

# CREATING CONNECTIONS



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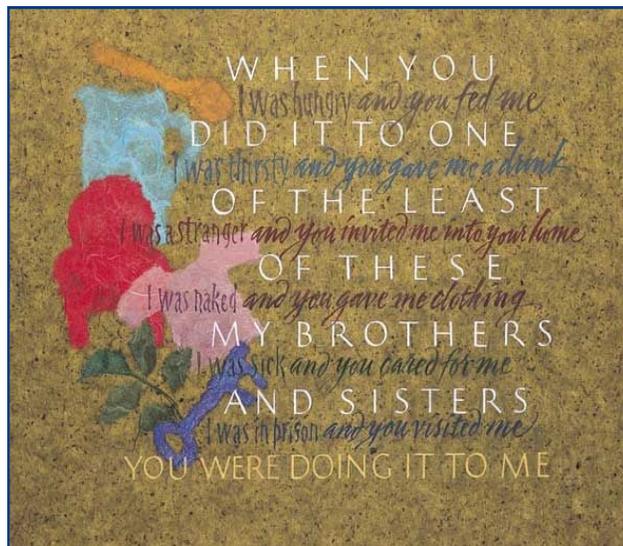
## Called to Serve

by Pastor Scott

Over the last several months I've developed a relationship with a homeless person who has come by the church on a few occasions looking for help. She's living in her car and is actively looking for housing and has a voucher to cover the rent providing it is not too high. At our first meeting I referred her to ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization) that we support as she said she needed help getting to her doctor appointments. I also told her about OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program) that we support as another source that might be able to provide services. I then told her about Bayside Housing and Services that provides transitional housing for people who are homeless or about to become homeless. Before she left, I gave her a QFC gift card to purchase gas or groceries. She came back about a month and a half later for some additional assistance. I asked her if she had checked into the other services I had referred. She said that ECHHO had given her rides to the doctor and that OlyCAP gave her some vouchers. She also said that she was on the Bayside waiting list for temporary housing. Before she left, I gave her a New Testament and prayed with her and thanked God for sending her to us.

She was in again not to long ago to give me an update on her status. I fixed her a cup of coffee and asked her if I could pick her brain. I asked her to give me a list of things that a person living in their car or in a tent needed to get by. She readily agreed and gave me the following list of items: paper towels, toilet paper, handi-wipes, plastic eating utensils, lighters, can openers, paper plates, stirring spoon, pans, foil, rags, candles, zip lock bags, cups, cloth bags, flash lights, clothes pins, garbage bags, pens and paper.

Homelessness is an ongoing problem but it is a situation that we, as a church, can do what we can to ease the burden. When time permits, I plan on coming up with a "shopping list" for the homeless that you can put on your refrigerator so that when you go out to do your personal shopping you can pick up a few of these items. Bring them to church on Sunday morning or drop them off during the week and we'll make sure they get to the Food Bank for distribution.



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## Pastor's Pen



Every once in a while someone will ask me what is so different about Methodists. This is an honest question as there are so many denominations out there along with all the other non-denominational congregations. These questions generally come from people who are church shopping and want to know a little more about where a church stands on a number of issues. I begin by telling that that we are all similar in that we believe in Jesus Christ and of our common mission to bring the lost to him. One of the things that distinguishes our Methodist denomination from other denominations is that we are a "connectional" church. Our Methodist Book of Discipline defines this in paragraph 125 where it says *United Methodists throughout the world are bound together in a connectional covenant in which we support and hold each other accountable for faithful discipleship and mission. Integrally holding connectional unity and local freedom, we seek to proclaim and embody the gospel in ways responsible to our specific cultural and social context while maintaining a vital web of interactive relationships.* What this means is that, as a small congregation on the Olympic Peninsula we have freedom to meet the needs of our congregation and community as we see fit, but we are connected to all the other Methodist churches around the world and when they need help we are obligated to do what we can.

This was made apparent to me with the recent hurricanes that devastated Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Puerto Rico. Methodist churches were not spared and they needed our help rebuilding and our help in assisting them in meeting the needs of their devastated communities. We immediately sprang into action raising just under \$2,500.00 which was sent to UMCOR (the Methodist version of the Red Cross). We also started putting together hygiene kits to send to an UMCOR distribution center in

Conroe, Texas. Because some of our

ladies had a connection to the Methodist Church in Friendswood, Texas, our United Methodist Women raised, during a meeting, \$750.00 which was sent to the Friendswood church. It may not seem like much but it is what a small church over 1,500 miles away can do for another Methodist church in need.

Teresa and I finally got to take our vacation and were able to visit family just north of Houston. I visited the associate pastor while I was in Friendswood and we had a great talk. He remembered our contribution and recalled the mission trip his church took to Alaska to work on the church attended by Dale Kelley, Betty and Gene Prentice and Joan Flowers. He told me they had received money from churches in 26 states which enabled them to help others in the area. Teresa and I then visited the UMCOR distribution center in Conroe where we got a tour of their facility.

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The administrative assistant and I had spoken over the phone on previous occasions and she remembered getting the hygiene kits and cleaning buckets that were just waiting for the fires to die out in California so they could be shipped there. She told us they had teams of volunteers coming in every week through this coming July and that the rebuilding would take six to seven years.



It was nice putting faces to the people we had been working with from a great distance and it was great making those connections. In the true spirit of the small and cash strapped Macedonian churches we continue to give what we can and plead for the privilege to do more.

Faithfully,

*Scott*

## Meal Schedule for the Homeless Shelter

By Sara Davis

Thank you for your commitment to helping with meals for the shelter this winter.  
The schedule is also posted on the refrigerator in the church kitchen.

### **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner** – Julie Boggs and Debbie Dodd

**Lunch for following day** - Bev Rothenberg

### **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner** - Betty P, Joan Flowers, Dale Kelley (Main dish - Chili and Beans)

**Lunch for the following day** – Dianne Maynard & Stephanie Buehler

### **Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner** – Audrey and Larry Sanderson and AJ Laverty (Main dish – Pulled Pork)

**Lunch for the following day** – Scott and Teresa Rosekrans

### **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner** – Kendra and Dave Hermanson and Patti Smith

**Lunch for the following day** – Pat Chase



**BIRTHDAYS**

18 Evelyn Fett  
23 Sue Ernst



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

7 Julie/  
14 Debbie/  
21  
28

**HOSPITALITY**

7 Marcy/  
14  
21  
28

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

7 Steve & Pat Chase

**GREETERS**

7 Bob Linrothe  
14 Julie Boggs  
21 AJ Laverty  
28 Marcy Wootan

**USHERS**

7 Betty/Jackie  
14 AJ/Mike  
21 AJ/Stephanie  
28 Larry/Connie

**LITURGISTS**

7 Marcy Wootan  
14 Steve Chase  
21 Nancy McDaniel  
28 Jackie Dale

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

7 Epiphany  
14 Peter Mercer  
21 Marcy Wootan  
28 Orene Udd

**OUR PRAYERS**

- \* Continued healing for Conrad (an infant) who had successful surgery for cancer
- \* Healing for another infant that had heart transplant surgery
- \* Lani Wong, problems with her arteries
- \* Prayers for friends of Gene and Betty; Carol who just went into hospice; Hank, who just finished radiation treatment
- \* Jay Morrow, healing and health after liver transplant
- \* Funding for Jefferson County WIC program and job security for Kathy
- \* Prayers for Marge Luther's family for her niece, Kieli, who has been diagnosed with metastatic cancer
- \* Law enforcement personnel
- \* Victims of terrorism
- \* The homeless, hungry, unemployed and our military
- \* Peace on earth
- \* Conrad Barnes, healing after cancer surgery



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**JANUARY LECTIONARY READINGS**

January 7

Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3: 1-12  
Matthew 2: 1-12

January 14

1 Samuel 3: 1-10  
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20  
John 1: 43-51

January 21

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10  
Psalm 62: 5-12  
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31  
Mark 1: 14-20

January 28

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13  
Mark 1: 21-28

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## Finance Report through October 2017

| <u>Income:</u>   |                 | <u>Expenses:</u>       |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Pledges          | \$62,539        | Apportionments         | \$13,884        |
| Non Pledge Gifts | 21,911          | Local Ministry         | 2,399           |
| Cash Offering    | 4,082           | Operating Expenses     | 18,115          |
| Misc. Income     | <u>2,580</u>    | Personnel Compensation | <u>55,314</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$91,112</b> | <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$89,711</b> |

Surplus/(Deficit) as of October 31, 2017 = \$1,401

# Alternative Christmas 2017

by Dianne Maynard

Thank you to all those who participated in Alternative Christmas for 2017. Our donations will be much appreciated. The following amounts will be forwarded by our church this year:

|                |                |                        |
|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| UMCOR          | \$620          | 18 people participated |
| Heifer Project | \$1,470        |                        |
| ECHHO          | <u>\$500</u>   |                        |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$2,590</b> |                        |

# Thank you!

## Local

# MISSION *of the* MONTH

CUMC supports three local missions: OlyCAP, Tri-Area Food Bank and ECHHO. We donate a minimum of \$100 each month to one of these three organizations in addition to donations collected from membership. Following is the donation schedule for 2017 and the total amount donated that month (if applicable):

|           |           |          |            |           |                   |
|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| January:  | ECHHO     | \$100    | July:      | ECHHO     | \$101.60          |
| February: | Food Bank | \$125    | August:    | Food Bank | \$150             |
| March:    | OlyCAP    | \$373    | September: | OlyCAP    | \$100             |
| April:    | ECHHO     | \$501.57 | October:   | ECHHO     | \$350             |
| May:      | Food Bank | \$235    | November:  | Food Bank | \$1,166.78 (Wow!) |
| June:     | OlyCAP    | \$108    | December:  | OlyCAP    |                   |

**OUR PRAYERS**

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- \* Those who are in recovery and those who relapse
- \* People suffering around the world from natural and man-made disasters
- \* Friends who have cancer and those in chemo
- \* Larry and Connie's family in Denver as their daughter-in-law passed away suddenly and unexpectedly



**OUR PRAISES**

- \* Orene Udd is feeling better and is thankful for your prayers!
- \* The 16 people who signed up to provide dinner and lunches to the winter shelter in February
- \* A beautiful, white Christmas this year



**UMW  
MEETING  
& PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 4th**

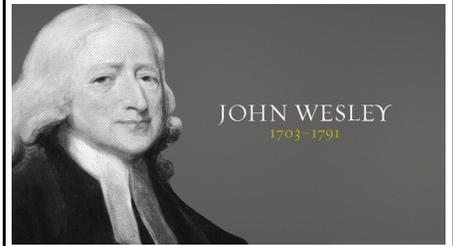
**10:00am Meeting**

**11:00am Program**

Our very own Henry Jones will present a program on John Wesley. This is a program you will not want to miss!

**12:00pm Lunch**

Provided by Joan Flowers, Dale Kelley and Betty Prentice.



**2018 Life Care Center Worship Schedule**

Worship Services are on Sundays and begin at 2:00pm.



- January 21<sup>st</sup>
- March 25<sup>th</sup>
- May 27<sup>th</sup>
- July 29<sup>th</sup>
- September 30<sup>th</sup>
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Bulletin Board  
Makeover in Progress**

Have you noticed changes on the bulletin boards outside the office and near the ramp in the Narthex? They're getting a makeover!

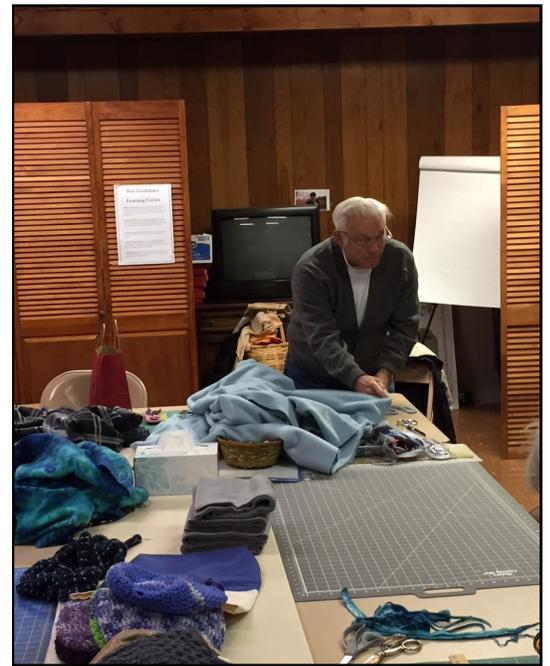


**2018 Church Calendar**

The church calendar for 2018 has been relocated to a nearby bulletin board. There are pencils located next to the calendar to write in upcoming activities and events. Please see Melanie in the Church Office if you have questions.



The All Church Scarf Project was a big hit! Volunteers met on December 4th to cut out simple, yet warm scarves from yards of fleece to be given away to various local agencies by Christmas.



Photos by Scott Rosekrans



## Photos from the December UMW Program

On December 7th, the Choral Bells presented a wonderful holiday musical program followed by a delicious potluck.

Photos by Laurel Ankeny



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## Monthly Devotional

*Our Daily Bread, March 15, 2000*

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. —James 4:6

### God of New Beginnings

How did you learn to skate?" someone asked the winner of a competition. "By getting up every time I fell down," was the reply.

The Christian life is also a series of new beginnings, of falling down and getting up again. When we stumble, we often think, "I've failed again. I might as well give up." But God is the God of new beginnings. He not only forgives our sins, but He also uses our failures to make us wiser.

Sometimes our pride can cause us to resist starting again. In Psalm 25, David showed a heart of humility by praying for forgiveness. He asked the Lord to forgive the sins of his youth (v.7), and he rejoiced that God teaches sinners (v.8), guides and instructs the humble (v.9), and teaches His ways to those who fear Him (v.12).

John Newton, the composer of "Amazing Grace," expressed a similar perspective: "Though I am not what I ought to be, nor what I wish to be, nor yet what I hope to be, I can truly say I am not what I once was . . . . By the grace of God I am what I am!"

Do you feel like a failure? Do you need a new start? Go to the Lord in humility, and He'll show you that He's the God of new beginnings.

By Joanie Yoder

*Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see. —Newton*



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