

The Weekly Chalice

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When we speak of spiritual disciplines in Christianity, we often think of things like study, prayer and acts of service. But an often overlooked spiritual discipline comes to us from Jesus himself at the Last Supper: "Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me'" (Luke 22:19).

Jesus calls us to remember.

In the context of the Last Supper, and weekly at our Communion tables, we remember not only the story handed down to us, but the symbolic meaning of bread and cup and how, through it, Jesus becomes real to us in our present moment.

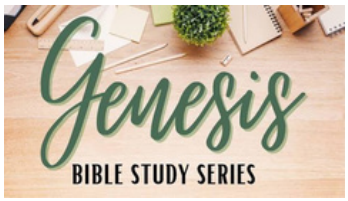
Remembering the past, helps to define our present moment and our future.

The late humanitarian, author, holocause surivor, nobel prize winner Elie Wiesel said, "For me, hope without memory is like memory without hope... If dreams reflect the past, hope summons the future."

Not all of our memories are good, peaceful, life-giving. Memory forms from experienes that we attend to or that are imapctful in an unmistakable way. It is easy to understand how some of our most intense and negative experiences get etched into the framework of our memory. Jesus' call to the discipline of remembering does not mean that we recall just the good things. It's okay to remember the hard things too and to know that these have had a place in your life and becoming. And that's how we look at them--as a moment, a place, a stop along the way of life. The good and the bad both pave the way for God's presence and hope in the here and now and beyond.

This Sunday is All Saint's Sunday when we are called to the discipline of remembering those who've gone before. We know that those we remember are not all Saint's. Some of our memories of them will be blessed and good and others difficult and painful. We remember them as they are and acknowledge their part in our becoming. And in the honesty of our remembrances, we find hope for today and tomorrow.

-Rochelle+



join us for our **Friday noon-1:30 p.m. Bible study in the fellowship hall.** We are studying the book of Genesis and you are welcome to join at any time!



join us in a collaborative congregational art project--no experience necessary and all are welcome!

Our congregational art project (liturgical calendar) may not look like much now, but this will be a tool and reminder for grounding ourselves in the patterns and rhythms of the life of Jesus through the seasons (starting in Advent, the beginning of the Christian year).

All are welcome to be a part of this project, no experience is necessary. **Our next session will be Friday, Oct. 30th from 12-1:30 in the art studio (in the fellowship hall).** Other upcoming times will be listed on the back of the bulletin each week until it is hanging for Advent!





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 (Pastor@sumnerfcc.org) know by November 5th.**



In 1990, the Empty Bowl Project was conceptualized by John Harton, an art teacher from Michigan, as a way to help his students creatively support a food drive. He had his class make ceramic bowls and invited the community to come have a simple dinner, with food donated by local restaurants - and the project was born. Those first diners did not even know that they were going to take home the bowl that they had just used for soup, as a reminder of all the empty bowls that still need filling, every night, around the world.

Join us in Heritage Park from 11am - 2pm Saturday, November 14th during Hometown Holidays for Empty Bowls! We'll be serving delicious soups and selling beautiful local pottery, and all proceeds will go to helping our neighbors in need!

Give Serve Attend Grow

Stewardship

The story of Sumner First Church is long and made possible by the gifts and giving of people through time. In 1858 our congregation formally organized with 15 charter members in the Washington Territory. in 1863, members began meeting in a log schoolhouse near what is now Wood Avenue and Main Street. In 1883, the congregation, thanks to the gifts of members and friends, completed the first church building in downtown Sumner. In 1959, the educational wing was completed at the current Wood Avenue property. In 1969, the present sanctuary was dedicated, 111 years after the congregation's founding.

We remember these milestones and the giving of people in good and difficult times that have made this community possible. What part of this story is now ours? How and what will we give to be a part of our churches' continued story? We ask that you prayerfully consider your gifts and giving to the church now and in the coming year. Through us, the story continues...



Daylight Savings Time ends on **November 1st**. Please **remember to change your clocks back 1 hour by 2 a.m.**

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 10:30 Worship Service	2 12:00 pm AA 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Art Project	3 Election Day 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	4 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am Al Anon 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Art Project 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 6:00 pm Elders Meeting	5 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	6 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Art Project	7 12:00 pm AA
8 10:30 Worship Service Board Meeting after Service	9 12:00 pm AA 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Art Project 6:30 pm SCP Board Meeting	10 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	11 Veterans Day 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am Al Anon 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Art Project 12:30 pm Sober Sisters	12 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	13 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 12:00 pm AA 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Art Project	14 12:00 pm AA 4:00 pm-8:00 pm Scott Maresh Private Bday Party
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29 1st Sunday of Advent 10:30 Worship Service	30 12:00 pm AA 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Art Project	31 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA				