

CREATING CONNECTIONS

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Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen



March 2022

Life in the Desert

On the sixth of this month, I preached a sermon on Jesus being led into the desert by the Holy Spirit where, after being there for forty days, he was tempted by the devil when he was at his most vulnerable. What I thought was odd and hadn't given much thought to during my Christian life was that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted. I said in my sermon that when we think about being led by the Spirit we think about being led to grassy places by still waters and not an uninviting place like a desert full of things that can and will harm you. The point was that, through no fault of his own, Jesus found himself in a situation that put him to the test, and he relied upon the word of God to sustain him. He prevailed and the devil left him until another opportune time.

Well, it's been two years this month since we got our instructions from the Bishop to close our churches to in-person worship. And this was through no fault of our own. We were doing our business as usual and getting ready for Easter when all of a sudden, we found ourselves in our own desert with an unknown virus bent upon destroying us as a people. The question for us at the time was how were we going to react? Would we dig our heels in and refuse to change the way we worshipped relying upon God to keep us safe? Or would we rely upon the word of God and the guidance of the Spirit to lead us back to green pastures and quiet waters? Would God show us how to use this crisis as a way to explore new ways to get his Word out and reach those we haven't been reaching?

Well, I'm happy to say that we weren't one of those churches that dug its heels in, and we weren't one of those churches that threw its hands up and closed down until further notice. We also weren't one of those churches that chose to tread water hoping someone would come along and throw them a life preserver. We decided to swim for it. We found ways to keep ourselves safe while continuing to make bean soup mix for the food banks, fire starters for those who needed heat, and fleece blankets to keep warm. We were open to new ministries such as Peter's Place that provided housing for the homeless which led us to a deeper understanding of the plight of the housing challenged, the hungry, and the unemployed. Jesus laid it upon our hearts to do more outreach and with the guidance of the Spirit we were shown how to convert three of our unused rooms into a clothing closet and food pantry which our volunteers operated in a manner that not only insured their safety and health but also

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the safety and health of those who came to us for assistance. And, as the devil had figured out a way to silence our voice, we worked hard to find a new voice, one that now allows us to reach more and more people who have either stopped going to in-person worship out of health concerns or people who didn't have a church and no opportunity to hear God's comforting and reassuring word during this time of world insecurity.

I believe we are being led out of the desert but, like Jesus, we must be aware that there may be other opportune times out there for the devil, for evil to befall us. We must stay vigilant. The Corona Virus is not gone and, as we've seen, it can mutate and infect people at an alarming rate. We must remain optimistically cautious as we move forward, take care of ourselves, and not take any unnecessary risks that may prevent us from our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Remember that the Lord is our shepherd, and we will not be in want. He will have us lie down in green pastures beside still waters. He will restore our souls and guide us in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even during those times when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil for He is with us. His rod and his staff will bring us comfort. God will provide for us a table in the presence of our enemies. He will anoint our heads with oil and our cups will overflow. His goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives and we will dwell in his house forever. Amen.

Faithfully, Scott

Eva leading the congregation in: "I'm Gonna' Sing When the Spirit says Sing"



Photos by Teresa Rosekrans



By Diane Jensen

'United Methodist Women' is now '**United Women in Faith**'

We've taken a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling today.

It's an exhilarating time, as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action, and impact. We remain women of passion and power, united by God's love in our mission to support women, children and youth.

The above statement came out March 3rd about changes and updates taking place.

Although there is a name and logo change, all of the traditional structures remain intact and this will not change how our unit (CUMC) carries out its missions.

Many of us remember when we were the Women's Society of Christian Service. Prior to that it was the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and I recall when it became the United Methodist Women in 1975. You will be seeing the new name and logo and we will continue our support of local and global missions that support women, children and youth.



Four Shillings Short Concert. For those who heard the Four Shillings Short in church last Sunday and want to hear more, or for those who missed it, you're in luck. They are giving a free concert this Saturday, March the 12th, from four to six at the Village Green located at 26155 Dulay Rd Ne, Kingston (360-297-1263) The concert will be a celebration of Ireland with music, poetry, and stories of Ireland. For more information on Four Shillings Short go to: www.fourshillingsshort.com and check them out. Also, Siochain (who can't drive yet) would love a ride if you're going. Siochain hooked us up with them for our service on Sunday.

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Four Shillings Short



During our March 6th service we were blessed with some wonderful music by Oadh Og O'Tuama and Christy Martin, also known as Four Shillings Short, thanks to a connection to our very own Siochain Deva. Their found selections during the service really added to our worship experience and they even stayed after to perform a short mini-concert. You just never know what's going to happen at one of our services or how you might be blessed.



Photos by Scott Rosecrans



TAKE TIME

Take time to enjoy a beautiful day
Spring, summer, fall; the sun's golden ray
Take time to ponder, on all that you see
A mountain, a lake, a flower, a tree

Take time to remember days in the past
Moonlight and roses, memories that last
Take time to recall the joys or the pain
Laughter and sunshine, tears and the rain

Take time to play, to dance and to sing
Relief from stress recreation can bring
Take time to relax with a book or a game
Thoughts that are peaceful, pictures the same

Take time to read the Bible each day
To talk to God, to praise and to pray
Take time to appreciate life and its living
The church and its mission of loving and giving

Take time to be close to family and friends
For it's on them that trust and honor depends
Take time to live to the fullest this gift
Of life, and the spirits of others you'll lift

Take time for yourself, in body and mind
And the time for sharing with others you'll find
Take time to renew dedication and hope
When it seems like you've reached the end of your rope

Take time today in this wonder filled place
To slow down and relax from the world's hectic pace
Take time to touch hands with each person you meet
And God's hand will touch you with love, oh so sweet!!

Billie Fitch

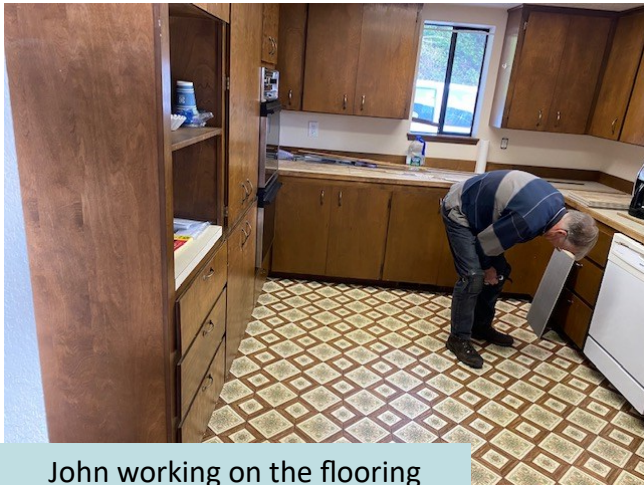




Parsonage Remodeling

By Scott Rosekrans

Special Charge Conference. On Friday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. the Administrative Council will be having a Zoom meeting with the District Superintendent for the consideration of approving the renovation of the downstairs of the parsonage and taking on a loan from the Conference in the amount of \$35,000.00 to finance the project along with a gift of \$15,000.00 from an anonymous benefactor. The link will be going out to the members of the Administrative Council. If you would like to attend send me an email and I'll send you the link when we get closer to the date.



John working on the flooring



Don working with the tiles



Teresa painting

Photos by Scott Rosekrans

Donations

Jean and Autumn receiving donations of clothing and shoes for the clothes closet.



Photos by Scott Rosekrans

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS



Photos by Scott Rosekrans





The Technology Team!

Thanks to AJ and Lynn for stepping up to be our Zoom Service technicians!!



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

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FINANCE REPORT

By Larry Jensen

Financial Report for Newsletter

2022 February Year to Date

02/28/22

Income

\$21,595.32

Pledges & Identifiable Donors	\$19,662.00
Other Income	\$1,933.32

Expenses

\$18,185.46

Apportionments	\$2,878.36
Local Program Ministry	\$1,700.92
Operating Expenses	\$5,080.01
Personnel Expenses	\$8,526.17

Difference

\$3,409.86

BIRTHDAYS		HOSPITALITY	OUR PRAYERS
1	AJ Lavery	6	<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 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.
1	Ted Buehler	13	
11	Margie Webb	20	
12	Liz Hazen	27	
14	Gladys Heinzinger		
21	Chuck Boggs		
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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March LECTIONARY READINGS

Mar 6

Deut 26:1-11
Ps 91:1-2,9-16
Rom 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Mar 13

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18
Ps 27
Phil 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Mar 20

Isa 55:1-9
Ps 63:1-8
1 Cor 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Mar 27

Josh 5:9-12
Ps 32
2 Cor 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Stoichain 2 pm Tai Chi class (Narthex)	3 2 12:30pm Women's A.A. (Library)	4	5 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm.
6 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship PJT Community Choir 2- 3pm (Sanctuary)	7 Alzheimer Support Group, 10:30am-12 noon (Classroom)	8 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches	9 Stoichain 2 pm Tai Chi class (Narthex) Admin/Finance Council Meeting 6:30pm	10 12:30pm Women's A.A. (Library) 1:30pm Bible Study, (Library) 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	11	12 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
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20 Statistical Report 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	21	22 2:00pm Chicks in Stitches 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (Library)	23 Stoichain 2 pm Tai Chi class (Narthex)	24 1:30pm Women's A.A. (Library) 1:30 pm Bible Study (Library) 7pm Al-Anon Meeting	25	26 Clothes Closet Hours: 10am to 1pm
27 9:00am Music Class 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	28					

March 9th, 2022

All Creatures Great and Small

[Psalm 36:5-6](#)By [Mike Wittmer](#)

Michelle Grant trained a baby beaver named Timber to return to the wild. When she took him for swims in a pond, he'd come back to her kayak to snuggle and rub noses. One morning Timber didn't return. Michelle scoured the pond for six hours before giving up. Weeks later she found a beaver skull. Assuming it was Timber, she began to cry.

My soul ached for Michelle and Timber. I told myself, "Snap out of it. He's just a large, aquatic rodent." But the truth is I cared—and so does God. His love reaches high to the heavens and down to the smallest creature, part of the creation He calls us to steward well ([Genesis 1:28](#)). He preserves "both people and animals" ([Psalm 36:5-6](#)), providing "food for the cattle and for the young ravens" ([Psalm 147:9](#)).

One day Michelle was kayaking in a neighbor's pond and surprise, there was Timber! He'd found a beaver family and was helping them raise two kits. He surfaced beside Michelle's kayak. She smiled, "You look well. You have a beautiful family." He cooed, splashed his tail, and swam to his new mom.

I love happy endings, especially my own! Jesus promised that as His Father feeds the birds, so He will supply whatever we need ([Matthew 6:25-26](#)). Not one sparrow falls "to the ground outside your Father's care. . . . So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" ([Matthew 10:29-31](#)).



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