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Yelm Community United Methodist Church (UMC) has been located in a primarily rural community, where farming (chickens, eggs, cattle, dairy) is still important to the economy and ethos. In recent years, Yelm has become more of a bedroom community for Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) and other larger cities in the South Sound where housing is more expensive.



The surrounding community is primarily made up of White Euro-Americans with some African Americans (1.9%), Asian (1.8%), Pacific Islander, Native American & Other (7.5%), and Hispanic Latino (7.5%). Within a few miles of the church, there is a Korean Baptist Church and a Cambodian Buddhist temple. About 23,000 people live within the mission field, which includes the cities of Yelm, Rainier, McKenna, Roy, and unincorporated communities at Harts Lake, Lake Lawrence, Clearwood, and Nisqually Pines. This larger community is expected to continue to grow over the next 5-10 years.

The faith community offers one worship service on Sunday morning that averages 58. The service retains many traditional elements and forms. Members enjoy weekly bible studies, small groups for men and women, and an annual spiritual life retreat. They are also developing relationships and working with organizations that use their building and serve the community. In addition, they support missionaries Jeff and Ellen Hoover in the Congo.

The best pastor for Yelm Community UMC will be one who preaches well, is skilled to equip lay members for ministry, and who enjoys visiting members. Over the last year, the community has been working with the interim pastor on developing their mission and vision statements. A pastor who can build on this work will be very important. While Yelm is currently half-time, they are exploring the possibility of yoking with another denomination to create one full-time appointment.

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