

HAPPENINGS AT THE CHURCH AND IN THE COMMUNITY OCTOBER 2019

CHURCH NEWS --

Sundays, October 6, 13 and 27 at 9:30 am – Pastor Balmer will be preaching.

Sunday, October 20 at 9:30 am – UCC Reverend Tony Robinson will be our guest speaker.



Pastor's Corner Every season has images, stories. This fall we notice the winds pick up, leaves scatter, rain becomes a regular accompaniment. So also the reflections upon our lives: seasons of trauma and triumph, seasons stretching into searching, healing, learning, loving. And lying underneath, like the effect of a well that's full or run dry, is the power of narrative — and what we tell ourselves, and others. For three Sundays this month, October 6, 13, and 27, we will appreciate 'story' — affecting not only ourselves, but also our broader relationships and actions. **October 6**, we'll hear a mythic biblical story of a sleeping soul waking up, surprised...by an unconsidered Presence. The image will add to our celebration of **World Communion Sunday**. The

following Sunday, **October 13** is 'Part 2', with a whole new story (and drama added!). **October 27** is **Reformation Sunday** honoring the spirit of honest inquiry and more. We'll be treated to special music from Lisa Grace and Ian Woofenden.

Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm - Memorial Service celebrating the life of George Rolfe. Sharing, singing, prayers and a psalm, all are most welcome. *Following the service, any who wish to accompany Lois Duncan to Edens Cemetery are invited to do so.*

Saturday, October 19 at 9:30 am, Women's Book Group - This month's book is "Almost Everything - Notes on Hope", by Anne Lamott. It's a quick read, so perhaps copies can be borrowed and passed around. We'll meet at Joan Palmer's, 6132 S Shore Road. For more information, contact Brenda Griffin 360-202-3893.

Sunday, October 27 at 11:00 am - Still-Speaking Bible Study: Musings on experiences of desolate places and God's silence, as well as surprises, will be a part of our time. All are most welcome to attend.

New Website Up and Running – Check out the Church's new website designed for us by Guemes Islander Melody Young: <https://guemeschurch.com>



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.

A BIG THANKS to all of you who helped fund the new stove for the church kitchen. It's up and running just in time for the start of Gathering Lunches season.

COMMUNITY NEWS – –



Featured Artist – The tranquil artwork of Guemes Island watercolor artist Janice Veal is currently on display in the church foyer through the month of October. View and enjoy any time the church is open.

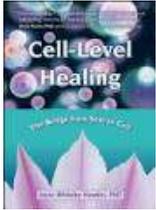


Gathering Lunches - Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 11:30 am-12:15 pm: These lunches are a great time to meet and eat with friends and neighbors. Find lunch menus online at Linetime.org. Suggested donation is \$5.

OCTOBER FERRY MEETINGS

Thursday, October 3, 9: 00 am, Anacortes Library - Ferry Committee/Public Works Update: Public Works, the Guemes Island Ferry Committee, BERK and KPFF will review ridership survey results and review objectives.

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 pm, Community Center - Ferry Committee Quarterly Meeting: Ridership Survey Update and MV/Guemes Marine Survey Review.



Introduction to Cell-Level Healing Workshop, Saturday, October 12, Noon-4:00 pm: Open the doorway to healing and wholeness with biophysicist Joyce Hawkes PhD, and hypnotherapist Helen Folsom, CHT – both recognized as healing facilitators and also a lot of fun to be around. The body, the mind, the emotions – what exactly are they and how can we work with them to promote health, deal with life's challenges, and deepen our understanding of who we are and what it means to be human? In this afternoon workshop we will peel back the covers and talk about how the work of Cell-Level Healing came about, how it works, and how you can nurture you own health as well as the health of your loved ones, and friends.

Bring a Brown Bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Suggested donation: \$25. Questions? Call or email Lynn Prewitt (360) 588-8320, redhouselynn@gmail.com



Thursday, October 24, 12:30 pm, Church: Where Can I Go on the Bus?

Skagit Transit Travel Trainer Susan Libby will answer all your questions and tell you much more about the Skagit Transit System. She will outline the routes of the 410 and the 409 buses, which have stops on 6th Street near the Anacortes Ferry Terminal, and show us how we can easily get to many popular town and county destinations by taking the bus. Susan will also discuss the Para Transit programs, vanpools and travel training opportunities. She will have handouts with further information about these programs.

GICCA Meeting(s) – Thursday, October 17, 7:00 pm, Community Center: Nominations for vacancies on the Guemes Island Community Center Association (GICCA) Board will be open to the general membership at the October 17 public meeting. At the Annual Meeting on November 21, the membership will elect, from the slate of nominees, members to fill the two open positions on the Board.

LOOKING FORWARD

FIESTA DE AMIGOS, Saturday, November 9 – Donation dinner for programs serving immigrant youth, education, basic needs and legal services in Skagit County.

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.