

CREATING CONNECTIONS



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Community United Methodist Church

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One Size Does Not Fit All

by Scott Rosekrans

As I continue to grow into this job I have come to realize more than ever that one solution or approach doesn't work when individual people come to the church for help. While they all may have that similar basic thread of needing help and not know where to turn, their individual stories can present obstacles and challenges in helping get where they need to go. The ones that come by needing only a gas card because they are out of gas and just need enough to get where they need to go are easy. I can just give them a QFC gift card and their problem is solved. The more difficult ones are those who have no place to go and a \$25.00 QFC card, while gladly accepted, is merely a band aid. It may temporarily cover the wound or stop the bleeding, but it doesn't go very far in the healing process. This is one of the reasons why we support agencies and non-profits like OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program) ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization) the Tri-Area Food Bank, the Quilcene Food Bank, and Bayside Housing and Services. These agencies, along with a few others, give me the resources to refer people to places where they can get some assistance with their bigger problems.



If someone comes into the church looking for assistance, I stop what I'm doing and have them take a seat. I then ask them to tell me what it is they need. Often times, they are just looking for some cash to help them get by. I, of course, tell them we don't have cash on hand but do have gift cards they can use for gas or groceries. I tell them I'm not being nosy but that I have to ask them a few questions as I must be a good steward of the church's money. I then dig deeper into what's going on. If they say they need a ride to the doctor's office, I'll tell them about ECHHO. They may need help with rent or something major and I'll tell them about OlyCAP who helps out with some of the bigger expenses.



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Pastor's Pen

Teresa and I recently returned from a short vacation where we drove to Utah to do some hiking in Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park outside of Moab. If you haven't been there, I highly recommend it. We love a road trip and like to drive. Some people think that's crazy but we enjoy seeing America through the windshield and like to get off the main road to see what you can't see from 30,000 feet. This solitude on the open road gives me plenty of time to clear my mind and do some thinking and, of course, I thought about our church, where we are and where we're heading. I thought about who we are and how would we define ourselves. If you look at church websites you'll see mission statements that hopefully reflect the mission of the church or what it places a high value on. The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our webpage (HadlockChurch.com) says: *We are a welcoming, community-oriented church committed to building lasting relationships and serving others.* Our Facebook page says: *It's not how big the church is at 130 Church Lane, but how big the church is in the community we serve.*

MISSION STATEMENT



I think those two statements pretty much sum up who and what we are. It definitely tells the reader we are into service. But if I was going to put some Biblical authority behind who I think we are it would go something like



this. *Community United Methodist Church is a church that loves God with all its heart and with all its soul and with all its mind and with all its strength, (Mark 12: 30) and loves our neighbors as ourselves. (vs. 31) And because of this abiding love in Jesus Christ we do all we can to take care of his sheep (John 21: 15-17) knowing that whatever we do for one of the least of Jesus' brothers or sisters, we are doing for him. (Matthew 25: 40) We do this because we know that our faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead. (James 3: 17)*

They say that everything a church does should relate directly back to their mission statement. I think if you go back and look at all this church has done and is doing you can easily say that the above mission statement pretty much covers it. As we look to the future and how we will meet the challenges we are presented with we need to ask ourselves if what we do shows our love for God, neighbor, Jesus and the least of our brothers and sisters, and that our faith is visible to all as is evidenced by the actions we take in God's service wherever and whenever and however we can.

Faithfully,

Scott

**Love is Something
You Do**



Matthew 25: 31 - 46

April UMW Event



**Thursday,
April 4th**



- 10:00am Business Meeting**
- 11:00am Program - featuring Henry Jones on "The History of the Bible"**
- 12:00pm Lunch - prepared by AJ Laverty and Pat Chase**



**On Wednesday, March 7, 2019,
UMW Guest Speaker, Sheriff Joe
Nole shared about issues law
enforcement faces in Jefferson
county.**

Photos by Scott Rosekrans



BIRTHDAYS

1 Betty Prentice



ALTAR FLOWERS

7 Lent
 14 Lent
 21 Easter
 28 Diane Johnson

COMMUNION SERVERS

7

COUNTERS

7 Debbie/Mike
 14 Marsha/Patty M.
 21 Betty/Lori
 28 Diane/Sara

GREETERS

7 Bob Linrothe
 14 Julie Boggs
 21 Judy Olsen
 28 Marcy Wootan

HOSPITALITY

7 Bev/Pat
 14 Diane Jensen/
 21 Liz/
 28 Potluck

LITURGISTS

7 Liz Hazen
 14 Marcy Wootan
 21 Mike Perzel
 28 Joan Flowers

SUNDAY SCHOOL

7 Audrey/Larry
 14 Stephen/
 21 Julie/
 28 Kathy/

USHERS

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



OUR PRAYERS

- * Continued prayers for David & Kendra Hermanson for post-transplant healing
- * Kathy's mother-in-law, Shirley, with cancer
- * Marcell's friend who recently had surgery
- * The way forward for the United Methodist Church
- * Peace around the world
- * Our national leaders
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed
- * People searching for work
- * Sue Ernst, in hospice care at Kenmore Senior Living
- * Friends and families of Evelyn Fett and Doreen Spring, who recently passed away



PRAISES

- * Marcell's new grandbaby
- * The church, for helping those in need, including a young couple with little ones whose electricity was going to be turned off

APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS

April 7
 Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

April 14
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47

April 21
 Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
 John 20:1-18

April 28
 Acts 5:27-32
 Psalm 150
 Revelation 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31

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Finance Report for February 2019

Income:

Frontage Rental	\$450.00
Parsonage Rental	1,067.91
Pledges/Non-Pledges	6,524.20
Cash Offering	186.00
Misc. Income	<u>673.86</u>
Total	\$8,901.97

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$1,281.35
Local Ministry	383.84
Utilities/Church Maintenance	1,235.51
Operating Expenses	10,560.05*
Personnel Compensation	<u>5,272.75</u>
Total	\$17,797.99

Surplus/(Deficit) for February 2019 = (\$8,896.02)

(*This amount includes annual one-time payments for insurance and property taxes.)

Local

MISSION
of the
MONTH

2019

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. In 2019 CUMC will begin donating \$100 each month to UMCOR as well to aid in natural disaster relief efforts. Following is the donation schedule for 2019 and the total amount donated each month:

January:	ECHHO	\$350.00
February:	Food Bank	\$
March:	OlyCAP	\$
April:	ECHHO	\$
May:	Food Bank	\$
June:	OlyCAP	\$
July:	ECHHO	\$
August:	Food Bank	\$
September:	OlyCAP	\$
October:	ECHHO	\$
November:	Food Bank	\$
December:	OlyCAP	\$



CHURCH
WORKDAY

Church Work Day

Easter is right around the corner so it's time for our yearly cleaning. Plan on joining us on Saturday, April 6th as we spruce up our grounds and facility for Palm Sunday and Easter. Lunch will be provided. The plan is to begin at 9:00am, work until noon, have lunch and then finish up whatever's left.



Saturday, April 6th at 9am

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If they're in need of food on a more permanent basis, I'll tell them about the Food Bank and even help them fill out a form to present. If they're homeless or about to be homeless, I'll tell them about Bayside Housing and Services and fill out an application to take with them that indicates they've talked to me. I'll ask them if they're working and, if not, what kind of work can they do as, from time to time, I hear of employment opportunities. I then get some contact



information like a phone or address if they have one and we end with a prayer. I thank God for sending them to us and pray for God's help and guidance as they struggle to cope with their situation and then I thank them for coming in and give them one of my pennies with the cross cut out of it as a reminder that they never walk alone. After they've left, I follow up with a personalized hand-written note and enclose a \$10.00 Starbucks gift card telling them to have a cup of coffee on

us. If they don't have a good address I will have offered them a New Testament. If they have a good address, I'll wait a week or two and send them a copy of Eugene Peterson's The Message.

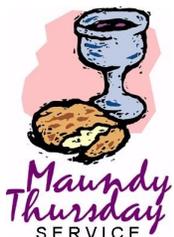
As an example, a lady contacted me in February needing money to repair her vehicle which needed \$900.00 in repairs. I told her we couldn't handle a request that large, but we were good for at least \$100.00 if that would help. Well, she called around and managed to cobble together what it would take, and we sent a check to the repair shop. I then sent her a personalized note thanking her for the opportunity to be of assistance and enclosed one of my pennies and a Starbucks card telling her to have cup of coffee on us. We got a note from her thanking us for the kind donation towards the repairs on her car and that she was enjoying the Starbucks card and the penny. This was more of a one-time fix, but I felt a personal touch was called for on top of just sending a check. People need to know there are people out there who care. What I've learned for those we've helped out finding housing or employment is that it takes time and patience. You can't fix the problem with one or two gift cards. It takes time and effort when you try and help someone up rather than just helping them out.

IN A WORLD FULL OF PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T CARE LESS, BE SOMEONE WHO COULDN'T CARE MORE.
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

I've just started reading another book entitled: Mornings With Bonhoeffer by Donald K. McKim which is 100 reflections on the Christian life. I'm not very far in but one of the things the author said that really resonated was: *The most precious place where God's glory is received is in humans. Human beings are the very mirror of the Creator. We reflect God as a mirror since we are created in the image of God. When people see us, they should be reminded of God—not by how we look but by who we are and what we do. We live for God's glory! Are we a mirror of our Creator to others?* Sometimes, being the answer to someone's prayers takes time, work and prayers. I think that's what we're called to do as a church. One size does not fit all.



Special Worship Services



6:00pm
Thursday, April 18th

6:00pm
Friday, April 19th



Easter Sunday Services

8:00am
Sunday, April 21st
Outdoor Chapel

10:00am
Sunday, April 21st
Church Sanctuary





Reverend Dale Kelley lead the worship service at CUMC on March 10, 2019, the first Sunday in Lent. Betty Prentice (above left) and Joan Flowers (above right) assisted during her sermon. The congregation was delighted with special music by Pamela Roberts on the cello (left) and Sheila Harwood on piano.

Photos by Stephanie Buehler

In Loving Memory of

Evelyn Mae Fett

January 18, 1932 - February 23, 2019



Celebrate the life of Evelyn with family and friends on Sunday, April 28th at the Beach Club in Port Ludlow from 1:30-3:30pm. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served. The family looks forward to hearing your stories about Evelyn.

Violet Doreen Spring

May 28, 1920 - March 4, 2019



A Celebration of Life will be held for Doreen on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00pm at the Port Ludlow Beach Club.

No More Burnt Offerings or Blood Sacrifices!

by Scott Rosekrans

When Jesus bore our sins on the cross almost two thousand years ago, God's requirement for burnt offerings and blood sacrifices became irrelevant. That's good because it was quite an undertaking at the temple and probably quite messy. Well, the tradition of bringing offerings to the alter is alive and well at Community United Methodist Church. I love Sunday mornings because I never know what I will find placed up next to the pulpit. We've had dog food, spare change, egg cartons, dryer lint, pill bottles, socks, hotel soap, underwear and feminine hygiene products to name a few. These are great offerings and pleasing in the sight of the Lord. They are unblemished as they are given out of our love for God and neighbor. The psalmist in Psalm 4: 5, says to offer right sacrifices and trust in the Lord. We gladly bring these offerings knowing that God will show us where they are needed the most. What we do to meet the needs of the least, the last and the lost are being noticed and talked about in a good way. Other people want to know how we do it. Just last Saturday I was approached at Roots and Wings by a young woman who works for the Conference. She's a Facebook friend and has been following what we do on Facebook and was remarking about my recent post on Underweary Month. She knows how small we are and wanted to know what it was we were doing that generated such enthusiasm and buy-in from the congregation. She wants to know our secret and said she'd be calling me soon to pick my brain. Teresa was then contacted by her sister who lives in East Texas wanting to know about our mission efforts. She and some of the ladies at her small church want to do something but don't know where or how to start. So, I've sent her a couple of emails describing what we do and instructing her to start small and simple and watch it grow. This is what the Apostle Paul is telling us to do in Romans 12: 1,2 where he says: *So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patters of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is--what is good and pleasing and mature.* (Common English Bible Translation) Pray for our church, that we be transformed by the renewing of our minds so that we can figure out what it is that God wants from us that is good and pleasing in his sight. See you Sunday!



Recently donated items included a fifty-five pound bag of dogfood for local food banks. Betty Prentice divided the large bag into eighteen gallon-size Ziplock bags and will deliver the bags to the Tri-Area and Quilcene Food Banks this week.

Photos by Scott Rosekrans (above) and Betty Prentice (below).



Henry Jones spoke about the Holy Land at a Sunday evening Lenten Study, after the participants feasted on homemade lentil soup.

Photos by Scott Rosekrans



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship</p> <p>2:00pm Worship Service at Life Care Center 5:00pm Walking with Jesus Lenten Study</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<p>10:30am-12pm Memory Caregiver Support Group</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts</p>	<p>2pm Chicks in Stitches</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)</p> <p>7pm Singers in the Rain Practice (Classroom)</p>	<p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)</p> <p>7:00pm Singers in the Rain Practice (Classroom)</p>	<p>7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)</p> <p>7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)</p>	<p>11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class</p>	<p>8am Men's Breakfast</p>
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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, March 27, 2016

Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe. John 20:27

Easter Start

One detail in the Easter story has always intrigued me. Why did Jesus keep the scars from His crucifixion? Presumably He could have had any resurrected body He wanted, and yet He chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?

I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus (John 20:27). Human beings dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and ideal body shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body. But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin *was* the unnatural state. The scars are a permanent reminder of His days of confinement and suffering on our planet.

From the perspective of heaven, those scars represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe. Even that event, though, turned into a memory. Because of Easter, we can hope that the tears we shed, the struggles we endure, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones—all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. Someday we will have re-created bodies and a re-created heaven and earth (Rev. 21:4). We will have a new start, an Easter start.

Philip Yancey

*Thank You, Lord, for the hope that
the resurrection of Jesus brings —
for now and for eternity.
I put my trust in You today.*



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