

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

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Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen



January 2023

## 120 Years and Counting

As we enter the new year, 2023, I thought it might be a good time for a little church history. I have a book in my office entitled Methodism in the Northwest which chronicles the history of the Methodist Church in the Pacific Northwest. Additionally, Debbie Dodd gave me a copy of a chapter out of another book entitled Hadlock Hill by Melvin Kivley where he writes about the two Methodist churches in the area when he and his family first arrived in the Hadlock area. The two brief articles give us a glimpse of our early beginnings as we enter our thirteenth decade of service in the community.

According to the blurb in the Methodism in the Northwest book, Chimacum first appeared in conference minutes in 1903 stating that a new parsonage had been built at Chimacum on the Irondale and Hadlock Circuit. A new church was erected at Hadlock in 1906 valued at \$2,000 and in 1909 a church was dedicated in Chimacum valued at \$2,500.00 and was free of debt with Rev. H.C. Leavenworth as the pastor. Hadlock was reorganized in 1917, with 24 members and continued as a part of the Chimacum Circuit. Fast forward to 1951, Rev. Wendell Cone began a mobile ministry in Jefferson and Clallam counties making his headquarters in Chimacum with Blyn, Irondale, and Hadlock as the other points of his charge. In 1954 the district superintendent instructed Rev. Harold Slocum who was the current pastor of the circuit to reorganize the church at Hadlock and operate it as a unit with Chimacum. The two congregations reincorporated as one in 1955 and the Woman's Society groups became one in 1958 under the pastorate of Rev. George L. Poor. Social and other activities were divided between Hadlock and Chimacum. In 1964 Rev. Ritchie D. Ocheltree, II was appointed pastor for this third year. The charge had 173 members with 162 in church school.



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The Woman's Society of Christian Service had 31 members and gave \$514.00 to the Methodist Youth Fellowship which had a membership of 32 youth. The church property was valued at \$73,000 and the parsonage was valued at \$20,500.00.

The information given me by Debbie Dodd was a recounting of when Melvin Kivley and his family arrived in the Hadlock area. Melvin writes that when they arrived there were two Methodist churches, one in Hadlock and the other in Chimacum, about two miles apart. He reports that as the years passed the two churches became too small to handle their congregations but that all changed when, in his words, "a wonderful minister came to take over as pastor of both the churches." His name was Rev. George Poor. Melvin says that Rev. Poor was not only an amazing minister, but also a competent promoter, and it was not long before he had the two churches united. With the two churches united, so to speak, Rev. Poor began looking for property to build a church large enough to service both communities. Melvin writes that he was approached by Rev. Poor and three lovely ladies, Bernice Ingman, Margaret Matheson, and Mrs. Marcus Larson. He told them that he didn't believe his property was suitable but that there was an adjoining 15 acres owned by Jack Koegan. Jack was approached and the property was eventually purchased for \$4,000.00. And here we are.

What a wonderful story of how forward-thinking Christians saw a need to unite and become one church in an area that was growing and needed a church to meet those needs. We truly do stand on the shoulders of some incredible people who put the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ first. Speaking for myself, it is an honor and a privilege to be one of a long line of pastors appointed to serve here and, although we aren't as large as we used to be, we are still a presence and I truly believe that those who worked so hard to establish a united church within our community would be very proud of the church they helped build, a church that is known as "that" church.

Faithfully ,

Scott



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November 30, 2022

Hon. Derek Kilmer  
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Re: Leading Cause of Death in Children and Young Adults

Dear Representative Kilmer,

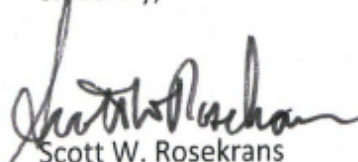
Last Sunday while watching one of the early morning talk shows, I saw a statistic that shocked me, although I shouldn't have been surprised. The statistic said that in 2022 death by firearms in children and young adults now surpassed deaths as a result of automobile accidents as the leading killer of this demographic in the United States. This is not acceptable.

I'm sure the argument can be made that this statistic is due in part to our making automobiles much safer than the ones I rode in several decades ago such as the Pinto, Corvair, and Vega. That is true and it's not because the automobile industry wanted to do it voluntarily. It was the result of automobile safety advocates and elected representatives who believed strongly in protecting the most vulnerable. So, while automobiles have gotten safer over the years, firearms have gotten deadlier and more proficient in doing what they were designed to do beyond providing home security. Something must be done.

It is the hope and desire of Community United Methodist Church that you and your fellow legislators will in good faith address this national crisis and travesty. We encourage you to seek out other like-minded legislators on both sides of the aisle and work to secure common sense legislation designed to reverse this trend as soon as possible making it a legislative priority.

Thank you for your service and commitment to us, your constituents, and all those who call this wonderful country home.

Sincerely,



Scott W. Rosekrans

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December 23, 2022

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Dear Mr. Rosekrans,

Thank you for contacting me regarding gun violence in our nation. Like you, I am devastated by the gun deaths, mass shootings, and lives lost as a result of tragic shootings in our nation. As a member of the Gig Harbor United Methodist Church, I am grateful for the leadership of our church on this issue.

Over this past year, we have grappled with the aftermath of far too many senseless, terrible tragedies – in Buffalo, New York; Laguna Woods, California; Uvalde, Texas; and Tulsa, Oklahoma – that have rocked our nation to its core. As your representative and as a dad – my heart is heavy for the families and communities that have been devastated by these tragedies. In grocery stores, places of worship, schools, and hospitals, it is unacceptable that safety is not guaranteed. I know that beyond offering prayers, what our nation needs is action.

That's why I am proud that Congress recently passed, and President Biden signed into law, the first significant federal gun safety bill in 30 years. The bipartisan Safer Communities Act ([S.2938](#)) will implement a number of measures to reducing gun violence and keep Americans safe, including:

1. **Support for State Crisis Intervention Orders:** Creates \$750 million for states to create and administer laws that will ensure deadly weapons are kept out of the hands of individuals determined by a court to be a significant danger to themselves or others, and for extreme risk protection orders that have sufficient due process.
2. **Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence by Closing the Boyfriend Loophole:** Adds convicted domestic violence abusers in dating relationships to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).
3. **Banning Gun Trafficking & Cracking Down on Straw Purchases:** Cracks down on criminals who illegally evade licensing requirements and clarifies which sellers need to register, conduct background checks, and keep appropriate records, and creates federal straw purchasing and trafficking criminal offenses for the first time, allowing prosecutors to target dangerous illegal gunrunners.
4. **Enhanced Background Checks for People Under 21:** Requires an investigative period to review juvenile and mental health records, including checks with state databases and



local law enforcement, for buyers under 21 years of age, creating an enhanced background check.

5. **Anti-Violence Community Initiatives:** Provides \$250 million in funding for community-based violence prevention initiatives.
6. **Investing in Children & Family Mental Health Services:** Supports the national expansion of community behavioral health centers; improves access to mental health services for children, youth, and families through the Medicaid program and CHIP; increases access to mental health services for youth and families in crisis via telehealth; and provides major investments at the Department of Health and Human Services to programs that expand provider training in mental health, support suicide prevention, crisis and trauma intervention and recovery.
7. **Investing in Safe Schools:** Invests in programs to expand mental health and supportive services in schools, including: early identification and intervention programs, school-based mental health and wrap-around services, improvements to school-wide learning conditions, and school safety. That includes providing \$300 million in funding to the STOP School Violence Act program.

I strongly supported this bill and am proud that Congress has taken action. However, there is still more to be done.

That's why last year, I co-sponsored and voted for the Bipartisan Background Checks Act ([H.R. 8](#)) and the Enhanced Background Checks Act ([H.R. 1446](#)). The Bipartisan Background Checks Act would require a background check for all firearm sales and the Enhanced Background Checks Act would address what's known as the "Charleston loophole" by ensuring that a background check is fully completed before the firearm is transferred to the purchaser. This loophole received national attention following the tragic 2015 mass shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina that resulted in the murders of nine innocent people.

Beyond these efforts, I know there is even more we can and should do. That is why I co-sponsored and supported the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act when it passed the House in early June. This legislation (known as a "red flag law") would allow law enforcement to prevent those who pose a threat to themselves or those around them from obtaining a firearm. A similar law has been passed in our state – and others – and the data suggest that such laws can save lives.

Additionally, I'm pleased that the House has passed the Protecting Our Kids Act ([H.R. 7910](#)), a bill that I have co-sponsored. Among other things, this bill would raise the age to purchase a semiautomatic centerfire rifle from 18 to 21 years old, make it illegal to import, sell, manufacture, transfer or possess a large-capacity magazine (with some exceptions), and establish requirements to regulate the storage of firearms on residential premises. These would be valuable steps toward protecting our public safety.

I have also co-sponsored the Assault Weapons Ban Act which passed in the House this July. This legislation which would ban the manufacture and sale of semiautomatic assault weapons and

high-capacity magazines. I do not think that weapons that were created in hopes of producing maximum carnage on a field of battle belong in our schools or in our communities.

In addition, in the House, I pushed for robust funding for the STOP School Violence Act program through the FY23 appropriations process. In 2018, I worked in collaboration with the parents of Sandy Hook Elementary to introduce and pass the STOP School Violence Act, which provides resources to schools to implement proven methods of combating gun violence. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I've secured ongoing funding for this law over the last several appropriations cycles to support students, teachers, and others in efforts to spot and report warning signs of gun violence before a tragedy occurs. Clearly, more is required, and this funding will be a priority for me next year too.

Thank you again for your leadership on this important topic. As your representative and as a fellow United Methodist, I appreciate our church being engaged on issues that matter. Please know that I have a sense of urgency about making progress on this important issue. With that in mind, I'm grateful for your engagement and encourage you to continue to share your views with me on this topic or any other issue. Thank you for reaching out. It is an honor to serve as your representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Kilmer', with a large, stylized initial 'D' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Derek Kilmer  
Member of Congress



## Quilcene Food Bank



Photo by Scott Rosekrans

Laurel Ankeny helping out at the Quilcene Food Bank Senior Table.



## ALTAR FLOWERS



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Our Altar Display



## THESE LITTLE LIGHTS



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### Community United Methodist Church

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A big shoutout to the Sunrise Rotary Club of Port Townsend for their \$500.00 grant that enabled us to purchase 25 of these amazing solar powered lights for our General Store operation. As you may or may not know, our church operates a Saturday morning clothes closet and food pantry for the housing challenged that live in our area. Many of our clients are living in tents, vehicles, and camper trailers without any utilities. These little lights help so much in taking away some of the darkness they are experiencing, especially at this time of the year. Again, thanks to Sunrise Rotary for helping us bring a little light into the darkness. If you are interested in learning more about our operation and how you can help you can send us an email to: [CUMC.donate@gmail.com](mailto:CUMC.donate@gmail.com) and one of our volunteers will get right back to you. And, if one of your New Year's resolutions is exploring more deeply your spirituality and you've been thinking about checking out a church we'd love for you to come visit us and check us out. As you can tell by the post, we are a church that really believes in putting our words into action. If you have any questions you can email me at [pastorscottrosekrans@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscottrosekrans@gmail.com) and I'll get right back to you.

## CHRISTMAS ELVES AT WORK!

Dear Sisters in Faith,

Words cannot express how thankful I am for your wonderful response in the making and delivering of our yearly Christmas bags! You are some of the most enthusiastic, caring, and generous people I know and I am so privileged to be a part of UWF. From the time I first mentioned what we needed until the bags were delivered, you all jumped right in and did absolutely everything to make this a memorable Christmas for our church's neighborhood.

We have received feedback from the tiny homes where everyone was delighted with the cookies and gifts. Edie, our liaison there for this year, thanks me every time I see her for all we do for them and said that the cookies especially were quite a hit. And we had such a wonderful variety of cookies this year, from old favorites to new ones that I would have like to have snitched...but I was good and didn't! You outdid yourselves and I know the residents of Peter's Place and Margaret's Village loved every bite!

I always forget that Margaret's Village has 15 apartments instead of 16 because one is a conference/meeting area. So, when the extra bag we made came back, it was brilliantly suggested that we should also treat our new tenants in the parsonage apartments. I quickly made up another bag and divided the cookies in two – they still received plenty with the help of some extra ones from Sunday in the fridge – and they each received a Christmas bag, too. (Note to self: update the delivery info for next year!)

So, I'll stop going on and on, but it was too amazing an experience to let go by without noting what a true Christ-like thing it is to do this for our neighbors every year, and what fabulous ladies you are for making it happen.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart – this activity really makes my Christmas and I love being part of the team!

With warmest wishes for the rest of your holiday season,

Marsha



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# Elves having fun ! Filling stockings and gift bags

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**Great CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE complete with three selections from our bell choir.**





## SOUP SUPPER AFTER CHRISTMAS EVE



Homemade soup, breads, and desserts after our wonderful Christmas Eve service. We had to set up an extra table and all of the soup was consumed. A new tradition is born.



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## BIRTHDAYS

31 Kathi VanCamp

## ALTAR FLOWERS

1  
8  
15  
22  
29

## COMMUNION SERVERS

## COUNTERS

1  
8  
15  
22  
29

## GREETERS

1  
8  
15  
22  
29

## HOSPITALITY

1  
8  
15  
22  
29

## LITURGISTS

1  
8  
15  
22  
29

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

1  
8  
15  
22  
29

## USHERS

1  
8  
15  
22  
29

## OUR PRAYERS

- \* 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.



## January LECTIONARY READINGS

January 1Isa 11: 1-10  
Ps 72:1-7, 18-19  
Rom 15:4-13  
Matt 3:1-12January 8Isa 35:1-10  
Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matt 11:2-11January 15Isa 7:10-16  
Ps 80:1-7, 17-19  
Rom 1:1-7  
Matt 1: 18-25January 22Isa 52:7-10  
Ps 98  
Heb 1:1-4j (5-12)  
John 1:1-14January 29Mic 6:1-8  
Ps 15  
1Cor 1:18-31  
Matt 5:1-12

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JANUARY 2023

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
|---|---|-----|---|---|-----|--|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4<br>4pm Bell Choir<br>(sanctuary)  | 5<br>7-8pm Al-Anon<br>Meeting<br>Special Charge<br>Conference for<br>Scott. | 6   | General Store Hours:<br>10am to 1pm<br>7   |
| 8<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:15am Sunday<br>School<br>11:15am Fellow-<br>ship | 9<br>Alzheimer Support<br>Group<br>10:30am-12noon<br>(class room) | 10  | 11<br>4pm Bell Choir<br>(sanctuary)<br>Finance Admin<br>Council Meeting<br>6:30pm on Zoom   | 12<br>7-8pm Al-Anon<br>Meeting<br>(Library)                                 | 13  | 14<br>General StoreHours:<br>10am to 1pm   |
| 15<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellow-<br>ship                            | 16  | 17  | 18<br>4pm Bell Choir<br>(sanctuary)<br>Deadline for arti-<br>cles for January<br>Newsletter | 19<br>7-8pm Al-Anon<br>Meeting<br>(Library)                                 | 20  | 21<br>General Store Hours:<br>10am to 1pm  |
| 22<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellow-<br>ship                            | 23  | 24  | 25<br>4pm Bell Choir<br>(sanctuary)   | 26<br>7-8pm Al-Anon<br>Meeting<br>(Library)                                 | 27  | 28<br>General Store-<br>Hours: 10am to 1pm |
| 29  | 30  | 31  |   |   |     |  |
| 10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellow-<br>ship                                  |   |     |   | 7   |     |  |



Local

MISSION  
of the  
MONTH

2023

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    | \$ 500.00  |
| April     | ECHHO     | \$ 500.00  |
| May       | Food Bank | \$ 500.00  |
| June      | OlyCAP    | \$ 500.00  |
| July      | ECHHO     | \$ 500.00  |
| August    | Food Bank | \$ 500.00  |
| September | ECHHO     | \$ 500.00  |
| October   | Bayside   | \$ 1129.00 |
| November  | Food Bank | \$ 500.00  |
| December  | ECHHO     | \$ 500.00  |

## FINANCE REPORT

By Larry Jensen

| Financial Report for Newsletter   |              |                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>2022 November Year to Date</b> |              | <b>11/30/22</b>     |
| <b>Income</b>                     |              | <b>\$122,651.26</b> |
| Pledges & Identifiable Donors     | \$102,200.93 |                     |
| Other Income                      | \$20,450.33  |                     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                   |              | <b>\$103,503.00</b> |
| Apportionments                    | \$15,830.98  |                     |
| Local Program Ministry            | \$9,355.03   |                     |
| Operating Expenses                | \$34,395.06  |                     |
| Personnel Expenses                | \$44,200.50  |                     |
| Accounting Adjustment             | -\$278.57    |                     |
| <b>Difference</b>                 |              | <b>\$19,148.26</b>  |

November 21, 2021

# Home For Christmas

Genesis 28:15

BY Tim Gustafson

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. [Genesis 28:15](#)

One year Christmas found me on assignment in a place many of my friends couldn't locate on a map. Trudging from my worksite back to my room, I braced against the chill wind blowing off the bleak Black Sea. I missed home. When I arrived at my room, I opened the door to a magical moment. My artistic roommate had completed his latest project—a nineteen-inch ceramic Christmas tree that now illuminated our darkened room with sparkling dots of color. If only for a moment, I was home again!

As Jacob fled from his brother Esau, he found himself in a strange and lonely place too. Asleep on the hard ground, he met God in a dream. And God promised Jacob a home. "I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying," He told him. "All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring" ([Gen. 28:13–14](#)).

From Jacob, of course, would come the promised Messiah, the One who left His home to draw us to Himself. "I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am," Jesus told His disciples ([John 14:3](#)).

That December night I sat in the darkness of my room and gazed at that Christmas tree. Perhaps inevitably I thought of the Light that entered the world to show us the way home.

*Lord, no matter where we are today, we can thank You for preparing a place for us to be with You. And we have the presence of Your Spirit today!*

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**Learning Circle: 9:00am**  
**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**  
**Sunday School: 10:15 am**  
**Fellowship Time: 11:15 am**

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