

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church



May 2024

Not All Heroes Wear Capes

On Sunday the 21st of April I preached a sermon entitled: Action Heroes about how our country and probably the world is fixated on Superheroes who swoop in with their magical superpowers to save the day for a population that seemingly can't save itself, cape wearing superheroes like Superman and Batman. The problem with believing in superheroes is that we expect them to swoop in and take care of all the problems we should be taking care of. Problems we even had a hand in creating.

Superheroes aren't going to solve problems like feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, housing the homeless, healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, or visiting the prisoner in jail. Superheroes aren't going to solve issues like civil rights, world hunger, shortages of clean water, the damage we've done to God's amazing creation, and world peace just to mention a few. These issues, for the most part, are best addressed by everyday people like you and me who care about what's happening around us and, in the world, the somebodies who actually look for ways to do something. In my thoughts on the scripture for Sunday I mentioned former President Jimmy Carter and asked what he was best known for and nobody that I could hear responded with anything he did as president which included brokering a historic peace deal between Israel and Egypt. All of the voices I heard said in unison: Habitat for Humanity. Jimmy and

his dearly departed wife and partner Rosalynn are heroes who didn't wear capes and will fondly be remembered for what they did after President Carter retired. He didn't take a position on the board telling others what to do and how to do it. He picked up a hammer, a paintbrush, a shovel and went to work with all the energy he could muster. These weren't photo ops. Photo ops don't come with blisters. Jimmy's blisters were a badge of honor and more cherished than any plaque hanging on a wall in his den. They were blisters earned in faithful service to his God.

And that's what the Apostle John was talking about in 1 John 3: 16-24, where he reminds us that Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. It's where he asks that if we have material possessions, see a brother or sister in need, and don't care enough to do anything, how can the love of God remain in him or her? He urges us to show our love with action and truth and not just hollow words or speech. He calls us to back up our speech with action, with good deeds of service that make a difference, and to do it humbly without fanfare or an expectation of recognition. Do it to bring glory to God so that people will thank God that we exist and do what we do in Jesus' name.

So where do we find these action heroes? They're all around us. They are people like Margaret Matheson who went

Inside this issue:

Pastor's Pen & Photo .	1/2
ALL Church Spring cleaning	2
Spring cleaning photos	3
United Women in Faith	4
Tacoma Com House by Siochain Deva	5
Baked Goods Auction	6
Saviors Soup	7/8
Seen Around CUMC	9
Photos & Bean Soup kits appeal	10
Potato Bake	11
Choir News	12
Pledge card	13
Treasure Report	14
Missions	15
Calendar	16
Birthdays	17
Closing thoughts	18

to our church for decades. I never had the pleasure of meeting Margaret, but I know she didn't wear a cape. She got around in a wheelchair, but her disability didn't get in the way. I've heard stories of her dogged determination in putting together an agreement between the church and OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Program) that resulted in the construction of The South Seven Senior Apartments, now known as Margaret's Village, that has for decades provided housing for low-income senior citizens. And Janet Stevenson told me stories of how she and her husband Bob, an ordained Methodist minister, marched with other Civil Rights advocates back in the turbulent 1960s and helped register people to vote which was met with resistance and outright opposition by many God-fearing people. Two great examples of ordinary people doing extraordinary things with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Just two examples of Community United Methodist Church's rich history of producing action heroes who desire to make the world a better place, even if it is just right here in the Tri-Area. And I see our present-day action heroes at work every week folding and sorting clothing, helping people on Saturday mornings find clothing, shoes, and other sorely needed items we take for granted. I see our action heroes happily serving hot soup to the hungry who are hungry not just for food but for acceptance, recognition, and friendship. Jimmy Carter would be impressed.

To all of our action heroes I say thank you. To those who support our action heroes with prayers, words of encouragement, and donations, we thank you as we couldn't do it without you. And to those who would like to take a shot at becoming an action hero, what's holding your back? It's not too late. You certainly aren't too old. Let's be a people who can save ourselves. Let's be action heroes who don't wear capes.

Spring cleaning photos. A BIG thank you to all who worked so hard. The church was sparkling afterwards!





All Church Spring Cleaning!

Many hands make for easier work and boy did the work show!

NICE JOB ALL



PICTURED:
JOHN SWEET
HANK HAZEN
DON OLSEN
SHEILA HARWOOD





United
Women
in Faith



Next Meeting is **Thursday May 2, 2024**

Location:

Time: **9:30am**

Hello Ladies!

Please come and bring a friend to the Bayview Restaurant to enjoy good food and fellowship with this lovely group of ladies. It's important to **RSVP, ASAP** so there is a head count for the restaurant.

*Also on Tuesday, May 14th, the UWF are invited to Coupeville. This is a special trip and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP, ASAP with details to follow. *

Need more information?

Please contact **Pat Chase 360.385.3457** or Ponygal67@gmail.com or Gladys Heinzinger @360.385.9049 or dgheinz@olympen.com



TACOMA COMMUNITY HOUSE VISIT

By Siochain Deva



May

Six UWF members recently made an in person visit to the Tacoma Community House. We were pleasantly greeted by Amiee Khuu, Ex Director. Since many of the students/participant clients were on their spring break, it gave us a wonderful opportunity to have a personal tour of the two-story facility. We were shown various classrooms, enjoyed the stories from 2 previous clients, who are no part of the staff, and learned of their various duties and specialties.

Following our tour, we were treated to lunch and joined by 4 of the case managers/vocational coaches who shared some wonderful success stories. Then each of us was invited to tell a little bit about ourselves, our church mission work and ask the case managers questions. It was very informative and relaxing lunch meeting.

Tacoma Community House started in 1909 and one of the strong supporters has been the Methodist church which has provided a current loan. Their main focus is refugees first followed by immigrants, homelessness, abuse victims, health problems, youth mental issues, legal assistance etc. to overcome barriers. Currently they are teaching English to 215 students. It came through loud and clear the staff's compassionate support. Encouragement and direction, re-finding meaning, worth and occasional job training & placement. Tacoma Community House was an excellent field trip to view Gods mission work and encourage our own mission opportunities





Silent Dessert Auction



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

We had some great Buttermilk Lemon Bread, Buttermilk Banana Nut Muffins, Blackberry Pie, Mixed Berry Pie, and Lemon Bread—what could be better than that! Together we raised \$236.00 to help pay for our safe parking lot! The running total raised to date to support making the parking lot safe is \$1,950.00 Thank you everyone for your support.

I have a couple of bakers lined up for May, but I am seeking a couple more. [I need more bakers.](#) If you are interested in making some yummy homemade desserts, please call Lori at 360 620-0809 or send an email Lori@tlobe.com.

In May you can look forward to a home-made Cornflake Cookies 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 April: Marcell, Lori, Patti C, Lee, Ginny, the and the 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! We receive at least one Thank you for what you are doing every week. The word is getting out because we are serving over 30 bowls of soup each week. We have noticed a trend over the last month—they love vegetable soup. Our weekly vegetarian choice has been the first to run out for the last three weeks.

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 full line-up for May. Yay! Thank you to Marcell, Diane, Ginny Patti and the Methodist Men! [If anyone wants to serve, please let me know because it is turning into a three-person job. I am looking for someone to serve on June 1st because I am doing the PetsWalk to benefit the Kitsap Humane Society that day.](#)

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

Attention Soup Makers: It has been requested that we do not add additional salt to the soup (some usually sneak in with the broth, beans, or tomatoes that we might include in the soup). Please no added salt.

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://>



Volunteer Sign Up Sheet!

Feb / March 2024



Volunteer Sign Up Sheet!

April 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Make/serve soup</u>	<u>Serve</u>	<u>Eggs</u>	<u>Bananas</u>
	<u>4/6</u>				
	<u>4/6</u>				
	<u>4/6</u>				



March 30th soup kitchen, was the day before Easter this year. Besides having some very delicious soup made by Sheila Harwood and Lori Oberlander, our guests were treated to toasted garlic bread to go with their soup and dyed Easter Eggs and candies, by Kathi VanCamp

Our lunch guests seemed truly happy they had stopped by and raved about the soup choices!! We served 37 bowls on that day!

The Lord has Blessed us with this important mission! A BIG thank you to all who have participated in ANY way! There is still Saturdays to fill.....Please consider taking a date in May or June!



Seen around CUMC:

The UWF gathering at the church for a field trip to Tacoma to enjoy a day of fellowship!

The rain is back and did it pour but April Showers do bring May flowers

Spring cleaning at the church...a big **thank you** to all that helped. Make sure you check out some of the photos inside this publication.

The Peace that passes all understanding....following the hustle and bustle of the Easter Season, we have come to a quiet, fulfilled spot before the hustle bustle of summer fun. Scott is especially to be praised for 3 sermons, a house dedication and doing a wedding ceremony in Quilcene, all during Easter week...He is truly a blessing to our church!

James Olsen working quietly, every Thursday morning. early as our custodian!

Gardening work continues with some dead bushes removal by Don Olsen & Scott

More and more truly talented folks are stepping up to sing, play musical instruments and join the Spirit Singers in before, during and even after, church songs. Come early to Sunday services to hear and see what's happening! Watching at home is nice but you just can't beat listening to the music in person, consider joining us, we have room for all!

Spring flowers and snow capped mountains...we truly live in a beautiful area...get out and see for yourselves and stop by the church . We are always happy to see you!

A **FULL** sign up sheet in the month of April, for the Saviors Soup!

New plants to replace the old dying bushes. New Rhody's and more. They will be blooming soon!

Marsha H and Gladys H beginning audit work for the church. This is a dedicated task and takes the talents of these ladies to complete correctly! Thank you both!

The absolutely delicious smell of baked potatoes, the laughter of fellowship while enjoying those potatoes and the awesome \$406.00 that was raised! A BIG thank you goes to Siochain Deva and Lori Oberlander! Well done ladies





Good Friday Service



Your never too young to tithe. Baby Kai Charrier was ready!

Bean Soup Mix Maker's Needed

Remember the days when CUMC made individual dry bean soup packages to hand out at the food banks?

The food banks may no longer need it, but our own General Store/Food pantry needs them! Our visitor's are asking for them and we would like to accommodate their needs.

CUMC is seeking volunteers to put together bean soup mixes. We have the beans, the spices, the directions, and other materials as needed. We just need you!

Keep your eyes open for announcements on how and when you can be involved.

If this is something that you are interested in helping with, please contact Lori at 360 620-0809 or email at lori@tlobe.com.





April 21st, Potato Bake Fund Raiser to replenish the parking lot funds.

Pictured are Steven Chase & Siochain Deva



What a Dateby Siochain Deva

While some folks like to spend their Saturday nights out painting the town, I had the unique opportunity to spend my evening with 40 fellows, all wearing their finest brown jackets, but still looking a bit shabby. So I decided to help them clean up their act! They each received a much needed bath and scrubbing. Most of them, then, also needed acupuncture , so I gladly accommodated them. Then they all were treated to an olive oil massage. They were indeed looking much better and were actually glowing!!

In gratitude....they all got together as a group and decided to take me out to breakfast after church the following morning! Now, who can top a date lie that, I tell ya?



Nice turn out for our fund raiser. There has been mention of other ideas for future fund raising that sound just as delicious and fun!!





Pastor Scott and Mark Bauserman doing a duet on Life's Railway to Heaven. What a treat to have Marks banjo joining Pastor Scotts guitar!



The Spirit singers are growing, we hope, with the inclusion of Peggy Bausersman. She is a classically trained soprano and a delightful person. She adds a much needed boost to a group of altos.

Pictured L-R

Scott Rosekrans

Mark Bauserman

Kathi VanCamp

Connie Ross

Marsha Hamacher

Diane Johnson (behind Marsha)

Peggy Bauserman

Sheila Harwood on piano



It's Not Too Late!



2024 Annual Pledge Campaign

2023 was a good year for the church. We expanded our ministries by increasing financial support to Bayside Housing, the food bank, the Senior Table and to ECHHO (Ecumenical Cristian Helping Hands Organization). We served more and more people at the General Store (the clothes closet and food pantry), and we started our Saturday Soup Kitchen, Saviors' Soup. We are looking forward to 2024 and we can't do it without your support!

There is a special letter in the mail, and you can expect to read more about God's calling for us to be a big church in the community. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the church and our mission to serve God and serve his people in need and say Yes!

Yes, I want to be a big church!

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

- I will help with my prayers I will help with my time
- *I will help by making a pledge of _____ per year/quarter/month/week.
- *I will help regularly, but can't commit I will help with a one-time gift of _____
- I would like to make a planned gift I have other ideas to share, please contact me

**Please know that you can change your pledge at any time; just notify the Financial Secretary, Betty Prentice.*





Treasurers Report
Year to Date
1-1-2024 - 3-31-2024

Income			
	Pledges	\$	31,333.47
	Earned Income	\$	4,855.00
Total Income			\$ 36,188.47
Expenses			
	Missions	\$	7,130.00
	Operating	\$	13,235.69
	Program/Ministries	\$	2,259.04
	Personnel	\$	17,251.70
Total Expenses			\$ 39,876.43
Total to date Profit/Loss			\$ (3,687.96)

*we had
Fun!*

Potato Bake

Yummy!



Thank you everyone for your generous support!

Together we raised \$406.00 for the parking lot! We had lots of fun and fellowship as we ate delicious baked potatoes with all the trimmings. Thank you to everyone who brought items, helped set-up, and clean up!



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.

Summary of all donations by category March 1-March 31, 2024

Category	Amount	#Donations	#Donors
Building Maintenance	\$40.00	#1	#1
Missions	\$2,600.00	2	2
Non Pledge gifts	\$340.00	5	3
Parking lot	\$1,335.00	10	5
Pledges	\$9,481.00	34	18
Soup Kitchen	\$50.00	1	1
Totals	\$13,846.00	53	

Total distinct donors all categories 24



Summary of all donations by category 1/1/2024– 3/31/2024

Category	Amount	#Donations	#Donors
Building Maintenance	\$40.00	1	1
Clothes/General Store	\$20.00	1	1
Missions	\$3,150.00	5	4
Non Pledge gifts	\$735.00	12	5
Parking lot	\$2,215.00	24	10
Pledges	\$25,891.60	91	26
Quil Sr Table	\$475.50	4	2
UMCOR	\$200.00	1	1
Soup Kitchen	\$50.00	1	1
Totals	\$32,777.10	140	40

May

	MON	Tues	Wed 1	THUR 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
				10 UWF Meeting 10am at the church		General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
5 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship  Cinco de Mayo	6 Tai Chi 1-2pm	7 Designated Drivers 4:30p Bell Choir 11-12p	8	9 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting Rogue Yoga 10am-1:00pm	10	11 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
12 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Dessert Auction after church	13 Tai Chi 1-2pm	14 Designated Drivers 4:30p Bell Choir 11:00-12p	15 Ad council 6:30pm ZOOM	16 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-1:pm	17	18 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
19 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship	20 Tai Chi 1-2pm	21 Designated Drivers 4:30pm Bell Choir 11:00-12p	22 Deadline for Newsletter articles	23 Rogue Yoga 10am-1pm 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library	24	25 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
26 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship	27 Tai Chi 1-2pm	28 Bell Choir 11:00-12pm Designated Drivers 4:30pm	29	30	31	
 Time to Bloom!						

May 2024

BIRTHDAYS

- 5. Lori Witheridge
- 9 Laurel Ankeny
- 20 Micheal Swartout
- 21 Cal White
- 24 Kathy Anderson
- 24 Judy Olsen

HOSPITALITY



LITURGISTS

- 5th: John Sweet
- 12th Billie Fitch
- 19th Liz Hazen
- 26th Laurie Engelbeck

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please see sign up sheet to provide flowers for the altar each Sunday. They add so much to the service!



COUNTERS

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

GREETERS



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

May 5
Acts 10:44-48
PS. 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
PS. 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19
Acts 2:1-21
Ps.104 24-34
Rom 8:22-27
John 15: 26-27,16:4b-15

May 26
Isa 6:1-8
Ps.29
Rom 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name

May 1, 2024

From Loss to Abundance

Following a fierce summer storm, my husband and I went outside to see an uprooted tree stretched across our yard. As we cleaned up the broken branches littering our lawn, I mourned the loss of the tree. On Summer days we had rested under its shade, listening to the rustle of leaves in the breeze and the singing of the birds in its branches. Now all that remained was an ugly stump. However, my husband took a more pragmatic view, realizing the tree's absence allowed more sunlight to reach his vegetable garden. The plants would flourish with more sunlight to strengthen them.

Losing a tree cannot compare to losing someone or something precious, but it provides a picture of how God can turn loss into abundance. Amid the pain of significant losses in my life, God filled up the emptiness with an abundance of love. God gave me beauty and joy in spite of my loss and mourning, and praising God lightened the heaviness.

Where a tree once stood, now light floods our garden. Likewise, our scars of loss do not need to remain places of pain and darkness. Rather they can be markers of where God met us and brought new light to our lives.

Read Isaiah 61:1-6



Community United Methodist Church

Being the Somebodies Who Do Something in Jesus' Name

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1165

Physical Address: 130 Church Lane

Port Hadlock, WA 98339

Phone: 360.385.1579

Church office email: cumc@olympus.net

Church Office Hours:

8:00am- 2pm, Tues/Wednesday

8-10 Thursday

Web Site: www.HadlockChurch.com

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

Scott Rosekrans, Pastor

Email: pastorscottrosekrans@gmail.com

Pastor's Office Hours:

10 am - 4pm

Monday- Thursday