

CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of
Community United Methodist Church

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Winter Shelter

By Scott Rosekrans

2019/2020 Winter Shelter.

On Thursday, September 26th I attended a coordinators meeting for the Winter Shelter which is a joint endeavor of OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program) and COAST (Community Outreach Association Shelter Team) that supervises and manages the homeless shelter located in the basement of the American Legion Hall in Port Townsend. Many of you may not know that Community United Methodist Church was one of the original entities that got the initial shelter up and running 15 years ago. I am pleased that we are still involved and are committed to providing shelter to those who need it the most. The shelter is open year-round now and is preparing to transition from the summer shelter to the winter shelter mode.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to share some information I picked up at the meeting. Last year they served 151 individuals with 25% over 62 and the oldest being 82 years old. According to Mike Johnson with OlyCAP, 20% of the regular clients (5-8) were veterans. They'll be open 16 hours a day from 4:00 pm to 8:00 am and have hired a coordinator who will help facilitate the kitchen operations. Mike said the emphasis this year will be to work harder in an effort to get people placed in more permanent housing and that they plan to put in an office to afford some privacy for a meeting space for the clients to meet with agencies trying to assist them with their various issues. OlyCAP is part of the Housing Task Force and their goal is to create 270 housing units in the next five years which is a lofty goal and they will need our support in urging our elected officials to take this crisis seriously.

I am glad that Community has had such a long relationship with the shelter and we will definitely do our best to continue to support them in their mission. We support them in a couple of ways. First, we take a week during the winter to cook and serve meals at the shelter. Last winter we had over twenty people from our church show up over the course of several days to not only serve, but to sit down and eat with the clients. OlyCAP is also one of the entities we financially support with a minimum check of \$100.00 on a rotating basis with ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization) and the Tri-Area Food Bank. Several of our members supplement this minimum to where it is usually \$350.00 a month or more.

If you've been thinking about getting involved in a mission now would be a great time as we have many mission opportunities for you to pick from. Contact either me or Lori Oberlander our mission chair for more information on how you can contribute to the outward focus that makes our church relevant and viable. Be one of those somebodies that do something.

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When the Lights Go Out

One of the many things that keep me awake at night is what will happen if the lights go out? Well, you big dummy, it's night so how would you notice? No, my question is that if we, as a church, closed our doors and turned out the lights would anybody notice? Don't worry, I don't see that happening anytime soon, but I think it's a question being asked in many churches around the country. I think the answer can be found in the question. If nobody noticed the closing of a church, then the church wasn't doing anything in the community to be noticed.

I think the Apostle Paul saw this when he wrote to his protégé Timothy in 1 Timothy 6. Bringing the light into the world for all to see was going to be a tough task and there would be plenty of people out there who would love to blow the light out. Paul knew there would be a lot of obstacles and difficult times which is why I think in verse eleven he tells us to *pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.* He wants us to shun all the evil the secular world has to offer but he doesn't want us to be passive about it. He wants us to fight, to fight the good fight of faith. To do this we have to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. He uses action words like fight and pursue. We just can't sit back passively and wait for Jesus to come. Jesus, as we know, won't come until many things have been accomplished on earth, like the saving of souls and righting wrongs and injustice.

That's where we come in. Are we doing the kind of work that saves souls, rights wrongs and addresses injustice? I sincerely believe we are. We started out small and slow and our efforts are getting bigger, more numerous and are picking up momentum. It's so simple I don't understand why others aren't more engaged, if they are at all. With us here at Community it all started with our little Jesus Cup which, by itself has generated thousands of dollars for our mission effort. This little cup of spare change has shown us how simple and easy it is to make a difference in the daily lives of others. It has helped us recognize our abundance and has motivated us to become unselfish and loving givers of our time, talents and tithes. From this tiny cup, which overfloweth, has come so many of our other mission efforts which bring glory to God as people thank Him for his servants here in the Tri-Area doing His will and His work.

So, here's the good news. Last month, when the District Superintendent visited us, he asked me if I might be interested in participating in a project that would brainstorm this issue of what to do with small churches in crisis. Of course, I agreed as it appeared the DS was reading my mind. Such being the case, I just got invited to participate in the first meeting scheduled on October 19th. According to the invitation, the workshop is for leaders of churches that are small, but still have a vital ministry to accomplish. They want to provide resources to churches that may be at a stable time in their life cycle, or, are perhaps experiencing a decline in participation in the ministries of the church. The workshop of just 8 churches is designed so that we will have the opportunity to connect with other small church leaders to share experiences and ideas. This is where I think we come in. We have some great experiences and ideas to share and, of course, are always on the lookout for other ideas to incorporate into what works in our church. The invitation says that during the three-hour workshop we will do

some theological reflection on the purpose, or “why” of church. Congregations, no matter the size, that understand their “why” are often alive in the Spirit and excited about being the church God calls them to be. Sound like any church you might know? We will also look at the practices of churches that know their “why,” both in what they do and what they don’t do.

This is an exciting opportunity for our church, and I am thrilled we were asked to participate. I think we understand our “why” and are alive in the Spirit and are excited about being the church God calls us to be. I look forward to sharing our experiences and to seeing what is working for others that can be incorporated into the life of our church and community as we continue to be “that” church that helps the least, the last and the lost.

And the answer is yes. Yes, I think that if we closed our doors and turned out the lights people would notice.

Yours in Christ

Scott

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE...UMC hand-made quilts for children....

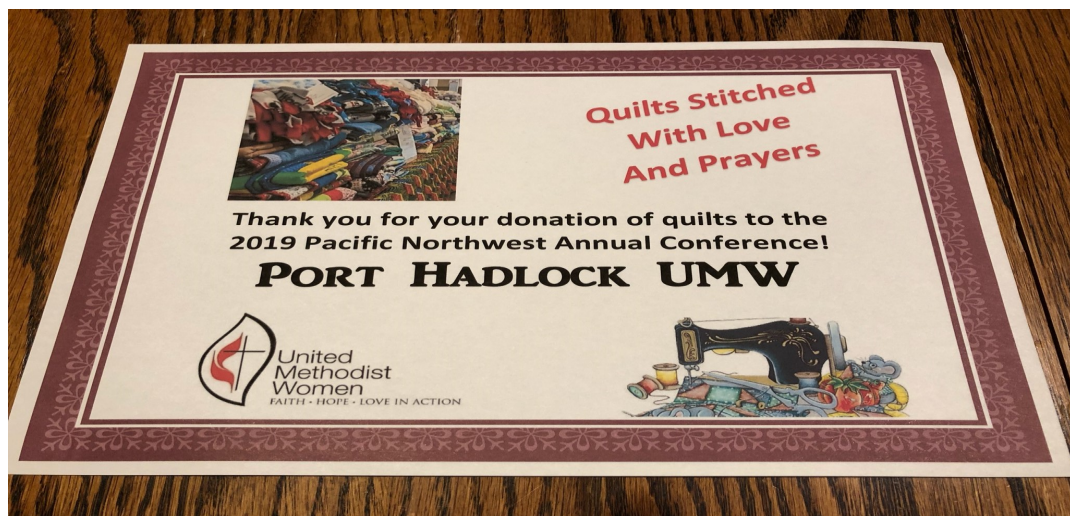
By Diane Jensen

The Pacific Northwest Conference of the UMC has a long-standing tradition of collecting hand-made quilts during its Annual Conference that are distributed to children in need.

When the reminder came from the Conference United Methodist Women asking for this years quilts, Community's women wanted to help. But, of course, our women made a few “tweaks”. There wasn't enough time to make quilts so we decided to make tied fleece blankets which are valued as much as those that are quilted. And, why limit the project to United Methodist Women? Everyone in the church was invited to participate – including men.

During the UMW Puget Sound Missional District Annual Meeting on Sept 14, CUMC was one of only seven district churches (out of a total of 47) that was presented with a Certificate of Thanks for making blankets. We took 16 blankets to Annual Conference. Some of the blankets have already been distributed to a domestic violence organization in Everett and others will be distributed as needed.

Thank you to all who made this possible with donations, cutting and tying – your participation is very much appreciated!



Blood Drive comes to CUMC on October 16th

By Jim and Debbie Dodd

Community Church has been hosting blood drives for over 10 years, originally through Puget Sound Blood Center, now under their new name: Bloodworks Northwest. My involvement with the Blood Center started during my career at Chimacum High School while I was Advisor for the National Honor Society. Students were strongly focused on donating blood and saving lives. After I retired it was a natural progression to continue supporting the Blood Center with drives in our community. Blood collected at our drives supports Jefferson Healthcare, Harrison Hospital and other area facilities. Each pint collected has the potential to save three lives. Isn't that enough to make a person "lend an arm"?

If you can't donate personally, there are many other ways you can contribute to this worthwhile mission of Community Church: baking cookies for the donor canteen, putting up posters around the community, helping with set up of chairs, or phoning potential donors.

On a personal note, my (Debbie's) interest in the Blood Center goes back to my teenage years when I lost my older brother Jackie to an incurable blood disorder. During his treatment he received many transfusions that

kept him alive for several years. I'll always be grateful to the many caring people who made that possible by their donations of blood. Jim also received a transfusion of lifesaving blood at age 19 when he suffered a ruptured spleen in an industrial accident. At that time, blood was taken from the donor and transfused immediately into the patient, so different from today's process where blood is thoroughly screened.

Thank you CUMC folks for supporting this worthwhile cause over the past 10 plus years.

Jim and Debbie Dodd

Our next drive is scheduled for October 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Wednesday, October 16
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Community United Methodist
Church**

130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

To make an appointment or for questions about eligibility call
1-800-398-7888 or go to www.BloodWorksNW.org, use
Sponsor Code: 0743

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THAT CHURCH

By Lori Oberlander

As Pastor Scott says we are getting a reputation in our community of being "that church" and after our last Mission Meeting in September it is becoming more and more clear that we are "that church". There were lots of ideas and there were lots of plans. Some of our plans are to match people with the missions they are most passionate about, we wanted to set a specific day each week to do mission projects so that each week, we could all mark are calendars for the same day each week and participate in a different mission project, we also talked about bringing more attention to some missions and we also talked about getting more information into weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters to keep everyone more in the know.

We have a scheduled the following missions work on each Thursday in October all located at the church:

October 3rd is a UMW Meeting at 10:00am

October 10th at 10:00am is a Bean Soup assembly for the food banks

October 17th at 10:00am is a Pea Soup assembly for the food banks

October 24th at 10:00am is a Hygiene Kit assembly workshop

October 31st at 10:00am is a Fire Starter assembly working party

Here is a sneak peak at opportunities in the future: Preparing and serving meals at the homeless shelter in February, Blanket Making for delivery at Annual Conference, supporting homeless children at Chimacum School District, and more.

The next Mission Committee Meeting will be held on October 6th after church. Grab a bite to eat and meet us in the library.

Great work everyone and thank you for your passion and hearts for service and God's children in need! I am reminded about the sign that is located as we leave the church "We are now entering the mission field".

Bean Soup Making



Pictures by Scott Rosekrans

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THAT CHURCH

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Quilcene Food Bank



Our New Welcoming Banner



Hygiene Kit Making



Fire Starters



Pictures by Scott Rosekrans



Building on Faith

Wednesday – Friday, October 16th – 18th

Help build a better future for a local family. Volunteer for one or more days, no experience necessary. Tools, training, t-shirts, lunch, and snacks are provided. Build sites are to be announced, full or half day shifts are available.

Three ways to register:

- Group Registration – gather friends from your fellowship and reserve a day for your build. Group registration ends on September 30th.
- Individual Registration – sign-up and we will place you with volunteers from other local churches for an interfaith build. Register any time before October 11.
- Hospitality – bake cookies or prepare lunch for a volunteer group.

**Call or email Tessie at the Habitat office (360) 379-2827 or
volunteer@habitatejc.org.**





GrandFamilies of
East Jefferson County

**Are you a grandparent raising
your grandchildren?**

Please join us for our first

**GrandFamilies Gathering!
Wednesday, October 16, 2019**

Chimacum Creek Primary School
313 Ness Corner Rd., Port Hadlock, WA 98339

6:00 – 6:30 pm

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Dinner Provided

Meeting and Program

for Kids and Grandparents

Please call (360) 344-3013 for information and RSVP



"This Little Light of Mine" ukulele duet by Eva and Gramps.

BIRTHDAYS

3 Stephanie Buehler
 13 Marsha Hamacher
 15 Audrey Sanderson
 19 Bernita Butler
 23 Patti Smith
 27 Patti Shuff
 30 Diana Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS

6 AJ Laverty
 13 Stephanie Buehler
 20 Marcy Wootan
 27 Diane Johnson

COMMUNION SERVERS

6 Joan and Dale

COUNTERS

6 Debbie/Mike
 13 Diane/Patty M.
 20 Betty/Lori
 27 Diane/Connie R.

GREETERS

6 Julie Boggs
 13 Bob Linrothe
 20 Judy Olsen

HOSPITALITY

6 Pat C., Bev R. Joan
 13 Marsha Hamacher
 20 Diane Jensen
 27 **Halloween Party**

LITURGISTS

6 Henry Jones
 13 Liz Hazen
 20 Billie Fitch
 27 Henry Jones

SUNDAY SCHOOL

6 Julie
 13 Stephen
 20 Kathy A.
 27 Debbie D.

USHERS

6 Jackie D./
 13 Marsha/Mike
 20 AJ/Stephanie B.
 27 Pat Cooper

OUR PRAYERS

- * For friends who are going through rough patch in their marriage.
- * Pray for Lil's daughter that she continues to heal.
- * For Bev's surgery that she heals well.
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.
- * For a homeless woman who is moving closer to family, have safe journeys.
- * For a couple evicted from property and another couple who had their car totaled, that they get the help they need.
- * For Matthew and family in their time of loss.
- * For Peace on Earth!
- * Prayers for family of an ECHHO client who died this week.
- * For Janna that she find a good job soon.
- * For healing of friends who have cancer.

**PRAISES**

Praises for all those who give blood which greatly helps many people in our community.

SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGSOctober 6

Lamentations 1:1-6
 Psalm 137
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10

October 13

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7
 Psalm 66:1-12
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17:11-19

October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Psalm 119:97-104
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Luke 18:1-8

October 27

Joel 2:23-32
 Psalm 65
 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

Finance Report for September 2019

Income:

Frontal Rental	500.00
Parsonage Rental	1,414.00
Pledges/Non-Pledges	4,852.00
Cash Offering	327.00
Misc. Income	20.00
Total	7,113.00

Expenses:

Apportionments	1,281.35
Local Ministry/Conf.	1,037.41
Total Operating Expense	1,355.11
Payroll and Taxes	6931.36
Total	10,605.23

Surplus/(Deficit) for September 2019 = (\$3,492.23)



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

October UMW Meeting



Jefferson County Library presents

TimeSlips

Creating Better Lives for Dementia

TimeSlips is a creative storytelling process encouraging people living with dementia to imagine rather than remember. Through improvisational story telling people are invited to participate, imagine, and connect with others. Research demonstrates this group storytelling process brings meaning and purpose into lives. This activity focuses on connection, not correction, and inspires imagination to soar. TimeSlips is engaging, empowering and lots of fun! Care partners, family and friends are all welcome!

Friday, October 11, 2019

2:00-3:00

**Jefferson County Library
620 Cedar Ave
Port Hadlock, WA**

Co-sponsored by East Jefferson County Memory Cafe

Facilitated by Carolyn Cristina Manzoni & Randi Winter

TimeSlips™
Certified Facilitator

For info contact Cristina 360 379 3661

No preregistration necessary

www.jclibrary.info

www.timeslips.org



SUNDAY ~~ OCTOBER 27

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COFFEE HOUR LUNCHEON!!

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CREEPY CHILI *and* CHIPS PROVIDED
YOU ARE INVITED to BRING

The
"SPOOKY SURPRISES
And
"MYSTERY MUNCHIES"



October 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Singers in the Rain Re-hearsal 7pm	2	3 WMW Business Meeting, 10am 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library)	4 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Praise Hula Class	5
6 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship MISSION MEETING after church	7 5:30-7:30pm Boy/Cub Scouts	8 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) Chicks in Stitches, 2pm Singers in the Rain Re-hearsal 7pm	9	10 UMW/ Bean Soup Making, 10:00am Mission 7-8pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library)	11 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Praise Hula Class	12
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Monthly Devotional

Our Daily Bread, November 27, 201

They will still bear fruit in old age.

Psalm 92:14

Several years ago I stumbled across a bit of fishing lore in a second-century ad work by the Greek writer Aelian. "Between Boroca and Thessalonica runs a river called the Astracus, and in it there are fish with spotted skins [trout]." He then describes a "snare for the fish, by which they get the better of them. They fastened crimson red wool round a hook and attached two feathers. Then they would throw their snare, and the fish, attracted by the color, comes up, thinking to get a mouthful" (On the Nature of Animals).

Fishermen still use this lure today. It is called the Red Hackle. First used over 2,200 years ago, it remains a snare for trout by which we "get the better of them."

When I read that ancient work I thought: Not all old things are passé—especially people. If through contented and cheerful old age we show others the fullness and deepness of God, we'll be useful to the end of our days. Old age does not have to focus on declining health, pining over what once was. It can also be full of tranquility and mirth and courage and kindness, the fruit of those who have grown old with God.

"Those who are planted in the house of the Lord . . . shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing" (Ps. 92:13–14).

By: David H. Roper



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