



# CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of  
Community United Methodist Church

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## Empowering Women for Wellness Exercise and Nutrition Class

By Kathy Anderson

Have you ever wondered about the YMCA's Empowering Woman for Wellness Class held on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30am in the Narthex? It's a class for pregnant and postpartum woman with children under two years of age to get together and walk as well as learn about healthy eating, meal planning, shopping and preparation. The women who attend have become well-connected and have great discussions. One of the gals told me that her mom didn't cook and this class has helped her with preparing food for her family. We've tried a variety of foods including veggie burgers, yellow beets, fajitas and zoodles (zucchini noodles). Thanks to funds donated by Steve & Pat Chase as well as Larry & Audrey Sanderson, extra vegetables have been purchased at the local farmer's market. The veggies are prepared and the gals get to try them out and then the extras are given to them to take home. The toddlers have tried the vegetables as well! Unfortunately, at the end of September, this class will be ending due to funding cuts from the federal government as well as the YMCA, who will be facilitating and supporting different programs. If you are interested in helping out to keep this group going please contact me. It would be a great ministry!

Aloha.

*Kathy*



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If you've had kids or grandkids you probably know something about the toy they call a transformer. Initially, the toy looks like any other normal looking toy like a car, a truck or a boat but in the hands of a small child it is manipulated into some sort of robot-looking super hero. I've sat on the couch with my grandkids watching transformer cartoons which, I can tell you, are nothing like my favorite Road Runner and Wylie E. Coyote cartoons.

I'm reading a book right now on transforming. Actually, I'm reading it a second time. It's by Ruth A. Fletcher and is entitled: Thrive, Spiritual Habits of Transforming Congregations. What I find relevant about this book is that the author studied and visited many churches in the Pacific Northwest which makes her observations insightful. The stated mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If we want to bring change to the world then we're going to have to change the way we are currently doing things. The first thing a transforming congregation does is to root itself in the power and presence of God through prayer. Prayer, she says, helps you tell the difference between the voice of God and all the other voices in your life. I couldn't agree more. We need to be deep in prayer asking God to either lead us to a mission or bring a mission to us. The author says that transforming congregations allow themselves to be changed by the power of the Spirit into a new creation capable of telling an old story in a way that is relevant to a new time. The transformed congregation looks outward to the needs of the community around the church in an effort to connect with a purpose that is larger than our own self-interest. The transformed congregation learns to rely, not on their own power, but on the power of the Spirit that runs like sap through the core of their being.

I think we are well on our way to becoming a transformed congregation. We are already engaged in several local mission financially and are willing to take on more. We've been presented with some needs and, as a congregation, have risen to meet the challenge. The author points out that a church may not be able to meet a need on its own so they need to be willing to collaborate with other partners in order to serve God's intentions in the place where they live. I think there are other entities out there that want to get involved but may find themselves in the same situation. Perhaps partnering with them could give us the resources necessary to engage in a ministry where there is suffering. As a transforming congregation we need to be ready to adapt to the changing conditions around us so we can rise to the occasion and meet those pressing needs.

So I call upon you and the church leadership to pray and discern what the Spirit might be calling our congregation to do now in order to become a new creation that is relevant and responsive to our neighbors' needs.

Yours in Service,

*Scott*



## COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOYFULLY INVITE

ALL WOMEN of the CHURCH to the  
FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING of the FALL SEASON

THURSDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 7  
10:00 AM

A yummy HOT lunch will be provided...  
along with a "look inside"  
one of our truly heart-warming  
summer outreach projects  
The "Y SUMMER MEALS AND  
LITERACY PROGRAM"

By Sarah Grai

Come ENJOY !!  
Good Food !!  
Good Friends (Old and New)!!  
Good Fellowship !!

RSVP to AJ Lavery by Sept. 1st: 360-379-6386  
or [ajrjlavery@cablespeed.com](mailto:ajrjlavery@cablespeed.com).

### Responding to Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey is devastating Texas and Louisiana, stretching all systems of relief and recovery beyond their limits. We've watched as people of every condition of life have had their lives swept away by the floods. How can we help?

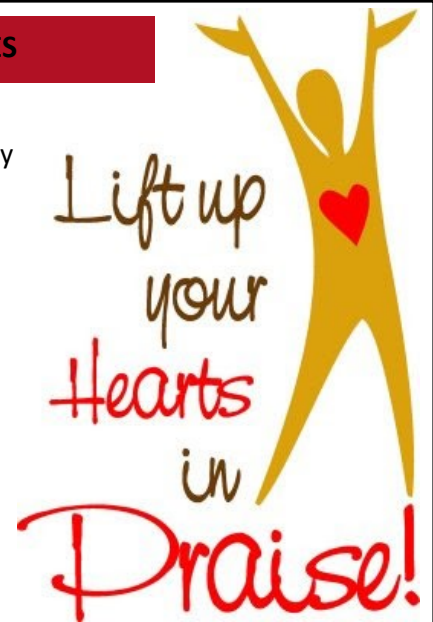
Pray for the people affected by the flood and those who work tirelessly to respond. If you would like to donate directly to the response effort you can go to [umcor.org](http://umcor.org) and access the donate button. UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee On Relief and is a well-organized disaster response effort.

Additionally, Community United Methodist Church will be exploring options where we can offer assistance both financially and in assembling relief kits to be sent to those who most need them. If you would like to you can make a donation to the fund we will be setting up to purchase items for the relief kits which will be assembled at a later date.

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of our relief response efforts please let us know and we will put you to work.

### OUR PRAISES

- \* Thankful for the Hadlock Block Party in August: good food, good music and good fun
- \* Pastor Scott, for his leadership and inspiration to us all. God's blessings to him and his family.
- \* God's mercies are new each morning and great is His faithfulness



### CHURCH OFFICE

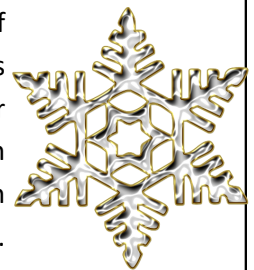
#### HOURS:

TUES: 10AM - 2PM  
WEDS: 10AM - 2PM  
THURS: 10AM - 2PM  
FRI: 10AM - 2PM



### **Snowflakes in September?**

Yes, when you can make them yourself at the Port Townsend School of the Arts at Fort Worden on Saturday, September 2nd from 10am-2pm. Join me as I teach this workshop featuring the construction of a beautiful bejeweled glass art piece. The church family will receive a discount on supplies with that portion being donated back to the church.



Registration is through the school at [info@ptarts.org](mailto:info@ptarts.org) or call 360-344-4479. Don't delay! Details also at 360-385-3457.



Please join me in making a fun art project for yourself or a loved one!

Thanks.

*Pat Chase*

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### 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	\$100
February:	Food Bank	\$125	August:	Food Bank	
March:	OlyCAP	\$373	September:	OlyCAP	
April:	ECHHO	\$501.57 (Wow!)	October:	ECHHO	
May:	Food Bank	\$235	November:	Food Bank	
June:	OlyCAP	\$108	December:	OlyCAP	

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**  
GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

### Finance Report through July 2017

Income:

Pledges	\$46,824
Non Pledge Gifts	12,050
Cash Offering	2,796
Misc. Income	<u>2,440</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,109</b>

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$9,719
Local Ministry	2,137
Designated Giving	2,603
Operating Expenses	15,032
Personnel Compensation	<u>39,213</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$68,703</b>

Surplus/(Deficit) as of July 31, 2017 = **(\$4,594)**

## BIRTHDAYS

2 Joan Flowers  
 12 Bob Hobart  
 15 Lori Oberlander  
 20 Rubie Horton  
 23 Lil Tiller  
 27 Julie Boggs  
 27 Leona Long  
 30 Dick Shuff



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 Dianne/Gladys  
 10 Debbie/Sue  
 17 Julie/Barb  
 24

## HOSPITALITY

3 Sara/  
 10  
 17  
 24 Norma/

## GREETERS

3 Bob Linrothe  
 10 Julie Boggs  
 17 David Hermanson  
 24 Marcy Wootan

## USHERS

3 Betty /Jackie  
 10 Norma/Bernita  
 17 AJ/Stephanie  
 24 Larry/Connie

## LITURGISTS

3 Mike Perzel  
 10 Diane Johnson  
 17 Bev Rothenborg  
 24 Liz Hazen

## ALTAR FLOWERS

3 Leona Long  
 10 Norma Brewer  
 17 Peter Mercer  
 24 Pat Chase

## OUR PRAYERS

- \* Friends and family of the Mathesons, with first Margaret's and now Bob's recent passings
- \* A cure for cancer - all cancer
- \* Margie's friend, Ruth, battling cancer
- \* Bev's friend Bryan, in hospice, and his caregiver Gary
- \* Pastor Lindsay, recovering from shoulder surgery
- \* AJ's friend, Dixie, recently diagnosed with PML (infection of central nervous system), very rare and no cure
- \* Law enforcement personnel
- \* Victims of terrorism
- \* The homeless, hungry, unemployed and our military
- \* Victims of fires in eastern Washington
- \* Support, encouragement and healing for women who miscarry
- \* Kathy's friend, Linda, for the sale of their home and affordable housing in Seattle
- \* Flood victims, relief efforts



## SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

August 3

Exodus 3:1-15  
 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
 Romans 12:9-21  
 Matthew 16:21-28

August 10

Exodus 12:1-14  
 Psalm 149  
 Romans 13:8-14  
 Matthew 18:15-20

August 17

Exodus 14:19-31  
 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21  
 Romans 14:1-12  
 Matthew 18:21-35

August 24

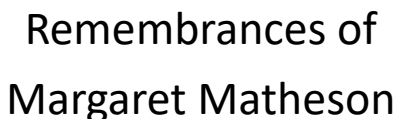
Exodus 16:2-15  
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
 Philippians 1:21-30  
 Matthew 20:1-16





As many of you already know, our dear and faithful servant Jana Finlay recently passed away. She had retired from her position as Administrative Assistant but kept her job as Financial Secretary. I think this is important as she came here looking for a job and left with a strong faith in God. She came from a denomination that was not as focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ as

I had the honor of including her example of a servant in my sermon on August 13th. (You can read it if you go to our webpage, [hadlockchurch.com](http://hadlockchurch.com) and look for the sermon entitled: A Servant's Heart.) What I said was that Jana had the servant's heart that the Apostle Paul was describing in his letter to the church in Philippi in Philippians 2: 1-18. Paul said, *"Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus."* That is what I observed in Jana as she did her job as Administrative Assistant. She listened and observed and when I needed to know something about a particular person she was a deep well of information. She had adopted the attitude of humility and servitude. Paul goes on to say, *"God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes. Do everything without grumbling and arguing so that you may be blameless and pure, innocent children of God surrounded by people who are crooked and corrupt. Among these people you shine like stars in the world because you hold on to the word of life."* She did her job and served her church without grumbling or arguing. She was always positive and upbeat in the face of some very painful physical ailments. Like the thorn in Paul's side that plagued him, Jana knew that God's grace was sufficient and she served God to the best of her abilities and we here at Community United Methodist Church are the better for it. I thank God for her shining example of how to have a servant's heart and to serve with gladness and joy.



We'd like to assemble a booklet of remembrances of Margaret since there are countless stories out there of her kindness, faith, love for others and sense of humor. Please take a minute to write a paragraph or two about Margaret and email or send them to the church office by September 10th with the subject line "Remembrances". If we receive enough we'll assemble a booklet to share. Feel free to contact me if you have questions by phone at 360-981-9304 or email [circlebarm@g.com](mailto:circlebarm@g.com).

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	2
3 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	<i>Labor Day</i> 4 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday	5	6 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class 11am-5pm Blood Drive	7 10am UMW Meeting	8	9
	1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	5-6:30pm AA Meeting	
10 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	11 1:15pm Learning Circle	12	13 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class	14	15	16 8am Men's Breakfast
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24 10:00am Worship (Speaker from Bayside Housing & Services)	25 1:15pm Learning Circle	26	27 10 - 11:30am Y Empower- ing Women Class	28	29	30
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## Monthly Devotional

*The Upper Room, November 3rd, 2016*

[God] has made everything beautiful in its time. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

### **Seasons of Life**

Last week I had dinner with a longtime friend. During our conversation, my friend said she realized we are in the autumn of our lives. Initially this made me feel sad, as I sometimes fear the passing of time and the thought of death. The reality is that most of my life is behind me now.

But this morning, I am sitting here looking out my window at the glorious display of golden leaves falling from the large maple tree in our front yard. The sun highlights the leaves as they gently fall, and I am reminded that autumn is my favorite season. It's a time for slowing down and gathering in. I am spellbound by the beauty of God's plan for the cycle of nature and the seasons of life. So I will try to be at peace in this autumn of my life. It is a beautiful season, with a colorful mix of joy and sadness.

God still has work for us to do, so we can slow down, sit quietly, and listen for guidance. We can trust in God's perfect timing and assurance to be with us in our fears. We can find comfort in God's promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Betsy Thompson (Indiana, USA)

Gracious God, we thank you for the beauty of your earth and for the seasons of our lives.  
Help us to come to you with our fears, knowing that you will strengthen and uphold us.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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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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