

Ladies' Lunch

at River's Edge Restaurant.

It's a wonderful time for connecting and enjoying each other's company.

Chose from healthy salads, burgers, sandwiches, seafood etc.

... Lots of choices!



You're Invited!

Location: River's Edge: 4611 Tumwater Valley Drive SE, Tumwater 98501

A beautiful stained glass window has been installed in the Sanctuary.

This window was commissioned by Jean Heidal in Honor of her husband Dale.

Our thanks to Orville Paul who built the frame made from fir. It matches the frames on the other stained glass in the Sanctuary.



Julie Comstock	11
Kathleen Rambo	14
Wendy Wilson	14
Lane Clausen	15
Judy Hildebrandt	23
Ricky Bowman	26
Patrick Chavez	26



Just wanted to send you some sunshine

The ABW would like to encourage all women to join the Women's Lunch Bunch on Friday, April 17th at 1:00 pm, at River's Edge Restaurant.

We have started a note writing group event, sending notes of encouragement to all members who may be shut in, sick and/or in treatment and unable to attend services. This is the start of something we would like to see done each month!

So, mark your calendars to join us on the 17th at 1 PM.

(River's Edge is next to the Tumwater Valley Golf course.) Location: River's Edge: 4611 Tumwater Valley Drive SE



Orville and his wife Georgia hard at work

A New
STAINED
GLASS
WINDOW

Spring is here! Beautiful colors and new life. Oaxaca recently had a holiday called *Día de la Samaritana* (Samaritan Day). The holiday takes place on the fourth Friday of Lent remembering when Jesus asked the Samaritan woman at the well for some water in John 4. Originally it was a holiday only celebrated by the Catholic church but now the whole city participates to embrace the Oaxacan culture of hospitality by providing free Oaxacan traditional waters. Everyone brings their own cup and stands in line to receive delicious flavored water. Schools, churches, businesses and government offices have beautiful booths out front and the women serving are dressed in typical dress from the different Oaxacan ethnic groups.

In the gospel of John, Jesus has this deep theological conversation with this Samaritan woman. Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life (John 4:13, NIV)." This encounter changed her life and she left the well to share the Good News. She became the first missionary as many Samaritans from her hometown believed in Jesus because of her living testimony (John 4:39).

We are honored to witness and hear stories of similar encounters of how God's Spirit is welling up in others and people are coming to faith in Christ and becoming missionaries. Which always reminds us of our own first encounter with Jesus and how we continue to seek Jesus at work in the world around us.

The following are ways we have seen God's living water bring life back into people and communities; through Talita Cumi and COBAMI Regional Leadership Trainings.

A 9-year-old girl suffered the loss of her parents, first her mother to suicide and her father to an illness the following year. Her significant loss and trauma caused her to not talk and lost her ability to comprehend. God showed up through her next-door neighbor who happens to be a Talita Cumi mentor. She invited her to be part of her girls club. God's life giving waters is restoring her and transforming her life. She now participates in conversations and attends club weekly. We pray that God keeps shaping her little heart, mind, and soul as she continues to be disciplined by the mentor and heal from her loss. Talita



Pictured above: Director of COBAMI, Pastor Jaime and his wife Noemi with Adalia, Sarah, Luis and Nora.



Pictures above of our outing to drink Oaxacan waters during *Día de la Samaritana*. It was a fun unique cultural experience we were glad to share with Adalia.



Leadership training workshop