



No Name News

Ramblings of long time youth minister...

Friends, have you ever heard, "I remember when or last time I saw you..."? I am officially old enough to be one of the people that says that to you - aaahhh! Let me apologize right now in case I do say that to you.

In the past 40+ years I have worked or volunteered in 7 congregations and one state run group home (that was my I'm tired of church politics phase). I have struggled with scripture and some old teachings of the church and have learned that I am continually morphing into what God wants me to be. I learn from young and old, I am often surprised by my own reactions to things and people and I rejoice that I am able to keep learning. There is one thing that has not changed over the years and that is my belief in fellowship or being a part of the

"family" of God. I wrote this article back in 2003 and decided to regurgitate it for you in 2019. Please bear in mind Hannah was only 7 when this was written.

There is a joke that some people are kind and sweet spirited until you try to sit in their pew. I used to laugh when I thought about that... I now find myself put out when someone sits in "my" pew. The kicker was this past Sunday when walking into church Hannah said, "mom, those people just sat in our pew!". What am/was I teaching my child?

I do take comfort when giving announcements that I can look out and know that certain folks are sitting a certain spot. What would happen if one Sunday we all sat in a different spot?!

Would it throw Pastor off? Would we be able to worship?

I want to believe we are creatures of habit and we go to the place we are familiar and comfortable. The only way to become familiar or comfortable is to create a habit. One of my favorites is the habit of getting up Sunday morning and participating in worship. Do you have a favorite pew or seat? Or is your habit to stay home Sunday morning and rest your weary bones. Scripture tells us, 'come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'. What better place to find rest for your soul than in a pew on Sunday morning.

Come join us... I'll even slide over for you.

Special points of interest:

- 12/5 M/S Christmas Party
- 12/11 3-5 Grade Christmas party
- 12/14 Craft Fair
- 12/15 Senior High Progressive dinner
- 2/2 Deadline for Holden registrations
- 2/28 Affirmation of Baptism Retreat

Holden Village May Youth Weekends 9th—12th Grade

We have a choice of two weekends in May... 15-17 or 22-24, both are Friday-Sunday (I am leaning towards the 22-24). Registration forms will be available outside my office January 5th. Forms and payment must be submitted no later than February 2nd.

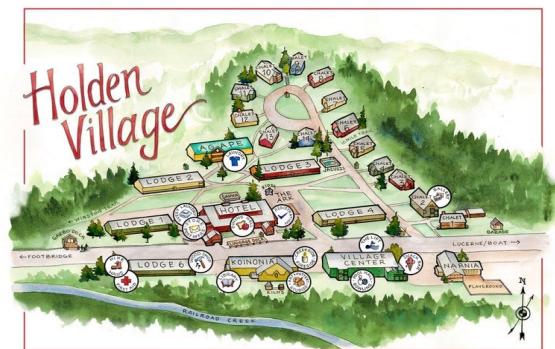
The cost to attend is \$205 but due to the generosity of our members, the

cost for you to attend is \$100 per person. This includes transportation, housing, meals, ice cream and a t-shirt.

The speaker is Rev. Dr. Megan Rohrer (they/their/them).

The musician is Andy Potsko (he/him/his).

The theme is "Transformation" based on 1 John 3:2.



Get Excited!

Did you know...



Liam is busy with *Music Man* while Dane, Andria, Emily, Alexa, Virginia, Andrew, Jeffrey and Alora are just finishing up with Matilda... Elizabeth is getting ready for comp season and Mackenzie M, Evan, Jeffrey, Jamie and Emily just finished their comp season... Wenatchee Figure Skating Club will be presenting *Christmas Through the Decades* December 14th and 15th featuring Maren Peterson, Courtney Coe, Abby Reed and Shannon Salter...



Darren and Conrad are still bouncing—and by the looks of it are pretty good... Drew is our volunteer for 3-5 grade youth—thank you!... Jayke has been doing some cool artwork and learned how to finger knit... Gavin G, Liam, Andria, Virginia, Kai and Gavin J gave up on a knot but made it through a spider web... Andrew was the moon in the Adams Family... Courtney B, Mackenzie B and Meghan B have all been narrowing down their college choices (how can that be possible)... Allie has made her choice to go to Perry Tech in the vet program... Cruz and Cortez have been busy with soccer but



I think the season is finally over... Elyse has a car—aaahh!... Dayne is on the WHS wrestling team—cheer him on... Molly and Soraya are dancers extraordinaire - pray that their feet survive... Anthony, come play with us... Meghan J is crushing her classes... Erik just turned 16 and has been spotted cruising into the church parking lot... Brooke come join us on Sunday nights... That's all folks!



Christmas Celebrations

Senior High Youth

Sunday, December 15 at 5pm

Meet at Grace for a dining experience beyond your wildest dreams!

So we only have host homes for hors d'oeuvres and dessert, so unless we have some host homes volunteer it will be a light night :)

Bring a gift exchange item \$15 or less. Please RSVP to Beth no later than 12/10.

6th—8th Grade Youth

Thursday, December 5th at 6pm

Meet at Grace for some crazy holiday fun!

Bring a gift exchange item \$15 or less. Please RSVP to Beth no later than 12/3.



3rd—5th Grade Youth

Wednesday, December 11th at 3:45pm

Meet at Grace. Bring a friend and a gift exchange item \$5 or less. Oh, and a good set of lungs. RSVP no later than 12/8.



Other stuff you should know about...

Vendor and Craft Fair Fundraiser Saturday, December 14th

Mackenzie Brown will be contacting you to sign up for a short shift on either Friday evening for set up or Saturday to work the youth bake sale.

Speaking of bake sale please bring Christmas themed items for the bake sale. We are also in need of craft items so get creative. This is a fundraiser for 2020 Summer of Service.

Affirmation of Faith Retreat February 28—March 1, 2020

For those of you in the Affirmation of Faith program aka Confirmation, our next retreat is coming up. Please clear your calendar so that you can join us. We are returning to Tall Timbers and my guess is there will be a lot of snow. Contact Beth with any questions.

Youth Room and Narnia updates

After the first of the year I would love to have a few folks go with me to select paint colors. If this is something you are passionate about let me know.

