

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of  
Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen



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## The Daily Grind



One of my favorite stories about Jesus is the one where he healed a woman who had been suffering from a bleeding disorder for twelve years, found in Luke 8: 40-48. Jesus was pretty busy and had just healed a demon-possessed man when a man named Jarius, who was a ruler of the synagogue, fell at his feet and pleaded for him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying and no one could help her. Without hesitating, Jesus started that way working through the huge crowd of people who had come to see him. As he was passing through the crushing crowd, he felt someone touch him. Obviously, he was being touched and pressed by many people, but this touch was

different as he felt power going out from him, so he stopped and asked who it was that had touched him. The woman, trembling, spoke up and fell at his feet. She explained that she had been afflicted with a bleeding disorder for twelve years and no one had been able to cure her. She said that if she could at least touch the hem of his garment, she might be cured, and she was. Jesus responded: "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." Jesus then continued on his way to Jarius' home to tend to his daughter.

Many sermons have been preached on the faith of this woman but what struck me is that no matter where Jesus was, no matter what he was doing, no matter where he was going, there was someone out there who just needed a moment of his time. I mean, in this case, he could have told the woman he was too busy, he was on his way to save a life, surely, she could suffer one more day. But he didn't. He stopped what he was doing and tended to the need before him. I've often wondered if this ever wore on Jesus, did it wear him out, did he feel the need to get away for some

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alone time? I think it did as there are references in the New Testament to Jesus needing to get to a quiet place where he could pray so he could recharge his batteries. I get that. Sometimes it can even get overwhelming, even for a country preacher on the Olympic Peninsula. My schedule can be tight as I am only supposed to work on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and during that time I have to research and write my sermon, prepare the bulletin, and also take care of routine administrative duties. And then someone calls or drops in looking for assistance or just someone to talk to. Do I tell them I'm really backed up and need to get whatever it is that I am working on finished? Do I tell them to make an appointment and I pencil them in when I have an opening? Well, that's obviously not what Jesus would do. He understood what people were up against, what issues they were facing in their struggles and didn't want to add to the stress or anxiety these people were experiencing.

In the book I'm reading by Bishop Michael Curry, *Love is The Way*, he says: "The church is the only society that exists primarily for those who are not its members." He's saying that we, as a church, should be looking outwards and not focusing on our "holy huddles." We should be the somebodies who do something and, as a church, we should be a part of the solution. And I think Bishop Curry would be one of the first to tell us that one person cannot possibly do it alone, that it takes the whole church body to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I get it and I know I could not possibly help those who come in for assistance if I did not have the assistance of the congregation of this amazing church. I had a young couple in their thirties come in Wednesday just before it was time for me to go home. They had been referred to us by VetConnect for additional assistance. He was a veteran who had served three tours in Afghanistan and Iraq and now he and his wife were living in their vehicle. So, we talked as I learned more about them and tried to figure out ways to help them. They were already working with VetConnect and OlyCAP so I told them about Bayside Housing and Services and filed out a preliminary application for them to take to Bayside. I then took them down to our mission wing and let them shop for things they needed. Their response was one of gratitude with an observation that we gave more than just lip service to a claim of helping the homeless, we really backed our talk up. I told them to stay in touch and to come back on Saturday when our rooms are open to those in the area needing clothes, food, and other items.

I say all this to say that we really do have a fully engaged church. We belong to the Puget Sound Missional District of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church, but it is not in name only. We truly are a missional church. We are missional because we not only have the prayers of the congregation, but we have the prayers of those in the community who see and appreciate what we do. We have the financial support of our members, but we also receive money from entities and people who do not go to our church who want to support what we do and be a part of our effort. And our volunteers, what can I say? We have volunteers, too many to name, who do all sorts of work behind the scenes and with the public. Volunteers who make bean soup mix, fleece blankets, hygiene kits, and fire starters. Volunteers who work at the food banks, serve on boards, and drive for ECHHO. Volunteers who make sure our mission room doors are open every Saturday and that they are neat, clean, well-stocked, and inviting. Volunteers who see a need and do something about it. Volunteers who may sometimes think their work isn't noticed or appreciated, or maybe get a little burned out, but also realize their efforts work to make the daily grind of someone else a little less burdensome. Well done good and faithful servants.

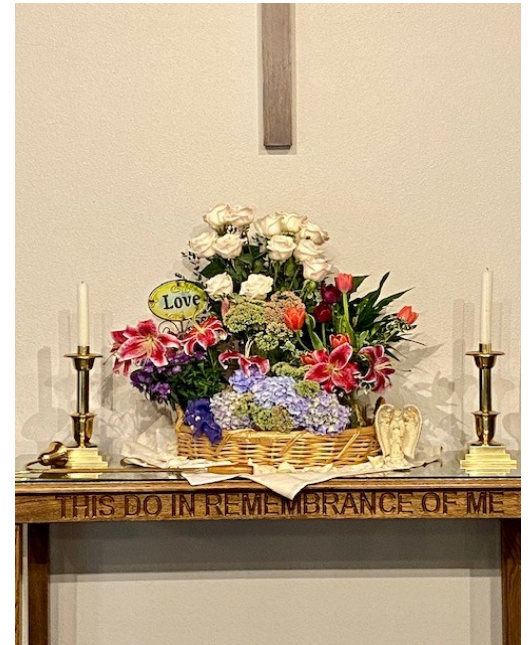
Faithfully ,

Scott



## Recent Altar Flowers

We the members of CUMC and our on-line attendees greatly appreciate the lovely altar flower arrangements which are provided by our talented members. These beautiful flowers make our worship service a “special time” with the Lord.



Photos by Scott Rosekrans

# Thank You Ray and Lodema!!

Thanks to Ray and Lodema Hatch for their work in weeding and cleaning the community garden behind Peter's Place. See you next summer.



# Sep"tent"ber

By Scott Rosekrans

We've designated the month of September as Sep"tent"ber month and are looking for donations of gently used tents that we can distribute to those who are homeless and living outdoors. Also, tarps with grommets are also useful in keeping the weather out. We are looking for tents with working zippers, no holes or tears, and that have all the poles and stakes. Additionally, if you prefer, you can go on-line and order a tent and have it shipped to CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock WA 98339. As the weather gets colder, we do get requests for tents from people who come by the church looking for assistance. Additionally, we partner with OlyCAP, Bayside Housing and Services, and the food banks who know to contact us for such items. If you have any questions regarding donations or what we might need you can send an email to: [CUMC.donate@gmail.com](mailto:CUMC.donate@gmail.com) and Jean or Marsha will get back to you.



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	\$500.00
July:	ECHHO	\$360.00
August	Food Bank	\$634.50
September	OlyCAP	\$
October	ECHHO	\$
November	Food Bank	\$
December	OlyCAP	\$

## FINANCE REPORT

By Larry Jensen

**08/31/21****2021 year to date**

## Income

**\$81,418.63**

Pledges &amp; Identifiable Donors

**\$64,595.63**

Other Income

**\$16,823.00**

## Expenses

**\$83,022.58**

Apportionments

**\$10,157.26**

Local Program Ministry

**\$9,405.66**

Operation Expenses

**\$31,658.88**

Personnel Expenses

**\$31,800.78**

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**-\$1,603.95**

BIRTHDAYS		HOSPITALITY	OUR PRAYERS
2	Joan Flowers	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* For the homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.</li> <li>* For Peace on Earth!</li> <li>* For wisdom for our leaders.</li> <li>* For employment for people struggling to find meaningful work.</li> <li>* For Healing and provisions for those who are suffering with COVID-19.</li> <li>* For protection of the medical front-line workers who are caring for patients with COVID-19 and variants.</li> </ul>
15	Lori Oberlander	12	
18	Doris Unruh	19	
20	Rubie Horton	26	
23	Lil Tiller		
27	Julie Boggs		
27	Leona Long		
ALTAR FLOWERS		LITURGISTS	
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COMMUNION SERVERS		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
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COUNTERS		USHERS	
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GREETERS			
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### SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

#### Sept. 5

Prov. 22:1-2,8-9,  
Ps 125 or Ps 124  
Jas 2:1-10 (11-13)  
Mark 7:24-37

#### Sept 12

Prov 1:20-33  
Ps 19  
Jas 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

#### Sept 19

Prov 31:10-31  
Ps 1  
Jas 3:13-4:3,7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

#### Sept 26

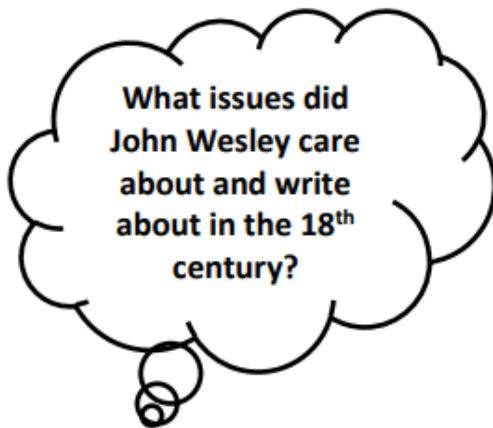
Eseth 7:1-6, 9-10  
Ps 124  
Jas 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

## September 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1:00 pm Women's AA (Library) 2:00pm Bible Study Group (Library) 7pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	3	4 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm.
5 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	6 Alzheimer Support Group, 10:30am-12 noon (Classroom)	7 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	8 Admin, Financial Meetings 6pm	9 1:00pm Women's A.A. (Library) 2:00pm Bible Study (Library) 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	10	11 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
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 1:00pm Women's A.A. (Library) 2:00pm Bible Study (Library) 6:00pm Admin/ Finance Zoom Meeting	17	18 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm 8:00 Men's Break-fast
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 1:00pm Women's A.A. (Library) 2:00pm Bible Study (Library) 7pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	24 Beginners Praise Hula Class 11:30am	25 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
26 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	27	28	29	30		

# **JOHN WESLEY'S MANIFESTO**



- 1. Reduce the gap between rich people and poor people**
  - 2. Help everyone to have a job**
  - 3. Help the poorest, including introducing a living wage**
  - 4. Offer the best possible education**
  - 5. Help everyone to feel they can make a difference**
  - 6. Promote tolerance**
  - 7. Promote equal treatment for women**
  - 8. Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism**
  - 9. End all forms of slavery**
  - 10. Avoid getting into wars**
  - 11. Share the love of God with everyone**
  - 12. Care for the environment**
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## Active Faith

James 2:14–26

August 17th, 2021

By Tim Gustafson

Sam's father had to flee for his life during a military coup. With the sudden loss of income, the family could no longer afford the crucial medicine that kept Sam's brother alive. Seething at God, Sam thought, *What have we done to deserve this?*

A follower of Jesus heard about the family's troubles. Finding he had enough money to cover the medicine, he bought a supply and took it to them. The life-saving gift from a stranger had a profound impact. "This Sunday, we will go to this man's church," his mother declared. Sam's anger began to subside. And eventually, one by one, each member of the family would put their faith in Jesus.

When James wrote about the necessity of a lifestyle of integrity accompanying a profession of faith in Christ, he singled out the need to care for others. "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food," James wrote. "If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" (2:16–17).

Our actions demonstrate the genuineness of our faith. Significantly, those actions can influence the faith-choices of others. In Sam's case, he became a pastor and church-planter. Eventually he would call the man who helped his family "Papa Mapes." He now knew him as his spiritual father—the one who showed them the love of Jesus.



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