

CREATING CONNECTIONS



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Community United Methodist Church

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Eat More Eggs...



Do More Laundry...

by Scott Rosekrans



I firmly believe our little country church has this mission thing figured out. We come to church to worship God through prayer and praise as we seek an ever-closer relationship with God. At the same time, we seek direction and guidance on how to expand and spread the ministry of Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we are led to discover new opportunities to reach out and serve the children of God who go unserved and remain mostly invisible to society.

A couple of our missionaries were recently down visiting the Quilcene Food Bank and inquiring what, in addition to money, they could use. Well, the director of the Quilcene Food Bank is quite creative in meeting the needs of their clientele, many of whom are living in tents and vehicles. She asked that we bring them empty (cardboard) egg cartons, dryer lint, small plastic water bottles and empty pill bottles. Yes, I did say dryer lint. What they do is that they take the dryer lint and put it in the egg cartons where the eggs sit and then cover the lint with paraffin which makes a very efficient fire starter. They use the small water bottles (8-ounce size) to put liquid soap and shampoo in that they buy in bulk. They take your used pill bottles and fill them with off-the-shelf aspirin and other pain relievers, vitamins and supplements that they buy in bulk. Now that is creative!

Our mission effort over the last 16 months has been nothing short of amazing for a church of our size. Each month we send money to the Tri-Area Food Bank, Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO) and Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP) which is supplemented by individual members. We've supported Bayside Housing and Services with items their clients need as they transition to permanent housing. When the hurricanes hit last summer, we made hygiene kits that we sent to an UMCOR distribution center in Texas. We raised almost \$2,500.00 for hurricane relief and also raised over \$2,300.00 for the Central Washington fire relief. We've collected hundreds of dollars through our Jesus Cup averaging well over a hundred dollars a month that goes to supplement our relief efforts. Our United Methodist Women have created our own version of the hurricane hygiene kits that we distribute locally to the food banks and the homeless shelter. We will be sending a VIM (Volunteers In Mission) team to Okanogan County in May to work on a house as part of the Rebuild: Up From the Ashes program. This winter a team of volunteers made

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Pastor's Pen



On behalf of your church leadership I am extremely pleased to announce that our plans to renovate the sanctuary and narthex are moving forward. All of this could not have been possible without the hard work and visioning of the Trustees, Administrative Council and the Finance Committee. We have hired and signed a contract with a local contractor and the remodel is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 14th! The remodel will be in keeping with our country church feel being simple yet elegant. We will be covering the popcorn ceilings with a nice tongue and groove cedar planking. We'll have new lighting consisting of pendant school house lights and wall sconces. We will replace the older and boxy speakers with new, sleek, lower profile ones. The walls will get a fresh coat of paint with the addition of wainscoting along the walls. Because of the excellent financial stewardship of previous committees, the church has more than enough funds on hands to pay for the remodel. With the new, fresh look, we will also want some new and tasteful furniture such as a pulpit, two chairs, a water table and a communion table to take the place of the existing alter, pulpit and two chairs. These new items of furniture can be purchased for under \$3,500.00



and it our desire that we offer the purchase of this furniture to the congregation. If you would like to make a donation to this effort please let me know or send a check directly to the church with a designation that it is for the new alter/pulpit furniture. If you are so inclined, you could purchase a piece in memory of a loved one. The current sanctuary, narthex and furniture has served the church well for many years but as we continue to grow and attract new members it is time to invest in the future.

As a result of our efforts to become more relevant in our community we have made the kind of contacts that have resulted in groups looking to us for meeting space. We currently have three Alcoholics Anonymous groups and an Al-Anon group meeting during the week. Beginning in May an Alzheimer's Support Group will hold monthly meetings at the church on the second Monday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. On Wednesday evening, May 2nd, a group will be holding a parent's workshop from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. where there will be a dinner and then a breakout session where parents can discuss issues in raising a family. We've entered into an agreement with the Head Start Program for them to use our facility during the summer. At the close of the school year their building in Port Townsend will be torn down in preparation for them moving into the newly constructed elementary school. They'll be using the kitchen to prepare breakfast and lunch for the kids and will be converting the nursery into a temporary classroom. Also, they will erect a temporary fenced playground at the far end of the building. While we are not in this to make money, we will be well-compensated and, hopefully, we can put this money back into the facilities for future expanded use.

To paraphrase a lyric from a 1986 hit by the band Timbuk3; Our future's so bright we gotta wear shades.

Faithfully,

Scott





On Thursday April 5th the UMW had their monthly meeting starting with a tour of the Tri-Area Food Bank. Approximately 20 of us were shown through the areas starting where a recipient would enter, check in and make their way through the building to get various food items, starting with canned foods, one of a kind, dried beans, rice, fresh fruits and vegetables, meat and other items. After being shown how that process is done we were shown the very large outdoor refrigerator and freezer. The new freezer has been a huge time saver as all frozen items are in the same area rather than scattered throughout the area in small

freezers. We were also shown the large shed on the property which is a distribution area for large quantities for the four Jefferson County Food Banks.

Afterwards we met back at the church for a lunch provided by AJ Lavery, Sara Davis, Gerri Shaw and Janet Stevenson followed by a short business meeting.

Our next meeting will be on May 3rd and will be at the Old Alcohol Plant. We will meet in the lobby at 11am and have a short presentation by Aislinn Palmer of Bayside Housing. She will also give us a tour of this area. Afterwards we will meet back in the restaurant for lunch and a very short business meeting before adjourning. This will be a hands-on experience learning about another organization that our church is supporting. Please join us. Our annual hiatus is June and July. Our next meeting will be a potluck picnic at Port Ludlow in August. More info will be given at a later date.



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

- ◆ Kathy Anderson for teaching hula class
- ◆ All involved in the sanctuary and narthex remodel project
- ◆ Everyone who contributed to and/or helped assemble hygiene kits on April 27th
- ◆ Scott, for cleaning, organizing and making areas in the church more usable
- ◆ Volunteers in Missions (VIM) Team for your willingness to go to central Washington the first week of May to help rebuild homes lost in fires
- ◆ Bob Linrothe, for leading the efforts in the Margaret Matheson Memorial Project
- ◆ Faithful prayer warriors
- ◆ Pastor Scott for locating and ordering the new fridge for the kitchen when the old one stopped working.
- ◆ Scott and Teresa for painting the classroom across from the nursery. It looks fabulous!

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	
4	Kendra Hermanson	6	Bob Linrothe	*	Christie, who has cancer and is in chemo treatment
5	Lori Witheridge	13	Julie Boggs	*	Steve Chase's friends, Bill & Linda, visiting family in Arizona and recent passing of their niece after a long illness
9	Laurel Ankeny	20	Judy Olsen	*	Janet's friend, Robin, recently diagnosed with cancer
20	Michael Swartout	27	Marcy Wootan	*	Betty Harmon, recovering from a slight stroke
21	Cal White			*	Friends and family of Robert Haertig, retired pastor, artist and friend, in hospice care
24	Kathy Anderson			*	Gerry Mizokawa's continued success with new kidney and feeling better
24	Judy Olsen			*	Victims and survivors of school shootings
28	Doreen Spring			*	Our leaders and government
31	Ed Davis			*	Law enforcement personnel
				*	Victims of terrorism
				*	Family and friends of Sue Ammeter on her recent passing
SUNDAY SCHOOL		USHERS			
6	TBD	6	Betty H./Jackie		
13	TBD	13	Mike/		
20	TBD	20	AJ/Stephanie		
27	TBD	27	Larry/Connie		
HOSPITALITY		LITURGISTS			
6	Carolyn/Stephanie	6	Sara Davis		
13	Marsha/AJ	13	Betty Harmon		
20		20	Larry Sanderson		
27	Potluck	27	Liz Hazen		
COUNTERS		ALTAR FLOWERS			
6	Debbie/Mike	6	Liz Hazen		
13	Melanie/	13	Billie Fitch		
20	Lori/Betty P.	20	Kendra Hermanson		
27	Sara/Diane	27	Marsha Hamacher		
		COMMUNION SERVERS			
		6	Steve & Pat Chase		



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MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

May 6

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

May 13

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

May 20

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

May 27

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

Finance Report for March 2018

Income:

Frontage Rental	\$400.00
Parsonage Rental	1,020.50
Pledges	5,725.00
Non Pledge Gifts	2,375.00
Cash Offering	211.25
Misc. Income	<u>151.30</u>
Total	\$9,883.05

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$1,304.62
Local Ministry	924.64
Operating Expenses	2,478.15
Personnel Compensation	<u>6,033.41</u>
Total	\$10,740.82

Surplus/(Deficit) for March 2018 = (\$857.77)



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	\$474.50	September:	OlyCAP	\$
April:	ECHHO	\$	October:	ECHHO	\$
May:	Food Bank	\$	November:	Food Bank	\$
June:	OlyCAP	\$	December:	OlyCAP	\$

Blood transfusions are frequently needed by patients undergoing surgery, cancer-battling warriors, organ transplant recipients, and during emergency situations.

Your blood donation makes a life-saving difference to those in need. Will you give?

Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 9th 11am-5pm

To make an appt or for questions about eligibility
call 1-800-398-7888 ext 2.

Help save lives!



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

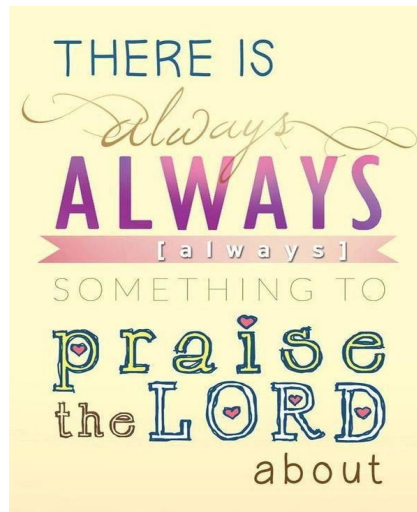
OUR PRAYERS

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- * Peace and justice in the world
- * Marsha's friend, Deb, who lost her spouse last month due to cancer; continued support from friends
- * People in Puerto Rico, suffering without electricity or clean water
- * The homeless, hungry and unemployed

OUR PRAISES

- * Christie, who has cancer, has been handling chemo treatments well so far
- * Gerry Mizokawa's new kidney is working!
- * Marcy met her great granddaughter from Michigan for the first time and her 7th great grandchild "Mina" was born recently in Indiana



Future pastor?

Scott admits he's "grooming his replacement." 😊

Photo of Eva Nornes, Pastor Scott's granddaughter.
Photo by Scott Rosekrans.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th.

Let's Celebrate
MOM

**Sunday,
May
27th**



⇒ **Peace with
Justice
Sunday
(special
offering)**

⇒ **2pm Worship
Service at Life
Care Center**

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dozens of scarves that were delivered to the food bank, the winter shelter, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, and the Dove House. When the Teen Center found itself in financial difficulty we sent a check for \$500.00 to help them. I'm sure there are some I've overlooked, but you get the idea.

None of this could have been done without the deep abiding faith of the members of our church. It shows a great commitment to do God's will and work as we seek to serve the least, the last and the lost. So, eat more eggs and do more laundry.

seek • serve • follow

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 5-7pm Dinner & Workshops for parents, educators & caregivers	2 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	3 11am UMW Program 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	4 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Volunteers in Missions (VIM) Team to central Washington to help rebuild homes lost in fires as part of the Rebuild: Up from the Ashes Campaign.						
9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	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>Mother's Day</i> 13	14	15	16	17	18	19 8am Men's Breakfast
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<i>Peace with Justice Sunday (special offering)</i> 27	28	29	30	31		
9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 2pm Service at Life Care Center in PT	5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting		

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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, May 12, 2002

Do not forsake the law of your mother. Proverbs 6:20

Mother's Laws

As I read Proverbs 6:20, which refers to "the law of your mother," I recall some of my mother's unique "laws" that have helped me many times.

The first one I call "the law of the warm kitchen." When we got home from school on a cold winter's day or when the holidays rolled around, the kitchen was always so warm from baking and cooking that the windows were steamed. It was also warm with a mother's love.

A second law I call "the law of a mother's perspective." When I would come to her all upset over some childish matter, she would often say, "Pay no attention." Or, "Ten years from now you'll have forgotten all about it." That helped me put things in perspective.

But above all was my mother's "law of faith." She had an unswerving trust in God that kept her strong and gentle amid the fears, pressures, and trying times that we faced as a family.

Mom has been with the Lord now for many years. Yet I'm still grateful for her "laws," because they have helped me through many difficult days.

Christian mother, you too are writing "laws" for your children. Are they worth remembering?

By David C. Enger

No man is poor who has a godly mother. —Abraham Lincoln



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