

New Day Communique'

New Day Christian Fellowship

Following the Example of the Early Church

On the day of Pentecost, 3,000 people put their faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ and were baptized to show their commitment and obedience to Christ's command. So what does one do with 3,000 new believers? How are they disciplined, how are they enfolded into the body of believers? Dr. Luke tells us in Acts 2:42, 46, 47.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 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."

The new believers knew they needed three things, first, *teaching*. They needed to understand what Jesus had said and what Jesus expected of his followers. Since they did not have Bibles, the next best thing was to listen to the apostles teach on what Jesus had said and to show from the scriptures that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. Secondly, they needed the *fellowship* of the other believers. Fellowship happened around meals in people's homes, discussions in the temple courts. Just listening to the apostles was important but it was in the context of fellowship, small groups if you will, where people could ask questions, share struggles, find encouragement and accountability that helped them mature in their faith. Thirdly, they needed to be people of *prayer*. It is God whom we serve and whose we are. The scriptures tell us that God inhabits the praise of His people. These new believers understood that without the power of God to help them live this new life, they were lost.

What this says to us is that we're never too mature in our faith to ignore these three important aspects of the faith. We need to avail ourselves of God's teaching, we need the fellowship the church provides and we need to be people of prayer in order to tap into the power and presence of God.

As we go through this transition, this is a perfect time to recommit ourselves to these three things. Because so doing will not only help us grow deeper in our walk with God but it will also help build up the body of Christ and encourage one another.

On the journey together,

Pastor Ron



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Our Mission is Three-Fold

Worship - We are people who honor God through praise.

Word - We make time to Read God's Word, Know God's Word, & Live God's Word.

World - we are ambassadors for Christ in the world where He has placed us to make a kingdom difference.

Valley Christian School Event Mark your Calendar and Invite your Friends!



A Quality Education
with a Christian
Perspective

Tuesday, May 1, 5:15PM in the Lunchroom

You are invited to come and enjoy the talent of award-winning performing artist Eric Ode. A former master's level elementary teacher, he is now bringing his love of loopy word play into his performances, focusing on engaging even the youngest of learners with his collection of rollicking characters immortalized in poetry and song.

Invite your family and friends

Suggested donation: \$3 per person or \$10 per family

Includes a complimentary snack bar.



**Do you have a Student who is
Graduating this Spring?
Let your church family know!**

Email or send a note to the church office about your student before May 23rd for inclusion in the June Newsletter. Information needed: Where graduating from, What grade, Any honors, Future plans, Party?

Valley Christian School Calendar

May 2018

April 30-May 4 - Staff Appreciation Week

7 - No School Teacher Development Day

15 - Mid-Quarter

18 - Talent Show

28 - No School or Child Care, Memorial Day

Thank you for all your donations for all the Peanut Butter and Jelly and all the hangers! Thank you for your love and support to the mission of the South Sound Dream Center! We greatly and sincerely appreciate you and all you do! May the Lord Bless You Always!
SSDC Staff



Introducing Rebecca Pike!

Rebecca has been hired as New Day Christian Fellowship's Administrative Assistant/Office & Facilities Manager to begin June. She recently joined our church and brings considerable work experience from her last job as an Admin. Dept. Manager at Lowe's. She is married to Dan and has one son, Dominic.

**"Well done is better than well
said." Benjamin Franklin**

Imo Sparks Memorial Library - Literature Reviews from our Library

Traces of Guilt

By Dee Henderson (F Henderson)

Evie Blackwell loves her life as an Illinois State Police detective. When Evie arrives in Carin, Illinois, it's to help launch a new task force focused on unsolved crimes across the state. As she studies old evidence to pull out a few new leads, she unearths surprising connections.

The Things We Knew

By Catherine West (F West)

After her mother's death twelve years ago, Lynette watched her close-knit family unravel. All seem to blame their father for their mother's death, but nobody will talk about that tragic day....



See Marj Halpin for help with
Library Needs

Missions News “Serving Our Church, City, and World”



Missions Box and Jar

Missions Jar

For the month of May we will be supporting Women's Ministries International (WMI).

WMI started in 1894. It's original purpose was to promote missions education and raise funds for overseas missions work in the Free Methodist Church. Now, WMI is engaged in promoting projects specifically for women in third world countries in the areas of social justice, education or discipleship. Each year all our Free Methodist Area Directors and some missionaries around the world submit projects specifically for women. This year, WMI has 23 projects and several of these are in countries that our church has connections. We will learn about a few of these projects this month.

You can learn more about Women's Ministries International on Facebook or on their website at: www.fmwmi.com



Missions Box

This month we will be collecting food items for Auburn Food Bank's Backpack Buddies program. The Auburn Foodbank serves 360 children in the Auburn School District with easy to fix meals for the weekend. All the kids (elementary through middle school) who qualify for assistance are from homes where both parents work on the weekends. These easy to fix items are placed in a backpack by volunteers each week and delivered to the appropriate schools on Friday afternoon. Then the empty backpack is picked up on Mondays.

Of particular need are Vienna sausages, Beane Weenees, the easy to open small boxes of cereal (or instant oatmeal), pop top fruit items, pop top / cup of soups, and shelf stable milk. Also needed are cereal/granola bars, fruit roll-ups/snacks, peanut butter/cheese crackers, cheese sticks, pop top pastas/mac & cheese, tuna & meat stick snacks, peanut butter, jelly, Juicy Juice, and flavored water.

Women's Ministry - Activities

“Just the Girls”

For all ladies age 18+.

Fun activities that help us know each other better in relaxed settings. We meet monthly at restaurants and other select locations to play games, enjoy a meal, or work on projects.

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 19, 2PM, ManeStage Theatre in Sumner. We will meet at the theatre for the play, 'Once Upon

a Mattress" Tickets are pre-ordered. Call Kathy F. for pricing and to reserve ticket(s)!

Ladies Bible Study

Mondays, 7PM in the Library
Studying: “Heroes of Faith”

Join us as we learn from those in the 'Biblical Hall of Faith' - Hebrews 11.

“Senior Moments”

For widows and single ladies age 60+. Social gatherings that build friendships, offer encouragement, and provide regular fellowship.

Next Meeting: Hilda Meryhew will have details soon.



New Day Youth Ministry—Launching Ministry with Key Philosophies

On May 8th we are hosting our very own Youth Mid-Week program for the first time in over a year! YAY! We will have dinner, play games, learn from God's Word, and get to know each other in small groups throughout the summer and into the next school year. The first few weeks, the youth and I will brainstorm what we want our youth group to look like, including discussions of a name and key verse. I also hope to plan a number of other activities that aren't limited to Tuesday Nights, so stay in touch to learn more!

As I have been doing more and more planning, I have had to step back and examine what I believe are key philosophies of youth ministry. I share some of them with you today so that you know how to pray for us, as well as to let you in on the vision-casting happening behind the scenes of our youth ministry.

God loves youth and they matter profoundly to him. This seems so obvious! But still, being a youth is a challenging time for the youth and everyone around them. Each and every pre-teen and teen are unconditionally loved by God, and we need to love them the way God loves them.

God uses youth to make a Kingdom difference in the world TODAY. Why wait till they are "grown up"!? God, who loves teens and has used teens throughout all of history to bring himself glory, will continue to use them now if we encourage them to step up and serve him! Teens are uniquely positioned to throw themselves entirely at God and bring about God's Kingdom here on earth now, so let's create opportunities for them to do just that.

Parents are the key spiritual leaders when it comes to raising Godly youth. Youth ministry should never detract from what the parents are doing to raise their youth, but should partner with parents instead. At the end of the day, the parents know their youth best and are the primary adults in the youth's lives. Youth leaders need to partner and communicate with parents regularly to ensure youth are growing into who God has called them to be.

Obviously there is so much more that can be said, but these three key ideas frame the basics of a youth ministry that teaches youth to love God and become disciples of Jesus. I encourage you to use these ideas to pray for the youth of our church and school, youth leaders, and parents of youth as we move forward in ministry together. Never underestimate the power of prayer in our ministries!

Blessings, Amy

Pastoral Transition Update from the Board of Leadership

The pastoral survey process is complete and our board is using your responses to create a one-page pastoral profile that we will be sharing with the congregation and also with the Pacific Northwest Conference's Ministerial Appointment Committee (MAC). It will also be shared with potential pastoral candidates. Thank you very much for responding to the survey. Our Board of Leadership (BOL) is very open to hearing your input and questions throughout this transition process. Board members are Sandee Almaas, Gloria Butz, Ric Hutchens, Sean Hoffert, Teresa Lerew, Debbie Tibbils and Dave Clark.

When Matt Whitehead came to explain the transition process to us on March 18, he explained to us that we will have an interim pastor assigned to our church following Pastor Ron's retirement at the end of June and prior to the arrival of our new pastor. We are happy to announce that Pastor Joe Culumber will be serving us as our interim pastor beginning the first Sunday of July. Pastor Joe is a 'retired' Free Methodist pastor, having served congregations in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. He was also Senior Pastor at the Rainier Avenue Free Methodist church in Seattle from 1985 to 1998, then ministered in the Philippines before working as a professor at Greenville College. He has been serving part time on the Seattle First Free Methodist church staff for the last 5+ years. Our board had the opportunity to meet with Pastor Joe and the superintendent last Thursday night (4/19) and were very impressed by Joe's ministry experience and his heart for God and the church. He and his wife, Caryl, live in Covington and they are looking forward to meeting you and partnering with us during the interim period.

Please continue to pray for our BOL, the conference MAC, Pastor Ron, Pastor Joe and Superintendent Whitehead throughout this process.



You're Invited!
Retirement party for Terri!

WHEN: May 27 at 11:30 am

WHERE: New Day Christian Fellowship
1312 2nd Street SE, Auburn 98002

Join us for a celebration of Terri's 19 years of faithful service as Administrative Assistant/Office Manager. This special event features a complimentary lunch and program showcasing Terri's many contributions.

Please **R.S.V.P.** by **May 20** so we can have an accurate head count for meal preparation. Contact Lynne Miller at lynnemiller7@gmail.com or 253-350-8628.

*You Are Invited to a
Retirement Celebration
Honoring Pastor Ron and Brownie Kocher*

*Sunday, June, 24, 2018
Worship Service at 10:30AM
Followed by a Light Lunch and Program*

*RSVP to the church office: 253-833-3530 ext. 2
By Monday, June 18, 2018*

'Believe' Series

'What Do I Really Believe and Why?' -We are currently going through the series: Believe, Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus. The discussion class is at 9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Believe Memory Verses:

Week 27 - I Thessalonians 5:15 "Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else."

Week 28 - Proverbs 3:3-4 "Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man."

Week 29 - Philippians 4:5 "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

Week 30 - Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to our own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Spiritual Formation

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The Spiritual Formation class meets in the Library during the 9:15AM Sunday School hour. We are taking an in-depth look at how God has 'wired' individuals, using an Enneagram. You are invited to join anytime! The class runs through May then we will take a break for the summer.