# United Christian Church, Yakima WA



Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Serving with Love.

MAY 2025

#### From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung! We see it in the budding trees, the blooming flowers, and the longer, brighter days. This natural world around us offers a powerful reflection of the spiritual renewal we experience through God's grace.

Just as the earth awakens after a season of rest, May invites us to embrace new beginnings in our own lives. It's a time to shake off any spiritual dormancy and step into the fresh possibilities God sets before us. Perhaps it's a renewed commitment to prayer, a deeper dive into scripture, or a reaching out to serve our community in a new way.

Let the vibrant energy of spring inspire us to cultivate growth in our faith. Let's open our hearts to the new life God desires for each of us.

Blessings,

Pastor Stephen

Services: Sundays at 10am

Bible Study: 8:30am on Sundays

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#### Hands-On Mission:

#### THANK YOU ALL!!!

Your generous donations allowed us to fix 35 Easter treat bags to share with 35 children !!! You are awesome ---- there were snacks, juice, games, candy and a little stuffed animal to tuck into each bag!!!! We delivered them to Camp Hope and the Union Gospel Mission's family center.

This is just a sample of the bags we delivered. The youth also decorated the bags during class one

Sunday -- special thanks for their help.

We will meet in early May to line up service projects for the next three or four months.

Marilyn and committee
(Your suggestions are always welcome for a project!)



.: May 3rd WorkDay Meal :.

Main Dish: Stephen Best

Fruit/Salad: Sandee Hodkinson

**Dessert:** Melissa Jennings

**Serving This Month:** 

Elder: Robin Kabrich

Servers:

Mika Blakely Tara Blakely



.: Birthdays :.

5/12: Jason Akers

5/18: Sherri Peckman

### Calendar Highlights:

May 3rd (Sat): 9am Workday and Finance Board Meeting

May 19th (Sun): Potluck (after service)

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Hospitality Committee:**

The April fellowship dinner was a great success..

We dined around a large, extended table and served family style.

It seemed like there was a lot more visiting and discussion during the meal, a sense of family sharing a meal.

In May we will honor Mothers with a variation of a tea party on May 11th following worship!!!! Don't worry. There will be more than tea available to drink with your snacks. BUT we might serve the tea in china cups !!! Expect some fancy snacks and special desserts.

It is the month to honor our mothers and women who have had a positive impact on our lives. Take a minute and give someone an unexpected word of appreciation.

- Sherri and committee

Hello all!

### June 7th is free fishing weekend!!!

Come one come all let's have some fun! So we go to clear lake day site. It is a paid parking area.

But here is the challenge:

Who can bring in the biggest stick you have to beat Dennis' branch he brought in? Be patient like Sandee? Or you can say what John says, and ol it out there where my fish?

Bill casts and goes to help someone he gets a fish. Just watch out for Melissa and Mika casting it crazy. We will have a sign up sheet for the food. Bill will bring the grill if you don't have poles let us know we can bring extras. It's a lot of fun. If you don't want to fish come for the good times. It is a lot fun plus there is a short trail you can walk. Hope to see you there!

- Melissa Jennings

## **Monthly Scriptures:**

May 04, 2025

**Third Sunday of Easter** 

- Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
- Psalm 30
- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19

May 11, 2025

**Fourth Sunday of Easter** 

- Acts 9:36-43
- Psalm 23
- Revelation 7:9-17
- John 10:22-30

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 11:1-18
- Psalm 148
- Revelation 21:1-6
- John 13:31-35

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 16:9-15
- Psalm 67
- Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
- John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9







# **Thoughts and Prayers**

We humbly pray for those caught in the midst of conflict and strife. May your love and peace surround them, offering solace and guidance during these challenging times. Grant them strength, courage, and the wisdom to seek peaceful resolutions. Let your compassion and understanding fill their hearts, and may they find a path towards reconciliation and harmony.

Submit a Prayer Online! uccyakima.org/prayer

We encourage members to give as they feel led.

Your contributions enable us to continue our mission of service and love within our community and beyond. Every donation, big or small, helps in nurturing the seeds of faith, hope, and togetherness.

Whether it's supporting our local food banks, contributing to the maintenance of our sacred space, or funding community outreach programs, your generosity is the cornerstone of our growth and outreach.



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