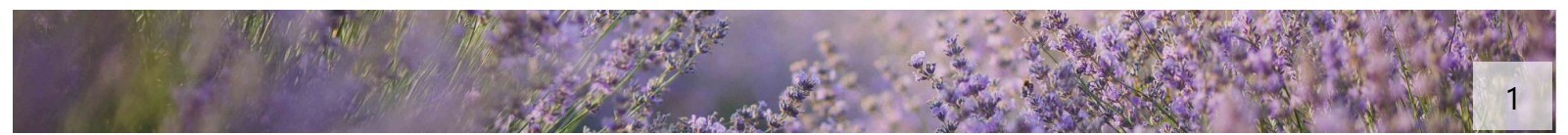


The Ongoing Conversation
Dr. Shawna Beese & Zack Reiber

This year, Pastor Alissa began an ongoing conversation about how we can all step into fulfilling our church's mission to "...invite people to follow Jesus, love others, and transform the greater community by the grace of God." We began the year with the series **Transformed by Grace**, in which Pastor Alissa laid the theological foundation for the unfolding story of grace that has the power to transform people, communities, and the world. We examined the underpinnings of our Wesleyan heritage. After Lent, we took a few weeks to explore how we, as a congregation, can look outward to our neighborhood, city, and world rather than inward toward church operations, with the series **#SeeAllThePeople**. Through the series, we reflected on how to fully see and respond to the unchurched, the spiritual yet not religious, the wounded and healing, the amazed and astonished, and those unseen by dominant society. In July, Zack and Shawna have planned four weeks focused on YOU and your call to serve the kingdom of God through our series **Called and Equipped!**



Our series begins, like all great movies, with the end of our story. Apostle Paul is in prison at the end of his ministry. He reflects on what it means to accept the call to ministry and imparts his wisdom to his beloved protégé, Timothy, in the (Cont. on pg. 2)



(Cont. from pg. 1) first sermon, **Called and Equipped: The Call to Ministry**. The concept of every Christian being a minister (the priesthood of all believers) will be discussed. At the end of this message, you will be invited to take a spiritual gifts inventory over the next week to prepare for the rest of our series.

During the second week of July, if you are wondering whether God has a call for you to serve, the week's message should help ease your concerns. The sermon will focus on the call of the Apostle Paul, titled **Called and Equipped: Unlikely Servants**. We will explore how Paul's conversion moment extends into a calling. This is a calling we all share, and we will have a chance to remember our calls as we reaffirm our baptism or receive a blessing.

If you still have doubts about whether God has a call for you to serve, the third week of the series should dispel your fears altogether. The sermon, **Called and Equipped: Spiritual Gifts**, will go beyond our understanding of the spiritual gifts and explain how we are all united in our gifts. We are not going through this alone, and there is peace in that understanding. There is a place for all of us in the body of Christ to further our church's mission. A Ministry that Matters presentation for the Mission Community Outreach Center will illustrate what faith in action looks like in our communities.

This series will conclude with the message **Called and Equipped: Answering the Call**. Our sermon scripture recounts the story of Timothy, the Apostle Paul's protégé, being called into ministry. We will provide an overview of the key hallmarks of the mentoring relationship between Paul and Timothy that prepared Timothy for a successful ministry. We will close this message and the series with an invitation to receive a blessing for the next steps. Alternatively, if you are already volunteering and living in ministry, we want to bless your hands for the sacred work you are doing. As a bonus, Music Director Betsy and her team have some very special music planned for the month.

To support your overall journey, we will provide resource cards. Pastor Alissa, Zack, and Shawna are also available for potential after-church or midweek discussions if you want to explore your gifts, get a book recommendation, or just chat about your ideas. Shawna has especially expressed a desire for a good coffee chat! We know we are competing with the lake, lazy days outdoors, and family events, but we believe exploring your unique role in God's kingdom will be worth it as we continue the conversation Pastor Alissa started in January for our church.



JULY

BIRTHDAYS



- 7/2** Laura Gottberg
Pat Palanuk
- 7/9** Jerry Bartak
- 7/15** Barbara Burnside
Fred Trimmer
- 7/16** Asher Cheney
Raeann Ducar
- 7/18** Mary Barker
- 7/26** Easton Anglin
- 7/29** Brandon Meckel
- 7/30** Roberta Headley

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/26** Bob & Marta Prow



SPECIAL EVENTS:

- 7/2** 9:00 am Thursday Crew (Office)
- 7/5** 10:15 am Walking in Grace
Devotional Discussion (115)
- 7/8** 5:30 pm Holy Pub Summer Camp
Sing-Along (45 Degree Brewhouse)
- 7/9** 9:00 am Thursday Crew (Office)
- 7/13** 10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket
Ministry (Youth)
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting (FPR)
- 7/16** 9:00 am Thursday Crew (Office)
10:00 am Joy Prim (All-church)
- 7/19** 10:00 am Cinnamon Roll Sale
(Connect Desk)
- 7/23** 9:00 am Thursday Crew (Office)
- 7/27** 10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket
Ministry (Youth)
- 7/30** 9:00 am Thursday Crew (Office)



KIDS' KORNER

It's hard to believe that we're halfway through this year already. Congratulations to our Graduates! As you go into Summer and beyond, it's my prayer you stay safe, have fun, and continue learning, thriving and furthering your faith journey. I can't wait to see and hear how your future unfolds. To our Confirmands, I feel blessed to have been one of your guides during this step in your faith journey and I can't wait to see where the Holy Spirit leads you moving forward. I look forward to whatever role I'm able to serve in as you continue on your walk with God. To all our students, another school year down... Good job working hard, now relax and enjoy your summer!

Sunday School is wrapping up our study of the disciples. July kicks off various fun and refreshing ways we will be exploring the wonders of God with the "Senses of Summer."

The Youth Group will go bowling at Players and Spectator's Event Center: Sunday July 12, 12 PM- invite your friends!

If you have a child interested in Twinlow Summer Camp or are already signed up, please know Camperships are available - please reach out to Jen Price for more info. For camp dates and descriptions based on your child's age, please go to twinlow.org.
- Jen Price, Coordinator of Ministries for Young People

It's the best Summer Sing-Along ever!

Join us for great food and great fun on the patio at 45 Degree Brewhouse on **Wednesday, July 8, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.**

Mike Graef will lead us in singing camp songs with his guitar, so be sure to come and enjoy this special musical event!

(This is a 21+ event.)



JULY WORSHIP PREVIEW

NEW LAY-LED SERIES: CALLED AND EQUIPPED

Our two candidates for ministry, Dr. Shawna Beese (Certified Lay Ministry) and Zack Reiber (Ordination as a Deacon) will be taking over the pulpit all month long to co-preach a series they created to encourage people to consider serving in lay-led ministry!

JULY 5 – "CALL TO MINISTRY"

Dr. Shawna Beese preaching on 2 Timothy 3:10-4:8 with a celebration of the Great Thanksgiving. Liturgist – Zachary Bjurstrom.

JULY 12 – "UNLIKELY SERVANTS"

Zack Reiber preaching on Ephesians 4:1-16 with a Reaffirmation of Baptism liturgy. Liturgist - Jennifer Price

JULY 19 – "SPIRITUAL GIFTS"

Zack Reiber preaching on Acts 9:1-19 with a Ministry that Matters Moment from *Mission Community Outreach Center*. Liturgist – Ali Norris

JULY 26 – "ANSWERING THE CALL"

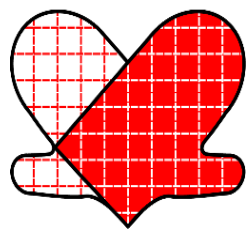
Dr. Shawna Beese preaching on 1 Timothy 6:11-21 with a service of Anointing and Blessing for those called to serve others or experiencing a sense of call to ministry. Liturgist – Michael Cheney & Special Music – Zachary Bjurstrom

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS AT 9AM AS WE CONTINUE OUR MISSION TO TRANSFORM THE GREATER COMMUNITY BY THE GRACE OF GOD!

JULY WORD SEARCH

Blueberry
Picnic
Watermelon
Barbeque
Sunset
Compliment
Dog
Cherry
Beach
Chocolate
Walk
Strawberry
Pina Colada
Kebab
Barn
Sundae
French Fry
Cow
Shark
Hamburger
Dive
Hammock
Sprinkle
Soda

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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



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Thank you

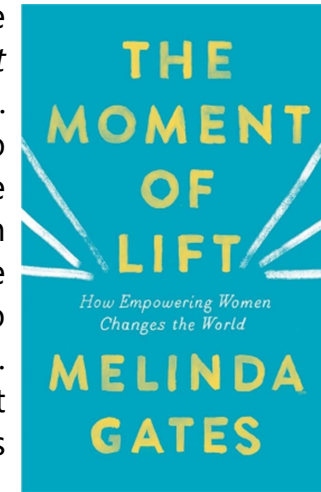
The congregation's generous response to our new Ministry That Matters partner, Bite2Go, has made it possible for us to sponsor 15 students at Centennial Middle School. That is five more students



Join us for a summertime Cinnamon Roll Sale on Sunday, July 19! While we won't have a regular Coffee Chat, we will have cinnamon rolls for sale in the vestibule next to the Connect Desk after service. All proceeds will go to Joy Prim's work with migrant workers in Hong Kong.



Join us on Sunday, October 11 at 1 PM in the Fireplace Room to discuss Melinda Gates' *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World*. The book focuses on women around the world who are doing the difficult work of creating more egalitarian societies wherever they are. These women are confronting issues that beset women across the globe, from child marriage to lack of access to contraceptives to gender inequality in the workplace. As the back cover of the book says, "When we lift others up, they lift us up, too." For any questions about Book Club, please see Madelyn Bafus.



Thank you to everyone who helped lead the United Women in Faith Sunday service at the end of June! And special thanks to Deb Avery, the PNW UWF Conference President, who gave the message.

Mission Community Outreach Center's

SCHOOL SHOES for kids DRIVE

Now accepting new athletic shoes & socks for kids
Pre-school to 12th grade
for our School Shoes for Kids Giveaway in August!

Drop off all donations at Mission Community Outreach Center by August 6th

Open for donations
Mondays & Thursdays 1-4pm
Wednesdays 10am-1pm

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Mission Community Outreach Center
Reaching Out With Care
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Mission & Service and United Women in Faith are welcoming Joy Prim, missionary to the migrant workers in Hong Kong, on Thursday, July 16th at Spokane Valley UMC!



We will also collect supplies for Joy to take back to Hong Kong! You can bring items such as:

- Small tubes of toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Over the counter/unused vitamins



There will be activities, food, and an opportunity to gather supplies for the workers Joy serves. See the schedule below!

3:30-5:30pm

- The sanctuary will be open to pray for the women migrant workers in Hong Kong.
- There will be an opportunity to help Joy prepare dinner.
- You may view a table of information from Joy.
- There will be a display of cards for sale, created by the migrant workers.
- And there will be some fun activities (you'll just have to come and see what they are!).

5:30-6:30pm

- No-cost dinner (an RSVP would be appreciated - call Mackenzie at SVUMC at 509-924-7262).

6:30-7:30pm

- Joy will speak in the sanctuary about her work in Hong Kong with the migrant workers.
- A free-will offering will be taken.

We hope you can join us for a wonderful afternoon and evening!



We're so pleased to announce that Katherine Parker, missionary to Nepal, will be at the Inland Missional District Annual Gathering at Simpson UMC in Pullman, Washington on Saturday, September 12th! Katherine will also be at SVUMC on Sunday, September 13th to give the message. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from Katherine and learn about the work she is doing making a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth in Nepal.

