

CREATING CONNECTIONS



The newsletter of
Community United Methodist Church

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“A Brand Plucked from the Burning”

by Henry Perle Parker
1839



A first edition print of the painting by Parker was dedicated July 22, 2018 at Community United Methodist Church of Port Hadlock, WA by Pastor Scott Rosekrans. The print, published by A. J. Isaacs in London on September 1, 1863 is an engraved black and white print by S. W. Reynolds from a painting by Henry Perle Parker. The painting is John Wesley being saved as a child from the burning parsonage at Epworth, England. Parker's painting was presented by the artist to the Conference to commemorate the Centenary of Methodism to the Methodist Conference in October 1839. It was placed in the Centenary Hall in London.

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Pastor's Pen

Unity in Community



On Sunday, July 22nd, I preached a sermon entitled: Unity in Community. Obviously, a play on words. The message was based on the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus. In Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13, Paul talks about the unity of believers and how, as God's children, we must live lives worthy of the calling we've received from God. Paul tells us we are one body and are of one spirit called in one hope. (To read the full text of the sermon you can go to our webpage at: hadlockchurch.com and look for Unity in Community in the sermon section.)

In my message to the congregation, I told them that there was no doubt in my mind that there was unity in Community United Methodist Church. We are of one mind in our worship of God and of one mind in our outward mission focus. We are starting to make a difference, people are talking about us, and people are looking to us for solutions and help. We are building a reputation as a church not afraid to try, not hesitant to do something when something needs to be done, you know, the SODS.



I asked the congregation if they thought people could see Christ in our church and if they thought people could see Christ in our community. I firmly believe that Jesus Christ is present in our church, and with the direction of the Holy Spirit, we are constantly looking for ways to serve and help those that need assistance. My point was that it was now time to see what partnerships we could form with the other churches in the area who are filled with like-minded Christians who want nothing more than to make a difference in the world, beginning right here in our community.

Alone we can do
so little,
together we can do
so much.

- Helen Keller -

A perfect example of churches working together to address a local problem was our recent joint-church worship service with The Church United where we worshipped in our outdoor chapel, picnicked together and then hosted a benefit concert to raise awareness and money for the Quilcene Food Bank and the Center Valley Animal Rescue Center. Together our two churches were able to do more to help these two entities that either of us could have done individually.

I told the congregation towards the end of the sermon that our goal for my third year as your pastor was to see how we can work with the other area churches in identifying needs and then working collaboratively to address those needs. If we can have unity in our community of believers, we can have unity in how we address the needs of our community in the name of Jesus Christ. Remember, it's now how big a church we are at 130 Church Lane, it's how big a church we are in the community.

Faithfully,

Scott



Church Worship Service, Picnic & Benefit Concert!

Article and Photos by Scott Rosekrans

On Sunday, July 15th, we had a wonderful service in our outdoor chapel where we were joined in worship by the congregation of The Church United with their pastor, Micah Knox bringing an impassioned message of love. After the service, while the food was being set up, we were entertained by RD and Friends who treated us to some great music, singing and hula. Once the burgers and hot dogs were ready we set up tables in the chapel and picnicked in the shade. As we were enjoying the many desserts Rhythm Ride set up and entertained us with a great blend of folk music.

It was a great day of worship and fellowship for not only the two churches but for those in the community who came to listen to the music. We raised awareness and money for the Quilcene Food Bank and the Center Valley Animal Rescue Center demonstrating just how much God's people can do when we work together in love and compassion.

Many thanks to those who worked so hard behind the scenes to help pull this gathering off. It was an unqualified success on several levels. (additional photos on pages 5 & 6)



Kudos ★ Corner

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

- ◆ Nancy Stratton for collecting dryer lint from local laundromats to donate to the Quilcene Food Bank to be used as fire starters
- ◆ Jim & Debbie Dodd for painting the kitchen door
- ◆ Pastor Scott for staining the wainscoting and refurbishing the kneeling pews
- ◆ Kathy Anderson for reaching people through her ongoing mission of teaching beginning Christian hula
- ◆ Larry Howland and Ed Davis for putting up the new "Community United Methodist Church Welcomes You" sign near visitor parking.
- ◆ Everyone involved in planning and facilitating the Sanctuary/ Narthex Remodel Project
- ◆ Kathy Anderson for your willingness to teach Sunday School this summer when needed

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



BIRTHDAYS

2 David Hermanson
 12 Marcy Wootan
 18 Bev Rothenborg
 18 Marian Kruse
 19 Pat Chase
 25 Teresa Rosekrans
 31 Jim Dodd

SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School

HOSPITALITY

5
 12
 19
 26 Potluck

COUNTERS

5 Debbie/Mike
 12 Melanie/
 19 Lori/Betty P.
 26 Sara/Diane

COMMUNION SERVERS

5 Jim & Debbie Dodd

GREETERS

5 Bob Linrothe
 12 Julie Boggs
 19 Judy Olsen
 26 Marcy Wootan

USHERS

5 Jackie/
 12 Mike/Marsha
 19 AJ/Stephanie
 26 Larry/Connie

LITURGISTS

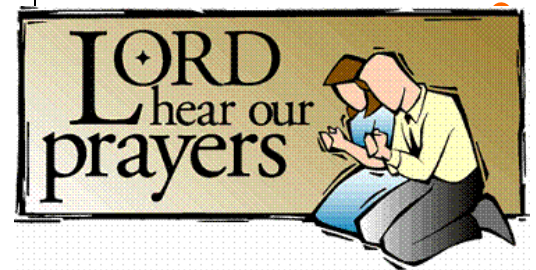
5 Sara Davis
 12 Jackie Dale
 19
 26 Billie Fitch

ALTAR FLOWERS

5 Marcy Wootan
 12 Diane Johnson
 19 Liz Hazen
 26 Billie Fitch

OUR PRAYERS

- * Betty Harmon, recovering from a stroke and leg surgery at Martha & Mary in Poulsbo
- * Janet Stevenson, who's still having a lot of pain in her broken back
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed
- * Wisdom for our nation's leaders and government
- * Peace and justice in the world
- * Christy's aggressive cancer has returned and doctors are giving her a limited outcome; prayers for the doctors who are caring for her, for healing and peace of mind
- * Peace, wisdom and guidance for all marriages
- * Victims of terrorism
- * Law enforcement personnel

**AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS****August 5**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
 Psalm 51:1-12
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 6:24-35

August 12

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33
 Psalm 130
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51

August 19

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
 Psalm 111
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

August 26

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
 Psalm 84
 Ephesians 6:10-20
 John 6:56-69

Finance Report for June 2018

Income:

Frontage Rental	\$400.00
Parsonage Rental	1,184.00
Pledges	4,755.00
Non-Pledge Gifts	3,595.00
Cash Offering	290.75
Misc. Income	<u>81.62</u>
Total	\$10,306.37

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$1,304.62
Local Ministry	385.00
Operating Expenses	11,304.71
Personnel Compensation	<u>5,263.73</u>
Total	\$18,258.06

Surplus/(Deficit) for June 2018 = (\$7,952)

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	\$474.50	September:	OlyCAP	\$
April:	ECHHO	\$355	October:	ECHHO	\$
May:	Food Bank	\$429.50	November:	Food Bank	\$
June:	OlyCAP	\$670	December:	OlyCAP	\$



Outdoor Chapel Worship Service Photos

Left: Pastor Scott welcomes everyone.

Center and Right: Pastor Micah shares his message.





Left: RD & Friends entertained with live music, singing and hula dancing after the service.

Right: Rhythm Ride delighted listeners with a great blend of folk music while the crowd ate dessert in the shade of the Outdoor Chapel.



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“Is Not This a Brand Plucked Out of the Fire”

On the night of February 9, 1709 the Parsonage house at Epworth in Lincolnshire, England was destroyed by a fire. We know the following from letters the Rev. Samuel and Susanna Wesley wrote to family and friends in the immediate aftermath.

From the letters we know:

The Wesley's 11 year old daughter Hetty was awakened from a sound sleep around 11:30 PM. Burning pieces from the roof of the house were landing on her bed! She ran to find her father Samuel. Samuel was sleeping in an extra room because his wife Susanna was ill.

Samuel remembers hearing someone yell “fire!” When he got up to investigate he opened the door to the hallway to see flames. The burning roof was falling fast and threatening the family's ability to evacuate.

Susanna later wrote to her son Samuel who was away at boarding school “Nothing but the thin wall kept the fire from the staircase,” their only escape. The parents, eight children and a handful of servants needed to leave immediately. There was not enough time to dress or take any possessions with them.

Samuel called to Susanna, telling her to run for her life. She and the two oldest daughters, Emily and Sukey, arrived safely in the garden, but not before Susanna's legs were burned. One servant broke out a window and climbed out with Molly and Hetty.

A servant named Betty went to the nursery to get the youngest children. Picking up the little ones, including Charles who was barely a year old, she called to Jacky (5 year old John Wesley) and told him to follow her to safety. When she arrived in the garden, Jacky was missing. Susanna explains that Betty left Jacky to follow her but when he went to the door he saw the fire and ran back into the room.

Samuel attempted to get to his son several times, only to be beaten back by the flames that now consumed the staircase. Defeated, he returned to the garden convinced Jacky would not be saved. The family knelt and “prayed God to receive his soul” he later wrote.

Years later John Wesley recalls yelling for help and going to the window where “one in the yard saw me.” With no time for a ladder a couple of quick thinking neighbors did the next best thing. One stood on the other's shoulders and pulled Jacky through the window “just as the room fell into his room,” Susanna reports.

After the fire Susanna sometimes referred to her Jacky as “a brand plucked from the burning”, a reference to Zechariah 3:2. She believed God saved her young son for a reason.

Years later when John Wesley was ill, Wesley wrote an epitaph for himself if he didn't recover. It read “Here leith the body of John Wesley, a brand plucked out of the burning” (Wesley lived another 37 years and the epitaph was not used.).

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	2 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	3 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	4
5 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	6 10:30am-12pm Memory Caregiver Support Group 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	7	8 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	9 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	10 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	11
12 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	13 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	14	15 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	16 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	17 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	18 8am Men's Breakfast
19 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting	23 5pm Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm Committee Dinner Potluck 6pm Ad Council Meeting 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting	24 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	25
26 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	27 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	28	29	30	31 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	

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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, July 13, 2018

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise. Psalm 139:1–2

He Knows Us

Did God know about me as I drove at night on a 100-mile journey to my village? Given the condition I was in, the answer was not simple. My temperature ran high and my head ached. I prayed, “Lord, I know you are with me, but I’m in pain!”

Tired and weak, I parked by the road near a small village. Ten minutes later, I heard a voice. “Hello! Do you need any help?” It was a man with his companions from the community. Their presence felt good. When they told me the name of their village, *Naa mi n’yala* (meaning, “The King knows about me!”), I was amazed. I had passed this community dozens of times without stopping. This time, the Lord used its name to remind me that, indeed, He, the King, was with me while I was alone on that road in my ailing condition. Encouraged, I pressed on toward the nearest clinic.

God knows us thoroughly as we go about our everyday chores, at different locations and situations, no matter our condition (Psalm 139:1–4, 7–12). He does not abandon us or forget us; nor is He so busy that He neglects us. Even when we are in trouble or in difficult circumstances—“darkness” and “night” (vv. 11–12)—we are not hidden from His presence. This truth gives us such hope and assurance that we can praise the Lord who has carefully created us and leads us through life (v. 14).

By Lawrence Darmani

Thank You, Lord, that You always know
where I am and how I am doing.
You know me inside and out.
I’m thankful I can count on You to care.

No matter where we are, God knows about us.



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