



# CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church

February 2017

## Strengthening Families Program

Want to enhance your  
**communication skills** and  
**strengthen your family?**



**Parents, Caregivers**  
and **Youth aged 10-14**

Join us for **FREE Dinner and Youth/Parent**  
& **Family Workshops** during

**7 Thursday sessions, Feb 2—Mar 16, 5:30-8pm**



Childcare for younger  
children upon request

Learn and practice  
how to **listen,**  
**be assertive, redirect,**  
use **I-statements, praise,** and more!

Call or email to join now! **8 Family Limit**

**Dr. Denise Banker, 360-385-9438,**  
**dbanker@co.jefferson.wa.us**

Event Location: **Community United Methodist**  
130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock, WA



**Strengthening Families Program**  
Iowa State's Nationally Recognized  
Science-Based Program



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Newly Revised Church Office Hours:  
Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 2 pm



Now that the new year has begun, I took some time to look back on my first six months and made a list of some of the accomplishments achieved with the help, support and cooperation of the leadership and congregation. In no particular order of importance we have achieved the following:

- ◆ We have at least ten new people attending worship.
- ◆ We have the three bistro tables and colorful pillows in our fellowship area which are getting quite a bit of use.
- ◆ This summer we had our Brown Bag Gospel outdoor services on Wednesday evenings.
- ◆ We have worked hard to get the parsonage ready to rent.
- ◆ We now host a Narcotics Anonymous meeting on Saturday evenings.
- ◆ We did the Spare Change for Jesus during the month running up to Christmas with the proceeds going to the Food Bank.
- ◆ We had a very well-attended potluck dinner on Christmas Day.
- ◆ I created a new Facebook page and have been updating the webpage.
- ◆ In exchange for rehearsal space, Singers In The Rain provide monthly music during worship.
- ◆ We've started an email prayer team.
- ◆ We've moved a donated piano into the sanctuary.
- ◆ We had a joint church picnic with Trinity UMC this summer.

I'm sure I may have missed some others, but the point is we have a cooperative spirit at Community with an eye towards moving into the future.

I've also set some goals for myself for the coming year:

- ◇ I'd like to activate our committees and develop some best practices that will help our committees function efficiently and effectively.
- ◇ I would like to establish at least three local missions that we can support with volunteers and funding. I presented this idea to the Administrative Council and they have asked me to present a formal proposal by our February meeting.
- ◇ I would also like to see what we can do to have some small group studies.
- ◇ I'm looking at ways to boost our Facebook exposure and make our webpage more interactive. This will be a priority for me and our new administrative assistant Melanie.
- ◇ I want to work with the men's group and move towards a fellowship that includes some devotional time.
- ◇ I would like to explore the possibility of hosting a community-wide garage sale when the weather gets better which would attract a lot of local people to the church where we could mix and mingle.
- ◇ I would also like to hold a Vision Day in the next couple of months where we can meet and see where we are as a church, where we want to go and develop a plan on how to get there.

I have really enjoyed the first six months as I continue to grow into the job, and am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for our church and our community.

In closing, please continue to pray for me, our church and our country as we continue to find our way in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Faithfully,

*Scott*

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 \* If you're new to our church, are a regular visitor or have changed your email address \*  
 \* please send us an email at cumc@olympus.net so we can update our records. \*  
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### HOMELESS SHELTER

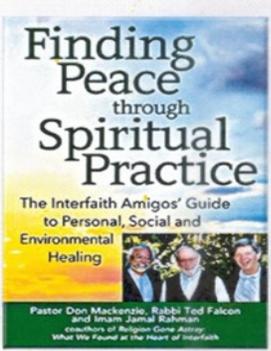
The Homeless Shelter has been running at capacity this year. That means meal preparation for 40 people. This number includes extra meals for staff and volunteers. Community United Methodist Church is scheduled to provide meals at the shelter from dinner February 9 through lunch February 12. Our schedule includes providing dinner and then making lunches at the shelter for the next day. The volunteer schedule is as follows:

Liz Hazen	dinner	Friday, February 9
Marcia Wootan	lunch	Saturday, February 10 (prepare at the shelter February 9)
Sara Davis	dinner	Saturday, February 10
Nancy McDaniel	lunch	Sunday, February 11 (prepare at the shelter February 10)
Audrey Sanderson/Julie Boggs	dinner	Sunday, February 11
Teresa & Scott Rosekrans	lunch	Monday, February 12 (prepare at the shelter February 11)

**INTERFAITH AMIGOS SPIRITUAL READ**

Join a church discussion group for a January-February Interfaith Amigos Spiritual Read about justice and environmental issues of our time. Small groups in neighborhoods, churches, spiritual groups, retirement communities and libraries will discuss *Finding Peace through Spiritual Healing, The Interfaith Amigos' Guide to Personal, Social and Environmental Healing*.

**The authors – an Islamic Imam, Christian Pastor and Jewish Rabbi – will appear February 12, 2-3:30 PM, at Port Townsend High School.**




Our church 10-week Spiritual Read will meet weekly on a day and time that works for interested participants. It is not too early to sign up! Contact Pastor Scott if you are interested.

Go to the website for detailed information:  
[spiritualread.org](http://spiritualread.org)

Imam Jamal Rahman, Pastor Dave Brown and Rabbi Ted Falcon, left tot right

Join the authors at a presentation February 12th 2:00-3:30pm at Port Townsend High School.

**UMW**

**Attention all UMW Ladies!**

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 2, starting at 10:00 am at the church.

This is our **Valentine** making project! We need lots of hands!  
 This has been a fun activity organized by Marcia. Please come!

Bring a sandwich.

Marcia and Pat are Hostesses, Audrey will give devotions.

Please bring some pet food for the Food Bank.

**Stewardship 2017**

Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are all vital to CUMC's ministry in the community. Together these gifts have made a difference in the world around us in past years. We feed the hungry. We support the homeless with much needed meals and shelter in the winter. We support seniors with limited resources to afford a decent place to live. We feed the hungry children in the summer when there is no school lunch. Together we make a difference.



Our 2017 Stewardship Campaign asked you to fulfill God's plan in our church life by giving. Your response was outstanding! The total pledges made for 2017 is \$86,116.00 (includes one 2017 pledge paid in 2016) coming from 29 pledging units. You took Peter's words to heart that "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

**WE THANK YOU!**

You have been blessed to receive God's grace in Jesus Christ and Community United Methodist Church has been blessed in turn. We will be faithful stewards of your gifts and do all we can to minister to our community in 2017.

**Finance Report through December 31, 2016**

Income:

Pledges	\$77,912
Non Pledge Gifts	24,974
Cash Offering	3,990
Misc. Income	<u>3,229</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,105</b>

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$18,362
Local Ministry	2,426
Operating Exp.	19,519
Personnel Comp.	<u>67,511</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,819</b>

Surplus as of December 31, 2016 = **\$2,286**



## Olympic Peninsula Women's Fellowship



invites you to join them for their inaugural event on February 24-25, 2017, an Inspirational Weekend featuring Elisa Morgan who will challenge you to appreciate your beauty through the eyes of your Creator. Elisa was named by *Christianity Today* as one of the top fifty women influencing today's church and culture and is one of today's most sought-after authors, speakers, and leaders. Whether you are 16 or 86, her message will speak to your heart and give you confidence to live in the light of His eyes. (Moms, please bring your teenage daughters.)



**When:** Friday, February 24 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, February 25 - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Dungeness Community Church, 45 Eberle Rd., Sequim, WA

**Cost:** \$35 (Nov. 24-Jan. 24); \$45 (Jan. 25-Feb. 24)



### WHO IS OPWF?

**Our Vision:** To be a catalyst for unifying and encouraging Christian women on the Olympic Peninsula through Biblically-based annual events.

**Our Mission:** Claiming Philippians 2:2-4 as a model of unity, the OPWF seeks to encourage women to know, love, and serve God as they:

- Develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Deepen their study of God's Word
- Plug into a local ministry
- Connect with other women in their church and community

If you would like to serve on our support team or event support team, please contact us at the email address below or indicate that desire on your registration form and we will give you a call. We are excited to see how God is moving in this area to unite us and allow us to reach our peninsula for Christ.

**Register online or for more information go to:**

<http://olympicpeninsulawomensfellowship.com>

**Or contact:** [opwfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:opwfellowship@gmail.com)



## February 2017

**Sun**

**Mon**

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**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 - 11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class	2 10 am UMW 5:30-8pm Strengthening Families Program 7 pm AI-Anon Meets	3	4 5:30 pm NA Meets
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## Monthly Devotional

a favorite of my father's, Rev. George Finlay, from *The Upper Room*

*"But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also." Matthew 5:39*

Read: Matthew 5:33-48

### A Sermon by A Dog

Jesus' words in the above text have bothered many people. We can best understand them when we remember that the custom in Jesus' day was to give a light, left-handed slap on the face of an adversary to show disdain for him. This was not meant as a painful blow, but as an insult. Our Lord was not suggesting that force must never be used to restrain evil. Rather, He was saying that by offering the other cheek we reject the spirit of retaliation toward those who mistreat us, and we offer them forgiveness.

Sir Walter Scott had difficulty with the idea of "turning the other cheek." But Jesus' words took on special meaning one day when Scott threw a rock at a stray dog to chase it away. His aim was straighter and his delivery stronger than he had intended, for he hit the animal and broke its leg. Instead of running off, the dog limped over to him and licked his hand. Sir Walter never forgot that touching response. He said, "That dog preached the Sermon on the Mount to me as few ministers have ever presented it." Scott said he had not found human beings so ready to forgive their enemies.

The world needs to see Jesus' likeness in every believer. We are to pardon those who treat us unfairly. By the power of the Holy Spirit let's exhibit a Christlike attitude toward those who hurt us.

**Thought for the Day:** To return good for good is human; to return good for evil is divine.

**Prayer:** In our daily life and service  
let us true disciples be;  
Being meek when others hurt us,  
Lord, in us may they see Thee!



## Community United Methodist Church

Open Hearts Open Doors Open Minds

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10 am - 6 pm, Tuesday

Church Office Hours:  
10 am - 2 pm, Tuesday - Friday

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**  
**Sunday School: 10:15 am**