



CREATING CONNECTIONS

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Community United Methodist Church

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In July of 2014 western Washington suffered one of the worst fires in Washington State history. The Carlton Complex fire destroyed 312 homes and the Okanogan Complex fire burned hundreds of thousands of acres and destroyed 188 additional homes. The United Methodist Church has been heavily involved in the long term recovery and rebuilding effort. During phase one and two, 30 houses were

funded and rebuilt. The plans to rebuild 30 more houses in phase three and four will begin once funding is secured. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provided a major amount of funding for phases one and two. The average cost to rebuild a house is \$90,000.00 which includes site development, permit fees, and materials.

So, what can we at Community United Methodist Church do to help you ask? Well, the good news is that this issue was discussed at our last Administrative Council meeting. It was raised by Lori Oberlander who is very passionate about doing something to help out. We voted unanimously to raise some funds as soon as possible. The motion was made to match whatever the congregation raised up to \$500.00 as a way to contribute as a church to the relief effort. So here's the plan: I was going to put a coffee cup out the first of August running up to Labor Day and call it Putting Your Spare Change to Work for Jesus. So start saving your spare change to put in the cup every Sunday in August. Additionally, you can make individual contributions to the church that we will put in a designated fund and in September we'll add it all up and the church will match the amount up to \$500.00. I am very confident we can send them a check for well over a thousand dollars.

I am very excited about this mission project as it demonstrates that we are expanding our mission efforts. We are really engaged locally and people in the community are taking notice and want to be a part of what we are doing to reach the least, the last and the lost. This is so Wesleyan!

For more information on Rebuild: Up From the Ashes go to: pnwumc.org, click on the Ministries tab and then click on Rebuild: Up From the Ashes.

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REBUILD

Pastor's Pen

Well, a year has come and gone and we're still here! I don't know if you were nervous, but I sure was. I truly appreciate the congregation giving me a chance. I can only imagine the reservations that you had. After all, you were going from a fulltime, ordained minister to a part time, certified lay pastor who was getting his first assignment. What could possibly go wrong?



There are several reasons why we're still here a year later. First, and most importantly, I was assigned to a church that was not in crisis like many other churches. The congregation was unified and the roots of your faith ran deep. Second, your church leadership want Community to thrive and be a relevant force for Christ. They've been very helpful and supportive. Third, even though I didn't go to seminary I have had some pretty good on-the-job training at my past churches. Sitting

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out in the congregation for the last several decades I have come to appreciate what resonates with people and what tunes them out. I have a willingness to try different things and to listen to the people who make the effort to come and listen to me on Sunday mornings. Lastly, I believe in keeping things simple. Every job I've had has had one basic principle and, I've found that if you keep that principle at the forefront you can't go wrong. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is pretty simple and John Wesley said to preach the Gospel at every opportunity.

I preached a sermon on Sunday, July 16th entitled: Weed and Feed which was about the four different kinds of soil the farmer (God) encountered when he went out to scatter seed (the Word). The Word, the spirit of truth, only grows and produces a bountiful harvest if it is planted in good soil, not packed down and free of rocks and weeds. I think what we've done here at Community over the past twelve months is to work our soil where it has become more fertile soil that is receptive



to those who want to put down some roots and grow with us. I'm referring to those folks who have visited us on more than one occasion and have put their roots down with us. They like what we have to offer and want very much to be a part of our church family.



So, a continued goal for our second year is to work the soil some more and as word spreads about the exciting things that are going on here at Community more will come wanting to put their roots down in our soil where we can nurture them with the Word and continue our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Yours in Service,

Scott



TRANSFORMATION

UMW Picnic

Thursday, August 3rd

11:00am-2:00pm at the home of Gladys Heinzinger

85 Heinzinger Rd., Nordland

Hostesses: Bev Rothenborg
Betty Harmon

Come and help plan for a new year in beautiful surroundings. If you need a ride or directions call Bev (360-437-0505) or Betty (360-437-7980).



Margaret Matheson

June 2, 1930 - May 18, 2017

by Bob Linrothe



I met with several church members after services on July 16th to discuss the passing of long-time member and leader Margaret Matheson. We all agreed we would like to do something to memorialize Margaret's service to this church and our community. I agreed to chair a committee to consider ways to develop a suitable memorial in her honor.

If you knew Margaret and would like to participate in developing a plan to remember her by, there will be a short meeting after the service on August 6th in the Library to discuss how we might proceed. Be thinking of this and bring your ideas to our informal meeting or contact me personally at 360-437-0407.

I believe it is important that we acknowledge our love of Margaret and her love for us and this, her church.



John Wesley wrote the following in his *Advice to the People Called Methodists*, Works 8:352

By Methodist I mean, a people who profess to pursue (in whatsoever measure they have attained) holiness of heart and life, inward and outward conformity in all things to the revealed will of God; who place religion in an uniform resemblance of the great object of it; in a steady imitation of Him they worship, in all his imitable perfections; more particularly, in justice, mercy, and truth, or universal love filling the heart, and governing the life.



LIFE CARE CENTER OF PORT TOWNSEND

Life Care Center Worship Service
Sunday, August 13th at 2:00pm

Bayside Housing & Services

By Stephanie Buehler

As a follow-up to last month's article, this is a reminder of our partnership with Bayside Housing & Services, the organization operating out of the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock, helping those who are either homeless, at risk of becoming homeless or are living in substandard conditions. My husband, Ted, and I recently met with Chris Bailey who is CUMC's contact for donations to Bayside. Chris said that, on average, they are placing one of their guests in an upgraded and independent living situation every two months. What is always needed is furniture: tables, chairs, lamps, with an emphasis on beds. We have an opportunity to assist them whenever we, or our neighbors, have any of these items looking for a new home. Or perhaps you simply find a great deal at a garage sale or thrift store. In addition, they could use microwaves of any size to outfit all of their transitional rooms. Are you perhaps replacing yours or have a friend who might be? And they could use a full-size refrigerator for their common room. You may contact Chris at 360-301-6052 to make arrangements to drop off. In some cases Chris is available to pick up your items. They do not have storage available, so please do not simply drop off your items. We will be keeping you updated via this newsletter.



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 \$373

April: ECHHO \$501.57 (Wow!)

May: Food Bank \$235

June: OlyCAP \$108

July: ECHHO

August: Food Bank

September: OlyCAP

October: ECHHO

November: Food Bank

December: OlyCAP

Called TO Serve

Finance Report through June 2017

Income:

Pledges	\$41,771
Non Pledge Gifts	10,030
Cash Offering	2,385
Misc. Income	<u>2,380</u>
Total	\$56,566

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$8,330
Local Ministry	995
Designated Giving	610
Operating Expenses	12,747
Parsonage Maintenance	250
Personnel Compensation	<u>33,240</u>
Total	\$56,172

Surplus/(Deficit) as of June 30, 2017 = **\$394**

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Daniel Paterson
 2 David Hermanson
 12 Marcy Wootan
 18 Lois Hansen
 18 Bev Rothenborg
 19 Pat Chase
 20 Glenn Davis
 25 Teresa Rosekrans
 31 Jim Dodd

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 6 Dianne/Gladys
 13 Julie/
 20 Stephen
 27 Kathy/Hank

HOSPITALITY

- 6 Nancy/
 13 Teresa/Lil/Rubie
 20
 27 Orene/AJ

GREETERS

- 6 Bob Linrothe
 13 Julie Boggs
 20 Dianne Maynard
 27 Marcy Wootan

USHERS

- 6 Betty /Jackie
 13 Norma/Bernita
 20 AJ/Orene
 27 Larry/Connie

LITURGISTS

- 6 Sara Davis
 13 Betty Harmon
 20 Dianne Maynard
 27 Billie Fitch

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 6 Billie Fitch
 13 Marcy Wootan
 20 Orene Udd
 27 AJ Laverty

OUR PRAYERS

- * Friends and family of Jana Finlay who recently passed away
- * Friends and family of Doreen Spring's daughter Jan, who recently passed away
- * Bev's friend Bryan, in hospice, and his caregiver Gary
- * A neighbor, Joanne, in hospice care
- * Kathy's son Jeremy, having car troubles
- * AJ's friend, Dixie Osborn, recently diagnosed with PML (infection of central nervous system), very rare and no cure
- * Jim & Pat Ryan
- * Lisa Wentworth's son, battling drug addiction
- * Cynthia Blacketor, quick recovery for broken humorous
- * Ada Kornmeyer, quick recovery for arm injury due to a fall
- * Law enforcement personnel
- * Victims of terrorism
- * The homeless, hungry, unemployed and our military.

**AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS****July 6**

Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm 17:1-7, 15
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

July 13

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
 Romans 10:5-15
 Matthew 14:22-33

July 20

Genesis 45:1-15
 Psalm 133
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
 Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

July 27

Exodus 1:8-2:10
 Psalm 124
 Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20

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Joint Church Picnic

July 9, 2017

What a day we had! If you missed it you missed a great day of Christian fellowship and celebration with our brothers and sisters from Trinity United Methodist Church. We began the day with a service in our outdoor chapel which was nicely decorated setting the proper tone for the service. A rough headcount indicates that we had 57 in attendance for the service which is about what we are currently averaging in our indoor services. After the service we set up tables and chairs in the chapel where we could dine out of the sun. Trinity began arriving just about the time the burgers and dogs were ready. We had three full tables of covered dishes, salads and deserts. Amazingly, there was room for all and I don't think anyone left hungry. The music began at 1:00 p.m. with the music team and I singing three gospel favorites. We then turned the music over to the two bands who, by all accounts, were crowd pleasers. The purpose of the concert was to raise funds for the Food Bank and the Center Valley Animal Rescue Center. We collected cash and check donations, non-perishable food items and pet food. We collected \$847.00 with \$569.50 going to Center Valley and \$277.50 going to the Food Bank. We collected 320 pounds of pet food which we split three ways between Center Valley, Tri-Area Food Bank and Quilcene-Brinnon Food Bank. All-in-all, a very successful day, especially when you consider that many in attendance didn't attend either church. I am confident we made a favorable impression and hopefully planted some seeds.



Additional photos of the picnic are online at www.hadlockchurch.com.

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am Worship Committee Meeting	2 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class	3 11am-2pm UMW Picnic	4	5
		5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	5-6:30pm AA Meeting	
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Monthly Devotional

The Upper Room, April 4th, 1998

[Jesus] said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? . . . She has anointed my feet with ointment." Luke 7:44, 46 (NRSV)

Given

We peeped into the tattered offering basket. Mother brought it home each week after services at our small mission church. There, glowing on top of all the gifts, lay a bright orange lollipop! Its fruity smell had me drooling. "Can I have it? Ple-e-ase?"

"Oh no!" she laughed. "Someone gave this to Jesus!"

In central Africa back then, a lollipop was an extravagant gift. Still, some generous youngster had decided to give it to God.

Africans judge wealth by real possessions, not paper money, so it was not uncommon for things other than money to be placed in the offering basket. Though some people dropped in small coins, others offered dried ears of corn, a small bowl of peanuts, or two eggs. (But only one lollipop-ever.) And when the collection basket was being passed, the church always sang exuberantly. The hymns rang so loudly that the bats hiding among the spider webs in the thatched roof were upset and dogs trying to nap in the aisle left. Offering time was a picture of joyful giving that I will never forget.

These people showed me that our gifts to God are not to be evaluated by their monetary value. We delight God when we give what has meaning for us personally.

Roy Merritt (Kalomo, Zambia)

PRAYER: Lord, help us to hold loosely material things and to give ourselves to you and your people. Amen.
God loves a cheerful giver.



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