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Jesus Interruptus

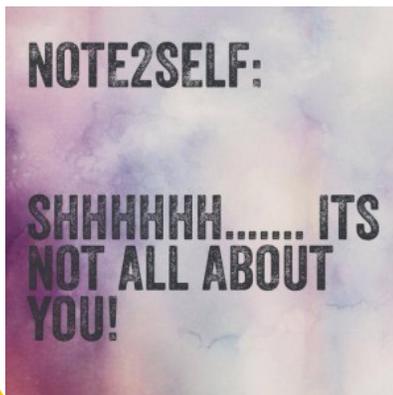
By Scott Rosekrans

I was telling Sue, our new administrative assistant, that the best way to describe this job is by working in between the interruptions. I told her we both show up for work each week with a to-do list of things we much get accomplished during the week. With me, it's cleaning my desk off on Monday morning, rolling change and then figuring out what the topic of next Sunday's sermon will be. Doesn't sound like much for someone who only works one hour a week, but you would be surprised at the interruptions we get during the week with phone calls and drop-ins. If I was a more organized and regimented person these interruptions might be bothersome and even resented, but they're not. Sometimes, Jesus has to interrupt us to get our attention and see to something he needs us to do. Jesus Interruptus.

Attention!

As I have previously mentioned, I'm reading a morning devotional entitled: Mornings With Bonhoeffer, 100 Reflections on the Christian Life, written by Donald K. McKim. I read a selection each morning right after I read The Upper Room. One of the selections I just read was entitled: God's Interruptions. In it, Bonhoeffer says; *We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God, who will thwart our plans and frustrate our ways time and again, even daily, by sending people across our path with their demands and requests.* (A course on Jesus Interruptus should be a part of the Certified Lay

Ministry curriculum.) I've slowly learned to expect and even welcome the interruptions as they are often the reason why we are called to do what we do, minister to the least, the last and the lost. When I start to resent one of these interruptions Jesus gently slaps me upside the head and whispers "dial it down buddy, it's not about you." McKim points out that Bonhoeffer is telling us that we must be ready "to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God" through these other people who need us. Through these interruptions, God is showing us what really matters.



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Jesus: Being for Others

As some of you may know, I'm currently reading another book on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who defied Adolph Hitler and the Nazi Party prior to and during World War Two up until his death at the hands of the Nazis. The book is entitled: Mornings With Bonhoeffer, 100 Reflections on the Christian Life, written by Donald McKim. It's kind of like a morning devotional with some short, reflective readings. Reflection 20 caught my eye, Jesus: Being for Others. From prison on August 3, 1944, he wrote to his friend Eberhard Bethge about an idea he had for a book he wanted to write. One section would deal with "Who is God?" in this outline, Bonhoeffer said; *Jesus' "being-for-others" is the experience of transcendence! Faith is participating in this being of Jesus. Our relationship to God is a new life in "being there for others," through participation in the being of Jesus. The transcendent is not the infinite, unattainable tasks, but the neighbor within reach in any given situation. God in human form*

Well, that really resonated with me, so much so I referenced it in my Easter sermon (Everyone Counts) which you can find on our webpage in the sermon section. Jesus was "the man for others," and by the example of his ministry he has given us a blueprint on how to be "the human being for others." The author, McKim, points out that it is Jesus' "being-for-others" that marks transcendence. God is not remote but rather experienced by faith as one participates in this "being of Jesus." He says new life comes to us as we are "being there for others," reaching out to them in self-giving love. McKim points out that the transcendent is experienced by "being there" for "the neighbor within reach in any given situation. God is in human form!"

I sat back and reflected on how this "being for others" is exhibited by Community United Methodist Church and I immediately thought of our SODS (Somebody Oughta Do Something) mission effort. If nothing else, I thought, our mission effort is definitely focused on "the other." Everything we do, from collecting spare change, to making fire starters and hygiene kits, to special drives like Socktober and Underweary months, to Sunday afternoon concerts raising money for non-profits, to our supporting two Food Banks, and to many other mini-missions that present themselves. There are others, but you get the point. Community couldn't be this engaged if we weren't committed to "being there for others". Bonhoeffer and McKim are right when they say "being there for others" brings new life to a church. We've seen what it has done for our church and I've seen the spirit come alive in individual members when they get involved and engaged in the mission. McKim points out that the church can only truly be the church when it is "for others." This, he says, is life with Christ. The church, he says, by speech and action is "Christ existing as community." I can say, without reservation, that Jesus Christ exists in Community UMC, and CUMC exists in the community.

Faithfully,

Scott



**Another successful work party
to make homemade fire
starters for local food banks to
give out to their clients.**

Photos by Scott Rosekrans



BIRTHDAYS	HOSPITALITY	OUR PRAYERS
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6 Dale Kelley
 11 Gerri Shaw
 13 Gerald Wootan
 15 Stephen Chase
 20 Deborah Shanks
 26 Melanie Rosas

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 23
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- * Jennie & Luke Schield, protection, provision, well-being
- * Michael Swartout's friend, Cathy, healing after back surgery
- * Bear's safety and care
- * Kathy's mother-in-law, healing and provision for lung cancer
- * Lori's mom, healing after a fall
- * Peace and wisdom for national & international leaders
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed
- * People searching for work
- * Friends and families of Sue Ernst, who recently passed away
- * Housing for the homeless



ALTAR FLOWERS

2 Marcy Wootan
 9 Dale/Joan
 16 AJ Laverty
 23 Pat Chase
 30 Liz Hazen

LITURGISTS

2 Stephen Chase
 9 Marcy Wootan
 16 Henry Jones
 23 Jackie Dale
 30 Mike Perzel

COMMUNION SERVERS

2 Debbie Dodd/

SUNDAY SCHOOL

2 Kathy/
 9 Debbie/
 16
 23 Stephen/
 30 Julie/

COUNTERS

2 Debbie/Mike
 9 Marsha/Patty M.
 16 Betty/Lori
 23 Diane/Sara
 30 Marsha/Patty M.

USHERS

2 Jackie/
 9 Marsha/Mike
 16 AJ/Stephanie
 23 Connie/Larry
 30 Cindi/Henry

GREETERS

2 Marcy & Gerry Wootan
 9 Julie Boggs
 16 Judy Olsen
 23 Marcy Wootan
 30 John Sweet

PRAISES

- * Thank you to everyone who made Jennie and Luke feel welcome and loved here

JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS

<u>June 2</u>	<u>June 9</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>June 23</u>	<u>June 30</u>
Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Acts 2:1-12 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	1 Kings 19:1-15a <i>Psalm 42</i> Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 11:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

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Finance Report for April 2019

Income:

Frontage Rental	
Parsonage Rental	1,269.00
Pledges/Non-Pledges	9,258.00
Cash Offering	273.69
Misc. Income	<u>95.71</u>
Total	\$10,896.40

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$1,381.35
Local Ministry	623.23
Utilities/Church Maintenance	
Operating Expenses	9,786.44
Personnel Compensation	<u>5,417.65</u>
Total	\$17,208.65

Surplus/(Deficit) for April 2019 = (\$6,312.25)

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	\$594.50
March:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
April:	ECHHO	\$370.00
May:	Food Bank	\$
June:	OlyCAP	\$
July:	ECHHO	\$
August:	Food Bank	\$
September:	OlyCAP	\$
October:	ECHHO	\$
November:	Food Bank	\$
December:	OlyCAP	\$

In Loving Memory

Sue Ernst



Sue Ernst passed away April 24 at her home in Kenmore, Washington. A Celebration of Life is planned Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. Born in Beckley, West Virginia, Sue was a Pacific Northwesterner since her marriage in 1951. She and Keith retired to Port Ludlow in the early 1980s after raising a family and running a construction business in Seattle. Widowed in 1987, she was an active community volunteer and served in numerous roles at the church and with United Methodist Women.



***A delicious Easter
breakfast hosted by the
UMW to celebrate Jesus'
resurrection.***

Photos by Scott Rosekrans





A Sacred Dance on
Easter Sunday by Kathy
Anderson (right) and
Debbie Rogers (left).

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What matters the most to God is that we are attentive to his work and our parts in meeting those needs. McKim says that if we are too busy to be interrupted by God, we're too busy. We're missing the sign of the cross in our lives, absolutizing our own desires and plans. We must be ready to experience divine interruptions to follow God's way.

In another offering by Bonhoeffer, he says that God speaks to us from every human being; the other person. He says that God's claim on us is made in the wanderer on the street, the beggar at the door, the sick person at the door of the church, though certainly no less in every person near to us, in every person with whom we are together daily. McKim observes that these encounters energize our human relationships because in the "other" we receive God's appeal to us. In the other, we all see the face of Jesus. Jesus encounters us in "one of the least of these," and in all persons.

I think we get this at Community UMC as is evidenced by our many mini-missions and other outreaches. As we are doing what we believe we are led to do, Jesus interrupts us and points us in another direction. The more we do, the more He finds for us to do. What a great time to be where we are and whose we are.





There was a benefit concert on May 5th, featuring Singers in the Rain and Sigrid Cummings. All proceeds benefited Bayside Housing and Services in Port Hadlock.

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June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 2pm Celebration of Life for Sue Ernst	3 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	4 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7pm Singers in the Rain Practice	5 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	6 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	7 8am Men's Breakfast	1 8
9 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	10 10:30am-12pm Memory Caregiver Support Group	11 2pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7pm Singers in the Rain Practice	12 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	13 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	14 PNW UMC Annual Conference in Puyallup, WA	15
16 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Peace with Justice Sunday (special offering)</i>	17 Newsletter Articles Due	18 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7:00pm Singers in the Rain Practice	19 6pm Maundy Thursday Service 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	20 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	21	22
23 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	24 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	25 2pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7:00pm Singers in the Rain Practice	26 11am-5pm Blood Drive	27 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	28 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	29
30 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship						

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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, August 14, 2016

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:8

Your Father Knows

I was only four years old as I lay by my father on a floor mat on a hot summer night. (My mother, with a baby, had her own room at the time.) This was in northern Ghana where the climate is mostly dry. Sweat covered my body, and the heat parched my throat. I felt so thirsty I shook my father awake. In the middle of that dry night, he rose up and poured water from a jar for me to quench my thirst. Throughout my life, as he did that night, he exemplified the image of a caring father. He provided what I needed.

Some people may not have a good father figure in their lives. But we all have a Father who is strong and ever-present and who does not disappoint us. Jesus taught us to pray to “our Father in heaven” (Matt. 6:9). He told us that when our daily needs confront us—food, clothing, shelter, protection (v. 31)—“your Father knows what you need before you ask him” (v. 8).

We have a Father who is always there. Night or day, whenever the going gets tough, we can trust that He will never abandon us. He has promised to care for us, and He knows better than we do what we need.

Lawrence Darmani

*Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of coming to You as my Father.
You know my needs before I even ask.
Thank you that you never turn me away.*

Your loving heavenly Father never takes His eyes off you.



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