



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

RONALD REVIEW

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RONALD UMC 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.*

Stranger Things 2



“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Last month, I wrote about my experience with the first of five “expeditions” that Kio Stark laid out in her Ted Talk article, “How to Talk to Strangers.” The first exercise was to sit and observe people, taking notes about what I see externally, and what I experience internally.

As promised, Stark’s second “assignment” raised the level of complexity, emotional risk and depth of interaction. Choose a relatively populated place to walk. Even though it was a typically misty cold October day, I chose the outdoor courtyard at Redmond Town Center.

The first half of the exercise was to walk slowly for 10 – 15 minutes and say “hello” to everyone, while trying to make eye contact. As this is a warm up for the second half, she writes, “Don’t worry if they don’t hear you or ignore you.”

I must say that even as an extrovert, I was a bit nervous about this, as I generally don’t go out of my way, to meet the eye and greet every stranger I pass in public. I was pleasantly surprised to find that almost everyone met my eye and returned the greeting with a smile, even a 30-something man who was quite engaged in a conversation on his cell phone.

Then it came time for step two! Walk the same path for another 10-15 minutes, but instead of simply saying “hello,” this time mix in phatic observations (e.g. “Cute dog,” “I like your hat,” “Cold out today.”) My anxiety was on the rise, as I realized that I would be passing some of the same people I’d just greeted. How would the parents of with young children experience a strange man who already walked by and said “hello”?

I put on my friendliest smile and I tried to vary my phrases as I encountered each stranger.

“What a cute dog,” I said to a woman walking a black standard poodle. She didn’t bother to respond, but stopped to let the dog sniff my hand. Something I’d already seen her do on my first trip down the courtyard.

Walking by a Tesla on display, I said to a couple of guys, “You should buy two.” One of the ‘shoppers’ was clearly a Tesla fan and immediately began to explain how the “technology allows the engine to...the energy...power...” I would have liked to have shown more interest, but he lost me at technology and I had an assignment to fulfill.

For the second time, I passed a father and son playing shuffle board. My simple “hello” on my first lap was met with a fatherly nod. This time around, I asked who was winning. They both chuckled, but didn’t offer an answer.

As I approached two guys who were busy with their conversation, I boldly interrupted and said to the one wearing the UW Huskies ball cap, “Ready for another win?!” to which he exclaimed, “you know it!”

“Getting a little chilly.” I said to the only man I saw wearing shorts. He responded by looking annoyed with my comment. I wondered if he was annoyed with the weather, his poor wardrobe planning or my stunningly obvious observation.

Two teenage girls walked out of American Eagle at the exact moment that I approached the entrance. I surprised myself by blurting out, “Did you get some good deals?” They seemed equally surprised by my question, but without missing a beat, one answered, “Yeah! A bunch!”

After a few others, I headed back to my car to write down some notes. I passed a mom helping her young daughter out of the family van. As the little girl jumped onto the sidewalk wearing as a “dress up” Cinderella dress over her other outfit, I said, “Wow! That’s a nice dress!” Her mother looked up at me with what I could only guess as surprise and perhaps a bit of concern. I wasn’t quite sure, but it seemed like she made a protective reach for her daughter’s hand. Having raised four children, I understood her reaction. Continuing down the sidewalk, I heard the mother close the van door, as the little girl said, “He likes my dress.”

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It's becoming easier and easier to isolate ourselves. Some of us leave our homes, drive in our personal vehicles to work where we may or may not encounter many strangers. Some of you take public transportation and go to school or work, where you may be around strangers all day. Do you keep your eyes down as you read a book or busy yourself with your phone? Do your earbuds block out both the noise of the world and the chance encounter with a stranger?

Maybe we all need to get out in public a little more. Perhaps we could keep our heads up and look around a little more. Who knows what might happen if we met a stranger's eye now and then, smiled and simply said, "hello." Maybe the world wouldn't be such a scary place after all. Stranger things have happened.

Tune in next month when I "Get Lost."

*Until then,
Pastor Kelly*

Forward Together

To paraphrase Lewis Carroll's Cheshire Cat, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there."

Thankfully, Ronald UMC's leaders continue to prayerfully discern where we believe God is calling us. As we anticipate the completion of the construction of Ronald Common's Housing on January 6, 2017, we are focused and committed to phase two: welcoming our neighbors and building relationships. We don't want to shrink our understanding of "neighborhood" or "community" to the 60 units across our parking lot. However, we will obviously put a significant amount of time and energy into creating relationships with the what may be 260 new neighbors, including families with youth and children.

- 1. Rebuild a vital youth program incorporating 12 regular participants from the church and the community, by funding a quarter-time youth director position.**
- 2. Increase weekly worship attendance by 15%, incorporating people from at least four new households from our local community (including but not limited to Ronald Commons.)**
- 3. Begin developing a comprehensive discipleship system and train 15 leaders to carry out the first 3 stages:**
 - 1) Inviting and welcoming;
 - 2) Focusing on Excellence in worship and Radical Hospitality;
 - 3) Informing and Forming disciples through relationships.

We have already begun creating a road map with specific steps and a time line. You can pick up the more detailed plan at church in the back of the sanctuary, or you can find it online at www.tinyurl.com/h523q42.

We believe that we can achieve these goals with everyone's support. Please include these goals in your regular prayers. Pray that God will bring forth faithful passionate leaders who will invite, nurture, teach, and, when necessary, provoke us into action.



On November 29, you can extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season by participating in **UMC #GivingTuesday**.

Through The Advance, United Methodists can give to more than 800 United Methodist-related projects world-wide, and provide support for more than 300 missionaries! The Advance

projects supported by Ronald UMC include Missionary Katherine Parker, our orphan Gauthier Ndolu Mukendi at Jamaa Letu Orphanage, Imagine No Malaria, Hope for the Children of Africa. For full list of worthy projects, visit their website at umcmmission.org/give. You may give through Ronald UMC.

You may give through Ronald UMC and put the Advance Number of your chosen project (s) on your check to ensure that your funds go right where you want them and you get a detailed receipt for tax purposes .

STAFF—PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE



The primary task of the committee is to support the Pastor and other staff so that these people can work effectively in managing the ministry of the congregation for witness and service.

Work with the District Superintendent and/or the Bishop in an advisory capacity in matters pertaining to clergy and/or congregation.

Work with the pastor, church council, staff and congregation matters that affects the total ministry of the church.

Understand feelings and desires within the congregation about the pastor's leadership.

Be a sounding board between the pastor and the congregation.

If you have a concern regarding church matters please feel free to bring it to the attention of the SPRC via a phone call or note/letter. (Leave it in the box marked SPRC).

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: As a church and people who believe in the power of prayer, let us continue to lift up our loved ones and friends in the joys and concerns that they are experiencing in their hearts and lives....

Prayer List



For family members and friends who are grieving the loss of these loved ones...

For the family of Ted Jenes for the loss of his brother, Jack Jenes, for the family of Ofelia Pascual for the loss of sister, Erlinda Cruz Masangkay.

Those who are experiencing health concerns:

Lydia Fernando, Lucy Maza, Don Jones, Cheryl (the daughter of Shirley Betham), Rose Bernaldez, Evangeline Digan, Patrick and Ofelia Pascual, Jun Fernando, Corky and Ken Mayberry, Susan De Groot the daughter of Virgie Sumabat, Lui Asistio, Virgie Sumabat,

Tom the son-in-law of Shirley Betham, Kirk the nephew of Chita Jesalva, Jane the youngest sister of Jean Kennison, Andy the son of Corky Mayberry who has cancer, Don & Joyce Jones and Dick Fleming

Those in treatment for cancer, or who are in remission: Rusty Finley

Those with continuing health concerns, or in recovery from surgery: Debbie Cavinta and Carol Sonnenfeld

Our homebound members or in care facility:

Ron Warner, Margaret Hyman, Gen Sison, Douglas Moore, Margaret Greenway, Cal McNamee, Fritz Schlatter, Harald Lindjord, Marilee Finlee, Rosanne Lincoln and Jane Davenny

Concerns for our community, our state, our nation, and the world: For our continued political process as we move toward our Presidential election and make important decisions on leaders and policies for our nation and the world; the victims of Hurricane Matthew in Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina; For continued prayers for peace in our times of great conflict and struggle in our communities; For the Muslim community in the U.S. and the world who continues to face grave injustice and targeting for oppressive and unfair acts of profiling; the continuing Syrian refugee crisis; for those places where war and terrorism continue to be a daily threat, especially in the Middle East, and especially in those places where American military is deployed; for the continuing threat of the Zika virus.

**MISSION FOR NOVEMBER
UNWRAPPED GIFTS DRIVE FOR
GRANDPARENT GIFT GIVING**



Once again the RUMC family will have an opportunity to reach out to the less fortunate by providing gifts for Hopelink grandparents to give to their grandchildren at Christmas. So please include one or two gifts for the grandparent gift giving here at our church on Dec. 19, 2016.

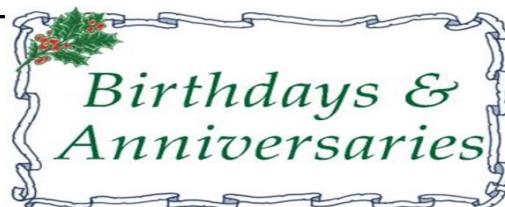
There will be more information about volunteer opportunities later. As you are doing your Christmas preparations,

consider setting aside gift bags and other wrapping material, as well as large store bags that we can use on the gift distribution day.

RONALD COMMONS COMPASS HOUSING



We are hoping to furnish each unit with a bucket, Simple Green cleaning solution, and a packet of sponges. Other household items are also needed.



NOVEMBER

- 01 Dane Anar
- 03 Clinton Carbonell
- 04 Princess Yalung
- 07 Nancy Ayungac
- 07 Dr. Gwen Reyes-Rigor
- 09 Bryan Valbuena
- 09 Sam Mina
- 10 Michael Paet
- 10 Sue Derry
- 10 Abriane Valdez
- 11 Darol Reynolds
- 13 Jean Miller
- 15 Rachel Kymn
- 23 Yomali Contreras
- 24 Lulu del Rosario
- 27 Mingh Saldana

We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please call the church office with your information so we may include you next time.



NOVEMBER

- 04 Pauline & Larry Heesacker
- 17 Marilyn & Dennis Reid
- 23 Nancy & Edwin Ayungac
- 29 Carla & Reuben Roque

In Memory & In Honor of...



In memory of ...
and in honor of....

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

During the month of Sept./October the following gifts were received:

In Memory of:

By:

Jo Fischer

Z & Rev. J Ocampo

In Honor of:

By:

J. M-Lindenburger for amazing VBS Leadership	Chita Jesalva
Pastor Kelly's Ministry of Compassion, Encouragement & Service	Chita Jesalva
All VBS volunteers	Chita Jesalva
Noelle's new baby boy	Becky Sealey
Nepomuceno's twin	Becky Sealey

These gifts go into the memorial fund/capital campaign/chairs/Sound system and are used to purchase items that enhance our worship, facilitate our fellowship, and further our mission.

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A WORD ABOUT HOPELINK

Several RUMC Hopelink volunteers went on a field trip to the Kirkland food bank to see how the grocery store style food bank works.

We learned that, in the new Ronald Commons facility, clients will be given color coded cards that will match up with signs over store-like shelves, freezers, and coolers to let them know how much of various items they are able to put into their grocery carts. This means that we will no longer be asking people how many people there are in their families and then handing their food. They will then go through store-like check out stands so that checkers can see that they have the right number of items according to the color codes on the stands.

The hours will be extended, and there will be four distributions a week instead of two. Some volunteer jobs will remain the same, but there will be a need for more volunteers for a variety of new tasks.

Every day folks in serious need come to Hopelink looking for food. These are folks who are not signed up for the regular distributions. Volunteers prepare emergency bags to be given to them. Many do not have kitchen facilities or even a basic can opener. This means that pop-top cans are especially helpful. The people who prepare the emergency bags are often searching for pop-top cans of meal type foods such as the hearty soups that do not need to be diluted and pasta and other meals that contain protein.

Stewardship News



Our Stewardship Campaign has begun. Believe it or not, Pastor Kelly is in the midst of a three sermon series on "Money Can Buy Happiness."

Please read the letters that you will be receiving and thoughtfully and prayerfully determine your gifts to the church for the next year. A tithe of ten percent is what was required of the people in the Hebrew Scriptures. That is a goal that many set for themselves with some setting a higher percentage and others a lower one.

Whatever percent you choose, we recommend that you set a percentage for yourself. By giving a set percent of all that you take in, you will be more aware of the bounty that is your gift from God.

By turning in a pledge, you help the people in your church who are responsible for its finances obtain the information they need to plan and make decisions about funding programs and ministries.

FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

A
SAFE
PLACE

As work continues in the parking lot, it is more important than ever that drivers be alert and extra conscientious about speed and looking out for pedestrians and other cars.

INVITE YOUR GUESTS

Annual Christmas Luncheon

& Silent Auction

Sponsored by UMW

Saturday, December 3, 2016

11:30 a.m.

Only \$5.00 a Ticket

Space is limited, so invite your guest soon. Tickets will be on sale after worship. This event is in support of our gift to missions here, across the country, and around the world.

Our Spring Tea auction raised over\$1,300. Also start bringing items for the auction.

RONALD COMMONS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



This month the focus will continue on completing the interior finish & trim work, as well as the exterior siding and painting, weather permitting. Additionally, we are just about ready to resume what will likely be among the most noticeable transformations on the project in quite some time... the sidewalks, ramps, and landscaping planter sections. While the physical portion of these features won't likely begin to appear until November, we hope to be in motion with the preparation activities for this month, which will entail installation of the

last of the onsite storm water system, in addition to the final damp roofing and grading work. Once the sidewalks begin to take shape, the project will truly start to look like a finished project.

Now that we're full steam into Autumn, we are encountering windier and wetter days, which has also prompted the need to keep a closer eye on exterior items, and keeping things secured.

You can expect to see the fixed scaffolding that we have around the building coming down by or before the 28th, in preparation for the onsite ground work completion.

All said and told, the construction remain on track to be fully completed with Ronald Commons by January 6th, so the finish line is nearly within sight.

Walsh Construction has been working hard to minimize the impact of the construction on the church. They are nearing the end of the project (January 6!)

They will be focusing on the parking lots and sidewalks in November. While it should not effect us on Sundays, the west parking lot (behind the church) may not be available on weekdays. We will do our best to reserve parking for church activities in the front (on Aurora).

It's been a long, sometimes inconvenient journey. Thank you all for your patience and your tremendous support on what will be a life-changing project for countless people for years to come.

RONALD COMMONS HOUSING APPLICATION



If you are interested in applying to occupy one of the units in Ronald Commons, you will need to keep track of the application process on a daily basis. There are 60 units and there are several different sets of qualifications for them. The units will go rapidly, so you need to check the site at least once a day and get your application in right away.

Go to "Compass Housing Alliance"

Click "What We Do" in the upper line

Click "Ronald Commons" on the left in the grey box

Click "Application Brochure" (currently marked "coming soon")

Click "Housing Pre-Application (currently marked "coming soon")

Ronald Commons is a new development in Shoreline at 178th Street between Aurora Avenue North and Linden Avenue North. The project includes a renovation of the Ronald United Methodist Church (RUMC) building and a new construction, mixed-use building that will include 60 units of affordable housing, owned and operated by Compass Housing Alliance, and a 12,000 square foot Integrated Service Center owned and operated by [Hopelink](#).

The Integrated Service Center will include a food bank, family services, and financial education and assistance for low-income households. An internal courtyard, play area and walking path will create an integrated connection between the three program facilities.

Ronald Commons is scheduled to open in February 2017.

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

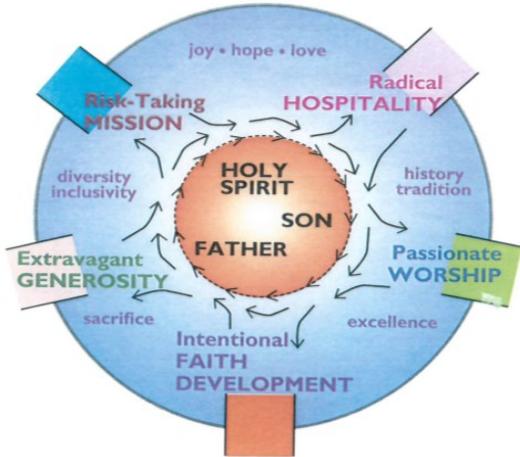
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MINISTRY STAFF TEAM

Pastor	Rev. Kelly Dahlman-Oeth
Retired Pastor	Rev. Stan De Pano
Youth Leader	Gina del Rosario-Martin
Choir Director	Debra Cavinta
Organist/Pianist	Dainius Vaicekonis
Business Admin.	Marilyn S. Reid

LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Lay Leaders	Carla Corsilles-Roque, Rolly del Rosario
Church Council	Dennis Reid
Staff Parish Relations	Shirley Betham
Finance Committee	Dennis Sealey
Board of Trustees	Allison Rosandich
Christian Education	Shelly Hogan, Jason Metcalf- Lindenburger
Worship Committee	Cecile del Rosario



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COMING EVENTS

Nov. 02	10:00 am	Martha Circle meeting
Nov. 13	12:30 pm	Youth meeting
Nov. 17	5:00 pm	Community Dinner
Nov. 20	2:00 pm	Piano Duet Concert
Nov. 20	5:30 pm	Faith Action Network
Fundraising Dinner at Renton Pavilion		
Nov. 21	7:00 pm	Church Council meeting
Every Wed	4:30 pm	Volunteer at POPY's Café
Every Thursday	10:30am	Bible Study with Pastor Stan De Pano
Every Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Every Saturday	10:00 am	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
Every Sunday	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 am	Praise Team Practice
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	12:30 pm	Praise Team Practice

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

GREETERS/USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Becky & Dennis Sealey
Mario Valbuena, Lesley Germino
& Carol Sonnenfeld

COFFEE HOUR

Nov. 06 Ben & Pining Reyes & Rob Koch
Nov. 13 The Reynolds and Hogan Family
Nov. 20 Jonasons, Colleen Lee & Dee Heggen
Nov. 27 Ken & Corky Mayberry, Betty & Rod Hamlin and Gretchen Holtz

COUNTERS SCHEDULED

Nov. 06 Darol Reynolds/Larry Anderson
Nov. 13 Becky Sealey/ Harold Hill
Nov. 20 Shirley Betham & Corky Mayberry
Nov. 27