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Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen



October, 2024

That Time of the Year

Well, it's that time of the year that I am sure every Methodist pastor looks forward to. That time of the year when we start looking for folks to step forward and willingly assume church leadership jobs. And let me say that I am grateful to the many folks who have stepped forward to fill, sometimes, more than one position. Gone are the days in most churches when you had a large congregation to pick from and, to complicate matters, we aren't getting any younger. But age is not an excuse as is evidenced by the workers we have now who are all on the shady side of sixty. Again, thank you. We have plenty of opportunities for service and I won't go into what each one entails because the job description alone can be enough to give you pause. The good news is that we are on our own out here on the Peninsula and can pretty much do it our way, which simplifies things. So, what I'm saying is that if you are interested in getting more involved just let me know and I'll help you find a position that can meet your particular interests. I'd say it goes without saying how important leadership is in the life of a church, but it is, especially during these challenging times but

the rewards are great, and we see how effective we are by the thanks we get from many of those we help. Thanks to the work of those who have put their time in and to those who are still committed we have accomplished so much, but there is much that still needs to be done.

This leads me to our next concern. It is also that time of the year when we will be sending out pledge cards which will help us get a clear picture of what we will have to work with when it comes time to set our budget. Through wise investments and good stewardship, we've done a good job financially in maintaining the church and meeting our financial obligations but as the usual expenses increase, just like they do for you at home, the cost of operating the church also increases. This is what is so difficult for church leaders, to come to you as a congregation and remind you of what it takes to keep the doors open, especially at a time when we are feeling the pinch at the pumps and at the grocery store, which is complicated by the fact most of us are on a fixed income.

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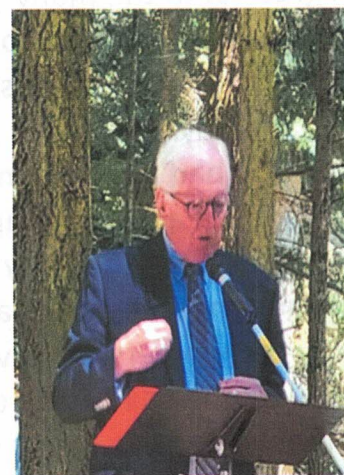
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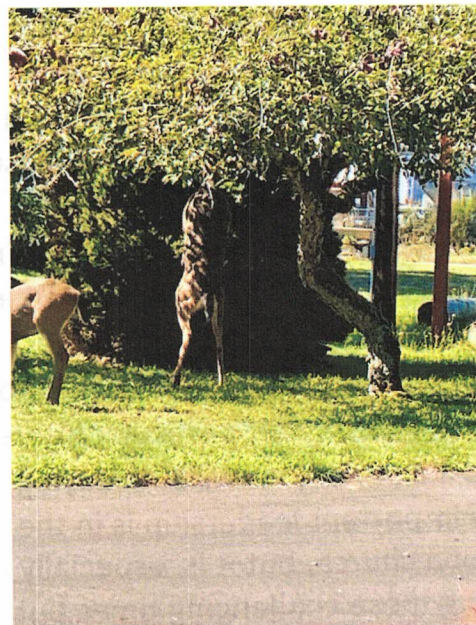
What we are asking you to do is to take a look at what you are currently giving and, if your budget allows it, to consider increasing your tithe even a modest amount as we have become very creative in working with what you share with us out of your abundance. Rest assured, I do not know what each individual gives or does not give so you won't be getting a personal phone call or visit from me or anyone else. We want you to give from the heart as God loves a cheerful giver. So, as you know, I like to lead by example so Teresa and I have discussed what more we can do. I've already told our Staff Parish Relations chair that I won't be asking for a raise this year and that we plan on increasing our pledge as we haven't done so in a couple of years.

In closing, I want to thank you all for the privilege and honor of being your pastor. I've held many different jobs in my lifetime, and I can say without reservation that this job has been the most rewarding and personally fulfilling. As a congregation we've built upon what past generations have done and we have fully embraced the Spirit-led mission God has tasked us with. I am excited to see what is planned for us next and I hope you are too.

Scott

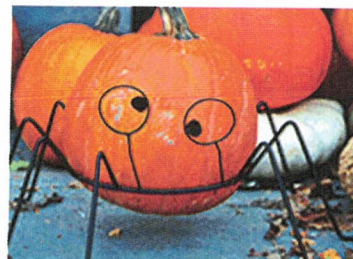
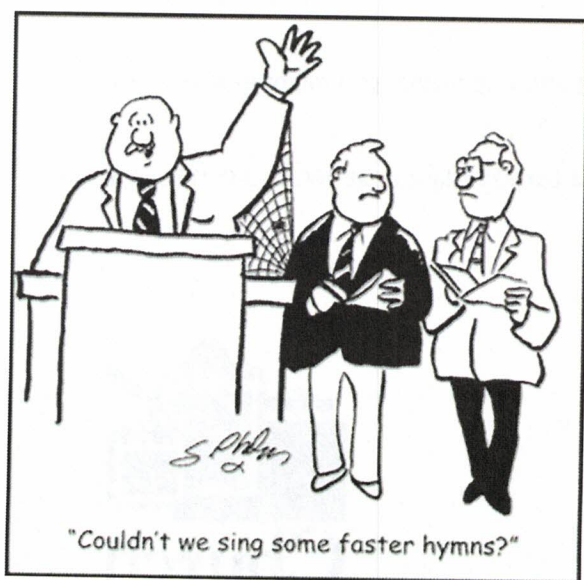


We consistently have a flock of 5 or so deer. They are very active in our safe little church world. No one bothers them and while they are SUPPOSE to leave the flower bed alone, they can be seen strolling through it without a care to what they are stepping on. Here they are pruning the trees and eating the apples. Fill up, winter is coming!



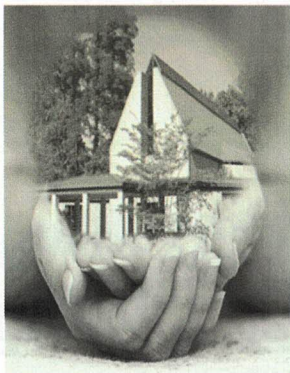


Look closely....This spider produced this web in just a couple of hours. Working diligently!
The Lords encouragement can be seen all around us





Board of Trustees



Who are they and what do they do?

The Board of Trustees are the volunteers at the church who keep things in order: they fix things that break, they make upgrades, they do routine maintenance and so much more!

As we prepare for Nominations for 2025. The Board of Trustees will have a couple of opportunities for you to serve.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the church building, the grounds, the parsonage and other buildings located on our property (except the Senior Housing and the Tiny Home Village).

Other activities and actions include making recommendations to the Ad Council for the purchase, sale, or lease of the property or portions of the property. Also responsible for getting bids, hiring and monitoring contractors or sub-contractors, making and presenting short term and long term priorities of major repairs and remodels to the Ad Council Board.

If you are handy with tools, understand the facilities planning and organizing, you might enjoy working on the Trustees Committee.

If you have questions or you are interested in serving, contact Lori Oberlander at 360 620-0909 or Pastor Scott at 360 385-1579.





United
Women
in Faith

Women of Faith invites all you church ladies to join us for our monthly meeting

When: **Thursday October 3**

Time: **10:00AM**

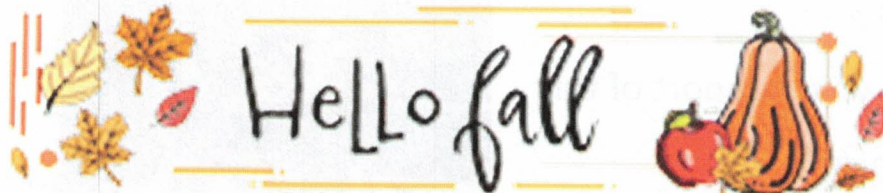
Where: CUMC church sanctuary

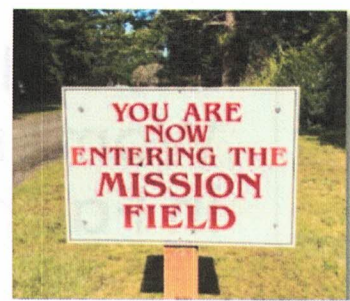
Program: Will be about Bayside Housing, updating us, on housing plans which will have a direct effect on CUMC with the additional tiny homes from Port Townsend for Margarets Village.

Please bring a sack lunch. Dessert will be provided.

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

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





Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup

The most heartfelt thank you goes out to Ray & Lodema and Cal & Linda for their support all summer long—You Rock!! Now that Ray and Lodema and Cal and Linda are heading back to warmer climates for the winter, we are on our own again. But not to worry, God has put the Soup Kitchen ministry on the hearts of the Salish Sea Fellowship who has agreed to make soup for the 3rd Saturday in October and November and possible longer and I still have my regulars on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Saturdays. God has blessed this ministry with faithful volunteers who are putting Gods will of serving His people into action!

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 we are doing every week. We serve between 30-35 bowls of soup each week.

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 no openings in October 2024.

Things to Remember:

Bananas

Hard Boiled Eggs

No added Salt

Thank you for your support of this important ministry!



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 Lori@tlobe.com.





Desserts When You Want Them!

Our Baker's Are Ready to Bake!

update We have received seven requests in the last two months and raised over \$700.00 to help pay off the parking lot! Thank you for your orders. We have three or four more orders going into October. So far we have made birthday cakes, treats for anniversary parties, giant cupcakes for dessert auctions, and have orders for a wedding cake and a cake for a dessert auction. 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 are 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 depending on the treat.

If you want something, just call Lori and she will coordinate with the 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.



Silent Dessert Auction

I have **not received** any **feedback** regarding the **Dessert Auction**. I **plan to** resume the Dessert Auction in November with Thanksgiving treats for your Thanksgiving table.



The running total raised to date to support making the parking lot **safe** is **\$2,497.00** Thank **you everyone** for your support.

I am looking for feedback about the dessert auctions. Please call or text me at 360 620-0809 or send me an email at lori@tlobe.com

- Do you enjoy the desserts?
- Is there any particular dessert that you want to see?
- Would you like a break from the dessert auction for a couple of months?
Maybe **switch to quarterly instead of monthly?**
- Would **you like** more selection? Less selection?
- Would you like them fresh out of the oven and enough for everyone?
- Do you have other ideas to share?

We still **have funds** to raise to **completely replace** our reserves that **we used** to pay for the parking lot. Your feedback is needed and appreciated.

Call, text or email me at 360 620-0809 or Lori@tlobe.com





Our very own Missionaries
sorting and folding and
prepping for our friends
and neighbors who visit to
partake of the resources
we provide. These gals
bless us all! A big Thank
you FOR ALL YOU DO!

Our other very important
mission resource is our
soup kitchen! Here we
have Cal & Linda White,
who bless us each spring
and summer with their
service, joy, friendship,
love of Christ and serving
those who need, it yum-
my soup and look at those
smiles! They brighten all
our days!



Our resident Doe with her twins, frolicking and chasing each other in sheer joy of being alive and safe!

Music, and more Music....Spirit Singers, banjo players, guitar players, trumpet players, incredible pianist and the list goes on. What began as an ask to join Scott has turned into a real music program, and Hand Bells begins soon! CUMC Rocks!!

The waning days of Summer.....sigh!!

Roots & Wings is this Saturday 9/14. Those attending can look forward to a rewarding day of learning and sharing!

The holidays are just around the corner, so the Spirit Singers are prepping some new songs to perform, the Bell Choir hopes to perform and we have some amazing acoustical players that may work up a number or two, not to mention our Trumpet Player ;-)

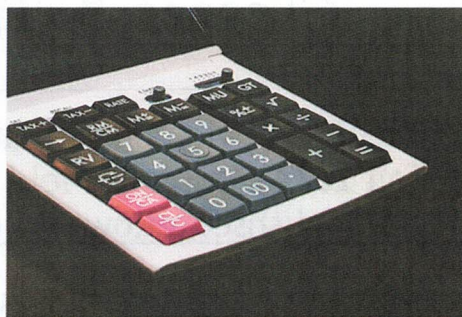
UWF have again secured the Choral Belles to perform on the 12th of December. You don't want to miss this performance and wonderful social time!

Potential renters for the lower unit of the parsonage. Roberta has moved into assisted living and we wish her well.

A rather large, pretentious Slug attempting to enter the building. Even lifted himself up to stare seriously at the door in the way and yours truly suggesting he find another place to visit!

So many applicants for one unit of the parsonage. The need for affordable housing is great and so few! John Sweet and Pastor Scott are carefully considering each applicant.





Treasurer's Report Year to Date

1/1/2024 – 8/31/2024

Income:

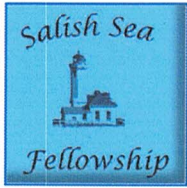
Pledges	\$77,239.69*	
Earned Income	\$39,067.02	
Total		\$116,306.71

Expenses:

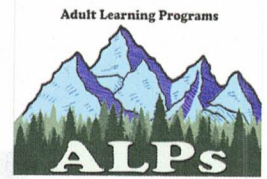
Apportionments	\$12,218.40	
Mission	\$5,700.00 **	
Operating	\$41,834.53	
Program Ministry	\$19,112.90	
Personnel	\$44,891.16	
Total		\$117,549.77
Total to Date Profit/Loss		\$(1,243.06)

* 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.



John Sweet works tirelessly for our church. Shampooing the carpet in the Narthex.. Thank you John!



Lovely flowers provided by Liz Hazen



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 August 1– August 31, 2024

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
Missions	\$100.00	1	1
Non Pledge gifts	\$270.00	4	4
Parking lot	\$490.00	7	5
Pledges	\$5,375.00	24	17
Clothes/Store	\$240.00	3	3
Totals	\$6,475.00	39	

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	\$510.00	7	5
Missions	\$4,250.00	12	6
Non Pledge gifts	\$3,093.00	47	14
Parking lot	\$4,008.00	53	18
Pledges	\$68,115.36	224	31
Quil Sr Table	\$475.50	4	2
UMCOR	\$200.00	1	1
Soup Kitchen	\$240.00	6	4
Totals	\$80,931.86	355	

Total Distinct Donors across all Categories: 56

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



BIRTHDAYS

13 Marsha Hamacher
19 Bernita Butler
30 Diane Johnson

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

6 John Sweet
13 Billie Fitch
20 Liz Hazen
27 Laurie Engelbeck

COUNTERS

6: Lori & Kathi
13: Debbie & Connie
20: Marsha & Diane
27: Lynn & Betty

GREETERS



September LECTIONARY READINGS

October 6
Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Ps 26
Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10: 2-216

October 13
Job 23:1-9,16-17
Ps 22:1-15
Heb 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 20
Job 38:1-7
Ps 104:1-9,24,35c
Heb 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45


October 27
Job 42:1-6,10-17
Ps:34:1-8
Heb 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name

2024



2024

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

October

T. Rajaomaria; Madagascar**October 2, Upper Room**

I used to struggle to pray because I worried that if I didn't pray for something, it wouldn't be taken care of. Whenever I started to pray about one thing, I would suddenly remember another subject to pray for. This went on and on, and I ended up praying about nothing, which made me feel guilty

I cried out to God in despair, "Lord please show me what to do". The answer came right away: "What do you have on your heart right now?" Just pour it out before me". I realized I did not have to worry about ALL the things I needed to pray for. I could focus on the ONE thing I had on my heart now and pour it out before God. I learned that I could take my time with each prayer.

When we let God guide us in our prayers, we can trust that God will take care of our concerns—both named and unnamed. My trust is not in my prayers; my trust is in GOD!

COME
AND
Worship
WITH US

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8-10 Thursday

Web Site: www.HadlockChurch.com**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am****Fellowship Time: 11:15 am**

Scott Rosekrans, Pastor

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10 am - 4pm

Monday— Thursday