

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.*

**College drop-off complete: A Mother's reflection**

~ Pastor Kate Kilroy

My daughters are no longer the kindergarten children from this photo. This was a playful staged photo as I sent them off on their first day of school... and now they are grown, independent, and capable of functioning well without me.

Intellectually, I agree.  
Obviously.  
And I partially hate it.

Hate how the parts of the lives of these people I love so dearly are so obviously out of my control...I agree that it has been a very long time, if ever, that I was really in control, but I so liked the delusion that I was in control. This week all my delusions were dissolved in rapid fire. Intellectually I get it. And I'm so wildly uncomfortable, that I resisted and I hate it.

Christ's way is one moment-by-moment trust. And I am no longer just in the familiar role of mother. In fact, though my role of mother is technically still the same, I am very much also now renewed in the role of child. Again, I hear Jesus, inviting me (as a hide under the blanket of my fear for my dear girls, my beloved adult children) that I can come to Jesus. And, timidly, I admit the mystery of their futures scare me.

I have to give it all up. Give up my delusion of control and choose faith.  
Jesus comforts me.



Jesus does not offer me comfort with new delusions of control. No, Jesus didn't gift me with comfort of guaranteed outcomes. And what seems wildly relevant to me is the reality that Jesus is not comforting me with more time.

My time of parenting in close proximity is over. I feel so proud! — And sad.

As I send my daughters both off to college this week there is not more time. Every argument over why they have to have the rules they have, every impromptu family fun night, eve time I was begged to make a favorite meal, every unplanned addition to my schedule... Gone.

That reality is now drowning on the floor of dorm rooms, covered in Amazon boxes, and Target receipts. I am now a guest in their space. I am no longer the gatekeeper.

Yet, Jesus does offer comfort. Jesus reminds me to "lean not to my own understanding." Reminds me that though I am as scared a little child, releasing the most precious and compelling treasures ever entrusted to my care, I can embrace being a child. Jesus reminds me that the kingdom of God belongs to little children. It's OK for me to fall apart and be completely dependent again. Jesus reminds me of the ridiculous amount of courage it takes to trust the divine mystery. Courage to trust in that mystery even without assurance of what the outcome will be. Courage to not trust all of my efforts, or the administration of a certain university, or any other construct of this world... But instead, trust Jesus. Jesus invites me to be like a little child and marvel at the mysteries of God, even in the face of our unknown tomorrows.

Because tomorrow, it's already full of God too. Because great and abounding love lives in the mystery of our tomorrows too.  
Because even separated by all the miles... God lives in that gap to.

So I take a deep breath and lean in to the mystery with the faith of a little child because I am a mother.

If your faith looks like mine, I lean in...I forget, I panic, then, remembering God's Love, I lean in again.

Sometimes this is what faith looks like.

And God's steady love is there through the mystery of all of it.  
Leaning in.

### Connections through Facebook

There are two ways to connect with us through Facebook

#### Our Public page:

[facebook.com/RonaldUnitedMethodist](https://facebook.com/RonaldUnitedMethodist)

This is our page that **everyone** can see. Please like and follow the page. The more interactions we get, help us to be more visible on Facebook.

#### Our Private Group:

Request to join the "[Friends of Ronald United Methodist Church](#)"

This group is for personal prayer requests, photos of children, stories, community updates, birthday greetings, and more! Only those in the group can see the posts and we can engage each other easily and well.

Please consider **liking the Page** and **joining the Private Group!**

### Parents & kiddos: register for Shorenorth

We have openings in most classes, especially looking to fill our 0-1 year old class.

It's the only cooperative preschool class for children under 12 months old in Shoreline.

[shorenorth.com/registration](https://shorenorth.com/registration)

[greater-nw.org/greater-nw-area-blog/](https://greater-nw.org/greater-nw-area-blog/)

~ Pastor Kate

I've shared this once, but wanted you to have the link again because I mentioned this again in the sermon on 8/27/23!

Here's the link for learning more about our Episcopal area's mission work.

### 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.

- Darol & Sandra Reynolds in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary

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.

### 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.

- Venous Nikpay, who attended RUMC until she moved, has learned that there are no more treatment options for her cancer. She is facing a decision to enter hospice care, and has asked for your prayers.

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](mailto:Office@ronaldumc.org) or 206-542-2484

### September Anniversaries

#### September 2

Noelle & Michael Paet

#### September 6

Trisha & Jeff Eckerlin

#### September 10

Jacob & Ava Mina

#### September 11

Beth & Mario Valbuena

#### September 12

Cecile & Rolly Del Rosario

#### September 19

Bella & Alfredo Lapid

#### September 23

Mercy & Appiah Kusi

#### September 24

Corky & Ken Mayberry

### Birthday Donation

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

- ◆ Donna Carbonell
- ◆ Beth Valbuena

This supports our Emergency Fund.

### September Birthdays

#### September 2

Ben Reyes

#### September 4

Shelly Hogan

Mercy Kusi

#### September 6

Jeff Eckerlin

#### September 8

Andrew

Dahlman-Oeth

#### September 9

Jacob Mina

#### September 11

Caitlin Carbonell

#### September 12

Sandra Reynolds

#### September 14

Nelia Lanes

#### September 20

Faye

Sripranaratanakul

#### September 26

Jenny Roque

#### September 29

Cristina Hill

#### September 30

Robert Koch

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?*

If you would like it posted, contact the church office, 206-542-2484 or [office@ronaldumc.org](mailto:office@ronaldumc.org).

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sundays 10:45 hybrid worship  
garden sale at the church

- Sept. 4 church picnic
- Sept. 6 Martha's Circle
- Sept. 9 Caring Crafts  
Benefit Concert
- Sept 11, Mon night kids check in
- Sept 12, Tues night Disciple Circle
- Sept. 15 Thurs Bible Study resumes
- Sept 23 hike at Wallace Falls

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### Community Events in our building

Sept. 11 Shorenorth School year starts  
Sept. 23 Linas Language & culture school starts

Sundays at 9am Recovery Mamas,  
Women's NA meeting

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

## RUMC Labor Day Potluck

35525 SE 49th St. Fall City 98025

**Sept 4, at 4pm**

Join us for food & fun!

Bring: food to share & swim gear and towels.

There's a river, hot tub, and a slip'n'slide.

Park on the asphalt or in the grass field to the left.

(no street parking as that's used for neighbors to taxi  
their planes.

### United Women in Faith Martha Circle

**Sept 6, at 10:30**

At our first meeting in September, Pastor Kate will  
help us get to know one another.

The format: one of us will state something about  
oneself and then ask Kate to share something  
similar about herself.

**Lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome to  
visit without making a commitment to join.**

### Caring Crafts

**Sept 9, 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!

### Capital Campaign benefit concert

**"The Symphonic Grandeur" Dainius Vaicekonis, piano**

**Sept 9 at 7pm**

We are thrilled that our own Dainius Vaicekonis, professional  
musician, is going to start his international concert tour right  
here with us on September 9 at 7pm! In addition to blessing us  
weekly for nearly the last decade with his exceptional talents,  
he is blessing us with this concerts because the proceeds go to  
our capital campaign to help support the costs of our building  
reports! PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

For his *Symphonic Grandeur*, Dainius will play works from  
Godowsky, Debussy, Liszt, Suprana, Ciurlionis, and Schumann.

Dainius Vaicekonis and his wife, Asta, will then begin their tour  
with a bit of vacation to see their grown daughters, Gabija and  
Kamile, also sprinkled in! We celebrate their travels and eager  
await their return in January.

Suggested donation at the door is \$20

We will serve treat before and after the concert.

**If you would like to help with this event**, contact Dottie  
Metcalf-Lindenburger [dottieml@me.com](mailto:dottieml@me.com)

### Hiking!

**Saturday September 23**

**11:00**

Let's meet at Wallace Falls and hike together!

### **Sundays after worship Garden Sale**

Our tradition of having surplus fruits and vegetable from gardens available after worship has begun once more. You are invited to take what you want and to leave a donation of any amount you choose.

Proceeds go to the general fund.

### **Tuesday Night Disciple Circle 6PM-8PM in the chapel September 12- November 14**

This group is perfect for the busy person. Grab a bag dinner and join this come-as-you-are group where we practice vulnerability as we grow our faith. This group is where we ask ourselves how we are doing in life. There is built in time to share and time for prayer. There is no assigned homework, reading required, or commitment expectations.

**Pastor Kate's office day will Thursday starting in September!** Schedule an appointment or pop in!  
[pastor@ronaldumc.org](mailto:pastor@ronaldumc.org)

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study in the chapel 10am-11:30am starting September 15th, 2023-November 16**

Pastor Stan, thank you so very much for 16 faithful, uninterrupted years of consistent service as you provided Bible Study! We the church honor that you are retiring from Bible Study and bless you as you support Pastor Kate as she accepts your blessing to assume leadership of the Thursday morning Bible Study!

This group is open to anyone -- Please feel free to join in for deeper study of the scriptures.

### **Monday Nights Kids' Check in with Pastor Kate starting September 11**

Monday nights zoom meetings with the young ones start this fall! Check-in with Pastor Kate! Pastor Kate is inviting kids to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Kid's Check-in here:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/91487734446>

### **Thursday night meals with Ronald Commons Cafe 5:30-6:30**

Don't forget the amazing meal ministry we partner to provide. Consider joining and sharing a meal, helping with food preparation, and/or cleanup. Contact the church office for more information or Elizabeth Peckham at the Dale Turner YMCA

[epeckham@seattleyymca.org](mailto:epeckham@seattleyymca.org)

### **Beers and Beliefs, Most Thursday nights**

Details are posted in the group Facebook Page as the group organically organizes themselves and spreads the word. This group is open to people who want to be with other believers while sharing fun life adventures together. For more information contact the church office at [office@ronaldumc.org](mailto:office@ronaldumc.org) and we'll get you connected. :)

## Church Finance and Stewardship Updates

Trina McCarrell, Finance Secretary, has prepared and distributed 6-month giving statements via in-person and by mail. If you haven't received yours, or if you have any questions or comments about your giving statement, please contact Trina at [finance@ronaldumc.org](mailto:finance@ronaldumc.org).

### 2023 Quarter 2 (January-June) Report

- Total general revenue: \$113,697
- Total general expense: \$123,999
- Net: (\$10,302)
- 2023 Apportionments due: \$29,253
- 2023 Apportionments paid YTD: \$0

### About 70% of our budget is supported by pledges.

That's the money that you, the congregation, commits to giving throughout the year. The remaining ~30% of our revenue comes from folks who use our building and from what we call "unpledged giving," or money we didn't know was coming but are grateful to receive.

Thank you for your reliable and consistent gifts to support the mission and ministries of Ronald United Methodist Church!

Our books are open. If you have any questions or would like to see details about our finances, please contact Stephanie Henry, Finance Chair, at [stephjdhenry@gmail.com](mailto:stephjdhenry@gmail.com).

## Capital Campaign update

~ Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger

There is good news and room to grow with the Capital Campaign, but mainly good news. **The good news is we have hit the \$100,000 mark of cash-on-hand for the project.** This amount has already been given by our members, and includes the Judy Pound gift that was expressly for new siding. That is an amazing amount for the size of our congregation, and your generous giving is thoroughly appreciated. We should celebrate that achievement, and redouble our efforts to be a beacon of light and hope to our growing and changing community – from our neighbors at Compass Housing to our new neighbors in the other large apartment buildings going up all around Ronald UMC. It's time to grow our congregation. Reach out and invite others to see the hope, love, positivity, and Christian living we aspire to at Ronald.

Where we have room to grow is that the siding repair of the most pressing portions and full repaint of the church will cost \$170,000. There are 2024 pledges outstanding for \$20,000 to \$30,000, but the full project would require a loan for approximately \$40,000. While that is not an enormous amount, our budget in 2022 ended with a deficit and we have not paid full apportionments during the COVID years.

The trustees are in conversations with the Faith Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing loans to churches for capital improvements. Furthermore, the trustees are reaching out to District Superintendent Derek Nakano and to Pastor Pat Simpson for advice.

Thank you so much for your Capital Campaign giving up to now, and for fulfilling the pledges you made for 2024 in future months. Prayerfully consider donating additional amounts to the Capital Campaign as you are able. Ideally, we will be able to fully fund this in cash, and not have an additional, interest-bearing payment in the future. It definitely is within reach, with \$100,000 already contributed.

## Capital Campaign donation update

~ Trina McCarrell

### The Capital Campaign pledge total, as of July 31, stands at \$104,600.

Increases have been coming because generous donors sent checks, not because we have received new pledges. Since the money's already delivered, we count it as a paid pledge. That represents \$66,600 in pledges (many already paid, some To-Be-Delivered in 2024) plus the \$38,000 Judy Pound fund. (After Judy Pound died in 2017, the church received a donation from her estate for building emergencies/repairs and deferred maintenance.)

*Haven't had a chance to contribute to the Campaign yet?* Write a check with "capital campaign" in the memo. **Donate online!** Visit our [online giving](#) page. Put your donation in the "capital campaign" line.

## Community Safety August Town Hall – summary

~ Pastor Kate

I want to start by thanking the about 32 individuals who attended our Safety town hall! I really admire your willingness to have such a long day at church, and such a hard discussion! I am impressed with the dedication of this congregation! Furthermore, I am aware that there are many others who would have attended if their schedule would've allowed. Thank you for your intense focus on such a heavy and complex topic on a long day. The willingness to invest time and energy was well worth it!

Here are the highlights:

- Consensus that the church feels very passionately about wanting to do right by all of our neighbors, and also overwhelmed and ill-prepared about how to do that in a safe and meaningful way. There was a significant collective experience of feeling "stuck" without the necessary tools and resources to make choices to move confidently forward.
- Recognition and honor to the many people who have already invested hours of time, energy, resources, and gifts as they have created spaces to love on our addicted and/or unhoused neighbors (they are not always one-and-the-same). Sincerely, thank you for being the church! As St. Teresa Of Avila said, "God has no hands, but yours". Well done, good and faithful servants.
- There were many passionate people and voices in the room. All of whom were willing to operate with these assumptions:
  - \* all of us genuinely love our church, the people in the building, and our neighbors outside of it
  - \* love as the foundation for an entire town hall
  - \* everyone in the room was striving to brainstorm, from their genuine perspectives, the most responsible way to love our neighbors well.

We did not come to a consensus on which of these strategies would be best. Nor did we expect to in just one meeting. Unity does not mean uniformity. It is okay that we have different strategies.

However, our intentions are very much in alignment. Most of us left in agreement that:



- Whatever is developed will not be a static policy. We will need to commit to **on-going conversations** with annual reviews.
- It is in our community's best interest to invest in our **community partners** and share our resources.
- We want to update our *vision* and *mission* statements to embrace our call and identity. We will use this new clarity to help us make hard choices proactively that align with our want to work within our call and capacity. This will protect us from the exhaustion of reacting to each concern on a case-by-case basis. This will help us **serve our community within our call and capacity**
- We want to make a covenant that as we move forward with our diligent commitment to safety, we want to be **informed by the actual level of risk while operating from a place of Christ-centered hope.**

I recommended we watch this short video that explains how people bond. This matters because a community where people (both inside and outside of the church) feel bonded to the church bring down crime in general, and actually create a safer church and surrounding community. The science of this is compelling! <https://youtu.be/BGylDS9nB4M> The video explains how we can help each other connect, and how we will help involve our new friends into our church family.

At the town hall, we talked about how people bond. How people need positive social environments and how perfectly equipped we, the church, are for that precise relational task! Be encouraged, church!

## News from your church board

~ Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger  
Current RUMC board chair

Currently, the Board is evolving from the traditional Church Council to governance that is based on Chapter Seven and Appendix B of Stephan Ross' book, From [Leadership and Organization for Fruitful Congregations](#).

### The Board:

- represents the congregation;
- meets three to six times per year; and
- holds an annual retreat to discern the mission, vision, and values leading RUMC.

By early November the SPRC team (serving as nominating committee) will circulate its nominations to the current Board. The slate will be presented for election at the Charge Conference (date TBD, but likely late November/ early December).

If you are interested in sharing your gifts and passion for RUMC, please reach out to Tara Sullivan (email: [tarasullivan406@gmail.com](mailto:tarasullivan406@gmail.com) ; text/phone: (406) 897-3896).

We need **four new members/ leaders** who are interested in pursuing these questions: “who we are?” and “what does God want of us?” Specifically, we are seeking:

### Chair:

Serves up to a 3-year term leading the Board to focus of the congregations' mission and setting the boundaries (policies) for living out the vision. Works closely with the Pastor, Co-chair, SPRC, Financial Committee, and Trustees to execute the vision and mission of RUMC.

### Co-chair:

Serves up to a 3-year term providing leadership and support to the Board, Pastor(s), and Chair. Prepares to transition into the leadership position as Chair of the Board.

**SPRC Member (Staff-Parish Relations Committee / Essentially the human relations of RUMC):** Serves a 3-year term with personnel focus.

**Trustee:** Serves a 3-year term focused on facilities.



Ronald United Methodist Church  
In the Heart of Shoreline

# SAVE THE DATE!

## SEATAC MISSIONAL DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

**September 30, 2023**

*"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy." —Psalm 96:11-12*

### *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

#### **Schedule:**

8:30-9:00 AM - Continental Breakfast

9:00-11:45 AM – Program and Business Meeting

12:00-1:00 PM – Soup Luncheon

#### **Hosted by:**

**Kent United Women in Faith, Kent United Methodist Church**  
11010 SE 248th St, Kent 98030

The registration form will be available in August.  
Registration Cost is \$12.

#### **Keynote Speaker:**

**Rev. Laura Baumgartner**

Rev. Laura Baumgartner is the Pastor at Haller Lake United Methodist Church in Seattle and serves as the Board Chair of Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power and Light.



Laura first worked with Earth Ministry/WAIPL as an intern during her seminary program and has been part of faith-based environmental efforts ever since. She has an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and in Divinity from Seattle University. Laura is married to her husband, Eric, and they have a college-aged daughter, Grace, and a very fluffy dog, Calvin. She loves to walk, swim, read, and bake.

SeaTac District United Women in Faith Meeting

[pnwumc.org/event/seatac-district-unique-women-in-faith-annual-meeting](https://pnwumc.org/event/seatac-district-unique-women-in-faith-annual-meeting)

September 30 @ 8:30 am - 1:00 pm | Register here:

[pnwumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Registration-form-District-Annual-Meeting.pdf](https://pnwumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Registration-form-District-Annual-Meeting.pdf)

*Paul writes, "Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward - to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back."*  
— Philipians 3:16-17 (MSG)

## **You are invited to attend** the United Women in Faith of the Pacific Northwest Conference **Annual Meeting**

October 20 through 21 at Olympia First UMC

*Living our Mission, being the hands and feet of Christ.*

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#### **Keynote Speaker:**

United Women in Faith's  
National President  
Ainise Isama'u



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**Watch for your registration  
form in August!**



## Looking ahead:

### October 6!

#### Church-wide fellowship!

6pm-9pm

More information is coming!

### Sunday, October 15, Day of the Dead

Bring a photo of someone you loved who has died that you would like to honor.

We will honor them all (and will honor the ones who died this last year again on Nov 1st, All Saints Day)

### October 28, Trunk or Treat 4pm--6pm with Shorenorth Preschool!

Decorate your vehicle's trunk and share candy with the littles who learn on our campus! Yay for partnerships!

## Safety Officer

~ Sandra Reynolds

- wearing masks is optional.
- Signing in no longer be required.
- Hand sanitizers are provided.

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

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

## Sunday School

~ Sandra Reynolds

Lessons from the book of Acts are available if you have not already picked them up. If you need to pick them up other than Sunday morning, let Sandra know when to have them ready for you.

Thank you to those generous souls who donated colored pencils and pencil boxes for the coloring pages. The pages are not just for children. Everyone is invited to participate.

## Hopelink Notes

~ Darol Reynolds

We are still experiencing a shortage of volunteers. You can go online to the Hopelink web site to sign up.

<https://www.hopelink.org/take-action/volunteer/>

Thank you to those who have been donating unsolicited items such as notepads, calendars, and greeting cards they have received in the mail Our clients have been thrilled to get your gifts.

hopelink

REMINDER: Please do not park in the area in front of the steps to the playscape. It is okay to drop people off there if you remain with your vehicle. We need to have that area available for emergency vehicles.

## Lay Training

Pastor Kate zealously encourages anyone interested to explore these training opportunities for church members to learn about serving in our local church with with conference expertise! I would be so excited if a few of you chose to participate. ( Please let Pastor Kate know if you do sign up! She'll want to hear all about it and support you as you grow!)

<https://www.pnwumc.org/event/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course/2023-09-12>

The "Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry: The BASIC Course" is the foundational course for Lay Servant Ministries. This is the gateway course for those who are called to be Certified Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and Lay Ministers. And can also be part of a person's discipleship plan to acquaint you with their gifts, calling, and responsibilities as followers of Christ.

**This course will be offered over five two-hour sessions on Sept 7, 12, 14, 19, and 21, from 7-9 p.m. PT.**

To register, email Emilie Kroen at [ekroen@yahoo.com](mailto:ekroen@yahoo.com) by Aug 31, providing your name, address, phone #, and your local church setting. Courses fill quickly, so register as soon as you can commit to the schedule and course participation expectations. Each participant must have a book, and attend all five sessions with audio and video functions active throughout each session, but there is no other cost.

BOOK: *Lay Servant Ministries* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson

Participant's Book • DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3 • Participants' books are available in paperback at Cokesbury for \$9.29, Upper Room for \$12, and Amazon for \$11. ebooks are also available.

## August 1 National Night Out with Ronald Commons

Corinne McKission, Program Manager Ronald Commons

RUMC showed up for the Ronald Commons National Night Out 2023 and it was beautiful! We saw lots of familiar faces, folks met our new pastors, and we had some special helpers (Brian and Stephanie) at the BBQ grill and games. David was an amazing all-around volunteer who showed up early, and stayed late. Many people contributed to clean up and close down, so we all got to go home at a reasonable time and enjoy the rest of the evening with our families.

Thank you for sharing the popcorn machine – I don't even know who managed it but so grateful for the teamwork that made it happen.

**It was a meaningful time to gather as a community collectively and open pathways for continued growth.**

We enjoyed lovely live jazz tunes from the Butter Notes, a trio from Shorewood High School.




In addition, we had volunteers from North Seattle Friends and Shoreline Covenant Church who kept the sno cones, tattoos and Cotton Candy coming all night!



# 30 of ANTIRACISM

days

## SEPTEMBER 2023

  <b>RELIGION &amp; RACE</b> The United Methodist Church		 Find more resources on racial justice: <a href="https://www.r2hub.org">r2hub.org</a>	<b>1</b> Study Scripture related to racial justice as Christian discipleship	<b>2</b> Journal about your own racial history
<b>3</b> Participate in intercultural/antiracism conversations	<b>4</b> Visit a worship service in a racial context other than your own	<b>5</b> It's National HBCU week (U.S.); donate to a historically Black college/university	<b>6</b> Create an antiracism study group	<b>7</b> Support BIPOC leadership in your church and public offices
<b>8</b> For International Literacy Day, read books to children about BIPOC hero or on antiracism	<b>9</b> Learn a greeting, phrase, or short prayer in another language	<b>10</b> Be willing to be in the minority	<b>11</b> For U.S. Grandparents' Day, ask a grandparent to share their story of racism they encountered as a kid	<b>12</b> Patronize a BIPOC-owned business in your town
<b>13</b> Donate to a Native American scholarship program	<b>14</b> Share on social media a picture of what racial justice means to you	<b>15</b> Learn more about Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month	<b>16</b> Increase your knowledge about people from Asian and Pacific Island heritages	<b>17</b> Urge your councilperson to champion racial justice in your town
<b>18</b> Seek out a spiritual mentor from an unfamiliar cultural background	<b>19</b> Send your regular tithe/offering to a neighboring BIPOC church	<b>20</b> Plan to participate in an anti-racism demonstration	<b>21</b> Amplify the voices of BIPOC leaders around the world	<b>22</b> Pray on God's call to you to be more active in antiracist Christianity
<b>23</b> For International Week of Deaf People, join a special worship service today	<b>24</b> Research the original occupants of the land you are on in honor of U.S. Public Lands Day	<b>25</b> Examine and confront your own implicit biases	<b>26</b> Interrupt a racist joke, statement, or story	<b>27</b> It is U.S. Voter Registration Day. Research voting rights in your municipality
<b>28</b> Engage with and invest in young leaders dedicated to anti-racism work	<b>29</b> Celebrate the contributions of BIPOC leaders in the LGBTQIA rights' movement	<b>30</b> It's National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools. Learn about this history		

### General Commission on Religion & Race The United Methodist Church | 30 Days of Antiracism

Join us this September for 30 days of antiracism. Each day we will engage in an activity that helps us to become more antiracist in the ways we think and act. Share your progress with a picture or a reflection using #30DaysAntiRacism.

<https://www.r2hub.org/library/30-days-of-anti-racism>

#### Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations & caused significant loss of life and widespread damage.

UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items, and tools to help survivors recover their belongings. **If you can help with the Hawaii fires, gifts can be made in the following ways:**

- Online at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670>
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “**Advance #901670-Hawaii**” written on the memo line and given to RUMC.

#### Two wildfires in Spokane County, Washington have burned more than 20,000 acres and left at least two people dead.

As of Aug. 14, the Oregon Road Fire and the Gray Fire have each burned more than 10,000 acres. Both fires have been burning since Friday and are at 10% contained. Portions of both areas remain under evacuation orders and alerts. **If you would like to help with the Spokane area Fires:**

We do not have an UMCOR number yet for the Spokane area fires, but for those who would like to help you can send a check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “**GRAYFIRES**” written on the memo line and give it to Ronald UMC.



## RONALD COMMONS CAFÉ

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

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

**In-person Worship — all are welcome**  
Masks are optional.

### Online Worship

**Zoom:** [greater-nw.zoom.us/j/867526399](https://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**

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**YouTube** [youtube.com/@RonaldUMC](https://www.youtube.com/@RonaldUMC)

Services are also recorded on YouTube and can be watched later if you miss us Sunday morning.

Signup online to volunteer:  
[signup.com/go/XBZkOzO](https://signup.com/go/XBZkOzO)

Follow us at  
[www.facebook.com/RonaldCommonsCafe](https://www.facebook.com/RonaldCommonsCafe)  
for weekly menu reminders.



### September 7

- Philly steak sandwich
- sauteed mushrooms, peppers & cheese sandwich
- pasta salad
- dessert

### September 14

- meat or vegetarian chili
- cornbread
- dessert

### September 21

- meat or vegetarian chili dog
- coleslaw
- dessert

### September 28

- turkey stew over biscuits
- creamy mushrooms over biscuits
- pea salad
- dessert