



CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church

May 2017

Coming Soon...

Plans are in the works for a new church web site! We hope to launch the new site in May so stay tuned. Some features of the new site will include:

- ◆ Details on who we are, what we do and what we believe
- ◆ Staff photos and bios
- ◆ A “live” calendar updated regularly
- ◆ The local missions we support
- ◆ Sunday service info
- ◆ Pastor Scott’s sermons
- ◆ Monthly newsletters
- ◆ Local recovery meetings we host as well as other user groups
- ◆ And much more!

Is there specific information you’d like to see on the new site?
Let Pastor Scott know or send an email to cumc@olympus.net.

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Pastor's Pen



What do you think when you drive by a closed or abandoned church? Do you wonder what happened? Would you have liked the opportunity to ask them what it was they failed to do? Do you wonder if that will be us someday? I have no doubt that you may have asked yourself some of those questions when you learned Julia was retiring and the Bishop was going to send you a Certified Lay Minister. Are we circling the drain? Are they planning on closing the church? Are they going to combine us with Trinity? Maybe I better start looking for another church.

When I was introduced to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee by our Superintendent I was asked what my plans were. In short, I told them it was my desire not to be the last pastor of CUMC and to do whatever I could to work my way out of a job in three years by working with the leadership to get us to a point where a decision could be made on a long-term plan for growth and service. I'm not saying I'm leaving in three years. That's just a time table I set to keep me and the leadership focused. I've learned not to make long term plans because God finds them very funny.

In preparing for my eventual appointment I read many books and articles on the challenges of leading a church during a time of declining membership throughout the United States. Now that I am assigned to a church I continue my reading and studies with more of a focus on our church. Rev. Dale Kelley, who many of you know, loaned me a book entitled: Thrive, Spiritual Habits of Transforming Congregations. Interestingly enough, many of the examples given by the author come from small churches in Washington and Oregon. It is a very thought provoking book and it talks about how we react and adapt to the way we do things when we realize the old model may not be effective anymore. The author asks what we are doing to transform the world, our church and our community. Good question I thought. Well, right now, we are giving monthly to support the Food Bank, OlyCAP and ECHHO. We are allowing our facilities to be used by six different recovery groups for meetings. We've also partnered with the YMCA to host their ongoing program, Empowering Women for Wellness, with the county to use our space for their Strengthening Families program and the Jefferson County 4-H Council to use some of our space for a Leaders' Retreat. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Corinth, 1 Corinthians 12: 5-11, tells the reader of the many gifts we are given by the Spirit for use in spreading the Gospel. We are to use these gifts to touch lives not currently affiliated with the church. We do it not expecting that these people will eventually join us. We do it because we strive to be a church that matters. A church with a purpose. A church that makes a difference. A church that is transformational.

Without question, Community United Methodist Church has done much for the community in the time it has been here and our desire for service is in our DNA. Hypothetically, if we were to start a new church, what would it look like? In what form would we exist and how would we get there? Obviously, we are not starting a new church, we are building upon a strong and solid foundation, but the question remains. In order to do this we need to engage in some very serious and concentrated prayer. We need to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. We need to explore what the Spirit is calling us to do next as we move into the future so that one day when someone drives by 130 Church Lane they don't see a boarded up church but one that continues to thrive and serve God's people in anyway it can.

Yours in Service,

Scott

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	July:	ECHHO
February:	Food Bank	\$125	August:	Food Bank
March:	OlyCAP	\$373	September:	OlyCAP
April:	ECHHO		October:	ECHHO
May:	Food Bank		November:	Food Bank
June:	OlyCAP		December:	OlyCAP



Kiwaniis

The Kiwanis Club of Port Townsend's 2nd Annual Community Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 4th

8:00 - 9:30am

**St. Mary Star of the Sea's Parish Hall
1335 Blaine Street, Port Townsend**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. R. Scott Puhn, DDS, PS
Modern Dentistry in Poulsbo**

Advance Tickets are \$10

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Attention all UMW ladies:

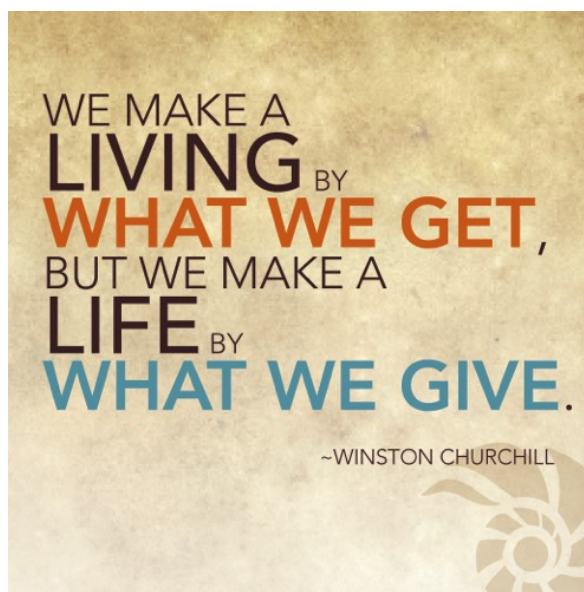
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Our May 4th meeting will be lunch at Fiesta Jalisco Restaurant in Port Hadlock starting at 11:30am.

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The Coupeville UMW have invited us to lunch on May 9th at noon. We will go via the Port Townsend ferry and Sara will be driving. Please contact her if you would like to attend.

1st Quarter Giving
Statements are ready.
Please pick yours up from
the table in the Narthex.



Finance Report through March 2017

Income:

Pledges	\$19,839
Non Pledge Gifts	5,105
Cash Offering	1,066
Misc. Income	<u>80</u>
Total	\$26,090

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$4,165
Local Ministry	256
Operating Expenses	9,198
Parsonage Maintenance	250
Personnel Compensation	<u>17,368</u>
Total	\$31,236

Surplus/(Deficit) as of March 31, 2017 = **(\$5,147)**

BIRTHDAYS

5 Lori Witheridge
24 Kathy Anderson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

7 Debbie/Sue
14 Dianne/Gladys
21 Julie/Barb
28 Stephen

HOSPITALITY

7
14
21 Pat Chase/
28

GREETERS

7 Bob Linrothe
14 Julie Boggs
21 Jana Finlay
28 Marcia Wootan

USHERS

7 Betty/Jackie
14 Norma/
21 AJ/Orene
28 Connie/Larry

LITURGISTS

7 Sara Davis
14 Betty Harmon
21 Larry Sanderson
28 Liz Hazen

ALTAR FLOWERS

7 Billie Fitch
14 Marci Wootan
21 Orene Udd
28 AJ Laverty

OUR PRAYERS

- * Dianne Maynard, full recovery from knee replacement surgery
- * Patty Belmont, struggling with MS and is in hospice, pray also for her family
- * Bud's son-in-law, Mark, with severe colitis
- * Bud's friend Mack, recovering from heart surgery
- * Margie Webb, surgery recovery for neck
- * Bev Rothenborg, gall bladder surgery recovery
- * 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.
- * Jodie Mack, healing for pre-eclampsia and praise for new baby!
- * Marcell Berlin, recovery from hip replacement surgery

**MAY LECTIONARY READINGS****May 7**

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 14

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 21

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 28

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

OUR PRAYERS

Prayer Requests Continued...

- * Bear's mom in rehab
- * Praise for Ed and Sara's son, Todd, safely home in Alaska with his family after a year in Kuwait
- * Lori's co-workers, having problems at work and home
- * Anyone seeking better work
- * Our Country - heal divisions and unite us; wisdom, compassion and understanding for leaders



Help save lives!



**Donate blood
at our
upcoming
blood drive!**

Blood Drive
Wednesday,
May 10th
11am-5pm

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.

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 or phone 1.800.398.7888.



Join Pastor Scott, Peter and members of our church family as we bless (and are blessed in return) the residents of Life Care Center in Port Townsend with a short church service including singing and a brief message. The dates below are Sunday afternoons and the fun starts at 2pm. Be sure to put the following dates on your calendar:

June 11th

August 13th

October 15th

December 17th



LIFE CARE CENTER OF PORT TOWNSEND

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am Worship Committee Meeting	2 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class	3 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 8-9:30am PT Kiwanis Community Prayer Breakfast 11:30am UMW Meeting at Fiesta Jalisco 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting	4 <i>May Friendship Day</i>	5 6
7 8:45 Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	8 1:15pm Learning Circle	9 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	10 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class 11am-5pm Blood Drive	11 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting	12 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	13 5:30-6:30pm NA Meeting
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Festival of the Christian Home</i>	15 Newsletter Articles Due	16 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class	17 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class	18 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting	19 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	20 <i>Change the World</i> <i>Weekend</i> 8am Men's Breakfast
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21 <i>Heritage Sunday</i>	22 1:15pm Learning Circle	23 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class	24 <i>Aldersgate Day</i>	25 <i>Ascension Day</i>	26	27
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28 8:45 Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> Church Offices Closed 1:15pm Learning Circle	30	31 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class			
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Monthly Devotional

The Upper Room, July 11th, 1998

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Longing Hearts

When I was a little girl, my mother often told me about a canary that sang in her childhood home. I longed to have a canary too. Then one day my father surprised me by bringing one home. I yearned to hear it sing, but it remained silent. Mother said, "Don't worry; the bird will sing when you least expect it."

Then one day while busy outdoors I heard several clear notes of the canary's song. Soon the air was filled with its song. I smiled at my mother working in a nearby flower bed. We listened quietly. After that, when we were outdoors, the canary often sang its joyful song.

Many years have passed, but I still remember my longing to hear the bird sing and my mother's assurance that it would. As an adult, I often long similarly for God's answers to my prayers. My heart grows anxious as I wait. Then I remember how the canary sang when I became intent on other tasks. I am assured that God will speak to my waiting heart as I work intently on what has been set before me. I go on with what I have to do, confident that God's answer will come.

Carolyn Collard Wilson (Texas, USA)

As I trust and work patiently, God answers the longings of my heart.



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Open Hearts Open Doors Open Minds

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School: 10:15 am

Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

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