

The Sunnyslope Church

WENATCHEE, WA

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CHURCH OF
THE BRETHREN



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

OPEN AFFIRMING CELEBRATING

**COME AS YOU ARE
ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

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

**Worship Services
10:30 Sanctuary and Zoom**

**Office Hours
Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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

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Reflections.....

Making Joyful Noise

Our mother played harmonica. She learned it as a child from her father, who incidentally, taught himself the entire 1925 hymnbook using the sol-fa method. Mom forgot her mouth-harp skills for many years, until, searching for a small instrument to carry as we returned to the Nigeria mission field, she purchased a good Hohner that easily fit in her purse.

Oh, the songs she played! As we drove along dirt roads, she'd pull it out of its special pocket, give it a few good whacks to shake out loose dust, and delve into camp songs, hymns, rounds, classical pieces - you name it! Being a pre-teen, I had a somewhat unenthusiastic response, but inevitably, each time she played, I was drawn into the music — first humming, then singing harmony to her melodies. Our musical Dad always joined in. The joy of this music-making together lasted from middle school, through my high school years and beyond into a 3-year teaching contract I had with the Nigerian government in my late 20's.

Many years later, following her stroke, Mom and Dad moved to Wenatchee, and Mom began playing harmonica as special music at the Sunnyslope Church. Sometimes she would play all 5 "verses" of a hymn, inviting congregants to follow the lyrics in the hymnal! We all understood the value of her participation and enjoyed hearing her play. One youth was overheard telling a friend that "a *really* old lady played harmonica in church today and it was AWESOME!"

Music in all its notes and rhythms is the first and most "primal" learning intelligence of human beings. Before we learn to talk, something is triggered deep inside when we hear drumming or singing or even the rhythm of a poem. We are drawn to respond: toe-tapping, clapping, vocalizing. We cry, smile or laugh, dance... When memory and speech failed her in her last years, Mom always responded to music or rhythm, singing with us and reciting scriptures.

The Church of the Brethren has a long tradition of amazing, many-part a cappella singing. In large gatherings it is spine-tingling! Such singing runs deep in Sunnyslope Church; it "runs in the family."

Long-timers at Sunnyslope fondly remember the music we have made in the last 40 years: "Sunnyslope Six" that made great harmony, a handbell choir, a vocal choir, four guitar players that lead music, an amazing violist, five great pianists, song-leaders who drew the very best singing out of us, and folks whose lovely singing instruments have faded in waning years...

But music is within us! These days we have new fingers on keyboards, new hands and hearts to clap and dance, new music-makers! And new songs! It is a delight to know that the handbells can still be rung, and our voices can join to sing on! Music flows on and on...

When we sing, we breathe together. Our corporate in-spiration and exhalation bind us together physically and in spirit — in the Spirit. May we experience and deeply know this as a renewing community!

Reflection by Carol Bowman

May 2023 Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering	Special Offerings
May 7	44	\$1,340	CASA \$124.56 Garden project \$50
May 14	41	\$1,195	
May 21	44	\$841	CASA \$30
May 28	41	\$588	CASA \$50

Building Use: \$400.00

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Russ Bryan
 4 Christina Davitt
 9 Carlos Murillo
 11 Susan Gillin
 17 Kollin Remington
 17 Gary Harlow
 18 Alice Hildum
 18 Don Locke
 24 Karen Dunning-Wells
 25 Nathan Deen



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 Steve & Esther Gregory
 9 Don & Barbara Douglass
 16 John & Jeanette Tangen
 29 Bob & Karen Dunning Wells
 29 Ben Green & Carol Bowman

SAVE THE DATE: June 11, 2023

Right after worship, we will have our bi-annual congregational meeting or Forum. The forum is a time to catch up on all that has been happening in the life of the church for the last six months and to discuss future directions and projects for Sunnyslope church. All are welcome to attend and participate. Following the Forum, there will be a potluck. Come and join us.



**The Garden Project
A big thank you to all who
helped.**



Our June Special Offering will go toward:

Special Offering – June 25, 2023

The Indigenous Roots and Reparation Foundation

Our June Special Offering will go toward supporting The Indigenous Roots and Reparation Foundation, an Indigenous led nonprofit established in 2021 to preserve history, culture, traditions and indigenous languages in North Central Washington.

Their goal is to provide a space on ancestral homelands for members of all tribes to practice cultural traditions, ceremony, and fellowship. This space will also serve as a hub for tribal members displaced by wildfire.

According to their website they continue to pursue funding to build a community center: *“Our goal is to continue to amplify Indigenous voices while creating a safe space.*

As we continue to fundraise for land or a generous land owner donates a piece of land, this fundraiser will continue to raise money to build a community center & trading post. The community center will be for all Indigenous Peoples to have a safe place to gather, practice traditions, dance, meet and more. The trading post will carry authentic Native American art.

All funds raised through this fundraiser will go directly to the Indigenous Roots & Reparation Foundation to manage.

We will continue to use our voice to promote positive change, honor our ancestors and the land we walk on.

We are the land and the land is us.”

Learn more at their website: [Home \(indigenoustrrf.org\)](https://indigenoustrrf.org)

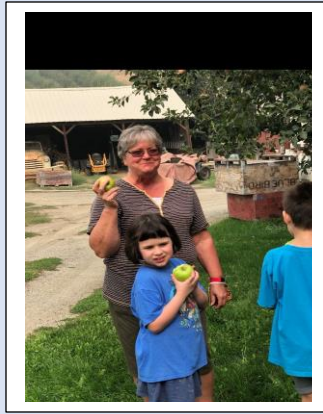
Church of the Brethren is holding their Annual Conference on July 4th – 8th, 2023 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The theme is **“Living God’s Love”**

Conference goers can participate in a variety of events and activities designed to “unite, strengthen and equip the COB to follow Jesus”.

Go to www.brethren.org/ac for more information.

*Getting to
Know.....
Lois Tate*



Hi! My name is Lois Tate...so...who am I? I'm the woman that stands up during announcements to recruit volunteers to host the fellowship time after worship! The role I have with the Church Leadership Team is that of the Chair of the Hospitality Committee.

I am the single mom of 2 grown sons, mom-in-law to 2 sweet women, and grandma to 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 5 to 13. I visit them in Oregon City, Oregon every chance I get.

I am the second oldest of 7 siblings and spent my childhood swimming, hiking, canning, camping, helping with the family fruit orchard (Stutzman Ranch), etc. Sundays were always set aside for Church and family time.

In my retirement, I have worked to improve my sewing/quilt-making skills; I have a small, home-based business, "Chapel Street Quilting and More". This is a far cry from my 38 year career with the USDA Forest Service and US Government Contract negotiations and administration!

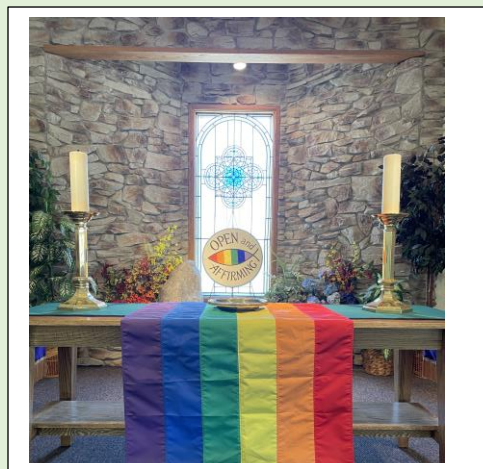
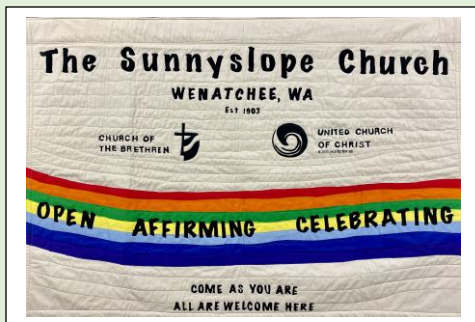
Why The Sunnyslope Church? I was born into the Sunnyslope Church of the Brethren...we won't say exactly when LOL! I am a third-generation member of the Church. Over the decades, I have lived a lot of life...the foundation I received in my early years helped me navigate the tough times. Why Sunnyslope? It's my home and resonates in my soul.

My dream for the Sunnyslope community is to continue to model the love and acceptance Jesus taught. The ways we do this will show in the things we do and how we treat each other. I dream that our Church community will continue to ask questions, provide orientation to our congregation about our denominations (Church of the Brethren and United Church of Christ) and stay involved in whatever form it takes.



Sunnyslope Church

Showing up for Pride Festival on June 3rd.



Dear FAN community in North Central WA,
I feel so much gratitude as I think of how you showed up with Faith Action Network this past legislative session! From passing historic laws on gun responsibility to advancing health equity for immigrants, we are putting our faith into action to advocate for a future where all of our neighbors can thrive!

As a regional organizer based in Wenatchee, I hope to continue building relationships among our North Central WA communities and I want to share a few invitations for ways that we can connect and continue our work together:

- Join us on **Sunday, June 4 (3-5 pm)** for our **virtual Spring Summit!** We will celebrate our victories of this past legislative session and have opportunities to engage in breakout sessions by issue and region.
[Register here.](#)
- Join FAN at the [Wenatchee Pride Festival](#) on **June 3 in Memorial Park!** We will be celebrating our LGBTQ+ community, sharing highlights of the legislative session, and giving away our colorful "Love is the Policy" FAN stickers.
- As you think about how you or your faith community hope to engage in advocacy, I'm available this summer to meet 1:1 for coffee or **visit your community to share about FAN** through a presentation or preaching during a service.

I look forward to connecting with you in the days ahead, and don't hesitate to reach out (ingman@fanwa.org, 509.289.2616)!

In solidarity,

Jess

Jess Ingman

Regional Organizer, North Central WA

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FAITH ACTION NETWORK

www.FANWA.org

A guest on traditional, unceded Wenatchi/P'Squosa land

Registration Now Open for Summer 2023 Vacation Bible School

Representatives of six churches are collaborating to provide Vacation Bible School for our young people. Below are some details:

Registration site: <https://vbsmate.com/events/operationrestoration2023/27087>

Username: compassioncamp

Password: operationrestoration

At this site you can register children and also register to volunteer.

Participating Churches: Celebration Lutheran, First United Methodist, Grace Lutheran, New Song, St. Luke's Episcopal, Sunnyslope

Dates: Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, 9:00-12:00

Ages: PreK-K (ages 3 and up), children going into grades 1-5
There will be no charge to families whose children participate.

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington St. Wenatchee

Curriculum : Operation Restoration: Mending God's World (Augsburg Fortress Press)

The Operation Restoration: Mending God's World curriculum focuses on helping all participants, kids, youth, and adults, explore many ways to be menders in God's world. They will make connections between Bible stories and mending actions to discover how they can live out faith in daily life.

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	Treasurer	2024
Carol Bowman & Christina Davitt	Worship	2023
Vacant	Property	
Janet Stutzman	Social Action	2023
Lois Tate	Hospitality	2023
Bob Jackson	Deacon Representative	



June 2023

June 2023						Sunday
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3 Pride Festival 11am – 7 pm	4 Worship 10:30 Dane Breslin
5 Leadership Meeting on zoom 6:00 pm	6	7 Theological Study Group 1-2 pm Chit Chat 4:00 Zoom	8	9	10	11 Worship 10:30 Ben Green Congregational Forum 11:30
12	13	14 Theological Study Group 1 – 2 pm Chit Chat 4:00 Zoom	15	16	17	18 Worship 10:30 Dane Breslin Fathers Day
19	20 Social Outreach Committee 6:30 pm Newsletter deadline	21 Theological Study group 1-2 pm Chit Chat 4:00 Zoom	22	23	24	25 Worship 10:30 Jess Ingman
26	27	28 Theological Study Group 1-2 pm Chit Chat 4:00 Zoom	29	30		