

# CREATING CONNECTIONS



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## Go and Do

by Scott Rosekrans

I'm currently reading the revised and updated version of Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase. I say revised and updated because he wrote the original Five Practices several years ago. It was very well received so he updated and revised it to include some of the feedback he received. I did read the original book and can attest that the revised edition contains some pretty relevant information for churches that are serious about moving aggressively into the future.

Chapter Five is entitled: The Practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service. Many churches play it safe and nominally give or support some generic charity with a check and a thoughtful prayer and then move on to tending to the dwindling flock within the four walls. The author is saying that if your church really wants to be a "fruitful" congregation you have to get outside of your comfort zone, you have to take risks and not be afraid of failure. He said that faith communities that practice Risk-Taking Mission and Service raise money to support overseas, international, and community work, but they pour their

greatest energy into developing relationships with people and organizations in their local area. They ask what is needed, and they listen. Now, I'm not saying that we can count ourselves as one of those Risk-Taking congregations, (yet) but I think we are headed in the right direction because we do ask what is needed and we do listen. We are developing relationships with people and organizations in our local area such as ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization), OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program), the Tri-Area Food Bank, the Quilcene Food Bank, and Bayside Housing and Services for example. Bishop Schnase says that faith communities that practice Risk-Taking Mission and Service give people multiple opportunities to serve, to belong to a community that matters, and to change lives. **They go and do!**

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# Pastor's Pen

## The Good News



As I sit on my couch watching the traditional "end-of-the-year" news wrap-ups I reflect back upon what, if anything, we've done as a church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The news wrap-ups seem to focus on the tragedies we've endured and the notables we've lost, the bad news. To be fair, the reporting of bad news is what drives the media ratings race. They do throw in a few "good news" stories from time to time, if the story is really remarkable. One would think broadcasting or "spreading" good news would be preferable, but it's not, so that's where we come in. It's up to us to spread the Good News with the understanding that it may not appreciably impact our "ratings". But we don't do it for recognition and praise from men. We do what we do because of the examples set for us by Jesus Christ and his statement: "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Jesus saw problems with the world two thousand years ago, problems that have only seemed to have gotten worse and more intense as we become more "civilized". I think we've had a pretty good year in our efforts to help the light of Jesus Christ

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."  
(Luke 5:31-32 NIV)



shine a little brighter. Just to mention a few, we took a team to Okanogan County to spend a week working on Rebuild: Up From the Ashes, we've raised thousands of dollars for disaster relief through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief), we've made hundreds of fire starters for the homeless, Socktober month helped us collect dozens of socks, scarves, hats and gloves which were distributed to countless people (young and old) who needed them, we've prepared and distributed dozens of hygiene kits to those living on the streets, and we financially support local non-profits like the Tri-Area Food Bank, Quilcene Food Bank, ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization) and OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program). There are others, but I think you get the point. This is not to say we haven't had our losses. Some of our more faithful servants have moved on through death or having to relocate to assisted living, an undeniable fact of our mortal existence. But, we have had countless others step up to fill the void and continue the hard work of discipleship. We are excited about the future. So excited that we've worked hard on refurbishing our facilities in anticipation of a future full of mission work and worship as we strive to "wrap things up" in preparation of Christ's return. Now that's some good news!

Faithfully,

*Scott*





Photos from UMW's December 2018 Program featuring the Choral Belles.

Photos by Scott Rosekrans

## **UMW January Event**

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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|---------|--|
| 10:00am | Business Meeting   |
| 11:00am | Program - Habitat for Humanity speakers Tessie and Melanie will be speaking about low income and homeless housing. |
| 12:00pm | Lunch - Provided by Lil Tiller and Teresa Rosekrans  |

**BIRTHDAYS**

18 Evelyn Fett



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

6  
13  
20  
27

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

6

**COUNTERS**

6 Debbie/Mike  
13 Marsha/Patty M.  
20 Lori/Betty P.  
27 Sara/Diane

**GREETERS**

6 Bob Linrothe  
13 Julie Boggs  
20 Judy Olsen  
27 Marcy Wootan

**HOSPITALITY**

6 AJ Laverty  
13  
20  
27

**LITURGISTS**

6  
13  
20  
27

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

6  
13  
20  
27

**USHERS**

6 Jackie/  
13 Marsha/Mike  
20 AJ/Stephanie  
27 Connie/Larry



**OUR PRAYERS**

- \* Ted & Stephanie's new friend (through driving for ECHHO), who is in the fight of her life and needs prayers for strength, hope and courage to face this journey.
- \* The family of Todd's (Lori's husband) co-worker who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly.
- \* Owen Gilbert, with serious health issues.
- \* Victims of the recent earthquake in Alaska and all people suffering from the effects of natural disasters.
- \* Peace around the world
- \* Stephen's cousin, who has several pins in his neck after a terrible car accident.
- \* Reverend Lindsay who will be having hip replacement surgery soon.
- \* Our national leaders.
- \* People struggling to make ends meet.



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**JANUARY LECTIONARY READINGS**

**January 6**

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

**January 13**

Isaiah 43: 1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8: 14-17  
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

**January 20**

Isaiah 62: 1-5  
Psalm 36: 5-10  
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
John 2: 1-11

**January 27**

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a  
Luke 4: 14-21



**January Church Office Closures**

Church Offices will be closed on:

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Just a few of the many special friends collected for Snuggles for Seniors.

**Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday, January 15th**

**8:00am**



**Local MISSION of the MONTH**

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 2018 and the total amount donated that month:

January:	ECHHO	\$637.00	July:	ECHHO	\$350.00
February:	Food Bank	\$745.50	August:	Food Bank	\$363.00
March:	OlyCAP	\$474.50	September:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
April:	ECHHO	\$355.00	October:	ECHHO	\$350.00
May:	Food Bank	\$429.50	November:	Food Bank	\$530.50
June:	OlyCAP	\$670.00	December:	OlyCAP	\$

**United Methodism 101**

by Reverend Dale Kelley

**What Does it Mean to be a United Methodist??**

How many of us could answer this question in a few short sentences? Or even a few longer ones? Starting at **noon – 1:30 on Tuesday, January 8**, and continuing for the next three Tuesdays, (15, 22, and 29) we will explore a “short course” in what it means to be a United Methodist in today’s world.

To ward off chilly night time driving, we’ll be offering our discussions over a “home-cooked” hot lunch during the week. Beginning on each TUESDAY, Rev. Dale Kelley will be offering an interactive, lively “short series” for folks who may be -

- 1) interested in joining Community UMC ;
- 2) already a member, but would love to know more about our denomination; or
- 3) neither of the above and are just interested in “what the United Methodists are all about, and where we might be headed and what and where we are!”

You just may learn something you never knew before! John Wesley, founder of our denomination was a lively character - often very controversial among his peers, was devoted to mission outreach - and a fiery preacher! I think you’ll like him, and the foundations and principles upon which we United Methodist are built. Materials will be provided at no cost.

If you are interested, we’d love to have you participate with us, **even if you can’t make every class!** To sign up, please call Melanie at the Church Office at 360-379-1579 or email her at cumc@olympus.net.

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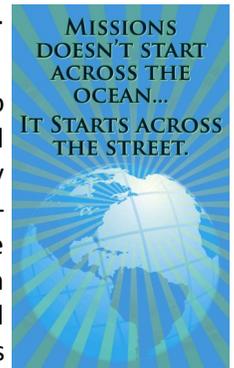
As an example, let me share a text I just got from Betty Prentice, one of our missionaries. Betty has taken on the Quilcene Food Bank for us and has been our liaison asking what they need and listening. She shared that Quilcene had their Christmas Party with 29 families with 52 kids who were all able to receive gifts. Betty reported that all of our hygiene kits, socks, hats and scarves went, along with some other items we donated like stuffed animals and American Girl dolls. Many other people were involved in this event, but the manager told Betty they couldn't have pulled this off without all the support they get from our church. Now, obviously there isn't much of a risk involved in supporting the Quilcene Food Bank, but it does illustrate the fact that we do ask what they need, we do listen, and then we do. Our



spare change Jesus Cup supports them financially each month, our United Methodist Women regularly get together to assemble the hygiene kits (Can you imagine being excited about receiving a hygiene kit for Christmas?), and our Socktober Drive resulted in dozens of donated socks, gloves, scarves and hats. And, we are building a relationship with the people of Quilcene.

The Bishop says that such congregations put forth the effort to see that the people they serve feel respected, confirmed, confident, and blessed, not dependent or helpless or indebted. These congregations do *mission with* people and not *ministry to* them. They don't see service as a one-way street. They don't let the fear of controversy or resistance override their support for ministries of compassion by members called to such work. For these congregations, the spirit of mission unites them rather than divides them.

These congregations don't just promote the highly visible, time-intensive special projects but also provide ways for those who can give a few hours a week to serve. Can you imagine what would happen in this community if just half of our congregation gave just a few hours a week? This is my goal for the coming year, to take the energy we've created and transition it into some more hands-on service. We now have a mission committee that will be assisting me in brainstorming how we can tackle some of the issues we see outside our door. We will look for ways where members can serve an hour or two a week like we are doing now but in a greater and more concentrated manner. For the person who steps forward wanting to serve, there is always a place. So, what's our mission motto for the coming year? **Go and Do!**



Photos of the Sanctuary during the Advent Season.

by Scott Rosekrans

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on Earth peace,  
goodwill towards men.*  
LUKE 2:14



## **From Community United Methodist Church's Centennial Sunday Service July 26, 1992.**

### **AN EARLY HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH**

By Harry C. Francis, Jr. (written circa 1966)

So often we hear from different members of the congregation, "When was the Church first formed and how did it get its name?" I am going to try to answer some of the questions for you.

According to recent research I find that the Chimacum Church goes back to about 1892 at which time there were 19 members. The Church in Hadlock goes back to 1893 with 25 members comprising its congregation. At that time these Churches were known as the Chimacum Methodist Episcopal Church and the Hadlock Methodist Episcopal Church. Three Churches were incorporated January 27, 1902, from Irondale, Hadlock and Chimacum and took the name of Irondale-Hadlock-Chimacum Methodist Episcopal Church.

On August 11, 1905, property was purchased from Samuel Hadlock in Hadlock by the Irondale-Hadlock-Chimacum Methodist Episcopal Church. On November 15, 1905, the Irondale-Hadlock-Chimacum Methodist Episcopal Church deeded property to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Port Hadlock and on November 7, 1955, the Methodist Episcopal Church of Port Hadlock deeded the property to the Community Methodist Church of Chimacum and Hadlock. This was done by re-incorporating the two Churches on May 8, 1955. The papers were signed on May 12, 1955, and this was to be put into effect in the forthcoming Church year beginning June 1956.

This was the beginning of the consolidation of the Hadlock and Chimacum Methodist Episcopal Churches and the new name of Community Methodist Church of Chimacum and Hadlock was then selected, voted on and approved by the congregation of both Churches.

The Women's Society of Christian Concern of both Churches were united to form one Women's Society of Christian Service of the Community Methodist Church in April 1956. A meeting date of the first Thursday of each month was selected.

With the growth of our Sunday School, plans were made and it was decided that the Community Methodist Church would begin its educational unit on the property which we now have in the Chimacum-Hadlock area. The educational unit was started in the Spring of 1959. Plans are now being made for the second unit at the Community Methodist Church.

The main reason for this writing is to emphasize the importance to people who are now misinformed about the history of the name of our Church. The official title is the Community Methodist of Chimacum and Hadlock. This being a community church, drawing in the surrounding area, so designated by the word "community", it is not the Community Methodist Church of Hadlock or the Community Methodist Church of Chimacum. It is known as the Community Methodist Church of Chimacum and Hadlock and all people can feel equal concerning their home of worship.

**OUR PRAYERS**

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- \* God's provision for the homeless and impoverished population of Jefferson County
- \* The Lord's conviction of hearts to give and serve



## Knit & Crochet Group

The Knit & Crochet Group meets in January on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm in the Meditation Room. All are welcome.

# Blood Drive

**Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**11am-5pm**

To make an appointment or for questions about eligibility call 1-800-398-7888 x2.



Did you know that Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County will be building two

houses in Port Hadlock in 2019? The first homeowner has already been chosen but they're accepting applications for the second home to be built. Do you know anyone who should apply?

Would you like to help support volunteers arriving in Port Townsend to help with construction on current homes January 8th-10th? The Bush School in Seattle is sending twelve students and two adults to work on homes for three days and Sara Davis has offered to provide dinner from them on Thursday, January 10th at the church. Can you help out with casseroles or salads? Please contact Sara after January 5th when she's back in town if you'd like to help.

### HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

God calls us to do justice wherever we are. Sometimes justice comes in the form of mental, emotional, physical and spiritual healing through outreach programs, especially for individuals grappling with addiction. Your gift makes change possible.

## Give voice to the VOICELESS.



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The people of The United Methodist Church\*

[www.umcsgiving.org/HRD](http://www.umcsgiving.org/HRD)

Sunday, January 20th is Human Relations Day, a United Methodist Church Special Sunday, and an offering will be collected.

Melanie needs your help! The 2019 volunteer schedule to "Serve in Worship" on Sundays looks mighty bare and needs your name on it! Please contact Melanie at the Church Office as soon as possible to get your name on the following schedules:

- ◆ Altar Flowers
- ◆ Teaching Sunday School
- ◆ Communion Servers
- ◆ Liturgist





# CREATING CONNECTIONS

## Monthly Devotional

*Our Daily Bread, January 1, 2018*

Everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. Ezra 1:5

### Beginning Again

After Christmas festivities conclude at the end of December, my thoughts often turn to the coming year. While my children are out of school and our daily rhythms are slow, I reflect on where the last year has brought me and where I hope the next will take me. Those reflections sometimes come with pain and regret over the mistakes I've made. Yet the prospect of starting a new year fills me with hope and expectancy. I feel I have the opportunity to begin again with a fresh start, no matter what the last year held.

My anticipation of a fresh start pales in comparison to the sense of hope the Israelites must have felt when Cyrus, the king of Persia, released them to return to their homeland in Judah after seventy long years of captivity in Babylon. The previous king, Nebuchadnezzar, had deported the Israelites from their homeland. But the Lord prompted Cyrus to send the captives home to Jerusalem to rebuild God's temple (Ezra 1:2–3). Cyrus also returned to them treasures that had been taken from the temple. Their lives as God's chosen people, in the land God had appointed to them, began afresh after a long season of hardship in Babylon as a consequence for their sin.

No matter what lies in our past, when we confess our sin, God forgives us and gives us a fresh start. What great cause for hope.

By Kirsten Holmberg

*Lord, thank you for grace and forgiveness  
and new beginnings.*

**God's grace offers us fresh starts.**



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**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**

**Sunday School: 10:15 am**

**Fellowship Time: 11:15 am**

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