



RONALD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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Pastors: Kate Kilroy & Pat Simpson

VISION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE OF MINISTRY STATEMENT

Purpose-of-Ministry Statement:

We are a responsive, respectful faith community reaching out in service to the needs of those around us with understanding, unlimited compassion and Christ centered support.

Vision Statement:

Our vision of sustainable ministry is to be a center of hospitality, hope and service, responding to the spiritual and basic needs of our community.



Juneteenth. An Apology.

By Pastor Kate

During our last service together we said goodbye to the dearly loved Pastor Kelly, and welcomed the new pastors. What a day June 18th was! The tears! The prayers! The hugs! The grief! The excitement!

And in all that transitional energy we did not mention the tears, the prayers, the hugs, the grief, and the excitement of June 19th! June 19th, also known as Juneteenth, has only recently (2021) been recognized as a national holiday. My utmost apologies that I did not recognize this event or the celebration of it.

If you are totally new to the idea of Juneteenth *and* have a sense of humor you may enjoy [this video clip explanation of Juneteenth Q&A offered by the wonderful Amber Ruffin.](https://youtu.be/Uif9B_xOxos)
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If you are not a YouTube enthusiast, or don't have a sense of humor, Juneteenth is a day that we remember when in 1865 a whole community of enslaved people was finally notified they had been legally liberated from their enslavement years prior. Their captors had intentionally withheld this information to continue to oppress these people in order to exploit the captors' benefit. So on Juneteenth, we celebrate the freedom of enslaved black people who would now be legally recognized as people and not dehumanized into mere property.



The irony is not lost on me that a group of white pastors would fail to give mention the significance of this holiday. On a national level, we have a culture of failing people of color as the norm. Our white-supremacist-dominated culture allows the automated social current to continue to erase the welfare of all those who are not privileged whites unless we actively swim against it.

I will do better. I will swim harder.

Inarguably, interrupting sin against disenfranchised people is the job of the church. Our sacred scripture tells us explicitly that we, the church, have been given the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18). We are told in this passage our new life of connection to God and community with one another is not just ours. We are expected to reunite those who have been outcasted. Furthermore, our United Methodist [baptismal vows](#) require each of us to "renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world" and "resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves." White supremacy is tyranny itself.

Failure to recognize the ongoing suffering — as we know racism is alive and well despite the celebration of Juneteenth, the civil rights, movement, and your workplace's equity statement — is to allow space for evil.

With all the above in mind, I apologize for not including, at the very least, a mention of prayer about the freedom of our black siblings and their continuing struggle for equity in our pastoral prayer on June 18th. Please forgive me. I will continue to work at deconstructing my own biased worldviews to create spaces for the celebration and liberation of each of us as we each journey toward liberation.

"Until we are all free, we are none of us free."

"Christ is just like the human body — a body is a unity and has many parts... If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it."

I Corinthians 12:12, 26a



Friends in Christ,

With the music and prayers of the June 18th pastoral transition service still singing in my ears, and well fed afterward in body and spirit, I truly feel my new connection with you has begun. Since I've been retired for three years I did not expect a new pastoral appointment, but when the request came my soul said yes. The chance to work with Pastor Kate Kilroy was an enticement. But my affection for the Ronald congregation was the main reason to accept. I was your district superintendent during the years you felt a call to build housing, envisioned Ronald Commons, and made the bold decision to go ahead. The way the church worked through disagreements and uncertainty with a clear sense of mission left me with great respect for you. Now you are coming out of the pandemic's hardships with strength, eager to serve in new ways yet to be known – and I am glad to be part of that this coming year. The Spirit is alive in you!

My quarter-time work area will be mostly organizational, with Pastor Kate doing the bulk of pastoral, worship and community work alongside you. Of course these things aren't entirely separate in church life, but we will do our best to keep things clear between us and with you. From now until early August I will be meeting individually with all the staff members, learning how things are organized, and noticing where I

can be useful. I also look forward to the get acquainted gatherings now being planned.

Then I will be going away, to walk a medieval pilgrimage route across Sweden and Norway called St. Olav's Way. I turned 70 this year, and it seems like a good moment to spend time alone with God in a beautiful place, away from the assumptions and habits of my ordinary life. (You can read about the pilgrim path and see some lovely pictures at www.stolavsleden.com.) Whether I complete the entire 360 miles on foot or accept some help from train or bus, I know God will be shepherding me all along the way. I expect to come back with both new clarity and new questions about my calling in this season of life. That will be the second week of October, joining the Fall season of church life in full swing.

For now we have summer time to connect. Though I live in south Seattle, I have family in Lynnwood, so getting together won't be hard. **Please be in touch if you would like to meet** — by phone, text or email noted below. I plan to be in church the first Sundays of July and August as well, with those afternoons free to linger and get acquainted.

With holy anticipation,
Pastor Pat Simpson
206-383-1274 psimpsonpnwumc@gmail.com



Our new pastors, Kate Kilroy and Pat Simpson, want to meet YOU.

Please consider attending or hosting a small group meal with our new pastors.

Host: If you would like to HOST a meal, the easiest way to schedule this is to do the following:

1. Email Pastor Kilroy, katejkilroy@gmail.com & Pastor Simpson psimpsonpnwumc@gmail.com with the date/s you can host
2. Work with them to ensure a date works for one or both of them, preferably both
3. Contact people you are connected with at RUMC and invite them to your dinner OR add it to the shared document of dinners found by the link in the QR code.



Attend: If you would like to ATTEND a meal, please look at the dinner signup document. There are some dinners scheduled already, and more will be created.

If technology limits your ability to view the spreadsheet, please contact the church office for available dinner days, times, and locations. 206-542-2484 or office@ronaldumc.org



Board Game Night!

July 14 from 6:00-9:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Stephanie & Brian Henry are organizing an evening of board games & snacks as a fun chance for fellowship, and getting to know our new pastors, Kate and Pat!

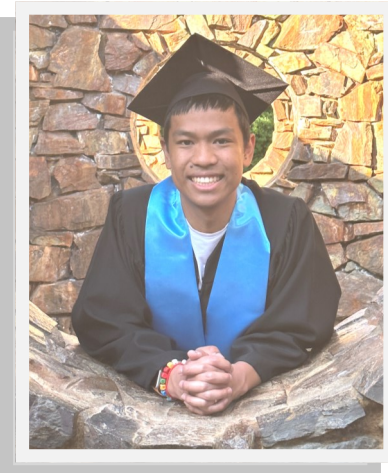
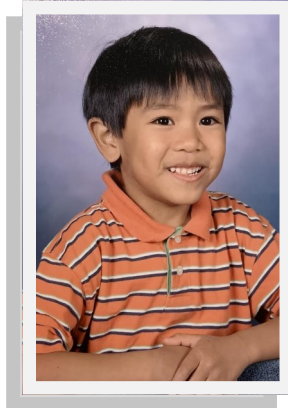
The Henrys will bring several games and some snacks. If you have a favorite board game or snack, you are welcome to bring those too.

Congratulations to our Ronald family graduates!

Jacob Mina

Grandparent: Rosie Johnson
Parents: Sam & Lori Mina

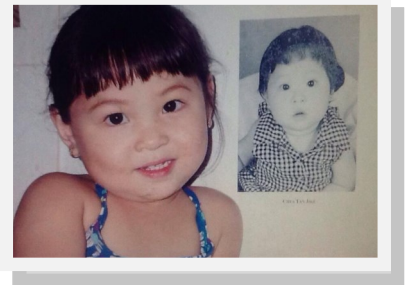
Jacob is graduating from Western Washington University with a BA in English, Creative Writing, and a Minor in Journalism, News/Editorial. He will be self-publishing his second book, which will feature many non-fiction stories.



Tanjike "Ava" Mina

Recently married to Jacob Mina

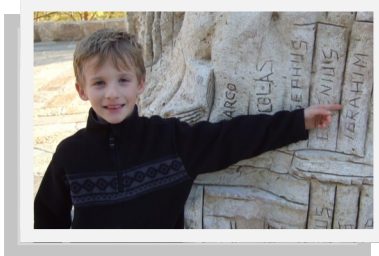
Ava is graduating from Western Washington University with a BA in Business Administration, Accounting and Marketing concentration. She is hoping to get a job in an accounting firm.



Abe Taddei

Parent: Lyla Taddei

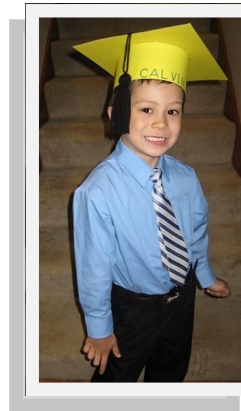
Abe graduated from Shorewood High School. He will be attending University of Minnesota.



Calvin Wyatt Bernaldez Hume

Grandparent: Rosie Bernaldez
Parents: Travis & Claire Hume

Calvin is graduating from Mountlake Terrace High School with an Aerospace Engineering STEM diploma. He lettered twice in cross country & three times in track. He will be attending Evergreen State College on a track scholarship.



July Anniversaries

July 2
Dottie & Jason
Metcalf-Lindenburger

July 15
Lori & Sam
Mina



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?

If you would like it posted, contact the church office, 206-542-2484 or office@ronaldumc.org.



July Birthdays

July 3

◆ Benjie Roque

July 4

◆ Julius Carbonell

July 5

◆ Tanner Hogan

July 7

◆ Erick del-Rosario-Martin

July 8

◆ Carla Corsilles-Roque

July 15

◆ Paulyn Roque

July 16

◆ Debra Cavinta
◆ Donna Carbonell

July 17

◆ Gianne Lopez
◆ Oliver Martin

July 18

◆ Beth Valbuena

July 19

◆ Jerry Jonason
◆ Bella Reyes
◆ Bella Lapid
◆ Jane Reyes

July 21

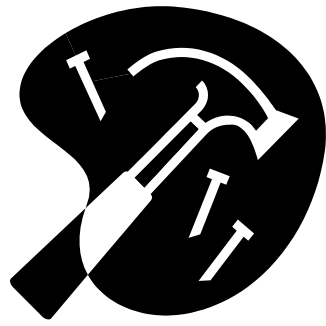
◆ Dennis Sealey
◆ Judith Nepomuceno

July 23

◆ John Roque

July 26

◆ Cheryl Lavarias



In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

As a church and people who believe in the power of prayer, let us lift up our loved ones in the joys and concerns that they are experiencing.

- ◆ Pray for Dennis Reid. He fell in late May an sustained head trauma. He is recovering.
- ◆ Continue your prayers for Dawn Hart, daughter of Arlene and Larry Anderson. They all appreciate your prayers of support.

If you would like to have us pray for anyone, please notify us, and we will add them to next month's prayers. Office@ronaldumc.org or 206-542-2484

July Capital Campaign update

Thank you to all members of the congregation for participating in the Capital Campaign.

Please turn in your 2023-2024 pledge sheets for this Capital Campaign by June 30.

These can be mailed back to the RUMC office or placed in the regular worship offering.

It is important for the Finance Committee and Trustees to be able to accurately define the amount of money we can expect by next year, in order to complete as much of the siding as possible and be good stewards of our resources.

It is critical to replace parts of the siding where cold, moist winter air is currently able to get into the interior walls due to the current siding being old and warping. Thank you so much for your willingness to help support this building maintenance need.

Birthday Donation

We have a tradition of donating to RUMC in your birthday month for the number of years you are celebrating.

- ◆ Linda Sparks made a donation in honor of her mother, Lucy Maza. Lucy died last December. Her birthday would have been June 26.

This supports our Emergency Fund.

Donations to RUMC

A feature in our *Ronald Review* is to list the names of those who gave gifts in memory, honor, or thanksgiving along with the honoree or the event.

- ◆ The Cuanans donated to the Capital Campaign to honor Pastor Kelly Dahlman-Oeth

These gifts go into the Memorial Fund/Capital Campaign, and are used to purchase items to enhance our worship, facilitate our fellowship, and further our mission.

Capital Campaign

Your \$400 donation will purchase & install a plank of siding on our building!

- ◆ Write a check with "capital campaign" in the memo
- ◆ Donate online! The QR code to get to our [online giving](#) page, and put your donation in the "capital campaign" line.



Your RUMC Board

- ◆ **Leadership Chair:** Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger*
- ◆ **Co-chair:** Cheryl Lavarias*
- ◆ **SPRC:** Peggy Hanson*, Tara Sullivan, Gina del Rosario-Martin
- ◆ **Finance:** Stephanie Henry, Cheryl Lavarias, Trina McCarrell
- ◆ **Safety Officer:** Sandra Reynolds
- ◆ **Trustees:** Beth Valbuena*, David Lewis, Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger
- ◆ **Lay leader** Marilyn Reid
- ◆ **Lay representative to the Conference:** Reuben Roque

Hopelink Notes

~ Darol Reynolds



During summer, we experience a shortage of volunteers as people take vacations.

You can go online to sign up. <https://hopelink.volunteerhub.com/vv2/>

Bank Deposits

We do not have the capability to deposit checks electronically. Deposits are made at the bank on Fridays or sometimes on Saturdays. Therefore, you may not see your check clearing right away.

Summer

JULY CALENDAR

Sundays, hybrid worship at 10:45

July 8, Caring Crafts — 10:00-4:00

July 10-14, VBS at Edmonds UMC

July 14, Board Games — 6:00-9:00

July 21-23, Mission u at Wesley UMC

Community Events

Mondays at 7pm “Last House on the Block”
Women’s NA meeting

Tuesdays at 6pm “Quick Fix”
Open NA meeting

Tuesdays—Thursdays at 10pm “Insomniaddicts”
Open NA meeting

Thursdays, 5:30 Ronald Commons Café

Caring Crafts

**July 8 from 10:00-4:00
in the Gathering Room**

Everyone who loves doing handiwork in cheerful company is invited to bring their current project and a lunch, and hang out, for a little while or the whole day.

Folks have worked on knitting, mending, crocheting, scrapbooking, card-making...

Please call Trina McCarrell to reserve your space — we do tend to spread out a lot!

Join us and be a mender of God’s world!



Vacation Bible School July 10-14

~ Deacon Erin Simmons
Director of Family Ministries
Edmonds UMC
828 Caspers St.

Ronald is invited to partner or participate in Edmonds UMC’s Vacation Bible School.

They have programming for pre-K —3rd grade, and 4th — 6th grade.

Sign up your kids, and/or to volunteer on their website. edmondsumc.org/vbs2023

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Mission u

JULY 21-23, 2023
WESLEY UMC, YAKIMA WA

<https://www.pnwumc.org/uwfaith/resources/mission-u-forms/>

July 21-23, 2023

Wesley UMC, Yakima, WA

Welcome to 2023 Mission u, a transformative experience designed to recharge and refocus your faith. Offering study on biblically grounded curricula, Mission u motivates, informs, and enriches our commitment to creating a more just and equitable world, locally and globally.



Shorenorth at the Farmers Market

July 29 from 10:00-12:00
Shoreline Farmers Market Family Day

Join us for crafts, community and family fun, as we recruit for the Fall 2023 class of little learners. Registrations for Fall are currently being accepted with a few spots left!
Visit shorenorth.com to learn more.

Night Out with Ronald Commons Tuesday night, August 1

Corinne McKisson, Ronald Commons, Program Manager 206-474-1455
cmckisson@compasshousingalliance.org

We are so looking forward to having all of us hang out and get to know each other!

If you would like to help:

- Take a shift staffing cotton candy or snowcones machines.
- We are considering rental of a bouncy house and would need help with managing that.
- We need help at the BBQ
- As always, help with set up and clean up

Planning ahead

- ♦ **August 1:** National Night Out with Ronald Commons.
- ♦ **RUMC Camping:** Reuben Roque has a place picked out for camping, swimming, fishing & inner tubing. The dates are still being decided.
- ♦ **August 26:** RUMC at the Mariners



Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45
in-person, online, or by phone!

In-person Worship — all are welcome

- ◆ Please sign in when you arrive. We want to know you are here!
- ◆ Masks are optional.

Online Worship

Zoom: greater-nw.zoom.us/j/867526399

Phone: listen in on one of these numbers:

- ◇ (669) 900-6833 | (253) 215 8782
 - ◇ (346) 248-7799 | (646) 876-9923
- Enter the meeting ID: **867-526-399**

Safety Officer Notes

~ Sandra Reynolds

For those who worship with us in-person

The Board has approved the following policy taking effect on July 1st.

- Wearing of masks in the building is optional.
- Signing in will no longer be required.
- Hand sanitizers will continue to be provided.

These policies may be changed as needed by agreement among pastors and the safety coordinator.

Persons with symptoms of any contagious illness are asked to remain at home.

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**RONALD COMMONS
CAFÉ**



Drop by Thursdays from 5:30 — 6:30
for a free, delicious, high-quality dinner to-go.

Signup online to volunteer:
signup.com/go/XBZkOzO

Follow us at
www.facebook.com/RonaldCommonsCafe
for weekly menu reminders.

- July 6**
- Hamburgers
 - Garden burgers
 - Potato salad
 - Dessert
- July 13**
- Thai green curry chicken
 - Thai green curry tofu
 - Pickled cucumbers
 - rice
 - Dessert

- July 20**
- Bratwurst
 - Veggie brats
 - Coleslaw
 - Cake
- July 27**
- Roast beef
 - Vegetarian meatloaf
 - Potatoes & gravy
 - Broccoli
 - dessert