

HAPPENINGS AT THE CHURCH AND IN THE COMMUNITY SEPTEMBER 2019

CHURCH NEWS --

Sundays, September 1, 8 and 15 at 9:30 am – Pastor Balmer will be preaching.



Pastor's Corner - Summer Sundays continue - at least for a while - as our often cooler mornings open into sun. Many of us look for rain, but...not on this first Sunday, September 1, when we'll meet outside on the patio enjoying the freshness of trees and birdsong and other practices of Presence. Our focus, on the 8th, will be a look at the many articulations of prayer, its honesty and concerns and grace. We'll be helped by our reading-and-hearing from a modern version of psalms. September 15th invites all manner of celebration: we'll hear from and receive new members and celebrate our Guemes Church-birthday, all in the spirit of "Affirmation Sunday."

Autumn comes, the world turns, our hopes and fears feel at once near and far. Some lines from *Psalms for Praying*, by Nan Merrill (which we will use on September 8):
*"Breath of the Merciful, teach us the way of compassion. . .
You have made us co-creators of the earth! guardians of the planet!
Befriend all that is within you, discover the Secret Room in your heart."*

Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 am, Church Council Meeting – all are welcome to attend.

Saturday, September 14 at 9:30 am, Women's Book Group will meet at Lois Duncan's home, 4037 Forest Lane. We are reading *Educated*, by Yara Westover. For more information, contact Brenda Griffin 360-202-3893.

Let's celebrate
together!

Sunday, September 15 after church – We'll appreciate each other and celebrate the **105th birthday of the Guemes Church** with a potluck BBQ. The church provides the hamburgers and salmon burgers, buns, condiments and birthday cake. Celebrators bring the side dishes.

Sunday, September 22 at 9:30 am – Don Burnett will be our guest speaker.

Sunday, September 29 at 9:30 am – Carla Pryne will be our guest speaker.

Reverend Darell Berg (November 14, 1920 – August 15, 2019) - Reverend Berg was the minister of the Guemes Island Community Church from 1994 through 2008. His ministry was a creative blend of spirituality, social responsibility, intellectualism, and political engagement. His positive attitude was infectious, and his formula of love, respect, curiosity, wisdom, knowledge and spirit connected him with thousands of people around the world. He packed a lot into his 98 years always adding value to individuals and society, never subtracting.

COMMUNITY NEWS –

NEW FERRY SURVEY – Vote for your favorite system improvement options by Thursday, September 15: www.publicinput.com/4955. Visit www.publicinput.com/guemesferry for more information about the system improvement study.

Historical Society Walking Tour of North Beach – Tuesday, September 17, 3:00-3:45 pm

Sally Stapp will be leading a walking tour and colorful history lesson of the Alverson camping tracts along north beach. Questions? Contact Tom Deach at 360-708-2582 or guemeshistory@gmail.com.



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HELP FUND NEW STOVE AT THE CHURCH - The kitchen's commercial stove has been a real workhorse but now needs to be replaced. The Church commercial kitchen has hosted many meals and food-related events over the years. The Gathering Lunches feed up to 60 people on Thursdays during the offseason. Soup Suppers, the Holiday Bazaar, the Holiday Dinner feast, and the Strawberry Sunday Social all use the facility for food prep. The kitchen stands ready to serve our community during an emergency working in coordination with the Community Hall as an emergency shelter. Donations can be mailed to 7611 Guemes Island Road, Anacortes, WA 98221. Make checks payable to the Guemes Island Community Church with a notation "for kitchen stove."

LOOKING FORWARD

Gathering Lunches Return Thursday, October 3 at 11:30 am - As before, the lunch menu will be posted online at linetime.org and other places. Come and enjoy eating the good food and visiting with your neighbors.

Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm - George Rolfe memorial service

Saturday, October 12 – An Introduction to Cell Level Healing Workshop with Joyce Hawkes, PhD. and Helen Folsom



Simple Gesture/ Red Bag Collection – The next collection day is Saturday, October 12. Drop your bags at the Church between 8:00 and 9:00 am that day or any day that the Church is open. You can always join this effort. Contact Connie Snell at 360-708-3589 or conniemsnell@gmail.com.

Note: If you have program ideas for the larger Guemes community, call Connie Snell, 360-708-3589 or email her at conniemsnell@gmail.com. Also, contact Connie if you'd like to reserve the church facilities for group or personal events. **There is no fee for using church facilities; however, donations are much appreciated.** If you would like to be added to or removed from the newsletter contact list, email Lynn Prewitt at redhouselynn@gmail.com.