



Worshiping God in Christ, Welcoming all, working for justice and peace
Veradale United Church of Christ
The Messenger



Lord Make me

By a Franciscan Monk in the voice of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

OCTOBER 2020

Thoughts from the Pastor

Every year on the first Sunday in October, we celebrate World Communion and St. Francis. Brother Francis felt deeply the connection between the Divine, all people, and all of creation. For him, communion is a promise we make with God to be like Jesus in the world. In his spiritual practice of living as Jesus, Francis' determined advocacy for the poor caused leaders in his town to walk away when they saw him. In his respect for all of creation, people dismissed him as crazy. For Francis, we are one.

In our oneness, Francis felt deeply the hurting in our world. Today, we hurt deeply from many pandemics. The losses of health, work, friendships, and community gatherings need us to pause in prayer and silence.

During October, our church will be the gathering place for people to "Grieve Together." The Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience of Eastern Washington and North Idaho (FLLC) in partnership with The Mourning Project will offer a way for us to not grow numb to the overwhelming losses of our time. The goal is to provide opportunities for mourning the more than 205,000 US citizens who have died to Covid-19 as well as "all the other losses of the unconstrained pandemic: unsafe schools, unsafe workplaces, unemployment. By gathering, we reclaim our unity and our commitment to peaceful elections, and defuse the rising risk of violence."

The hope is for us to begin repairing the breaches within our neighborhoods and families. We will tie purple ribbons on our trees to symbolize our hope to unify red and blue. We can blend our differences into a unity when we respect verifiable facts and choose "do to others that which we would want for ourselves."

Please, join the vigils and invite friends and family. These will be at the Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience Facebook page, in our church parking lot (89.3FM), and on the front lawn (with masks and distancing) of our church on Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 6-6:30pm. Tie purple ribbons on the trees and bushes with messages about your grief.

Everyone is invited to bring their own flameless candle (cell phone), purple ribbons, and messages.

Lord, make us an instrument of your peace. Amen

With deepest gratitude,
Pastor Gen

**‘REMINDER’
CALL PASTOR GEN
IF ATTENDING WORSHIP IN PERSON**

Please be sure to call Pastor Gen each time you plan to attend Sunday Worship service in person. Worship will also be seen and heard on Facebook (Zoom) and Radio Station 89.3FM (from our parking lot) at the same time as in person. COVID precautions are being followed and in place at the church for in person attendees.

Pastor Gen: 1-408-593-9556 – Cell or 509-919-3768 - Home

‘Messages of Gratitude’

Would you like to make an “offering” of the heart about why you give of your time, talent, and/or treasure to this little church? Each week, we will take a moment to share our gratitude. Let Pastor Gen know that you have thoughts on any of the following or you could simply answer “I give to this church because...”

Possible themes you could focus on:

Sunday, October 4, Gratitude

Sunday, October 11, The Giving of God (who can out give God?)

Sunday, October 18, Giving a Gift with no strings attached

Sunday, October 25, The Surprises of Giving

**GENEROSITY SUNDAY
Will be on November 8, 10:30am**

Through the next several weeks, we will join in “Living Generously” as we determine our support for the ministry and mission of Veradale United Church of Christ. This way of living will be celebrated on Generosity Sunday, November 8, 2020 at our 10:30 am worship service.

We practice the way of Jesus in this small and mighty church! We share a partnership with God and one another through our prayers, worship, study, and actions. So, in these days ahead, please, consider what it means for us to be “Living Generously.”

Thank you for being part of this community dedicated to living the way of Jesus.

With deepest gratitude,
Pastor Gen

HOPE HOUSE 'WISH LIST'

(Every donation gives a woman hope!)

(Our giving at least thru October 2020)

Please hold your VUCC donations at home or contact Hope House (535-3155) to see if they are accepting donations at this time. We will resume our VUCC Collections once we are meeting again at the church.



Socks	Soap
Underwear	Cough Drops
Sugar	Razors
Creamer	Hair Ties
Peanut Butter	Coffee
Tampons	Toilet Paper
Blankets	Milk
Bus Passes	Butter
Shampoo	Breakfast Cereal
Conditioner	Ladies Clothing
Dog Food & Biscuits	Bras



SPOKANE VALLEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

(Our giving at least thru October 2020)

Please hold your VUCC donations at home or contact SVP at 927-1153 to see if they are accepting donations at this time. We will resume our VUCC Collections once we are meeting again at the church.

You may drop off items 8am-4pm (M-F) at 10814 E. Broadway or Mail money to SVP, PO Box 141360, Spokane Valley, WA. 99214.

Please, contact SVP directly to arrange dropping off food. **SVP: 927-1153**

OCTOBER COUNCIL

Meeting

Our Council Meeting will be through on **October 19th at 7:00 p.m.** Watch your email or announcements for any additional details. Email or call the office 926-7173 if you wish to contribute any information, concerns, ideas, etc. to the council. Wayne Shull, Moderator.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH 'WORSHIP IN PERSON' COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

On June 28th we opened Worship Services 'in person' in the Sanctuary following COVID-19 safety and sanitation requirements.

Due to these requirements in keeping everyone safe and well the Worship Team is looking for a person to volunteer for one Sunday a month (5 Sundays means we would like to have 5 volunteers). **We still need 2 volunteers.** Contact Wayne Shull. Supplies will be available.

Here is what to expect on Sundays at 'in person' Worship Services:

1. Enter through front door (church wings will both be closed).
2. Only the one bathroom by the front doors will be used.
3. Temperature and names will be taken at the door.
4. Masks are required (we will have masks for forgetful folk).
5. Chairs will be set at 6' apart. Please, do not move chairs. **Those in same household family may sit together.**
6. No Bibles, Hymnals, Pens, Pencils, or Coloring Table items available during worship services. Please bring your own Bible.

Please, let Pastor Gen know if you are coming in person so that she can be certain we have enough chairs set out. Thank you, Gen.

ST. FRANCIS AND WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will celebrate **St. Francis and World Communion on October 4th at 10:30 a.m. we will be joining virtually with Morning Star Baptist Church.**

Those attending on Facebook and Zoom, have your pets and communion with you. Those in person, bring pictures of your pets. You will receive communion to go.



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Attend Worship Services 'In-Person', on Facebook (Zoom) or listen on Radio Station **89.3 FM** (from our Parking Lot)
In-Person attendees need to call Pastor Gen prior to each service.

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AUCTION
5:30 pm View items in the Fellowship Hall and Online.
6:00 pm Bids Start

4 **St. Francis Sunday**
10:30 -11:30 a.m.
Worship w/Comm.
(Remote & 'OPEN')

5-6:30 pm FLLC -
Vigil for the Healing of the Earth
(Facebook-Zoom)

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10:30 -11:30 a.m.
Worship
(Remote & 'OPEN')

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6
9-9:25 a.m.
Prayer-Pastor Gen

6 – 6:30 p.m.
'Invitation to Grieving'. Hang ribbons on trees, Vigil on (Go-to-Meeting)

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9:30 a.m.
Saturday Coffee Fellowship on
(Go-to-Meeting)

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13 9-9:25 a.m.
Prayer-Pastor Gen

5-6 pm
Truthful Tuesday
(Speakers about Voting)

6 – 6:30 p.m.
'Invitation to Grieving'. Hang ribbons on trees, Vigil on (Go-to-Meeting)

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15
9:00–11:30 am
FLLC Meeting
(Remote)

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10:30 -11:30 a.m.
Worship
(Remote & 'OPEN')

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7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

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9-9:25 a.m.
Prayer-Pastor Gen

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Articles due for November

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(Remote & 'OPEN')

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN


Date	Worship Services	Time	Access Services <i>Or Contact Pastor Gen if attending in person!</i>
October 4	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
October 11	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
October 18	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone
October 25	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	(remote) Facebook (Zoom) or Radio 89.3FM, Phone

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ARTICLES

Please have your information and articles to Joyce by **Wednesday, October 21st**. If you need assistance with your article call or email at 926-7173 or veradaleucc@gmail.com. I can access the emails from home. Thank you, Joyce

WEEKLY TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER WITH PASTOR GEN HEYWOOD (REMOTE)

Remember we have silent prayer every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. Pastor Gen Heywood will hold prayers from her home on the Veradale UCC Facebook page.

VUCC AUCTION (Parking Lot and Online on ('Go-to-Meeting'))

See Poster in this Newsletter

Parking Lot Auction (and Go-to-Meeting) on Saturday, October 3rd. Socially distanced walk through begins at 5:30 p.m. Park in the church parking lot and walk through the Hall with your masks, without touching the items, and keeping 6 feet apart. We will also start online streaming at 5:30 p.m. **Bidding at 6pm**. Pay for items with cash from the parking lot or by credit/debit card using the 'Donate' button at our website: veradaleucc.org.

Please join our Auction from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Sign in:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/468721157>

Dial In: +1 (571) 317-3122
Access Code: 468-721-157

Tune into Radio 89.3 FM from the parking lot.

VIGIL FOR THE HEALING OF THE EARTH

Also, hosted by the Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience. Find out what people in our area have been doing to heal the Earth and learn about way to be involved. **Sunday, October 4, from 5 to 6:30pm**. We will be on Zoom and Facebook.

Here's the registration link for the Vigil Oct. 4:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYud-6gqzotG93e8LO5cYcgcDCLKr-hF6Z2>

AUTUMN FEST

PARKING LOT

AUCTION

BOOTS · BASKETS · JEWELRY · GUITAR · WINE

SAT OCTOBER 3RD · 6PM

To preview items go to:
[Spokane.Craigslist.org > Garage Sales > Sales on Wed Sept 23 > Parking Lot Auction OR
<https://spokane.craigslist.org/gms/d/veradale-parking-lot-auction-saturday/7193955992.html>](https://spokane.craigslist.org/gms/d/veradale-parking-lot-auction-saturday/7193955992.html)



For more information, contact Marvin at 509.218.7332
 Parking Lot at: Veradale United Church of Christ • 611 N Progress Rd, Spokane Valley

All funds raised support the ministry of Veradale UCC.

VIGIL'S FOR GRIEVING TOGETHER

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Join the vigils at the Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience Facebook page **or in the parking lot or on the front lawn of our church (with masks and distancing) of Veradale UCC, 611N Progress Road on Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 6-6:30pm**. Tie purple ribbons on the trees and bushes with messages about your grief.

Everyone is invited to bring their own flameless candle (cell phone), purple ribbons, and messages.

Please join our vigil from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/588523453>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: [+1 \(408\) 650-3123](tel:+14086503123)
Access Code: 588-523-453

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our **Monthly goal is \$8,800**. We had **\$5,381** in donations towards that goal as of **September 28th**.

We are tracking our Monthly Goal. If you have questions, email or contact the office at 926-7173.

Offerings

Please, remember offerings can be given through the church website at <https://veradaleucc.org>
There is an orange donate button on the right side of the page.

or

Send checks to Veradale UCC, 611 North Progress

SATURDAY COFFE FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting will be **Saturday, October 10th at 9:30 a.m. through 'Go-to-Meeting'**. We will be discussing "*Giver of Stars*" by JJ Moyers. I decided that since we missed September, we will move each book back one month; thus November will be "*Moment of Lift*" by Melinda Gates. I have one library copy of that book.

New to GoToMeeting? Install app:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/168492205>

Join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/168492205>

You can dial in using your phone:
+1 (646) 749-3122 / Access code: 168-492-205

This is a new way of continuing book club and discussions. Let me know if you have questions.

In the meantime, "Take Care of Yourself, and Each Other".

Namaste, Becky

OCTOBER - BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Jacqui McPeck – B – 10/6
Becky Knapp – B – 10/8
Gae Ann Moffit – B – 10/9
Paul Fawcett – B – 10/11

Cherall Anne St. James – B – 10/13
Hunter Johnson – B – 10/24
Bob Turner – B – 10/25

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Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Facebook-Zoom & (Radio 89.3- from the Parking Lot) and open for 'in person' attendees by contacting Pastor Gen prior to each Sunday date per Covid-19 safety regulations of arrangement of chairs and spacing.

***SEE AUCTION ITEMS AS SEPARATE .PDF FILE SENT WITH THE NEWSLETTER**