



The Weekly Chalice

October 15th, 2026

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"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

Hebrews 12:1

I am into my 21st year of ministry with Sumner First Christian Church and this congregations, as well as previous congregations served, has taught me about the foundation of community in faith. So much of our current religious expression is about individualism--*a personal relationship with God...Jesus as MY Lord and Savior...*The bible however reveals to us a God whose interaction with us, even individual interaction, is always about creating, building and bolstering community.

As we approach the end of October, we are mindful of those who have gone before us who gave of themselves and their resources to build and bolster our church community. We will have an opportunity

to name and remember them, along with all the other important people in our lives who've gone before us, on All Saint's Sunday, November 1st. This year's observance will be slightly different from previous years. We will be collecting a list of names to read during Sunday morning worship. After the reading of each name a bell will be rung in remembrance of their life. **If you have a loved one you'd like to include in this remembrance, please send their name to our office administrator (Office@sumnerfcc.org) or to Pastor Rochelle (Pastor@sumnerfcc.org) by Thursday, October 29th.**

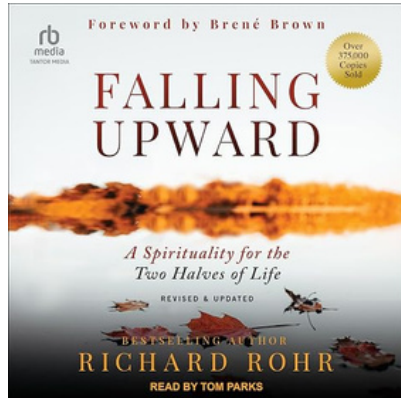
And as we remember and honor those who have gone before, especially those who helped form our current community of faith, consider who in your life could use some connection and face to face community. Invite them to church and introduce them to others. We live in a time where face to face community is difficult to find and so desperately needed. Your invitation can be the key to continuing God's work of forming community.

I am grateful for you all and especially thankful of your remembrance of me for the minister's appreciation month. Thank you for your wonderful cards and generous gifts. It is a blessing to serve with you and to keep on doing the work of forming God's community in the world.

-Rochelle+



Our Friday noon-1:30 p.m. Bible study will not meet this Friday, October 16th but will resume on Friday, October 23rd. Hope to see you there!



join us for our next online book group meeting on Wednesday, October 21st @ 6:00 p.m. We'll be reading chapters 3&4 of Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. If you'd like to join, message Pastor Rochelle (Pastor@sumnerfcc.org) for the Zoom invitation.

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Gwinwood Retreat Center will hold its annual meeting at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 14, and we hope you can be there! The meeting will be in person at Gwinwood (you can also choose to join virtually via Zoom). Lunch will be provided.

Church Owners (western Washington Northern Lights Region Disciples churches) may register two delegates plus their pastor to vote on agenda items. Non-voters are also welcome. If you are interested in attending and/or being a voting representative, let Pastor Rochelle know by November 5th.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	2 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	3 12:00 pm AA
4 10:30 Worship Service	5 12:00 pm AA	6 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	7 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 6:00 pm Elders Meeting	8 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	9 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	10 9:00 am-12:00 pm SCP Clean Day 12:00 pm AA
11 10:30 Worship Service Board Meeting after Service	12 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm SCP Board Meeting	13 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	14 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters	15 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	16 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	17 12:00 pm AA
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25 10:30 Worship Service	26 12:00 pm AA	27 12:00 pm AA 6:00 pm-7:00 pm SCP Trunk-or-Treat 6:30 pm AA	28 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 6:00 pm Book Club via Zoom	29 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	30 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	31 Halloween 9:00 am-12:00 pm SCP Clean Day 12:00 pm AA