

# CREATING CONNECTIONS



The newsletter of  
Community United Methodist Church

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## 2018 Spring Church Work Day

**A VERY successful work day!**  
**Thank you for all your hard work!**



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## Pastor's Pen

The Living Church of Jesus Christ. One of the complaints or criticisms of churches today is that we don't do anything, that we're not relevant. We aren't making a difference. I think that is a valid criticism and one we should take to heart when we do that self-examination on our health. Do we need to lose weight? Do we need to exercise more? Do we need to give up that bad habit and develop some healthy habits?

"Knowing is not enough;  
We must apply.  
Willing is not enough;  
We must do."

J.W Van Goethe

As I sit here, I reflect upon our health as a church, the weight we may be carrying, the need to exercise our faith more and some of the healthy spiritual habits we should be developing. And in this self-examination I think we are doing pretty good. I say this because this little church is a bee hive of activity. Why, just today, four of us gathered to work on the Maundy Thursday service so it will be impactful and meaningful for those who attend and two of the ladies took a load of hygiene kits down to the Quilcene Food Bank for distribution and will be checking with the Brinnon Food Bank to see if they have any needs we can meet. This past weekend we had between twenty and thirty people show up for Spring cleaning and the church looks great inside and out. The various committees meet regularly working on ways to enhance worship and re-establish our footprint here in our community.



In addition to all the missions we've done in the last year and a half we have new missions on the horizon. We're trying to put together a Volunteers In Mission team to go over to Central Washington to work on rebuilding some of the homes lost in the fires of 2014. We're going to designate the month of April as Puerto Rican Hurricane Relief Month where we will collect money to be sent to UMCOR. The group I sing in, Singers In The Rain, is planning on putting on a concert Sunday, April 22nd, where the funds raised will go to the relief effort. I

am currently attending meetings of two groups that are looking to solve problems here in our community. The first is the Jefferson County Youth Marijuana Prevention and Education Program that is studying the use and affects of marijuana usage among our area children. The second group is Jefferson County Families with Kids that is exploring ways to offer essential services to area families with children. What is exciting about this is that we have a seat at the table which enables me to learn more about the problems and issues in our mission field. Denise Banker of the Jefferson County Health Department and I will be meeting with the area pastors to discuss an idea where on the same Sunday all of the pastors will preach a sermon on substance abuse in an effort to raise awareness.

I say this to say that I think our health is good and the more we exercise our faith in service to God the stronger we will get and the more God will find for us to do as we seek to serve the least, the last and the lost.

Faithfully,

*Scott*





## UMW April Program

**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is invited to tour the Tri-Area Food Bank at 11:00am (meet at the food bank, 760 Chimacum Road). Please join us as we take a look inside and find out more about this program our church supports as a local mission then afterwards be our guests for lunch at the church.



Photo by Laurel Ankeny

The UMW March Program featured Alise Moss Vetica presenting information about the Mercy Mission Dental Van.



## Hospitality Update

By Betty Prentice

There is a new sign-up sheet for Sunday Coffee Time on the side table in the narthex. The hospitality committee invites you to sign up to provide snacks for coffee time. May we suggest you keep it simple..... bring something sweet (such as a plate of cookies), and something non-sweet (a tray of sandwiches OR crackers and cheese OR perhaps a vegetable tray).

When you host coffee time, plan to arrive at 9:15am to make the coffee before the service. Instructions are posted in the kitchen on how to make the coffee and set everything up.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, we will have a planned potluck and we will set out a sign-up sheet for you to indicate what type of dish you want to bring.



Thank you to the following individuals for their help, hard work and/or thoughtfulness:

- ♦ Connie Howland for cleaning cabinets in the kitchen
- ♦ Larry Howland, Ed Davis and Hank Hazen for chipping limbs and branches from the church work day
- ♦ AJ Laverty, Joan Flowers, Sara Davis and Betty Prentice for your efforts towards organizing and revitalizing hospitality for Sunday mornings
- ♦ Everyone who contributed to and/or helped assemble hygiene kits
- ♦ Volunteers who've stepped up to participate in a monthly rotation of Sunday Counters and/or willing to fill in as substitutes
- ♦ Sara Davis for regular transportation of supplies and donations to the Tri-Area Food Bank
- ♦ All volunteers who helped before, on and after the church work day last Saturday
- ♦ Pastor Scott for his relentless pursuit of God's truth, ongoing challenge to meet the needs of the lost, the least and the last as well as his insatiable appetite for reading

Please email (cumc@olympus.net) or drop a note by the Church Office to include someone in next month's Kudos Corner!



BIRTHDAYS		GREETERS		OUR PRAYERS	
1	Betty Prentice	1	Bob Linrothe	*	Bobby Griffen's depression
8	Patti Clarke	8	Julie Boggs	*	Cynthia Schoneker, recently in Harrison Hospital with health issues
22	Sylvia Aluzas	15	Judy Olsen	*	People in Puerto Rico, still suffering, without electricity
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>		22	Marcy Wootan	*	People with mental health issues
1	Steve Chase	29	John Sweet	*	Marcell Berlin's three year old great granddaughter with health issues
8	Kathy Anderson	<b>USHERS</b>		*	Carolyn's daughter's surgery recovery and patience for the process
15	Gladys Heinzinger	1	Betty/Jackie	*	Justice in the world
22	Julie Boggs	8	Mike/	*	Gerry Mizokawa's healing and recovery from recent kidney transplant; no complications
29	Debbie Dodd	15	AJ/Stephanie	*	Victims and survivors of school shootings
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		22	Larry/Connie	*	Our leaders and government
1	Hot Cross Buns	29	Henry/Cindi	*	Law enforcement personnel
8		<b>LITURGISTS</b>		*	Victims of terrorism
15		1	Liz Hazen	*	Peace around the world
22		8	Steve Chase	*	An end to the flu season; health to all who are ill, young and old
29	Potluck	15	Henry Jones	*	The homeless, hungry, unemployed and our military
<b>COUNTERS</b>		22	Hank Hazen		
1	Debbie/Mike	29	Jackie Dale		
8	Melanie/Betty H.	<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>			
15	Lori/Betty P.	1	Easter		
22	Sara/Diane	8	Pat Chase		
29	Debbie/Mike	15	Sara Davis		
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>		22	Betty Harmon		
1	Jim & Debbie Dodd	29	Diane Johnson		



### APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS

#### April 1

Acts 10:34-43  
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 John 20:1-18

#### April 8

Acts 4:32-35  
 Psalm 133  
 1 John 1:1-2:2  
 John 20:19-31

#### April 15

Acts 3:12-19  
 Psalm 4  
 1 John 3:1-7  
 Luke 24:36b-48

#### April 22

Acts 4:5-12  
 Psalm 23  
 1 John 3:16-24  
 John 10:11-18

#### April 29

Acts 8:26-40  
 Psalm 22:25-31  
 1 John 4:7-21  
 John 15:1-8



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## Finance Report through February 2018

### Income:

Frontage Rental	\$800.00
Parsonage Rental	2,368.00
Pledges	17,885.50
Non Pledge Gifts	5,405.00
Cash Offering	632.00
Misc. Income	<u>912.50</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,003.00</b>

### Expenses:

Apportionments	\$2,609.24
Local Ministry	945.29
Operating Expenses	11,624.88
Personnel Compensation	<u>10,762.86</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,942.27</b>

Surplus/(Deficit) as of February 28, 2018 = \$2,061

## Local MISSION of the MONTH

CUMC supports three local organizations: 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. During the January 2018 Finance Committee Meeting, the committee voted to continue supporting the same three missions with the same donation amounts in 2018.

Following is the donation schedule for 2018 and the total amount donated that month:

January:	ECHHO	\$637	July:	ECHHO	\$
February:	Food Bank	\$745.50	August:	Food Bank	\$
March:	OlyCAP	\$	September:	OlyCAP	\$
April:	ECHHO	\$	October:	ECHHO	\$
May:	Food Bank	\$	November:	Food Bank	\$
June:	OlyCAP	\$	December:	OlyCAP	\$

# Easter Services

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>



7:00am Sunrise  
Service in the Outdoor  
Chapel followed by  
breakfast in the  
narthex at 8:00am.

10:00am Easter  
Service in the  
Sanctuary



# Back Street UMC

By Scott Rosekrans

I recently finished reading a book entitled: A Methodist Requiem, Words of Hope and Resurrection for the Church written by Professor William Lawrence. In it, he quotes historian Kenneth Rowe, who observes that one of the biggest challenges affecting Methodism occurred as it moved from the back streets to Main Street. If you know anything at all about the early ministry of John Wesley you know that his ministry and mission was in and on the back streets of Great Britain. The Anglican Church of England had very little interest in the plight of the last, the least and the lost. Wesley's brand of theology, Methodism, resonated with the disenfranchised and, as a result, the Methodist Church grew by leaps and bounds and, once in America, it grew and spread in great numbers as it met the needs of spirituality in the new country.

Professor Lawrence paints a pretty stark picture but says that while there are fears that Methodism is dying, we must have faith that it will live if we are flexible. We have to be willing to adapt and adjust to the changing circumstances around us if we are to be a relevant force in meeting the needs of the least of these. According to Professor Lawrence, Methodists have a diminished footprint in the major public issues affecting society. He says there are virtually no big questions for which the denomination speaks with a unified voice offering vital answers. There are nearly no topics on which the denomination has a recognizable, unequivocal position. There is no sign that society looks to the United Methodist Church for solutions to problems. Hard words to hear.

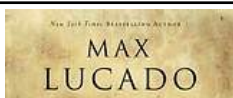
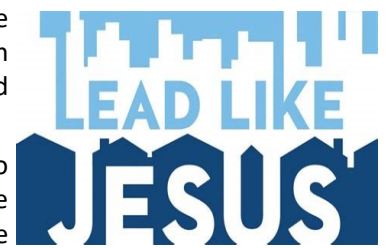


One of the problems that he identifies is our obsession with statistics. We are data driven and have come to believe that the quantitative information we gather indirectly relates to our qualitative discipleship. I believe his fear is that when you begin focusing on your statistics you become inwardly focused and lose sight of the mission field just outside of your parking lot. He points out that a church in the Wesleyan tradition cannot and should not separate itself from the culture or the community it serves. He reminds us that the church is always in the midst of its living missionary journey. People of faith, he says, do not define the mission on which they are sent. The mission defines them. We

discover what the mission requires of us through responding in faith as it calls. It delivers us from whoever we were, and it directs us to whatever we will be.

Professor Lawrence makes some observations about the church in general that I believe also apply to us locally. He says that in order to be recognized and respected as a leader in the world (community), a church must know its sense of mission, have a strong sense of identity, and demonstrate a clearly differentiated sense of integrity. We must know our sense of mission, have a strong sense of who we are, and demonstrate with integrity who we are and what we stand for. He says that a church that is a leader has clarity about its life and its goals. A church that leads is one that will not be anxious about its vitality or stability. A church that leads is one that knows its missional purpose in the world (community) and can articulate how fulfilling its purpose will make a difference in the world (community). That church can exercise leadership in transforming the world (community).

We can do this, we can fulfill our mission and make a difference in our community. To do this, we must engage in a process of letting a new identity shape and develop us. We need to discover who we are by embracing a sense of mission given to us by God. We must trust God to make us the church we need to be to serve his people here in our midst and then allow us to expand our reach as we grow into our new self and seek to expand our reach. One who trusts will not panic. We need boldly to engage in a mission that is broader than our eyes can see or bigger than our calculations can count.



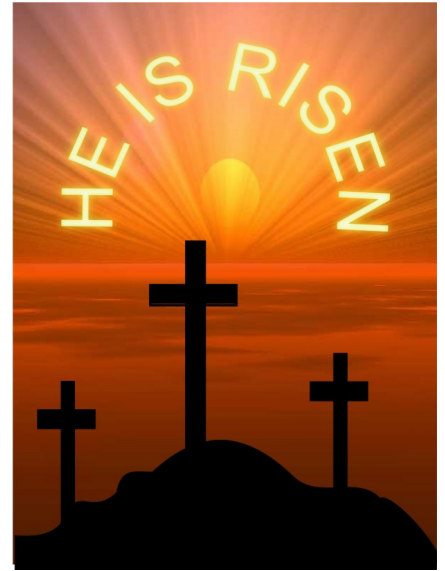
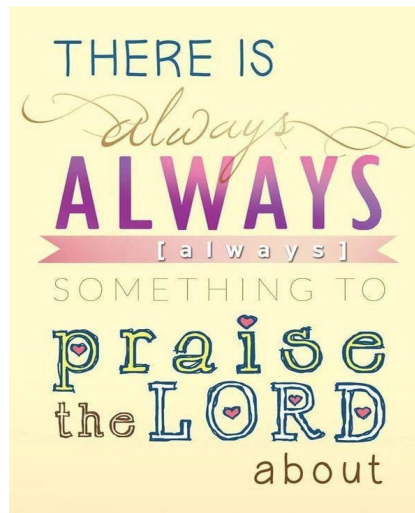
LIFE LESSONS from  
ACTS



The Sunday morning Learning Circle resumes on April 8th at 9:15am with *Life Lessons from Acts* by Max Lucado. Join us as we study the book of Acts the Sunday after Easter to find out what happens next.

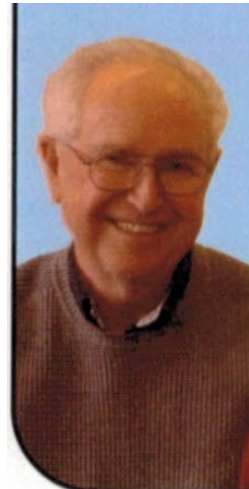
## OUR PRAISES

- \* Diane Johnson got her trees and shrubs recently plus her friends came to help plant and clear cut south of her house
- \* Boy Scouts and parents who helped at the church work day
- \* Prayer warriors
- \* Gerry Mizokawa's successful kidney transplant



# Blast From the Past

Do you recognize these faces???



the best thing about  
**Memories**  
 is making them



# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Easter Day</i> 1 7:00am Sunrise Service at Outdoor Chapel with breakfast to follow in the Narthex	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	11am UMW Program 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	
8 9:15am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	9	9am-3pm Daughters of Norway using kitchen 10am Worship Committee Meeting	10	11	12	13
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15 <i>Native American Ministries Sunday (special offering)</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30					
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Hygiene Kits were assembled by volunteers on March 22nd in the narthex. 58 kits were assembled in no time at all! Thank you to everyone who contributed to kits and/or helped assemble them. Way to go CUMC team! 23 kits went to the Winter Shelter, 22 to the Quilcene Food Bank and 13 went to the Brinnon Food Bank.

Photos by Scott Rosekrans



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## Monthly Devotional

*Our Daily Bread, March 27, 2016*

Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.

John 20:27

### Easter Start

One detail in the Easter story has always intrigued me. Why did Jesus keep the scars from His crucifixion? Presumably He could have had any resurrected body He wanted, and yet He chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?

I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus (John 20:27). Human beings dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and ideal body shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body. But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin *was* the unnatural state. The scars are a permanent reminder of His days of confinement and suffering on our planet.

From the perspective of heaven, those scars represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe. Even that event, though, turned into a memory. Because of Easter, we can hope that the tears we shed, the struggles we endure, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones—all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. Someday we will have re-created bodies and a re-created heaven and earth (Rev. 21:4). We will have a new start, an Easter start.

By Philip Yancey

*Thank You, Lord, for the hope that the resurrection of Jesus  
brings—for now and for eternity.  
I put my trust in You today.*

**Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of our own.**



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