

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church



Your Pastor Really Wants to Know

I was cleaning out my file cabinet recently after my office remodel had been completed and stumbled upon a survey of the church I took my first month at Community United Methodist Church way back in July of 2016. I wanted to get a feel for where the church wanted to go and what concerns that may have been **weighing on them. I didn't want the congregation to think I had any answers and that I was willing to listen.** So I came up with one question for each of the next four weeks on a postcard sized piece of paper with a red-lettered heading: Your Pastor Really Wants to Know and put it in the bulletin to be answered anonymously. Those who took the time gave me some insight into what they valued about their church and where they wanted to be led. So here are the questions in the order I asked them and the responses I received.

1. Tell me one or two things that you really like/love about CUMC. The people are friendly and ready to help. There is a strong sense of family with much love and warmth. This is an open and accepting church. There is a strong sense of fellowship.
2. What ministry do you like to do or would like to do? There is a desire for a music program and a choir. There is a desire for a song team. They would like to see more singing and the playing of instruments. They would like to see more kids involved in worship and dancing. Some would like to preach and be

more involved in the worship service. More opportunities to volunteer and help others.

3. If you had a magic wand and could change anything at CUMC what would it be? An increase in attendance with more young families with children. An updating of the sanctuary. A better sound system. A refreshing of the welcoming area. A new sanctuary and fellowship hall. More use of the outdoor chapel. A community-oriented ministry.
4. Where would you like to see the church in three years? Witnessing and serving more in the community. A focus on social justice issues with some action. Year-round mission for the homeless and hungry. A jail ministry. Utilization of the parsonage in some sort of mission. A more modern atmosphere that is relevant and fun. New sanctuary. More young families with children. Young people involved in liturgy and music. Attendance over 100 with annual pledges of \$120,000.00.

Interesting, yes? For some reason I had imposed a three-year time period for achieving these goals. Some we got to pretty quickly and others took more time as **I think the Spirit didn't want us to** overwhelm ourselves. And, yes, there are some goals, wishes, or hopes that we have yet to achieve. One reason may be that **achieving these goals is not a part of God's**

February 2024

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plan for us at this time. Or maybe we are just waiting for the right person to step up and say that they'll take a shot at it. One thing is for sure. The Spirit read the survey and saw some of the things we wanted to do and helped us accomplish them and more.

Now this isn't just another of my trips down memory lane. It's a reminder that we have more work to do as some of these aspirational goals are yet to be met. That being said, there are two things I want you to do. First, take a look at the goals that have yet to be met and give some thought as to what you can do to get some traction so we can start working on them. How can you help? And second, get out a piece of paper and answer each of the original four questions and then go to your quiet place and pray for guidance on what you can do with the help of others and the support of your congregation to get it done. Your Pastor Really Wants to Know.



Winter wonderland at the church !



Before and after photos of freshly painted parsonage porch area. Thanks again to the volunteers who are some of our greatest gifts here at CUMC



Winter Soups are Especially appreciated. Please consider signing up!



Men's Breakfast & Saviors Soup. What a way to start a Saturday! Those serving and those partaking are all

Blessed by this important ministry!





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1/15/24

Rep. Derek Kilmer
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Re: A Conflict of Biblical Proportions

Dear Congressman Kilmer,

We have now surpassed one hundred days since the unprovoked and unjustified attack by Hamas against Israel and there is nothing to indicate that this conflict will be resolved any time soon without the intervention of peace-loving nations around the world. As United Methodists we are very concerned about the genocide and mistreatment of the innocents who are literally caught in the crossfire of this growing humanitarian crisis.

Our United Methodist Book of Discipline in the Social Principles section on The World Community under War and Peace says, in part, that *We believe war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ. As disciples of Christ, we are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them. We advocate the extension and strengthening of international treaties and institutions that provide a framework within the rule of law for responding to aggression, terrorism, and genocide.*

We urge you as one of our elected representatives to put aside partisan politics and work with other like-minded elected representatives to bring the pressure to bear on the warring parties to work towards a peaceful resolution that minimizes the human toll taken upon the innocents of war. Advocating for peace is not a sign of weakness. It is, after all, what Jesus would have us do.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Rosekrans
Pastor Community UMC

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United
Women
in Faith

Next Meeting is **Thursday, February 1, 2024**

Location: Community United Methodist Church

Time: **10am**

Hello Ladies!

We will be meeting to make **Valentines** for the church and community. Teresa Rosekrans will be the hostess.

Please bring a sack lunch and join us for this fun meeting and socializing with our UWF sisters

Need more information?

Please contact **Pat Chase 360.385.3457** or Poneygal67@gmail.com

Or **AJ Laverty 360.379.6386** or ajrjlaverty@cablespeed.com





Positive Thoughts

**Your holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

****Why did you spill the coffee? “Well because someone bumped into me, of course!” Wrong answer, You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would’ve spilled tea. *Whatever is inside the cup, will spill out.**

**Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you(which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. You might even be able to fake it, until you get rattled.

****So we have to ask ourselves.....”What ‘s in my cup?”** When life gets tough, what spills over?

**Joy, gratefulness, peace, humility, our love of God? Or is it anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions?

**You choose 100% of the time. So, today, lets work towards filling our cups with gratitude, joy, peace, kind words & deeds, and love for our neighbors as God has taught us!

**Enjoy that cup of love as it will always be full and always taste wonderful and always be received with gratitude.





It is that time of year again, time to make and serve meals for the Winter Shelter. We are on the schedule for the last week in February. That would be February 26th through March 1st at the American Legion in Port Townsend. Located at:

Marvin G. Shields Memorial Pos
209 Monroe Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368

We can call the Shelter Monitor if we have questions at 360 385-1403.

We need two to three volunteers per day from approximately 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The service starts at 5:30 p.m. There are some guidelines that we are required to follow:

We must not make any sauces or gravies from scratch—must be purchased from a store—canned or from a jar.

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We need to cook in the churches approved kitchen in the American Legion.

There will be a Kitchen Assistant to provide directions on where things are, etc. His name is Chris.

We need to plan for 10-20 participants. We can call a couple of days/week before to confirm.

Leftovers come home with us.

We will need to pack lunches for the following day, however, supplies such as bread and lunch meat will be provided.

We will need 1 gallon of milk per 10 people each night that we are serving. We can confirm those numbers as we get closer to the date.

Desserts are not necessary but loved by all. We can make desserts home.

We can purchase casserole frozen and heat them up when we get there (such as from Costco, etc.).

I will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please



Silent Dessert Auction



A special thank you to the bakers and dessert makers who helped make the January Desert Auction a great success!

There was a great competitive spirit for the Tunnel Cake, the homemade apple butter and the wonderful cranberry and pumpkin bread. Together we raised \$395.00 to help make

our parking lot safe! The running total raised to date to support making the parking lot safe is \$1,320.00 Thank you everyone for your support.



In February you can look for Valentine Themed bonanza with Cookies, a Giant Cupcake Cake, a Raspberry Torte, and more.

Get ready to bid on some scrumptious homemade desserts that you can take home and share with your family and friends. If you are interested in baking for future dessert auctions, please let me, Lori Oberlander, know at 360 620-0809. Be

creative, we love pies, cakes, brownies, sweet breads—whatever you like to bake, we like to eat!

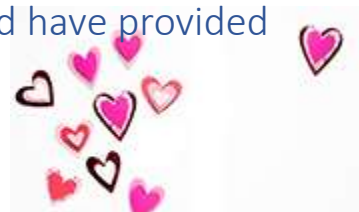




Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup

Thank you to all the volunteers that have provided soup and fellowship for January: Debbie & Dinana, Marcell and Lori, Men's Breakfast Group, Kathi and Siochain. You are awesome!! The people we serve are so grateful for your support. In particular, they love the fellowship and relaxed atmosphere!

Many of the volunteers have expressed how easy and fun volunteering at the soup kitchen is, some have excelled at providing fellowship with our visitors and have provided some great tasting soups! THANK YOU!



We have volunteers for all of February—Yay! We are ready to start scheduling volunteers for March. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

We have discovered that our guests especially like bananas, so I am requesting bananas as the handheld soup.

If you would like to sign up, visit the signup sheet in the Narthex or click on the link below. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Lori at 360 620-0809.

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Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup



Volunteer Sign Up Sheet!

Feb / March 2024



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Make/serve</u> <u>soup</u>	<u>Serve</u>	<u>Eggs</u>	<u>Bananas</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>3/2</u>				
	<u>3/2</u>				
	<u>3/2</u>				
	<u>3/2</u>				





Seen around CUMC:



A parking lot full of cars...busy church and busy people bring..JOY

Super cute and practical “pallet” tables with slide under benches for the tiny homes!

Don Olsen doing his best to accommodate the needs of the staff and church..Thank you Don!

Can that be a choir up there, on Sundays with Pastor? Looks like it...come check us out!

A friend posted that they were so glad it was raining again, because their mud was getting dehydrated...

Micheal Hohnbaum prepping to share more of his fantastic trumpet music with the congregation...come hear this gifted musician...you’ll be glad you did!

Spirit Singers working on some special music for the upcoming months.

SNOW..SNOW..SNOW.

Who says the Bell choir is for wimps?...we braved the icy roads to practice...go Ladies!

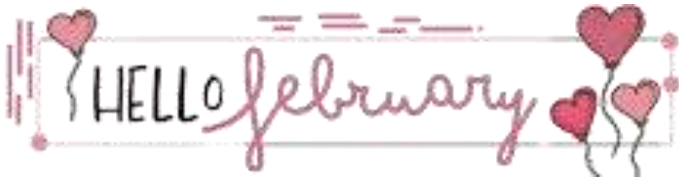
Laurie Engelbeck braving the icy roads to serve at the Senior table in Quilcene.

Music filled Sunday Services

Our IT gal, Liz Quayle helping us getting the web page current and now including Zoom for those that would like to also watch our Sunday services!

It’s been one year since Kathi became Admin Assistant. That year has flown by and I have loved nearly every minute :-)





December 28, 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

Have you ever thought about the size of our church? We may consider ourselves small, but we are large! We are large because it's not how big we are at 130 Church Lane, but how big we are in the community. When Paul starts his letter to the Macedonians in Corinthians 9:1 "There is no **need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people**". He is saying that he knows about the good deeds and mission work that the Corinthian Church have done.

So how big is our church in the community? Here in Port Hadlock, we are big! We are an integral part of providing for people in need right here in Port Hadlock and beyond. We provide services for the most vulnerable population around us through our General Store (food pantry **and clothes closet**) and **Savior's Soup** every Saturday. In addition, we share our financial resources by providing much needed funds to local food banks, Bayside housing, and more. We are also **big in our community through the Winter Shelter program, Peter's Place, and Senior Housing** just to name a few!

We have been blessed. Luke tells us in Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. . . ". We have been blessed to be able to see the needs in the community and have the means to help, when we give, we receive more than we give in return.

Our presence in the community is big and **we can't do it without you!** It takes many hands to do the work of Christ. According to 1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you **have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.**"

Please consider making a pledge to help continue being a big church in the community. Can we count on you to help keep our church **servicing God's people in need?** Say yes to being a big church in the community!

Yours in Christ,

Lori Oberlander
Stewardship Chair



Treasurers Report
Year to Date
1/1/2023-12/31/2023

Income		
Pledges	\$ 111,989.14	
Earned Income	\$ 40,319.00	
Other	\$ 1,455.00	
Total Income		\$ 153,763.14
Expenses		
Missions	\$ 29,137.05	
Operating	\$ 48,906.09	
Program/Ministries	\$ 41,901.00	
Personnel	\$ 21,982.12	
Total Expenses		\$141,926.26
Total to date Profit/Loss		\$ 11,836.88

How To Assess Your Donation to The General Store at CUMC

1. Is it clean?
2. Is it stain free:
3. Did you fix any tears, rips or buttons?
4. Does the zipper work?
5. Does it have all its parts?
6. Does it turn on when you plug it in or put batteries in?
7. Would you hand this donation to Jesus and be proud when he put it on or used it or ate it?

It's that simple, folks. That's how we evaluate the donations to our General Store. We do not expect our Shoppers "to be grateful for just anything". The Store Volunteer Motto is: "We don't ask our shoppers to wear, use or eat anything we wouldn't."

Submitted by Jean Holtz

Local



CUMC supports three local organizations: Bayside, Tri-Area Food Bank and ECHHO. We donate a minimum of \$500 each month to one of these three organizations in addition to donations collected from membership. CUMC also donates \$100 each month to UMCOR as well to aid in natural disaster relief efforts. Any donations from church members that are designated to UMCOR are included each month.

2023



Summary of All Donations by Category Between December 1– December 31, 2023

Category	Amount	#Donations	#Donors
General Store	\$1712.62	5	5
Missions	\$1200.00	3	1
Non-pledge gifts	\$1445.00	12	8
Parking lot	\$2,420.00	15	9
Pledges	\$16,910.00	41	24
Quilcene Sr Table	\$110.50	1	1
Bayside Housing	\$200.00	8	8
Pastors Fund	\$200.00	1	1
Benevolence	\$200.00	1	1
ECCHO	\$200.00	1	1
Totals	\$ 24,598.12	81	
	Total distinct donors across all categories		77



February, 2024

 February	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
<p>4 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship</p>	<p>5 Alzheimer Support Group 10:30-noon In classroom 1:00pm Tai Chi with Siochain in the Narthex</p>	<p>6 Designated Drivers 4:30p</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting Rogue Yoga 10am-1:00pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p</p>
<p>11 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Dessert Auction after church</p>	<p>12 1:00p Tai Chi</p>	<p>13 Designated Drivers 4:30p Bell Choir 11:00-12:30p</p>	<p>1 </p>	<p>15 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-1:pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p</p>
<p>18 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>19  February</p>	<p>20 Designated Drivers 4:30pm Bell Choir 11:00-12:30p</p>	<p>21 Deadline for Newsletter articles</p>	<p>22 Rogue Yoga 10am-1pm 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p</p>
<p>25 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>26 1:00pm Tai Chi</p>	<p>27 Bell Choir 11:00-12:30pm Designated Drivers 4:30pm Pastors Birthday</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Rogue Yoga 10a-1pm Al-Anon meeting 7-8pm Library</p>	<p> LEAP YEAR</p>	
<p>Happy Valentine's Day </p>		<p> FEBRUARY</p>			<p>Happy Valentine's Day </p>	

February 2024

BIRTHDAYS

3: Debbie Dodd
 4: John Sweet
 5: Pat Broughton
 12: Betty Harmon
 18: Jackie Dale
 27: Scott Rosekrans

ALTAR FLOWERS

4.
 11.
 18.
 25.

COUNTERS

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

GREETERS

HOSPITALITY



LITURGISTS

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

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.



December LECTIONARY READINGS

February 4

Isa 40:21-31
 Ps 147:1-11,20C
 1 Cor 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39

February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12
 Ps. 50:1-6
 2Cor 4:3-6
 Mark 9 2-9

February 18

Gen 9:8-17
 Ps 25:1-10
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1: 9-15

February 25

Gen 17:1-7,15-16
 Ps 22:23-31
 Rom 4:13-25
 Mark 8:31-38

Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name

February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday

I had never given up anything for Lent because the practice did not seem meaningful to me. Then one year on Ash Wednesday, my pastor challenged us to think differently about giving up something for Lent. He asked us to think of a person we were holding a grudge or anger or resentment against and invited us to forgive them.

Years earlier I had gone through a divorce. My spouse had cheated on me again and again. I had been deeply hurt. How could I ever forgive him? I struggled with my feelings. Was I ready to release all the pain he had caused me? Finally I decided that, yes, I was going to forgive.

The pastor asked us to write on a piece of paper what we were giving up. I wrote it down, then folded the piece of paper. The congregation was then invited to burn our slips of paper in a bowl. It was one of the most meaningful Ash Wednesday services I had ever attended.

It wasn't easy to forgive and by forgiving him, I'm not saying that what he did was okay because it wasn't. But deciding to give up my feelings of hatred and resentment was very freeing and still is. Try giving up something for Lent and surrender it to God. Its very liberating!



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[8-10 Thursday](#)

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

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