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A Note from Pastor Joe Kim

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

Acts 2:43

Friends,

What a joy it is to be in ministry with each of you – to witness to the wonders and signs that God is doing in and around our community through us and through our church. For over 130 years, Bothell United Methodist Church has been a place of welcome, of care, of learning and of love to Bothell and its surrounding areas, and we continue living into this legacy even today. We continue to trust in the leading of the Holy Spirit, allowing our purpose statement of Becoming Christ in the Community to guide us and partnering alongside God’s mission of transformation in our goals – Transformed People | Transformed Relationships | Transformed Conditions.

I am now into my fifth year serving alongside you at Bothell United Methodist Church, not even twenty months since being appointed as your Lead Pastor, and I continue to be in awe, in amazement, in joyous wonder at how God continues to be present with us. Though it seems that we are ever more inundated, daily even, by the stories of war and violence, death and destruction in our world, I truly believe that we are in a Kairos moment. Kairos time refers to the appointed time in the purposes of God, the time when God acts. It is not like chronos time that describes a specific amount of time, like a day or an hour; instead, Kairos time challenges us to be aware of God’s presence in our world, to be aware that God is working in our world.

So often, we turn to this chapter in Acts to describe the birth of the church, and we fixate our thoughts on the tasks of the believers – they sold their possessions, they distributed their proceeds, they spent time together in the temple, they broke bread, they ate food, they praised God. But many times, we skip over the first part of this passage; we forget that there were signs and wonders that inspired awe!

I look back on this past year in the life of our church and I am in awe. I hope you are, too. We celebrate God’s faithfulness and celebrate the ways we lived into our purpose and experienced transformation. Together we celebrate:

• A successful 2018-2019 Small Group Ministry, with 179 participants across 16 groups; and a successful launch of our 2019-2020 Small Groups, with 229 participants across 20 groups;
• The members of our community who go out into the world, including a trip to the United Methodist Committee on Relief Depot in Salt Lake City; and as part of the early-response teams to natural disasters in Saipan and other parts of the world;
• Another year of partnering with other faith communities in the creation and implementation of a short-term winter shelter and Pastor Kristin’s work with the North Urban Human Services Alliances (NUHSA) addressing issues of the lack of appropriate housing in our region; we were even nominated by NUHSA for this year’s “Outstanding Human Services Program Award”;
• The continuing evolutions to our Care Ministries, our Welcoming and Hospitality Ministries, and our Discipleship Ministries;
• Welcoming Drew Hogan onto our staff, who began his ministry with us in May as our Coordinator of Youth and Community Engagement.

And of course, there is so much more – please take some time to read through the rest of this booklet to get more details and a broader scope of the ministries that we have been actively engaged in here at Bothell United Methodist Church.

Friends, thank you for the many ways you have partnered alongside God’s work – in your time, your energy, in your service and in your financial giving. I am so blessed to serve as your Lead Pastor and I look forward to sharing life and doing life together. As we look to 2020, let us move forward expecting signs and wonders, trusting that God is at work now in this time and in this space. I pray that God will grant us strength, boldness, courage and the desire to dream for a better reality.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Joe

Lead Pastor
A Note from Pastor Casey Banks

Hey Church!

2019 was a wonderful year of ministry here at Bothell UMC. I’ve seen spiritual growth, risk-taking missions, signs of generosity, and great steps of faith toward a bold future of transforming conditions in our community. And I sense that there is a growing ownership of our purpose, *Becoming Christ in the Community*.

As an associate pastor at a church in a year of many transitions, I dabbled in a variety of ministry areas and really got to know the culture of our faith community more deeply. Here’s some of the highlights from 2019 that I was especially excited about:

- October Blessing of the Animals worship service with a temporary dog park installation.
- Maundy Thursday interactive worship service that began with a soup and sandwich dinner, involved mixing and baking our own breads at round tables together, and ended with the Sacrament of Communion with handwashing. There’s something amazing about a young child worshipping side-by-side with his mom, elbows deep in sticky dough!
- Interviews with River worship attendees as part on an ongoing audit of our worship services to discern how we can increase the ways that people connect to God.
- Launch of a new story-driven format of *The Witness* that tells our stories of transformative ministries.
- Serving on the preaching team, including the “Her Gospel” series on women in the new testament that was especially meaningful to me for all the women who have mentored me throughout my life.
- Renewing an effort to add visual elements to our worship spaces to enhance our worship themes and enhance the worship experience of visual learners.
- Filled in while Pastor Joe and Joann Kim welcomed their second child to the world.
- Led a group of 1st graders at our Power Up! VBS Kids Camp.
- Led a Disciple Bible Study group during the 2018-2019 season and started a cooking small group with Sheri Vahey (Cheaper by the Dozen) for the 2019-2020 season.

I can’t wait to see what 2020 has in store for us. I trust that the Spirit has great things planned for us if we will choose to follow in faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Casey Banks
A Note from Rev. Deacon Kristin Joyner

December 1, 2019

Dear Bothell UMC Family –

It’s been a fulfilling and joyful opportunity to serve in the community as your Deacon. My work helps to make sure that people in our community know that Bothell United Methodist Church is a Christian community that welcomes all people and seeks to work in partnership with the community to transform people, relationships and conditions.

Spending time in the community, listening for needs and solutions that are occurring in our neighborhoods and working with the outreach mission and ministry groups here, have all brought me personally closer to Jesus Christ. A heartfelt understanding of how we are Becoming Christ in the Community becomes really real in this way.

My continuing prayer for our church is that we continue to live into our goals within our congregation and in our neighborhoods. A relationship with Jesus is a transformational journey, so staying stagnant is not an option. A very tangible way we are discussing this is in the vision of a presence in Downtown Bothell.

This Downtown Urban vision is because of the work of people in this congregation, and a desire to learn more about the people in our area in how we develop a sense of belonging for all.

Sincere gratitude for all that we do together,

Rev. Deacon Kristin
Governing Board

In 2019, the Governing Board held two retreats in addition to its monthly meetings. The February retreat focused on getting to know each other, reviewing the role and functions of the board, and addressing communications issues in the church. The October Retreat focused on setting priorities for 2020 and visioning, particularly related to personnel issues. The Governing Board is also working on improving communications between the congregation and the board, including posting more frequent updates of board actions and encouraging congregational attendance at board meetings.

Some of Governing Board’s accomplishments this year are:

Personnel:

- Approved an updated Safe Sanctuary Policy
- Navigated updated Washington State FMLA requirements
- Celebrated ordination of elders
- Considered new opportunities for worship expression
- Hired Youth and Community Engagement position
- Approved a new position, developed 2 potential future positions
- Approved policy for the Bishop Grant Hagiya Fund
- Awarded the Bishop Grant Hagiya Fund to an applicant
- Interviewed current ordination candidates under Bothell UMC care
- Supported the Bothell Urban team

Facilities:

- Installed new cabinets in choir rehearsal room
- On-going maintenance and repairs
- Approved usage of facility by Islamic Center of Bothell
- Assisted with revisions of rental agreements for outside entities that use church facilities

Generosity:

- Approved 2019 budget
- Conducted monthly analysis of the church Balance Sheet and Income Statement, including comparison to previous five years of monthly income and annual comparison of expenses
- Requested the Pastor appoint the annual Audit Committee from independent members of our church, as per the Book of Discipline
- Assisted pastor in creating special, short-term group to review future income avenues and growth
• Advised the Governance Board on the proposed 2020 budget to be brought to the Board

Overall Governing Board:

• Set a focus for 2020
• Continued updating board policies and procedures, and rethinking the role of the board
• Assessed the logistics and surroundings of GB meetings to be more inviting to attendees
• Supported Bothell Urban team, including approving direction and retention of real estate attorney

The Governing Board expresses its appreciation for the continued support of the congregation and church staff. Special thanks to Pastor Dave Orendorff for his continued help and support on budgeting for 2019 and 2020.

Governing Board 2019

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Committee and Team Reports

Adult Faith Formation

Small Groups—For the 2019/2020 year, Bothell UMC has twenty small groups with 229 total registrations for them. The purpose is for each individual to grow their faith and to grow in relationship and community with one another. The groups and leaders are:

- Joann Kim – Psalmists
- Jeremy Matheis – Hiking, Helping and Hanging Out
- Rev. Kristin Joyner – Creating Change Together
- Gary Stueckle – Monday Meditations
- Alan Jacobsen – Making Sense of the Bible
- Celeste Deveney – The Lion of Judah in Narnia and Middle Earth
- Tim Smith – Retired Men’s Group
- Pastor Joe Kim and Lynne Pearson – Filling the Void
- Drew Hogan – College Dinner Table
- Jeff Wiley – Prayer and Healing
- Nicole Dibble – Faith-filled Parenting in the School Years
- Barb Donovan – Bonding Over Board Games
- Becca and Sean Snyder – Friday Family Dinners
- Aaron and Janine Wilson – Beyond Sunday Mornings – Gathering for Families with Young Kids
- Ron Cancilla and Gregg Field – Fix It Yourself
- Jenn Chi – Color and Chill
- Kris and Marcy Cahill – Life, Fun & Family
- Jennifer Morley – Blessings with Poetry
- Alex and Katie Katopodis – Life With Littles
- Pastor Casey Banks and Sheri Vahey – Cheaper by the Dozen

Seasonal Studies—Bothell UMC offers several short-term study opportunities each year for a variety of ways for our people to grow in faith.

- Summer Short Films—Pastor Casey led seven Sunday evening film classes that featured Disney/Pixar short-films. The class was tailored to be child-friendly and encouraged cross-generational learning.
- Morning Meditations—Pastor Joe led a summer study group at the Den Coffee Shop in downtown Bothell on Monday mornings at 7am, featuring the teachings of Howard Thurman.
- Young Adult Dinners—Seminary intern Greg Reffner led a series of summer dinners for college-aged young adults that included scripture reading and honest but challenging faith questions.
• Lenten Study—During Lent, Connor Walden (of the Ravenna Collaboratory) hosted a creative writing series in the chapel based on verbal prompts that Connor provided.

CORE Groups—Six CORE groups continue to meet together regularly. The CORE group ministry originated in 2012 and these fellowship groups offer a place for folks to connect deeply in small gatherings, and often include video or book curriculum. Each group uniquely contributes to the needs of the community.

• Debbie Carley leads the Face to Faith CORE group that meets weekly on Thursday mornings with approximately 12 women. They are involved with the Bothell High lunch program ministry.

• Jim & Carol Russell’s group has done two studies by Adam Hamilton. They had a busy year with people moving and others joining the group. They also again participated in Atlantic Street Center’s Holiday Assistance Program.

• The Bayanihan (Helping Hands) CORE group, led by Fe Balaoing, is like a big family that prays and cares for each other. Once a year, they provide a Filipino Dinner for the Bothell Community Kitchen, and donations support local and global ministries.

• The Sunday Night CORE group, led by Jeff Staley. Among other things, they served a summer breakfast on Sunday morning for the church and volunteered at Bothell Community Kitchen one Sunday evening.

• Linda Penhallagen leads the North Kirkland CORE Group in the home of participants. They participate in local charities for Thanksgiving and Christmas to provide meals and gifts.

• The Golden Girls CORE group is a fiercely generous group of 12 ladies, ages 74-98, led by Judy Thayer. They contribute to many important mission and social needs including Threads & Treads, VBS Kids Camp scholarships, and the YMCA’s thanksgiving food baskets and assisted in the UMW annual Treats & Treasures bazaar.

Preaching Preview—The Preaching Preview bible study met year-round in 2019. Each week, the class begins with an opening question related to our lives, reads the scripture for the upcoming Sunday sermon, consults with reference sources to learn more about the text, discusses how the text’s themes relate to us today, and ends with sharing joys and prayer requests.
Sunday School Classes—Bothell UMC had three adult Sunday School classes in 2019: Read & Reflect (8am), Looking at the Lectionary (10:30am), and Digging Deeper (10:30am).

- Donita Payne led the Read & Reflect group through four studies in 2019. The group shares their lives and assist one another on the way.
- Doug Will led the Digging Deeper class in a study on the roots of Christianity in Judaism with an archeological look at the Holy Land.
- Dani del Rosario led the Looking at the Lectionary study for part of the year. Others in the class continued to meet to discuss the weekly Lectionary texts.

The Archive Divers

The Archive Divers (AD) continue to sort through 140+ years of church history; preserving UMC’s history for future generations. They have recently been able to furnish information on previous small groups that were formed, found our ties to an Alaskan church that Bothell UMC assisted, and found information on the church property acquired from the Olin sisters. A highlight of Archive Divers in 2019 was the discovery of thirteen-year-old Kiyoko Kanaya in the 1931 list of Bothell Methodist Church confirmands. Through extended sleuthing, the AD found that Kiyoko and her family were interned during the war in a detention camp in Tule Lake, CA, where the mother eventually died. Kiyoko and her siblings were some of the very last people to leave the Tule Lake camp, in March, 1946. None of them ever returned to live in Washington. The Divers hope eventually, to visually memorialize Kiyoko in some way at Bothell UMC.

Children’s Ministries

2019 has been an exciting year of connection and growth for Bothell UMC Children’s Ministry living into their mission to partner with kids and families to EXPLORE the wonders of God, GROW in faith, and SHARE the love of Jesus while Becoming Christ in the Community.

Here are a few highlights of the year:
Transformation and the Community

- Large community events to connect and safely engage our congregation and community in faith and fun.
  - 680 people came to trick or treat indoors at Rock the Knock with decorated doors and spaces plus bounce houses in the Sanctuary. In addition to the church family being involved, this year they partnered with eight community groups and local businesses to make this event a success, including the Woodland Park Zoo, Beca’s Brew and Cascadia Big Band. This was an increase from 525 total attendees at Rock the Knock in 2018 and 280 in 2017 – which equates to a jump of over 240% in just two years.
  - Over 470 people gathered to hear the Easter story, sing songs, meet the Easter Bunny, get pictures at the photobooth, hunt for eggs, jump in the bounce house and eat bunny pancakes at the Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast.
  - Power Up VBS Kids Camp featured engaging contemporary music and wonderful family resources to connect church and home. 92 kids and 65+ volunteers (nearly half youth) expanded 2018 attendance by over 10% and added 7+ new volunteers. Because of generous donations nine scholarships were awarded. $620+ was raised with “Cents for Senegal” a coin drive in collaboration with the Senegal Sisters for school supplies for students at Iman 1 school in Dakar, Senegal. 205 items were collected for Backpacks for Kids. Over the course of the week, the Senegal Sisters – comprised of youth and adults of Bothell UMC – shared their ministry story about being in mission with friends at Imam 1 in Senegal, a public school and mission partner. Children also learned how the money raised at 2018 VBS was used to install large colorful tents over their playground, bringing much needed shade and refuge to the hot space.

- Moving beyond the church walls to serve and be in ministry with God in the community
  - In December 2018, the Children’s Christmas Program took place in the community for family Christmas caroling to local senior assisted living facilities. This is an exciting opportunity for families to serve together and bring joy into the community for Christmas.
Children collected $165.70 – plus supplies – from January to March for families at Mary's Place. Kids created colorful duct tape wallets at church to collect money they earned from picking up extra chores at home. On March 16, Bothell UMC families threw a birthday party for Mary's Place children.

After a connection made at the CanDo5K, the Children’s ministry was invited to participate in ArtSpring, an art event for FSA students in Northshore School District. They hosted a table where kids could make sensory bags and had the opportunity to connect with kids, para educators and other school district staff about the church’s inclusive practices and support opportunities for people of all abilities.

Transformation and the Bothell UMC faith family

- One goal is to connect families, and this was another year of exploring new ways to best meet the needs of families, to grow closer to God and each other.

Families received wooden crosses and a kid-friendly devotional calendar for Lent. Kids added one nail per day to count down the 40 days and made string art on Easter.

Summer BBQ’s were held monthly to offer a fun and casual way for families to connect on Sundays after church. From kickball on the front lawn to a bounce house in the fellowship hall, fun was had by all! Many new families came and used this time to get to know other people in the church and to get plugged in.

BUMY JV is a junior youth group for 4th-6th graders to form community and have fun playing and growing in faith. This year one of the twice-a-month meetings is for JV families to all come together for
service projects or offsite activities. The purpose is to create connection and community for the grown-ups as well as the kids.

- In November, there was a Blessing of the Bibles. This “generational partnership” was created when elders in our church sponsored Bibles for our 3rd-4th graders. This means they purchased the Bible, prayed over it, and wrote a special note inside the back cover to the child highlighting some of their favorite Bible verses. On the day of the Blessing, elders, kids and their families gathered over breakfast to connect and get to know each other better. During worship, the elders passed the Bibles on to this younger generation of disciples. There were 10 kids that received Bibles this year from 13 elders.

Bothell UMC Kids is excited to be in ministry with so many amazing kids, families, and church members! 2019 was a year that explored new ideas, welcomed increased growth for children + family participation, and continued to develop a clear, focused ministry at Bothell United Methodist Church. They look forward to living into God’s plans for us in 2020!

Community Engagement

Community Engagement is how we live out our faith as Christians, in a world that is complicated, diverse, and desperately seeks the peace and grace that Jesus Christ can provide. We engage with partners and we engage with each other, in our local, regional and global community in order to transform people, relationships and conditions.

We have engaged this past year with: Atlantic Street Center, Bloodworks NW, Bothell Community Kitchen, Bothell Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, Earth Ministries, Faith Action Network, Kenmore Bothell Interfaith Group, Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness, New Ground Bothell (Friends of Youth), Northshore School Foundation (Backpacks for Kids, Bothell High School Brown Bag Lunch Program, Threads and Treads), Riverton Park UMC and UMCOR West Depot. Globally, we support Jamaa Letu and our Covenant Missionaries Fresie Chikomb and Paul Jeffrey.

Highlights for the year include:
• **Senegal Sisters** continued their work building relationships between Bothell UMC and Imam1 School in Dakar, Senegal by sending a team of 4 Youth Ambassadors and 5 adults to meet students, staff, and local leaders at Imam1, listen to their hopes, deliver school supplies and playground shade tents, and share games and artwork between children of Bothell UMC and students of Imam1. Thank you, Bothell UMC, for your continued prayers, participation, and support of this relationship with Mission EDU Senegal and the students of Imam1.

• The Guardians of the Earth, using guidance from **Earth Ministry** has educated our congregation and installed appropriate waste receptacles for compost, landfill and recycling.

• As a member of **Bothell Kenmore Chamber of Commerce** we participated in outreach events to the community at Sustainamania, Chamber Open House and the Wine Walk – serving hot cocoa.

• Our **Community Assistance Plan** helped 48 unique individuals with money for gas, groceries or one-time financial crises for a total of $4,901.79.

• 50 people were mobilized to assist in the mission of **Riverton Park UMC** in developing their transitional housing program. The work was painting, building, siding and updating the structures for their programs and helping their food bank that serves 300 persons per week.

• Bothell UMC volunteers either acted as hosts or prepared and served a meal for the **North King County Winter Shelter**, in partnership with the **Kenmore Bothell Interfaith Group (KBIG)**. Being present at the shelter transforms our relationship with people experiencing homelessness.

• Because of our relationship with KBIG, the **Islamic Center of Bothell** worships here every Friday while their space is being remodeled. This is a partnership of peace-building and transforming relationships.

• Bothell UMC was nominated for the 2019 award from the **North Urban Human Services Alliance** for the Human Services Program of the Year for our work in our community.
• An Early Response Team went to Saipan included 1 member from our congregation.

• Atlantic Street Center (ASC) – In December of 2018 gifts and toys were donated to the Holiday Assistance program valued at $2100. 13 volunteers from Bothell UMC assisted with the Toy Shop at Christmas time.

• Bothell Community Kitchen – This is the 10th year anniversary of this community effort. 32 volunteers from Bothell UMC have worked at BCK in 2019, 86 volunteers from the greater community have volunteered. BCK averages 50 guests per week.

• BUMC Health Checks with Dr. Marlon Balauag offers blood pressure screenings/monitoring and answer simple health and medical related questions. He serves an average of 6 people on the 3rd Sundays of the month in the morning and at the Medical &Legal Advice Clinic at BCK.

• We hosted Bloodworks NW for three blood drives in June, August and one upcoming in December. So far there were 31 donors, which allowed 30 units of blood to be collected, with the potential to have helped 90 people.

• In August, we supported Community Serve Day with many volunteers to help prepare local schools for back-to-school.

• Gardens - The Pea Patch Garden has beds tended by local families or individuals and is a local resting spot for walkers and neighbors. The Children’s Garden is a King County Master Gardener run garden for the local community and has Master Gardeners who rotate through and tend the garden. Two volunteers for the Food Bank Garden donated 90 pounds of produce to the local food bank.

• Our involvement with Friends of Youth’s New Ground Bothell, consists mainly of providing basic needs for young women and their children moving into an apartment after being homeless. Since January, we have provided 17 baskets, helping 34 people.

• In November a team of 5 from Redmond UMC and Bothell UMC served at UMCOR West Depot.
• Northshore Schools - **Threads & Treads** – Ten volunteers from Bothell UMC and many clothing donors support this free clothing store, backpacks were donated for the beginning of the school year. And about 36 Bothell High students receive lunch *every day* because of contributions from our **Brown Bag** program.

• We remained in covenant with Missionaries **Fresie Chikomb** and **Paul Jeffrey**. Rev. Jeffrey was a keynote speaker for our Mission & Ministry Event in May.

• The Jar$ for **Jamaa Letu** collected change from our congregation and in VBS.

• In September we debuted an email newsletter called “Community Outreach News.”

• A team of passionate members gathered to define and communicate a vision for our church to have a presence in the downtown Bothell area to participate in building community with the increasing population that is moving there. We are calling this vision **Bothell Urban**. This December 2019 church conference will vote on whether or not we can sell our excess land to fund this vision.

We will continue to strengthen our partnerships, communicate opportunities to be engaged in the community, and to participate in transforming people, relationships and conditions.

**Congregational Care**

Congregational Care moved its focus to giving greater direct contact and care to people in challenging circumstances. Rev. Dr. Erv Roorda was hired to provide additional pastoral care. Overall, Congregational Care in 2019 took the form of:

• Cards – sent from pastors and staff to people experiencing illness, surgery, family additions, bereavement, and special life milestones to be celebrated.

• Chicken Soup Squad Meals – provided to individuals and families in need of a meal.

• Prayer – the Prayer List is sent to 48 faithful people weekly who commit to pray over requests shared in worship on Sunday or are called or emailed to the church. Added in 2019, a Prayer Chain of 43 individuals is contacted via text and email to immediately address emergent prayer needs that arise.

• Prayer Shawls – soft, comforting shawls are knitted and crocheted, prayed over, and given to people who are ill, facing surgery, or facing life changes.

• Pastoral and lay visits – pastors, staff and congregation members called to a direct ministry make visits and phone calls to share life and God’s love with people in need of community and fellowship.

• Stephen Ministers – develop one-on-one relationships with care receivers in order to walk beside them spiritually through difficult times.
• A Grief Support Group and a Divorce Support Group have also been added, to support people dealing with emotional trauma due to loss.

Inviting/Welcoming Team

The Inviting/Welcoming Team helps people feel welcome and accepted. It’s a part of the process that fosters a connection in guests not only to our church, but also to growth in their faith. We are grateful for all the greeters who arrive early to welcome everyone on a Sunday morning. Three people, one for each service, find, train and schedule greeters on a rotating basis. They are (8am) Mavis Kreizenbeck, (9am) Noreen Forck and (10:30am) Marilyn Tangen.

Every Sunday, a group of four take turns faithfully preparing the coffee and punch. A fifth person sees that supplies are taken to the kitchen after the 8am service. Thanks to Drew Hamilton, John Ratliff, Jim Russell, Ron Kreizenbeck, and Judy Simonson!

Coffee Hosts are also trained and scheduled on a rotating schedule. The Hosts for the 10am coffee time serve coffee and cookies and afterwards prepare a beverage cart for the 10:30 service then clean the coffee urns, put cups in the dishwasher trays and make sure the Fellowship Hall is tidy as well.

In support of the Guardians of the Earth’s goal of making our church more “green,” ceramic cups are now used instead of the paper coffee cups which were a single-use container. Our coffee continues to be Fair Trade. We are grateful for the help of BCK as they have cheerfully agreed to wash the cups when they have the dishwasher operating.

Barbara Wong arranges for people to bring cookies for each coffee time. These cookies continue to be nut free. In addition, we have a stash of cookies that are gluten free.

Inviting/Welcoming maintains four seasonal planters at the church entrances.

Inviting/Welcoming also serves a Summer Breakfast and enjoys preparing its traditional John Wayne Casserole. It also organizes the cookie service at the Christmas Eve services. Finally, Inviting/Welcoming participates in the All-Church cleanups.
Library Team

This year, the library added new non-fiction titles such as *Filling the Void: Voices from the None Zone*, a collection of essays on the movement of God’s Spirit in the Pacific Northwest, and *Stories of the Congo* written by graduates of the Jamaa Letu Orphanages which are supported by Bothell UMC.

The Children’s collection has continued to grow with a variety of wonderful new books and videos. There is a new Christmas Veggie Tales DVD and other children DVDs. There are also new adult fiction and a holiday book with family activities.

Seventy-two media items have been added to the Bothell UMC library this year thanks to the church budget and donations including a C.S. Lewis collection, *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, plus ten new Children’s books. 245 items have been checked out so far this year.

The Library Team welcomes you to visit the library whenever you are in the church!

Music Ministry

The music department at Bothell United Methodist Church strives to enhance and enrich each worship service through our music and offer moments of Holy encounter for each worshiper. Through our singing and with the addition of vocal and instrumental groups, we strive to provide music that serves as a conduit of the message and theme and reinforces the day’s message. A secondary purpose is to allow those who are currently involved and those who might still yet participate, a safe and welcoming place to learn and develop their musical gifts. This is imperative for the church now and looking to our future. By training people throughout their lives, we can build and train leaders for the next generation of faithful disciples. It is our hope and prayer that when people participate and engage with music, they are transformed and changed in how they love God, their neighbor, and how they serve.
• At the beginning of October, Jeremy Matheis, Director of Music Ministry, began a three-month Renewal Leave. Brian Nelson stepped up to pick music at River. Sylvia Cunningham directed the Chancel Choir, and Robin Ethridge led the Chant Choir and Bell Choir while serving as the main point of contact for the Music Department. It was a transformative time for many, including Jeremy while on leave.

The Christmas Concert in December was a holy encounter in so many ways. Many of the different groups participated to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

• Upon the start of the new year, it was announced that the Butterflies, Sunshine Singers, and Rainbows, would take a break from gathering and participating in music. 2019 became of year of discernment in regards to these groups, their future at Bothell UMC, and other opportunities that could be presented. Look for new opportunities to present themselves in 2020 and beyond.

• Another group that is doing some discerning is Ubi Caritas, led by Brian Nelson. This group of instrumentalists and singers strive to provide music as a means of comfort and healing for those who need it (those who are sick or nearing the threshold of this life). Ubi Caritas is discerning their calling and who they might reach.

• A very large amount of energy was focused around and spent on Lent and Holy Week, culminating on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (this year experiencing The Reproaches), and four services on Easter morning! The Wings ensemble collaborated with Pastor Casey Banks as she designed and implemented a very meaningful service on Maundy Thursday that had us gather for dinner, then move to the Sanctuary for worship at tables. We shared in this holy time by singing, making communion bread together, and washing each other’s hands as a symbol of Christ humbling himself in washing the feet of his disciples. Good Friday was again a very meaningful service of encountering and
walking alongside Jesus as we listened to scripture, poetry, music, and finished with the ancient liturgy of The Reproaches.

- Summer music was again a huge hit as many different people with diverse gifts and styles offered their music in worship! We experienced music from a group of trombones, French horn, an organ and piano duet, original music on synthesizer by John Ratliff, some contemporary tunes by Candace and Andy Larson, music from a group of flutes, recorders, and a women’s quartet! We are so very grateful to God for giving us the gifts and opportunities to engage with each other and in music.

- A big highlight from this past year and summer was our collaborative choir camp for kids. Partnering with Choir of the Sound, we hosted Sing! Choir Camp, for kids entering grades 2-6, July 15-19. Kids were challenged to grow as singers and musicians. It was clear each of them also grew in confidence. These are potential leaders of the next generation. Highlights for the kids were making new friends, singing together, becoming better musicians, snack and lunch time, game time, and the final performance for all our supporters; parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, cousins... It was truly a KINdom moment of many different worlds and circles coming together.

- Another, big, more recent highlight was our collaborative National Coming Out Day Concert on October 13, when Bothell UMC hosted Diverse Harmony from Seattle. Partnering with the Reconciling Ministries Team, Music Ministries hosted this group of around 15 young people, part of the nation’s first queer-straight alliance youth chorus. They present music that opens the hearts and minds of communities and provides a safe environment for youth of diverse backgrounds to share their love of music and be accepted for who they are. We look forward to future collaborations with Diverse Harmony, being in partnership with them, and journeying alongside, together, as we make room and space for all.

- Currently most musical groups are busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas concert (Dec 22 at 2pm) including the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Chant Choir, Bothell Brass (led by Gregg Field), Sojourners Gospel Ensemble (singing only for
the concert and led by Gregg Field), Worship Ensemble, and Simple Graces Flute Group (led by Cynthia Dickman), as well as a pickup quartet led by Drew and Lindsay Hogan. Lindsay will also lead a children's choir and a youth band in participating at the concert. This year’s concert will combine even more diverse musical offerings while incorporating some dramatic readings and monologues from other church members. This collaboration is being led through the help and guidance of Pastor Casey.

- Andy Larson continues to grow in musical and spiritual leadership at the 10:30am Wings service as our pianist. We were also blessed when Magnat Kahenga joined the ensemble as a percussionist, playing mostly congas and bongos.
- Jeanne Weiss continues to lead the Youth Musicians and Recorder Ensemble.

**Reconciling Ministry Team**

2019 has been both painful and joyous for the Reconciling Ministry Team (RMT). The year began with the special session of General Conference voting to uphold church discrimination against our LGBTQ+ family. This was a tragedy for the whole church. RMT members gathered to discuss, be supportive of each other, and move forward together. Our activities this year included:

- Providing LGBTQ+ positive books and recommendations for our church library.
- Installing rainbow ribbons on the Church’s street-facing sign to let our neighbors know this church is open to everyone.
- Hosting a Summer Breakfast.
- Supporting our local PFLAG by participating in meetings and also being present at the City of Bothell Proclamation Ceremony.
- Organizing and hosting a National Coming Out Day Concert with Diverse Harmony and musicians from Bothell UMC.
• Partnering with local UMCs for the Seattle Pride Parade and Festival
• Continued developing connections with the community: PFLAG, Seattle Men’s Chorus, Diverse Harmony.
And the Reconciling Ministries Team is already thinking ahead to 2020!

United Methodist Men

The Bothell United Methodist Men (BUMMs) invite ALL to their programs and breakfasts. ALL are WELCOME and ALL BELONG.

BUMM meets now the SECOND Saturday of most months at 8:30am for sharing, prayer and breakfast and support (and occasionally a short business meeting). Programs follow at 9am, including the Fix It Yourself Small Group and our current video series on The Holy Land Revealed (in archeology, historical documents and the Bible). Twice a year BUMM hosts the All-Church Cleanup with the Facilities team.

They help serve at the UMW dinners, sponsor a Scout Troop (420, who have met at Bothell UMC for 75 years now) and sponsor a Venture Crew for older youth (newly formed a few years ago), plus supply individual study Bibles each year to each youth entering the Confirmation Class. Attendance varies from 5 to 45 (for the breakfast at the clean-ups).

United Methodist Women

Bothell United Methodist Women (BUMW) provides a variety of ways for women and girls of all ages to develop meaningful and supportive relationships, gain leadership skills, participate in the mission activities of the church, and grow spiritually through service and advocacy. We are currently 192 members strong and offer opportunities for women, teens and girls from 3rd grade up. Globally we are proud supporters of over 300 mission projects benefitting women, children and youth. Some of our various projects help raise the funds we send along to be dispersed locally, national, or globally.
Locally, BUMW directly supports organizations like Atlantic Street Center, Tacoma Community House, New Ground Bothell, Threads and Treads, Bothell UMW Doll Project, and Mary’s Place. Support is in the form of prayers, donations and financially through pledges and fundraising.

With the congregation’s help, last December’s Toy collection as well as the Mitten-Scarf-Socks tree benefitted the Atlantic Street Center’s Holiday Assistance Program with $1,645 from toys collected, $1,007 in scarves, socks and mittens, and $4,070 from the Dolls dressed and in cribs. Also 20 Christmas stockings were made.

In January, the General meeting focused on what UMW is and does with 20 grocery totes being cut out to be sewn and given to New Ground Bothell.

At this year’s Retreat, BUMW learned about environmental issues and contributed enough items to make 48 hygiene kits which were given to UMCOR-West.

Five quilts were sent to the Annual Conference in June to be donated to various hospitals and other sites where warm quilts of all sizes are needed.

BUMW hosted a summer breakfast. The annual Spring Tea included a fashion show featuring members of the congregation wearing fashions from different decades. The fall dinner featured Rev. Lara Bolger and, as is tradition, was assisted by the United Methodist Men.

This past year, BUMW assisted with 8 memorial receptions, 5 birthday celebrations, and provided help with refreshments after the Oct. 13th concert by Diverse Harmony.

During the Annual Treats and Treasures Bazaar in November, the Senegal sisters hosted a FUNdrive and collected Soft Goods to raise money for projects with Imam1 school in Dakar, Senegal. 2800 pounds of soft goods were donated. This Bazaar will provide over $3,000 for missions. Thanks to everyone who helped with all these events!

The In-Stitches group sewed items to benefit many different groups: Evergreen Hospice received pillows; The UW and Swedish Hospitals’ NIC-Units are getting little jumpers for their patients; New Ground Bothell has gotten baby and stroller blankets, grocery totes, as well as table squares and runners; Seattle’s Children’s
Hospital has gotten pillowcases and layette sets; BUMW’s Doll cribs have gotten mattresses; many pet pillows went to a couple local Animal Shelters; and microwave cozies as well as table runners were made to sell at the Bazaar.

- This has been a transition year for the Boxtops For Education collection for the Methodist supported McCurdy School in New Mexico as we learn how to send those not by clipping but by electronic means. (BUMW appreciates the congregation’s continued help with this.)

Youth

Bothell Youth continued transition at the turn of the year with faithful volunteers sustaining activities and regular youth gatherings. Drew Hogan was hired on as the Youth & Community Engagement Coordinator in May of 2019.

Many traditions of activities continued (Corn Maze, Retreats, Bowling, etc.), and Sunday school during the 9am service, and Sunday night youth groups continued addressing topics of unusual people from the bible, and mental health topics. Youth participated in various all-church events and in the SUMYT (Sea-Tac United Methodist Youth Team) leadership and retreat.

Some notable activities included:

- The first annual Pie Fundraiser to help raise funds for the youth group was a great success. 108 pies were sold!
- Summertime found the youth hanging out together on Wonderful Wednesdays.
- 12 youth and 4 adults attended the Youth Mission Trip in July to Portland, OR. The youth participated with L.A.S.T. (Learning And Serving Together), a United Methodist based service project focused around homelessness and food-security in the Portland area. A recap of this can be read in the November-December issue of The Witness from one of the trip attendees, Genny Benson.
• Over the summer, a few of the youth leaders and other volunteers from the church and the community helped ‘remodel’ the youth room; adding vinyl flooring, updating couches, painting, and adding a stage.

• In late October, the confirmation class began with ten students and will culminate in April of 2020 as students have the opportunity to be baptized, if they have not been already, and have the opportunity to join the church.

The leadership of Alex Katopodis, Andy & Candace Larson, and Sharon Ryder, along with other parents should be noted for their devotion to the students throughout the year, especially during the first five months of the year while there was no youth minister.
Annual Conference Report

June 7-9, 2019
Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA

Purpose of Annual Conference
“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.” Paragraph 601 “The Book of Discipline of the UMC”

Theme: Love Like This and You Shall Live – Luke 10: 25 - 28

Members of the Annual Conference from Bothell UMC
Clergy
Pastor Joseph Kim
Pastor Casey Banks
Pastor Kristin Joyner

Elected by the local church
Cynthia Dickman
Andy Larson
Carol Russell

By virtue of position in Pacific Northwest Conference
Jim Russell – United Methodist Men
Sharon Ryder – Disability Ministries

Participation at Annual Conference
Plenary Sessions
Worship services
Memorial service
Retiree service
Ordination and Commissioning Service

Clergy Appointments
Business and legislative sessions
Clergy and laity sessions

Fellowship and Networking Opportunities
Holy Conferencing
Gatherings of Missional Districts
Ministry Displays

## Membership Report

### New Members
- Nancy Baldwin
- Darleen Gacula
- Dewey Gantz
- Bob Hays
- Drew Hogan
- Lindsay Hogan
- Joann Kim
- Erlinda Lowenborg
- Nick Lowenborg
- Jim O’Farrell
- Bill Payne
- Jennifer Payne
- Bethany Suess
- Ryan Suess
- Leonora Tsubota
- Cary Westerbeck
- Julie Westerbeck

### Restored
- Charles Webber
- Laura Graham
- Paul Graham

### Baptisms
- Adam Cornell
- Avery Galvin
- Ember Kim
- Inez Ocampo

### First Letter Sent
- Jerod Harbert
- Leslie Kemberling
- Andrea Lynn Norman
- Roger Spiekerman
- Rainell Spiekerman
- Stephen Kemberling

### Transfers/Withdrawals
- Judith Burcham (T)
- Jennifer Mattison (T)
- Kyle Lampe (W)
- Christopher Mattison (T)
- Elaine del Rosario (T)
- Paul Larson (W)

### To Be Removed
- Scott Barclay
- Lindsey (Irwin) Martin
- Thomas Stephens
- Chris Burgess
- Sandra McKee
- Susan Watkins
- Cheri Diehl
- Nina Melish
- Prim Santoro
- Hillary Marquette

### Deaths
- Betty Brown
- Laura Jean Johnson
- Onie Northam
- Velma Green
- Ed McLean
- Cathie Haff
- Chuck McQuery
Summary
Total Members in 2018 530
Confirmation 0
New Members 17
Restored 3
Transferred out 4
Withdrawn 2
To be removed 10
Death 7
Total Members 527

Church Staff 2019
Rev. Joe Kim, Lead Pastor
Rev. Casey Banks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Deacon Kristin Joyner, Associate Pastor of Community Engagement
Rev. Dr. Ervin G. Roorda, Pastor of Congregational Care
Celeste Deveney, Director of Program Ministries
Nicole Dibble, Director of Children’s Ministries
Barbara Donovan, Office Administrator
Drew Hogan, Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator
Jeremy Matheis, Director of Music Ministries
Nola Nelson, Pianist/Organist
Jo Draper, Bookkeeper
Sandra Stephens, Financial Secretary
Maria Ortiz and Serena Hendrickson, Nursery Staff