

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

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## Community United Methodist Church

### Pastor's Pen



November, 2024

#### Our Faith is a Verb

By this time next week, the presidential election will hopefully be over although there is a fear that the outcome may or may not be contested, to be litigated in the courts. What is particularly troubling is the fact that our Christian faith has been weaponized to the point it has gotten extremely ugly and partisan. Now that's not to say that religious affiliation or beliefs haven't been a factor in past elections for public office. It has but not to the extent we are seeing it play out now. It's as if the debate over who might be the better Christian and therefore better suited to lead the nation, is on steroids.

Now, before you get alarmed by the prospect that I'm going to preach politics from the pulpit, I am not. Where I am going with this is that recently I was watching a televised town hall meeting where a candidate was asked whether or he or she prayed. His or her response was yes, they prayed, and that their faith was a verb. That caught my attention, and I wondered if anyone else caught it. The candidate didn't identify as to which denomination he or she was, just that their faith was an action word and not merely a label. I was disappointed that the moderator didn't dig deeper so the candidate could explain what it means to put one's faith into action. I later learned that the candidate was not a Methodist so I knew his or her response, if there was to be one, would not have been in the Wesleyan tradition but certainly would have referenced what the Apostle James wrote in his

letter regarding faith without action being dead. (James 2: 14-26)

I remember when I got the word that I was going to be appointed to Community United Methodist Church and how excited and scared I was. Assuming a leadership role in a church, especially as a pastor, can be intimidating. I had not been to seminary so I didn't have that religious training ordained pastors have and can fall back on. God knew that so one day when I was wandering around the used book section at our local Goodwill, I was perusing the religion section when I spotted a recent edition of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. It caught my attention so I looked it over and then gave my pastor a call to see if it was something I should buy and read. I was advised to buy it, so I did and took it home to begin reading it.

As an attorney, I was amazed at how detail oriented the Methodists were. It appeared they had a statement or position on just about all things religious. I wondered if anyone else knew about this book. In the section on Our Doctrinal Heritage, I found a statement on Faith and Good Works that said: *We see God's grace and human activity working together in the relationship of faith and good works. God's grace calls forth human response and discipline. Faith is the only response essential for salvation. However, the General Rules remind us that salvation evidences itself in good works. For Wesley, even repentance should be accompanied by "fruits meet for repentance," or works of piety and mercy. Both faith and*

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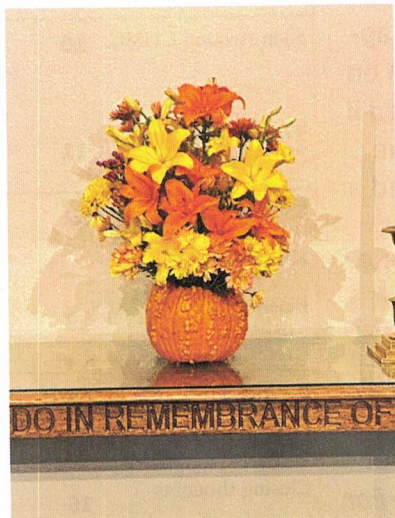
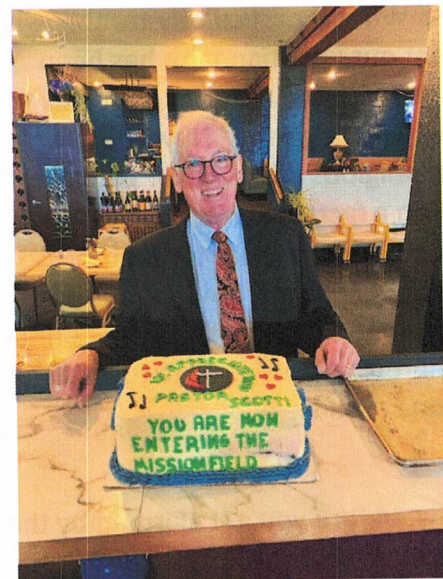
good works belong within an all-encompassing theology of grace, since they stem from God's gracious love "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit." It was saying that our good works was evidence of our salvation. Our good works spoke for us. It was the fruit of our repentance. Why did I not know this?

And right under that was a position entitled: Mission and Service that stated: *We insist that personal salvation always involves Christian mission and service to the world. By joining heart and hand, we assert that personal religion, evangelical witness, and Christian social action are reciprocal and mutually reinforcing. Scriptural holiness entails more than personal piety; love of God is always linked with love of neighbor, a passion for justice and renewal in the life of the world. The General Rules represent one traditional expression of the intrinsic relationship between Christian life and thought as understood within the Wesleyan tradition. Theology is the servant of piety, which in turn is the ground of social conscience and the impetus for social action and global interaction, always in the empowering context of the reign of God. This is a call to action.*

For Wesley there is no religion but social religion, no holiness but social holiness. As Methodists, our communal forms of faith in the Wesleyan tradition not only promote personal growth, they also equip and mobilize us for mission and service to the world. Our faith is a verb.

The challenge for us in the years to come is to make sure our faith is deep and strong so that when we jump into action others will recognize our good works as evidence of our faith, and that they too might want to know what it is that we have that makes us so self-assured and confident in our daily walk. We can't do this alone. We need each other. We need you. We need you worshipping with us, supporting our church with your prayers, your talents, and your tithes so that we can continue to be an active presence in our community who have come to know us as action figures, the somebodies who do something in Jesus' name.

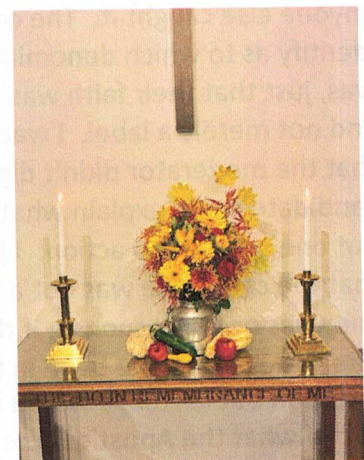
--Scott



Billie Fitch creation! Just lovely!!



A lovely bouquet was created by Liz Hazen, a gifted floral arranger too. Thank you Liz!



This beauty was by Diane Johnson!



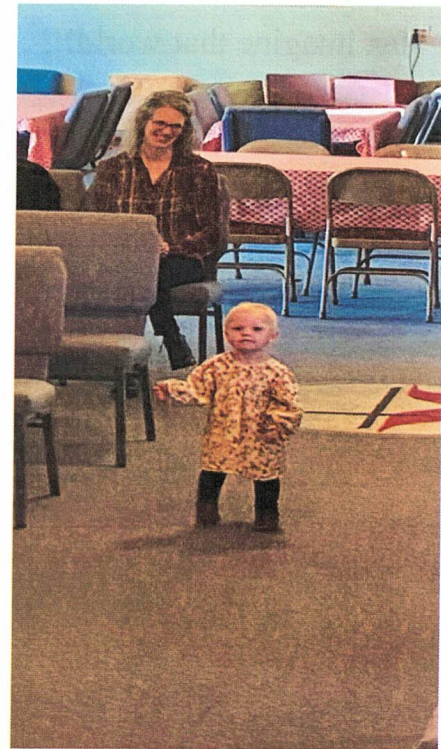


If you weren't here or watching you missed a doozy of a service! Bluegrass music was enjoyed by all, especially Kai who danced happily to it, but had us all toe tapping and smiling!

A big thank you to Ethan Powers. A gifted musician!



After the morning service, we had a delightful Hot Dog and side dish potluck. Thanks to the men for cooking the dogs to perfection and the donations of wonderful side dishes to complete the potluck. We even had ice cream..YUMO!





## News from Jean Holtz

Yesterday, at our free store, I met a young man who both impressed me & humbled me. He came seeking some pots & pans for his new place. He said he had just moved into a "tiny home". I replied, "oh, which tiny home village are you in?( because he had also just said he had been living in his car. )

He proudly said, "Oh, no. I meant the tiny home I built for myself out of pallets". He then explained he & his Dad built the little house on his Dad's property ( for only \$60.00 worth of screws). So, he was looking for some household items to make his tiny structure a home for himself. I showed him a number of appliances, utensils, pots, pans. He looked at each item (that he could have free) thoughtfully. His frequent response was..."I want to make sure I really need this or should I leave it for someone who needs it more?" Honest to God, he said that...more than once. Imagine a world comprised of thoughtful, young, creative, humble young men, who, in their own need, think of others who might be more worthy of the items I was trying to give free.

Just imagine that world!!!



**"The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty." (unknown)**





United  
Women  
in Faith



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The United Women in Faith invites all you church ladies to join us for our monthly meeting.

When: **Thursday November 7th**

Time: **10:00AM**

Where: **Road House Restaurant In Port Townsend**

Program: This will be our planning meeting for the next year.

Questions: please call Pat Chase @ **360-385-3457** or

Gladys Heinzinger @ **360-608-6953**







## Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup



We are still serving around 25 to 30 bowls of soup per week.

The people we serve are so grateful for a hot meal. They love the fellowship and relaxed atmosphere! We receive at least one Thank you for what we are doing every week.

**Fun**



Many of our guests are taking soup home to a friend or to eat later in the day. One participant in the Tiny Home Village brings soup back to some of her neighbors that can't get out to get soup—her own ministry. We are so blessed!

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 only one opening on 11/30/2024.



### Things to Remember:

- Bananas
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- No added Salt

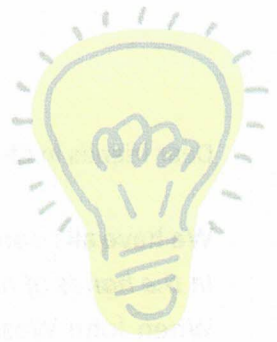


If you would like to sign up, visit the signup sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Lori at 360 620-0809 or email [Lori@tlobe.com](mailto:Lori@tlobe.com).

Thank you for your support in this important ministry!







## Desserts When You Want Them!

### Baker's Are Ready to Bake!

Dessert orders continue to come in to date, we have raised almost \$900.00 to help pay off the parking lot! Thank you for your orders. We have at least one more order coming in November, a football shaped cake with a sweet surprise inside.



We have made cakes, giant cupcakes, sheet cakes and treats for special occasions. My pie bakers are waiting to make you a special delicious pie for your special occasion. I personally have been having a blast making so many people happy with tasty treats that look great!

If you ever want a homemade treat for your family gathering, a Birthday Cake, Retirement cake or other kind of treat for a party, just give me a call.

The Dessert Auction Bakers and ready to bake whenever you want and whatever you want.

We can make:

Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes, Giant Cupcakes and Jumbo Cupcakes. We can also make: Brownies, Pies, Bread, Sweet breads like lemon, banana, and more.

We are willing to fulfil your request in exchange for a donation to help pay for the parking lot. We can give you an estimate or just leave it up to you to make a generous donation towards paying for our beautiful parking lot.

We would need at least one week's notice to prepare and would appreciate a donation of at least \$50.00. (many have paid more).



If you want something, just call me, Lori, and I will coordinate with our volunteer bakers to fulfill your requests.

It's a win, win, win! You get a sweet treat when you want it, our bakers get to do what we do best, and the church raises money to help pay off the parking lot!

Lori can be reached at 360 620-0809 or [lori@tlobe.com](mailto:lori@tlobe.com).



## November 2024 Letter to Congregation

Dear friends in Christ,

We have all heard and believe that *"money is an excellent gift of God, answering the noblest ends. In the hands of his children, it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, raiment for the naked"*. When John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church said: *"Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can, we are called to ministry: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide drink for the thirsty, he is asking us to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can".* For John Wesley, it was focusing upon what others did not have and how you could lovingly help them with that which you have been blessed. It was about priorities and what really mattered to God the Father.

What does this mean for us at Community United Methodist Church?

It means that we are called to do what we can to help people in need. To help our neighbors however we can.

The good news is that is exactly what we are doing: providing for people in need. We provide everything from canned food, much needed warm clothes, and even pet food for their beloved companions. We also provide hot soup and a safe environment for fellowship. We have taken God's Words and the words of John Wesley into our hearts!

Can we count on you to provide all you can to continue our ministries in the community? It takes each of us and we can't do it without you! It takes many hands to do what Jesus and John Wesley has asked of us.

Please consider making a pledge to help continue our ministries in the community. Can we count on you to help keep our church serving God's people in need by saying yes to doing all that you can. Please say yes to doing all that you can!

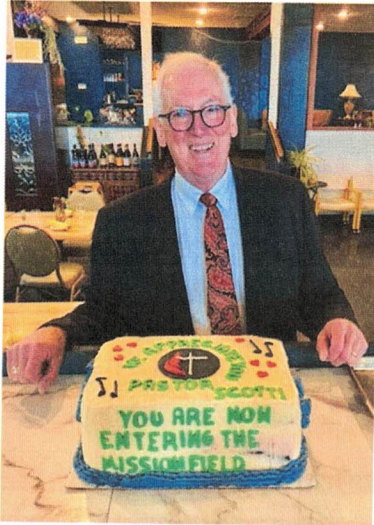
Yours in Christ,

Lori Oberlander  
Stewardship Chair





# Pastor Appreciation



The cake says it all! We appreciate you, Pastor Scott!

Thank you for being on your 9<sup>th</sup> year of a 3-year commitment. Together we have accomplished so much. You have brought our vision of serving people in need to life!

We appreciate your enthusiasm, your humor, your faithfulness and your ability to lead us into answering God's call to be SODS (Somebody who ought to do Something).

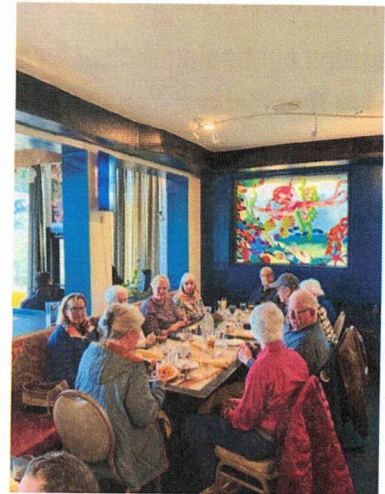
You have been a blessing to our whole community, you have listened with courage to God's calling to try new things and go where we have not gone before. We look forward to more years together!

Thank you to all who were able to attend the celebration of our much-appreciated Pastor, thank you to John Sweet for



organizing the celebration and thank you Teresa for being a support and equal partner with Scott through his adventures at CUMC.

A special thank you to the anonymous donor who ordered the homemade cake by providing a generous donation to help pay for the parking lot.



That smile says it all!



"We are now entering the Mission Field"





## Seen Around CUMC.....

I think we now have an official "herd" of deer. Counted 6 with Jean Holtz this am, when she came in for the Trustee meeting. The babies are quite playful! And apparently they are very musical, as one young buck came right up to the conference room window as the Bell Choir ladies were practicing. He seemed quite curious about the sounds we were making!

Scott returning after a brief visit to Texas...Welcome home to Scott & Teresa!

Sue French coming in on a Wednesday to help our new lower tenant and her young son get some much needed things for their new home. Welcome Aimee Harris and Rylan. And thank you Sue for being so willing to help out and so gracious while doing so!

A big Thank you to AJ Laverty....she comes through every time I call with a need for our Sunday services! She is our flower or plant fill in gal when others are sick or no one has signed up for Altar flowers! She also works the technical program to help with our videos and FB, and can be seen early on Sunday mornings, making coffee and setting up our social treats for before and after the Sunday services! What a blessing she is!

If you missed it in person, you might want to go to the church website [www.hadlockchurch.com](http://www.hadlockchurch.com) and watch the Spirit Singers do an acapella version of My Jesus, I love thee. It was our first attempt and was well received. We plan to try to do more before the end of the year.

SCOTUS series continuing in the Library by SSF. Next Months is Nov 11- Dec 9 on Comparing Cultures. Series to be presented in the Narthex. You can contact the office for more details.

Upper Parsonage Unit's daughter is driving, but is not comfortable backing down the driveway, so she is parking across from the church. I've seen her backing and its way better than she thinks, but kudos to her for knowing her limits!

Sunday October 20th was a Bluegrass mini festival. After the service we had a hotdog potluck that was delish and even had ice cream! Our guest performer was Ethan Powers, a gifted musician that can play just about anything he says....we jammed and sang and danced or at least Kai our sweet baby girl did! She entertained the whole crowd as did the musicians and singers!! Well done all :-)) Can also be seen on the church website above.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!



# November







### Treasurer's Report Year to Date

1/1/2024 – 9/30/2024

#### Income:

Pledges \$87,587.31\*

Earned Income \$41,936.63

Total \$130,743.94

#### Expenses:

Apportionments \$13,576.00

Mission \$6,800.00\*\*

Operating \$38,892.74

Program Ministry \$31,383.92

Personnel \$24,675.13

Total \$129,867.40

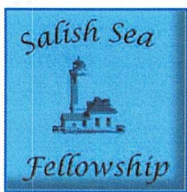
Total to Date Profit/Loss \$1,496.54

\* Your Pledges are Needed! If you haven't made your pledge, it isn't too late.

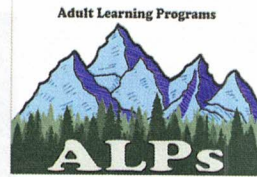
\*\*This amount does not reflect funds received or spent for the Soup Kitchen or General Store; those funds are accounted for in an Accounts Payable (pass through) Account. All funds given for the Soup Kitchen or General Store goes directly to support those ministries.







# Fall 2024 Classes & Field Trips



ALPS is a free Community Service of the Salish Sea Fellowship. All are invited to participate in our Fall 2024 Classes & Field Trips. Please see the full brochure & signup instructions at <https://salishseafellowship.org/other-activities-and-events/>.

Note that three of the 14 programs will take place at CUMC:

- 4 Wednesdays, Oct. 9→30, 1:30-3:00 PM - **Supreme Court of the United States**
- 5 Mondays, Nov. 11→Dec. 9, 1:00-3:00 PM - **No One Right Way: Comparing Cultures in Multiple Countries**
- 1 Friday, Nov. 15, 10 AM-Noon - **Making Beaded Flag Pins**

Other programs are at churches, libraries and locales nearby. We hope you'll join us.



## KNIT NOVEMBER!

THIS NOVEMBER WE ARE KNITTING TOYS FOR KIDS. PICK UP A KIT AT THE CUMC GENERAL STORE. PATTERNS, YARN & STUFFING ARE PROVIDED IN THE KITS! PATTERNS INCLUDE:

- ♦ **BUNNY** DON'T WANT TO MAKE A FULL TOY OR DON'T HAVE TIME?
- CAT** KITS CAN BE RETURNED WITHOUT THE TOY BEING PUT TO-
- ♦ **DOG** GETHER. YOU CAN KNIT 8-12 INCH SQUARES & DONATE THEM, & THEY WILL BE ASSEMBLED INTO TOYS. (PLEASE USE ACRYLIC YARN).  
THANK YOU!
- ♦ CUMC GENERAL STORE. 130 CHURCH LN. PT HADLOCK (**SATURDAYS 10-1**)





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 September 1– September 31, 2024**

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
Missions	\$100.00	1	1
Non Pledge gifts	\$355.00	7	4
Parking lot	\$225.00	4	3
Pledges	\$10,915.00	27	15
Clothes/Store	\$190.00	4	3
Soup Kitchen	\$99.61	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$11,884.61.00</b>		<b>45</b>

**Summary of all donations by category 1/1/2024– 9/30/2024**

Category	Amount	#Donations	#Donors
Building Maintenance	\$40.00	1	1
Clothes/General Store	\$700.00	11	6
Missions	\$4,350.00	13	6
Non Pledge gifts	\$3,448.00	54	15
Parking lot	\$4,233.00	57	18
Pledges	\$79,030.36	251	31
Quil Sr Table	\$475.50	4	2
UMCOR	\$200.00	1	1
Soup Kitchen	\$339.61	8	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$92,816.47</b>	<b>400</b>	

**Total Distinct Donors across all Categories: 57**

**For 2024, there were 18 pledges turned in for a total of \$70.860.00**





November

**BIRTHDAYS**

10: Janet Stevenson  
12: Carolyn Allen  
21: Cindi Jones

**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**

3 John Sweet  
10 Billie Fitch  
17 Liz Hazen  
24 Laurie Engelback

**COUNTERS**

3: Lori & Kathi  
10: Debbie & Connie  
17: Marsha & Diane  
24: Lynn & Betty

**GREETERS****September LECTIONARY READINGS**

November 3  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Ps.146  
Heb (;11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

November 10  
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17  
Ps.127 or Ps 42  
Heb 9;24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

November 17  
1 Sam 1:4-20  
1 Sam 2:1-10 or Ps  
113  
Heb 10:11-14,19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

November 24  
2 Sam 23:1-7  
Ps. 132  
Rev 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

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



Sunday	MON	Tues	Wed	THUR	Fri 1	Sat 2
						General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm  Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
10:00am Worship 3 11:15am Fellowship SSF Service 3-7pm	4 Alzheimer support 10:30-noon	5 Designated Drivers 4:30p  Bell Choir 11-12 noon	6  Spirit Singers 10:30	7 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting  Rogue Yoga 10am-1:00pm	8	9 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm  Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
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SSF: Salish Sea Fellowship						



## Guiding Signs

November 2024

I Like to start my day with a run to clear my mind and to feel refreshed and energized. While I was on a recent early-morning run, I was reminded of God's great mercy and protection. As I ran, I happened to glance up at the sky and noticed one particular cloud that seemed to be leading me on. It reminded me of the story of God's using a cloud to lead the Israelites on their journey toward the Promised Land.

I pondered the words from Psalm 78:24 as I finished my run. I believe God reveals to us each day the ways we should go—the ways that are best for us. But are we willing to accept God's leading? The cloud seemingly led me that morning, and I believe God placed it in the sky specifically for me so that I could recall the goodness and grace that God has given me. Such recollections reassure us that God **is** really providing direction in our lives.

Read Exodus 13:17-22

By Todd Diedrich / Upper Room



Community United Methodist Church

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

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8:00am- 2pm, Tues/Wednesday

8-10 Thursday

Web Site: [www.HadlockChurch.com](http://www.HadlockChurch.com)

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**

**Fellowship Time: 11:15 am**

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Monday– Thursday