

CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of
Community United Methodist Church

August 2019

Prayers For Our Mission Team

By Scott Rosekrans



VIM Team to Anchorage, Alaska, August 3 through August 10th

I'll be leading a VIM team to Anchorage next week to work alongside the members of Turn-again United Methodist Church as we assist them with some repairs and painting. Keep us in your prayers as we get to know other Followers of the Way and do our part to help another church in its ministry. Diane Johnson will be leading our services on the 4th and the 11th. Communion would ordinarily be on the 4th but we're bumping it to the 11th so I can assist her in administering the elements so bring your bread and jam on the 11th.

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Assembling Hygiene Kits

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Assembling our "special" hygiene kits to send to Texas. Sending them to the Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville and the Holding Institute Community Center in Laredo for distribution to migrants who have been released from detention. Many thanks to my "missionaries" for this team effort of loving our neighbor as ourselves.



Hygiene Kit Making Party!



CONCERT TO BENEFIT QUILCENE FOOD BANK

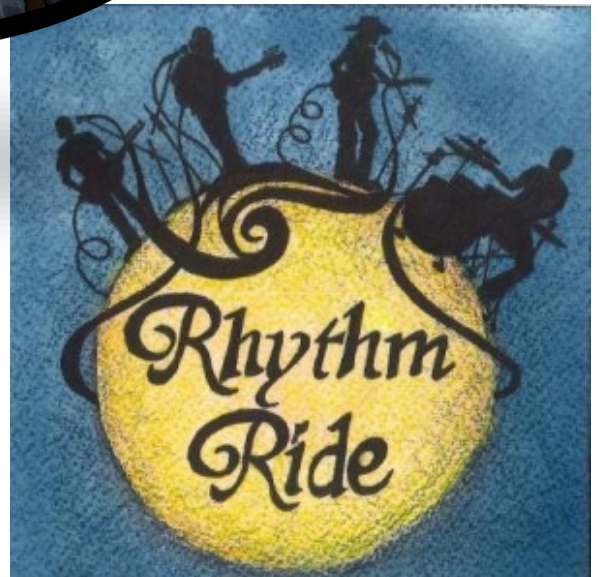
By Betty Prentice

The Quilcene Food Bank is in desperate need for a new site! The kickoff for the campaign for new location will be a benefit concert by the outstanding local blue grass group, Rhythm Ride, on Sunday, August 25, at 4:00 PM at Community United Methodist Church, Port Hadlock.

The Quilcene Food Bank currently serves on average 1000 people a month at the Community Center in Quilcene; the numbers and the need keep growing. However, the Quilcene Community Center serves a number of other community activities and as a result the space that is available for the Quilcene Food Bank is severely limited, and not suited to food storage or distribution. The limited space available also prevents the Food Bank from any expansion of services.

The suggested donation of \$10.00 per person will help us in our pursuit of a new location to allow us to better serve our community and feed our hungry neighbors.

If you can't join us for the concert, but would like to make a donation, you can send a check to the Quilcene Food Bank, PO Box 112, Quilcene, WA 98376. Please write on the Memo section of the check "Quilcene Building."





Grow With Us

I remember when I was introduced to our Staff Parish Relations Committee by our District Superintendent over three years ago. During the meeting we discussed the needs and wants of the church and, like most churches, the desire to attract young families with children was at the top of the list. I was asked what it was that I was most passionate about and I told them I was mission oriented. In response to their question as to what I had in mind, I asked them to give me six months to see what was needed and where it was needed. The following February the Administrative Council voted to begin our mission focus agreeing to send a \$100.00 check each month, on a rotating basis, to the Tri-Area Food Bank, OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program) and ECHHO (Ecumenical Christians Helping Hands Organization). Our SODS (Somebody Oughta Do Something) mission effort was born and look at how we've grown as a church. Three years later we still haven't attracted young families with children but I've come to the realization that God had a different plan in mind for Community United Methodist Church. He saw that the last, the least and the lost were not being adequately served so, through the Holy Spirit, we were encouraged to meet the challenge.

In our Sunday morning Learning Circle class we are currently studying the Book of Acts. Chapter Five was entitled: Helping Believers Grow. What immediately jumped out at me was the leading statement: *God always provides what His church needs. One can often see what a church needs by the people God brings in its doors. The gifts and talents new believers bring to the body say a lot about what God knows a particular congregation needs.* Wow, I thought, look what God has done with us! God saw a need in our community and in our community of believers and He had a plan on how to put it into motion.

Part of our study of Acts is of a believer named Barnabas. We are told that he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. He wasn't one of the original twelve and may not have even seen Jesus but he had great faith. But God saw a need and recognized his particular talents of being an encourager. Barnabas was sent into existing situations to encourage and assist the churches to move into their potential for serving the will of God. (Before I go any further, please don't think I'm comparing myself to Barnabas or that this is an exercise in self-congratulations. I'm just beginning to see how God can use someone in unexpected ways to help accomplish his will.) Fortunately for me, I was assigned to a church filled with faithful and dedicated believers who had just had their senior pastor retire and were wondering what the future held. They were gracious and trusting enough to give me a try and worked with me to begin our efforts to energize our church as we prepared ourselves to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit. God realized we had a good foundation but he also saw that we needed some more people with talents and energy, so new believers started showing up at our door gradually immersing themselves into our culture of love and service to neighbor. Go back to that opening statement for a moment. God knew what the congregation of CUMC needed and brought people with gifts and talents to our doors to provide what His church needs and accomplish his will..

We just have to have faith that one day soon God will send us those young families with children but, in the meantime, when God moves we have to be prepared to move with him. God has a plan for us, an agenda, and each morning when we rise we need to ask; What's on the agenda today God and how can I be of service?

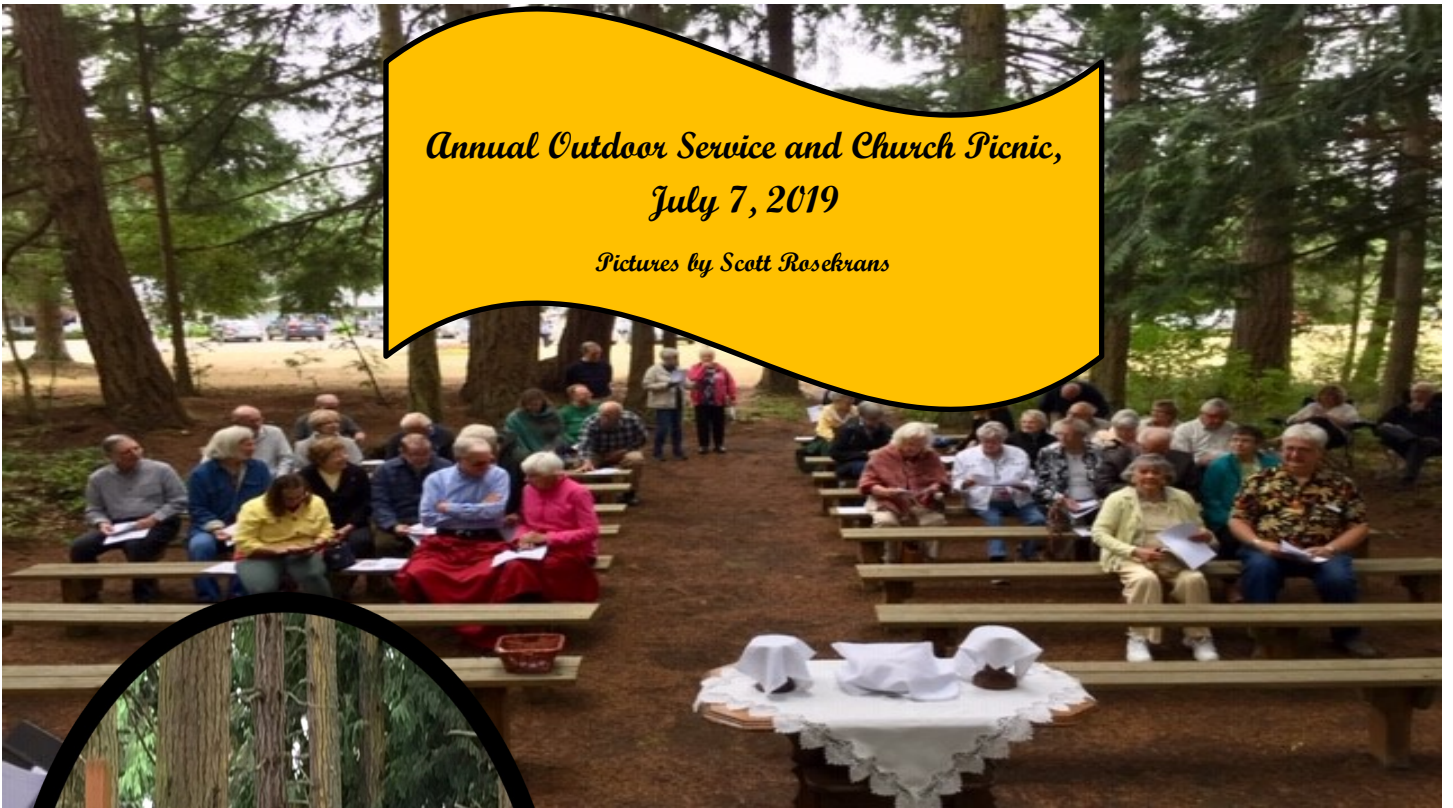
Faithfully,

Scott



*Annual Outdoor Service and Church Picnic,
July 7, 2019*

Pictures by Scott Rosekrans





**LET THE COOKING
BEGIN! Cheers to the
cooks at CUMC**





Lots of Yummy food for All!



SOS: Survivors of Suicide Support Group

One of my friends here in Jefferson County experienced one of those unthinkable tragedies five years ago when his 19-year-old grandson committed suicide. Nobody saw it coming and the pain and grief still lingers. As a result of this tragedy they've formed a peer bereavement group they've named SOS-Survivors of Suicide Support Group. They've devised A Basic Plan for Survival which is as follows: 1) Choose to Survive: We must make a conscious decision to be an active participant in our own healing process. 2) Feel the Feelings: We must give ourselves permission to grieve deeply for a season. 3) Stay Connected: While on the healing journey we must ask safe, supportive people to be our traveling companions-to share our sorrow, ease our fears, defuse our anger and process our guilt. In relationship, we have a much better chance to reclaim our joy. 4) Practice Acceptance and Forgiveness: We must give ourselves grace and truth-and time to eventually accept our loss and forgive others and ourselves.

Our own United Methodist Book of Discipline addresses the issue of Suicide in our Social Principles, paragraph 161, O. It says, in part; *We believe that suicide is not the way a human life should end. Often suicide is the result of untreated depression, or untreated pain and suffering. The Church has an obligation to see that all persons have access to needed pastoral and medical care and therapy in those circumstances that lead to loss of self-worth, suicidal despair, and/or the desire to seek physician-assisted suicide. A Christian perspective on suicide begins with an affirmation of faith that nothing, including suicide, separates us from the love of God (Romans 8: 38-39). Therefore, we deplore the condemnation of people who committ suicide, and we consider unjust the stigma that so often falls on surviving family and friends.*

The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Dove House with is located at 1045 10th Street in Port Townsend. For more information you can email them at sos.jeffco@gmail.com or call 360-302-0569.

Faithfully,

Scott

BIRTHDAYS

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

4 Diane Johnson
 11 Diane Johnson
 18
 25

COMMUNION SERVERS

4
 11
 18
 25

COUNTERS

4 Debbie D./Mike P.
 11 Betty P./Patty M.
 18 Marsha H./Lori O.
 25 Diane/Connie R.

GREETERS

4 Bob Linrothe
 11 Julie Boggs
 18 Judy Olsen
 25 Marcy Wootan

HOSPITALITY

4
 11
 18 Dale Kelley/Joan Flowers
 25 Potluck

LITURGISTS

4 Mike Perzel
 11 Henry Jones
 21 Billie Fitch
 25 Liz Hazen


SUNDAY SCHOOL

4
 11 Kathy A./
 18 Debbie D.
 25 Audrey & Larry S.

USHERS

4 Jackie D./
 11 AJ/Mike P.
 18 AJ/Stephanie B.
 25

OUR PRAYERS

- * Wanda's great niece who is being treated for diabetes.
- * For Kathy's brother, Fred, that his body heals soon.
- * For Kristen that she heals quickly after surgery.
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.
- * Peace and wisdom for national & international leaders
- * For Pat as she travels home from Calgary.
- * For the people suffering at our southern borders 
- * For Peace on Earth!
- * Lil's daughter who is being treated in the hospital that she get well soon.
- * Men and women who serve in the US Military so we can worship the way we choose to.

PRAISES

Pray for Praise hulas as they will be participating in the August 4th Worship Service.

AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGSAugust 4

Hosea 11:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-9, 43
 Colossians 3:1-11
 Luke 12:13-21

August 11

Isaiah 1:1-1,10-20
 Psalm 50:1-8,22-23
 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16
 Luke 12:32-40

August 18

Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
 Luke 12:49-56

August 25

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm 71:1-6
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 13:10-17

Finance Report for June 2019

Income:

Frontage Rental	450.00
Parsonage Rental	1,269.40
Pledges/Non-Pledges	10,069.00
Cash Offering	305.00

Misc. Income	<u>111.07</u>
Total	\$ 12,204.47

Expenses:

Apportionments	1,281.35
Local Ministry, Conference	494.72
Utilities/Church Maintenance	525.05
Operating Expenses	416.67

Payroll and Taxes	<u>6,931.36</u>
Total	\$ 9,649.15

Surplus/(Deficit) for June 2019 = \$2,555.32



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	\$594.50
March:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
April:	ECHHO	\$370.00
May:	Food Bank	\$250.00
June:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
July:	ECHHO	\$250.00
August:	Food Bank	\$
September:	OlyCAP	\$
October:	ECHHO	\$
November:	Food Bank	\$
December:	OlyCAP	\$

FREE TO GOOD HOME

If you would like any of the pictured items, contact the church office at
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UMW SOUP MAKING!

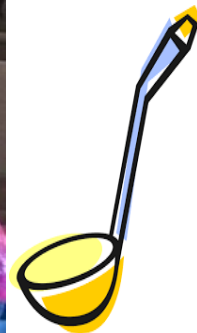


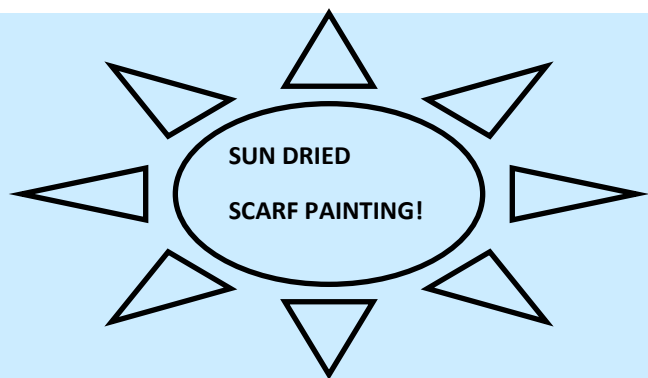
On July 25, the Soup Making Party was in full swing by 10am! Individual packets of Bean Soup which will be distributed to the two food banks. We made over 200 packets at our last party and I've been told our soup is highly prized by the food bank clients.

Pictures by Scott Rosekrans



YUMMY SOUP!





It was a perfectly sunny day,
just right for painting scarves.
So many beautiful colors!

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The colorful, unique
scarves were given to
the Senior Center.



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	2 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	3 Alaska VIM Aug 3-10th
4 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	5 10:30am-12pm Memory Caregiver Support Group 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	6 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	7	8 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	9 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	10 Alaska VIM return.
11 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 2:00pm Life Care Center Worship Service	12 Newsletter Articles Due 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	13 2:00pm Chicks In Stitches	14	15 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	16 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	17 8:00am Mens Breakfast
18 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	19 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	20 11am-5pm Blood Drive	21	22 UWM 10:00am Hygiene Kits 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	23 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Hula Class	24
25 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 4:00pm "Rhythm Ride" at CUMC , benefit con- cert for new Bldg for Quilcene Food Bank.	26 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	27 2:00pm Chicks In Stitches	28	29 UWM 10:00am Soup Making	30	31

Monthly Devotional*Our Daily Bread, August 29, 2017**I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last.*

Galatians 5:16-25

Overflowing Fruit

During the spring and summer, I admire the fruit growing in our neighbor's yard. Their cultivated vines climb a shared fence to produce large bunches of grapes. Branches dotted with purple plums and plump oranges dangle just within our reach.

Although we don't till the soil, plant the seeds, or water and weed the garden, the couple next door shares their bounty with us. They take responsibility for nurturing their crops and allow us to delight in a portion of their harvest.

The produce from the trees and vines on the other side of our fence reminds me of another harvest that benefits me and the people God places in my life. That harvest is the fruit of the Spirit.

Christ-followers are commissioned to claim the benefits of living by the power of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16–21). As God's seeds of truth flourish in our hearts, the Spirit produces an increase in our ability to express "love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (vv. 22–23).

Once we surrender our lives to Jesus, we no longer have to be controlled by our self-centered inclinations (v. 24). Over time, the Holy Spirit can change our thinking, our attitudes, and our actions. As we grow and mature in Christ, we can have the added joy of loving our neighbors by sharing the benefits of His generous harvest.

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Reflect & Pray

Lord, please cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in our hearts and minds so our neighbors can enjoy Your sweet fragrance in and through our lives.

The fruit of the Spirit changes us so we can impact the lives of those around us.

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Open Hearts Open Doors Open Minds

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