

CREATING CONNECTIONS



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The History of Our Name

By Janet Stevenson

An old seminarian friend sent me a copy of the letter from President Kennedy to our church headquarters on the occasion of our uniting with the United Brethren. This got me thinking of the many changes in our name. When the Wesley brothers started their Holy Club they were creating small groups to exercise their faith every day. Some folks thought they were too methodical and began to call them Methodists in a derogatory way but the Wesleys latched onto the name and took the Methodist societies to the New World to pursue "holiness of heart and life".

When we separated from the Church of England after the revolutionary war we became the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Africans were a part of the MEC until the Civil War when the church split into the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

In 1939 the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South became one church again, The Methodist Church.

In 1968 The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren which had been formed by Philip Otterbein in 1784 from some Methodist societies, came together to form The United Methodist Church which we are today.

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Some Talk, We Do.

Over the years, I've spent countless hours in one meeting or another in many different capacities. Most of the meetings have been mind-numbingly boring as one person or another drones on and on with little ever getting decided or accomplished. I was at one of those meetings recently and no, it was not a church meeting. In any event, it is a group full of good intentions, but after a year it doesn't appear we have really gotten anywhere. When I'm in these meetings I jot down notes and observations. At this meeting I jotted down: Some talk, we do. At the conclusion of the meeting, I took the opportunity to tell them all of the recent endeavors in which we've involved ourselves. I stressed that they were simple, inexpensive, and effective.



We've had a very productive year. We continue to support the Tri-Area Food Bank, Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO) and Olympic Community Action (OlyCAP) Program with a rotating monthly check of no less than \$350.00, which many members of the congregation supplement. We now also support the Quilcene Food Bank funding it with our Jesus Cup spare change sending them an average of \$100.00 a month. At our recent Administrative Council meeting we voted to send UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) a minimum monthly check of \$100.00 to assist them in disaster relief. This year we supported UMCOR on two occasions raising money for Puerto Rican hurricane relief and for the hurricane that hit the East Coast and the typhoon that devastated the Philippines. This past year (2018) we were \$1.52 short of raising and giving away \$15,000.00 to various charities and non-profits! This includes money we also raised for Heifer International, Toys For Tots, and Center Valley Animal Rescue. This doesn't even include the in-kind projects like making fire-starters, hygiene kits, scarves, and our Socktober drive where we collected dozens of pairs of socks, hats, scarves and gloves. When you include what we raised in 2017, we've raised and given away over \$27,000.00 with right at \$3,000.00 actually coming out of the church budget. (See page 5 for more details on 2018 giving.)



Our guiding principle in deciding whether or not to take on a particular project or mission is whether or not we think it would be something Jesus would do, and I think the answer is yes. I can see Jesus dropping spare change in the Jesus Cup. I can see him cutting scarf material, putting lint in egg cartons and assembling hygiene kits for the last, the least and the lost. I can see him flipping burgers at a summer church picnic raising funds for missions. I can see Jesus looking at his budget and gladly cutting a check for a relief effort. I can see him coming to church on an early Sunday morning to hang out with other like-minded people who are striving to be his disciples for the transformation of the world. Some talk, Jesus loves a doer.

Faithfully,

Scott

Love

ONE ANOTHER

AS I HAVE

loved you

JOHN 13:34



You're
invited



Thursday, February 7th

After a short business meeting at 10:00am we'll get down to the "real business" of cardmaking as we join with friends to help Marcy continue her heartwarming Valentine card-making tradition.

Afterwards, enjoy a wonderful soup lunch by our hostesses Marcy and Gladys.

Also, this is a great time of the year to provide local food banks with soups and other canned foods. Watch those grocery ads for specials and sales then bring the goods to church to donate when you can.



Something to Talk About

By Scott Rosekrans

One of the things we have to do to get the word out is to talk about what we're doing to reach the least, the last, and the lost. Last Sunday I told you about telling my barber about what we're doing at the church as I was getting my hair cut. She's pretty impressed with our efforts and likes to hear what's going on. I was telling her (and the four guys waiting) how tough the Quilcene Food Bank has it. I sent her a private message telling her how much I appreciated her comments. She emailed back and told me to come and get her Food Bank contribution jar she keeps at her barber shop. So this morning I went by the Victorian Clipper in Port Townsend and picked up a very full container. I counted and rolled \$209.99 in loose change and bills! The lesson is that when you talk up what we're doing, people listen and amazing things happen. So, if you know Debi Hinton tell her how much you appreciate what she did. Use Debi's story as an example for others on ways they can help make a difference. I dropped the container back off this afternoon and she said she'd start filling it up again. So the next time I go in to get my eyebrows trimmed I'll pick up the container and roll more spare change. It's very therapeutic.



BIRTHDAYS

3 Debbie Dodd
 4 John Sweet
 10 Barry Horton
 12 Betty Harmon
 18 Jackie Dale
 27 Scott Rosekrans
 28 John Long

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

3 Billie Fitch
 10
 17
 24

COMMUNION SERVERS

3 Stephanie/Ted

COUNTERS

3 Debbie/Mike
 10 Marsha/Patty M.
 17 Betty/Lori
 24 Diane/Sara

GREETERS

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

HOSPITALITY

3 Wendi/
 10 Marsha/
 17 Sara/
 24 Potluck

LITURGISTS

3 Diane Johnson
 10 Liz Hazen
 17 Marcy Wootan
 24 Jackie Dale

SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 Stephen/
 10 Julie/
 17 Kathy/
 24 Debbie/

USHERS

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

OUR PRAYERS

- * AJ's cousin, Michael, and his family, who has recurrence of cancer after 11 years
- * The family of Jill Hoins, who was a member of the hospice volunteers and passed away recently
- * Mental well-being for Angie and Bobby Griffin
- * The federal budget
- * Alice McAdoo, who passed away recently
- * Peace around the world
- * Our national leaders
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed
- * The family of David Winiger who passed away recently
- * Tom Brenagan who has health issues
- * Aimée, who has been cancer free for 10 years but recently found a growth; pray it is benign
- * People searching for work
- * Those struggling to make ends meet

**FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS****February 3**

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm 71:1-6
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 Luke 4:21-30

February 10

Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 138
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Luke 5:1-11

February 17

Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Psalm 1
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 Luke 6:17-26

February 24

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
 Luke 6:27-38

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Finance Report for December 2018

Income:

Frontage Rental	\$450.00
Parsonage Rental	1,269.00
Pledges/Non-Pledges	12,666.62
Cash Offering	196.00
Misc. Income	<u>404.65</u>
Total	\$14,986.27

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$1,304.62
Local Ministry	793.56
Operating Expenses	936.77
Personnel Compensation	<u>5,254.59</u>
Total	\$8,289.54

Surplus/(Deficit) for December 2018 = \$6,696.73

Local

MISSION
of the
MONTH

2019

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. In 2019 CUMC will begin donating \$100 each month to UMCOR as well to aid in natural disaster relief efforts. Following is the donation schedule for 2019 and the total amount donated each month:

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



As Pastor Scott said in his Pastor's Pen this month, "We've had a very productive year." Following is a summary of giving for 2018 (listed in alphabetical order):

Center Valley Animal Rescue	\$50
ECHHO	\$1,692
Heifer International	\$1,000
Human Relations Sunday	\$298
Hurricane Relief	\$1,540
Jefferson Teen Center	\$500
Native American Ministries Sunday	\$123
OlyCAP	\$1,864
Peace with Justice Sunday	\$226
Quilcene Food Bank	\$1,651
Toys For Tots	\$250
Tri-Area Food Bank	\$2,569
Typhoon Relief	\$1,340
UMCOR	\$3,110
UMCOR Sunday	\$317
United Methodist Student Sunday	\$91
World Communion Sunday	\$50

Remember, only \$3,000 of these donation amounts came out of the church's budget. That means we have a very generous group of God's saints who did a whole lot of giving in 2018!

*Melanie readily accepts responsibility for all inaccuracies



Photos by
Scott
Rosekrans



The beautiful new pulpit furniture arrived in mid-January. Be sure to enjoy a closer look when you have time.



One more big thank you to the generous donors who made this possible. The furniture was the final piece in the sanctuary/narthex remodel project.

“Walking With Jesus Through the Galilee”

A Seven Week Lenten Journey with Jesus

Rev. Dale Kelley will be offering a Lenten Study on **Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30pm**, starting on March 3rd and continuing through Palm Sunday, April 14th.

***“Walking with Jesus Through the Galilee”* and finally into Jerusalem for the Last Supper.**

Each class will begin with an “Israeli supper”, as we seek to bring both the stories of the main events in Jesus ministry in the Galilee region of Israel, and also the "flavors of the land" where Jesus lived and preached. Because our class involves the preparation of food and materials, it would be helpful if you could “sign up” if you hope to attend. The class is open to all, even if you can’t be at every class.

Please call the CUMC Office at 360-385-1579 or Dale Kelley at 360-437-5129 or email Dale at darykelley@gmail.com.

February is Underweary Month

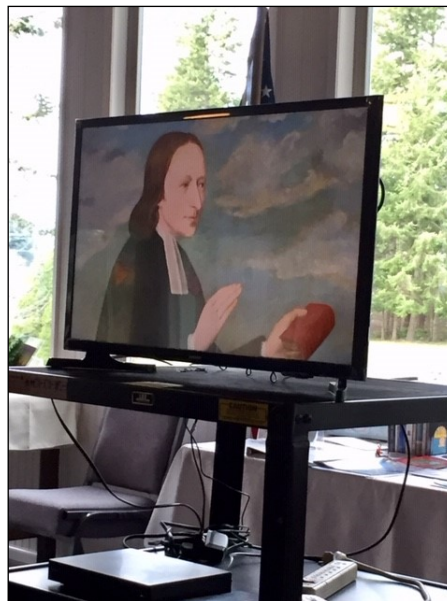


By Scott Rosekrans

We've designated February as Underweary Month where, just like Socktober, we'll be collecting underwear to distribute to those in need. In a book I recently read, a Methodist congregation in Texas visited a homeless encampment under a bridge. After getting to know these people, they asked what were some of the things they needed and were told: food, batteries, socks and underwear. We rarely think about underwear when we're collecting food and other items for the food bank. So, that being said, let's spend the month of February collecting underwear. If you aren't certain on what to get, just consider what you would buy if you were homeless, or if one of your kids or grandkids were homeless and buy that size. Once collected, we'll distribute them to our two food banks, the homeless shelter, the Chimacum School District for their homeless children, and any other deserving entity. So get out there bargain hunters and score some underwear. If you want to donate some money to one of our super-shoppers we can to that too. On your mark, get set, shop!



Rev. Dale Kelley led the United Methodism 101 Class on Tuesdays at noon in January. Participants were provided a delicious homemade lunch and then learned about Social Principles which provide much needed guidance on how to be a "complete" Methodist.



Photos by Scott Rosekrans

Church Offices
will be closed on
Monday, February
18th in honor of
Presidents' Day.





Ninety-nine scarves were crafted at the scarf-making work party on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Eight missionaries worked together to cut scarves from yards of fleece material in the new Missions Workroom, the freshly cleaned and organized classroom at the end of the hall. Finished scarves are put into large Ziplock bags with a tag that reads, “Assembled for you by: Your

Friends at Community United Methodist Church.” Scarves are given to local food banks, the winter shelter in Port Townsend, the WIC program and other agencies.

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Volunteers gathered this month to assemble homemade fire starters to donate to the Quilcene and Tri-Area Food Banks. Melted wax is poured over dryer lint in egg cartons to create these homemade items which the food bank gives out to clients weekly. The cold weather this time of year makes these fire starters invaluable to those living outdoors or in vehicles. Want to help in this important and practical ministry? Volunteers always welcome! Currently, empty egg cartons and wax supplies are needed, so scramble up and eat some eggs and gather old or unused candles from your home or local second-hand store to donate.

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February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Huia Class	2
3 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	4 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	5 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7pm Singers in the Rain Practice 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	6 5:30-8pm Guiding Good Choices Parenting Workshop	7 10am UMW Meeting 11am UMW Program 12pm UMW Lunch 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library) 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	8 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Huia Class	9
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17 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	18 <i>President's Day</i> Church Offices Closed 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	19 Newsletter Articles Due 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7:00pm Singers in the Rain Practice 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	20 5:30-8pm Guiding Good Choices Parenting Workshop	21 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library) 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	22 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Huia Class	23
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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, November 26, 2012

Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:8

Love Finds A Way

Years ago I saw a cartoon that depicted a sour, disgruntled, elderly gentleman standing in rumpled pajamas and robe at his apartment door. He had just secured the door for the night with four locks, two deadbolts, and a chain latch. Later he noticed a small white envelope stuck beneath the door. On the envelope was a large sticker in the shape of a heart. It was a valentine. Love had found a way.

Only love can change a person's heart. The Russian author Dostoevsky, in his book *The Brothers Karamazov*, tells the story of a hardened cynic, Ivan, and his resistance to the love of God. On one occasion his brother Alyosha, a man of deep faith who was confounded by his brother's resistance, leans over and kisses Ivan. This simple act of love burned into Ivan's heart.

Perhaps you have a friend who is resisting God's love. Show His love to him or her, just as God showed love to us when He brought salvation into the world through Jesus. Shower upon others the kind of love described in 1 Corinthians 13—a love that is patient, kind, humble, and unselfish.

Authentic love is a gift from God that we can keep on giving.

By David H. Roper

*Teach me to love as Thou dost love,
And let the whole world know
That Jesus Christ lives in my heart,
His glorious light to show. —Brandt*



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Open Hearts Open Doors Open Minds

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