

CREATING CONNECTIONS



The newsletter of
Community United Methodist Church

October 2017

What a Relief!



Earlier this summer the Administrative Council voted to raise money to support the relief effort for Rebuild: Up From the Ashes which was the Methodist Church's response to the July 2014 wildfires that devastated Eastern Washington destroying 500 homes and burning thousands of acres of farm and forest land.

So, for the month of September we went about raising money to send with the Ad Council agreeing to match the first five hundred dollars. Lori Oberlander showed us a video and set a goal of \$1,500.00 for the church. I am pleased to say that we raised \$2,474.66! The money came from the church, individual donors, a charitable foundation and my Laboring 4 Jesus cup which collected \$268.66. What I find truly amazing about this congregation is that, without blinking an eye, we launched into another relief effort raising money for Hurricane Relief and are already up to approximately \$1,800.00. God truly does love a cheerful giver. Thank you so much.



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Pastor's Pen

God's Favorite Four-Letter Words

If you have kids, including grandkids, you've probably held your breath when they came home from their first week of school hoping they didn't learn anything they shouldn't have. Teresa and I cringed when Heidi came home, held up her ring finger and told us it meant "to fuss". Collective sigh of relief! Eventually, they will learn all the four-letter words and may even put them to use.

I'd like for us to focus on some of the other four-letter words that God would rather we use. Words like Love, Hope, Help, Feed, Heal, Save, Cure, Free, Walk, Lead, Gift and Care to name a few. Hopefully, you can come up with others. Jesus uses us to tell people about the Hope that is in him. Jesus instructed Peter (and us) to Feed his sheep. Through us, Jesus works to Heal the hurting and Cure those who are



afflicted. We are there to Free those trapped in sin and help them Walk in the light of his Love. We are charged with the Care of those who are weak and to Lead people to Jesus so they can accept the free Gift of salvation.



The four-letter word that has really been on my mind (and heart) this year is Help. The Holy Spirit has been asking me how I/We can help those who can't help themselves. One of the greatest things we can give another person is our time, talents and attention. The problem is that helping, really helping, is a big commitment and often times we rationalize our inaction by citing what it says in the Bible: *God helps those who help themselves*. After all, if they really wanted to, they'd knuckle down and do it themselves. In spite of the fact that 8 of 10 Americans believe this verse is in the Bible, it is not. For many who are trapped in poverty or who are struggling financially, self-help isn't so simple. Some people find themselves in a hole so deep they can't possibly climb out without help. Sometimes people face challenges that they don't know how to overcome on their own or they simply do not have the resources to do it. This is where we come in. Showing compassion for those who struggle is part of the very character of God. As Scripture reveals time and time again, God works through people (and churches) using us as his instruments to change the world.

So, on the contrary, God does really help those who can't help themselves. This is where we come in. We can be the hands of God in working with those who need help moving forward. We have had a good year this year in our mission outreach and I truly believe that God is ready to take us to the next level. So, please, take some time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to show us where and how we can be most effective in helping God help those who cannot help themselves.

Yours in Service,

Scott





**COMMUNITY
UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN**

Thursday, Oct. 5th

10:00am Meeting

11:00am Program

Food Bank Update

Please bring donations of:

- Toiletries
- Paper Products
- Pet Food
- Cash is good too!

Lunch Provided

(soup, salad, rolls & dessert)

All are welcome!

**For the Joy and Love of Learning:
A Peninsula Circuit Gathering**

Saturday, October 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Sequim

The four United Methodist Churches on the Olympic Peninsula will gather to celebrate the joy and love of learning at 10:00 a.m. for *shared* learning as well as a time for *service* learning. A power-point presentation will highlight important moments and markers in each church. We'll also hear a message from District Superintendent, Daniel Foster. After that we'll all work together on a mission project preparing Mercy Kits. The Gathering will conclude with a marvelous hot potato bar lunch, complete with salad and desserts.

Watch for more info as the date approaches.

**Beginners
Hula
Class**



Fridays 11:30am-12:30pm

**Taught by
Kathy Anderson**



**OCTOBER IS
W.A.V.E. FOOD DRIVE MONTH**

Local Churches & Faith Communities gather financial and non-perishable food donations through October in a "love-your-neighbor" effort to support Jefferson County Food Banks.

**Saturday, Oct. 28 is
W.A.V.E. Food Drive Day**

*Donate at QFC stores in Port Townsend or
Port Hadlock or locations listed at:
wavefooddrive.wordpress.com.*

Make checks payable to Jefferson County Food Bank Association. Home-canned foods cannot be accepted. Canned foods that are past their expiration dates by less than three years CAN be donated. Opened food containers cannot be accepted BUT shampoos, lotions, dish soaps and pet foods that have been opened are welcome.



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):

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| 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 | |

Our apologies that the Finance Report for August wasn't included in this month's newsletter. Next month's newsletter will include the Finance Reports for both August and September as well as updates on giving to the local missions we support.

Charge Conference

Plan to attend the CUMC Charge Conference scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd. After Sunday Service there will be a potluck followed by the conference. See you there!

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Stephanie Buehler
- 12 Nancy Finkbeiner
- 15 Audrey Sanderson
- 19 Bernita Butler
- 27 Patti Shuff
- 30 Diane Johnson



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

HOSPITALITY

- 1
- 8 Kendra/
- 15
- 22 Diane/
- 29 Pat/

COMMUNION SERVERS

- 1 Ted/Stephanie

GREETERS

- 1 Bob Linrothe
- 8 Julie Boggs
- 15 David Hermanson
- 22 Marcy Wootan
- 29 Dianne Maynard

USHERS

- 1 Betty/Jackie
- 8 Dianne/Bernita
- 15 AJ/Stephanie
- 22 Larry/Connie
- 29 AJ/Stephanie

LITURGISTS

- 1 Marcy Wootan
- 8 Stephen Chase
- 15 Nancy McDaniel
- 22 Jackie Dale
- 29 Hank Hazen

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 1 Sara Davis
- 8 Marcell Berlin
- 15 Betty Harmon
- 22 Diane Johnson
- 29 Liz Hazen

OUR PRAYERS

- * A cure for cancer - all cancer
- * Margie's friend, Ruth, battling cancer
- * AJ's friend, Dixie, 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 Washington
- * Flood and Hurricane victims, and relief efforts
- * Janet's friend, Leah, and her family, for long-standing health problems
- * Justin, recovery relapse
- * Kathy's friend, Jay, liver disease and kidney problems, as well as strength for his wife
- * Kathy's friend, Susie, wisdom for doctors to correctly diagnose tingling in her body
- * Betty's friend, who is making the transition to assisted living
- * Peace in the world



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OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

October 1

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:33-46

October 8

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
 Psalm 19
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Exodus 32:1-14
 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
 Philippians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Exodus 33:12-23
 Psalm 99
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Matthew 22:34-46

OUR PRAYERS

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- * Stephen’s cousin, Darlene and her daughter’s family in Texas
- * Lori’s mom in Florida and Lori
- * John Long, recently in the hospital to have a pacemaker put in and also needs to see a kidney specialist
- * Alise Vetica’s daughter in Florida, consistent access to prescription medications without interruption
- * Kathy’s friend, Alyssa, peace regarding health concerns
- * Peace for Kathy in her job

OUR PRAISES

- * Linda Mizokawa sold her place quickly and found a new place closer to Seattle
- * Administrative Assistant, Melanie, and her family are moving into their new home this month in Port Townsend!



Pastor Scott assisted in “Blessing the Animals” on Sunday, September 17th at Sunfield Farm in Port Hadlock.

Blessing the Animals!



October 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <p><i>World Communion Sunday (offering)</i></p> <p>10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship</p> | <p>1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts</p> | <p>10am Worship Committee Meeting 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>10am UMW Meeting 11am UMW Program 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting</p> | <p>11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class 5-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | |
| <p>8</p> <p>10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship</p> | <p><i>Columbus Day</i></p> <p>1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts</p> | <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting</p> | <p>5-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>13</p> <p>11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship</p> <p>2pm Life Care Center Worship Service</p> | <p>Newsletter Articles Due 1:15pm Learning Circle</p> | <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting 6pm Potluck Dinner then Joint Meeting of Finance & Ad Council Committees (Narthex)</p> | <p>7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting</p> | <p>5-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>8am Men's Breakfast</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am Potluck lunch 12:15pm CUMC Charge Conference</p> | <p>1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts</p> | <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting</p> | <p>11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class 1pm SPRC Meeting with District Superintendent 5-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>10am Peninsula UMC Cluster Gathering at TUMC in Sequim 10am-2pm W.A.V.E. Food Drive Collection at CUMC</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship</p> | <p>1:15pm Learning Circle 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts</p> | <p><i>Halloween Reformation Day</i></p> <p>5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting</p> | | | | <p>28</p> |

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Monthly Devotional

The Upper Room, March 27th, 2015

Paul wrote, "Pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored." - 2 Thessalonians 3:1 (NIV)

Things I Take for Granted

I sat in my cozy chair and read my Bible. Then I scanned Facebook. My attention was captured by a memorial to William Tyndale carved with a statement that Tyndale was convicted of heresy and on October 6, 1536 was executed for translating the Bible into English.

This memorial made me think of how often I take things for granted. I have freedom to attend church, to read my Bible, and to share my beliefs. My family honors God and supports my faith. I don't have much money, but I'm rich in freedom. Jesus died to save me from my sin. Soldiers died defending my freedoms. William Tyndale died so I can read the Bible in English. While I enjoy these privileges, some people today face rejection and death threats from their own families for following Jesus Christ. Others are persecuted, imprisoned, or killed for their faith.

Knowing all this, I now pick up my Bible with renewed reverence. I sing with a grateful heart and pray for fellow believers in other countries who are suffering for their faith.

Ruth L. Snyder (Alberta, Canada)

We have freedom to pursue our faith today because of choices people made yesterday.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the gifts of salvation, the Bible, and freedom.
Be with our brothers and sisters who are suffering for you. Amen.



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