October 30th, 2026

Lake Washington
United Methodist Church

Weekly What's Up Newsletter

This Week	
Date	**Events**
Fri., October 30th	Deadline for All Saint Photo/Names 4PM Gamer Group 7PM Dungeons & Dragons One Shots 7PM
Sun., November 1st	Daylight Saving Time Ends 2AM Worship 10AM Coffee Hour 11AM All Church Conference 12PM
Tues., November 3rd	Zoom Prayers 9:30AM [Link]
Wed., November 4th	Cards & Conversations 4PM
Upcoming Events	
Sat., November 7th	Harvest Festival 5PM
Wed., November 11th	OFFICE CLOSED | Veteran's Day Community Dinner 5:30PM

Message from our Pastor

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Dear friends of Lake Washington United Methodist Church,

I'm spending a week at a retreat center in rural Alabama, praying, studying and connecting with United Methodist colleagues. The experience is one of unfamiliarity punctuated by periodic shock of recognition; strange trees with familiar hawks soaring overhead, folks from tiny towns who read the same science fiction I do, people who eat grits with hot sauce for breakfast but whose hearts are broken open for God's people, same as mine.

It is moving to be together in this way as we prepare to remember the saints.

And it is even more moving to be together in this way — with followers of Jesus from North Carolina, Alabama, Ohio, Tennessee, Idaho, Florida, Indiana — as our country prepares for elections.

Grief can immerse us into fear. So can politics. And in both cases, the losses are costly and there is much at stake. But this week in rural Alabama is reminding me, in the words of Richard Rohr, that "we can't always be correct, but we can be connected. All we can do is fall into the Eternal Mercy."

Whatever this week brings, I pray that you too will stay connected, that you will let yourself fall into the arms of mercy, and that you will be reminded that Christ yet goes about in the stranger's guide - even when that stranger eats grits with hot sauce.

Peace be with you, Pastor Meredith Dodd

Lake Washington UMC Events

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight savings ends this weekend! Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st! Have a happy and safe Halloween!

Nonviolent Direct Action Training

The Church Council of Greater Seattle has been trained with Troublemakers curriculum to lead Nonviolent Direct Action Trainings, and we're combining that training with Rev. Osagyefo Sekou's Militant Nonviolent Civil Disobedience training on 10/31 from 10-1 to get some practice in our bodies around how to participate in direct actions in a grounded way. We will also do some brainstorming there about the moment we're in. **RSVP here**

LWUMC Harvest Festival

All are invited to a Harvest Festival, Saturday, November 7 at 5pm at LWUMC. Our friends from Redmond UMC have also been invited. This evening will be a hearty, nutritious, warm and fun event, with soups, stews, lots of other goodies and even some live entertainment. It will be a great time to celebrate the traditional harvest time in much of North America and to share a meal with each other.

Many contributions are needed to make this evening a success. Please sign up to bring food, to set up and/or to clean up afterwards at **this link**. You can also contact Anne Buck (at my email) to ask for help in signing up. Redmond UMC folks will also be able to contribute, making this a joint celebration.

Any questions can be directed to **Anne Buck**.

"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains." ***– James 5:7***

Adopt-a-Road Clean Up

Sunday, November 8th after worship we will be doing our Adopt-a-Road cleanup of 132nd street! We are looking for at least 5 volunteers; all equipment will be provided. If you are interested, please talk to Jamie or Kelly on Sunday!

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service

Hey, everyone! TDOR is Sunday, November 15th at Hope United Methodist Church starting at 3:00pm!

WAIT! WHAT? WHAT IS TDOR!
TDOR stands for “Transgender Day of Remembrance.” We take time to remember trans people who have died by violence in the last year. TDOR began in 1999 as a small memorial for one person and has spread all over the world. It is particularly recognized each year on November 20 and the week preceding.

SO WHAT HAPPENS AT TDOR?
We have music and a speaker. In a candlelight ceremony we take turns reading the names of those who died the previous year. Afterwards we have a reception in the parlor.

SO WHO COMES TO TDOR?
We host trans folks, people from the LGTBQ community and their allies, members of our church, anyone and everyone who wants to come.

IT JUST SOUNDS SAD. WHY SHOULD I COME?
When we have finished with this ceremony we feel a renewed ambition for a world of justice, equity and reduced violence. We will have given trans people the gift of being seen. And as we all share food and conversation afterward we develop an amazing sense of community.

When: Sunday, November 15th at 3:00pm
Where: Hope United Methodist Church 1934 108th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Volunteers for Worship Services

We are looking for more people to read Scripture and serve communion during worship. If you're interested, please contact **Pastor Meredith**.

Cards and Conversations

Come play a new card game, chat with your neighbors, and make new friends! Every Wednesday from 4:00pm-5:30pm in the Celebration Space.

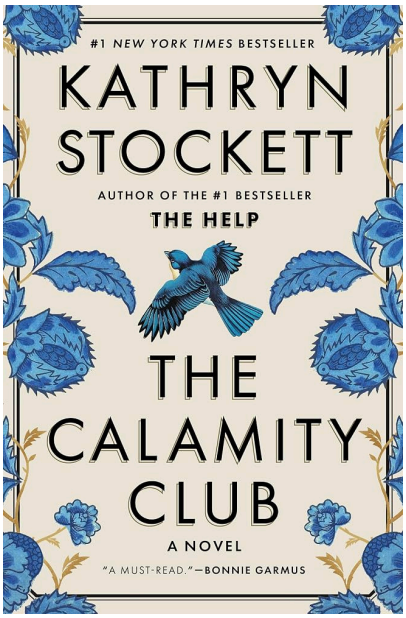
Community Dinner

Dinner in November will be on the second Wednesday and not the first.

Join us for our free Wednesday dinner!

Community Dinner is usually hosted on the 1st Wednesday of most month. This is a dinner to enjoy with community members, church members, neighbors, donors, and guests.

Book of the Month



Book Club

The Evening Book Club meets online on the 4th Thursday most months, except November and December! We meet once, on the first Thursday of December and then not until 4th Thursday of January. We will meet online Thursday December 3rd, 2026 at 7 PM; Carolyn and Beth will lead on *Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett. The multi-million copy selling author of *The Help* returns with a bold, big-hearted novel about a group of unbreakable women, fighting for what's rightfully theirs—and the power of friendship to change everything. Eleven-year-old Meg, one of the unadoptable "big girls" at the Lafayette County Orphan Asylum, fights each day to keep her spirit unbowed.

Birdie, unmarried and outspoken, has come to Oxford on a mission to ask her social-climbing sister to help the struggling family she's left behind. And Charlie is a woman with a past, running low on luck but driven by fire, fury, and grit. When their fates converge, they come up with an audacious plan to take back control of their lives. The Calamity Club will make you laugh, cry, and cheer—an epic testament to resilience, friendship, and the fierce, funny women who know that calamity can be the spark of new beginnings.

Zoom link
Contact **Karina O'Malley**, 425.922 8051, for more information. Plan ahead: January 28, 2027; *Whistler* by Ann Patchett led by Cindy

Dementia Support Group

The monthly Dementia Support Group at LWUMC will meet in-person on Tuesday, November 17th, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Caregivers meet monthly for education and sharing of experiences.

Free, On-Demand Rides in Redmond

The City of Redmond has partnered with Circuit to drive community connection through local micro transit! An **on-demand, free, all-electric ride service** is available to help residents and visitors get around Downtown Redmond, Southeast Redmond, and Education Hill easily, affordably, and sustainably. Whether you're heading to local businesses, catching light rail, or running errands, this service makes local trips simple with no car required. This pilot program is expected to run through June 2027.

Rides are **completely free**! Riders must be older than 16 to ride. Download the Circuit app to request a ride!

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Safe Parking

Safe Parking Update - Jennifer

We are still going strong with roughly 90 adults and 15 kids. Not everyone is here at the same time, which is our saving grace as we have more folks enrolled than we have parking spaces. On average, we have around 50 folks here at any given time. Many of our guests work—some days, some nights—but I get to see all but a few on a regular basis. Right now, as a Permanent Supportive Housing building starts setting their first few intake appointments, whispers of both excitement and dread are spreading through the CS. Excitement for those who qualify and may get a placement (Privacy! Dignity! Warm baths & beds!). Dread and anxiety for those who don't or won't (What *will* I qualify for? When will there be another opportunity like this?). Resources are so limited. And yet they show up, day after day, so many with smiles asking if there is any mail, any news, any new possibilities. Showing up with the energy to help someone else in the program while they wait for their own help to arrive. Today I met with someone celebrating, held space for someone mourning, and welcomed another new arrival. If you haven't donated in a while, please consider placing an order for some combs, mittens, or fuzzy hats. These small items mean so much to folks while they wait. Wait for a job. Wait for disability. Wait while pay down debt. Or for a place of their own they can afford. Thank you!

Thank You!

Thank you to our wonderful hosts this past week. Heidi, Andy, Jenny, Arden, Karina, Char, Kelly, Lynne, Tim, Genevieve, Jane, & Jan!

Thank you to our fantastic meal donors, Teresa, Friends of Art, Callie, Carlyle, & Cindy, Bothell Community Kitchen, Firoozeh, Kim W, Kelly, Kirkland's Women's Club!

If you are interested in hosting, please contact the office. And, as always, thank you for your support. We appreciate you!

Meal Donations

There are still open slots for Safe Parking meals this month. Please share the meal **sign up link** with your friends via email or social media.
Are you not sure how to put together such a meal? Call Karina for tips, 425.922.8051

Current Guest Needs

Some specific requests from our safe parking guests: **Poise Incontinence Pads, D batteries, size 4 diapers, microwaveable meals, tea, coffee pods, combs, brushes, skin lotion and - the nights are getting colder – blankets, mittens, scarves, hats, & handwarmers!**

We have a wish list on Amazon for **guests**, and one for our **move-in ministry**.

Community Prayers

Our practice has been to continue to pray your prayers for three weeks unless you tell us otherwise. If you would like us to pray for you or reach out to you personally, you can email our **prayer team.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Gratitude for King County's funeral ceremony at Mt. Olivet Cemetery honoring 626 people whose remains were unclaimed or whose families couldn't afford funeral services.

For those who need healing in body or spirit

Pray for my cousin Bobby whose wife Linda finished her earthly journey last week. Courage and comfort for a friend grieving 2 recent miscarriages. That Kathy's knee replacement was successful, and she has good recovery and healing. For guidance, love, hope; for a better life, a happy life, an abundant life; for patience and faith. For good health all our lives. For financial stability, a job and a healthy home environment in Kirkland. May my eyes recover quickly. For Tifanie's surgery to treat her broken ankle and that she recovers from a kidney infection. For Tom grappling with loss of mental focus. For our sister-in-law Janel diagnosed with lymphoma. For Mary's diagnostic tests to lead to resolution and healing. For my dear friend Bob W. whose kidneys are shutting down. For Tim, waiting for a kidney transplant. For strength and patience for Derek and his wife and children as he is treated for cancer. For the total healing of my body. For David suffering from falls associated with Parkinson's.

Prayers for Comfort

For Nadine, dying from cancer, and for her husband and her twin sister, Naomi. With Candi, prayers for Don B. For Carol's family and for me as I have lost a dear friend. For the family of Bud Bell, a longtime friend. May he rest in peace. For all those who have lost dear ones; may they learn to live faithfully without them.

Prayers for our Community

Pray for me that I stay safe by the protection of the Lord's merciful love and guidance during this new journey of my life. May he provide health for my soul and light for my heart that I may show others the new life we are promised because of his sacrifice. For Stephanie, help her find the Lord, and for her daughter, BrookLynn. For Mary to find housing and a full-time job. To be able to quit alcohol and not end up on the street. To quit using social media excessively. For all those who are poor in spirit, like me. That I will make it financially. For equity for those seeking housing and employment.

Prayers for our World

That the election be honest and without violence, and may we set a new course based on love and peace. For willingness to address climate change and do what we need to sustain our earth. For the war in Iran to end. For safety and courage for health care and aid workers in war zones, and for those caring for Ebola patients. For those who live in fear, displacement and war.

Main Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
9:00AM - 5:00PM
Office Phone: 425.885.3311

Safe Parking Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
12:00PM - 3:00PM

Pastor Meredith's Hours:
Sunday - Thursday

Sunday Liturgy:
1 John 3:1-3 & Matthew 5:1-12

Church Calendar →

Safe Parking Hosted Hours:
Monday-Friday
9:00AM-3:00PM
7:00PM-9:00PM

Saturday
9:00AM-11:00AM
7:00PM-9:00PM

Sunday
8:00AM-9:30AM
7:00PM-9:00PM

Safe Parking After Hours Line: 425.464.SAFE

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- LWUMC Facebook
- Members Facebook
- Safe Parking Facebook
- LWUMC Instagram
- YouTube

LWUMC is a Safe Sanctuary Church. Copies of our Safe Sanctuary policy are available at the front office

SAFE SANCTUARIES
Providing a safe environment for children & youth as they grow in faith