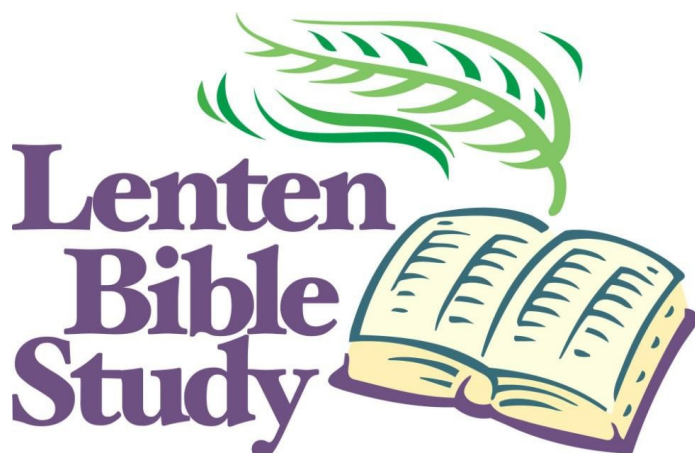


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The newsletter of
Community United Methodist Church

March 2019



"Walking With Jesus Through the Galilee"

**A Seven Week Lenten
Journey with Jesus**

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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 to RSVP.





Feed My Sheep

I spend a lot of time thinking about the future of our church, here in our tri-area community and the greater Methodist Church around the world. What does tomorrow hold? Will the Methodist Church split, fail or fold? Will our church one day close its doors? This is what keeps me awake at night, among other things.

But I take comfort in Jesus's assurance not to worry, and that God has a plan. In Matthew 6: 25-34, Jesus teaches about worry. He tells us to first seek his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things (that you worry about) will be given to you as well. He says, *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.* I think planning is good, but worrying is time wasted. Your Administrative Council is doing a good job planning for tomorrow, but we're not sitting around wringing our hands fretting about whether or not there will be a church in this location ten years from now. Jesus wants us to do what we can today, to meet the needs of his people today, as we plan for the future which is in God's hands. I am more convinced of this than ever. God has placed a tiny



band of followers exactly where they are needed the most, right here in the tri-area, our mission field. I'm convinced because the more we do, the more God gives us to do, and we get it done.



Jesus is speaking to us just like he spoke to Peter in John 21: 15-17. After a night of fishing, and after they had finished eating, he challenged Peter asking him if he loved Jesus more than the others. Peter's response was, Yes Lord, you know I do. Jesus asked him three times and each time Peter said yes. Jesus told him to feed my lambs, take care of my sheep and feed my sheep. Jesus couldn't underscore this more, as Peter would be the rock upon which Jesus would build his church. As we are now a result of the church Peter worked hard to build, it is now our job to feed the lambs, take care of the sheep, and feed Jesus' sheep. It couldn't be more clear.

As I said, I can't tell you where we'll be ten years from now, but we have a job to do right here and now, and that's to take care of the sheep God has entrusted to our care. We do that whether it's a lone sheep that shows up at our door looking for a QFC card to buy gas or groceries, or it's a whole flock that come to any one of the food banks we support, or preparing and serving meals at the Winter Shelter. It may not seem like much, but a fire starter made here at the church means a lot to someone who is cold, as does a scarf, a hygiene kit, hats, socks, gloves and underwear. God has placed us in the middle of a mission field and has given us enough to do where we shouldn't have time to worry about tomorrow.

Faithfully,

Scott

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19



March UMW Event

Thursday, March 7th

- 10:00am** **Business Meeting**
- 11:00am** **Program - featuring guest speaker**
Jefferson County Sheriff Joe Nole
presenting on human trafficking
- 12:00pm** **Lunch - prepared by Janet Stevenson**
and Sara Davis

Please invite spouses and women in the congregation who may be new or who may not attend regularly.



Special Worship Service

Wednesday, March 6th
at 6:30pm



\$441.08 collected and donated by the Victorian Clipper for the Tri-Area and Quilezue Food Banks.



Photos by Scott Roszkran

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 AJ Laverty
1 Ted Buehler
7 Mike Perzel
11 Margie Webb
12 Liz Hazen
14 Gladys Heinzinger
21 Chuck Boggs



ALTAR FLOWERS

- 3 Billie Fitch
10 Lent
17 Lent
24 Lent
31 Lent

COMMUNION SERVERS

3

COUNTERS

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

GREETERS

- 3 Bob Linrothe
10 Julie Boggs
17 Judy Olsen
24 Marcy Wootan
31 John Sweet

HOSPITALITY

- 3
10
17
24 Wendi Metzger/
31 Potluck

LITURGISTS

- 3 Stephen Chase
10 Mike Perzel
17 Ted Buehler
24 Diane Johnson
31 Billie Fitch

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 3 Audrey/Larry
10 Stephen/
17 Julie/
24 Kathy/
31 Debbie

USHERS

- 3 Jackie/
10 Marsha/Mike
17 AJ/Stephanie
24 Connie/Larry
31 Cindi/Henry

OUR PRAYERS

- * Marcell Berlin's house burned, it'll be 4-6 months before she can return home
- * Family of Mike Myers, his brother passed away recently
- * The way forward for the United Methodist Church
- * Peace around the world
- * Our national leaders
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed
- * Larry and Connie's daughter, Sharon, with stage four breast cancer is now in a rehabilitation facility; has a three year life expectancy
- * People searching for work
- * Those struggling to make ends meet
- * Health and safety for all during winter



PRAISES

- * A great new job for a young man who has been clean and sober for several years and heads an NA Meeting at the church

MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS

March 3

Exodus 34:19-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36

March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:2
Luke 13:31-35

March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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Annual Finance Report for 2018

Income:

Frontage Rental	\$5,000.00
Parsonage Rental	14,009.94
Pledges/Non-Pledges	117,096.58
Cash Offering	3,569.61
Misc. Income	<u>6,569.87</u>
Total	\$146,246.00

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$16,017.44
Local Ministry	10,728.60
Utilities/Church Maintenance	19,718.06
Operating Expenses	15,880.99
Personnel Compensation	<u>64,428.87</u>
Total	\$126,773.96

Surplus/(Deficit) for 2018 = \$19,472.04

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	\$350.00
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	\$

A Year in Review

I normally don't review the finances, but 2018 has come and gone and I thought you might be interested in a quick summary of the 2018 Operating Expenses for Community UMC. I'm specifically covering the Operating Expenses for 2018 which does not include the money we collect and give away each month in Designated Accounts (Food banks, ECHHO, Bayside Housing, etc.) or the money we have in Restricted Funds (Building Fund, Education Fund, etc.). Our Operating Income for 2018 totaled \$146,246. The majority of this was from pledges but also included rental income for the parsonage and frontage properties (19,009.94) and other rental income, utility reimbursement, and miscellaneous income (10,439.48).

The major expense categories included:

- Apportionments \$16,017.44
- Local Program/Ministry (Annual conference, Music Expense, Worship Supplies, etc.) \$10,728.60
- Operating Expenses (Kitchen Supplies, Copy Machine Expenses, Insurance, Office Supplies, Property Taxes, etc.) \$15,880.99
- Utilities (Electricity, Fuel, etc.) \$7,078.09
- Church Building Maintenance (Includes part of our sanctuary remodel costs) \$12,639.97
- Personnel Expenses (Salaries and payroll taxes) \$64,428.87

Our net income for 2018 is \$19,472.04. As we look ahead to what needs to be done to maintain our buildings, there are several concerns including replacing our heating system, which is antiquated. Estimates for a new electrical heating system are in excess of \$70,000 but the Trustees do not have a firm quote yet. Also, the outside of the building needs to be repainted and several areas in the church need renovation.

We have much to be grateful for and much to look forward to.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Davis, Treasurer
Community United Methodist Church

Year in Review

ROOTS & WINGS

March 23, 2019

EDMONDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

<http://bit.ly/RootsandWings2019>

**PUGET
SOUND
MISSIONAL
DISTRICT**

\$20 Early Bird Tickets ON SALE NOW!

After March 15, 2019 Ticket prices will go up to \$30

Doors open at 8:30 am

9 am - 3:30 pm Lunch Included

Childcare Available if needed

This year's conference theme, LOVE THY NEIGHBOR, is to celebrate what God is already doing in our faith communities in the ways we are loving and engaging our neighbors as well as to spark further our imagination towards what is still possible about God's transformative work in our neighborhoods. To this end, four workshops will be offered, namely: Faith-based Community Organizing, Asset Based Community Development, Intercultural Competency, and Intentional Multiplication.

The Early-bird registration is \$20 per person until March 15 and \$30 per person thereafter.

Blood Drive

**Wednesday,
March 6th**

11am-5pm



**To make an
appointment or
for questions
about eligibility
call 1-800-398-
7888 x2.**



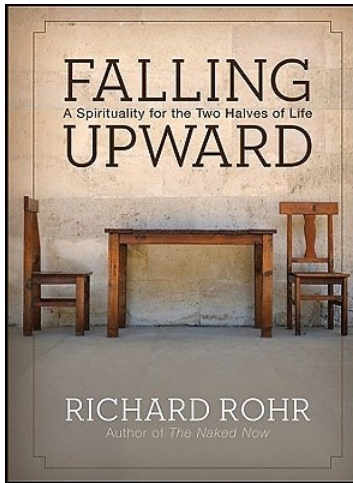
Just a few of the 22 CUMC
volunteers who helped out
at the Winter Shelter in February.

Photos by Scott Rosekrans



Falling Upward

By Scott Rosekrans



Recently I received a call from our conference inquiring as to whether or not we still needed a loan to pay for a new furnace. I told the caller that we were still doing our due diligence and that we would probably need a loan, although we had enough of a reserve to pay a good portion of it. She asked about Community which gave me my opening to tell her all the wonderful work we are doing in the church and all about our mission outreach. She said it was refreshing to hear some good news about a church as she had just talked to a church that was closing this coming June. She asked me what was the secret to our success? I honestly couldn't say other than it was the people who felt good about what we were doing, were engaged, and committed to building upon the rich tradition of service for which this church has been known for since its inception. I invited her to come and visit some Sunday and see for herself.

Subsequent to our conversation, I read a book entitled: *Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest. In the book, he talks about people who have transitioned into the second half of their lives where they've stopped focusing on self, feeding their ego, and are now focused on others. As I got further into the book, I realized he was describing the congregation here at Community United Methodist Church. A congregation who, by and large, has lived their lives, are secure in their skin, and want to devote their energies to doing God's work and will in earnest. I can't possibly get into the deeper meaning of the book and I commend it to your reading, but essentially, he's saying that during the first half of our life, it's all about us, climbing the ladder of success, accumulating stuff, and achieving status, whereas, the second half of life is about serving others. He does say that not everyone gets to the second half and often times, getting to the second half requires a fail and a fall which causes you to re-examine your life and worldly pursuits. You then fall upward towards God and your purpose in life become clear and defined.

Father Rohr says that when you make this transition, you are free to stop your human doing, and become free to enjoy your human being. You've discovered your true self and have learned to live in the big picture of life. You've learned to let go of your smaller kingdom and to live in the kingdom of God. You now find that you have plenty of room for communion and no need for exclusion. In short, you have learned to live simply so that others can simply live.

Wow, I thought as I turned the pages, he's describing so many of the people in our church who are living simply so others can simply live. He's describing people who are making the transitions in their lives and are discovering service to others through our many mission efforts and growing outreach. He's describing people who have realized that their true life in Jesus Christ is just beginning and are energized beyond belief. This, I believe, is the secret of our success. We are falling upward towards God. We're not looking down, we are looking up.

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 5:00pm Walking with Jesus Lenten Study	4 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7pm Singers in the Rain Practice 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	5 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7pm Singers in the Rain Practice 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 11am-5pm Blood Drive 5:30-8pm Guiding Good Choices Parenting Workshop 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	7 10am UMW Meeting 11am UMW Program 12pm UMW Lunch 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library) 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	1 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	2 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class
10 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 5:00pm Walking with Jesus Lenten Study	11 Church Offices Closed 10:30am-12pm Memory Caregiver Support Group 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	12 2pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7pm Singers in the Rain Practice 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	13	14 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library) 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	8 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	9 8am Men's Breakfast (Pastor Scott will be on vacation)
17 <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i> 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 5:00pm Walking with Jesus Lenten Study	18	19 Newsletter Articles Due 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7:00pm Singers in the Rain Practice 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	20	21 5pm Finance Committee Meeting (Narthex) 6pm Committee Potluck 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting (Narthex) 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library) 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	22 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	23 9am-3:30pm Roots & Wings Conference at Edmonds United Methodist Church
24 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 5:00pm Walking with Jesus Lenten Study	25 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	26 2pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) 7:00pm Singers in the Rain Practice 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	27	28 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library) 7pm NA Meeting (Classroom)	29 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	30
31 <i>UMCOR Sunday (Special Offering)</i> 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 5:00pm Walking with Jesus Lenten Study						

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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, February 6, 2013

Even a child is known by his deeds, whether what he does is pure and right. Proverbs 20:11

By Our Deeds

One night a clergyman was walking to church when a thief pulled a gun on him and demanded his money or his life. When he reached in his pocket to hand over his wallet, the robber saw his clerical collar and said: "I see you are a priest. Never mind, you can go." The clergyman, surprised by the robber's unexpected act of piety, offered him a candy bar. The robber said, "No thank you. I don't eat candy during Lent."

The man had given up candy as a supposed sacrifice for Lent, but his lifestyle of stealing showed his real character! According to the writer of Proverbs, conduct is the best indicator of character. If someone says he is a godly person, his words can only be proven by consistent actions (20:11). This was true of the religious leaders in Jesus' day as well. He condemned the Pharisees and exposed their sham for professing godliness but denying that profession with sin in their lives (Matt. 23:13-36). Appearances and words are deceiving; behavior is the best judge of character. This applies to all of us.

As followers of Jesus, we demonstrate our love for Him by what we do, not just by what we say. May our devotion to God, because of His love for us, be revealed in our actions today.

Marvin Williams

*Spiritual words are mere distractions
If not backed up by our godly actions,
And all our good and beautiful creeds
Are nothing without God-honoring deeds. —Williams*



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Open Hearts Open Doors Open Minds

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

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