

SAY HI TO SUE RHODES



Sue Rhodes was born in Vancouver British Columbia. Sue came across the border to the US when she was one month old, but didn't become an American citizen, an experience she found deeply moving, until she was 50. Sue grew up in Bellevue, attended St. Thomas, Medina (Rev. Karen's former church), and spent a year in Germany between high school and university on a church sponsored exchange program.

Sue went to the University of Washington and majored in Fine Arts. She married a geology grad student and the two of them became members of Epiphany, Seattle until his post-doctoral fellowship took them to Christchurch, New Zealand for three years. Before leaving Seattle in 1976, Sue attended a Cursillo weekend that completely transformed her faith. In New Zealand, Sue engaged in many conferences, retreats, study and healing prayer groups that helped her faith to grow.

She and her husband moved back to the US and settled in Vancouver, Washington where they lived for 30 years. They adopted two daughters. A third (biological) daughter came along later, much to her surprise and delight. Sue worked part time, but her primary focus and greatest love was being at home taking care of the family. During that time she attended the Church of the Good Shepherd in Vancouver and began a ten year course of study with the Order of St. Luke (an international healing order started by an Anglican priest). After asking her own priest to become her first prayer partner, Sue began a ministry of helping adults heal from the emotional pain left after childhood trauma. She created a teaching series called "Healing the Whole Person," led Order of St. Luke workshops, for and served three years on their North American Board. She also trained as a Stephen Minister and completed the 4-year Education for Ministry program. She is very grateful to clergy for their support and encouragement of education and ministry opportunities among the laity.

After transferring her membership to Holy Spirit in Battle Ground, WA, she took on the roles of Worship Chairperson and Music Director and participated in pastoral work, adult formation and preaching.

Sue moved to Holden Village, an isolated retreat center in the North Cascades where she directed the Village Arts Center from 2007-2008. Holden proved to be a rejuvenating and healing place for Sue. When she returned to Vancouver, she retired from many of her church activities and started writing novels (none published yet). She also reconnected with Jim Llewellyn, her long ago college sweetheart, who brought her to Bainbridge Island. They were married in 2013.

Sue joined St Barnabas in 2017 and loves the church. She currently serves as a lector and participates in the Thursday healing service and Second Chapter support group.

She continues to delight in her family and particularly in her two grandsons. Sue continues to learn and grow and to redefine herself as life presents itself!