



CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church

April 2017

MISSION *of the* MONTH

CUMC supports three local missions: 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. Following is the donation schedule for 2017 and the total amount donated that month (if applicable):

January: ECHHO \$100

February: Food Bank \$125

March: OlyCAP

April: ECHHO

May: Food Bank

June: OlyCAP

July: ECHHO

August: Food Bank

September: OlyCAP

October: ECHHO

November: Food Bank

December: OlyCAP

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missions
our backyard and beyond



Pastor's Pen



"You Are Now Entering The Mission Field". I really like that sign and, like your previous pastors, get a lot of positive feedback from people who visit and see it on their way out. Hopefully, when you read the sign you get the same positive feeling and give some thought as to how we are engaging the mission field. Community United Methodist Church has a rich tradition and history in mission field engagement through the Food Bank, affordable housing, the homeless shelter and many other endeavors over the years. Our efforts don't end there. We have a continuing obligation to seek out areas that need our attention. On Sunday, March 12th I preached a sermon on rebirth and part of the message touched on our obligations as Christians in combatting evil, injustice and oppression. I informed the congregation that our Book of Discipline speaks of a "new life in Christ" and describes it as our "Christian experience." The BOD says that our Christian experience gives us new eyes to see the living truth in Scripture. It confirms the biblical message for our present and illumines our understanding of God and creation. Furthermore, it motivates us to make sensitive and moral judgments. (BOD p.85) This is our calling as Christians and United Methodists. To do what we can and then do more.

When I was introduced to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee by our District Superintendent Daniel Foster almost a year ago I was asked what I saw as possible missions I would want to explore as the new pastor. I explained that my experience over the past six years as county prosecutor gave me insight into some of the issues directly impacting our county. I told them I would like to explore a jail ministry, reach out to the substance abuse community and see what we could do to address hunger and homelessness. Not surprisingly, these concerns are concerns of CUMC.

So how are we doing so far? I haven't exactly started a jail ministry but I have talked with the Sheriff and his Jail Administrator. More importantly, through my contacts in the substance abuse community, I have helped a young man gain entrance to the jail so he can start some meetings. I haven't connected with the alcohol and substance abuse community like I envisioned but God has provided a different avenue that touches more lives than I could in several years. Word has gotten out that we are receptive to helping those struggling with alcohol and substance abuse and we are now hosting two Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and two Narcotics Anonymous meetings along with Al-Anon which has met here for several years. Space locally for such meetings is difficult to find and the groups are very grateful for the opportunity to use our facilities. This fits in nicely with the United Methodist position on Alcohol and Other Drugs found in our Book of Discipline, Social Principles, paragraph 162 L.

Additionally, one of my goals as pastor was to find at least three local missions we could actively support with our prayers, time and tithes. I made a presentation to the Administrative Council in February which was approved whereby we send \$100.00 a month to one of three designated organizations. I recommended the Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO), the Food Bank and the Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP). We agreed that these three entities did a lot locally and were programs that we should support. We are not limited to just \$100.00 a month. If you want to give more personally you can put your contribution in an envelope and place it in the collection plate on any given Sunday with the designation as to where you want it to go. For January we sent ECHHO \$100.00. In February we sent the Food Bank \$125.00 and so far, in March, we've collected \$308.00 for OlyCAP. We designated our Ash Wednesday offering to OlyCAP which was \$208.00. For the month of April we are back to ECHHO. At the suggestion of the Worship Committee I have placed a Spare Change for Lent cup on our coffee bar like we did between Thanksgiving and Christmas. So far we've collected \$16.67 in loose change and small bills in one week which will be added to our \$100.00 check to ECHHO. So, in three months, we've sent \$533.00 to these entities in our effort to assist them in helping those in need. Your contributions, no matter the amount, add up and make a difference.

What we really need now is a Missions Coordinator to assist in helping these entities and others who need our help. Not only do these groups need our monetary help they have opportunities to volunteer. Please pray on this and if you feel called to get involved as our coordinator please let me know. Maybe you would like to do it with another church member. No problem! The more the merrier.

As I said last week during the service while I was reading off some of the announcements, there is a lot going on in this church and I truly believe we can make a difference in our community.

Peace be with you.

Scott

From the Trustees

The appearance of our church is possibly the most important part of attracting new members. To this end we need one or more volunteers to take care of the gardens surrounding the building. The work would include weeding, planting, seasonal annuals, dead heading old blossoms, and in general making it look nice.

Bernita Butler has done this work with little to no fanfare for many years (with lots of help from Norma) but recently Bernita left our congregation to join her daughter at Irondale Church. She will be missed but her dedication to our gardens must remain. The alternative is to hire a professional gardener which is not currently in our budget. Who will step forward?

Hank Hazen, Chair
Trustees Committee



Church Work Day April 1st

Spring is finally here and Easter is April 16th. We need your help to spruce up the buildings and grounds. Please join us on Saturday, April 1st from 9am-3pm for the church work day. Lunch will be provided.



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UMW Meeting, April 6th @ 10 AM

Our meeting this month will feature Sara Davis who will talk about our local chapter of Rotary. We have asked her to inform us of the mission of Rotary, and how their branch fulfills this.

M

(We trust you have seen the American flags they put out on major Federal holidays.)

W

Our hostess this month is AJ. Please bring a sandwich for lunch.

Please bring some canned tuna fish for our Food Bank donation.



Crossroads 2017

Where Art & The Passion Meet

Based in the ancient tradition of the Stations of the Cross, local arts portray the events between the arrest and the burial of Jesus of Nazareth in a contemplative setting.

Please join us for a time of reflection and remembrance each evening at 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on April 13, 14 and 15 at First Baptist Church, 1202 Lawrence St, Uptown Port Townsend.

Finance Report through February 2017

Income:

Pledges	\$15,195
Non Pledge Gifts	4,565
Cash Offering	912
Misc. Income	<u>(80)</u>
Total	\$20,592

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$2,777
Local Ministry	194
Operating Expenses	8,588
Parsonage Maintenance	250
Personnel Compensation	<u>11,885</u>
Total	\$23,694

Surplus/(Deficit) as of February 28, 2017 = **(\$3,102)**

BIRTHDAYS

8 Patti Clarke
22 Sylvia Aluzas

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

2 Dianne/Gladys
9 Julie/Barbara
16 Stephen/
23 Audrey/Larry
30 Kathy/Hank

HOSPITALITY

2 Norma/
9
16
23
30 Sara/

GREETERS

2 Bob Linrothe
9 Julie Boggs
16 Jana Finlay
23 Marcia Wootan
30 Dianne Maynard

USHERS

2 Betty/Jackie
9 Norma/
16 AJ/Orene
23 Connie/Larry
30 AJ/Orene

LITURGISTS

2 Marcia Wootan
9 Stephen Chase
16 Nancy McDaniel
23 Hank Hazen
30 Jackie Dale

ALTAR FLOWERS

2 Lent
9 Lent
16 Easter
23 Diane Johnson
30 Liz Hazen

OUR PRAYERS

- * Sue Ernst, complete recovery from shingles
- * Brian and Lindsey, Lori's coworkers, having problems at work and home
- * Bud's friend Mack, recovering from heart surgery
- * Family and friends of Shirley Browning who recently passed away
- * Patty Belmont, struggling with MS and is in hospice, pray also for her family
- * Bud's son, Ray, with family matters and his mother has Parkinson's.
- * Margie Webb, surgery recovery for neck
- * Bev Rothenborg, gall bladder surgery recovery
- * Jodie Mack, tough pregnancy due to medical conditions
- * Anyone seeking better work
- * Luke Schield, being bullied at school
- * Jenny Schield, wisdom to help Luke and good support



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APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS**April 2**

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 9

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 17:11-54

April 16

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

April 23

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

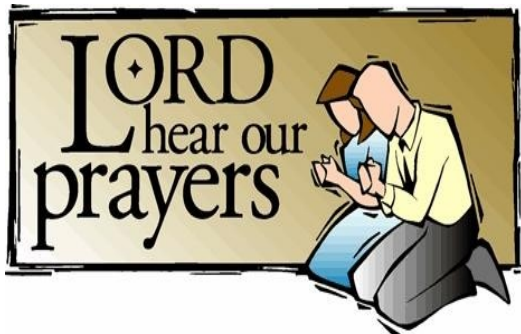
April 30

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

OUR PRAYERS

Prayer Requests Continued...

- * Foster families, struggling with complex issues. Thanks to all who open their homes to children needing a loving family.
- * Victims of terrorism
- * Law enforcement personnel
- * The homeless, hungry, unemployed and our military.
- * Our Country - heal divisions and unite us; wisdom, compassion and understanding for leaders



Another round of the Strengthening Families Program

Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:00pm

April 20th - May 25th

Want to enhance your
communication skills and
strengthen your family?



Parents, Caregivers
and **Youth aged 10-14**

Join us for **FREE Dinner and Youth/Parent**
& **Family Workshops** during
Thursday sessions, Apr 20 — May 25, 5:30-8pm

Learn and practice
how to **listen**,
be **assertive, redirect**,
use **I-statements, praise**, and more!



Childcare for younger
children upon request

Call or email to join now! 8 Family Limit
Dr. Denise Banker, 360-385-9438,
dbanker@co.jefferson.wa.us

Event Location: **Community United Methodist**
130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock, WA

CHIMACUM PREVENTION COALITION
Uniting kids, families and agencies in support of healthy youth in Chimacum

Jefferson County 4-H
Washington State University Extension

SEASIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock, WA



Does anyone have a gently used vacuum to donate to the church?
Ask Peter for details.

April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:30-6:30pm NA Meeting
5th Sunday in Lent 2 8:45 Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	3 1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	4 10 am Worship Committee Meeting 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	5 10 - 11:30am Y Empowering Women Class 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting 6 & 7pm Soup Supper & Service at Irondale Church	6 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting	7 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	8 5:30-6:30pm NA Meeting
Passion/Palm Sunday 9 8:45 Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	10 1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	11 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	12 10 - 11:30am Y Empowering Women Class 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting 6 & 7pm Soup Supper & Service at Irondale Church	13 Holy Thursday 4-8pm Stations of the Cross @ First Baptist Church PT 7pm Holy Thursday Service 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting	14 Good Friday 4-8pm Stations of the Cross @ First Baptist Church PT 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	15 Holy Saturday 8am Men's Breakfast 4-8pm Stations of the Cross @ First Baptist Church PT 5:30-6:30pm NA Meeting
7:30-9pm NA Meeting						
Easter 16 8:45 Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	17 1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	18 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	19 10 - 11:30am Y Empowering Women Class 5:30pm Dinner for Ad Council & Finance Comm. 7pm Joint Comm. Meeting 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	20 5:30-8pm Strengthening Families Program 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting	21 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	22 9am-4pm Jefferson County 4H Council Leaders' Retreat 5:30-6:30pm NA Meeting
7:30-9pm NA Meeting						
23 8:45 Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	24 1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	25 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	26 World Malaria Day 10 - 11:30am Y Empowering Women Class 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	27 5:30-8pm Strengthening Families Program 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting	28 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	29 5:30-6:30pm NA Meeting
Native American Ministries 30 Sunday Offering						
8:45 Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship 7:30-9pm NA Meeting						

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Monthly Devotional

The Upper Room, April 3rd, 2012

Surprised?

The one consistent element in the gospel accounts of that first Easter morning is that everyone was surprised. No one expected an empty tomb, much less the presence of the risen Christ. The women who came to the tomb had good reason to be surprised. They had watched Jesus die. They had seen his bloody, lifeless body taken off the cross. They had followed Joseph to the tomb. They had heard the heavy thud of the stone that was rolled in front of the opening. They knew Jesus was dead.

The only way to feel the surprise of resurrection is to face the reality of death. The only way to be prepared for Easter morning is to experience the emotion and events of Holy Week.

As a pastor, I've discovered that I don't need to encourage people to be in worship on Easter Sunday. But each year I find myself doing everything I can to encourage people to be here on Maundy Thursday when we join Jesus and his disciples for the Last Supper and Good Friday when we experience the darkness that fell over the earth when Jesus died. Once we have followed the way that leads to the cross, we can better experience the surprise of Easter morning.

James A. Harnish (Florida, USA)

O God, thank you for the glorious surprise of Easter.

Thank you for the love we see in Jesus Christ.

Amen.



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