



# CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of  
Community United Methodist Church

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## Toys for Tots at CUMC



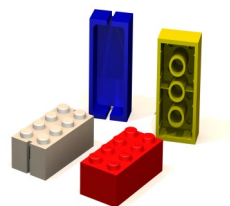
### MISSION:

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.



Expect to see the familiar collection drum around Thanksgiving here at CUMC. Our coordinator, Don Olsen, says "We'll do a community drive in 'Fill the Bus with Toys' at the big parking lot behind

Henery's Garden Center on December 2nd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Popular items this year are Super Hero stuff, Batman, Spiderman, Pokeman, Legos and Lego People, Star Wars, Monster High Dolls, Ever After High Dolls, and Little Live Pets."



Consider a gift of joy to a child as you go about your holiday shopping.

To apply for toys: Apply online at [www.christmas4children.com](http://www.christmas4children.com) or call 360-379-4207 and leave a message with your name and number.



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## The Triangle of Fire

I once had an expert tell me that if you wanted to have an efficient fire you needed three components: heat, fuel and oxygen. Take away any one of the three and the fire goes out. That really stuck with me and when you really give it some thought you realize that the three components of fire dynamics are applicable to the success or failure of a company, organization or even a church.

To be clear, I am not suggesting we go out and buy some gas and torch the church. I'm speaking metaphorically. Let's think about church, our church, in terms of a fire. Is our church generating the kind of fire that draws people to its warmth? Is our fire smoldering and dying out due to a lack of oxygen, fresh air? Are we running low on fuel, is our fuel waterlogged and hard to ignite, does our fuel need splitting?

Look at heat as the component that attracts and warms people. Our message is the heat that is fed by the fuel and oxygen. Our message needs to burn brightly in a fashion that is genuine and relevant. The message you get from the pulpit needs to resonate with those who come to worship, those who are looking for answers to the complexities of life. The message we present must be one they can take home and apply to their lives. It must be a message that moves people to action and inspires good works. The message begins as soon as you pull into the parking lot and continues right up to the point when you leave to go home. Everyone can and should be a part of the message delivery process. Nothing gets the word out like talking about it.

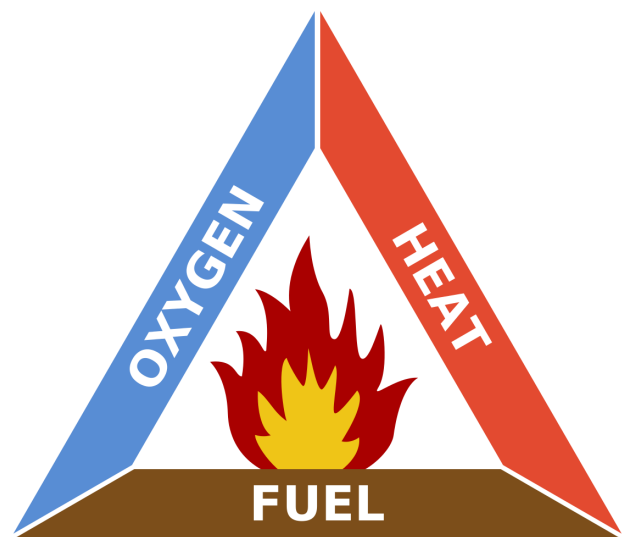
As I was preparing for my eventual assignment many of the books I read said that missions was the way to build a church. I was, at first, skeptical and didn't really understand what they really meant by missions. I immediately thought about big and expensive mission trips to some far-away place in dire need of help. I now understand that missions is the oxygen that breathes new life into a church. The unchurched do not consider us relevant. They think we don't do anything, we just sit around and judge people. Good missions make us relevant. I now understand the importance of starting small and local and building momentum through excitement and engagement. Community does have a rich history of mission engagement so the cornerstone has been laid. Earlier this year, for example, the Administrative Council approved \$1,200.00 to be spent on three local missions. On a rotating basis, we send a monthly check to one of our three designated non-profits that is supplemented by members of the congregation. Additionally, at least three times a year I put our "Jesus Cup" on the coffee bar encouraging people to drop in their spare change so we can supplement our mission effort. This simple cup generates hundreds of dollars over the course of a year. As the spirit of giving has been kindled we find ourselves ready and willing to take on bigger missions like hurricane and fire relief. The result is that, with the infusion of oxygen, our congregation and the watching community realizes that we really are relevant and really are making a difference.

Fuel is what keeps us going. Fuel is our people. Some of our fuel may be smoldering or may be waterlogged. The burst of fresh air you get from missions dries them out causing the embers to flare up into a sustainable flame. New fuel, new people, are attracted by the heat we are generating and want to become a part of what is happening. The watching community will become curious and check us out. They will be attracted by the light and will want to warm themselves by our fire. They'll want to be a part of the triangle of fire that is making a difference.

So, there you have it, the triangle of a church fire. I challenge you to give serious thought about our fire and how brightly it is burning. What can you bring to the fire? Can you bring heat that helps get the message out? Can you bring the kind of fuel that ignites and burns brightly? Can you bring the oxygen, the fresh air, that breathes energy and excitement into the life of the church? Come, sit by the fire, and let's talk about it.

Yours in Service,

*Scott*



# AN ECHHO MOMENT

By Sarah McMahan  
Executive Director

As many of you know, ECHHO is about to celebrate our first 20 years. We were founded in 1997 to help elderly, low income and disabled persons of E. Jefferson County to live independently and with dignity in their own homes, regardless of faith, age, ability or income. Our volunteers help their neighbors by providing transportation to medical and other essential appointments, household chores and minor repairs, social support and medical equipment without cost.

In 20 years of service, we've helped over 8,000 individuals. Our volunteers have driven over 900,000 miles and contributed more than 70,000 hours of service. In 2017 to date, we have lent 1549 pieces of medical equipment! Our focus in the coming months is to increase the numbers and kinds of in-home services we offer to folks who live alone and have no family nearby. We are recruiting new volunteers to help provide social and other supports. If you are interested in participating, please call our office, 360-379-3240, and speak with Susanne!

Your church's donations help enable us to continue our mission of kindness and compassion. We are doing the work of the Gospels, and your participation in every way is essential to creating a loving, caring community.

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." – Dalai Lama



## 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	\$101.60
February:	Food Bank	\$125	August:	Food Bank	\$150
March:	OlyCAP	\$373	September:	OlyCAP	\$100
April:	ECHHO	\$501.57 (Wow!)	October:	ECHHO	
May:	Food Bank	\$235	November:	Food Bank	
June:	OlyCAP	\$108	December:	OlyCAP	

### Finance Report through August 2017

#### Income:

Pledges	\$52,486
Non Pledge Gifts	14,625
Cash Offering	3,137
Misc. Income	<u>2,460</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,708</b>

#### Expenses:

Apportionments	\$11,107
Local Ministry	2,154
Designated Giving	1,516
Operating Expenses	16,110
Personnel Compensation	<u>44,620</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,507</b>

Surplus/(Deficit) as of August 31, 2017 = **(\$2,800)**

## BIRTHDAYS

10 Janet Stevenson  
 11 Barb Sweet  
 12 Carolyn Allen  
 19 Linda White



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

5 Dianne/Hank  
 12 Kathy/Gladys  
 19 Julie  
 26 Debbie

## HOSPITALITY

5 Diane/Carolyn/Gladys  
 12 Orene/AJ  
 19 Debbie/  
 26 /

## COMMUNION SERVERS

5 Carolyn/Diane

## GREETERS

5 Bob Linrothe  
 12 Julie Boggs  
 19 David Hermanson  
 26 Marcy Wootan

## USHERS

5 Betty/Jackie  
 12 Norma/Mike  
 19 AJ/Stephanie  
 26 Larry/Connie

## LITURGISTS

5 Sara Davis  
 12 Jackie Dale  
 19 Larry Sanderson  
 26 Billie Fitch

## ALTAR FLOWERS

5 Billie Fitch  
 12 Marcy Wootan  
 19 Peter Mercer  
 26 Advent

## OUR PRAYERS

\* Paula Clark, recovering from stomach surgery  
 \* Carolyn's son, Jeff, considering job change  
 \* Carolyn's daughter Tara's recent MRI results of hip dysplasia and future decisions  
 \* Carolyn's neighbor, Kelly, who lost her dog, cat and belongings in a house fire  
 \* The family of John Freitas due to his recent passing  
 \* Bob & Joey Wheeldon, making a critical medical decision  
 \* Law enforcement personnel  
 \* Victims of terrorism  
 \* The homeless, hungry, unemployed and our military  
 \* The people of the Napa Valley, firefighters and especially Jim & Debbie's son and his family  
 \* People suffering around the world from natural and man-made disasters  
 \* Peace in the world  
 \* Melanie Rosas, who recently found out she needs to have her gall bladder removed



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## NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

November 5

Joshua 3:7-17  
 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
 Matthew 23:1-12

November 12

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
 Psalm 78:1-7  
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
 Matthew 25:1-13

November 19

Judges 4:1-7  
 Psalm 123 or 76  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Matthew 25:14-30

November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
 Psalm 100  
 Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Matthew 25:31-46

# Alternative Christmas 2017

On Dec. 3rd and 11th after service, we will hold our annual ALTERNATIVE Christmas celebration. In lieu of a purchased gift, you can make a donation to a charity through CUMC *ON BEHALF OF* a person who does not need any more "stuff."

## **Who We'll Support in 2017:** (The needs seem greater than ever this year.)

- ◇ Heifer Project, whose model supports sustainable improvement in people's lives
- ◇ Three projects ("advances") of UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief), the relief and refugee arm of the United Methodist Church. The projects are:
  - ⇒ #901670 US Disaster Response
  - ⇒ #982450 Non-US & International Disaster Response
  - ⇒ #3022144 Migration (refugees)
- ◇ ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization)

## **How to Give:**

Select the charity/ies you wish to give to.

Write one check payable to CUMC for the amount you wish to give.

You will receive an acknowledgement of your gift on your financial giving statement.

Cards are available to send your recipient.

## **Information:**

Take some time to familiarize yourselves with these organizations to really understand the needs they are addressing.

### **Heifer**

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

We will have some info at the table, and a newcomer to CUMC, Wendi Metzger, will be available to answer questions about Heifer's model and work.



### **UMCOR**

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

Information is exhaustive and timely. Follow their work online or sign up for the Hotline to get headlines.



### **ECHHO**

<http://echhojc.org/>

Provides equipment and services to seniors and others to help them live independently. Hank Hazen is very familiar with their work and can answer any questions you may have.





## OUR PRAYERS

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- \* Bernita's family due to recent passing of her sister, Donna
- \* Bernita's niece, struggling with sorting her late mother's affairs
- \* Bernita's sister, Maxine, who lost her daughter
- \* Jay Morrall's, liver transplant recovery and healing
- \* Kathy's friends' baby in ICU who needs a heart transplant
- \* Peace for Lisa Marie Warren, and healing for her mom's lymphoma
- \* Chris Little, mother of 13 children (biological & adopted) is in hospice due to cancer and doesn't have long to live

## OUR PRAISES

- \* Kathy's son, Jeremy's, new job at Evergreen Fitness
- \* Jay Morrall's liver transplant went well
- \* Lisa Marie Warren's husband, successful removal of melanoma

**You're the best type!****Give blood.**

Wednesday, November 8th

11am-5pm  
(lunch break 1-1:45pm)Sponsored by  
Bloodworks Northwest**UMW Meeting  
& Program Info****November Meeting**Thursday, November 2nd at  
11:30amLadies of the church are invited  
to join us at Fiesta JaliscoRestaurant in  
Port Hadlock for a  
no-host lunch.We hope to see  
you there!**December Program**Pencil in Thursday, December  
7th on your calendars.The Choral Belles will present a  
Holiday Musical  
Program in our  
sanctuary.Potluck lunch to  
follow.**Let There Be Light**

By Stephanie Buehler

You'll recall that Bayside Housing & Services (located at the Old Alcohol Plant here in Port Hadlock) is a new mission for CUMC. It provides housing for those who are at risk of becoming homeless and/or are awaiting approval for low income housing. Aislinn Palmer, Managing Director, visited us a few weeks ago to give us more information about the program and to invite us to their fundraiser.



Because CUMC is supporting this organization, we will be updating you regularly with needs that they have.

The needs can be broken down into 2 areas. First, Bayside Housing itself, continues to have needs for their current residents. Then, there are more specific needs as a person or family transitions from Bayside into their own home.

If you have any household items in good condition that are looking for a new home, (including minifridges, microwaves, furniture, computers, TV's) you may contact Chris Bailey at 360-301-6052. The best times are M-F 10:00am to 4:00pm. Also, please let Chris know you're from CUMC.



In the weeks ahead, be on the lookout for updates in our weekly bulletin as well as the monthly newsletter. And in the meantime, as the stormy weather begins, their immediate needs include: large umbrellas, flashlights and lanterns with batteries. Most of us can find extra, long forgotten treasures in the back of a drawer that can be put to good use.

## November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>All Saints Day</i> 1	2 11:30am UMW Meeting at Fiesta Jalisco	3 <i>World Community Day</i> 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	4
			5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	5-6:30pm AA Meeting	
Daylight Saving Time ends 5	6	7	8	9	10 Church Offices Closed in observance of Veteran's Day	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>
10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	10am Worship Committee Meeting 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	11am-5pm Blood Drive 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	
<i>Organ &amp; Tissue Donor Sunday</i> 12	13	14	15	16	17	18 8am Men's Breakfast
<i>International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church</i>	Newsletter Articles Due		5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting		11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	
10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	6pm Potluck Dinner then Joint Meeting of Finance & Ad Council Committees (Narthex)	7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting		
<i>Bible Sunday</i> 19	20	21	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	23 Church Offices Closed	24 Church Offices Closed	25
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<i>United Methodist Student Day (offering)</i> 26	27	28	29	30		
10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting				

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

## Monthly Devotional

*Our Daily Bread, February 13, 2000*

I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. —Habakkuk 3:18

### Always Thankful

Perhaps Habakkuk 3:17-19 was an unusual Bible passage to read as our family and guests sat down to a traditional feast of turkey with all the trimmings. But I had a reason for choosing it. Simply to bow my head and give thanks didn't seem to be enough. Compared with the poverty of many of the world's people, I am wealthy.

The prophet Habakkuk was awaiting the destruction of his country by the ruthless Chaldeans, whose army was called by God to punish His people for their disobedient and evil ways (Hab. 1:5-6). He said, "Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls—yet I will rejoice in the Lord" (3:17-18).

Those words made me stop and ask, "Am I thankful to God regardless of what He gives or withholds?" Habakkuk pondered how he would respond to the loss of every material blessing. He concluded, "I will joy in the God of my salvation" (v.18).

Circumstances may change, but God remains the same. That's always cause for thanksgiving.

David C. McCasland

**Thankfulness depends on what is in your heart, not what is in your hand.**



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