

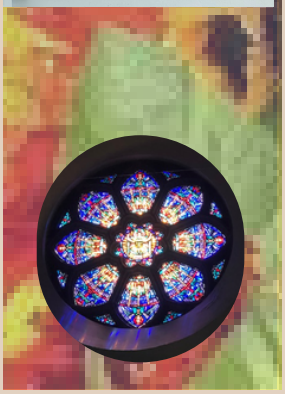
journeying in Faith growing in Spirit

TOLT UCC

November/December 2026

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Hello Friends,

I received a card last week that began with this quote by William Arthur Ward, "Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." I love this. I am leaving that card open on my desk to remind myself every day to be Grateful, Joy-filled, and a Blessing. It is a busy time of year and hopefully we do not lose track of these.

We begin this Season of Thanksgiving with a very busy Sunday, this Sunday the 8th, celebrating Stewardship, (the bringing our pledges to worship), Fill the Pantry Sunday, bringing a bag full of canned and dry goods for the pantry, and our Fun, Food and Fellowship Fall dinner after worship. Wow!

This is followed closely with Thanksgiving Sunday on November 22nd. November 29th is the first of four Sundays in Advent with our popular children and youth participating in some form of a Christmas pageant. Then we end Advent with two Christmas Eve Services, one at 5:30 and one at 9:00 pm. Then we are off to the New Year.

Let's try to ride the *Gratitude* train as often as we can. I might have used this Gratitude's Dance poem before, so I apologize if I have. I think it is always timely. I haven't been able to find the author.~~P.S.

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Cold Weather Drive! We collected 250 coats, 35 blankets, lots of hats, gloves, scarves, and new socks! All the recipients were very appreciative and will be much warmer this winter due to all of the wonderful donations!

Thank you!

The Mission and Justice Committee

Gratitude's Dance

With every step, with every twirl,
Gratitude's dance begins to unfurl.
Thankful hearts, in rhythm move,
In God's grace, we find our groove.
Nature claps, oceans sway,
To the melody of thanks, we play.
Mountains echo, winds reply,
In harmonious gratitude, we fly.
Join the dance, lift your voice,
In God's love, rejoice and rejoice.
For in gratitude, we find the chance,
To take part in this divine dance.









Thank you everyone who RSVP'd for the All Church Fall Fellowship Gathering on Sunday, November 8, immediately following worship.

This will be an opportunity to share a meal provided by the Congregational Care Team and celebrate the close of this year's stewardship campaign. Great things happen when we share a meal together-food, fun and fellowship! Everyone is welcome.

Any questions, let Kaila know at Russell.kaila@gmail.com.





BUDGET & FINANCE

CHURCH FINANCES - September 2026

How are we doing?	September	YTD
Pledged Income Budgeted	12,257.67	110,319.00
Pledged Income Actual	10,522.00	106,251.50
Over (Short)	(1,735.67)	(4,067.50)
Total Income	20,842.67	186,769.13
Budgeted	21,566.00	194,094.00
Over (Short)	(723.33)	(7,324.87)
Monthly Expenses Budgeted	23,736.67	213,630.00
Monthly Expenses Actual	26,921.15	207,235.35
Underspent (Overspent)	(3,184.48)	6,394.65

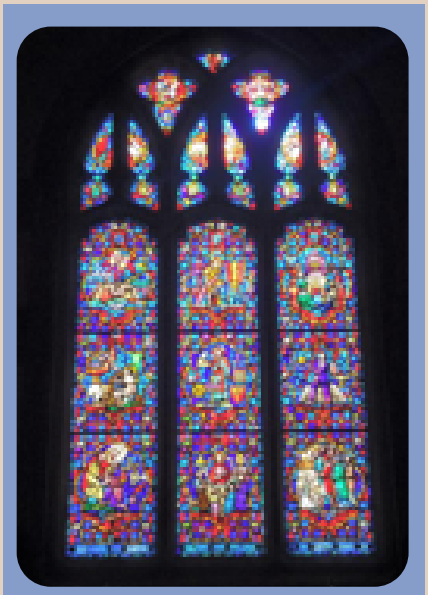
FREE MEAL SCHEDULE

NOV 4	PASTA PALOOZA
NOV 11	BCCC
NOV 18	IVERSON
NOV 25	FOOD BANK ONLY
DEC 2	DAVID HAAKENSON & TERRY?
DEC 9	FOOD BANK ONLY
DEC 16	BCCC
DEC 23	GIRL SCOUTS
DEC 30	TOLT MEADOWS

FREE MEAL TO-GO:
A least 2 Wednesdays a month 4-5:30pm,
Contact: Barb Lewis

FOOD BANK:
Fresh food rescued from local providers,
Wednesdays 4-5:30pm
Contact: Dominque Lemaitre

FOOD PANTRY:
Out front for any time access
Contact: Kaila Russell











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2027 TOLT UCC
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!

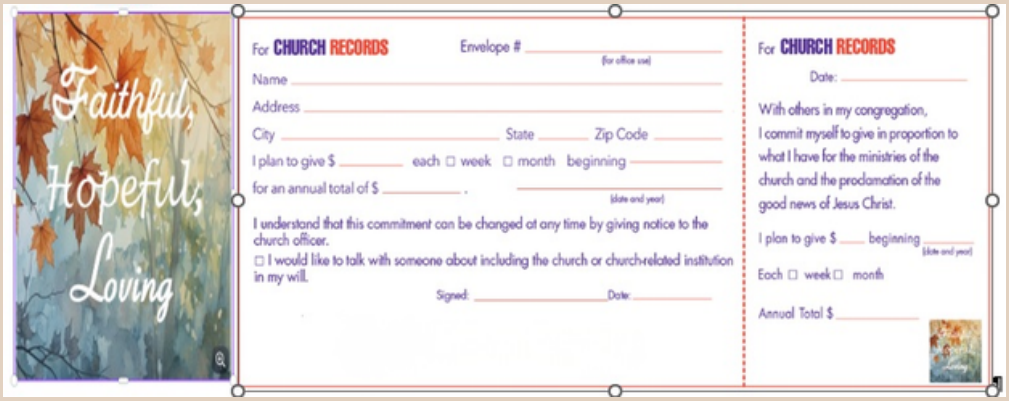


Stewardship season is exciting! Year after year, our congregation consistently raises the dollars needed to support our Church's mission. That is a strong testament to the vitality of Tolt UCC, its mission and impact. This year our stewardship theme is "Faithful, Hopeful, Loving." As we are God's beloved, we are called to be faithful to God, one another, and our earth home. Your involvement in Tolt UCC's stewardship campaign allows our special church to grow in membership, nurture our children and youth, sustain beautiful worship and music experiences, expand its reach into the community, and continue to be a beacon of progressive Christian values in the Snoqualmie Valley. By returning your pledge card, you allow us to anticipate Tolt UCC's income for 2027 so that we can budget for expenses accurately.

This year's campaign will run from October 11th – November 8th. We have set an aspirational target of raising $160,000 across 55 pledges during this year's campaign. Just like in prior years, Conversation Captains will be connecting with you ask if you have any questions, how financial support of the Church is vital and to secure on-time pledges.

Attached here you'll find a 2027 Pledge Card. You can bring your pledge card to the Church or send a note to stewardship@toltucc.org with your intention. (Note, this is a secure email, that is managed by the Financial Secretary only, so the confidentiality of your pledge will remain intact). Any questions can be directed to Dan Studer (206-849-7179), our Treasurer. Thank you for your important and impactful gift! You are making great things happen at and through Tolt UCC.

Dan Studer, Treasurer







CALENDAR & WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOV/DEC 2026

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00a Worship	2 OFC 9:30-2:30		4 Food Bank & Free Meal 4-5:30pm	5 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	6	7 YG Game Night NOV
8 10:00a Worship w/Faith Formation Harvest Meal by Cong. Care	9 OFC 9:30-2:30	10 OFC 9:30-2:30 9a Cong Care Mtg TBC 5:30pm Council Mtg TBC	11 Food Bank & Free Meal 4-5:30pm	12 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	13	14 8:30a MF Cafe Breakfast TBC 9-Noon Cocoon Harvest
15 10:00a Worship	16 OFC 9:30-2:30	17 OFC 9:30-2:30	18 Food Bank & Free Meal 4-5:30pm	19 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	20	21 9a Sisters In Spirit TBC
22 10:00a Worship w/Faith Formation	23 OFC 9:30-2:30	24 OFC 9:30-2:30	25 Food Bank 4-5:30pm	26 NO OFC 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA		28
29 10:00a Worship	30 OFC 9:30-2:30	1 OFC 9:30-2:30	2 Free Meal & Food Bank 4-5:30pm	3 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA		5 DEC
6 10:00a Worship	7 OFC 9:30-2:30	8 OFC 9:30-2:30	9 Food Bank 4-5:30pm	10 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	11	12 8:30a MF Cafe Breakfast TBC
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20 10:00a Worship	21 OFC 9:30-2:30	22 OFC 9:30-2:30	23 Food Bank & Free Meal 4-5:30pm	24 NO OFC 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	25 Christmas Day	
27 10:00a Worship with Faith Formation	28 NO OFC	29 NO OFC	30 Food Bank & Free Meal 4-5:30pm	31 NO OFC 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA		

