

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of  
Community United Methodist Church

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**Pastor's Pen**

The Clothes Closet Operational



After much work, we have moved into our new clothes closet at the end of the administrative wing and are ready to continue our efforts of getting good, warm clothing to those who need it. We have a fresh coat of paint on the walls which makes it very inviting, tables to sort clothing on, shelving to display what we have, and ample room to hang all the donated coats and jackets to make it easier for folks to find something that meets their needs.

Initially, we started small but the outpouring of donations overwhelmed us and we couldn't keep up with the supply making it difficult to get the right clothes to the right people, hence the need for a bigger space. Now the question is how do we distribute the clothing and to whom? Right now, with those who drop into the church for help and the two food banks we seem to have outlets to which we can distribute the clothing. Additionally, I'll be contacting a few other entities to let them know what we have and to send people by. One question that has been asked is whether or not we will be open to the public on certain days between certain hours. My response has been to see how it goes and if there is a demand then we can see if we can get enough volunteers to staff it at scheduled times.

Right now it's been a real blessing to have this clothes closet for those who come in for assistance. At some point in my conversation with them I ask them if they need any clothing, like a coat, socks, hats or the like. They generally say then can use something so I take them shopping and they are free to pick out what they need. I also take the opportunity to offer blankets, hygiene kits, fire starters, and bean soup mix. All of which is gratefully appreciated and accepted.

We are only limited by our imagination and the Spirit has been hard at work coming up with creative ways in which we can meet the needs of God's suffering and wanting children here in our community. If you haven't seen the new clothes closet or mission work room come on by and I'll give you a tour. And for you bargain shoppers out there, it's always nice to give someone something brand new, so if you see something on sale like a hoodie, sweat shirt or sweat pants, feel free to buy them and drop them off. Faithfully,

Scott Rosekrans



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# Homeless Shelter

Here are a few quotes made by some of our volunteers who served at the winter shelter in February:



In addition to preparing and serving food, many of us had the opportunity to share the meal and visit with the shelter guests. Sharing time as well as food is a measure of our hospitality and the dignity with which we treat others. --*Diane Jensen*



We had a great evening. Sorry I didn't count how many we served but all were so appreciative and cheerful. --*Debbie Dodd*

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Awesome, thank you all for your ministry to serve homeless people and also thank you Diane for all of your work coordinating this effort. May God bless you all! --*Lori Oberlander*



I am always amazed at how the guests enjoy the simple green beans. --*Audrey Sanderson*



## Introducing: CUMC's New Spiritual Growth Committee

By Diane Johnson



Pastor Scott has asked Rev. Dale Kelly, Janet Stevenson and myself to form a new Spiritual Growth Committee devoted to facilitating the needs and desires of the members of the CUMC congregation for deepening our relationships with God and Jesus Christ and learning more about how to discern the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are excited about this opportunity and invite you all to participate in determining what will be most interesting and useful to you in your spiritual journey!

Our first action is to solicit your feedback in the form of a survey about your interests and possible spiritual growth activities that will be mailed to your home in early March. We will enclose a stamped addressed return envelope for your convenience. Please return your survey, even if you are not sure about what is entailed, or you would be unable or unavailable to participate in any programs at this time, but might be interested later.

Our next two actions are: 1) Rev. Dale Kelly is preparing a 4-5 hour retreat in preparation for Advent to be held on March 7; more information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. 2) We are beginning a Prayer Chain immediately. For those of you who have never been part of a Prayer Chain, it is a ministry of intercessory prayer in which we lift up those who have requested prayer from our church to God, with assurance to the petitioner that they are being prayed for. When someone calls the church, the pastor notifies the first person in the chain, who calls the second, who calls the third, until the entire chain is praying for them. When there are 8 or more people, we will have a brief initial meeting to discuss expectations and set up the chain. If you are interested in participating, please notify a member of the committee.





# No Better Time

By Scott Rosekrans

I think there is no better time than right now to be a Christian. I know, that's a strange thing to say when it appears that we are so unpopular. We have an image problem and if we had a Public Relations Department they'd be fired and shown the door. I mean, how many times have you heard someone say they have a "problem" with organized religion or that they had a "bad experience" with church sometime in the past. Regardless as to whether or not such statements are true is not the point. The point is that we have a perception problem and that problem is our reality, whether we like it or not. I get that, and that's why I think we need a metamorphosis, a change.

We're coming up on Lent and Easter which is a time when we Christians around the world observe the birth of our church. Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, is Transfiguration Sunday where we celebrate Jesus' transfiguration where God was heard to say; *This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased: listen to him!* (Matthew 17: 1-9) God's church was about to experience a change, a metamorphosis, and things would never be the same. The new church was about to enter into a new covenant with a focus on being a church for the people, all people. And, if you know the Easter story, the existing church fought tooth and nail against any change, especially change that would upset their status quo. As hard as they fought, they couldn't stop the change, even with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

But here we are two thousand years later, and it appears we are due for another transfiguration of sorts. Merriam-Webster defines transfiguration as a change in form or appearances, a metamorphosis. To those who have a problem with organized religion or had that bad experience with church, they know just enough about us to form an opinion that we aren't what we are supposed to be and, that if we don't change, the end really is near. If Christ's church is going to survive as we know it, we are going to have to experience another transfiguration, a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state. We have to get back to the basics of understanding the Gospels and living them openly in our daily lives for all to see. If we return to that form of Christianity as John Wesley had envisioned what we offer the searching public will be beautiful and spiritual. The Methodist Church has conducted studies that tell us there are many people out there seeking spirituality, they just aren't looking to us for it. They are going elsewhere, and we can't really blame them if our perception is that we don't even come close to practicing what Jesus preached through our actions or, worse yet, our inaction.

I'm a "back-to-basics" kind of guy. In whatever I've done, I've identified the fundamentals of what was important to the mission of the organization, whether it was Little League Baseball, police work, or the practice of law, and I focused on those principles as the basic building blocks of the endeavor. That's why I firmly believe what we are doing here at Community United Methodist Church is so important. We are focusing on the basic fundamentals of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our message and how we interact with the community around us, and how we want to be perceived. I don't think we are doing church in a different way, I think we are doing church the way it should be done, in a true Wesleyan fashion, of which Jesus would approve and say; *This is my church, my beloved church, of which I am well pleased, so listen to them and see what they are doing in my name.*

So, if you agree now is the time for a transfiguration of the way we "do" church, then join me and the church leadership and let's make this the year we bring a change to our community that moves us and those around us into a more beautiful and spiritual state.





**LENTEN REFLECTION DAY**  
**"PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR EASTER"**

SATURDAY, March 7, 2020  
 All Women and Men Invited  
 10:00am to 2:30pm  
 Lunch will be provided

*Lent is a time when we "journey with Jesus"  
 through the desert for 40 days -  
 It is a time of profound prayer, and  
 a time to look deep within ourselves.*

*Our Reflection Day will invite us to  
 draw nearer to Jesus by meditating on his word  
 and example, as we explore our own times of  
 spiritual dryness ~ and as we "follow" those  
 who journeyed with him to the cross.*

*Lent offers us a time of grace in which God leads  
 us, through the experience of our own "desert  
 times" to the Hope brought by the Joy of Easter.*

**RETREAT PRESENTER ~ Rev Dale Kelley**

For more information, and to give us an idea of how many to prepare for,  
 please call Dale Kelley at (360) 437 - 5129 OR the church office at (360)  
 385- 1579. You can also email Dale at - [dearmounrd2@gmail.com](mailto:dearmounrd2@gmail.com)



# THAT CHURCH



Clothes Closet



Our Welcoming Banner



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Fleece Scarf Making



**BIRTHDAYS**

1 A.J. Laverty  
 1 Ted Buehler  
 7 Mike Perzel  
 11 Margie Webb  
 12 Liz Hazen  
 14 Gladys Heinzinger  
 21 Chuck Boggs

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

1  
 8 Liz Hazen  
 15 Diane Johnson  
 22 Marcia Wootan  
 29 Lent Worship Com.

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

1 Larry & Diane Jensen

**COUNTERS**

1 Debbie D./Mike P.  
 8 Patty M./Marsha  
 15 Betty P./Lori O.  
 22 Connie R./Diane J.  
 29 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**GREETERS**

1 Bob Linrothe  
 8  
 15  
 22 Marsha Wootan  
 29

**HOSPITALITY**

1  
 8  
 15  
 22 Marsha Hamacher  
 29 Potluck

**LITURGISTS**

1 Bill Metzger  
 8 Liz Hazen  
 15 Gene Prentice  
 22 \_\_\_\_  
 29 Marcia Wootan

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

1 Audrey & Larry S.  
 8 Julie B.  
 15 Kathy A.  
 22 Debbie D.  
 29 Stephen Chase

**USHERS**

1 Bill & Wendi Metzger  
 8 Marsha/Mike P.  
 15 Ted & Stephanie B.  
 22 A.J./Pat Cooper  
 29 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**OUR PRAYERS**

- \* The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.
- \* For Peace on Earth!
- \* For wisdom for our leaders.
- \* For Wisdom for all of us during this election time.
- \* For provisions and love for Julie that she get a good job soon.
- \* For Ken that he gets better soon.
- \* For Gretchen that she get better soon.
- \* For those involved in a serious car accident near Sequim, that they all recover from their injuries.
- \* For recovery for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses.
- \* For A.J. that she get better soon.

**PRAISES**

3. Praises for work beginning on boiler replacement project.

**FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS**March 1

Gen 2:15-17;3:1-7  
 Ps 32  
 Rom 5:12-19  
 Matt 4:1-11

March 8

Gen 12:1-4a  
 Ps 121  
 Rom 4:1-5, 13-18  
 John 3:1-17 or  
 Matt 17:1-9

March 15

Exod 17:1-7  
 Ps 95  
 Rom 5:1-11  
 John 4:5-42

March 22

1 Sam 16:1-13  
 Ps 23  
 Eph 5:8-14  
 John 9:1-41

March 29

Ezek 37:1-14  
 Ps 130  
 Rom 8:6-11  
 John 11:1-45



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. 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	\$ 88.33
February:	Food Bank	\$238.00
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	\$250.00
December:	OlyCAP	\$350.00

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## Finance Report for January 2020

Income	\$9,499.01	Expenses	\$8,576.96
Pledges/Non-Pledges	\$7,205.00	Apportionments	\$1,363.33
Cash Offering	\$192.00	Repairs and Maintenance	\$434.02
Rental Property	\$1,769.00	Local Program Ministry	\$762.76
Miscellaneous Income	\$333.01	Operation Expenses	\$1,330.81
Surplus / (Deficit) \$922.05 02/06/20			



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thursday, March 5, 2020-10:00 a.m.

at Community United Methodist Church

Program: Walk Through Spaine by Nancy  
McDaniel

Hostesses: Patti Smith and Teresa Rosekrans

Devotions: Dale Kelley



Please join us as we learn about Nancy's walk through Spain via her narrative and photos. Men of the church are cordially invited and welcome to participate.



## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	2	3	4	5 10:00am UMW Meeting 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	6 Beginners Praise Hula 11:30 am	7 10:00am-2:30pm Lenten Retreat
8 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	9 Memory Support Group, 10:30am-12 noon (Classroom)	10 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	11	12 10:00am Red Beans and Rice Making 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	Beginners Praise Hula 11:30 am	14
15 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	16	17 Newsletter Articles Due 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	18	19 10:00am Fleece Scarf Making 6:00pm Admin/Finance Meeting 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	20 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Praise Hula Class	21 UMW District Leadership Meeting hosted by CUMC
22 UMCOR Offering 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	23	24 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	25	26 10:00am Mini Hygiene Kits 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	27 Beginners Praise Hula Class 11:30am	28
29 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	30	31 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting				

## Bring What You Have

January 16, 2020

Monthly Devotion

“Stone Soup,” an old tale with many versions, tells of a starving man who comes to a village, but no one there can spare a crumb of food for him. He puts a stone and water in a pot over a fire. Intrigued, the villagers watch him as he begins to stir his “soup.” Eventually, one brings a couple of potatoes to add to the mix; another has a few carrots. One person adds an onion, another a handful of barley. A farmer donates some milk. Eventually, the “stone soup” becomes a tasty chowder.

That tale illustrates the value of sharing, but it also reminds us to bring what we have, even when it seems to be insignificant. In [John 6:1–14](#) we read of a boy who appears to be the only person in a huge crowd who thought about bringing some food. Christ’s disciples had little use for the boy’s sparse lunch of five loaves and two fishes. But when it was surrendered, Jesus increased it and fed thousands of hungry people!

I once heard someone say, “*You* don’t have to feed the five thousand. You just have to bring your loaves and fishes.” Just as Jesus took one person’s meal and multiplied it far beyond anyone’s expectations or imagination (v. 11), He’ll accept our surrendered efforts, talents, and service. He just wants us to be willing to bring what we have to Him.

*What have you been holding back from God? Why is it difficult to bring that area of your life to Him?*

By Cindy Hess Kasper



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