

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 11: Christine Bragg's Memorial/Reception, 11 am

**Sunday September 12th: Sunday School starts for
all Adults & Children, 9 am**

Sunday, September 12: Live Worship in the Sanctuary, 10 am

**Sunday, September 12: Livestream Worship on Youtube Channel,
10 am**

Sunday, September 12: Funday for 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders, 11:15 am

Sunday, September 12: Riding with the Reverend, 3 pm

Sunday, September 12: Jr & Sr UMY Orientation, 6 pm

Saturday, September 18: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm

Saturday, October 16: Holly Daze Bazaar, 9 am - 3 pm

Hi friends,

I wanted to let you know about a couple things as we head into our fall schedule. First, just a reminder that beginning on September 12th we will be starting our Fall Worship Schedule, which means that we will be gathering in the Sanctuary at 10 am for our weekly worship services. At 9 am we will be having our Children and Youth Sunday School classes and a choice of adult classes as well.

Also, just a reminder that we have several protocols in place to help observe best practices and do all we can to keep each of us safe and help slow the spread of the pandemic. Whenever we are inside the building, we are asking each of us to wear a mask, regardless of your vaccination status. (We have masks available if you forget yours.) There are sanitizer stations and bottles with sanitizer in them, located throughout the building. Please make use of them when you enter the building. Please don't linger inside the building after the event or program you are attending is over. It helps us greatly to be able to close up the building after an event to allow things to "air out" between events. And... when it is possible, try to stay an arm's length away from anyone who does not live with you in the same household. By observing these protocols around time, distance, shielding and sanitizing, we hope to be able to continue our practice of meeting together for worship and other events.

With that in mind our leadership council was in consensus when we created this statement at our last Leadership Council meeting on August 28th. **“The Leadership Council strongly encourages all paid staff and volunteers to receive a full covid vaccination or receive a weekly negative Covid test while participating in our programs and ministries. And we reaffirm the commitments to safe Local Practices for Churches and other ministries, Dated May 6th, 2021, that is on record with the PNWAC office.”** The overwhelming data shows that complications associated with Covid 19, and “breakthrough” cases are less likely to result in hospitalizations or death for those that have been vaccinated, and individuals who are vaccinated are seven times less likely to be infected with the virus. We want to go on the record that the position of the council is that we support and encourage those who are eligible to receive the Covid vaccination to do so from a health, safety, faith, and compassion standpoint. If you have questions about your eligibility or concerns about your specific health risks associated with the vaccine, please talk to your doctor and health provider about those concerns.