

CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of
Community United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Pen



That Church

Photos by Scott Rosekrans

It's hard to believe that I've been your pastor for four years already and, effective July 1st, have just started year five. For me, the time has gone quickly. Probably because we've been so busy trying hard to be "that"



church. For those that don't know, "that" church came from a couple of conversations two of our members had with people who, when they learned what church they were attending, the person remarked something along the lines of: "Oh, you go to that church, the church that helps the homeless, or that church that helps people." What a great reputation to have.

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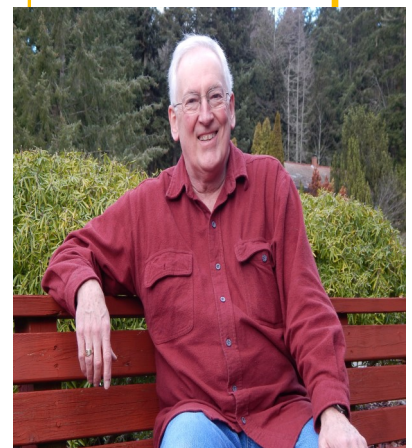
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When I first met with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee over four years ago I was asked what I thought my ministry focus might be. I told them I wasn't sure but that due to my experience as their county prosecutor for the last seven years I knew that the Tri-Area had more than its fair share of challenges, and that maybe we could do something about that. In all my jobs and other engagements I've always been a problem solver and, in my experience, one of the best ways to address the problem issues is to get back to the basics and build up from there.

And, getting back to the basics is what I think we've accomplished. For someone who did not attend seminary, the basics was as good a place to start as any. I told SPRC that everything I learned about church I learned in the cheap seats. I knew what I liked and what I didn't like. I read and reread every "how to" book I could get my hands on and applied what looked feasible to what we were trying to do. One of the books that really stuck with me said that the problem with the Methodist Church was that it had lost its footprint in the community. When it moved from the back streets to Main Street it lost its focus. That really resonated with me and became my challenge for the future of our church, to re-establish our footprint.

After I had been here for six months I told the Administrative Council we needed to give some of our money away. This wasn't a new concept for Methodists, it just had been forgotten. Giving your money away is very Wesleyan. John Wesley, the founder of our denomination, said he didn't keep money as it would burn him. He made all he could, saved all he could, and gave away all he could. He said if he died with more than twenty pounds to his name, to consider him a robber and a thief. The Board nervously asked

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our community. They breathed a collective sigh of relief and approved \$1,200.00 a year to go to our Mission of the Month. I suggested and they approved a rotating donation to the Tri-Area Food Bank, ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization) and OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program). Since then we've increased the monthly amount and added \$100.00 a month to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). And then we have our beloved Jesus Cup that shamelessly shakes you down each Sunday for your loose change. We easily collect over \$100.00 a month which goes to the Quilcene Food Bank. The excitement generated by these simple programs gave birth to our SODS (Somebody Oughta Do Something) mission movement enabling us to branch out into other projects like making fleece blankets, hygiene kits, fire starters, and bean soup mix. We have our annual events like Heifer International, Toys For Tots, Socktober and Underweary months that generate a lot of excitement and energy which has allowed us to host Sunday afternoon concerts raising thousands of dollars for non-profits like Bayside Housing and Services, the Recovery Cafe, the Quilcene Food Bank building fund, and disaster relief to name a few. When God gives you something to do and you do it well, the Holy Spirit comes along and delivers another challenging project. The Spirit pointed out all the unused space we had in the church and just last year we converted the old sanctuary into our Mission Work Room where our volunteers gather to work on our hands-on projects and then we converted a vacant classroom into a Clothes Closet which allows us to give good quality clothing to those who come to our doors looking for help.

None of this, and I mean none of it, could have been accomplished without the help and generosity of many people. Some of those folks we've lost over the past few years and I know they are exceedingly proud of the little church that meant so much to them for all their years in our community. More of the folks were those who have been attending for years and were happy to build upon the long and rich tradition of being a "community" church. And, because of our successes in God's service we've attracted some new folks who

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want to be a part of a church that practices what it preaches.

One of the things we didn't anticipate was the challenge of a pandemic which has, as of this writing, closed our building for three and a half months. We may be closed but we are not shut down. Our creativity has been challenged and the Spirit has presented some new opportunities to reach out into the community. With the help of several people we are now doing a Sunday morning live stream service on Facebook Live which has created quite a following. I think this may be God's way of telling us that we aren't finished and that new opportunities will present themselves for our church to continue being "that" church in the community.

In closing, one of the books I read said that you can tell a lot about a church by the kind of people God sends there to worship. From that I take great comfort and consider myself to be one lucky shepherd of a pretty amazing flock. We can't rest on our successes of yesterday. We've got work to do and I'm pretty excited to see how we come out of this current crisis and what opportunities for service to God are presented to us. I can think of no better time to be a Christian or no time when we are needed more than now. Let's thank God for the privilege of being his people in his church in our community during this time of great need and want.

Faithfully,

Scott

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	\$300.00
May:	Food Bank	\$275.00
June:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
July:	ECHHO	\$666.67
August:	Food Bank	\$350.00

2020

FINANCE REPORT

2020 Year to Date

Income	\$53,498.50	
Pledges & Identifiable Donors		\$43,883.00
Other Income		\$9,615.50
Expenses	\$55,973.36	
Apportionments		\$5,454.12
Local Program Ministry		\$3,385.56
Operation Expenses		\$27,223.72
Personnel Expenses		\$19,909.96
Surplus/(Deficit)	-\$2,474.86	

Letter to the Commissioner Candidates

Commissioner Candidates,

Community United Methodist Church is very concerned about what I call the three issues that are talked about every two years when someone decides to run for County Commissioner. Every two years we are promised by the commissioner hopeful that, if elected, they will do something about living wage jobs, affordable housing, and a sewer for Port Hadlock. Commissioners come and go and there has been little, if any, progress made on any of the issues. I listened to the forum on KPTZ on Tuesday evening and, not surprisingly, these were the three topics talked about. Our question to each of you is: What concrete, real-world solutions do you have regarding these three issues which, in our opinion are interrelated, to actually do something substantive during your first term?

If you care to respond, please send your 500 words or less to CUMC@olympus.net no later than July 8th so we can get our newsletter out before the August primary. You may also include a photograph and contact information for your campaign.

Thank you for running and for your response.

Scott W. Rosekrans, Pastor

THAT CHURCH

Photos by Scott Rosekrans

Our Welcoming Banner

Food Bank



Social Distancing



**Scott sent same letter to Senator Patty Murray
and Senator Maria Cantwell**



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Representative Derek Kilmer
1429 Longworth House Office Building
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Re: Racial Justice

Dear Representative Kilmer,

The members of the congregation of Community United Methodist Church are extremely concerned regarding the tensions and turmoil that has reached a boiling point in America over these past three weeks. We are pained that the ugly head of racism has raised its head so blatantly and unashamedly. There is no place in America for racism and it must, at all costs, be uprooted so its spread may be stopped and blotted out. As a congregation, we deplore such acts as un-Christian and un-Methodist.

Article V of the United Methodist Constitution, Racial Justice, states; *The United Methodist Church proclaims the value of each person as a unique child of God and commits itself to the healing and wholeness of all persons. The United Methodist Church recognizes that the sin of racism has been destructive to its unity throughout its history. Racism continues to cause painful division and marginalization. The United Methodist Church shall confront and seek to eliminate racism, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large. The United Methodist Church shall work collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten the cause of racial justice at all times and in all places.*

Quite bluntly, our Constitution has branded racism as a sin, an unpardonable sin, and rightly so. We call upon you and your colleagues to immediately put aside partisan politics to address this non-partisan issue and find common ground to begin discussions as to how to find solutions to the systemic problem of racism, and not problems with the solutions. We understand that it is not a "one size fits all" solution, but that it will take a creativity and a willingness to put oneself out there for what is right and just for one and all. As your constituents, we would expect nothing less.

We appreciate your time and attention to this most important of issues that affects all Americans. We pray that God grants you and your colleagues the wisdom and discernment to lead our government in its responsibility to equally represent all citizens and non-citizens regardless of race, color or national origin.

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OPEN DOORS

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Sincerely,



Scott W. Rosekrans

BIRTHDAYS		HOSPITALITY	OUR PRAYERS
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6	Lee Dohse	12	
14	Bob Linrothe	19	
17	Fred Miskell	26	
21	Patty Miller		
24	Billie Fitch		
25	Hank Hazen		
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PRaises

We are thankful for Scott, Teresa, John, A.J., Diane, Terry, Marsha, Sheila, Liz working hard to stream our worship service each Sunday with music to many people who want to hear God's Word.

JULY LECTIONARY READINGS

July 5

Gen 24:34-38
Ps 45:10-17
Rom 7:15-25a
Matt 11:16-19

July 12

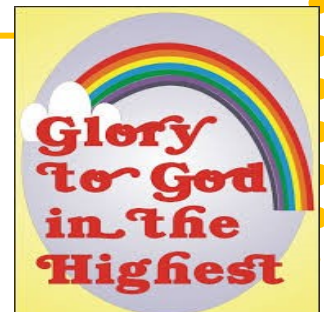
Gen 25:19-34
Ps 119:105-112
Rom 8:1-11
Matt 13:1-9

July 19

Gen 28:10-19a
Ps 139:1-12
Rom 8:12-25
Matt 13:24-30

July 26

Gen 29:15-28
Ps 105:1-11
Rom 8:26-39
Matt 13:31-33



July 2020

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Beginners Praise Hula 11:30 am	⁴
9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	⁵ ⁶ Memory Support Group, 10:30am-12 noon (Classroom)	⁷ 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches	⁸	⁹ 10:00am Red Beans and Rice Making 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	¹⁰ Beginners Praise Hula 11:30 am	¹¹
¹² 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	¹³	¹⁴ 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	¹⁵	¹⁶ 10:00am Fleece Scarf Making 6:00pm Admin/Finance Meeting 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	¹⁷ 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Praise Hula Class	¹⁸ UMW District Leadership Meeting hosted by CUMC
¹⁹ UMCOR Offering 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	²⁰	²¹ 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	²²	²³ 10:00am Mini Hygiene Kits	²⁴ Beginners Praise Hula Class 11:30am	²⁵
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Monthly Devotion

Chirpy

March 21, 2020

By Kirsten Holmberg

For twelve years, Chirpy, a seagull, has made daily visits to a man who'd helped him heal from a broken leg. John wooed Chirpy to himself with dog biscuits and was then able to nurse him back to health. Though Chirpy only resides in Instow Beach in Devon, England, between September and March, he and John Sumner find each other easily—Chirpy flies straight to him when he arrives at the beach each day, though he doesn't approach any other human. It's an uncommon relationship, to be sure.

John and Chirpy's bond reminds me of another uncommon relationship between man and bird. When Elijah, one of God's prophets, was sent into the wilderness to "hide in the Kerith Ravine" during a time of drought, God said he was to drink from the brook, and He'd send ravens to supply him with food ([1 Kings 17:3–4](#)). Despite the difficult circumstances and surroundings, Elijah would have his needs for food and water met. Ravens were unlikely caterers—naturally feeding on unseemly meals themselves—yet they brought Elijah wholesome food.

It may not surprise us that a man would help a bird, but when birds provide for a man with "bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening," it can only be explained by God's power and care (v. 6). Like Elijah, we too can trust in His provision for us.

Loving God, please help me to trust in You to meet my needs no matter what my circumstances might be.

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