



# CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church

January 2017

## A great big welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Melanie Rosas!

Melanie grew up in this area and graduated from Chimacum High School in the early 90's (last name of Klatt at that time). She then went to Central Washington University in Ellensburg (Go Wildcats!) and earned her undergraduate degree in teaching. After teaching full time in California for a few years she decided that teaching wasn't what she wanted to do long term so after trying out many different hats, has since concluded that administration and customer service are her niche. She really enjoys helping others and so she's very thankful she'll get the opportunity to work and help out at CUMC.

Melanie has been married to her husband Jason for about five years. They got married on 11-11-11! They both love kids and are just starting their family through the great adventure of foster adopting two little girls (sisters, ages 5 and 9) from the foster care system. The girls have been with them since mid-August this year and the adoption is scheduled to be finalized in February 2017. They are also the proud parents of a furry "child" named CG who is a Pomeranian/Cocker Spaniel mix and full of personality.



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I would like to thank everyone at CUMC for making my 6+ years as your Administrative Assistant a pleasure. Most of the time I didn't even think I was working - I was just having fun doing things I enjoy with people I love and respect. I'm going to miss seeing all of you during the work week and I know I'll miss the sense of accomplishment I felt upon completing my various tasks. In the words of Bob Hope "thanks for the memories". *Jana*



By the time you read this I will have completed my first six months as your pastor. I can say without reservation that the folks at Community have really gone out of their way to make me and Teresa feel welcome and a part of the church family. Thank you so much.

I've had several people come to me and comment that it looks like I am having fun up there behind the pulpit. I am, I really am. One of the books I read in anticipation of my appointment to a church was entitled: *The Necessary Nine, Things Effective Pastors Do Differently*". Chapter Nine is: Have Some Fun. (I plan on rereading the book later this month to make sure I am working on the other eight.) I truly want people to come to church expecting to hear a good message, hear some good music, sing some meaningful hymns, be around warm and friendly people, feel the love and the Holy Spirit and go home fulfilled and anxious to come back next Sunday. We want our visitors to feel the same thing. This is a job or better yet a calling for all of us each-and-every Sunday.

I told our District Superintendent that my main goal was not to scatter the flock. So far, so good, so as the new year begins we need to focus on the work of the church (to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world) and our plans for growth and missions. We have some good people rotating off committees and we are thankful for all their hard work. We also have some great people rotating on to fill these positions and we will be meeting to strategize on our short-term and long-term goals. I see exciting times ahead as we move to remain a relevant presence in a world that is constantly changing and in need of stabilization. Community, with the help of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, can provide that stabilization.

Continue to pray for me as I learn the ins and outs of being a shepherd of God's flock. Pray for your church leaders as they make the tough decisions that will help us move forward in a positive manner. Lastly, and most importantly, come and join in on the fun!

Faithfully,

Scott



## Adult Study Group

Hello all. I wanted to let you know that we have decided to suspend our weekly study group until the 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

Recently we started a new study that includes a video presentation followed by a discussion about "How Jesus Became God". It is part of a series called The Great Courses. The presentation is very insightful and thought-provoking – and there is no reading involved.

If you haven't been to the Sunday morning adult study group in a while, I invite you to come on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January to experience this excellent study first-hand. Because we don't want anyone to miss any of this study about Jesus, we have decided to start from the beginning of the course January 8.

Mark your calendars to join us on January 8 at 8:45 am to watch and discuss this most intriguing study of "How Jesus Became God". Hank will be leading the first session January 8 at 8:45 am. I will look forward to seeing you all.

Lori

## THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU

Norma Brewer and Dianne Maynard deserve a round of applause from all of us. They tackled the clean-up of the classroom and did a great job! There is now room to move around and the clutter has been abated. It looks great!



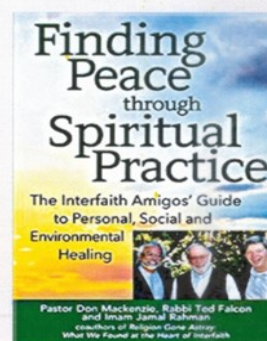
## INTERFAITH AMIGOS SPIRITUAL READ

Join a church discussion group for a January-February Interfaith Amigos Spiritual Read about justice and environmental issues of our time. Small groups in neighborhoods, churches, spiritual groups, retirement communities and libraries will discuss *Finding Peace through Spiritual Healing, The Interfaith Amigos' Guide to Personal, Social and Environmental Healing*.

The authors – an Islamic Imam, Christian Pastor and Jewish Rabbi – will appear February 12, 2-3:30 PM, at Port Townsend High School.



Imam Jamal Rahman, Pastor Dave Brown and Rabbi Ted Falcon, left to right



Our church 10-week Spiritual Read will meet weekly on a day and time that works for interested participants. It is not too early to sign up! Contact Pastor Scott if you are interested.

Go to the website for detailed information:

[spiritualread.org](http://spiritualread.org)

## UMW

January 5, 2017 UMW Meeting

Happy New Year! We will hold our first meeting of the year on January 5, starting at 10:00.

We will do our start up activities: installation of officers by AJ, approval of budget, and set up for events during the year. We will also give our pledges to UMW for our mission donations.

Please bring a remembrance of your holiday activities for our sharing time.

Bring a sandwich and share a special dessert by Barbara

## CUMC Blood Drive Wed. January 4, 2017

Your blood donation can save a life!  
Help ensure this precious resource is available for ill and injured people in our community by giving blood.



Our next CUMC blood drive is **Wednesday, January 4, 2017**.  
**Bloodworks Northwest** (formerly Puget Sound Blood Center) will be here from 11 am to 5 pm with a break from 1—1:45 pm.

Stop by if you can! As always, we'll have plenty of freshly baked cookies!

For an appointment, log on to [www.bloodworksnw.org](http://www.bloodworksnw.org) or phone 1.800.398.7888.

### Finance Report through November 30, 2016

#### Income

Pledges	\$72,089
Non Pledge Gifts	21,534
Cash Offering	3,453
Misc. Income	<u>2,950</u>

**Total \$100,026**

#### Expenses:

Apportionments	\$16,809
Local Ministry	2,222
Operating Exp.	17,566
Personnel Comp.	<u>66,585</u>

**Total \$101,126**

Surplus as of November 30, 2016 = **\$637**

**BIRTHDAYS****January**

- 4** Barbara Adams  
**23** Sue Ernst

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 1** Kathy/Hank  
**8** Debbie/  
**15** Dianne/Gladys  
**22** Julie/Barb  
**29** Stephen/

**HOSPITALITY**

- 1**  
**8** Debbie Dodd  
**15** Norma/Bernita  
**22** Bev/Sue  
**29**

**GREETERS**

- 1** Dianne Maynard  
**8** Julie Boggs  
**15** Jana Finlay  
**22** Marcia Wootan  
**29** Dianne Maynard

**USHERS**

- 1** Jackie/Betty  
**8** Norma/Bernita  
**15** AJ/Orene  
**22** Connie/Larry  
**29** AJ/Orene

**LITURGISTS**

- 1** Marcia Wootan  
**8** Steve Chase  
**15** Nancy McDaniel  
**22** Jackie Dale  
**29** Hank Hazen

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- 1** Poinsettias  
**8** Marcia Wootan  
**15** Orene Udd  
**22** AJ Laverty  
**29** Leona Long

**OUR PRAYERS**

Patti and Dick Shuff  
 Brian, Lori's coworker  
 Bob & Margaret Matheson  
 Jeremy Anderson  
 Doris Tyler  
 Family of Laura Stevenson  
 Family of Linda Tudor  
 Victims of terrorism  
 Law enforcement personnel  
 The homeless, hungry, unemployed, and our military.  
 For our nation as we move forward after the election

**JANUARY LECTONARY READINGS****January 1**

Isaiah 63:7-9  
 Psalm 148  
 Hebrews 2:10-18  
 Matthew 2:13-23

**January 15**

Isaiah 49:1-7  
 Psalm 40:1-11  
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
 John 1:29-42

**January 6**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Matthew 2:1-12

**January 22**

Isaiah 9:1-4  
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
 Matthew 4:12-23

**January 8**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 10:34-43  
 Matthew 3:13-17

**January 29**

Micah 6:1-8  
 Psalm 15  
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
 Matthew 5:1-2

### **Who is UMW and what do they do?**

United Methodist Women is a group of very active, lovely ladies that are very busy during the year doing mission projects and providing services for the Church family.

Our budgeted mission items include donations to: Chimacum schools, Tacoma Community House, Dove House, Christmas for children, Backpacks for Kids, Y-summer literacy program, Food Bank, World Thank Offering, and this year gifts in memory for Marilyn Linrothe, Jean Straub, and Alice Guthrie.

Our Sunshine person (AJ) sends cards to members and friends who are ill or who have had a death in the family.

During the year, we have mission projects that include making valentines for every woman in the church, assembling goodie bags for the food bank (not candy), and donating personal toiletry items for distribution at The Boiler Room.

We hosted the senior dinner for Chimacum high school 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. (We've been doing this for 70+ years!) We also donated \$250 beyond our budgeted donation for school supplies for disadvantaged children at Chimacum Elementary School.

UMW provides coffee and goodies for funerals.

Our group has had many interesting speakers during the year including Guardian Ad Litem program, Nancy McDaniel and her history book, Amy Howard from The Boiler Room, learning about the safe sanctuary program, and we have attended other UMW's in the area for special programs. There is also time for caring and sharing, especially after the sandwich lunch and delicious dessert!

We are always open to welcoming new members. Please speak to our officers: Barbara Sexauer, Sue Ernst, Marcy Wootan, Gladys Heinzinger or AJ Laverty, or any of our members.

***Make a difference- Join UMW!***



### **Alternative Christmas 2016 Report**

Thank you to all those who participated in Alternative Christmas for 2016. Our donations will be much appreciated. The following amounts will be forwarded by our church this year:

UMCOR	\$350
Heifer Project	\$390
UGN	\$130
ECHHO	<u>\$430</u>
Total	\$1300

Thank you for your continued generosity.



# January, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Epiphany Sunday</b> 10 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	2	10 am Worship Committee 10 am	10 - 11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class 11 am—5 pm Blood Drive	10 am UMW		5:30 pm NA Meets
8:45 Adult Study Group 10 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	9	10	10 - 11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class			5:30 pm NA Meets
<b>Human Relations Day</b> 8:45 Adult Study Group 10 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b> Office Closed	Newsletter articles due	10 - 11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class 7 pm Ad Council			8 am Men's Break-fast 5:30 pm NA Meets
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## Monthly Devotional

from the *Upper Room*, August 25, 2011

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:112:13 (NRSV)*

Read: Psalm 18:1-19

### New Lenses

Some days ago I was wakened suddenly. The ground was shaking. It continued to move so violently and for so long that I got out of bed, realizing that this was an earthquake. My husband and son did the same. We had never been in a situation like this, and all we could think to do was to cover ourselves and to huddle together. We were totally helpless before the power of nature, and we were deeply aware of our human frailty. I prayed fervently, asking God for protection and strength. Once the earthquake ended, I talked to my parents and friends to find out how they were doing.

Forgetting all that we felt during those moments will be difficult. When we feel nature's power in contrast to our human weakness, all that matters is life itself and the safety of our loved ones.

On these occasions we appreciate life and realize what is truly valuable. Since that day I have tried to spend more time with the people I love and to give God thanks for our life. Material things lose their value when we look at them through new lenses.

Giselle Ftis Navarret, Araucana, Chile

**Thought for the Day:** Looking at your calendar, consider your use of time and whether it reflects what is truly important to you.

**Prayer Focus:** Those rebuilding after disaster.

**Prayer:** When natural disasters affect us, thank you, God, for teaching us what is valuable in life. Amen.



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**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**  
**Sunday School: 10:15 am**