

CREATING CONNECTIONS



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Community United Methodist Church

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Community Blood Drives

by Bloodworks Northwest
(formerly Puget Sound Blood Center)

On January 3, 2018 your community blood drive registered a total of 28 donors! We were able to collect 25 donations of whole blood, and welcomed 1 first time donor! Since each unit of whole blood is separated into the different components (red cells, platelets, and plasma,) your efforts will benefit up to 75 patients throughout the Pacific Northwest. The blood donations collected at the blood drive are critical to maintain a stable blood supply for surgeries, medical emergencies, and for supporting patients battling life-threatening illnesses like leukemia and other cancers.

With great appreciation to each and every donor who took the time out of their busy day to come donate-thank you. With your donations Bloodworks NW will continue to send emergency shipments outside the local area, as we are able to do so without impacting upcoming local patient needs.

Thank you to Community United Methodist Church for providing the location for the drive, and special thanks to our internal coordinators who help ensure that these drives are possible and successful! We couldn't have done it without you.

Each day, 800 people must donate blood to meet the needs of patients in hospitals. Your blood drive played an important role in helping meet that goal!

Thank you from all of us at Bloodworks NW!

People often want to know, "How is my gift used?"

After donation, your volunteered blood is separated into three components (plasma, platelets, and red cells). These components are then transfused to a patient who may need either a combination of these components or a single component. This is how your donation can save up to three lives! Donations go to local hospitals such as Harrison and Olympic Medical Center.



Bloodworks Northwest is a non-profit, independent, volunteer-supported and community-based blood center and medical resource and research center.

www.bloodworksnw.org

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Pastor's Pen

Mission is Possible

**YOUR
MISSION,
SHOULD YOU
CHOOSE TO
ACCEPT IT**

Remember the old Mission Impossible series that was popular back when we were kids in the sixties? Peter Graves would get his assignments regarding some sort of mission that would seem impossible. I think it started, "Your mission, should you accept it..."

At the end of June of this year the United Methodist Pacific Northwest Conference will be reducing in size by one district and they will all go through a renaming process. Our district will go from 27 churches to over 50. It will be renamed the Puget Sound Missional District. The bishop added the word "missional" to our name as she wants the churches to be more focused on mission work.

I can't speak for the other churches, but I think we are ahead of the game as far as mission work goes. Last year was a very good year and I think we even surprised ourselves with the depth of our generosity and desire to help in anyway we could. I am excited about the mission possibilities for this coming year. I know that Don Olsen is looking into the possibility of putting together a VIM (Volunteers In Mission) Team with an eye towards maybe going over to Central Washington to do some work in connection with Rebuild: Up from the Ashes. I've been also meeting with a group



locally who are exploring ways to serve families with children. We've been brainstorming on what we think is needed and how we might meet the needs. First Step Family Support Center out of Port Angeles has organized these meetings and they have a grant that can be used to help us get started. Two of possibilities that are being explored are a Kaleidoscope Play and Learn program and a clothes closet of some sort for families who need clothing for their children.



Missions are possible. Sometimes the problems we see seem to be as big as an elephant. You may have heard the saying, How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. The combined problems that we see here in our immediate area collectively do seem as large as an elephant. As I told the group I'm meeting with, the best way to eat an elephant like this is to pick the part of the elephant you want to eat first and start there.

Faithfully,

Scott





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UMW February Meeting & Program

10:00am Business Meeting

11:00am Making Valentines

12:00pm Soup Lunch by Marcy



Margaret Matheson Memorial

by Bob Linrothe, Committee Chairman

Although there hasn't been much talk about it lately, things have been moving forward on the "Margaret's Village" large stone sign to be placed at the entrance to the South Seven (named by Margaret) senior apartments near the corner of Church Lane and Faith Way. The artist craft person who will design, complete and erect the sign is Janine Hegy of Port Angeles. She is excited to be part of the project and thinks it will be "awesome". I do too!

We hope to have lighting to illuminate the sign at dark. This will add to the cost but I think it is worth it since this will be the entrance sign to the South Seven Property. I estimate the cost to be, after all said and done, around \$2,500-3,000 for the project. OlyCAP has pledged to help us with the cost.

It will be worth it to remind us of Margaret Matheson and her many contributions to our church as well as the Chimacum and Port Hadlock communities.

If you would like to donate to this project, please make your memorial contributions to CUMC in honor of Margaret Matheson.

Let's set Margaret's memory in stone here at her church.

(This visual has been included to give a general idea of the stone memorial being created. The actual finished project will be much more beautiful and a heartfelt tribute to Margaret.)



Kitchen Organization

by Bev Rothenborg



On behalf of the volunteers attempting to clean and organize the kitchen at CUMC, when you downsize your home, please check with AJ Laverty at the church to see if your items are needed. The volunteers found that there were many duplicates in the cupboards and many items that will never be used at the church. Consider giving your items to other worthy organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Waste Not Want Not and/or Goodwill to name a few. Thank you for your consideration of this request!

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Debbie Dodd
- 4 John Sweet
- 8 Marge Luther
- 10 Barry Horton
- 12 Betty Harmon
- 12 Nancy McDaniel
- 15 Kurt Aluzas
- 18 Bev Haven
- 18 Jackie Dale
- 27 Scott Rosekrans
- 28 John Long



SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 4 Dianne/Gladys
- 11 Julie
- 18 Debbie
- 25 Stephen

HOSPITALITY

- 4
- 11
- 18
- 25

GREETERS

- 4 Bob Linrothe
- 11 Julie Boggs
- 18 Judy Olsen
- 25 Marcy Wootan

COMMUNION SERVERS

- 4 Ted & Stephanie Buehler

USHERS

- 4 Betty/Jackie
- 11 Mike/Dianne
- 18 AJ/Stephanie
- 25 Larry/Connie

LITURGISTS

- 4 Hank Hazen
- 11 Ted Buehler
- 18 Betty Harmon
- 25 Larry Sanderson

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 4 AJ Laverty
- 11 Leona Long
- 18 Lent
- 25 Lent

OUR PRAYERS

- * Orene Udd, who is back in Swedish Hospital with intestinal problems
- * Carolyn's friends, Roger and Pam Botner's granddaughter, Kennedy, no options for her return of brain cancer
- * An end to the flu season; health to all who are ill and sick, young and old
- * Henry & Cindi's friend Clara, who had her right leg amputated Christmas week
- * Comfort for Elly Wilson's family, her son died from a heart attack
- * Health and successful transition for Sue Ernst, who recently sold her home and moved into assisted living in Kenmore
- * 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



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FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS

February 4
 Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39

February 11
 2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 Mark 9:2-9

February 18
 Genesis 9:8-17
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:9-15

February 25
 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
 Psalm 22:23-31
 Romans 4:13-25
 Mark 8:31-38

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Finance Report through December 2017

<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>	
Pledges	\$77,575	Apportionments	\$16,660
Non Pledge Gifts	31,366	Local Ministry	3,997
Cash Offering	4,645	Operating Expenses	21,649
Misc. Income	<u>2,714</u>	Personnel Compensation	<u>66,207</u>
Total	\$116,300	Total	\$108,514

Surplus/(Deficit) as of December 31, 2017 = \$7,786

2018 Pledge Drive Results

by Melanie Rosas, Financial Secretary

Thank you for saying, "Yes, I want to invest in the future of our church and our community!" We received 34 responses to the Stewardship Campaign:

19 pledges to invest with prayer

15 pledges to invest with time

34 pledges to invest monetarily:

- 2 one-time donations totaling \$100
- 32 annual pledges totaling \$82,180

\$82,280



CUMC supports three local organizations: 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. During the January 2018 Finance Committee Meeting, the committee voted to continue supporting the same three missions with the same donation amounts in 2018.

Following is the donation schedule for 2017 and the total amount donated that month:

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	\$775

OUR PRAYERS

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- * Peace on earth
- * 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

OUR PRAISES

- * Peter is feeling better and is thankful for your prayers, cards, calls and visits in the hospital.
- * Janet is thankful for a great, safe trip and successful minor surgery

What could be better than being blessed by the Singers in the Rain during the Sunday Worship Service?

Sharing Souper Sunday with the Singers during fellowship time! Yum!



Civil Disobedience

by Pastor Scott

On January 21st I preached a sermon entitled: Throwing Stones (you can read it by going to our webpage: hadlockchurch.com) It was based on the story about when the Pharisees and legal experts brought a woman to Jesus who had been caught in adultery. The Law of Moses called for her and the man (who they conveniently forgot to bring) to both be stoned to death. They wanted to see how Jesus would handle the situation. They were hoping he would go against the Law. He turned the tables on them by telling them that anyone among them who had not sinned themselves should be the one to cast the first stone. They all quietly slinked away and Jesus told the woman to go and sin no more. The reason I chose that topic to preach on was that the previous Monday was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day where we observed the work and contributions of Dr. King in the Civil Rights Movement. As I expected, posts began appearing on Facebook assailing Dr. King where some asserted that he was an adulterer and a womanizer. Others said he was a criminal as he wantonly broke the law in his civil disobedience. As I said in my sermon, it was brutal and verbal stones rained down like a violent hail storm. Facebook is our new version of public stoning and humiliation.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

For the sake of argument, I told the congregation to assume that Dr. King was a flawed individual. The Facebook stoners would have you assume that because of his flaws all of his life's work was for nothing and was meaningless. Ironically, African Americans identified with the Israelites who had been enslaved in Egypt and dreamed of freedom one day. They were led to freedom by a flawed man. Moses, before he became their leader, in a fit of rage killed an Egyptian who he had seen beating a Hebrew slave. I listed several other Biblically flawed people God had used to accomplish his purpose. We go to church because we are flawed people hoping that God will use us as he sees fit to serve his purpose here on earth. We are not better than anyone else.



February is Black History Month and we should remember Dr. King and the struggle of many though the years who worked hard, even dying, for the right to have what everyone else has. Believe it or not, the Methodist Church condones civil disobedience when there is no other viable alternative. Paragraph 164, section F, reads in part; "Therefore, we recognize the right of individuals to dissent when acting under the constraint of conscience and, after having exhausted all legal recourse, to resist or disobey laws that they deem to be unjust or that are discriminately enforced."

You may not know this, but we have our very own "civil disobediant" right here in our congregation. Janet and Bob Stevenson met when they attended Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas back in the sixties. Janet told me that there was a campus barbershop that refused to allow blacks so Bob and some of the black seminarians staged a sit-in which finally changed the policy. She said they also participated in some restaurant sit-ins to change the policy of whites only. While their chaplain marched in Selma, Alabama, she and Bob participated in a similar civil rights march in Dallas.

The struggle continues and we, as Christians and United Methodists, owe it to Dr. King, Bob Stevenson and the others who have gone on before us to do whatever we can to help advance the cause of equality for all regardless of their station in life. Only you can choose to throw the stone or use it in the building of a stronger foundation of a house where all can live in peace and freedom.



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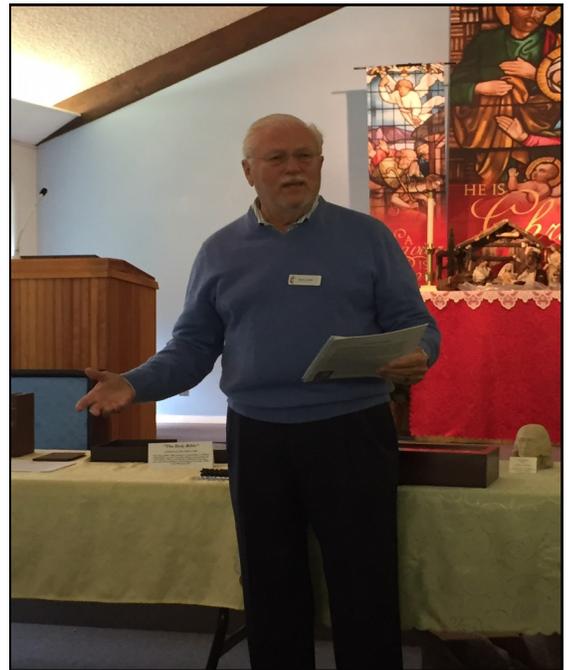
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10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	10am Worship Committee Meeting	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting	11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	
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January UMW Meeting & Program

Installation of new officers (lower left), program about John Wesley by Henry Jones followed by lunch (lower right).

Photos by Laurel Ankeny



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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, February 16, 1994

Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? —Romans 6:1

Forgive Me - Tomorrow

The subject of the TV program left me shaking my head in disbelief. This particular news-magazine feature showed how some people prepare for Ash Wednesday. On Tuesday they do as much sinful stuff as they can get away with—all the time knowing that the next day they would ask for God’s forgiveness and give up those sins.

Self-denial may be a popular activity during the season of Lent, but I don’t think it’s what Jesus had in mind when He spoke of taking up one’s cross and following Him (Matt. 16:24). His call for self-denial was to a daily commitment to Him in all areas of life.

When Paul wrote to the church at Rome, he anticipated that people would believe it didn’t matter to God if they were less than totally committed to His Son. He knew that some would think it okay to go on sinning while presuming on God’s mercy. Paul found it unbelievable that people of faith would think they could “continue in sin” just so they could experience more of God’s grace. Instead, he declared that we should consider ourselves dead to sin (Rom. 6:11).

As believers in Jesus, we need to follow Him faithfully every day. It’s never right to take a time-out from our commitment to Him. By Dave Branon

*I want to serve the Lord in full surrender,
My life a crucible, His eye the test,
Each hour a gift from Him, the gracious Sender,
Each day a pledge to give to Christ my best. —Anon.*



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