



## July 2023 Newsletter

Come as you are. No dress codes. No judgments. No discriminations. No distinctions.

So bring your doubts, questions, and busy kids. God does not reject people. Neither do we. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to full participation in all areas of our congregational life and ministry.

At the Sunnyslope Church we do not put a period where God has placed a comma, because we believe God is still speaking, and we are still learning what it means to live in Jesus' realm of love, compassion, and justice.

**Rev. Dane Breslin**

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10:30 Sanctuary and Zoom**

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## Equal concern for the past, present, and future

One of the great Benedictine virtues is “enoughness.” The interesting thing about enoughness is that it is not imbued in the monastic by a chart or canon of weights and measures...” No, the measurement St. Benedict specifies in the Rule is very straightforward, very obvious. Let the monastic have what she needs, the Rule teaches, and “those who have need of less, thank God.”

Greed is more a temptation than we ever knew. After all, if you can afford a thing, why not get it? Answer: Because every element we take out of the Earth is affecting the future of the earth, of our families, of world peace. To squander life on the amassing of goods simply for the sake of amassing goods only shrinks the soul to the size of the last pointless and superfluous item.

The problem is that a commitment to stewardship makes every request a decision: Do I really need this thing, or do I simply want it? It confronts us with the difference between the cultural question, “Don’t I deserve to keep up with the technology, the style, the convenience?” and the moral question, “What is accumulation without cause doing to the breadth and quality of my own soul?” This is surely the question of the age. But how many of us really realize that yet?

The real value of stewardship lies in its equal concern and care for the past, the present, and the future. A life lived through the filter of stewardship saves things rather than discards them simply because they’re old.

You begin to see that stewardship addresses life everywhere. Stewardship is meant to buttress the weak ends of society so that all good things are available to all at some level of value.

Stewardship is a long-lost value in a society that equates success with newness. But there is another kind of problem as well. With the invention of plastic, the value of stewardship got dealt a heavy blow. The explosion of plastic as a basic material brought too much debris to oceans that cannot be cleaned up. More than that, artisanship suffered. Too much good art got reduced to look-alikes. The world got too much faux this and faux that to learn the difference between simulation and the real thing. Authenticity became a value of the past.

Stewardship, then, brings up the question of preservation, of insisting on biodegradable, well-made real objects rather than the impermeable look-alikes that will kill off the fish, poison the land, while we never even have the grace to blush.

Preservation, conservation, authenticity, and moral impact mark the monastic charism of stewardship. This charism takes the world as it is and sets out to make it better. It gives itself to completing and protecting the work of creation. As the Rule says, “Then are they truly monks when they live by the work of their hands as did our ancestors before us.”  
—from *The Monastic Heart*, by Joan Chittister (Penguin Random House).

## June 2023 Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering	Special Offerings
June 4	70	\$1,409	CASA \$20
June 11	56	\$442	
June 18	55	\$1002	
June 25	50	\$757	Indigenous Foundation Roots & Reparation \$230

**Building Use: \$480.00**

### *JULY BIRTHDAYS*

4 Rebecca Ewert  
 4 Velda Braun  
 4 Sandy Erickson  
 9 Sasha Sleiman  
 9 Gary Parsley  
 17 John Braun  
 17 Nicole Harman  
 18 Grace Tangen  
 22 Mary Timiras  
 24 Russell Remington  
 27 Edie Jackson



### *JULY ANNIVERSARIES*

4 Kollin & Leanna Remington  
 13 Ed & Simona Byrd  
 15 Michael & Nancy O'Cain  
 29 Roger & Linda Stephens

### **Did you know?**

Our online e-giving capability has launched! A link has been added to our website at the top of the page and the QR code is here. We are excited to have at long last added this new giving method for Sunnyslope Church. Check it out!!! 😊



## **Special Offering – July 2023**



The Cashmere Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation located in Cashmere, WA that gives food free of charge to those in need. We currently distribute about 75 large boxes of food every two weeks to families in the Cashmere – Monitor area.

The Cashmere Food Bank is a true community effort. It serves our neighbors when they need food with dignity, respect, and compassion. It thrives because of the generosity and community spirit of local individuals, organizations, churches, and businesses. It relies on an all-volunteer staff to run not only its distribution but also its administrative and planning operations. Although the location and schedule of the food bank have changed throughout the years our mission remains the same: to eliminate hunger in the community by providing nutritious food that is free to all people seeking assistance. We connect people in need to community resources by bringing together our volunteers and community partners in business, faith, and education.

### **FOUNDED IN the 1970s**

The current food bank had its beginnings in the as an outreach project of the local Catholic Church.

### **Helping Families**

We currently distribute about 75 large boxes of food every two weeks to families.

### **A Community Effort**

The generosity and support of the community has and continues to be the driving force for the food bank's success.

Find more information at their website: [Food Assistance | Cashmere Food Bank | Cashmere](#)

*Getting to Know.....  
Cheryl & Kevin Hall*



We are part of a group of Wenatchee ex-pats living on Whidbey Island. We chose Whidbey Island to be closer to family in Bellingham, Seattle & Mukilteo. We have 3 grown children and a 4-year-old grandson who keeps us on our toes! After serving with the Army, the Air Force and the VA, Kevin is now working for the Navy on base here in Oak Harbor. Making his way through all the services! Cheryl retired this year from a bookkeeping career and is enjoying retirement. We love family & beach time. Our new home offers us a close proximity to the water so daily beach walks and kayaking as often as we can are fun activities. Kevin is an avid bike rider and loves exploring new trails around the island.

We came to Sunnyslope 16 years ago with a background of UCC that aligns with our beliefs. Kevin grew up in the UCC church and we have been attending various UCC churches together for over 30 years. We stayed for the people in Sunnyslope who have become like family. We are so happy that we can continue to be a part of this congregation through Zoom and appreciate the church's devotion to being a hybrid community.

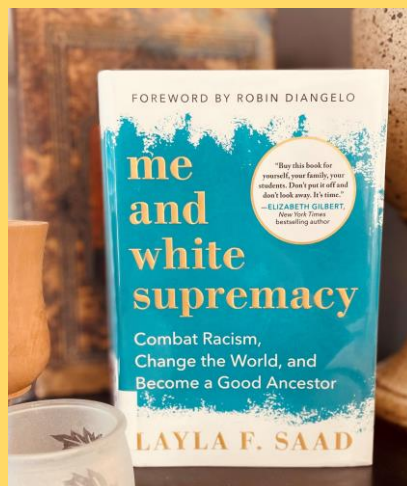
Our dreams for Sunnyslope are to continue embracing new people & ideas, growing & thriving, maintaining the sense of family & community that is such a vital part of who & what we are and continuing to walk the walk of justice. We are proud & humbled to be part of a congregation that truly cares about all people and works consistently to bring justice & caring to everyone. We have always felt that Sunnyslope Church is a beacon of light in the Wenatchee Valley community. It is a joy to see that light being spread & shared through the outreach that is happening in so many ways.



The **Cultivating Justice** contemplative book group will start up again on **July 3rd from 6:30-8 PM over zoom** to continue our engagement of **“Me and White Supremacy” by Layla F. Saad**. The group will gather throughout the summer on the following **Monday evenings: July 3, 17, 31; Aug 14, 28; Sept 11 (6:30 - 8 pm over zoom)** to complete our reading of the book. The July gatherings will focus on these chapters:

- July 3: "You and Anti-Blackness Against Black Women, Black Men, and Black Children" (pg. 86-105)
- July 17: "You and Racist Stereotypes, Cultural Appropriation, and White Apathy" (pg. 106-133)
- July 31: "You and White Centering, Tokenism, and White Saviorism" (pg. 134-154)

We realize that summer schedules are variable, but hope that you can join us as much as you are able! You are still welcome to join if you haven't attended before -- pick up a copy of the book and contact Jess ([jess.h.ingman@gmail.com](mailto:jess.h.ingman@gmail.com)) to receive the zoom link.



**Rev. Dane is hosting a summer theological study group** on “**Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul**” by John Phillip Newell. In July, we will alternate between being on zoom or being in person, but it will be the same content. You may attend any and all gatherings! Hopefully this offers flexibility and accessibility so that all can participate.

😊 **Note: all in-person gatherings will be at the church.**

**Contact Dave with any questions or zoom information.**  
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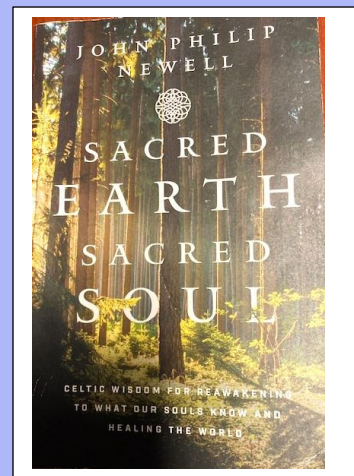
**July 1pm-2pm**

**7/5- Only In-person - Ch. 2**

**7/12-Only Zoom - Ch. 2**

**7/19- Only In-person - Ch. 3**

**7/26- Only Zoom - Ch. 3**



**Sunnyslope Leadership Team**

Name	Position	Term
Rev. Dane Breslin	Minister	
Sasha Sleiman	Chair	2024
Ken Neher	Moderator	2023
Mary Katherine Deen	Scribe	2024
Ed Deen & Cyndi Garza	Treasurer	2024
Carol Bowman & Christina Davitt	Worship	2023
Ed Deen, Interim	Property	
Janet Stutzman	Social Action	2023
Lois Tate	Hospitality	2023
Bob Jackson	Deacon Representative	
Lori Nitchals		



# July 2023

July 2023						Sunday
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 10:30 Worship
3 Cultivating Justice Study Group 6:30-8 Zoom	4 Independence Day  Spring of Life 7:00 pm	5 Theological Study Group 1-2 pm  <b>Chit Chat 4:00 Zoom</b>	6	7 Spring of Life 6-8:30 pm	8	9 <b>10:30 Worship</b>
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