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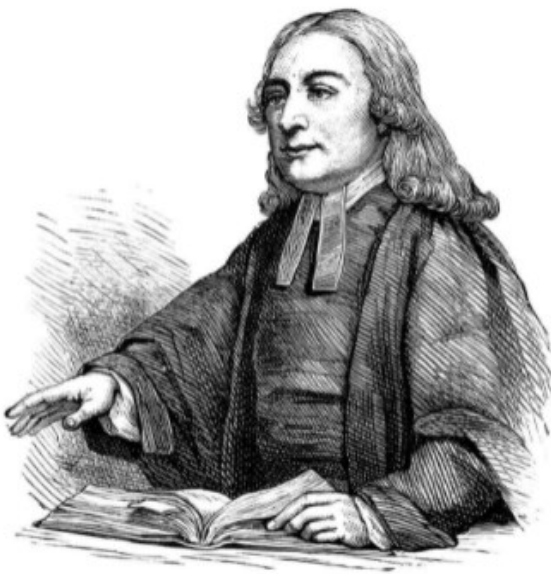
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Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen



October 2021

Are you a Methodist?



John Wesley 1738

Are you a Methodist? I was asked that question this morning when I went to the post office to check the mail. There was a notice in the box that there was a package ready to be picked up, so I went to the window and presented the notice to the clerk. When the clerk returned with the package he asked: "Are you a Methodist?" The package, a large envelope from Amazon, was addressed to the church and as I felt it, I guessed that it contained some socks for our annual Socktober sock drive. I told him I was a Methodist indeed and said that the package probably contained some new socks which gave me the opportunity to give him my stuck-between-floors elevator speech about our church and what we are doing in the community. I told him about Socktober, Underweary month, Shoe-lye month, Sep"tent"ber, our new month coming up called Newvember, and our Clothes Closet/Food Pantry Saturday morning operation. I'm not sure I answered his question, and yes, I did miss an opportunity to invite him to church. Hopefully I'll have another opportunity.

Nevertheless, it is a good question and one that deserves some consideration. Upon getting to the office, I pulled out my latest edition of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church to see if I could answer the question in a way that best explains what is at the heart, the core of our denomination. Prior to being appointed to Community I found a copy of the Book of Discipline at Goodwill and read it from cover to cover and must say that my legal training helped me get through it. It is "methodical" to say the least. But in the section that gives a brief history of the United Methodist Church I found the following: *All Wesleyan and Methodist Christians are*

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connected to the lives and ministries of John Wesley (1703-1791) and his brother, Charles, (1707-1788). Both John and Charles were Church of England priests who volunteered as missionaries to the colony of Georgia, arriving in March, 1736. Their mission was far from an unqualified success, and both returned to England disillusioned and discouraged, Charles in December, 1736, and John in February, 1738. The Wesley brothers had transforming religious experiences in May, 1738, under the influence of Moravian missionaries. John's experience on May 24 of that year at a Moravian meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, has a prominent place in the Church's memory. Shortly thereafter, both brothers began preaching a message of new birth and sanctification in Anglican religious societies and outdoors to whomever would listen. **They also established missional and philanthropic enterprises to promote social change.** (emphasis mine) The goal of this movement was to "reform the nation, particularly the church; and to spread scriptural holiness over the land." Over time a pattern of organization and discipline emerged. It included a set of General Rules, societies made up of class meetings (small groups in which members of Methodist societies watched over one another), and band meetings (smaller confessional groups divided by gender), all connected by traveling lay preachers. Kind of amazing how out of a failed mission trip the seeds for a mission-oriented denomination was planted, nurtured, and grown into a church that bears the fruits of righteousness.

Later in the Book of Discipline under a heading entitled: Nurture and Mission of the Church, it says: *Finally, we emphasize the nurturing and serving function of Christian fellowship in the Church. The personal experience of faith is nourished by the worshipping community. **For Wesley there is no religion but social religion, no holiness but social holiness.*** (emphasis mine) The communal forms of faith in the Wesleyan tradition not only promote personal growth, they also equip and mobilize us for mission and service to the world.

Yes, I know there's more to being a Methodist than that but it's a great place to start. It's the beginning, the seed that was planted in two failed missionaries out of which our Methodist tradition was born and still lives today, far from England and far from Georgia. The faith we display here at Community is nourished by our worshipping community and the faith that sustains us in our personal growth also equips us and mobilizes us for mission and service to the world, even if it begins in the lobby of a post office with the receipt of a package of new socks. So, answer me this: Are you a Methodist?

Faithfully ,

Scott

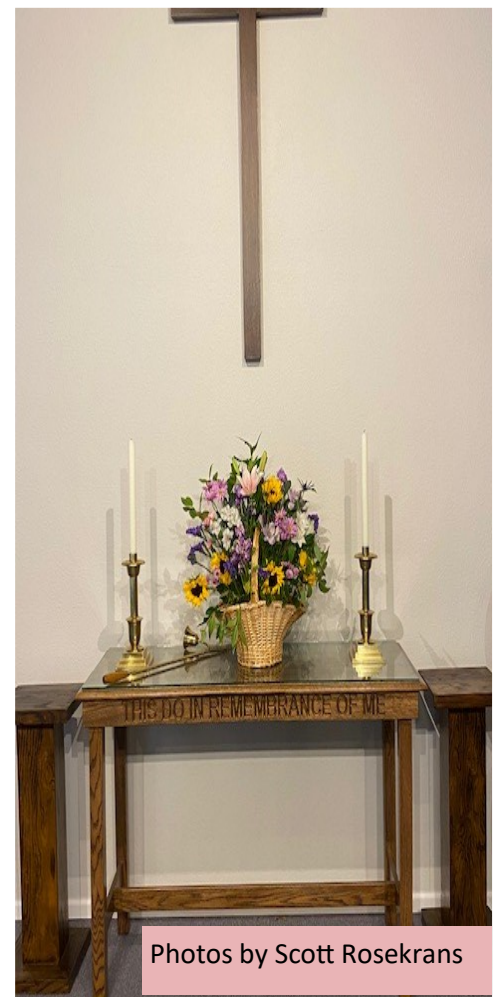


Tai Chi. If you are interested in taking Tai Chi or just want to check it out to see if it is for you we're going to give it a try beginning on Wednesday, October 13th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Narthex . The class is kindly taught by Siochain.



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



“SOCKTOBER”

By Scott Rosekrans



What month is it? It's SOCKTOBER! Yes, it's that time of year when we think about things that get cold like our hands, feet, heads and necks and ask you to make a donation of at least one of these items to help us stock our Clothes Closet. Now that the weather is turning colder we've noticed an uptick in people coming by the church on Saturday morning looking for warmer clothing, so our volunteers have been working to put the summer items up and take out the winter clothing. We would really prefer new socks as nothing compares to the feeling of putting on a new pair of socks, but if you have some of those gently used outdoor-hunting-hiking style socks they are very popular. Also, you can go to your coat closet and look for those hats, gloves and scarves that you no longer wear. Of course, new is always appreciated. And, if you don't want to get out and shop you can always order online. In just the last two days I've gone to the post office to pick up socks that were ordered off Amazon. If you have any questions regarding our Clothes Closet needs please send us an email to:

CUMC.donate@gmail.com and we'll get right back to you. As a gentle reminder, please understand that what you donate and the condition it is in speaks volumes to the person who receives it. We have developed a wonderful reputation of having one of the nicest clothes closets around and it is truly appreciated by those who come by on Saturday mornings to shop for needed items. It's the least we can do for the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters.





WAVE FOOD DRIVE

By Scott Rosekrans



Each October WAVE conducts their annual food drive in an effort to support the Jefferson County Food Bank Association. During the month Churches and Faith Communities gather financial and non-perishable food donations in a "love-your-neighbor" effort to support our Jefferson County Food Banks. Community United Methodist Church has a long history in feeding the hungry here in Jefferson County and we have taken it to the next level with our own Food Pantry, our Jesus Cup which supports the Senior Table at the Quilcene Food Bank, and every three months we send a check to the Tri-Area Food Bank as a part of our "Mission of the Month" effort.

This year I am proposing that we send our Jesus Cup money from September which was \$245.50 as our financial contribution. If you would like to add to that amount you can send a check to the church made out to the church and in the memo line write WAVE donation and we will include it in our donation. This way it shows up on your giving record. I talked to Jean Holtz who manages our Food Pantry and it appears that we have a surplus of certain items so we will also make a donation of non-perishable items. If you would like to do that you can drop your non-perishable items off at the church with a note attached that it is to go to WAVE and we will get it delivered.

You can also give online at: jeffersoncountyfoodbanks.org or by mail to JeffCo Food Banks, P.O. Box 124, Port Hadlock, WA 98339. Make those checks payable to: Jefferson County Food Bank Association.

Home-canned foods cannot be accepted. Canned foods that are past their expiration dates by less than three years can be donated. Opened food containers cannot be accepted. And don't forget the pets.



Photo by Scott Rosekrans



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	\$300.00
October	ECHHO	\$
November	Food Bank	\$
December	OlyCAP	\$

FINANCE REPORT

By Larry Jensen

09/30/21

2021 year to date

Income

\$87,863.63

Pledges & Identifiable Donors

\$68,835.63

Other Income

\$19,028.00

Expenses

\$92,228.32

Apportionments

\$11,565.44

Local Program Ministry

\$10,224.19

Operation Expenses

\$34,590.34

Personnel Expenses

\$35,848.35

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-\$4,364.69

BIRTHDAYS		HOSPITALITY	OUR PRAYERS
3	Stephanie Buehler	3	* 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 and variants.
13	Marsha Hamacher	10	
15	Audrey Sanderson	17	
19	Bernita Butler	24	
23	Patty Smith	31	
27	Patti Shuff		
27	Diane Johnson		
ALTAR FLOWERS		LITURGISTS	
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10		10	
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24		24	
31		31	
COMMUNION SERVERS		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
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10		10	
17		17	
24		24	
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COUNTERS		USHERS	
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31		31	
GREETERS			
3			
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24			
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SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Oct 3

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
 Ps 26 or Ps 25
 Heb 1:1-4; 2:5012
 Mark 10:2-16

Oct 10

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
 Ps 22:1-15
 Heb 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31

Oct 17

Prov 38:1-7(34-41)
 Ps 104:1-9,24,35c
 Heb 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

Oct 24

Job 42:1-6,10-17
 Ps 34:1-8 (19-22)
 Heb 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

Oct 31

Ruth 1:1-18
 Ps 146
 Heb 9:11-14
 Mark 12:28-34

October 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm.
3 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship PT Community Choir 2-3pm (Sanctuary)	4 Alzheimer Support Group, 10:30am-12 noon (Classroom) Rain Shadow Chorale 6:30p-9:30p (Sanctuary)	5 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	6	7 12:30pm Women's A.A. (Library) 2:00pm Bible Study, (Library) 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	8	9 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
10 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship PT Community Choir 2-3pm (Sanctuary)	11 Rain Shadow Chorale 6:30p-9:30p (Sanctuary)	12 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	13 Siachain 2 pm Tai Chi class (Narthex)	14 12:30pm Women's A.A. (Library) 2:00pm Bible Study (Library) 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	15	16 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
17 UMCOR Offering 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship PT Community Choir 2-3pm (Sanctuary)	18 Rain Shadow Chorale 6:30p-9:30p (Sanctuary) SPRC Meeting	19 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) Mission Meeting 7pm	20 Siachain 2 pm Tai Chi class (Narthex)	21 12:30pm Women's A.A. (Library) 2:00pm Bible Study (Library) 7pm Al-Anon Meeting	22	23 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
24 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship PT Community Choir 2-3pm (Sanctuary)	25 Rain Shadow Chorale 6:30p-9:30p (Sanctuary)	26 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library) Mission Meeting (Lori) 7 pm	27 Siachain 2 pm Tai Chi class (Narthex) Admin-Finance Council Meeting 6:30pm Zoom	28 12:30pm Women's A.A. (Library) 2:00pm Bible Study, (Library) 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	29	30 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
31 PT Community Choir 2-3pm (Sanctuary)						

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We all know them by name, and they know us | Guest Viewpoint



Scott Rosekrans

Posted Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:02 am

Scott Rosekrans

If and when I get to Heaven, I'd like to meet Jesus and ask him one question.

I imagine it going something like this: I know you helped a lot of people and everywhere you went you were being asked to perform some sort of a miracle. Did it ever wear you out, did you feel overwhelmed, frustrated?

I already know the answer.

He did, because the New Testament tells us that he would go off to a quiet place to pray, to collect his thoughts and put it all into perspective.

Helping the helpless and giving hope to the hopeless is demanding and exhausting. Just ask anyone who works for one of our nonprofits like OlyCAP, Bayside Housing and Services, or COAST, just to name a few.

And they do it, trying not to be judgmental, and only asking the questions necessary to provide the much needed services. Jesus was like that. He didn't tell the beggar to get up and get a job. He didn't ask the demon-possessed girl if she was off her meds. He restored sight to the blind, cured the leper, made the lame walk, and healed the sick, no questions asked, and no strings attached. He didn't ask if he healed this or cured that, would he see them in synagogue on Saturday?

He just did it, and yet he received pushback from those in authority and the self-righteous.

You see, that is an almost natural reaction when someone feels threatened or the status quo is questioned.

I understand that. It's a fear of the unknown, as in what's going to happen to my neighborhood if "these" people are allowed to move in?

I know, my church, Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock, asked the same questions when we took a leap of faith and agreed to host Peter's Place, Jefferson County's first tiny home village, literally right in our own backyard.

Well, I'm here to tell you that we are over eight months in, and we haven't had one single problem with any of our new neighbors.

In fact, we've gotten to know them as people.

We open our mission rooms on Saturday mornings so they and others can come in and pick out clothing, food, bedding and other needed items.

We know them by name, and they know us, and sometimes they just drop in to visit, not needing anything other than human contact with people they think are "normal."

If they only knew! During this time, we've watched several move on, transitioning to permanent housing. We're sorry to see them go but are also excited to meet our newest neighbor.

All I ask is that you not let your fear or misgivings get the best of you. Educate yourself by taking the time to talk to someone in the know, someone who knows these individuals and will take the time to address your concerns so you, too, can treat others as you would want to be treated.

(Previously the elected prosecuting attorney for Jefferson County, Scott Rosekrans is now the pastor at Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock, just beginning his sixth year.)



Building Community Through Housing

Article and photos courtesy of Bayside Housing

The Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock was originally a manufacturing plant built in 1911 by Charles Adams, father of Photographer Ansel Adams. After years of difficulties, the plant closed in 1929 and remained closed until the 1980s when it was remodeled into a resort hotel. The Bayside founders acquired the Old Alcohol Plant in 2015 and established the non-profit organization, Bayside Housing & Services using a creative, one-of-a-kind approach. While other organizations have converted hotels for use as homeless shelters or transitional housing, Bayside and the hotel elected to retain the hotel business as part of a sustainability model. Some of the rooms are set aside for transitional housing and some are kept as part of the hotel. Proceeds from hotel room stays, the restaurant, gallery, and events (currently operating on a smaller scale) help fund Bayside operations.



The guests of this boutique hotel are well informed about its use as a transitional housing service. Judging by repeat business, and by the frequent donations of hotel guests, the approach has been a success.

The first residents moved in May 2016 and since then, Bayside has provided over 40,000 bed nights, plus meals, assistance in seeking permanent housing and social services, and much more. Both individuals and families are welcomed at Bayside, with the majority of our residents being young families and seniors. Through the COVID-19 Pandemic, Bayside saw a drastic increase in applications for housing, at one point reaching triple digits. We were able to renovate several rooms to accommodate for more families to have a safe living space, as well as open several of our designated hotel rooms to accommodate for emergency circumstances.

In the fall of 2020, we began our partnership with the Community Build Project and built the 1st tiny village, "Peter's Place", that was placed on the lot behind the Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock. There are currently 12 tiny homes, a community trailer with a kitchen, and a bathroom unit. We are focused on housing seniors to better fit with the South 7 Senior Apartments next-door. With the success of Peter's Place, the Community Build volunteers began building the 2nd village this Spring, with plans to place the village in Port Townsend.

As the need increases, the Bayside vision expands. The need for temporary housing and affordable permanent housing has exploded. In the original vision of service, the hope was that people could be assisted into permanent, affordable housing



in a few months. We have seen transitional guest stays grow exponentially due to the affordable housing shortage. In the last few years, Bayside has expanded its vision and has begun working on additional temporary housing in the areas as well as developing permanent housing solutions for Jefferson County.

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HOUSING & SERVICES

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360.385.4637, www.baysidehousing.org

A Good Reason

([1 Timothy 5:4, 8](#)).

August 25th, 2021

By [John Blase](#)

The two women occupied the aisle seats across from each other. The flight was two hours, so I couldn't help but see some of their interactions. It was clear they knew each other, might even be related. The younger of the two (probably in her sixties) kept reaching in her bag to hand the older (I'd guess in her nineties) fresh apple slices, then homemade finger sandwiches, then a towelette for clean up, and finally a crisp copy of the New York Times. Each hand-off was done with such tenderness, such dignity. As we stood to exit the plane, I told the younger woman, "I noticed the way you cared for her. It was beautiful." She replied, "She's my best friend. She's my mother."

Wouldn't it be great if we could all say something like that? Some parents are like best friends. Some parents are nothing like that. The truth is those relationships are always complicated at best. While Paul's letter to Timothy doesn't ignore that complexity, it still calls us to put our "religion into practice" by taking care of parents and grandparents—our "relatives," our "own household" ([1 Timothy 5:4, 8](#)).

We all too often practice such care only if family members were good to us. In other words, if they deserve it. But Paul offers up a more beautiful reason to repay them. Take care of them because "this is pleasing to God" (v. 4).



Community United Methodist Church

Open Hearts Open Doors Open Minds

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