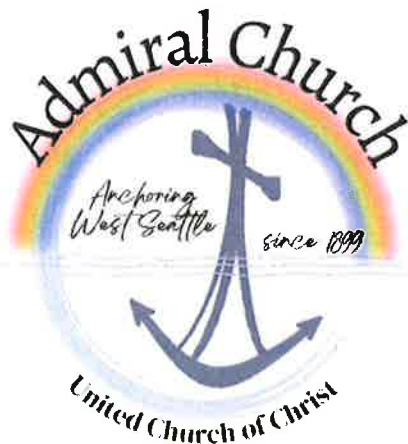


THE TIDINGS

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



Service In Christ, Service In Community

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

-Romans 12:4-6a

Christians are called to be servants; Jesus commends us to treat one another from a place of service, just as He treated us. We refer to the weekly Sunday gathering as a worship "service". We use the word "liturgy" to describe what happens in the "service", a word which comes from the Greek word *leitourgia* literally meaning "public work" or "work of the people". All that is to say, our Sunday gatherings are more than an opportunity for connection, encouragement, and education; Sunday is a day of preparation for a week of service within our communities in the name of Christ.

Worship prepares our minds and hearts for the life of service Christ calls us to. In the secular/consumer/capitalist world, we are trained to think of our labor as an exchange, a quid-pro-quo where we are looking to get a tangible return worthy of our work. In worship, we re-frame service through the lens of the Kingdom of God- the here-and-now alternative reality Christ invites us to. We experience a loving, welcoming, connected body of worshippers, a community we co-create through our attitudes, words, and actions. We share the labor of preparing the space, greeting those who gather, praying for the community, offering something to eat afterwards, and remembering one another throughout the week. All this is reorienting our bodies and minds to see the world we live in as an extension of this communal space; the world is the site of God's Kingdom.

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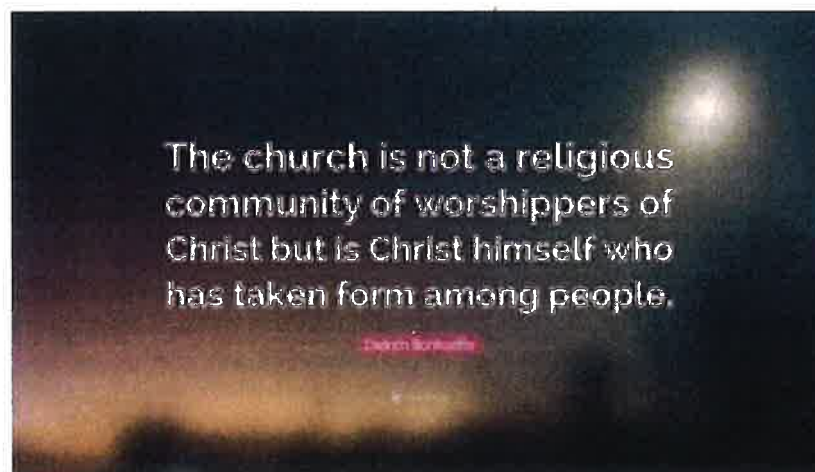
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We know that we cannot take this declaration too simplistically; we share an intention in worship that may not be present outside. When trust is broken, and the community doesn't seem able to carry the burden of accountability and reconciliation, our Spirit struggles to maintain its Kingdom perspective. We are tempted to see the worshiping body as an escape from an untrustworthy world. This is when we need worship most, because it reminds us that God's love is not just for the faithful. "For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." (John 3:17)

In order to maintain this commitment to social apocalypse (revealing the truth of our relatedness), we as followers of the Way must build up our stamina to endure disappointments, betrayals, harsh words, and fearful reactions. There are many in our community who do not have a church home reminding them weekly of God's love, goodness, and welcome. Therefore, we can expect that some will struggle to maintain their trust in the healing power of human connection. We must be preparing ourselves to offer such a welcome to a world that may not be ready to receive it. We also must learn how to recognize our limits and maintain safe boundaries, ensuring that we can be part of the work for the long haul.

This August, our church will have two new opportunities to engage in public work for the Kingdom. August 24 Admiral Church will have a booth at the *Admiral Funktion in the Junction*, focused on educating the community about food insecurity in our city and the need to share resources with the hungry. August 31 we will co-host a booth with Alki UCC at *Alki Beach Pride* where we will offer pride tattoos and bracelets, as well as a reverse confessional, where the pastors will offer public confessions of the church's sins against LGBTQIIA+ beloved children of God. If you feel called to support this "work of the people" in person, in prayer, or with in-kind gifts, please reach out to the church office. Let's take the good news we have received and amplify it for a hungry world.

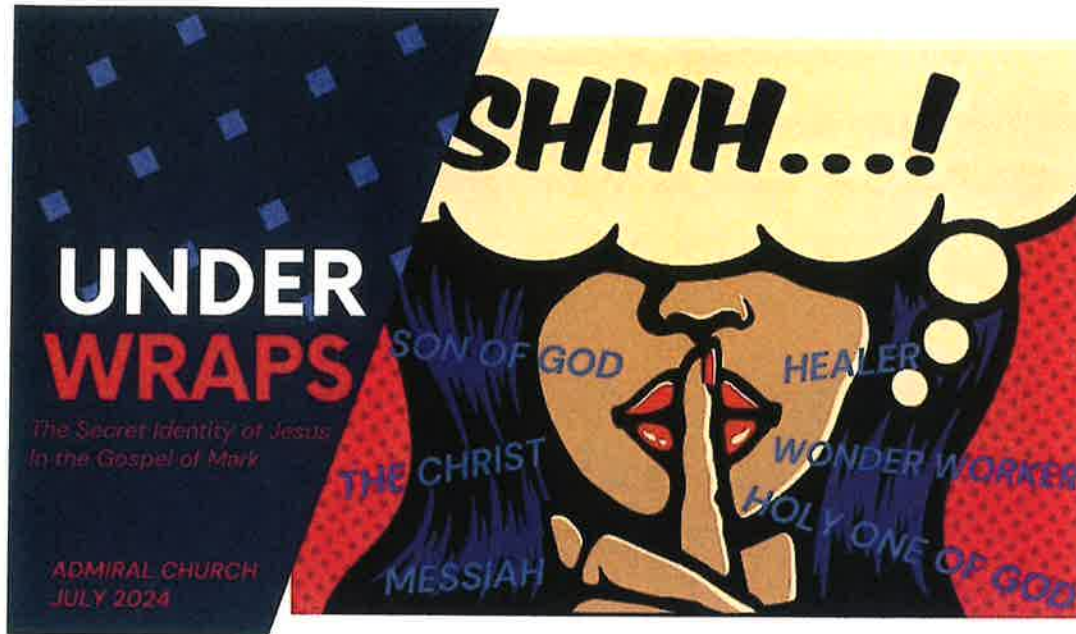
In peace and solidarity,
Pastor Andrew



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Under Wraps: the Secret Identity of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

Mark's Gospel is understood to be the earliest of the four in our Bibles, and is surely the shortest. However, it is by no means the least among them; Mark is a powerful storyteller taking on the task of re-imagining the meaning of "Messiah" ("Christ" in Greek, lit. "Anointed One") in Jewish thought. Throughout his narrative, Mark includes story after story of people proclaiming Jesus to be the Anointed One, yet He consistently tells them to keep it a secret. While they might see Him for who He really is, until His death and resurrection, He knows none of those who hear about Him will truly understand. So many of our own identities are like that; without truly knowing us, some of the labels we wear can distract more than inform. This July we will consider what it takes to re-claim a well-worn identity (like Christ) and reveal a deeper truth about ourselves, the world, and our God.

**We provide nursery care Sunday mornings
during the church service!**

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY - If you would like a ride to any church event listed please contact Peggy Rich joyinthemorning1130@gmail.com or call (206)460-3021 and she will arrange your transportation to and from these planned events.

Masks now optional at Admiral Church.

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Contemporary Worship is taking a summer break during July and August. Join us in September when we start up again.



Church Events

Celebrate Admiral Music Month

Tuesdays - Bible Study 5-6
The Chosen 6:30

July 13 - Games, Games,
Games 2:00

July 16 - PFLAG Meeting
7:30.

Aug. 3 - Games, Games,
Games 2:00

Sunday

Sermons

Scriptures

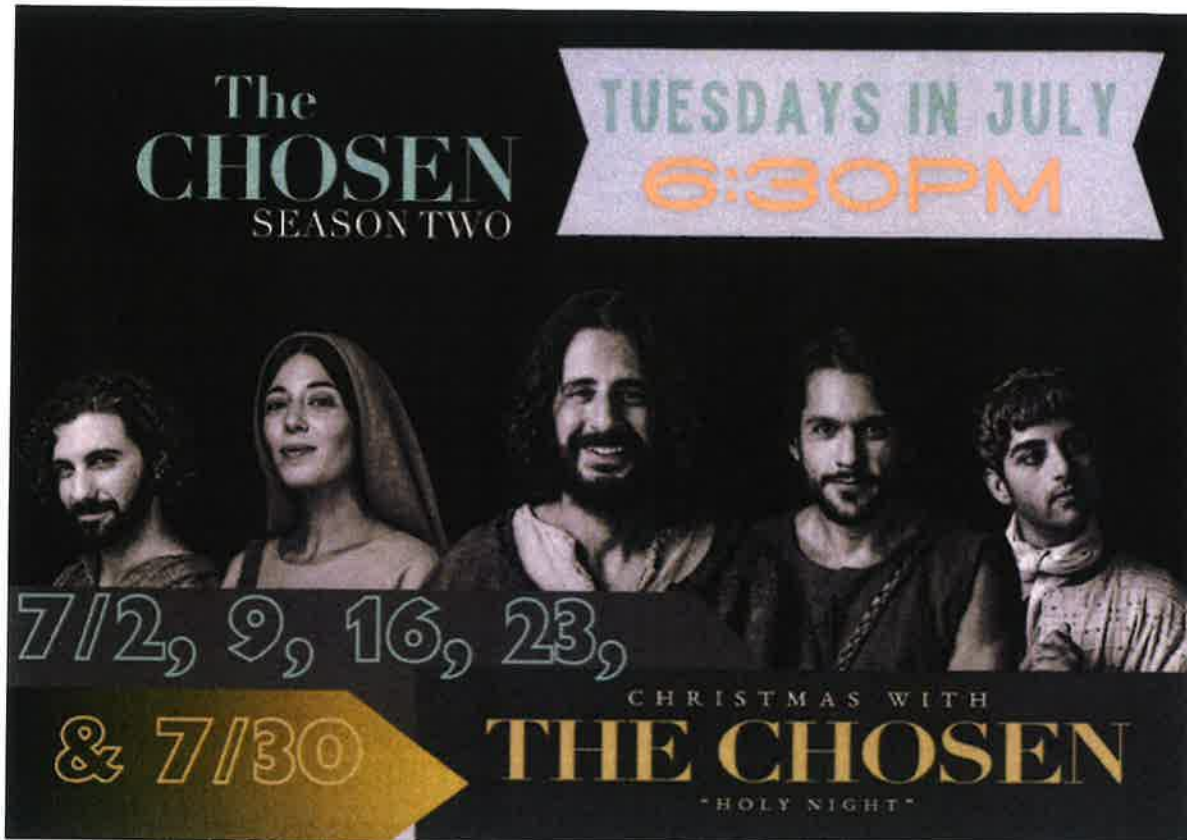
July 7 - Sermon: Witness of Unclean Spirits
Scripture: Mark 1:21-28, 3:11-12

July 14 - Sermon: Witness of the Healed
Scripture: Mark 1:40-45, 6:31-37, 8:22-26

July 21 - Sermon: Witness of the Disciples
Scripture: Mark 8:27-30, 9:2-10

July 28 - Sermon: Witnessing a New Kind of Savior
Scripture: Mark 8:31-38, 9:30-40

Faith Journey Team



During July, in place of midweek worship, your Faith Journey Team is offering special film screening and discussion opportunities Tuesday evenings.

***Free Movies & popcorn!
Tuesdays in July, 6:30PM***

Walk with Jesus and His disciples

- 7/2 - Hard Times & Discipleship
- 7/9 - Healing & Pharisees
- 7/16 - Magdalene & Baptist
- 7/23 - Worry & Sermon on the Mount
- 7/30 - "Christmas in July"

Don't miss related Bible study beforehand at 5PM

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JUNE WAS CELEBRATE ADMIRAL MUSIC MONTH!!

Last month was Celebrate Admiral Music Month! We celebrated the end of the choir season on June 16th, our wonderful Director of Music Ministry on June 23, and some of our special musicians on June 30. The month was strewn with special coffee hours!

Part of the celebration was a collection of funds to keep the music program at Admiral going! The Music Fund received \$1,276 in direct donations which were generously matched by an anonymous donor. The total collected for the Music Fund Month was \$3,275. Thank you all for your support!



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OUTREACH

Summer Food Drive

The Summer Food Drive is in full swing. So far we have 264 pounds of food collected! Our goal is 2,000 pounds of child-friendly food.

Our mission is to combat hunger, and we can't do it alone. We're teaming up with both our local community and the West Seattle Food Bank. This initiative not only provides immediate relief to those in need, but also fosters a sense of unity and shared responsibility in our community.

So join us this summer, and let's fight hunger together! Please contact Susan Oatis to learn more.

JUNE 9 - AUGUST 20

**SUMMER
FOOD
DRIVE**

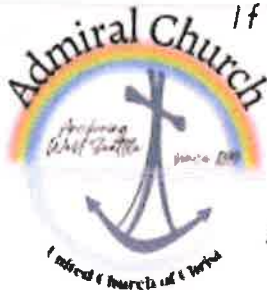


SUPPORTING



**WHITE CENTER
FOOD BANK**

**DONATION DROP OFF:
MON-THURS. 10A-NOON;
SAT. NOON-2P; SUN. 9A-NOON**



If we miss each other, just leave at the door

***Accepting donations
of non-perishable food & cash***

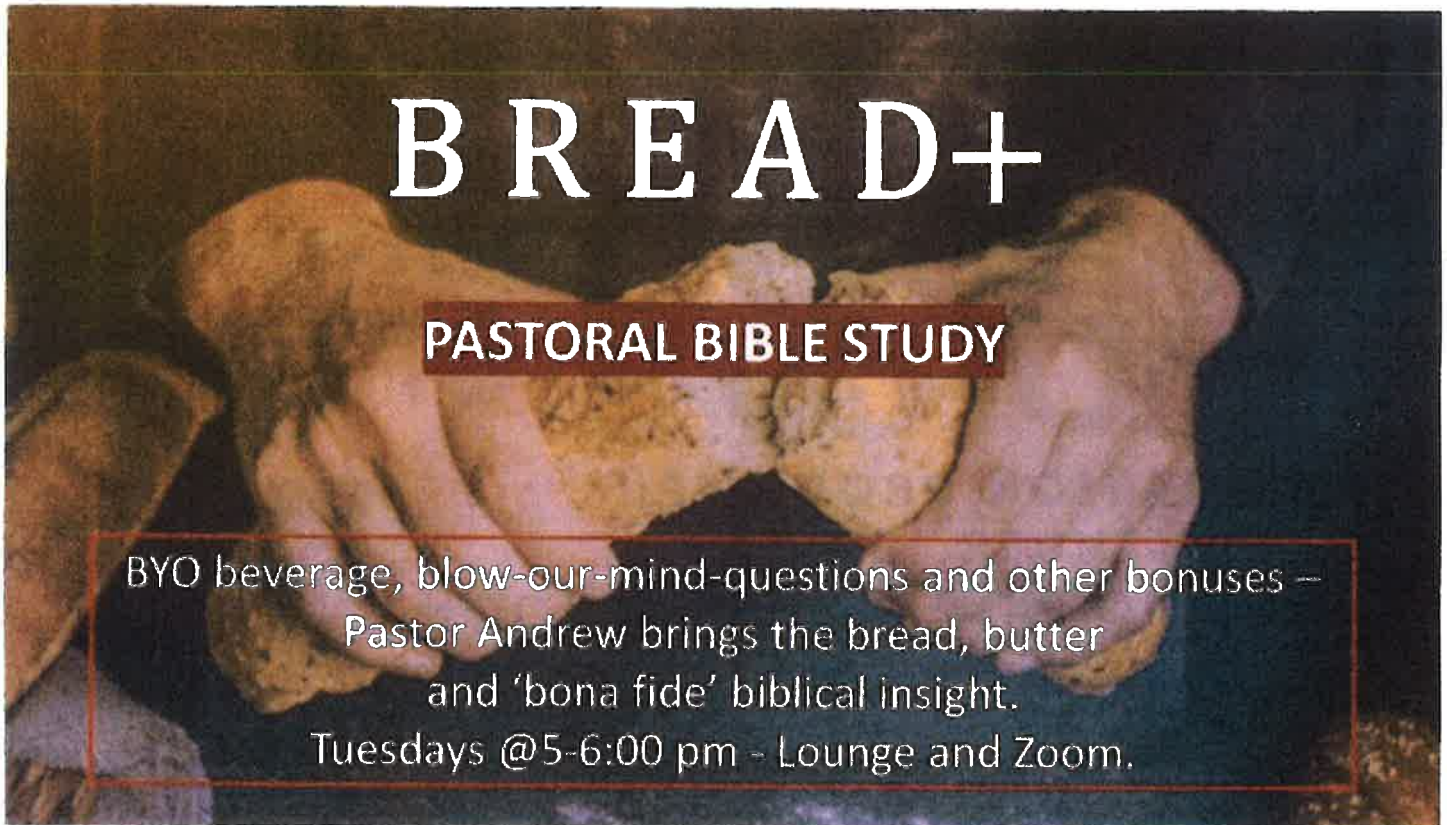
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West Seattle Food Bank

Admiral Church still collecting egg cartons for the West Seattle Food Bank (only cardboard, please), and paper grocery bags with handles. Thank You, Marylou, for faithfully gathering and picking up egg cartons and paper bags to deliver to the Food bank!

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays 5-6pm in the Lounge and on Zoom



Come join us! All are welcome!

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JOIN US APRIL 16th

TO CELEBRATE

**THE NEW MONTHLY PFLAG GROUP
IN NORTH ADMIRAL**



PFLAG

WITH CORI
& ANDREW

**THIRD TUESDAY
IN PERSON 7:30-9pm**

ADMIRAL CHURCH

4320 SW HILL ST SEA, WA. 98116 PFLAG.org

Please join us for our next PFLAG meeting on Tuesday, June 18 @7:30 PM. For more than 50 years, PFLAG has been providing peer-to-peer support, publications, toolkits, and other resources to make sure that the family members of people who are LGBTQ+ get the support they need.

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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS TEAM

GAMES, GAMES, GAMES

Are you a gamer? Expert or beginners are welcome. Hands on boardgames, traditional games, new games, card games, whatever type of game you like to play - this is your chance to show us what you've got! Come share a fun time with church friends and their friends on the first Saturday of each month!

July 13th, from 2:00 - 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall



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COMING SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 12-3:00 pm

COMMUNITY JAZZ PICNIC!!

IT'S HOT!

IT'S SWINGIN'! IT'S THE ADMIRAL CHURCH COMMUNITY JAZZ PICNIC!!

Sunday August 11, 12-3:00 pm! (Picnic lunch 12-1:00; performance 1-3:00)
Admiral Church lawn, 4320 SW Hill St FREE! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Seattle's renowned LULU SWING BAND is an all-female ensemble which specializes in 1930s Hot Club Swing with a French and Latin twist. Join us as Admiral Church welcomes Adrienne Reed - Vocals & Accordion, Jennie Mayer - Guitar, Alicia DeJoie - Violin, Rachel Contorer - Bass and Tobi Stone - Clarinet & Saxophone for a groovin' summer gig on the church lawn. How cool is that, on a (hopefully) warm August afternoon?!



And to get us all in the mood, how about a picnic?! Admiral Church will be serving up gourmet box lunches with entrees of baked salmon, chicken or vegetarian and summery side dishes, beverages and desserts. Yum! And it's all FREE, our gift to the community!

We will be accepting contributions of cash and non-perishable food for our annual Summer Food Drive. Please donate! So many families in our city struggle with food insecurity, especially in the summer, when food bank donations are down. YOU can help!

So bring your blankets and lawn chairs, your appetites and your Summer Swing! Sign up at admiralchurch.org on our Eventbrite link and join in the FUN! Can't wait to see you there!

Anita Shaffer



Worship Service
every Sunday @ 10:30
www.admiralchurch.org



INDEPENDENCE DAY



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