

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

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Pastor's Pen



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## Agape

*Disclaimer. In this article I will be making reference to a book I am currently reading about President Franklin D. Roosevelt entitled: A Christian and a Democrat. This is not a political article and in no way implies support for or criticism for one political party over another. It is simply meant to show what great things can be accomplished in God's name if we understand Agape, whether we are the President of the United States or those who chose to worship at the church of their choice.*

If, like me, you've ever paid attention to what the man or woman at the pulpit was saying you've probably heard the word "Agape" spoken about. The early writings of the Apostles were first translated into Greek, which was the accepted language in the civilized world at the time, much like English has been over the past couple of centuries. It was the best way to reach the Gentiles as the Word went out from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Love is a common theme in the New Testament and central to the teachings of the Apostle Paul. Agape is one of several Greek words for love, and when it is used in the Bible it refers to a pure, willful, sacrificial love that intentionally desires another's highest good. Quite simply, it's not a love of yourself, your spouse, your kids, your grandchildren or your closest friends. It's a genuine

love of the "other", most likely someone you've never met and will probably never meet. It could be a person, a group of persons, a race, a nationality, or a group of persons all with something in common like homelessness for example. And, I believe, your agape love can change as circumstances and perspectives changes.

Photo by Scott Rosekrans



Fleece scarfs Mission

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According to the author of the book I'm reading the briefest, most elegant description of agape is found in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 where the Apostle Paul says: *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.* (NIV) And, as Jesus said in John 15: 13, *Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.* I've preached on that concept previously, and while we may be asked to actually lay down our lives at some point in our lives, I think the true meaning is to "lay down" our lives in service to others. It's not about us. It's about loving God, loving others, and serving others.

Roosevelt, who was born in 1882 grew up in the Episcopal Church during a time when the progressive movement started making inroads in American Christianity. Theologians began to realize that one's religion was more than just about one's soul, but the souls and well-being of others who were equally valuable in the sight of God. The biographer wrote that Roosevelt's three foundational Christian principles were faith, hope, and charity. For Roosevelt, charity stood for the grace or loving kindness of God toward humanity. For Roosevelt, charity was agape. Roosevelt grew up privileged and well-educated but quickly realized that charity was more than putting food baskets together for the poor at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Charity was not one and done. These principles of faith, hope, and charity are what guided him through his terms as President during the Great Depression where the work he did with Congress focused on the needs of people they would never likely meet.

Now, it goes without saying that we don't have the power of the Presidency behind us, but we do have the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us. Agape, for us, is distinguished by self-giving, by seeking not one's own welfare but that of the other, those we don't know or care for as well as our friends. Such love, for the Christian, is generous, uncalculating, and benevolent, rooted in the undeserved graciousness of God; no questions asked, and no strings attached. Agape leads to action, an aggressive form of goodness. Agape is the love that sends us out after our fellow humans in concern for their welfare. I believe that we have that agape love here at Community United Methodist Church and we showed it in the best ways we could during the pandemic with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and we eagerly look forward to the coming year as we meet the challenges in and around our community that our heavenly Father would have us meet with the love of Jesus Christ. If a president can do it, certainly we can too.

Faithfully,  
Scott Rosekrans



## ANNOUNCING A NEW COLLECTION DATE FOR CUMC & VETCONNECT

By Jean Holtz



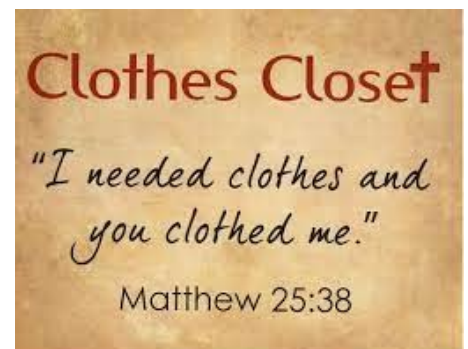
Collection Date – June 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Village Store Parking Lot, Port Ludlow, closest to the PL 4 Way Stop Corner.

As you know from the past, I collect the following food & camp; items for the homeless and low-income folks in the Tri-Area. I collect on

behalf of Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock.

CUMC dedicated to helping our local community. This church has a wonderful clothing room and food pantry where we give away (no charge) food and gently worn clothes and camping equipment. VetConnect is a Veterans' OlyCap service organization and works in partnership With CUMC. VetConnect is open every Wednesday at the VFW building In Port Hadlock.



**WE DO NOT NEED GENERAL CLOTHES AT THIS TIME. WE'LL LET YOU NEED CLOTHES AGAIN.**

### – FOOD

Canned meats such as Dinty Moore Beef Stew, cans of chicken, pork, ham & canned corned beef. No Tuna needed at this time.

Breakfast/Protein bars

Small fruit cups

Small peanut butter cups or small jars

Small packets of crackers

Hot Chocolate packets

Fruit Drinks, some with sugar, some without sugar

Bed pads for adults

Depends for adults – Men & Women

Dog Food & Cat Food – Big bags OK. We rebag to smaller amounts.

**At this time we do not need Top Ramen type noodles or cans of vegetables**

**Or fruit. We will let you know when we need these items**



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### WHAT WE DO NEED – OTHER ITEMS

Tents, small, medium & large – sleeping bags, sleeping mats, backpacks & camp chairs (foldable kind)

Blankets: especially Twin Size. Could also use full, queen & kings

Sheets: especially Twin Size. Could also use full, queen, kings &

Pillow cases

Towels – Bath, hand & wash cloths

Shoes – Men's outdoor & casual shoes. We don't get much call for

Fancy or dress shoes Sizes 10, 10 ½, 11, 12 needed

Large Coffee cans, size 10

**We do not need egg cartons or dryer lint.**

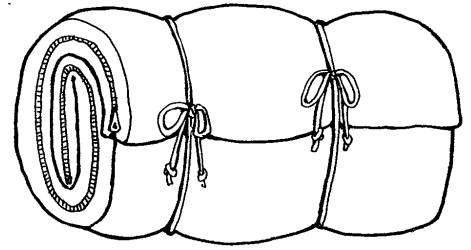
**We make outdoor camp stoves with the coffee cans.**



If in doubt about your donation please e-mail me at

[cumc.donate@gmail.com](mailto:cumc.donate@gmail.com)

Thank you one & all! See you next Sunday afternoon in PL. Jean Holtz



## New Small Group

By Larry Jensen



Are you interested in being part of a small group discussing new and developing ideas regarding Christian faith?

Such a group could be an opportunity to learn how some contemporary authors understand God and God's action in our lives. Other concepts such as Christian love, sin, salvation, grace, resurrection, eternal life, and the authority of the Bible could also be addressed. At the same time, such a group could provide an occasion to freely share and explore our own faith with other group members with no judgement or criticism.

If you are interested, please contact Larry Jensen at [ljensen15@gmail.com](mailto:ljensen15@gmail.com) or (402)290-0963 and we can talk about the idea of such a group and how it might be organized.

# Pentecost Sunday,

May 23, 2021

By Scott Rosekrans



Great service today with 24 in worship, including six visitors. Beautify altar display (see the photo above) Thanks Billie Fitch for the arrangement and thanks to Betty, Dale and Joan for the eye-popping balloons for Pentecost, and wonderful music from Terry and Diane.





# Shoely

By Scott Rosekrans



We are designating the month of July as Shoely month just like we do for Underweary and Socktober. Now that our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from ten to one we are seeing an increase in people coming in for assistance. One of the most requested items is shoes, both for men and women. The men mostly go for the outdoor type work boot or hiking boot. The ladies seem to prefer the casual sneaker-style shoe but some have gladly taken the ladies hiking/outdoor shoes. Right now we are short on sizes 10, 11, and 12 plus the half-sizes in mens shoes. If you have some at home that are in good shape, clean them up and bring them in. And, as there is nothing like a new pair of shoes, consider in your shopping, buying a pair or two. I've been able to purchase some nice boots at Walmart for twenty dollars. And, if you have any questions about what we need or if what you have is of use, you can send an email to [CUMC.Donate@gmail.com](mailto:CUMC.Donate@gmail.com) and Marsha or Jean will get back to you.



## King James Bible



Commemorative King James Bible celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the Bible. Bible and stand donated by Henry and Cindi Jones.

Local

MISSION  
*of the*  
MONTH

2021

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	\$ 300.00
February:	Food Bank	\$ 200.00
March:	OlyCAP	\$ 500.00
April:	ECHHO	\$ 500.00
May:	Food Bank	\$ 500.00
June:	OlyCAP	\$
July:	ECHHO	\$
August	Food Bank	\$
September	OlyCAP	\$
October	ECHHO	\$
November	Food Bank	\$
December	OlyCAP	\$

## FINANCE REPORT

By Larry Jensen

2021 year to	
05/31/21	date
Income	\$53,968.15
Pledges & Identifiable Donors	\$44,170.15
Other Income	\$9,798.00
Expenses	\$50,413.23
Apportionments	\$7,340.90
Local Program Ministry	\$6,371.87
Operation Expenses	\$16,661.37
Personnel Expenses	\$20,039.09
Surplus	\$4,740.75

BIRTHDAYS	HOSPITALITY	OUR PRAYERS
6 Dale Kelley 11 Gerri Shaw 15 Stephen Chase 20 Deborah Shanks	6 13 20 27	* 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 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.
ALTAR FLOWERS	LITURGISTS	
6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	
COMMUNION SERVERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	6 13 20 27	
COUNTERS	USHERS	
6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	
GREETERS		
6 13 20 27		



## JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS

June 6

1 Sam 8:4-20  
 Ps 138  
 2 Cor 4:13-5:1  
 Mark 3:20-35

June 13

1 Sam 15:34-16:13  
 Ps 20 or Ps 72  
 2 Cor 5:6-10  
 Mark 4:26-34

June 20

1 Sam 17:1a, 4-11  
 Ps 9:9-20  
 2 Cor 6:1-13  
 Mark 4:35-41

June 27

2 Sam 1:1, 17-27  
 Ps 130  
 2 Cor 8:7-15  
 Mark 5:21-43



## June 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) 3	4	5 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm.
6 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	7 Memory Support Group, 10:30am-12 noon (Classroom)	8 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches	9 Admin, Financial Meetings 6pm Zoom	10 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	11 Beginners Praise Hula 11:30 am	12 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
13 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	14	15 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	16	17 10:00am Fleece Scarf Making 6:00pm Admin/Finance Meeting 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	18 11:30am-12:30pm Beginners Praise Hula Class	19 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm 8:00 Men's Breakfast
20 UMCOR Offering 9:00am Learning Circle 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	21	22 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	23	24 10:00am Mini Hygiene Kits 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	25 Beginners Praise Hula Class 11:30am	26 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
27 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	28	29	30			

## Our True Selves

Corinthians 3:18

June 6, 2021

By Sheridan Voysey

Inside my parents' old photo album is a picture of a young boy. He has a round face, freckles, and straight light-blond hair. He loves cartoons, hates avocado, and owns just one record, by Abba. Also inside that album are pictures of a teenager. His face is long, not round; his hair is wavy, not straight. He has no freckles, likes avocado, watches movies rather than cartoons, and would never admit to owning an Abba record! The boy and the teenager are little alike. According to science they have different skin, teeth, blood, and bones. And yet they are both me. This paradox has baffled philosophers. Since we change throughout our lives, who is the real us?

The Scriptures provide the answer. From the moment God began knitting us in the womb (Psalm 139:13–14), we've been growing into our unique design. While we can't yet imagine what we'll finally become, we know that if we're children of God we will ultimately be like Jesus (1 John 3:2)—our body with His nature, our personality but His character, all our gifts glistening, all our sins gone.

Until the day Jesus returns, we're being drawn towards this future self. By His work, step by step, we can reflect His image ever more clearly (2 Corinthians 3:18). We aren't yet who we're meant to be, but as we become like Him, we become our true selves.



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