

CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of
Community United Methodist Church September 2019

Helping Hands to Anchorage, Alaska

By Dale Kelley

In mid-August, seven of our hearty CUMC members packed their “gear” and headed to Anchorage, Alaska to work with Turnagain United Methodist Church in repairing some damage their church sustained from their last AK earthquake in November 2018.

On the weekend that began our M-F “work week”, we toured some of the amazing sights of the area. We started with a Tram ride into the 7 Glaciers area at the Alyeska Ski Resort. We also took a tour of the Wild Animal Sanctuary at Portage, located 40 miles south of Anchorage. We enjoyed spectacular scenery and weather, which gratefully lasted all week !

Our work consisted of replacing 6 major posts and the roof holding up an extended breezeway entry into the church, plus repairs in hallways, classrooms and doorways that needed spackling and repainting.

Our group consisted of Pastor Scott Rosekrans, John Sweet, Betty Prentice, Dale Kelley, Joan Flowers, and Don and Judy Olsen. The guys worked alongside several Alaskan church members replacing the breezeway posts and putting on a new roof. Dale and Betty did the inside repairing and painting. Meanwhile Joan and Judy prepared 3 wonderful meals a day for “all hands on deck”!

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Midweek, the Anchorage church folks treated us to an “over the top” sumptuous Alaskan BBQ of Moose, Caribou, Reindeer, Salmon and Halibut! All was amazingly delicious, topped off with scrumptious home-made wild blueberry and native low-bush cranberry pies and other goodies!

All in all, it was a wonderful and rewarding week of a job well done, with new friendships created and celebrated by all! We were energized by the experience and after some rest and reminiscing we all decided we just might be ready to go again to the “next place the need calls” – and invite the rest of you to go along !

Volunteers in Mission go to Turnagain UMC

By Scott Rosekrans



The first week of August several hearty missionaries from our church flew to Anchorage to spend a week at Turnagain United Methodist Church to help them with some repairs and painting. Accompanying me on the trip were Dale Kelley, Joan Flowers, John Sweet, Betty Prentice, Judy Olsen and Don Olsen. Dale previously was a pastor at Turnagain and Joan Flowers, Betty and Gene Prentice were members until settling here on the Olympic Peninsula. The ladies went to work on the inside putting up some much-needed fresh paint on some well used areas. We know what a fresh coat of paint can do. John, Don and I, along with a few of the men from Turnagain worked all week outside replacing some support posts that had finally rotted out on the bottom and then constructed a pitched metal roof over their covered walkway to keep the snow from piling up. We had a great time and met some wonderful people and they even let me preach the first Sunday I was there. Dale led communion and Betty and John sang in the choir. One of the many highlights of the trip was a Wednesday evening barbeque they held in our honor. I got to sample moose burgers, a moose steak, halibut, caribou and reindeer. We're already looking for another trip to take next year. Won't you consider joining us?



Saving Starfish

After a big storm a man went walking on the beach to survey the damage. Off in the distance he saw two children running back and forth from the beach down to the water and then back up the beach feverishly repeating the cycle. As he got closer, he could see that they were picking objects up and throwing them in the water. When he got to where they were, he saw that they were picking up starfish and throwing them back in the ocean. He asked them what they were doing, and they responded; “saving starfish.” He told them there were just too many, the storm had been too great, and that they weren’t making a difference, it didn’t matter, to which they responded; “It matters to this one.”

Somewhere in our community, our state, our country, our world a storm has hit, upsetting the lives of maybe just one person, their family, or a whole community. It may be a personal storm that has devastated that person’s life or the lives of their loved ones or it could be some sort of natural disaster such as a fire, a flood, or a hurricane. The pieces have to be put back together but, due to the devastation, the pieces may be scattered all over the beach. Some pieces may be lost forever. That’s where we as a church, as Christians, come in. Our job is to help others get off the beach. And that’s what we do with our mission focus. Often times, it may seem like the storm has done irreparable damage and no-matter what we do, it won’t make a difference, we must remember that our acts of human kindness and compassion make a difference in that one person’s life, or with the help of other like-minded Christians in the lives of a devastated community or country.

Our community, like many communities in our wonderful country, have countless people whose lives have been upended by their own personal storm. They’re hungry or homeless or unemployed and stranded on the beach. The money and volunteer hours we give to the food banks makes a difference. The individual bags of bean soup mix make a difference to that hungry person. The fire starters make a difference to those who live outdoors. The hygiene kits we’ve assembled and sent to Texas make a difference to those who just want to clean themselves up. The money we send to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) and ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization) and OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program) make a difference. Our many mini-missions are designed to generate interest and awareness in the individual plights of the least, the lost and the last and do make a difference to them even if it is just a pair of new socks.

Our efforts have not gone unnoticed as we have earned the reputation of being “that church” who helps those people. Your time, your talents and your tithes are very important to helping us be a shining light in the darkness and in truly spreading the love of Christ. We have a lot of work to do and there are so many storms with more on the horizon. My prayer, and your prayer, is that more people will take notice of the storms and go to the beach to make a difference because it does matter.

Faithfully,

Scott



Magic Beans

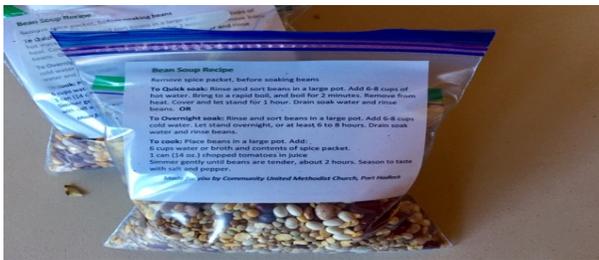
by PNW Conference

By Scott W. Rosekrans

We have magic beans. And, no, we didn't trade our piano to get these magic beans. Like many churches, we actively support our local food banks with donations of food, cash, and other items. In doing so, we've stumbled into another opportunity to help the food bank serve their clients.

The food banks get a lot of beans in bulk, which is excellent. But the problem is that few of the clients want beans in bulk, especially if they live alone. Out of this problem of overabundance, we came up with a novel idea.

The food bank gives us their beans, and we make individual packets of beans for soup. We mix the several types of beans and add in a spice packet. Our local food co-op sells us the spices at cost. We include a bean soup recipe and instructions on how to cook them. We get together for bean soup-making parties, and our last two endeavors have produced over four hundred individual bags of soup.



We distribute our bags to three of the four food banks in Jefferson County, and they can't keep them on the shelves. I had an elderly couple in the office recently seeking some assistance. After we visited and addressed their financial issue, I offered them a bag of soup mix. His eyes lit up, and he exclaimed that he had gotten some at the food bank, and it sure was good.

What we've come to learn is that God will send your church the people and supplies necessary so you can meet the needs of God's neglected and underserved children so that you can give them this day their daily bread.

It's not what we think you need; it's what you know you need. We've discovered that if we ask the food banks and others what it is they need, they will gladly tell us. We bring the request back to our congregation and out of nowhere, the resources appear.

If you're looking for an extremely low-cost mission, this is it. Our out-of-pocket costs are the Zip-Lock bags, the spices and the paper for the recipe. What you receive in return is priceless.

See, the beans really are magical.

Scott Rosekrans serves as pastor to the people of Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock, Washington.

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OUR MUSICAL MISSION FIELD

By Scott Rosekrans

It appears that we may have stumbled into a niche with our music ministry. We've discovered that there is a Sunday afternoon audience for live music as has been evidenced by our impromptu Sunday afternoon concerts. People really turn out, especially if the concert is connected to a good cause. A couple of months ago, our very own Sheila Harwood and Pam Roberts formed a trio with Pam's husband Howard naming themselves Fauna Vivace and performed some amazing classical music. The concert was to benefit the new Recovery Café located in Port Townsend. We managed to raise just over \$1,300.00 in one afternoon which will go a long way towards the repairs and remodeling they have planned for their building. Then, in August, we hosted a concert to help raise money for the Quilcene Food Bank building fund featuring music by Rhythm Ride and took in over \$1,500.00 at the door. With additional donations from church members and other pledges we were just short of \$6,000.00. Of course, all of this wouldn't be possible without the help of our many volunteers who meet and greet our guest and provide refreshments. We'll be looking for other groups who would like to assist us in our fundraising efforts so watch for future concerts.



Fauna Vivace



Pictures by Scott Rosekrans



Rhythm Ride

“The Faith We Sing”

By Hazel Johnson

Scott and I have been talking about the congregational singing. It was fun to hear you learn the August hymn of the month, a round, and sing it in two parts. The Faith We Sing has other songs with additional parts that are not very difficult.

If you have a favorite song you would like to share with others, please let me know. We could schedule it as a hymn of the month. In September, the hymn of the month will be a Methodist hymn by Charles Wesley, number 96. If you already know it, please sing out and lead the congregation as they learn it.

We have been discussing a time for anyone interested to rehearse, with the goal of enhancing the congregational singing. We would rehearse (1) a couple of new Christmas Carols in preparation for the Christmas season, (2) another communion setting that would eventually be used for communion, (3) the hymn of the month and (4) any unfamiliar hymn scheduled for use in a service. In addition, we could learn the extra parts from The Faith We Sing. These parts are not difficult and would add a fullness and lovely harmony to the songs. There are some music/singing details I would be interested in teaching as I think they would help the congregational singing.

We talked about doing this music rehearsal from 9:00 – 9:45 am on the Sundays I play, which are the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. We realize this conflicts with the learning circle. A couple of possibilities we discussed were (1) people can choose between going to the learning circle or to the music rehearsal, or (2) alternate weeks between “learning” and “singing”. The schedule would need to be adjusted a bit to match the weeks I am playing.

Most of all, we want to hear from you. Are you interested in a music group, learning songs to support the hymns and other service music? If you are, or even if you are not, what are your thoughts about scheduling?

Thank you very much. It's a privilege to provide music for your service. I grew up in a church with a lot of music and what you sing is very familiar to me.



Pictures by Scott Rosekrans





Habitat for Humanity. Last Tuesday (8/27/2019) eight of us prepared and served lunch to the Habitat workers and staff at the job site located in Port Hadlock. We grilled Wesley burgers (not quite to perfection, but close) and provided all the fixings plus some salads. They were very appreciative and it was a pleasure and honor to serve the workers. Thanks to Don Olsen, John Sweet, Dale Kelley, Joan Flowers, Betty Prentice, Debbie Dodd and Patty Miller for helping and being a part of the Methodist "infestation."



Providing "Wesley" burgers for the Habitat for Humanity workers and staff.

BEAN SOUP PROJECT

Bean Soup Project. Join us tomorrow (Thursday) at 10:00 a.m. to make bean soup packets for distribution to the food bank. So far we've made over 400 individual packets and expect to make another 200 tomorrow.

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Ecumenical Hygiene Kit Making Project

Ecumenical hygiene kit making project. We were joined by some of the ladies from Peace Lutheran Church, Port Ludlow in assembling over 60 kits which will be sent to two organizations in Texas that distributes them to migrants released from detention facilities. Thanks to Peace Lutheran for joining us.



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Joan Flowers
- 15 Lori Oberlander
- 18 Doris Unruh
- 20 Rubie Horton
- 23 Lil Tiller
- 27 Julie Boggs
- 27 Leona Long
- 30 Dick Shuff

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 1 Liz Hazen
- 8 Marcy Wootan
- 15 Billie Fitch
- 22 Pat Chase
- 29

COMMUNION SERVERS

- 1
- 8
- 15
- 22
- 29

COUNTERS

- 1 Debbie/Mike
- 8 Diane/Patty M.
- 15 Betty/Lori
- 22 Diane/Sara
- 29 Betty/Lori

GREETERS

- 1 Bob Linrothe
- 8 Julie Boggs
- 15 Judy Olsen
- 22 Marc Wootan
- 29 John Sweet

HOSPITALITY

- 1
- 8 Teresa, Betty, Lori
- 15
- 22
- 29 Potluck

LITURGISTS

- 1 Bill Metzger
- 8 Jackie Dale
- 15 Stephen Chase
- 22 Diane Johnson
- 29 Marcy Wootan

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 1 Stephan
- 8 Julie
- 15 Kathy A./
- 22 Debbie D.
- 29 Audrey & Larry S.

USHERS

- 1 Jackie D./
- 8 Marsha/Mike
- 15 AJ/Stephanie B.
- 22
- 29 Cindi/Henry

OUR PRAYERS

- * For Don's friend Helen to be healed soon. Also for Chris to heal.
- * For all the blood donors at our last blood drive.
- * For Shirley, Angie, and Bobby to get better soon.
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.
- * Peace and wisdom for national & international leaders
- * For Nancy's mother, son and friend, Bev, lots of healing.
- * For Bobbie to be cared for and make right choices. 
- * For Peace on Earth!
- * Pray for Janet that she heal completely.
- * For Heidi that she be healthy and have a place to live.
- * For Teresa and family to be surrounded with love in her time of loss of her aunt.

PRAISES

Praise of thanksgiving for Pat's stained glass book, she is thankful for her friends at this church.

SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

September 1

- Jeremiah 2:4-13
- Psalm 81:1,10-16
- Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
- Luke 14:1,7-14

September 8

- Jeremiah 18:1-11
- Psalm 139:1-6,13-18
- Philemon 1-21
- Luke 14:25-33

September 15

- Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28
- Psalm 14
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-10

September 22

- Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
- Psalm 79:1-9, Psalm 4
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Luke 16:1-13

September 29

- Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15
- Psalm 91:16,14-16
- 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Luke 16:19-31

Finance Report for June 2019

Income:

Frontage Rental	450.00
Parsonage Rental	1,269.40
Pledges/Non-Pledges	10,069.00
Cash Offering	305.00

Misc. Income	<u>111.07</u>
Total	\$ 12,204.47

Expenses:

Apportionments	1,281.35
Local Ministry, Conference	494.72
Utilities/Church Maintenance	525.05
Operating Expenses	416.67

Payroll and Taxes	<u>6,931.36</u>
Total	\$ 9,649.15

Surplus/(Deficit) for June 2019 = \$2,555.32



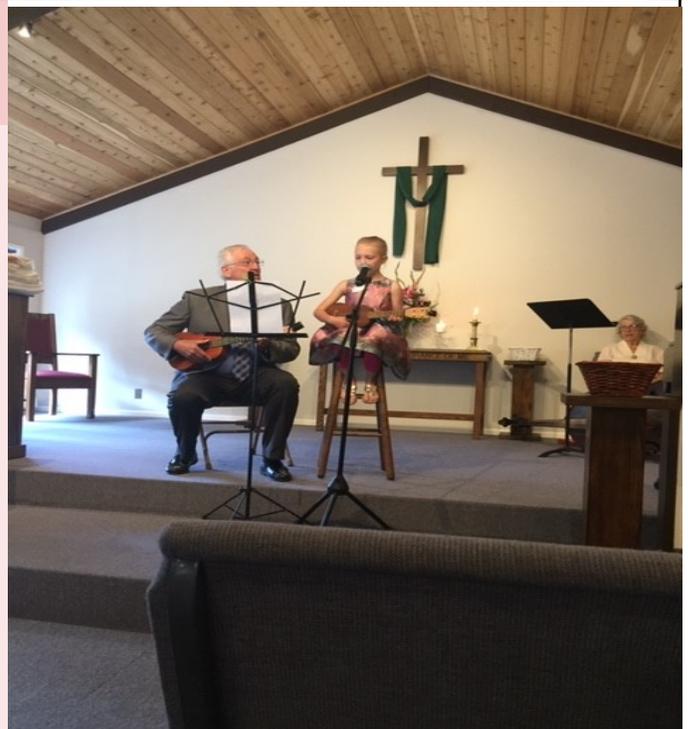
2019

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	\$350.00
June:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
July:	ECHHO	\$350.00
August:	Food Bank	\$350.00
September:	OlyCAP	\$
October:	ECHHO	\$
November:	Food Bank	\$
December:	OlyCAP	\$

This Little Light of Mine

“This Little Light of Mine” ukulele duet by Eva and Gramps.



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship MISSION MEETING after church	2 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	3 Singers in the Rain Re-hearsal 7pm	4 WMMW Business Meeting, 10am 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	5 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	6 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	7 Singers in the Rain Re-hearsal
8 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship MISSION MEETING after church	9 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	10 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) Chicks In Stitches, 2pm Singers in the Rain Re-hearsal 7pm	11 Finance/Admin. Council Meetings 5-7 pm, 6pm is potluck 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	12 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	13 Singers in the Rain Re-hearsal	14 8:00am Mens Breakfast
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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, February 24th, 2019

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. [Psalm 104:24](#)

My life often feels frenzied and hectic. I hurry from one appointment to the next, returning phone calls and checking items off my seemingly infinite to-do list while on my way. Out of sheer exhaustion one Sunday, I collapsed into the hammock in our backyard. My phone was inside, as were my children and husband. At first I planned to sit for just a moment or two, but in the undistracted stillness, I began to notice things that invited me to linger longer. I could hear the creak of the hammock swinging gently, the buzz of a bee in the nearby lavender, and the flap of a bird's wings overhead. The sky was a brilliant blue, and the clouds moved on the wind.

I found myself moved to tears in response to all God had made. When I slowed long enough to take in the many wonderful things within my eyesight and earshot, I was stirred to worship in gratitude for God's creative power. The writer of Psalm 104 was equally humbled by the work of God's hands, noting "you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor" (v. 13 NLT).

In the midst of a harried life, a quiet moment can remind us of God's creative might! He surrounds us with evidence of His power and tenderness; He made both the high mountains and branches for birds. "In wisdom [He] made them all" (v. 24).

Kirsten Holmberg

Reflect & Pray

Lord, Your creation amazes me. You made all things through Your limitless power, inviting us to enjoy the beauty You've surrounded us with. Help me to notice Your works and worship You in quiet moments.



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