

CREATING CONNECTIONS

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Pastor's Pen

The Church Is Not a Steeple



Photos by Scott Rosekrans

One of the hymns that we frequently sing when we gather as a congregation is We Are the Church. The refrain goes like this: *I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!* The song goes on to state that the church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

Our little church has been technically closed since May 15th, but that has not stopped us from being a church. Because of our strong DNA for service, which I believe is our spiritual infrastructure, the Holy Spirit has stepped up our game, challenging us to be creative in maintaining our position as "that" church. Because of our established footprint in the community we've pulled together in an effort to continue our missions of serving the last, the least and the lost. Not only are we continuing to send out checks to our Mission of the Month ministries, through some generous donations, we've increased our giving as these entities really need the financial support to meet rising demands for assistance. We've been able to help people who come to our doors for help due to continued donations to the Benevolence Fund which I use to buy QFC gift cards and pay of emergency shelter at the Hadlock Inn, among other things. Even though we can't meet on Thursdays for our weekly mission projects, we have missionaries taking bean soup making supplies home to assemble individual bags of bean soup mix that I take to the Tri-Area and Quilcene Food Banks for distribution. We have missionaries making virus masks at home out of all that material they've been "hoarding" for years that I give out at the office when someone comes in and also take to the Quilcene Food Bank for anyone who wants one. We're also putting all those hotel toiletries you've brought to the church to good use, as we are now making mini-hygiene kits to put in the boxes that are distributed at the Quilcene Food Bank. I even had one member who had just returned from their winter vacation come by and drop off all the spare change they had collected for the Jesus Cup. These are just some of the things we are doing, and I know the Spirit has some other ideas to lay on us, which I truly believe is what keeps us going during these trying times.

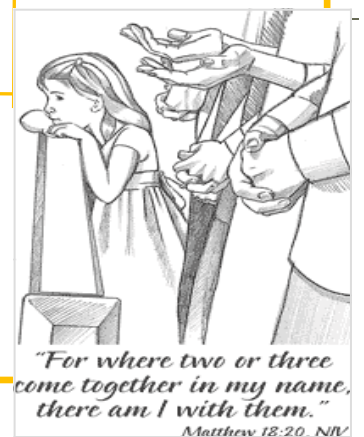
I've had several people tell me how much they miss coming to church, and have had a few drop-ins which is fine. I've even been told they appreciated my attempt at an Easter morning service on-line just because they got to see the sanctuary. We will be together again soon and, I believe, will come out of this stronger than ever. As verse four of the song goes: *And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

Faithfully,
Scott



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The New Propane Furnace

It has been determined that it will save us on fuel costs.



Hand Sanitizer

By Scott Rosekrans

Photos by Scott Rosekrans



I have been contacted by a friend who is working with a local distillery that is making hand sanitizer for distribution locally to law enforcement, the fire department, ambulance personnel, hospital workers and others who come in contact with the public. What they need are bottles, glass or plastic to put the sanitizer in. I've asked for a better description of what the need but haven't heard back from them. So, I'm thinking bottles like those small plastic squeeze bottles or some of those bottles with a pump on them like liquid soap bottles, dish washing detergent. If you have something, shoot me an email or just bring them by the church and leave them by the front door. When I learn more I'll let you know.

See the attached photo as an example of what I found in our house.

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Faith, Family and Friends



Evelyn Elene Mosher December 25, 1923 – March 24, 2020

Evelyn Elene Mosher, a Pioneer Matriarch from Port Hadlock, lived 96 wonderful years. Evelyn was the second child of seven. Born to Bruce and Olivet Matheson of Port Hadlock on Christmas Day, 1923. She passed away peacefully on March 24, 2020 at Port Townsend Life Care Center where she received so much warmth and love during this last year. Evelyn has touched her whole community in many ways. She was a lifelong active member of the Community United Methodist Church. She belonged to the Women's Society, Tri-Area Garden Club and the VFW Women's Auxiliary at the Bruce F. Matheson post. Evelyn was married to the love of her life Ray Mosher, just shy of 60 years. Ray precedes her in Heaven along with her parents, daughter-in-law Cathy Mosher and four brothers, Bruce Matheson, JR., Bob Matheson, Bill Matheson and Larry Matheson. She is survived by four children, Ron Mosher (Linda) of Nampa ID, Dan Mosher (Peggy) of Port Hadlock, Steve Mosher of Port Hadlock, and daughter Lori Witheridge (Bob) of Port Townsend and sisters Darlene Otta of Hillsboro OR, and Carol Elerding of Mountlake Terrace, Washington. Evelyn is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Evelyn had so much unconditional love for all the paths she crossed. Her Faith, family and friends were the most important. Her job God gave her on earth was to be the glue that holds a strong community and family together. Evelyn did just that! She will be truly missed by everyone who had the honor to know her. Services will be held at a later date to be announced. In memory, please donate to the Community United Methodist Church food bank fund.



David Hermanson



David Hermanson passed peacefully at home on April 7, 2020 succumbing to the illness he had been battling for over two years. I remember when David and Kendra first visited our church shortly after I started at Community over three years ago. David loved his church and his church family. When he was well, he really enjoyed making communion bread which made the sacrament all-the-more special. David will be missed but he was strong in his faith and was ready to go to his heavenly home. Please keep Kendra in your prayers.





Hi I am Eva, and I am writing this for Earth day. We can all help by doing simple ways. Like we can go to the beach and pick up trash. We can also go to parks and pick up trash. God left us the job to take care of the earth and we can do it I know. from EVA

Garrison Keillor on "METHODISTS"

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise that they will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

*If you're dying, they will comfort you.

*If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.

*And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.

*Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

*Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

*Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

*Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

*Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

*Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

*Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

*Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.

*Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color.

*Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

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Local

MISSION
of the
MONTH

2020

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	\$300.00
May:	Food Bank	\$380.00
June:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
July:	ECHHO	\$350.00
August:	Food Bank	\$350.00

Finance Report for February 2020

Income		\$13,740.19
Pledges and Identifiable Do-		
nors	\$12,795.00	
Cash Offering	\$418.66	
Other	\$526.53	
Expenses		\$21,911.97
Apportionments	\$1,363.33	
Local Program/Ministry	\$1,058.96	
Operating Expenses	\$2,281.91	
Personnel	\$4,091.11	
Initial Payments for New Boiler	\$13,116.66	
Surplus for February		-\$8,171.78

Garrison Keillor on "METHODISTS" continued from page 6

And finally, You know you are a Methodist when:

It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond, "and also with you."

And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good - bye !

Handmade face masks courtesy of Patti Smith

Really cool face masks made by Patti Smith for use at the church and the food bank. 4-4-20 Scott



Photos by Teresa Rosekrans

THAT CHURCH

Food Bank

Community United Methodist Church

March 25 at 6:01 PM ·

Serving the least of these. "Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." People who volunteer at food banks and do the hard work week in and week out have my utmost respect and admiration, especially during these uncertain times. Due to the church being quasi-closed I've volunteered the last two Wednesdays and what I saw in meeting the growing needs of people truly impressed me. Food bank volunteers are the true warriors in the fight against hunger and hopelessness. If you volunteer, thank you. If you're looking for something fulfilling to do, volunteer.



Our Welcoming Banner



The Leader

Thursday, April 16, 2020



Perspective –
Scott Rosekrans

Silent Night – Appreciate the Tranquility

Posted Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:00 am

I sleep well at night, in a warm bed, in a nice house, in a quiet neighborhood and behind securely locked doors.

Imagine living in your vehicle. If you're lucky, you might live in a motorhome with a bed. More often than not, you're in your car, truck or van crammed so full of your worldly possessions there's no room to comfortably stretch out.

Don't even think about running the engine to keep warm, using up precious gasoline. And, if you can sleep, you are constantly awakened by street sounds: people walking by your vehicle and peering in, nosy neighbors calling the police on you because you seem suspicious, passing vehicles and sirens. You worry about being hit by a drunk driver or someone texting while driving. You worry about someone vandalizing your vehicle because they don't like "those" people parking in their neighborhood. You worry about someone breaking in to harm or rob you of what little you have. Imagine you're a woman in your 60s. Imagine trying to get a good night's sleep.

In my role as pastor at Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock, I've gotten to know many of the vehicle-homeless in our community. The majority of them are more than sixty years old and most are single women. They've lost their home or apartment for a variety of reasons, and are desperately looking for affordable housing. A few still have their jobs, some are looking for any kind of work, and the others are disabled or elderly and unemployable.

They've shared their stories with me about being harassed by people who don't want them parking in their neighborhoods. They've had people shine lights in their faces, angrily confront them and physically threaten to harm them or their vehicle. They've had the police called on them, were questioned and told to move on. They've tried to park off the street in well-lit parking lots but are often told they can't stay there. Their vehicles/homes have been vandalized by those who think it's fun to harass the homeless, or do it to send a message that they aren't wanted in the area. Believe me, this is not how they thought they would be spending their "golden" years.

As I've gotten to know them, there is one common thread. They just want a roof over their head that isn't attached to four wheels. I give them a green card we've made up that lists all the agencies in the county that can help them, telling them that these agencies are stretched thin, but they still have to apply and hope for the best. In the meantime, the second-most requested thing they ask for is if I know a safe place they can park at night, a place where they can get a reasonable night's sleep and leave in the morning. Some have asked to park at the church and, from time to time, we've let them, but they need more.

That's why I recently sent a letter to our Board of County Commissioners suggesting they designate a piece of underused county property as a safe place for the vehicle-homeless to park at night. A place the parks department could maintain, and a place the sheriff's department could patrol to make sure they are safe and not being harassed. A place where they might have access to restrooms. A place with a little dignity.

Every two years, someone runs for county commissioner and promises to do something about the lack of affordable housing and living-wage jobs. That's laudable, and I applaud their efforts and the fact they recognize the problem. What I'm suggesting is a way to make someone's life a little easier while they look for work and have a place where they can spend a silent night.

(Scott Rosekrans is a pastor at Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock.)

Doubt Full



Doubt Full. There have been times in world history when the people felt as if the world was falling apart right in front of their very eyes. After the crucifixion, the disciples were filled with doubt. America was filled with doubt during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl as people struggled for years to survive. We are faced again with times of doubt as we find ourselves in the grips of an indiscriminating and unseen virus. Join me this coming Sunday at 10:00 a.m. when I'll post a short service (Facebook Live) from the church on overcoming doubt. For Scott Rosekrans' Facebook, copy and paste this into your browser address box:

[https://www.facebook.com/scott.rosekrans/videos_by?
sk=wall&lst=100011468298117%3A100000626012654%3A1588175352](https://www.facebook.com/scott.rosekrans/videos_by?sk=wall&lst=100011468298117%3A100000626012654%3A1588175352)

The church is still closed, so we'll come to you. Your homework in the meantime is to read John 20: 19-31.

BIRTHDAYS		HOSPITALITY	OUR PRAYERS
4	Kendra Hermanson	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For the homeless, the hungry and the unemployed. * For Peace on Earth! * For wisdom for our leaders. * For employment for people struggling to find meaningful work. * For Lori's mother, Evelyn who passed, that she and family will be blessed and find peace. * For Healing and provisions for those who are suffering with COVID-19. * For protection of the medical front-line workers who are caring for patients with COVID-19. * Pray for Darryl that he find some place to live soon. * For Kendra's husband David who passed, that she and family will be blessed and find peace.
5	Lori Witheridge	10	
9	Laurel Ankeny	17	
20	Michael Swartout	24 Potluck	
21	Cal White	31	
24	Kathy Anderson		<div>PRAISES</div> <p>Thank you Jean for your very useful stoves, they are very helpful for the homeless.</p>
24	Judy Olsen		
ALTAR FLOWERS		LITURGISTS	
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31		31	
COMMUNION SERVERS		SUNDAY SCHOOL	<div>USHERS</div>
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COUNTERS			<div>GREETERS</div>
3		3 Bill & Wendi Metzger	
10		10 Marsha H./Mike P.	
17		17 Ted & Stephanie B.	
24		24 A.J./Pat Cooper	
31		31	

MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

May 3

Acts 2:42-47
 Ps 23
 1 Pet 2:19-25
 John 10:1-10

May 10

Acts 7:55-60
 Ps 31:1-5, 15-16
 1 Pet 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14

May 17

Acts 17:22-31
 Ps 66:8-20
 1 Pet 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

May 24

Acts 1:6-14
 Ps 68:1-10, 32-35
 1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

May 31

Acts 2:1-21
 Ps 104:24-34, 35b
 1 Cor 12:3b-13
 John 7:37-39

May 2020

(Regular meetings are listed; however because of Covid-19 virus, these are temporarily cancelled.)

					Beginners Praise Hula 11:30 am	Lenten Retreat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	Memory Support Group, 10:30am-12 noon (Classroom)	2:00pm Chicks in Stitches	10:00am Red Beans and Rice Making 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	Beginners Praise Hula 11:30 am		
		5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Mothers Day</i> 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	Newsletter Articles Due	5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	10:00am Fleece Scarf Making 6:00pm Admin/Finance Meeting 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Praise Hula Class	UMW District Leader- ship Meeting hosted by CUMC	8:00 Men's Breakfast
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
UMCOR Offering 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)		10:00am Mini Hygiene Kits	Beginners Praise Hula Class 11:30am		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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The Fingerprint of God

Monthly Devotion

May 7th, 2018

Lygon Stevens loved to climb mountains with her brother Nick. They were experienced climbers and both had summited Mt. McKinley (Denali), the highest point in North America. Then, in January 2008, they were swept off a Colorado mountain by an avalanche, injuring Nick and killing twenty-year-old Lygon. When Nick later discovered his sister's journal in one of her satchels, he was deeply comforted by its contents. It was filled with reflections, prayers, and praise to God as seen in this entry: "I am a work of art, signed by God. But He's not done; in fact, He has just begun. . . . I have on me the fingerprint of God. Never will there ever be another person like me. . . . I have a job to do in this life that no other can do."

Although Lygon is no longer physically present on earth, through the legacy of her life and her journal she inspires and challenges those she left behind.

Because we are made in God's image ([Genesis 1:26](#)), each person is a "work of art, signed by God." As the apostle Paul says, "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" ([Ephesians 2:10](#)).

Praise God that He uses each of us, in His own time and way, to help others.

By [Dennis Fisher](#) | May 7th, 2018

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