

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church



March 2024

Still That Church

It was a couple of years ago that I had a conversation with someone I had just met and somehow the fact that I was the pastor at Community United Methodist Church came up. His response was: “Oh, you’re that church that helps the homeless.” Not a bad reputation to have I thought. But along with a good reputation comes the responsibility to keep it up and build upon it. I think, no I believe, that we have done just that and have become a shining example of what a church populated by true believers can do in Jesus’ name.

In today’s mail I got an Impact Report for 2023 from Bayside Housing & Services who, if you didn’t know, manages the tiny home village in our back yard. I believe that the opening of Peter’s Place was not only a catalyst for our mission outreach, but it also helped take Bayside Housing and Services to the next level by showing that helping homeless people is a good thing and can make a difference. According to the Impact Report Bayside was founded in 2014, ten years ago, and started as a transitional housing facility utilizing a portion of their hotel space at the Old Alcohol Plant as temporary housing. Since that time Bayside has increased its units of housing from six to sixty, at four different sites, with Peter’s Place being one of them. On the heels of Peter’s Place came Pat’s Place, their second tiny home village which will eventually make room for Vince’s Village which will provide

more permanent low-income housing. They also purchased a tract of land in Port Townsend which will be the future site of 40-44 low-income apartments and a child-care facility. These are just a few of the exciting things they are doing, and I am pleased that we are able to help them out financially with a \$500.00 check every three months as a part of our rotating mission support.

Additionally, we’ve recently partnered with the Quilcene Bible Church who also run a clothes closet. This gives us an outlet for us to share our abundance of gently worn clothing that is so generously donated by so many people. And our Administrative Council voted to send River-ton Park UMC over in Tukwila a check in the amount of \$500.00 to help support their efforts to provide shelter, clothing, food, and security to an influx of immigrants who have heard about another Methodist Church in Washington that helps the homeless. We do this along with our continued support of Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates in Port Townsend who we recently sent a check in the amount of \$500.00 in memory of our former member and Treasurer, Larry Jensen. And on Friday, March 8th I and a couple of our disciples will be visiting Trinity United Methodist Church in Sequim who have asked us to attend a missions meeting to learn about our efforts to help the homeless as they are interested in expanding their outreach. Continued pg 2

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MARCH

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I say all this to say that we couldn't do this without you. We couldn't do it without your prayers, your volunteer hours, your donations of food and clothing, and your financial support through your pledges and tithes. I believe that God has chosen a small rural church to do great things as an example to other churches of what they too can do to become known as "that" church.

A fond farewell to Janet Stevenson was held 2/25/2024
Cake by Lori Oberlander . We will miss you Janet but know that you are in good hands and much loved there too!



Valentine bouquet by Billie Fitch



Ash Wednesday Altar courtesy of the Worship Team



A lot of people require supervision, except for these guys. They are true masters at repairing and maintaining the church facility and grounds! We can't thank them enough for all they do! Pictured: Don Olsen & John Sweet

MARCH



And so it begins....paving the new parking lot! It's super exciting to witness.



MARCH



And here it is....what a joyous day and the “curb appeal” of the church just shot up. Thank You Lord, for this and for the giving hearts of our members!





United
Women
in Faith

Next Meeting is **Thursday, March 7, 2024**

Location: Community United Methodist Church

Time: **10am**

Hello Ladies!

Please come and **bring a friend** to our March UWF Meeting. We will be featuring Dale Kelley and Joan Flowers as guest speakers. They will be bringing “fact to the fiction” of St. Patrick’s Day.

Lunch will be Irish Stew and Soda Bread. It’s going to be delicious, so please join us for this fun meeting and socializing with our UWF sisters

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March

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February 5, 2024

Mr. Scott W. Rosekrans
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Dear Mr. Rosekrans,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas. I appreciate you taking the time to write and share your thoughts with me.

The recent terrorist attacks in Israel have left us all reeling. My heart goes out to the families affected, the communities in mourning, and a nation grappling with yet another episode of profound tragedy. While 105 of the hostages taken by Hamas on October 7th have been released during the recent temporary ceasefire brokered by President Biden and Qatari negotiators, dozens of hostages remain in the custody of terrorists. I am sincerely relieved that many hostages have been freed so far, but I remain deeply concerned about the hostages remaining in Gaza as well as the continued hostilities in the region. I sincerely hope for lasting peace in the region.

Amid these tragic events, I remain firmly committed to the pursuit of lasting peace and a durable two-state solution. Long-standing American values and policy dictate that this solution must include a focus on human rights and the establishment of a viable Palestinian state, as well as a guarantee of Israel's security.

Recently, I joined over 100 of my colleagues in sending a letter to President Biden making several key points. First, our letter supported President Biden's efforts to provide assistance to Israel as it seeks to defend itself and to hold accountable those who perpetrated these crimes against humanity. Second, our letter made clear that Israel's response must be in accordance with international law and our shared democratic values. Third, we wrote, "A commitment to Israel's security and right to respond to terror is not incompatible with a commitment to the humanitarian needs of the people of Gaza. Indeed, you are correctly charting a path that promotes American values and interests when we pursue both goals together." I support the Biden Administration's recent announcement of \$100 million in humanitarian assistance. And finally, our letter pointed out that – in the end – there will not ultimately be a military solution to this situation, even if military action proves necessary right now in response to the terror attack. Our letter says, "...Both Israelis and Palestinians deserve equal measures of freedom, security, opportunity, and dignity. There will never be an end to the violence until that goal is

achieved, and we know that the United States will have a significant role in the pursuit of the peaceful coexistence between Israel and its neighbors.”

Finally, let me say that America’s alliances should not preclude our country from questioning actions or practices that may present obstacles to peace. Indeed, it is our responsibility to work with our allies to protect human rights. I know that is a priority shared by the Biden Administration. Indeed, while President Biden acknowledged Israel’s right to defend itself, he also pointed out the importance of protecting innocent Palestinian civilians. He said, “The vast majority of Palestinians are not Hamas. Hamas does not represent the Palestinian people. Hamas uses innocents — innocent families in Gaza as human shields, putting their command centers, their weapons, their communications tunnels in residential areas. The Palestinian people are suffering greatly as well. We mourn the loss of innocent Palestinian lives....”

It is my belief that true peace will only result from direct negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians and that the most likely path to peace is through a two-state solution. I am hopeful that the U.S. can reassert itself as a mediator that can reconvene the parties to resolve these complex differences. There are a number of barriers to seeing progress in the peace process. My hope is to see all of these barriers removed so that we can realize a lasting peace.

I sincerely value your engagement and partnership. Please know that I will continue to vocally support efforts to foster peace in this region.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer
Member of Congress

February 5th was Church and the Super Bowl. The Spirit Singers and Pastor Scott got with the theme and choreographed a number for Scotts rendition of “Drop Kick Me Jesus, Through the Goal Post of Life”

Photo by : Debbie Dodd





The UWF (United Women in Faith) made Valentines for all the church family. Besides having a great time, they enjoyed a nice break with delicious cakes provided by Teresa Rosekrans. This is a great group to consider becoming involved in. They are active, relevant and dedicated to service to the church and the Lord!

Silent Dessert Auction

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

Despite Superbowl Sunday, we had a good competition going for Debbie's delightful Linzer Cookies and heart shaped Raspberry Torte and Lori's Giant Cupcake. Together we raised \$120.00 to help make our parking lot safe! The running total raised to date to support making the parking lot safe is \$1,440.00. Thank you everyone for your support.

Even though the parking lot has been completed and we were able to get a better price, we still had to dip into our reserve funds to pay for it. We still need to replace our reserve funds in case there is an unseen emergency in the future and therefore, we will continue to raise money to pay for the parking lot.

We have bakers lined up for March who are planning to make some yummy homemade desserts.



In March you can look forward to a special treat of Traditional Oatmeal Gingerbread called Broonie that is a tradition associated with the Orkney Island located off the northeastern coast of Scotland.

Thank you Siochain for sharing your culture with us!

In addition to the Broonie, we have Banana Bread Mini Loaves, Lemon Bread Mini Loaves 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 February: Marcell, Lee, Lori, and Patti Clark, Kathi and Patrick, and Lori, Diane Walker & Steve, and Men's Breakfast Group. You are all awesome!!

The people we serve are so grateful for your support. 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 a good line-up for March, we only have one week left to fill: March 30th. ! We are ready to start scheduling volunteers for April. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

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

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.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Csppwd_nP1fifWg2cuy2TVNCOAyApth4BHnMclAMM4/edit

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Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup



Volunteer Sign Up Sheet!

Feb / March 2024



Volunteer Sign Up Sheet!

April 2024



Name	Date	Make/serve soup	Serve	Eggs	Bananas
	4/6				
	4/6				
	4/6				

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The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter **GOD'S** realm where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his Almighty Power and Nothing is too small for his Love....Corrie Ten Boom



More Janet Stevenson Photos from her reception and farewell party on 2/25/2024!

We will miss you Janet and your sweet spirit and immense love of our Lord!!



## Seen around CUMC:



4 Does playing and doing Zoomies in the field across from the office!

Teresa setting up the tables with flowers and fun decorations for the Valentines UWF meeting.

The Pastor and I scrambling to contact all the folks who use our church facilities during the week to inform them of the parking lot re-paving.

They are HERE..Big Trucks..Big equipment...building vibrations...men in dirty boots.....paving has begun after a couple of days of prep work! EXCITING

A beautiful oversized Valentine cupcake and other Valentine treats for the silent auction to benefit the parking lot fund!

Ash Wednesday service was especially nice. Scotts Sermon, the music, including Micheal Hohnbaum on trumpet, Sheila magnificent on the piano, followed by delicious pizza and wonderful fellowship!

Well the day after Valentines day is snowing. Pretty, heavy white snow!

Pretty white parking stipes

Spinning group, sharing stories and laughter while in the Nursery spinning away!

Jean Holtz getting more pallets to make small table/chair combos for Pete's place.

The teenage tenant in our upstairs parsonage apartments enjoying the newly paved parking lot by skateboarding on it!





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 serving 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

1/1/2024-1/31/2024

### Income

Pledges \$ 17,452.23

Earned Income \$ 733.20

Total Income \$ 18,185.43

### Expenses

Missions \$ 3,316.20

Operating \$ 6,203.97

Program/Ministries \$ 729.35

Personnel \$ 4,732.79

Total Expenses \$ 14,982.31

Total to date Profit/Loss \$ 3,203.12





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.

2024



**Summary of All Donations by Category Between January 1– January 31**

| Category                                           | Amount             | #Donations | #Donors |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Missions                                           | \$450.00           | 2          | 2       |
| Non-pledge gifts                                   | \$100.00           | 2          | 1       |
| Parking lot                                        | \$ 600.00          | 6          | 4       |
| Pledges                                            | \$11,047.60        | 28         | 19      |
| UMCOR                                              | \$200.00           | 1          | 1       |
| <b>Totals</b>                                      | <b>\$12,397.60</b> | <b>39</b>  |         |
| <b>Total distinct donors across all categories</b> |                    | <b>22</b>  |         |



# March 2024



|                                                                                        | Mon                                                                          | Tues                                                            | Wed                                               | Thur                                                                                                         | Fri 1 | Sat 2                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                        |                                                                              |                                                                 |                                                   |                                                                                                              |       | General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm<br>Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p           |
| 3<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellowship                                             | 4<br>Alzheimer Support Group 10:30-noon<br>In classroom<br><br>Tai Chi 1-2pm | 5<br>Designated Drivers 4:30p                                   | 6                                                 | 7<br><b>UWF Meeting 10am at the church</b><br><br>7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting<br><br><b>Rogue Yoga 10am-1:00pm</b> | 8     | 9<br>General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm<br><br>Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p  |
| 10<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellowship<br><br><b>Dessert Auction after church</b> | 11<br>Tai Chi 1-2pm                                                          | 12<br>Designated Drivers 4:30p<br><br>Bell Choir 11:00-12:30p   | 13                                                | 14<br>7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)<br><br><b>Rogue Yoga 10am-1:pm</b>                                     | 15    | 16<br>General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm<br><br>Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p |
| 17<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15 Fellowship<br><br>                                      | 18<br>Tai Chi 1-2pm                                                          | 19<br>Designated Drivers 4:30pm<br><br>Bell Choir 11:00-12:30p  | 20<br><br><b>Deadline for Newsletter articles</b> | 21<br>Rogue Yoga 10am-1pm<br><br>7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library                                               | 22    | 23<br>General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm<br><br>Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p |
| 24<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15 Fellowship                                              | 25<br>Tai Chi 1-2pm                                                          | 26<br>Bell Choir 11:00-12:30pm<br><br>Designated Drivers 4:30pm | 27                                                | 28<br>Rogue Yoga 10a-1pm<br><br>Al-Anon meeting 7-8pm Library                                                | 29    | 23<br>General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm<br><br>Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p |
| 31<br><br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15 Fellowship<br><br><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>              |                                                                              |                                                                 |                                                   |                                                                                                              |       |                                                                        |

March 2024

**BIRTHDAYS**

1st: AJ Lavery & Ted Buehler  
 7th: Mike Perzel  
 9th: Patrick VanCamp  
 11th: Margie Webb  
 12th: Liz Hazen  
 14th : Gladys Heinzinger  
 21st: Chuck Boggs

**HOSPITALITY**



**LITURGISTS**

**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.



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

3:  
 10  
 17  
 24  
 31



**COUNTERS**

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



**GREETERS**

**December LECTIONARY READINGS**

**March 3**

Exod 20:1-17  
 PS.19  
 ! Cor 1:18-25  
 John 2:13-22

**March 10**

Num 21 ;4-9  
 Eph 2:1-10  
 John 3:13-21

March 17

Jer 31:31-34  
 Ps.51:1-12  
 Heb 5:5-10  
 John 12:20-33

**March 24**

Mark 11 ;1-11  
 Ps.118:1-2,19-29  
 Isa 50:4-9  
 Ps. 31:9-16  
 Phil 2:5-11  
 Mark 14:15-47

**March 31**

Acts 10  
 ;34-43  
 Ps.118:1-2,14-24  
 1Cor15:1-11  
 John 20:1-18

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



March 31, 2024

## Easter Sunday

Now that I am retired, I have the chance to observe nature more closely as part of my morning routine. At sunrise in the Sonoran Desert of the SW United States, I've observed lizards warming themselves on rocks so they can start their days with speed and agility. I've observed buzzards perched on tall saguaro cacti to warm their wings before they soar overhead. I've watched my old dog nap in the warmth of the morning sun to soothe his stiff joints. When I read today's scripture passage, I asked myself, "What motivated these women to venture out at dawn to anoint the broken body of the crucified Jesus?" I believe these faithful women were driven to action not only by Jewish custom but also by the promise of the resurrected Christ and the hope that is offered in the sunrise of the new day.

Many congregations around the world celebrate Easter morning with a sunrise service of worship—a celebration of our belief in the risen Messiah. So, in addition to warmth and comfort, the sunrise also offers us hope. We join together with other Christians with a shout of "HE IS RISEN! And embrace the hope that is offered with each new sunrise.

*Read Matthew 28:1-10*

*By Doug Wingert Upper Room (Mar-Apr)*



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

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**Fellowship Time: 11:15 am**

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