

Enumclaw Church Life

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A Message from the Pastor

Vidal Mendoza

As we enter this new season, I am reminded that God is always at work, even when we don't immediately see it. Spring is a time of renewal, when what once seemed dormant begins to grow again. In the same way, God desires to bring new life into our hearts and into our church. Jesus reminds us in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches... without Me you can do nothing." This is more than a verse; it is an invitation to stay connected to Him daily. True growth doesn't come from activity alone, but from a living relationship with Christ.

My prayer for our church is that we would grow not only in numbers, but in love, unity, and purpose. That we would become a community where people are cared for, strengthened, and sent to share the hope of Jesus. This month, I invite you to take one simple step: spend time with God each day, reach out to someone who may feel alone, and get involved in a Care Group or ministry. God is not finished with you, and He is not finished with us. Let's move forward together by faith.

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*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.
Revelation 21:4*

Remembering Larry Gasser

Sally Gasser

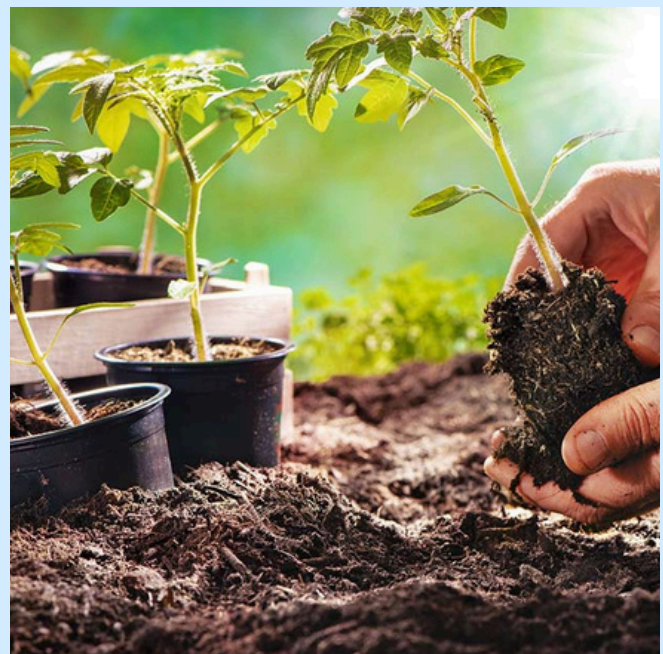
Larry was a wonderful, loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend to all of us and he will be missed so very much. Life won't be the same without him.

Most people saw him as a quiet, friendly Christian, but to family and close friends, he was so much more. He had a sense of humor and had so many quaint sayings and phrases... we call them "Dad-isms" that we use all the time, especially now that he is gone! It makes us feel good to know that a part of him is still with us. Mark wrote down a list of many of his "Dad-isms" and although they wouldn't mean much to most of you, we know the meaning and story behind each one.

Larry and I prayed for our children daily...and my earnest desire and daily prayer remains that our children come to know and love the Lord as he did! Oh what a day that will be when we all meet again! You are all invited to this big family reunion!

Visit Your Neighbors

Got a fruit tree, vegetable garden, or flowers in your yard? Select some produce or flowers and deliver them to your neighbors. Offer to help with something. Plan on some news to share while you're there such as what you enjoyed at church that morning, and have some questions to ask them to spark further conversation to help build the friendship. Alternatively, call or visit a person who lives on their own or has been unwell.



Making a Splash:

Recap of Our Sunday Swimming Social

Tiffany Odiyar

Sunday, March 15 our church family enjoyed a few hours at Auburn Adventist Academy pool. We came together for a much-anticipated swimming social that was the highlight of our weekend. It was wonderful to see so many families diving in—literally—as we enjoyed some well deserved downtime and shared laughter away from our usual routines.

A huge shout-out goes to our incredible social committee for keeping everyone fed. Cari Trussell, along with Lisa and Chuck Underhill did a fantastic job organizing the logistics. Thanks so much for the pizza and cake!

While the kids were busy conquering the pool slide and navigating the ocean of colorful floats, some of the adults enjoyed the rare chance to slow down and truly catch up. We're already looking forward to the next time we can get together and make more memories like these!



Photo Credit: Erin Minnich

**Rejoice in the Lord
always; again I will say,
Rejoice.
Phil. 4:4**



Photo Credit: Cari Trussell

Discover Nature's Bounty: Join Our Community Foraging Group

Our church and local community are warmly invited to join our bi-monthly foraging excursions, a wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and one another. We meet every second and fourth Saturday of the month, departing directly from the church after lunch. Whether you are a seasoned forager or a curious beginner, you are welcome to join us at any time to explore the seasonal wonders of our local landscape. In the spring months, we look for an array of wild edibles and medicinals, including dandelions, stinging nettles, cleavers, and tender fir tips. We also keep a keen eye out for treasures like turkey tail and oyster mushrooms, the elusive morel, delicate fern fronds, yarrow, and various berry leaves.

To ensure your safety we recommend wearing sturdy hiking boots as we often walk over uneven ground and suggest bringing plenty of water and snacks to keep your energy up. While we offer carpooling options for ease of travel, having a Discover Pass or a Northwest Forest Pass is useful for parking. These outings are more than just a search for food; they are a chance to enjoy the fresh air and foster community spirit. We look forward to seeing you after lunch for our next Saturday stroll through the woods!



Care Groups:

Volleyball: Thursdays @ 7 Darren Gronewold
206-612-1006

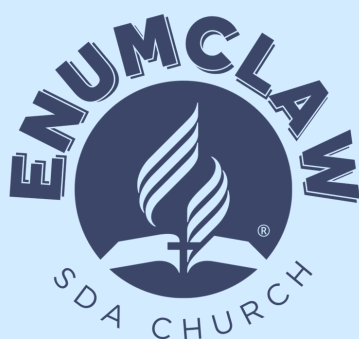
BibleStudy: Mark Richardson
253-740-8008

Literal Interpretive Translation Bible Study:
Saturday at 9:30 Johnathan Sule 229-292-2147

Ukeleles: Warren Sakaino 808-937-1434

Foraging: Berit Schoeder 253-630-8218

Vespers: Fridays @ 6:30
David Wienecke 760-828-8788



Upcoming Events

Kitchen Gardening Class:
April 12 @ 2:00-5:00 PM with Laurie Sims

International Sabbath: April 25 @ 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM
International potluck lunch following the service!

Cooking Class: May 17 with Heather Reseck