

CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of
Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen



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Are You Looking for a Ministry?

Believe it or not, church just doesn't magically happen each week. There are a lot of moving parts, especially in a church as active as ours. It goes without saying that we couldn't do all that we do without the hard work and dedication of some very committed Christians, people who feel called to what they are doing and don't consider it a chore. Being a part of what we are doing in Jesus' name is very satisfying and rewarding and can actually be considered a ministry.

Now don't panic, I'm not asking you to become a minister and get up on Sunday morning and preach, unless you want to, of course. If you want to go top down that is actually a great place to start. Like me, you could take a Certified Lay Ministry course and be the first kid on your block to get your own church. You can also take classes on becoming a Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Speaker. All three are a commitment and, if you are interested, I can talk to you privately. More realistically, there are many other positions of church leadership that could use your skills. In November we will be having our annual Charge Conference where we will have to submit our Lay Leadership Report to the District Superintendent for approval.

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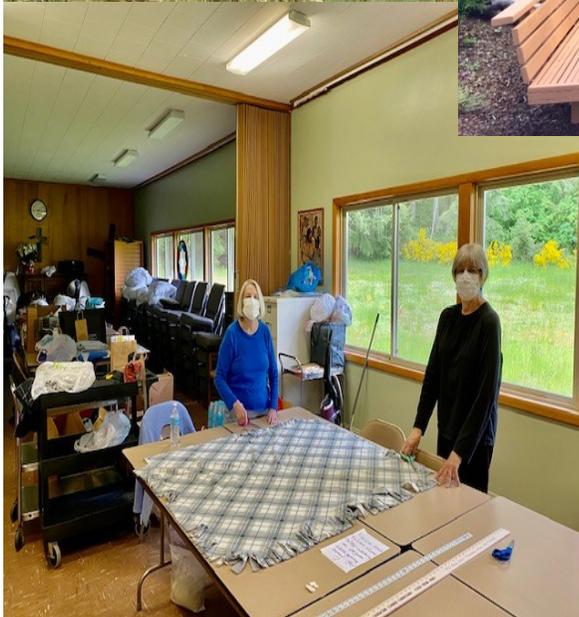
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Church leadership includes such committees as Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations, and the Committee on Lay Leadership. Additionally, there are other positions that are essential to what we do such as Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Finance Chair, Lay Leader, Lay Member to the Annual Conference, Stewardship Chair, and Membership Chair to name a few. We also have some great committees that provide excellent opportunities for some hands-on service such as Hospitality, Worship, and Missions. None of them are overly time consuming. And we have other mini-ministries that are just begging for a little attention such as weed pulling, dusting, sanctuary maintenance, window cleaning, and general upkeep for those looking for a simple way to serve that really does enhance the worship experience.

With the hard work and dedication of many we are slowly moving out of our COVID restrictions and limitations into a new way of doing things and we really need folks who are ready and willing to step up as we continue to grow into the kind of church God needs us to be right here and right now. If you are feeling called to get involved, we want to hear from you.

Faithfully,
Scott



Photos by Teresa and Scott



Habitat for Humanity[®] of East Jefferson County

Permanently Affordable Housing Community in Port Hadlock

Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County purchased a 17-acre parcel of land located on Mason Street near the public library and primary school in Port Hadlock. The land will be dedicated to permanently affordable, mixed-income housing.

Jefferson Community Foundation (JCF) was instrumental in enabling this to happen. Members of the community brought this project to JCF and Habitat, asking the organizations to become involved in creating affordable housing on this parcel of land. In turn, the organizations are reaching out to the community to listen to what the hopes and needs are and, in collaboration, will make the vision for an affordable housing neighborhood a reality.

Over time, Habitat will be formalizing more communications around the Mason Street initiative. If you have specific questions about the project, email Genevieve Peterson, marketing and communications manager, at genevieve@habitajtejc.com.

HOW GREAT THOUGH ART



Photos by Scott Rosekrans

Special treat today at church, July 31, 2022. Buck Ellard performed and Kathy Anderson danced to “How Great Though Art”.

Ministry Survey

Has God blessed you with special skills or talents that you want to share?

Do you feel called to serve?

Is God calling you to serve at church?

What do you enjoy doing?

Administration and researching	<input type="radio"/>
Shopping and looking for bargains.	<input type="radio"/>
Being creative	<input type="radio"/>
Being positive/cheer leading	<input type="radio"/>
Bookkeeping/Accounting	<input type="radio"/>
Brainstorming	<input type="radio"/>
Carpentry, handyman, painting and mechanically inclined.	<input type="radio"/>
Cleaning and clearing clutter	<input type="radio"/>
Coaching, advising, and encouraging	<input type="radio"/>
Collaboration with others	<input type="radio"/>
Cooking and baking, sewing	<input type="radio"/>
Decorating	<input type="radio"/>
Finances	<input type="radio"/>
Fund Raising	<input type="radio"/>
Gardening, landscaping	<input type="radio"/>
Keeping the sanctuary in order	<input type="radio"/>

Lay Ministry	<input type="radio"/>
Leadership	<input type="radio"/>
Listening and patience	<input type="radio"/>
Music, playing instruments, singing	<input type="radio"/>
Pastoral Support and Personnel	<input type="radio"/>
Planning, organizing, and discerning.	<input type="radio"/>
Quality Control/Auditing	<input type="radio"/>
Researching	<input type="radio"/>
Reviewing details and evaluating	<input type="radio"/>
Concerned about safety	<input type="radio"/>
Small group discussion	<input type="radio"/>
Solving problems	<input type="radio"/>
Welcoming and greeting people	<input type="radio"/>
Working with children	<input type="radio"/>
Worship experience and praying	<input type="radio"/>
Technology/Web design	<input type="radio"/>
Writing thank you notes	<input type="radio"/>

I have other skills to share _____

Name _____ Date _____

****Please turn your ministry survey into Scott or Lori or mail to the church ****



By Diane Jensen

United Women of Faith will have its kick-off meeting on **Thursday, September 1, at 10:00 a.m.** This will be a **potluck picnic** at the **Nordland Garden** Club on Marrowstone Island. Devotions will be given by Marsha Hammacher and Marcy Wootan will give a demonstration of flower arranging. Please bring a dish to share as well as your ideas for programs and projects that you would like to see presented. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar now. Let me know if you need a ride for this event.

And, please let me know if you wish to join me for a trip to Coupeville on **Saturday, September 10th** for the Puget Sound Missional District Annual Meeting. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. and includes a salad lunch (\$10.00). I have the registration forms now - the registration deadline is September 3rd.

FAITH -

At our heart and in our soul, we are a faith-driven organization. Our beliefs bring us together. And our spirituality pushes us to do more. Join us to boldly live your faith and connect to something bigger.

ACTIONS -

Our actions have always spoken as loud as our words. Acts of love. Acts of faith. Acts of change. For more than 150 years, our members have been showing up and getting things done. Together, we're making the world a better place: locally, globally, fearlessly.



The small group study about neighboring has completed the first three weeks of Lab 1 and are ready to reflect on and learn about abundance.

In September the Neighboring team will be reflecting on the material in Lab 1, week 4, 5, and 6.

Small group reflections are held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room of the Church.

- September 1, 2022 - Week 4 – we will be discussing the ingredient of abundance through Generosity. We will be invited to consider an experiment with generosity of time or resources.
- September 8, 2022 - Week 5 - we will be discussing and reflecting about the giftedness of the people around us.
- September 15, 2022 - Week 6 - Celebration! We will be celebrating the completion of Lab 1 with a time to celebrate and reflect on what we have learned and experimented with the first lab.

If you would like to be involved with discussions, please email Lori at Lori.obe@q.com and I can send materials in advance of the weekly lab.

If you have missed any small group sessions, that is okay because we can get you caught up easily.

Mark your Calendars

Next in person Workshop is October 15, 2022

from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Edmonds United Methodist Church located at 828 Caspers Street in Edmonds.

We look forward completing lab 1 together in September and embracing lab 2 in October. Join us!



What does the Church Council do anyway?

By Lori Oberlander

You may be wondering: what does the Church Council do? Who are they? How do I get involved?

The duties of the Church Council are:

- Fostering awareness of the role of laity both within the congregation and through the ministries of the church.
- Meet regularly to discuss with the Pastor the state of the church and the needs for ministry.
- Identifying and supporting lay leaders in the following roles: Finance, Nominations, Leadership Development, Pastor-Parish Relations, Stewardship, Trustees (building and grounds). and the ministries of the church.
- Develop and update the mission and vision of the church.
- Develop church ministries that support the mission and vision of the church.
- Providing opportunities for congregation to serve in ministries of the church.
- Seeking, evaluating, discerning, and welcoming new opportunities to effectively minister to the community through the congregation.
- Keep the congregation informed about training opportunities provided through the annual conference and other training opportunities. If you enjoy getting a solid understanding of the inner workings of the church, planning, and organizing, consider serving on the Ad Council Board.

For more information contact Lori Oberlander or Pastor Scott.





Have you ever wondered how the church operates?

Have you ever wondered about how the church is organized, who makes decisions about the missions we undertake, what we do during the service, and who decides how we spend our money?

That is the purpose of the Administrative Council otherwise know as the Ad Council. The Ad Council includes leaders from key committees such as: Treasurer, Finance, Staff-Parish, Trustees, Worship, Ministries, and Nominating.

The primary role of the Ad Council is:

- Planning and implementing a program to nurture, outreach and witness for people and families both inside and outside the church.
- Providing effective pastoral and lay leadership.
- Provide financial support of the physical facilities and the legal obligations of the church.
- Utilize appropriate relationships and resources of the district and annual conference.
- Providing for proper creation, maintenance and disposition of documentary records and other important documentation of the church.
- Seek inclusiveness in all aspects of life.

The Ad Council is responsible for organizing and preparing for the Annual Charge Conference, identifying, and developing Lay Leaders, ensuring the safety of volunteers, congregants, and children, and providing training as needed.

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THAT CHURCH!



FOOD PANTRY

We are running low. The number of customers is rising along with food prices in the stores!



Just a few of the many fans you have donated to help keep our tiny home residents cool.

CUMC GENERAL STORE SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS

Cans of fruit 14-16 oz size
 Spaghettios/Ravioli 14-16 oz size
 Spam Regular & low sodium
 Protein Bars
 Coffee 1g (we will rebag)
 Diapers - childrens all sizes
 Cat Food (we will rebag)
 Sheets - all sizes
 Crackers



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	\$ 500.00
February	Food Bank	\$ 500.00
March	OlyCAP	\$ 500.00
April	ECHHO	\$ 500.00
May	Food Bank	\$ 500.00
June	OlyCAP	\$ 500.00
July	ECHHO	\$ 500.00
August	Food Bank	\$
September	OlyCAP	\$
October	ECHHO	\$
November	Food Bank	\$
December	OlyCAP	\$

2022

FINANCE REPORT

By Larry Jensen

2022 July Year to Date		07/31/22
Income		\$78,949.53
Pledges & Identifiable Donors	\$68,229.20	
Other Income	\$10,720.33	
Expenses		\$77,287.76
Apportionments	\$10,074.26	
Local Program Ministry	\$7,024.91	
Operating Expenses	\$29,762.29	
Personnel Expenses	\$30,426.30	
Difference		\$1,661.77

BIRTHDAYS	HOSPITALITY	OUR PRAYERS
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2 Joan Flowers
 15 Lori Oberlander
 18 Doris Unruh
 23 Lil Tiller
 27 Julie Boggs
 27 Leona Long

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- * For the homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.
- * For Peace on Earth!
- * For wisdom for our leaders.
- * For employment for people struggling to find meaningful work.
- * For Healing and provisions for those who are suffering with COVID-19.
- * For protection of the medical front-line workers who are caring for patients with COVID-19 and variants.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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LITURGISTS

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COMMUNION SERVERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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COUNTERS

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USHERS

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GREETERS

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September LECTIONARY READINGS

September 4

Jer 18:1-11
 Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18
 Philem 1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

September 11

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28
 Ps 14
 1 Tim 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

September 18

Jer 8: 18—9:1
 Ps 79:1-9 or Ps 4
 1 Tim 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13

September 25

Jer 32: 1-3a, 6-15
 Ps 91: 106, 14-16
 1 Tim 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31

Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name

A Christmas Visitor

[Psalms 103:13](#)

August 18, 2022

By [Marvin Williams](#)

After eight-year-old Gabriel underwent surgery to remove a tumor from his brain, it left a noticeable scar on the side of his head. When the boy said he felt like a monster, his dad, Josh, had an idea: demonstrate how much he loved his son by getting a tattoo on the side of his head with the same shape as Gabriel's scar.

According to the psalmist, this is the kind of empathic and compassionate love God has for "his children" ([Psalms 103:13](#)). Using a metaphor drawn from human life, David illustrated God's love. He said it's as tender as a good father's care for his children (v. 17). Just as a human father shows compassion to his children, so God, our heavenly Father, shows love and care toward those who fear Him. He's a compassionate father, who empathizes with His people.

When we're weak and feel like we're unlovable because of the scars of life, may we receive, by faith, our heavenly Father's love toward us. He demonstrated His compassion by sending his Son to lay "down his life for us" ([1 John 3:16](#))—for our salvation. With this one act, not only can we experience God's love for us, but we can look to the cross and see it. Aren't you glad that we have a High Priest who can "empathize with our weaknesses" ([Hebrews 4:15](#))? He has the scars to prove it.



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Being the Somebodies Who Do Something in Jesus' Name

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Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

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