

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of  
Community United Methodist Church



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## Keeping Time with the Spirit

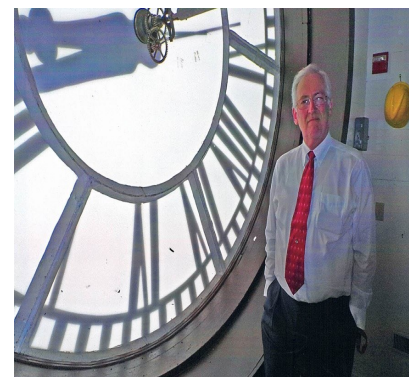
Back when I was the elected Prosecuting Attorney for Jefferson County my office was at the base of the stairwell that led up to the courthouse clock. I always knew exactly what time it was as the bell was directly over my head. From time to time, I would spot some confused looking person wandering around the third floor, looking for a way up to the tower. After introducing myself, I'd tell them that the way to the tower went through my office. Noting their disappointment, I'd tell them I wasn't doing anything at the moment, had a key to the tower, and would gladly give them a free tour. We'd ascend the stairs past the huge bell and into the room that held the innerworkings of the clock mechanism. If we were lucky, it would be just before the hour where we could see the clock kick into gear activating the hammer that struck the bell. It was, and is, quite a sight as you can see the various gears turning, things spinning and whirring, and the chain connected to the bell hammer going up and down. There was even a book for visitors to sign and I can attest that there were many from all around the United States and the world who got the tour. No one went away disappointed. What I found amazing was that the bigger gears wouldn't work unless the smaller gears functioned. It didn't take much to stop the clock. The county had an employee whose job it was to monitor and service the clock so it would keep the correct time. Believe me, when the clock stopped working people noticed.

And that, I believe, is the way it is with a properly functioning church. Like the courthouse clock, a church is made up of many people who serve as the gears that keep the church functioning. Some gears are smaller than others but are integrally important in making sure the bigger gears turn, ensuring that we are keeping God's proper time. And I can tell you that this church has a lot of moving parts requiring all of our gears to mesh together smoothly and seamlessly as we keep time according to God's plan for us here in our community and as far as our reach extends. Fortunately for us, we have the Holy Spirit to help us fine tune our clock making the necessary adjustments to keep us running smoothly so that those who depend upon us for what we have to offer in Jesus' name can have their needs met.

What a privilege it is to have a clock in our community that people look to that keeps accurate time according to God's plan for his creation. And how grateful I am for the gears of all sizes and the countless prayers of this congregation and those who appreciate what we do that help us keep that time. As one of the "big gears" I can't thank the smaller gears enough for all that they do to keep the clock running smoothly and on time.

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## Sharing Janet Stevenson with us....

I am so happy to talk about the CUMC! It is wonderful to be able to come together to help people in need with our clothes closet, food pantry, and soup for anyone hungry. I am very happy that we have 12 homes for the homeless and personally, I thank God every day for this wonderful church and my friends who are members. They have helped me in many ways and have helped me hold it together since Bob died.

Bob and I met when we were students at Perkins School of Theology, studying to be church pastors. He was from Pennsylvania and I was from Texas. After we married Bob did more training and became a Pastoral Psychotherapist. I worked for the national organization, Church World Service. I wrote articles, preached at several places for the m including the God Box in New York, Because of my post polio syndrome gets worse each year, I do not preach anymore.

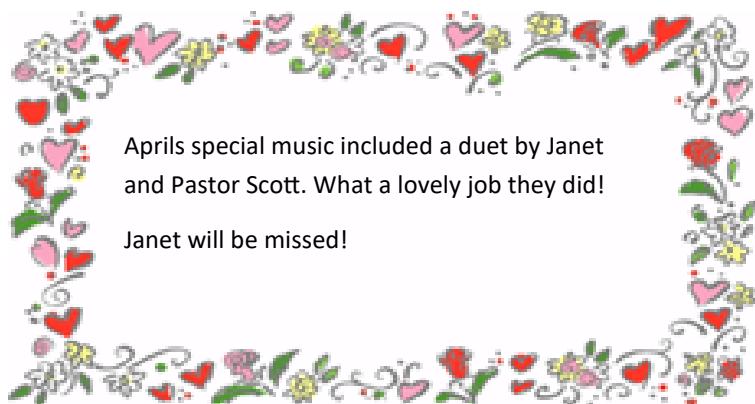
I went to many schools learning how to do faux painting. I did a lot of faux painting in homes and shops for many years, including in Port Townsend before I retired. The reason I changed to faux painting from Church World Service is a story for another time.

My daughter lives in Italy but visits several times a year. My son and his wife live in Seattle, and soon I will be living in the Ida Culver House which is within walking distance from my son and his family.

I will miss all of you and am thankful I can watch our church service online. Please come visit me in Seattle when I am settled there.

God Bless all of you wonderful people

Janet



# Prescott Arizona

Pastor & Teresa enjoying some hiking and much needed vacation time



## Saviors Soup

Served every Saturday from 10:30am to 1:30 pm in the sanctuary near the Kitchen.

Come enjoy delicious soup, fellowship with others and befriend our neighbors!

A BIG thank you to Ray & Lodema Hatch and all who have volunteered and helped out. If you'd like to volunteer or help in any way, please contact the Hatches or the church office (360-385-1579)



Lodema & Ray Hatch



Soup sign up for JUNE

3: Cal & Linda White

10: Ted Ross & Hatches

17: Cal & Linda White

24: Pat Broughton & Kathi  
VanCamp.

Please consider signing up or helping as you can!



Soups On!

## Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup

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*We are calling for your help to serve!*

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A special thank you to Ray and Lodema Hatch, the Savior's Soup kitchen is off and running. Yay!

While they have taken the lead in getting it started, we will need help to fill in when they leave for the winter.

Each week it takes two people to handle the soup kitchen:

One person is needed to prepare the soup, set up the sanctuary, serve our guests, and clean up afterwards. A double batch usually does it especially if you use an extender like pasta or rice. Don't let the cost of buying ingredients slow you down, there are funds available to reimburse the costs of ingredients if requested.

We also need an extra set of hands to help with set-up, clean up and interacting or fellowshiping with our guests.

There is always plenty of bread and corn muffins, so you only need to provide a double batch of soup—maybe more, come in and set up, serve, and clean up when done.

The hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (this may change) and we serve about 15-20 people, including some to go.

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*Ray and Lodema plan to leave for the winter months starting in late September 2023 and they will be returning in May 2024.*

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It is easy and fun!

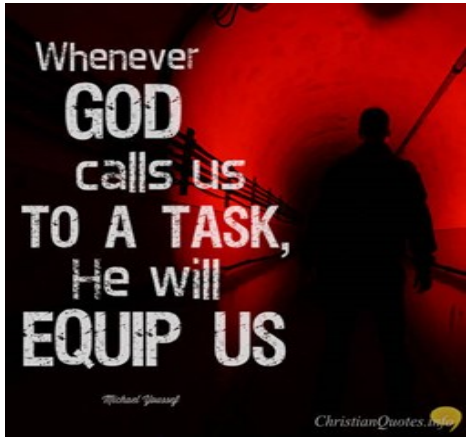
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In March, while Ray and Lodema were visiting with their grandchildren Laurie and I, provided soup, brownies, and chips for 17 people. It is fun talking to people, getting to know them, and hearing their stories.

If you would like to help after they leave in September, come by any Saturday and we can provide you with the low-down of what it takes to do the set-up and clean up. It isn't difficult and it is rewarding and fun!

If you can't stop by on a Saturday or send an email at

day, you can call Lori Oberlander at 360 620-0809 [Lori.obe@q.com](mailto:Lori.obe@q.com).



Pastor hiking with Teresa in Arizona





## My Story: A Simple Story of Neighboring

Lori Oberlander

Neighboring is about opening ourselves up to taking the initiative to meet new people and sharing our gifts of the hands, what we do, gifts of the heart, what we are passionate about and gifts of the head, things we know so much about that we could teach it! This is how we build relationships at the speed of trust.

A couple of weeks ago, Todd and I went on a Volkssport walk in Lacey Washington to participate in a walk organized by a local club in Lacey. While we were on the trail, we ran into two woman who were clearly other club walkers—we could tell because they had maps and directions in hand—a tell tailed sign of a Volkssporter. When I saw them, I wondered how I could get to know them? I started with a simple question and observation. I remembered when we were all registering for the walk, one of them, brought in cookies. I started with a simple, Hi! What club are you with? They told me, I made sure to introduce myself and they introduced themselves. I went on to mention to Betty, I saw you bringing in some cookies, do you like to bake? And we spent the rest of 5K walk (about an hour and a half) sharing recipes, talking about how long we had been Volkssporting, other things we love to do beyond baking, such as animals, crafts, and other things. I had so much fun, before I knew it, the walk was over, and I had met two new friends. That is neighboring in action: initiating and being open to getting to know the people in front of us.

***We look forward to completing our first mini experiment and developing other mini experiments in June. If you have any questions, please contact me at 360 620-0809.***

***We welcome you!***



## Welcome Sue French

Never in a million years did I think, I would be living in the beautiful state of Washington. God had plans for me that included moving from a small town in PA to Port Hadlock, WA this was in July of 2016.

My husband Gary was diagnosed with dementia and this was a full time job caring for him. Two of my 3 children lived here in WA and they insisted I move here so they could help me take care of their dad. My one daughter & family live in Oak Harbor and my son and his family live in Pt Townsend. I also have a daughter in Pittsburgh that loves to come visit. I have 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren! I also have a brother a year older than me and he resides at Avamere assisted living in P.T. The residents there know him as the one who has a collection of 400 teapots. Elton, is mostly confined to a wheelchair. I run a lot of errands for him and when we get together, we reminisce about the good ole days. The trip across country with Gary and 2 dogs is another story for another day, but it was indeed an adventure!

My children had found us a place to live in Pt Hadlock, and it is a duplex with NO stairs. That was important as I have had numerous hip surgeries which started when I was 55. My last revision was in July of last year. One of my many revisions resulted in foot drop, so I wear a brace on my left leg, but I am still able to get around and drive.

**GOD IS GOOD!**

My husband passed away in July of 2018. We had two years together here and he loved going for rides. We had 53 years of marriage. Since Gary's passing, I have been trying to keep busy and feel blessed to have found CUMC. During one of Pastor Scott's messages, he mentioned the need for help in the food pantry/clothes closet. God nudged me to give it a try and this has proved to be one of the best things I have done. I was welcomed with open arms. Helping others and lending a listening ear. During the 3 hours of volunteering, I brag on my grandchildren & great grandchildren. The crew knows of Fern & Cedar and their love of the game of soccer. I challenge anyone to try and beat Cedar at the game! I am thankful for family, friends, Snickers (my pug), that I share many a conversation with and for CUMC.

**“YOU HAVE NOT LIVED TODAY UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN NEVER REPAY YOU”**

**John Bunyan**

Fern on Sues left and Cedar on her right. Cedar is her star soccer player!







**Mens Breakfast...Come join the fellowship, delicious breakfast and just plain "guy time"! Held on the 4th Saturday of each month.**

**If you need more details, contact Scott at 360-385-1579**

Photos by Scott Rosekrans





### Nominating Committee

Would you like to help decide the future of the church? Do you like to talk to people about their passions?

The Nominating Committee is where you want to be because it is one of the most important committees that the church operates because it is the first step in deciding who will lead our congregation.

The Nominating Committee summary is as follows, but there are additional details in the Book of Discipline:

- Nominating Committee is elected annually by the Charge Conference of the Church to serve for three-year terms.
- The function of the Committee is to:
  - ✓ Identify, develop, deploy, evaluate, and monitor Christian spiritual leadership for the local congregation.
  - ✓ Engage in biblical and theological reflections on the mission of the church, the primary task of the church and the ministries of the church.
  - ✓ Seek and identify the skills and talents of the congregation and make recommendations to the Ad Council for the annual leadership of the church.

If you would like additional information about the function and activities of the Nominating Committee, please call me at 360 620-0809 or send me an email at [Lori.obe@Q.com](mailto:Lori.obe@Q.com) and I can answer any questions and provide you with a document that provides the details from the Book of Discipline.





United  
Women  
in Faith

**We are pleased to invite you to hear**

**KATHERINE PARKER**

a United Methodist Missionary who serves in Nepal  
at CUMC on **Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

Katherine is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church working in community development in Nepal. She was welcomed to CUMC a few years ago when she was back in the U.S. for church visits and is returning with updates on her work.

She has been in Nepal since 2013 having served in Cambodia for six years prior to that time. Katherine is the fifth generation in her family to serve in United Methodist connections; her grandfather, great-grandfather and a cousin were all District Superintendents in Seattle.

We will have the opportunity to visit with Katherine and enjoy coffee and home-made goodies during her stay.

Please join us to hear her inspirational story!









The hallway entrance near the office and the ramp to the sanctuary has been painted and brightened significantly, by Don Olsen, Ted Ross, Lynn Marlow. They worked tirelessly to get this done and here is the lovely results.

The paintings are of the two original Methodist churches in the Port Hadlock/Chimacum area. They are the perfect touch to complete the refreshed look for these areas!

A special thank you to Scott & Teresa Rosekrans for the donation to the area of the antique bench!

Stop by and check it out!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>Kathi back in the office</p>	<p>1 UWF 10AM Bell Choir 4pm  Good Neighbor Experiment. Zoom 7-8pmm  7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm  Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p</p>
<p>4 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Bell Choir 4pm</p>	<p>8  7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)  GNE Zoom 7-8p</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm  Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p</p>
<p>11 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>12 Alzheimer Support Group 10:30-noon In classroom  Rainshadow Rehearsal (sanctuary) 6:30p –9:15pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Admin Counsel zoom meeting at 6:30pm  Bell Choir 4pm</p>	<p>15 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)  GNE Zoom 7-8p</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm  Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p</p>
	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Bell Choir  deadline for articles for Junes Newsletter</p>	<p>21 GNE zoom 7-8pm  7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 24 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm  Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p  <b>Mens Breakfast at the church 8am</b></p>
<p>25 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 John Wesley's Birthday (1703)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

**BIRTHDAYS**

6: Dale Kelley  
 11: Gerri Shaw  
 15: Stephen Chase  
 20: Deborah Shanks

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

4: Marcy Wootan  
 11: Billie Fitch

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

**COUNTERS**

4 Lori & Kathi  
 11 Debbie & Connie  
 18 Marsha & Diane  
 25 Lynn & Betty

**GREETERS**

**HOSPITALITY**

**LITURGISTS**

4 John Sweet  
 11 Billie Fitch  
 18 Liz Hazen  
 25 Laurie Engelbeck

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**USHERS**

**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.



**May LECTIONARY READINGS**

June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Gen 1:1-2;4a	Gen 12:1-9	Gen 18:1-15	Gen 21:8-21
Ps 8	Ps 33:1-12	Ps 116:1-2,12-19	Ps 86:1-10,16-17 or
2Cor 13:11-13	Rom 4:13-25	Rom 5:1-8	Ps 17
Matt 28:16-20	Matt 9:9-13,18-26	Matt 9:35-10:8	Rom 6: 1b-11
		<b>FATHERS DAY</b>	Matt 10:24-39

**Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name**



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:

2023

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



Financial Report for Newsletter		
<b>2023 April Year to Date</b>		<b>04/30/23</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>\$57,779.82</b>
Pledges & Identifiable Donors	\$39,609.82	
Other Income	\$18,170.00	
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>\$52,935.96</b>
Apportionments	\$4,804.32	
Local Program Ministry	\$1,356.70	
Operating Expenses	\$26,316.19	
Personnel Expenses	\$20,458.75	
<b>Difference</b>		<b>\$4,843.86</b>

June 1, 2023 Upper

## Finish It Later

I often find myself putting off housework and other chores. Even though I am aware of my tendency to procrastinate, I still often find myself with a sink full of dishes left over from the day before. I know that I can do better than this, but I never seem to improve. As a result, I have deep anxiety about how my friends might judge me. What if they drop in unexpectedly? Worse yet, what if I die suddenly when everything is a mess?

Sometimes I suffer the same sort of anxiety about my relationship with God. Will I be prepared when I meet God face to face? What have I left undone? Have I been good enough? How will God judge my time on earth?

When I experience this kind of spiritual panic, I remind myself that my relationship with God is not like my relationship with housework. Housework is never really finished. In contrast, Jesus left nothing undone when he did his work on the cross. Because I choose to believe in and follow Christ, my sins are erased. There is nothing more I need to do! Kathy Reagan Eyler



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**Being the Somebodies Who Do Something in Jesus' Name**

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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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