

# Snapshots



## Educational Background

- ⊕ Minneapolis South High School
- ⊕ Oberlin College and Conservatory,  
B.A., Vocal Performance
- ⊕ Pacific School of Religion, M. Div.

## Occupational Background

- ⊕ Outreach Coordinator,  
Bellingham Technical College
- ⊕ Licensed Interim Pastor,  
Lummi Island UCC
- ⊕ Music & Arts Director,  
Alameda First Baptist Church
- ⊕ Systems Administrator,  
Natural Heritage Institute

## Special Interests & Hobbies

- ⊕ Cooking and Kitchen Fellowship!
- ⊕ Piano
- ⊕ Knitting  
& Crafts
- ⊕ Dancing
- ⊕ Public Radio
- ⊕ Computers/  
Internet/  
Technology

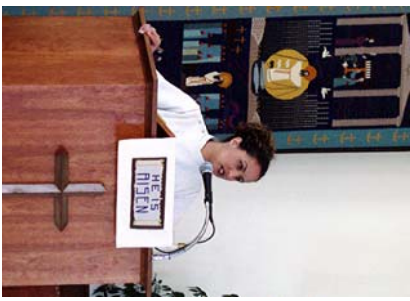


## An Invitation from the Second Pastor Seeking Committee

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## Associate Pastor Candidate Amy Roon

Saturday, January 20th

Sunday, January 21st

1:30-4:00 p.m. Reception

10:00 a.m. Worship

*Meet and Greet Amy*

*Amy Roon, Preaching*

*Followed by*

Congregational Meeting and Vote

Potluck lunch will be served



## A Word from Amy

Being a part of a congregation has always been the most important factor in my contentment, happiness and wellbeing within a community, so it is with great gratitude to God that I find myself led to your open arms.

The privilege and opportunity to serve God through full-time service to The United Churches of Olympia is one that inspires much joy and excitement for me.

I recently completed an Interim position at Lummi Island Congregational Church. After three months I realized that I could no longer close my ears to the Spirit's call into full-time ministry. Following that path led to conducting a workshop for your annual church retreat at Pilgrim Firs, and in what seems an amazing act of Spirit-filled grace, I am soon to meet you all as the Search Committee's recommended candidate.

I am a musician and artist at heart, with stage experience in piano, choral music, solo voice, and theater. At Oberlin College & Conservatory I developed a music program for 2nd – 5th graders and began teaching and performing Spirituals and Gospel Music. In seminary, I co-founded and directed the Graduate Theological Union Community Gospel Choir. At the GTU I also studied

liturgical dance and theology. I am eager to see how those gifts might flower and nourish you.

One of the great influences in my life is my friendships with children and teens. I take this passage seriously:

*"I'm telling you, once and for all, that unless you return to square one and start over like children, you're not even going to get a look at the kingdom, let alone get in. Whoever becomes simple and elemental again, like this child, will rank high in God's kingdom. What's more, when you receive the childlike on my account, it's the same as receiving me."*

—Matthew 18: 2-5, Eugene Peterson, *The Message*

Note to all, especially youth: I take play and fellowship very seriously! You have a standing invitation to interrupt me in my office and distract me with your spirit.



With my dog Jake and cat Winston, I am looking forward to exploring Olympia and spending time with my aunt who is a resident. My parents and nephew live in Port Angeles and anticipate being regular visitors.

I can't wait to meet you all on January 20th! In the Spirit of Love and Koinonia,

**Amy**



### ***What an exciting time for The United Churches of Olympia!***

After a journey of nearly two years, the Second Pastor Seeking Committee and Council are pleased to recommend **Amy Roon** for the position of full time Associate Pastor.

We invite you to meet Amy on **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 4 p.m.** in the Fireside Room and come hear her preach on **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m.** Immediately following the service, members will have an opportunity to discuss and vote on Amy Roon's candidacy.

We thank everyone for your prayers, support, and trust during this important occasion in the life of our church.

Prayerfully submitted by the Second Pastor Seeking Committee,

Joan E. Knapp, Chair  
Phyllis Carbone  
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Brian Hovis  
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### ***And a Word from Pastor Mark Dowdy***

Along with all of your staff, I am most excited about Amy coming to candidate and the possibility of her becoming our next Second Pastor.

We knew when we interviewed her, and as you can tell from this brochure, Amy is talented, energetic, capable, and enthusiastic about her impending "call." She will certainly bring a new and creative dynamic to our ministry and church life.

God is full of surprises and gifts for us, and I believe Amy Roon is another!

Please warmly welcome her on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of January.