

CREATING CONNECTIONS

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Community United Methodist Church



June 2024

Life is Good After All

I got to talk to a couple of my favorite people earlier today. Both had been on my mind so rather than spend mindless time on Facebook I gave them each a call just to see how they were doing. In spite of their issues, physical and mental, that they are dealing with they both sounded very upbeat which, because of who they are, was not surprising to me. They understand that life has its ups and downs and that it is not God's fault that sometimes things don't go the way we want, and that often times we are the cause for the train going off the rails. We all know folks like that and are happy to see them coming as they are bringing a ray of sunlight with them as opposed to those folks who seem to be living under a dark cloud of doom and gloom.

What is it that is so different about these people? Were they born that way? Was it good parenting? Is it privilege? Nope. We've all known people who were born into great families, had excellent parents, and wanted for nothing who led a miserable existence. And on the flipside, we can point to that person who never seemed to catch a break that is so optimistic about the future that they tell you they are blessed.

So, what is it that makes these people so different? Well, I can't speak for everyone, but from a Christian per-

spective it may be what the Apostle Paul was writing about in his first letter to the church in Corinth. Chapter 13 of First Corinthians is known as Paul's love letter in which he talks about the power of love, what true love is and what it isn't. And, from a Christian perspective, when all else fails, he writes that we still have faith, hope, and love, with love being the greatest of the three. He's right. We are blessed with a deep and abiding faith in God and his plan for us and his creation, and we have that hope for a better life here on earth and in eternity, and a Christ-like and Christ-inspired love for God, self, and neighbor that is as unconditional as we can make it, a love we want to share with others.

Sometimes, when life gets in the way, we forget how good life is after all, and it takes a simple unplanned phone call to bring us back to our center. So, if you are sitting there under your own personal cloud of gloom pick up your phone and call that positive person who is always willing to share a little ray of their own personal sunlight, and if you are one of those positive and upbeat people who is more than happy to make time for others, pick up that phone and bring some sunshine into someone's life. You'll never know how much you can brighten their day, or your day that matter, unless you call.

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Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley (1703-1791)



Scott's smile says it all!

He serves our church with such joy
in his heart, and gardening just adds
to that joy!

Stop by or reach out at pre- service
and give him a much earned "Thank
You"!





Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup

I am excited to announce that the founders of the soup kitchen, Ray and Lodema are back in town. Welcome back to the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

Thank you to all the volunteers that have provided soup and fellowship for May: Marcell, Lori, Patti C, Diane W, 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 30-35 bowls of soup each week. The trend in May continues to be that the Vegetarian Choice is the first to go.

Many of our guests are taking soup home to a friend or to eat later in the day.

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 couple of openings in June: **June 15th** and **June 29th**.

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 sneaks in with the broth, beans, or tomatoes that we might include in the soup). **Please no added salt.**

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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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Volunteer Sign Up Sheet!
May/June 2024



To have a good smile, you have to say the right words. To have beautiful eyes, find the beauty within the person in front of you. To be elegant, share your meals with those who are hungry. To have beautiful hair, let a child caress you everyday. To have a beautiful attitude, always walk knowing that you are never alone, and as you grow, you will think you need a hand and you will find one at the end of each arm; and you will realize that you have two hands, one to help yourself and the other to help those who need it.

Excerpt from Audrey Hepburn quotes



From the Past!

How many faces do you recognize?



The many faces that make **CUMC** the wonderful church that it is. This is the face of a church in action, that is not standing by hoping someone will help, because, **"WE ARE THE SOMEBODIES WHO ARE DOING SOMETHING IN JESUS NAME"**





It's funny how some years we show great growth in our lives and other seasons, we seem to just be treading water. This year is a spectacular year for our flowers and bushes! Mix in the right ingredients and we can blossom spectacularly, just like this garden, where planted!

1 Corinthians 7:24 In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sister, there remain with God.





Silent Dessert Auction

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

We had some great Cornflake Cookies, Brown Bottom Banana Bars, cupcakes and Billie's famous Cinnamon knots—what could be better than that! Together we



raised \$237.00 to help pay for our safe parking lot! The running total raised to date to support making the parking lot safe is \$2187.00 Thank you everyone for your support.

Bakers needed for June! If you are interested in making some yummy homemade desserts, please call Lori at 360 620-0809 or send an email

Lori@tlobe.com.



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!





United
Women
in Faith

Will be taking the summer months off and will resume meeting in the fall. Please enjoy your summer and we hope all will return in the fall with joy and energy!

Questions can be directed to:

Pat Chase @360.385.3457 or

Gladys Heinzinger @ 360.385.9049



If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere- Laura Ingalls Wilder



Seen around CUMC:

Freshly mowed lawn, and trimmed trees! The apple trees are in full bloom and are spectacular! See photo in this publication.

Parking lot crew checking the low spots for repairing.

A super full parking lot can be seen quite often. Our church is a busy spot and caters to many different groups, ie: Al Anon, Designated Drivers, Spinning group, Bell Ringers, Rogue Yoga & Alzheimer support group, just to name a few!

Gladys donating black grass starts..whatever those are..Pastor was quite pleased tho!

Piano tuning. We try to keep the temp in the sanctuary up, and now close the bifold doors so we don't heat the narthex, but our piano is a lovely instrument and Sheila makes it sing!

The cute teenage girl from the upper unit of the parsonage, riding her bike to school

A full house for Sundays service on 5/5/24! What a joy to have so many in attendance!

Welcome to Wanda Garrett, who is moving to our area from CA!

All 7 of the Spirit Singers group practicing and jamming. What a joy it is to include Mark and Peggy.

Guitar & Banjo jamming music while working in my office, What a treat! :-)

Here comes the sun, lalalala...Here comes the sun and I say, it's alright

Mothers Day...wow the music by Lee-Alison Sibley and the Spirit Singers, the flowers up front and on the altar and then the Bake Sale! Such tasty and pretty deserts! And absolutely glorious weather made for a particularly lovely Mothers Day!

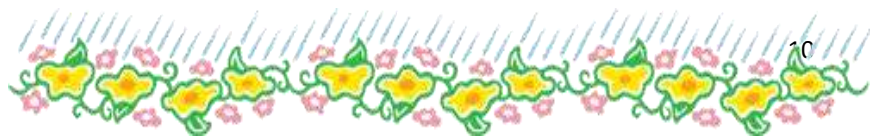


A colorful group of ladies in the Spinning group enjoying each others company while their hands and fingers move quickly and effortlessly with the yarn!

Rogue Yoga group stretching and moving with grace and silence

A lot of effort goes into preparing the Sunday service. From altar flowers, to bulletins, to special music and Sermon. A big Thank You to those who serve, tirelessly!





This little tree blooms each year. Not only is it lovely but it produces an interesting apple. They add a nice tartness to applesauce but take some work to handle as they are quite small. The other tree isn't quite as showy but it makes big yummy apples that do make delicious apple pies and sauce. Jerry Childs did a great job trimming the big apples, tree.

The Pastor and John Sweet as well as Don Olsen put in a lot of time and effort to make the church look so lovely.

Come visit...The doors are open!



Mothers Day was a festival of Music. Special music was presented by Lee-Alison Sibley, who sang African American Spirituals with her stunning voice! The addition of Mark on Banjo and Peggy singing Soprano, the Spirit Singers have become quite the "Choir". With Sheila the best pianist, Diane keeping the beat on her bass and Scott rounding out the talent on his guitar, our group is bursting happily at the seams!





Sometimes, we just have to rely on faith that God will provide...he did so for Diane Johnson, Sunday the 28th when she realized she was up for the altar arrangement. With scissors in hand, she used the flowers and tree limbs from outside the church! Stunning!



Mothers Day was a day of beauty, not only with the sunshine, but the flowers up front and this beauty by Billie Fitch that graced the altar!



Some of our new Rhody's in bloom. Looking healthy and ready to share their glory with us for sometime to come!



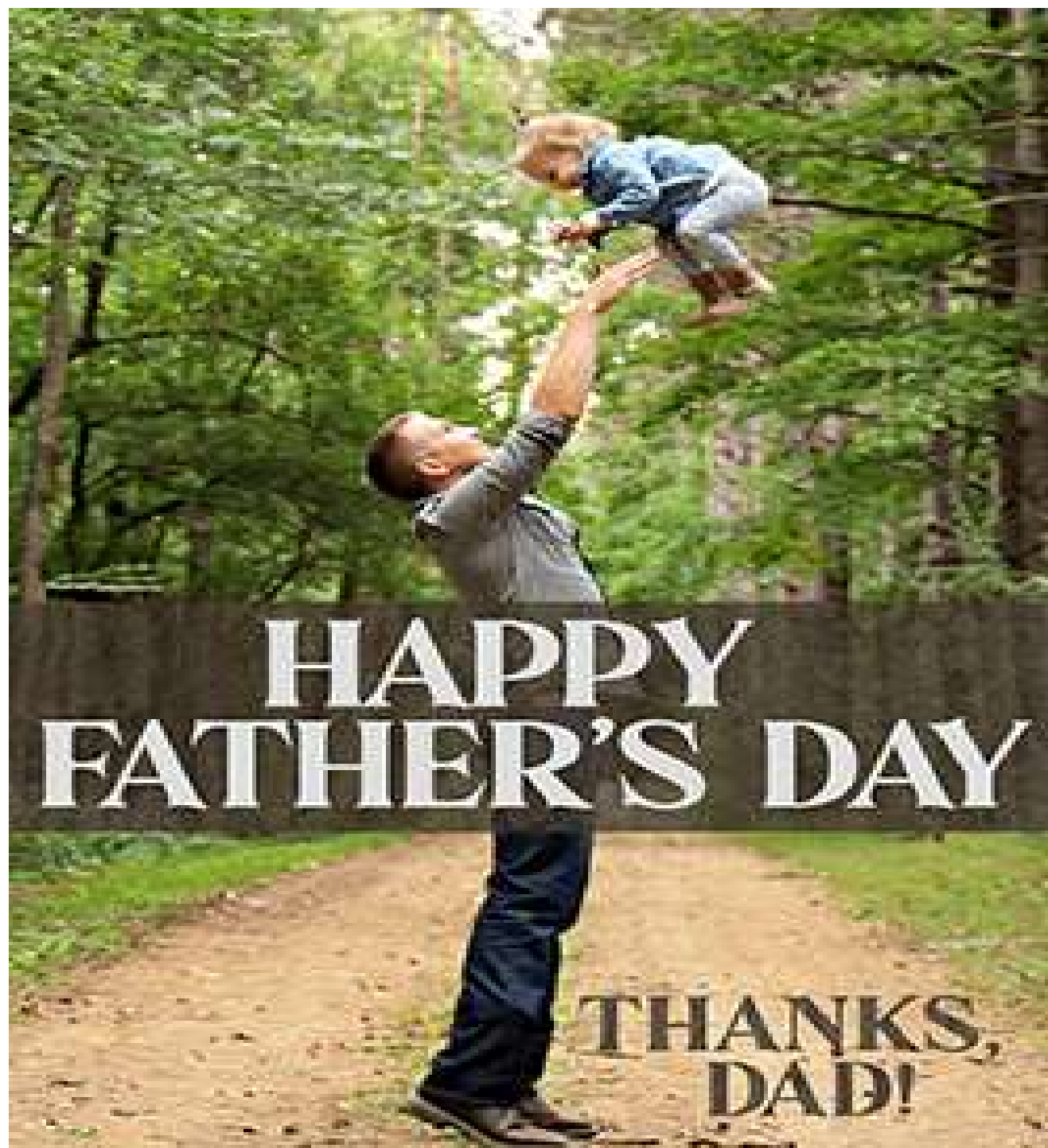
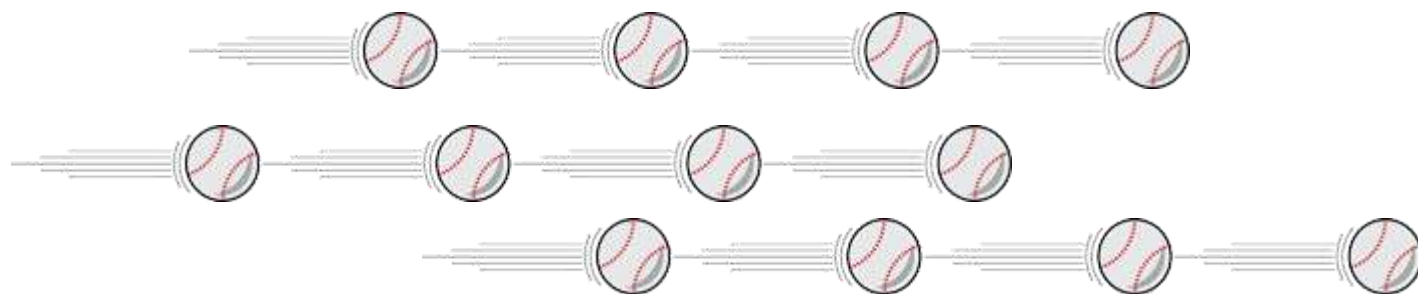
Choir News

Meet Micheal Hohnbaum:

As many of you know, Micheal is a gifted trumpet player and we have been blessed with his talent and joy of sharing with our congregation.

Micheal and his wife Karri along with their son and daughter in law and the cutest grandbaby have attended our services when they are able. Micheal and Karri live on Marrowstone Island and the rest of the family in Bremerton.







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)



Photo by: Siochain Deva

Sunday May 19th, was
John Sweet's day with
Wilhelm his grandson..

Besides being super
cute, he was also super
well behaved!

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.

Summary of all donations by category April 1– April 31, 2024

Category	Amount	#Donations	#Donors
Missions	\$200.00	2	2
Non Pledge gifts	\$310.00	5	3
Parking lot	\$348.00	9	7
Pledges	\$9,998.00	31	20
Soup Kitchen	\$15.00	2	2
Totals	\$10,871.76	49	



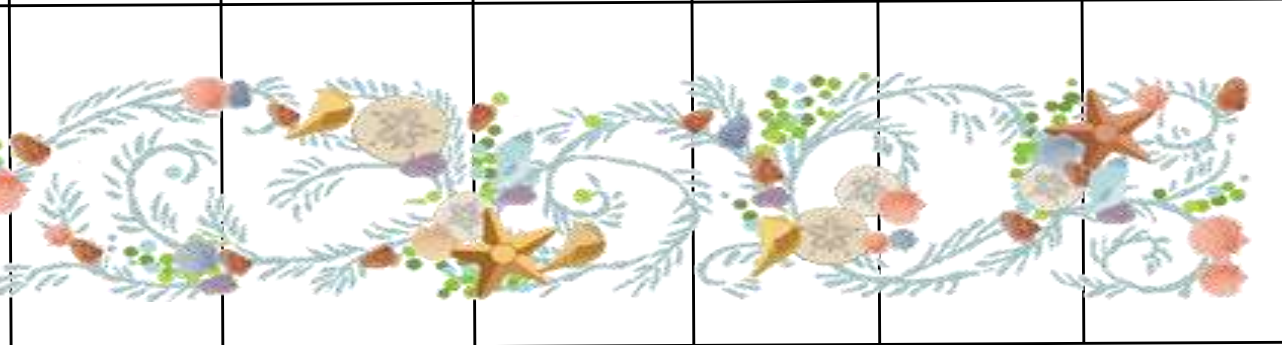
Summary of all donations by category 1/1/2024– 4/30/2024

Category	Amount	#Donations	#Donors
Building Maintenance	\$40.00	1	1
Clothes/General Store	\$20.00	1	1
Missions	\$3,350.00	7	5
Non Pledge gifts	\$1,045.00	17	7
Parking lot	\$2,563.00	33	14
Pledges	\$35,890.36	122	28
Quil Sr Table	\$475.50	4	2
UMCOR	\$200.00	1	1
Soup Kitchen	\$65.00	3	2
Totals	\$43,648.86	189	

For 2024, there were 18 pledges turned in for a total of \$70,860





	MON	Tues	Wed	THUR	Fri	Sat 1
						General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
2 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	3 Alzheimer Support 10:30-noon	4 Designated Drivers 4:30p	5	6 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting Rogue Yoga 10am-1:00pm	7	8 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
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	17	18 Designated Drivers 4:30pm	19 Deadline for Newsletter articles	20 Rogue Yoga 10am-1pm 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library Ad Council ZOOM 6:30p	21	22 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
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BIRTHDAYS

6 Dale Kelley
11 Gerri Shaw
15 Stephen Chase

HOSPITALITY



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

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

LITURGISTS

2nd: Laurie Engelbeck
9th Billie Fitch
16th Liz Hazen
23th Laurie Engelbeck
30th Kathi VanCamp

COUNTERS

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

GREETERS



December LECTIONARY READINGS

June 2

1 Sam 3:1-10
PS. 139:1-6, 13-18
2Cor 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-35

June 9

1 Sam *:4-20
PS. 138
2 Cor 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 16

1 Sam 15:34-16:13
Ps.20 or Ps. 72
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

June 23

1 Sam 17:32-49
Ps 9:9-20
2Cor 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 30

2 Sam 1:1, 17-27
Ps. 130
2 Cor 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name

June 7, 2024 by Debra Ormay

Something for Everyone

I enjoy watching the birds outside my home-office window. From this vantage point, I have learned about the feeding styles and food preferences of various birds. Slate-colored juncos hop backward on the garden floor to reveal food. Mourning doves poke around on the ground to find millet seeds that have fallen from the feeders. Downy woodpeckers take a seed from the feeder and hammer it against a tree branch to crack it open. Goldfinches can't get enough thistle seeds. Nuthatches peck away at suet. Black-capped chickadees like everything!

Watching the birds reminds me of the many spiritual disciplines we use to stay close to God and grown in faith. Fasting, prayer, daily Bible reading, meditation, walking a labyrinth, worship and Bible study are some ways we can feed our faith. Personally, I keep a prayer journal and use the Upper Room as part of my daily spiritual practice.

Anytime is a perfect time to try a new spiritual practice. Whether it's walking a labyrinth for the first time or joining a Bible study, whatever we learn from these new practices will stay with us and serve us in the future.



Read 1 Timothy 4:6-16



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8-10 Thursday

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Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

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