

CREATING CONNECTIONS



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Community United Methodist Church

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VIM Team Report

By Dale Kelley

Our CUMC Team of Pastor Scott Rosekrans, Don Olsen, John Sweet, Teresa Rosekrans, Dale Kelley, Betty Prentice and Joan Flowers were blessed by our Congregation on the bright and sunny morning of May 6 with these words –

"On this day, we, as a Congregation, commission you as a Mission Team to expect the unexpected. And on this day, we covenant to gratefully receive and actively engage with the expanded visions, the surprising experiences, and the new ideas you bring back..... We will be holding you in our prayers as you serve our sisters and brothers there. May our God protect and guide you. To God be the Praise and the Glory! Amen."

And, indeed ... "expanded visions, surprising experiences, new ideas and the friendship of new brothers and sisters" were all part of this amazing time in the beautiful Okanogan area of our wonderful Washington State – an area that had experienced some of the most devastating and wide-spread wildfires in our state's history!

The six hour drive from western Washington across the Columbia River found us among orchard groves, small towns and hills of high desert that began to show the telltale signs of the forest fire damage we would be working amongst for the next week in the mountains above Omak and Tonasket. We were assisted by a young Jesuit Volunteer, Aimee, who served with Barry Hansen, the UMCOR Reconstruction Manager who assigned our daily tasks for the properties of four wonderful folks during our week there – Kathy, Joe, John and Kathy, and Becky.

The first day dawned cloudy, damp, and chilly, as we traveled up into the mountains about an hour above Omak - first to Kathy's tiny but charming cabin, which miraculously survived the fire itself, while the rest of the steep and ravaged acreage was completely burned over. Don, Scott and John spent the drizzly day digging new fence posts and running barbed wire over several hundred yards of high hills and deep ravines. Not easy work for unaccustomed backs and muscles!

Teresa, Dale, Joan and Betty went a few miles higher to meet "Joe", an elderly

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UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION
Christian Love in Action!

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SODS

SODS. That's the new acronym for our church mission effort. Somebody Oughta Do Something. We are those somebodies. When the Spirit presents us with a need that requires attention, we are the somebodies that take action and do what we can to be the answer to someone's desperate prayers.

Jesus loves a good mission effort on behalf of his brothers and sisters. One of the traps we fall into is the belief that a mission has to be some large effort with many moving parts undertaken on a grand scale. While such missions are commendable, most churches, like ours, do not have the resources or the people to accomplish such an endeavor. That's okay. Jesus has given us an example of smaller missions that might only involve our helping just one person or a small group of people. To understand what Jesus was talking about you need to read Matthew 25: 31-46 which I like to refer to as his "Least of These" sermon. In short, he's telling his disciples to be aware of their surroundings and that when they see someone in need, take action, do something, because, if you do, you are doing it for Him. Verses 34 - 40 pretty much says it all when Jesus says, *Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'* Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, ***'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'***

DO SOMETHING NOW

*If not you, who?
If not here, where?
If not now, when?
- Theodore Roosevelt*



Jesus is telling us to remember and include the individual in our mission efforts. I firmly believe that when we start small we don't miss as much and our mission effort grows as the excitement builds with the knowledge that we are making a difference. In July of this year our District will be renamed the Puget Sound Missional District. The Bishop wants an emphasis on our calling to be missionaries for Christ. We are already ahead of the game as

we continue to build upon the rich tradition and history Community United Methodist Church has in this area as countless people have gone before us into the mission field to help the least of these. Our missions can be as simple as collecting dryer lint to make fire starters for the homeless to taking a group of people in their sixties and seventies to an area devastated by a natural disaster to assist in cleaning up and rebuilding.

I've found nothing in the Gospels that say once a church has done so many missions you get to kick back and relax, or once you've gotten your "twenty-year" service pin you can retire and let somebody else do it. Our mission focus remains the same, but as we mature, some gifts or talents diminish but other opportunities to serve in the mission field arise. So, our mission for the coming year is to go to God in prayer and seek direction from the Holy Spirit as to where we are most needed and how best to use our God-given talents in His service. SODS!

Faithfully,

Scott

“Serve the Lord with gladness”

— Psalms 100:2

Father's Day

is Sunday, June 17th

Are you ready to honor and celebrate your dad?

A good father is
one of the most
unsung,
unpraised,
unnoticed,
and yet one of the
most valuable
assets in our society.
-Billy Graham-



Sunday, June 17 th	Father's Day
Friday, June 22 nd - Sunday, June 24 th	UMC PNW Annual Conference in Puyallup
Sunday, June 24 th	Potluck after service
Wednesday, July 4 th	Independence Day/ Church Offices Closed
Wednesday, July 11 th	Blood Drive
Sunday, July 29 th	Potluck after service/ Worship Service at Life Care Center

Kudos Corner

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

- ◆ Larry and Connie Howland for picking up recycling at the church on a regular basis and taking it to the recycle station
- ◆ OlyCAP for the beautiful new-to-us conference tables and chairs now located in the library and the classroom next door to Pastor Scott's office
- ◆ All involved in the sanctuary and narthex remodel project
- ◆ Scott, for tirelessly cleaning and organizing around the church
- ◆ All who volunteer to teach or help with Sunday School
- ◆ Jim and Debbie Dodd for facilitating regular Blood Drives here at the church
- ◆ The VIM Team for their hard work and dedication to serving others in the name of the Lord
- ◆ The Trustees who mow the grass, weed eat and keep the church property looking great!

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



BIRTHDAYS

6 Dale Kelley
 11 Gerri Shaw
 13 Gerald Wootan
 15 Michael Swartout
 20 Deborah Shanks
 26 Melanie Rosas

SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 Stephen/Bev
 10 Kathy/Gladys
 17 Julie/Debbie
 24 TBD

HOSPITALITY

3 Wendi Metzger
 10 Sara Davis
 17 TBD
 24 Potluck

COUNTERS

3 Betty P./Mike
 10 Melanie/TBD
 17 Lori/Debbie
 24 Sara/Diane

GREETERS

3 Bob Linrothe
 10 Julie Boggs
 17 Judy Olsen
 24 Marcy Wootan

USHERS

3 Jackie/TBD
 10 Mike/TBD
 17 AJ/Stephanie
 24 Larry/Connie

LITURGISTS

3 TBD
 10 Diane Johnson
 17 Bev Rothenborg
 24 Billie Fitch

ALTAR FLOWERS

3 Liz Hazen
 10 Marcell Berlin
 17 TBD
 24 Marcy Wootan

COMMUNION SERVERS

3 TBD

OUR PRAYERS

- * Mike Perzel's neighbor, Donna, who had to put her dog down recently
- * Betty Harmon, recovering from a slight stroke
- * Kathy Anderson, healing from cataract surgery
- * Gerry Mizokawa's new kidney to continue working
- * Victims and survivors of school shootings
- * Our leaders and government
- * Law enforcement personnel
- * Victims and families of the big car crash on the Hood Canal Bridge last week
- * Marge Luther, who was recently in the hospital
- * Friends and family of Cynthia Schoneker who recently passed away
- * Peace, wisdom and guidance for Debbie Rogers' marriage and all marriages
- * Victims of terrorism



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JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS**June 3**

1 Samuel 3: 1-20
 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12
 Mark 2: 23-3: 6

June 10

1 Samuel 8: 4-20
 Psalm 138
 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1
 Mark 3: 20-35

June 17

1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13
 Psalm 20
 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17
 Mark 4: 26-34

June 24

1 Samuel 17: 32-49
 Psalm 9: 9-20
 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
 Mark 4: 35-41

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Finance Report for April 2018

Income:

Frontage Rental	\$400.00
Parsonage Rental	1,184.00
Pledges	10,519.00
Non-Pledge Gifts	5,525.18
Cash Offering	407.25
Misc. Income	<u>1,060.00</u>
Total	\$19,095.43

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$1,666.62
Local Ministry	457.56
Operating Expenses	1,653.72
Personnel Compensation	<u>5,207.37</u>
Total	\$8,985.27

Surplus/(Deficit) for April 2018 = \$10,110



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	\$355	October:	ECHHO	\$
May:	Food Bank	\$	November:	Food Bank	\$
June:	OlyCAP	\$	December:	OlyCAP	\$



The ladies of Community UMW enjoying lunch together at *Spirits Bar & Grill* in the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock after a presentation and tour of Bayside Housing & Services on May 3, 2018.

Photo by Sara Davis



OUR PRAYERS

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- * Peace and justice in the world
- * People in Puerto Rico, suffering without electricity or clean water
- * Mike Perzel's daughter's friend, Curt, recovering in Harborview from burns on over 25% of his body
- * Dave Houak, complete recovery from recent major stroke
- * Mike Perzel's daughter Michelle and son-in-law Bruce, on a two month RV journey of the country
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed

OUR PRAISES

- * A successful mission trip to Okanogan County and a safe trip there and back, a joy to be of service to God and his people in their time of great need

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Veteran, who lost everything in the fire. Joe had a newly built 24x24 home with a small deck that needed staining, but the rains made it impossible to stain, so we helped Joe assemble some furniture as well as clean some newly installed cabinets.

Day two found us at John and Kathy's newly constructed little home. This older couple had lost their four bedroom home, 39 vehicles, all their chickens and thought they'd lost their only horse who ran into the flames, but who returned unharmed two weeks later! The gals worked all day, completely scrubbing and cleaning the new home of all wall-board dust and grime, while the guys totally sanded two good sized decks, largely on hands and knees! John and Kathy had raised four children on this multi-arc'd site, and bravely decided to rebuild and begin again!

Days three, four and five were spent on 85 year old Becky's lovely property in the mountains above Tonasket's rising flood waters! Becky's tiny 20x20 cabin, was built with a tiny roof over her front door, angled so that snow would fall directly over her three front steps. Our task was to remove that roof and replace it with a 7x16 shed roof to cover a new deck to protect those steps (and Becky) from winter's six foot snows!

This was no easy task! But we accomplished it – almost! The roof was worked on by Scott, Don and John. After tedious removal of the old, and on with the new 2x8 roof joists, they added five 4x8 plywood boards, ready for the next teams to finish out. The deck frame is now in place after much measuring and squaring up, with half the deck boards in place, ready for the next teams to complete!

We returned to the church in town where Joan cooked all our dinner meals and finished our time of service with reflection on our wonderful week's experience and a brief Service of Communion before having our last meal together at a local restaurant.

We all took lots of pictures throughout our wonderful week! If "A picture is worth a thousand words", then there are thousands of "picture words" that will "flesh out our experiences" of trying to be the "hands and feet", the "hearts and love" of the God who called us to go and to serve our sisters and brothers in this place and at this time. We cherished this opportunity and hope to inspire others to go and serve in the future. I know that each of us is more than ready to pick up and to go again!

(more photos on pages 10 & 11)



Honoring Margaret Matheson

Margaret's Village

By Scott Rosekrans



On Sunday, May 20th, I preached a sermon entitled, The Guiding Light, which was based upon John 15: 26-27, 16: 1-15, in which Jesus talks to his disciples about the coming time when he will send the Holy Spirit to them. (To read the text of the sermon you can find it on our webpage: hadlockchurch.com). Depending upon what translation of the New

Testament you read, the Holy Spirit is described as an Advocate, a Counselor, a Companion, and a Friend. Jesus tells them the Spirit of Truth will guide them into all the truth and will be speaking for him. Jesus is telling us that the Spirit will be a Guiding Light showing us the way and assisting us in doing God's will and his work here on earth. He doesn't say he will give you impossible tasks or jobs that exceed your abilities. He gives you the Spirit to help and guide you as a helper. No task is too great when the Spirit has your back.

As a reminder of the moving power of the Holy Spirit, we now have a stone at the intersection of Church Lane and Faith Way with an arrow pointing to Margaret's Village (the South Seven housing complex). Like many of us new arrivals, I did not have the pleasure and honor of knowing Margaret Matheson but those of you who did can attest to her determination in getting the low-income, senior housing complex built on church property. God chose Margaret to get this done and sent the Holy Spirit to guide and assist her. God chose a faithful servant who was confined to a wheelchair to be the moving force behind this project to provide housing to some of God's less fortunate. Margaret, with the guidance of the Spirit and help from her church, was able to clear these hurdles in her wheelchair and through sheer determination saw the project through to completion.

What a great testament to the Holy Spirit and how God can use anybody to accomplish his purpose. God does not see disability, he sees ability and provides you with all you need to succeed in meeting the needs of others. Thank you, Margaret for being an example to us that there is no job too small or too big that cannot be completed with the help of the Holy Spirit no matter what we think our limitations may be.

Margaret Matheson Sign

By Bob Linrothe, Sign Committee Chairman

Margaret passed away May 18, 2017. Although she has been gone a year she is still loved and remembered by all who knew her. She chose not to have a memorial service so let this sign be a tribute to her memory. As you go by and see her name on the entrance to the South Seven property sign, think of her and the faith she exhibited through all her years.



If you haven't already done so, you may make a donation to the church memorial fund in her name. I feel good that we can honor Margaret in this way and that her love for this church and community are now etched in stone.

As our closing prayer says, "Christ is the light of the world. Let Christ shine through us to the world. Alleluia! Amen!

Margaret's light still glows in all of us who knew her. After the lighting for the sign is completed we're hoping to have a formal dedication ceremony.

The Sounds of Silence

By Dr. Diane Johnson

On May 13th, Diane Johnson, certified lay speaker and member of CUMC, subbed for Pastor Rosekrans. Her sermon, based on the Simon and Garfunkel song, "Sounds of Silence," focused on the immense value of listening, to children, to spouses and friends, to the voices of those who suffer or are ignored in the world, and to God, as well as the damage done to those who are shunned or ignored. Her thesis was that the Sounds of Silence returned to cries of pain or cries to be heard CAN and often do result in the Sounds of Violence, or its opposite, the psychological or even physical death of the shunned. After the message, someone in the congregation requested that the words to the song be printed in the newsletter, as a reminder that we ALL crave, indeed need, to be heard, to be acknowledged...so let us do our best to listen....and hear....

The Sounds of Silence

By Simon & Garfunkel

Hello darkness, my old friend,
 I've come to talk with you again,
 Because a vision softly creeping,
 Left its seeds while I was sleeping,
 And the vision that was planted in my brain
 Still remains
 Within the sound of silence
 In restless dreams I walked alone
 Narrow streets of cobblestone,
 'Neath the halo of a street lamp,
 I turned my collar to the cold and damp
 When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light
 That split the night
 And touched the sound of silence
 And in the naked light I saw
 Ten thousand people, maybe more
 People talking without speaking,
 People hearing without listening,
 People writing songs that voices never share
 And no one dare
 Disturb the sound of silence
 "Fools" said I, "You do not know
 Silence like a cancer grows
 Hear my words that I might teach you,
 Take my arms that I might reach you"
 But my words like silent raindrops fell,
 And echoed
 In the wells of silence
 And the people bowed and prayed
 To the neon God they made
 And the sign flashed its warning,
 In the words that it was forming
 And the sign said, "The words of the prophets
 Are written on the subway walls
 And tenement halls"
 And whispered in the sounds of silence

Songwriter: Paul Simon

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June 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	2
3 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	4 1:00pm SPRC Meeting 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	5	6 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	7 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	8 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	9
10 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	11 10:30am-12pm Alzheimer's Support Group 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	12	13 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	14 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	15 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	16 8am Men's Breakfast
17 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	18 Newsletter Articles Due 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	19	20 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	21 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	22 UMC PNW Annual Conference in Puyallup	23
24 Annual Conference 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	25 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	26	27 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	28 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Narthex) 6:00pm Committee Potluck 6:30pm Ad Council Com- mittee Meeting (Narthex) 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library)	29 No Hula Class 5-6:30pm AA Meeting	30





Community United
Methodist Church
VIM Team
5/11/18 - 5/12/18

SCOTT	TERESA
DON	DALE
JOHN	JOAN
	BETTY

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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, September 13, 2013

[Jehoshaphat] sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments. 2 Chronicles 17:4

A Father To Follow

When I think of my father, I think of this saying: "He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and he let me watch him do it." During my youth, I watched my dad walk with God. He participated in Sunday morning church services, taught an adult Bible-study class, helped with counting the offering, and served as a deacon. Outside of church, he faithfully defended the gospel and read his Bible. I saw him express his love for the Lord through outward actions.

Asa, king of Judah, modeled devotion to God for a season in his life (2 Chron. 14:2). He removed the idols from his kingdom, restored the altar of the Lord, and led the people into a covenant with God (15:8-12). Asa's son Jehoshaphat carried on this legacy by seeking "the God of his father and walk[ing] in His commandments" (17:4). Jehoshaphat purged the land of idol worship (v.6) and sent out priests and Levites to teach God's law in all of the cities of Judah (vv.7-9).

Jehoshaphat's reign resembled that of his father; he faithfully honored Asa's godly example. Yet even more important, Jehoshaphat's "heart took delight in the ways of the Lord" (v.6). Today, if you're looking for a father to follow, remember your heavenly Father and take delight in His ways.

By Jennifer Benson Schuldt

*We magnify our Father God
With songs of thoughtful praise;
As grateful children we confess
How perfect are His ways. —Ball*

We honor God's name when we call Him our Father and live like His Son.



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