



WELCOME TO THE SUNNYSLOPE CHURCH

# Monthly Newsletter



Dear Sunnyslope Church,

Thank you for your immense generosity this Christmas season!

I was very surprised to receive such a wonderful gift card from this community for Christmas and I am very grateful and just wanted to take a moment to thank you all. I felt very loved and appreciated, truly.

In genuine gratitude,  
Rev. Dane Breslin



In this newsletter you will find:

Upcoming events, workshops, resources, and more. Keep Reading!



## Church Information

REV. DANE BRESLIN

Worship Services 10:30 Sanctuary  
and Zoom

Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00  
pm 509-663-5745

[office@sunnyslopechurch.org](mailto:office@sunnyslopechurch.org)  
[sunnyslopechurch.org](http://sunnyslopechurch.org)

Minister Hours

Sun – Wed by appointment

Office Hours: Tue & Wed 10:15 am –  
1:00 pm

[Rev.dane.breslin@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.dane.breslin@gmail.com)

## 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.



WE ARE OPEN, AFFIRMING, & CELEBRATING





# Join us for Dane's Installation as Sunnyslope Church Minister!

FEBRUARY 11TH @ 10:30AM

Installation of the Rev. Dane Breslin as minister at The Sunnyslope Church\*

Come for worship, and join us in our celebration! Potluck to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

\* Installation at The Sunnyslope Church is the formal recognition of Dane Breslin as minister in our congregation. It confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship between the local church, its minister, and the regions of the Church of the Brethren and the United Church of Christ. It is a sign that we, as partners, are committed to share mutually in the work of both denominations and the worldwide ecumenical church.

A Cultivating Justice event hosted by The Sunnyslope Church

In partnership with the PNC-UCC, the NWIM Synod (ELCA), Faith Action Network, and the NCW Equity Alliance

## DECOLONIZATION for TRANSFORMATION

with Sarah Augustine  
Executive Director,  
Coalition to Dismantle the  
Doctrine of Discovery

Saturday, March 2, 2024  
(9 AM - 4 PM)  
The Sunnyslope Church  
3330 School St., Wenatchee

REGISTER Today!

\$40 registration includes catered lunch and training manual. Limited scholarships available. Contact Jess Ingman (ingman@fanwa.org) with questions.

Register online by February 20, 2024

## Coming Up

### DECOLONIZATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

During this interactive training we will explore core concepts of justice for Indigenous Peoples, including an analysis of the doctrine of discovery.

## Register

Join Cultivating Justice at Decolonization for Transformation on March 2nd at 9 AM. Register or learn more by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code.

**CLICK TO REGISTER**

## Getting to Know Marsha Neher

I am Marsha Miller Neher. I moved to Wenatchee in 1972 when I was a junior in high school. My dad had been hired as the minister of Sunnyslope Church of the Brethren. Except for 4 years at the University of LaVerne in California and a year in Brethren Volunteer Service, I have lived in Wenatchee.



Ken and I were married in August of 1978 which makes 46 years this year. We have 3 adult daughters who all turned out pretty good. We also have 3 son in laws and 4 grandchildren. Our older 2 girls both live on the West side, as do all 4 of our grands. Our youngest lives in Southern California. We are all very close and fiercely important to each other.

I retired from a career as a Labor and Delivery and Mom Baby Couplet Care RN in 2021. I love babies! I loved helping women in labor become mothers, to trust their bodies and their gut. I loved teaching new mothers how to be successful breastfeeders. My work environment was quite diverse politically and religiously. I became even better at being able to separate beliefs and lifestyles that are the opposite of my own and still be able to work as a team to support and respect one another.

I love being outdoors, active, working hard physically and getting dirty and sweaty. I love when Ken and I are both working out in the yard/gardens on different projects, but we are still very much “together.” I love traveling and I love coming home. I love spending as much time as I can with our kids. I love my big extended family on my mom’s side and reuniting with them at least every other year at Camp Myrtlewood. I love cooking and eating. I love entertaining. I cherish long-term, multigenerational friendships. I love the life Ken and I are living and creating. I love Ken.



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## Getting to Know Marsha Neher Continued

I was born and raised into the Church of the Brethren, as was Ken. Our parents and grandparents, great-grandparents, etc. were all Church of the Brethren. Both of our dads were ordained by the Church of the Brethren. So why Sunnyslope Church? Initially, because we live in Sunnyslope and because Sunnyslope Church is a Church of the Brethren. I don't see myself as a fair-weather churchgoer.



Churches are dynamic, they ebb and flow depending on who the minister is, if the congregants are aging or young families with lots of kids, or a mixture, etc. In all my 52 years of being associated with and a member of The Sunnyslope Church, things haven't always been to my liking. But I stick around because it is who I am and I made a commitment. And because I love Sunnyslope Church. I love our history, our people, our mission, our work. I particularly like what is happening now. The community that is growing right now has been a long time in coming as far as I am concerned, and I couldn't be happier or prouder to be part of it.

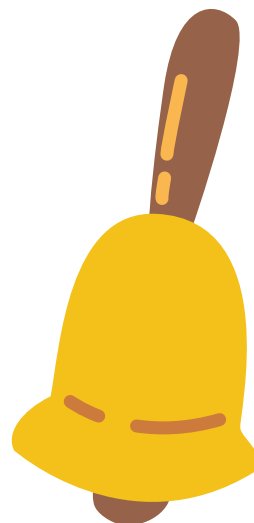
As for what I envision for our future? Keep on keeping on. I think we are on the right track! Always keeping in mind that God is still speaking and we are to be good listeners.

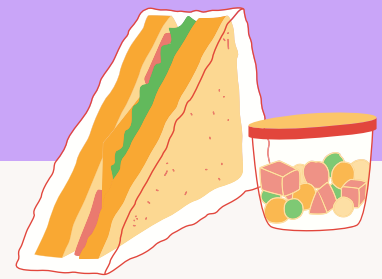
## In Our Congregation

CELEBRATING ONE ANOTHER

Sunnyslope Church's friend, Don Locke, received the award for "Bell Ringer Most Improved of 2023.

**Congratulations Don!**





## Packing Friendship

SUNNYSLOPE SCHOOL NEEDS 19 BAGS OF FOOD PER WEEK. WE HAVE STEPPED UP TO MEET THIS NEED!

We are providing a great service to hungry children in our neighborhood. Please continue to check the list of food items to see what is currently needed. That list, located in the fellowship hall, changes regularly and your support is greatly appreciated!!!

### **Presently we need:**

**Shelf Stable Milk | Single Serve Pasta | Fruit Cups | Fruit Juice Boxes**

**Pudding | Canned Tuna and/or Chicken**

Packing Friendship is a hunger relief program, intended to provide food for children who are at risk of going hungry over the weekends. The students served by Packing Friendship typically rely on the free and reduced lunch program at school to provide their breakfast and lunch during the school week. Packing Friendship seeks to bridge the hunger gap over the weekend. Packing Friendship is a collaboration between local churches and service organizations, providing food to students at schools within the Wenatchee and Eastmont School Districts.

You can help support this program by donating food! All foods can be left on the Packing Friendship Cart that is located near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall in our building. Packing Friendship began as a small program at Grace Lutheran Church in the spring of 2011, serving 12 students at three schools. Since that time the program, which is operated completely by volunteers, has grown throughout the community. Sunnyslope Church became involved in 2013. Each participating church or organization has one person who serves as a coordinator and attends bi-annual Packing Friendship Coordinators meetings. Many volunteers are involved in the operation of this program on a weekly basis. In total more than 400 volunteers do all of the planning, shopping, sorting, packing, and delivering of the food for the program.

# Calendar

SEE WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

For a full size calendar, see the last page of this newsletter.

| FEBRUARY  |   |                                   |     |  |  |     | 2024 |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|-----|--|--|-----|------|
| SUN   | MON   | TUE                               | WED | THU  | FRI  | SAT |      |
|   |   |                                   |     | 1  | 2  | 3   |      |
| 4<br>10:30 AM Sunday Worship<br><br>1:30 - 3:30 PM Interfaith Justice Coalition Meeting | 5<br>6 PM Leadership Team Meeting             | 6<br>7 PM Spring of Life Service  | 7   | 8<br>9 AM - 3 PM FAN's Interfaith Advocacy Day | 9<br>12 - 1 PM Islamic Community Prayer Group  | 10  |      |
| 11<br>10:30 AM Sunday Worship & Dane's Installation as Minister                         | 12<br>6:30 - 8 PM Cultivating Justice Meeting | 13<br>7 PM Spring of Life Service | 14  | 15   | 16<br>12 - 1 PM Islamic Community Prayer Group | 17  |      |
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## February Special Offering

YWCA OF NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Mission Statement: YWCA NCW is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Our local vision is to empower women, men, and children to break the cycle of economic insecurity and homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency through assistance, support, and education.

Check out some of the exciting things our local YWCA is doing right here in North Central Washington at their website: <https://ywcancw.org/>



# Where's the money?

## JANUARY'S STATISTICS

| Date | Attendance | Offering  | Special Offerings                                       |
|------|------------|-----------|---|
| 1/7  | 40         | \$676     | \$0   |
| 1/14 | 50         | \$1333.14 | \$30 for Packing Friendship                             |
| 1/21 | 40         | \$1883    | \$200 for Packing Friendship<br>\$100 for Pastor's Fund |
| 1/28 | 46         | \$5653    | \$295 for Pastor's Fund                                 |

Building Use: \$400



# February Birthdays & Anniversaries

LET'S CELEBRATE!

| Date | Birthdays                    | Anniversaries         |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2/1  | Kristi Moses<br>Dane Breslin |                       |
| 2/2  | Kandi Davitt<br>Timiras      |                       |
| 2/5  | Mary Clark                   |                       |
| 2/12 | Heather Harlow               |                       |
| 2/21 | Janet Eakin                  | Dave & Janet<br>Eakin |
| 2/27 | Gary Gillin                  |                       |
| 2/28 | Steve Kinzie                 |                       |
| 2/29 | Jason Bowman                 |                       |



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# The Sunnyslope Church 2024 Leadership Team



Please keep the leadership team in your prayers as we continue to move forward together at The Sunnyslope Church!

| Name                             | Position                     |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rev. Dane Breslin                | Reverend                     |
| Janet Stutzman                   | Chair                        |
| Mary Katherine Deen              | Moderator                    |
| Carol Bowman                     | Secretary/Scribe             |
| Cyndi Garza                      | Treasurer                    |
| Christina Davitt<br>Althea Alpin | Worship                      |
| Ken Neher<br>Kayla Ellingford    | Property                     |
| Jaime Krish                      | Social Action/Outreach       |
| Lois Tate                        | Hospitality/<br>Celebrations |
| Lori Nitchals                    | Deacon Chair                 |
| Carrie Gavin                     | Christian Ed.                |

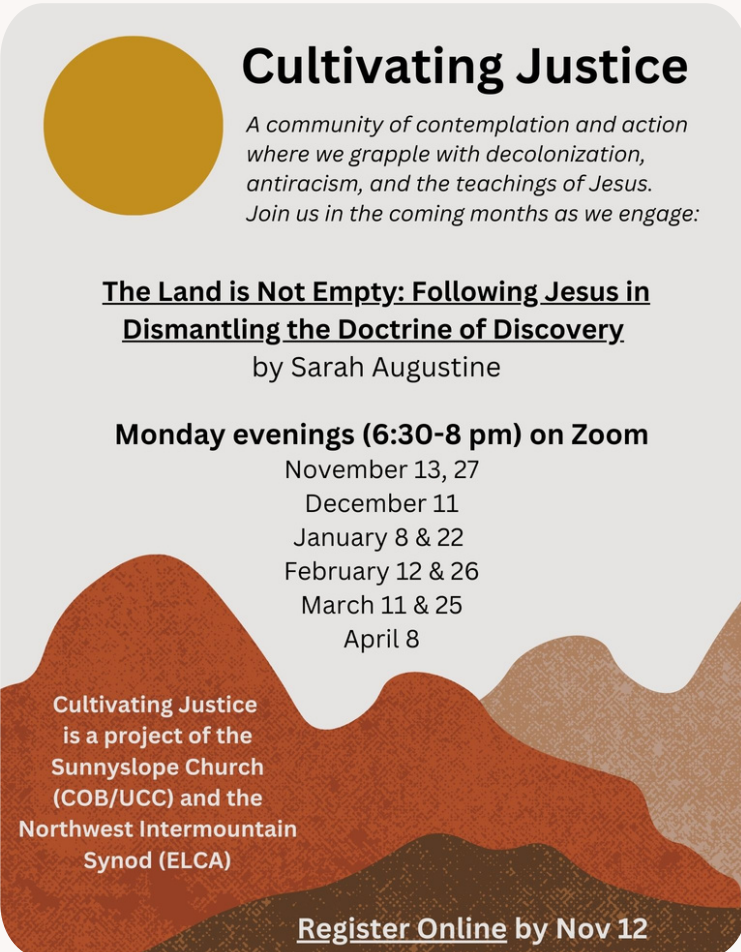
# Cultivating Justice

FEBRUARY 12 & 26

A community of contemplation and action where we grapple with decolonization, antiracism, and the teachings of Jesus. Join us as we engage in *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* by Sarah Augustine.

Monday evenings (6:30 – 8 pm) on Zoom. February 12 & 26, March 11 & 25, April 8th

Email Jess Ingman ([jess.h.ingman@gmail.com](mailto:jess.h.ingman@gmail.com)) if you would like a registration link or have questions.



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November 13, 27  
December 11  
January 8 & 22  
February 12 & 26  
March 11 & 25  
April 8

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**Register Online by Nov 12**

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