

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

## Community United Methodist Church

### Pastor's Pen

April 2025

#### The Master's Plan

To say that we live in uncertain times is an understatement, especially when you think of it in the context of a church. In the 1800s and 1900s the Methodist Church along with other mainline denominations took root in America and experienced a growth in those who were looking to explore and develop their spirituality, a spirituality many didn't know existed. Churches popped up everywhere settlers planted their roots. In every small town across America the largest buildings in the center of town were the county courthouse and one or more churches. I remember the courthouse square in Tyler, Texas, that had the courthouse, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, and the Presbyterian occupying the other highly coveted downtown real estate. Teresa and I attended the Baptist church which was an amazing worship space.

When World War Two ended in 1945 the United States experienced a "baby boom" with returning soldiers and others wanting to get on with their lives, to pursue and experience the American Dream. This increase in church attendance along with youth departments bursting at the seams moved many churches to build on or relocate to accommodate this population explosion. Community United Methodist Church is a perfect example. The Tri-Area had two smaller Methodist churches that, due to this rapid growth, combined and met in the middle at our current location. I have no doubt that the members of the congregation, the church council, and the pastors felt that God

had blessed them, rewarding their faithfulness with unprecedented growth and prosperity. And then the trend began to reverse so slowly at first that no one noticed. We got older and our kids found other things to do on Sunday mornings, and some of our kids started smaller families with fewer children. It was, quite honestly, a convergence of several factors, but nonetheless many churches found themselves struggling to keep their doors open.

Trust me, as a non-seminary trained Certified Lay Minister assigned to a church experiencing a downward trend in attendance and giving, I wondered if I was doing the right thing in accepting this position. I remember telling the Staff-Parish Relations Committee over eight years ago that it was my intention not to be their last pastor. I, admittedly, did not have a plan but I was hopeful something would come to me, that there was a plan out there of which I was unaware. And there was a plan. The Spirit had a plan to help us retool to be the church this community needed in the present time. Remember, Community was formed to meet the needs of a growing community and served the Tri-Area well giving many a strong Christian foundation upon which they could build their lives. And now, God's other children need a church to meet their needs. And look at what the Holy Spirit has done! And not to make it look too easy our retooling had to overcome the challenges of a pandemic and learning new technology.

It's easy to get discouraged but then I am reminded of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylon to encourage them and to let them know that

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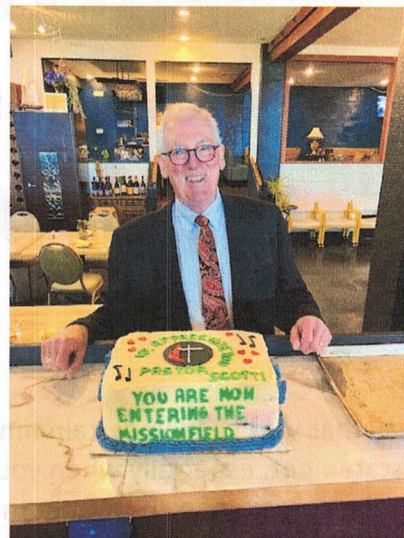
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In chapter 29 of Jeremiah the Lord proclaims through Jeremiah: *When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.* (verses 10,11)

God, the Master, has a plan for his church, his church universal and his church in the Tri-Area. He hasn't let us in on the details as of yet, but he has sent His Spirit to guide and lead us in our retooling so that we can be ready for whatever it is that we are led to do in Jesus' name. These are exciting times to be a Christian and a United Methodist and I lay awake at night wondering what amazing task or challenge God has in store for us as we live in His peace with his promise of a future filled with hope.

Scott



## EASTER SERVICES:

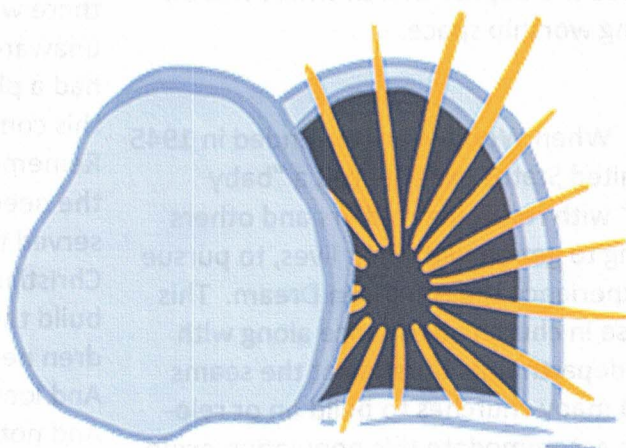
**MAUDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES WILL BE COMBINED : APRIL 18TH**

**@6:00PM**

**EASTER SERVICE: APRIL 20TH**

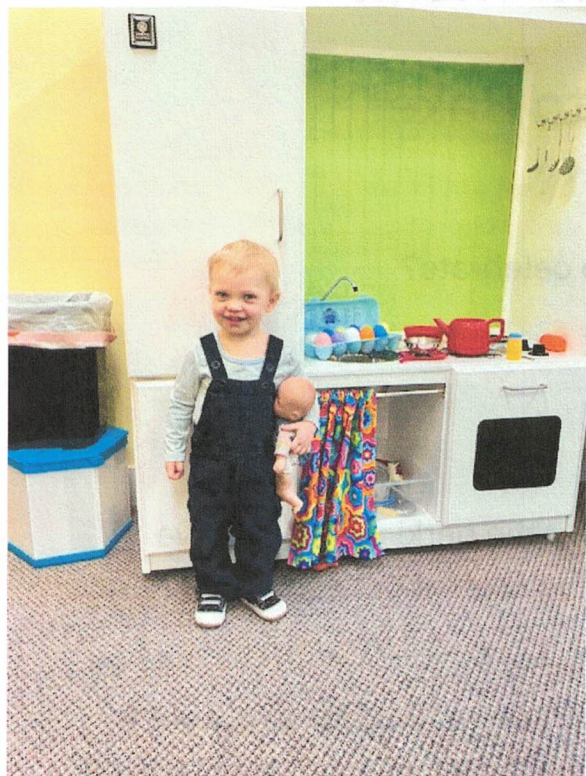
**PLEASE JOIN US THIS EASTER MONTH AS WE REMEMBER THE LIFE AND DEATH OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR., JESUS CHRIST.**

**THERE WILL BE SPECIAL MUSIC INCLUDING THE SPIRIT SINGERS, THE HAND BELL CHOIR, FLUTES, TRUMPET, GUITAR, BANJO, BASS. ALL MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD.**



**Hope is Alive  
AND HOPE HAPPENS HERE!**



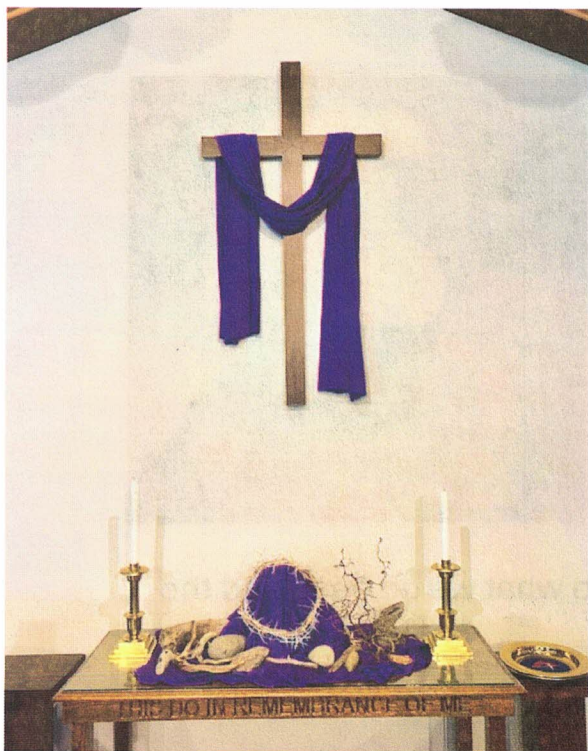


Kai playing in  
the nursery so  
mom can enjoy  
a bit of the ser-  
vice!

Kai is like the  
churches ba-  
by...we adore  
everything  
about her and  
thank her mom  
Brittany for  
sharing her with  
us on Sundays!

April

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS BY PAT CHASE!



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WEDNESDAY THE  
5TH





# Desserts When You Want Them!

## Our Baker's Are Ready to Bake!

- Are you craving something sweet?
- Do you have a special birthday or other occasion to celebrate?
- A special cake makes any occasion more festive!
- Do you want to help our missions in a sweet way?

Our bakers can help!

Although we have are no longer raising money to help pay for the parking lot, we have added a new income source to help balance the budget. The new income source is Fund Raising!

Our bakers are now fund raising to specifically support the Missions Budget Line item for our monthly gifts that support: Bayside Housing, Tri-Area Foodbank, ECHHO, and UMCOR for disaster relief.

We can make:

Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes, Giant Cupcakes, Jumbo Cupcakes and bars. We can also make: Brownies, sweet breads and other items. Just call and we can make it happen!

If you want something to celebrate your special occasion, 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 support our missions!

Call, text or email Lori at 360 620-0809 or [lori@tlobe.com](mailto:lori@tlobe.com).





**1892** Formation of Chimacum Methodist Episcopal Church (19 members)

**1893** Formation of Hadlock Methodist Episcopal Church (25 members)

**1902** Three churches incorporated into Irondale-Hadlock-Chimacum Methodist Episcopal Church

**1903** Chimacum first appeared in NW Conference minutes

**1903** Parsonage built on Chimacum road

**1905** Current property purchased from Samuel Had-

lock by 11--IHCME Church

**1905** 11--IHCME deeded

[property to Methodist

Episcopal Church of Port

Hadlock

**1/25/1914** Land was donated to the two churches by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Puffer to build a parsonage.

**1917** Hadlock reorganized with 24 members

**5/28/1936** Per Leader, Baccalaureate services for CHS seniors at Chimacum church

**1951** Rev. Wendell Cone began mobile ministry in Jefferson and Clallam coun-

ties, with headquarters at Chimacum. Blyn, Irondale, and Hadlock were other points on the circuit.

**1954** Harold Slocum continued mobile ministry

**5/8/55** and Offer to reincorporate as Community Methodist Church of Chimacum and Hadlock per order of District Superintendent

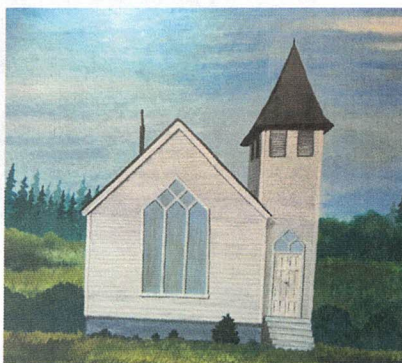
**11/7/55** Church deeded property to Comm. Methodist Church of Chimacum and Hadlock

**4/1956** Women's Society of Christian Concern of both churches combined

**1958** Property halfway between Chimacum and Hadlock (current site) (15 acres) was purchased on credit 12/15/58

**1/29/-4/6/59** Building fund raised \$3500 - \$3000 used to pay full purchase price of land

**1959-** Spring. Educational Unit of CMC started on current property



**1960** Country Kitchens cookbook "Cooky Book" offered by women's society

Educational Unit completed and consecrated

**11/19/1962** -- Congregation voted to leave Hadlock building and establish church in one place

Rev. Richard Ocheltree II appointed pastor for 3<sup>rd</sup> year-173 members/162 in church school

**3/2/1980** Dedication service of sanctuary/kitchen/narthex

Present: Rev. Michael Moore (pastor), Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy, DS Rev. Stan de Pano

**7/26/1992** Centennial Sunday

**Sept 1992** per Clarion, Pastor Dave Johnson sets forth two major program. Rebuilding of Sunday School and small group ministry

## Church History Statistics

(By the Numbers)

**1906** Hadlock Church erected - value \$2000

**1909** Church dedicated at Chimacum — value \$2500

**1958** Church school attendance — 60/church attendance 90 per Clarion 4/3/58

**1964** 173 members, 162 in church school (UMW 31)

**1964** Church valued at \$73,000

Parsonage valued at \$20,500

**1965-66** Budget for church year \$9,289







**Peggy Bauserman singing "Have Thine Own Way Lord", Sunday March 2nd. She sings like an angel and is such a blessing to our church. Thank you Peggy!!**

**Spirit Singers along with two of our four talented Musicians, really enjoy out time together as well as providing music to our wonderful congregation! The Lord has blessed us with a talent and we are happy to share it each Sunday.**

**Pictured: Mark (banjo), Peggy, Connie, Marsha, Kathi, Diane (bass player), Liz . Not pictured Scott & Sheila**







United  
Women  
in Faith

All Church women  
are invited. Please  
Come...>>>

Questions...Call Gladys at  
360.608.6953

Date: April 3, 2025

Location: CUMC 130 Church Lane Pt Hadlock

Time: 10:00AM Enjoy flower arranging by Billie Fitch

Host: AJ Laverty

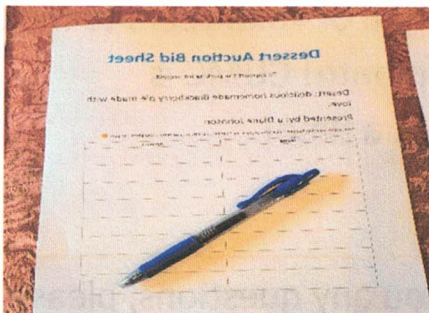
Devotional: Diane Jensen

Bring: Sack lunch. Coffee & Dessert provided by Teresa Roskrans.

# Silent Dessert Auction

The Dessert Auction is back!

Some of you have asked about the Dessert Auction, now that the parking lot is paid off. The good news is that the parking lot is paid off, however, our annual budget was a little short, so we created a line item called "Fund Raising Income". I chose to recommend this new income line item to offset other options to balance the budget. Mostly, I didn't want to touch our missions of the month budget because that money is greatly needed for the organizations that we support: Tri-Area Food Bank, ECHHO, Bayside, and UMCOR.



The Dessert Auction will be held quarterly on the second Sunday. You can count on sweet treats to bid on in March, June, September, and December.

In March, we have some sweet breads, a Lemon Meringue Pie, and other goodies lined up.

Bring your cash or checks and your appetite for sweet treats to bid on some delicious desserts that you can bring to a party, a family gathering or just take home to enjoy at your leisure.



If you are interested in baking cookies, brownies, or bars for our March auction set for the second Sunday, contact Lori Oberlander, know at 360 620-0809 or [lori@tlobe.com](mailto:lori@tlobe.com).

Proceeds will be used to help support our Missions







## Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup

Great news: With the help of Karen, an organized volunteer, with Salish Sea Fellowship, we have organized and labeled the draws to make it easier to find the things we need. We cleared off the counter a little bit and found drawers and cabinets to store things rather than leave them on the counter. Thank you, Karen!

Currently, we serve around 20-25 bowls of soup with gusts up to 30 bowls of soup per week.

The people we serve are so grateful for a hot meal and goodies like eggs and banana to take with them.

They love the fellowship and relaxed atmosphere! Sometimes, they feel so comfortable, they take a short nap.



We have a few new volunteers that are very helpful. That means currently, we have a nice rotation of volunteers to make and serve soup each Saturday of the month! CUMC is spreading our love one bowl of soup at a time!

### Things to Remember:

- Bananas
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- No added Salt



If you any questions, please contact Lori by text, phone call, or email at 360 620-0809 or [Lori@tlobe.com](mailto:Lori@tlobe.com)

Thank you for your support in this important ministry!



# John Wesley Manifesto # 5 Promote

## Equal Treatment for Women

The current United Methodist Church stance has been one of playing a crucial role in advocating for women's rights and full participation. Women in the United Methodist church are involved in leadership, ministry, advocacy, and driving the churches mission. Plus fostering community and Justice.

**The General Commission on the status & role of women advocates for full participation of women in the total life of the United Methodist Church.**

As we all are aware, women's rights have been & are becoming a "hot button" topic for past and current generations of women.

John Wesley was ahead of his times, when he objected to men calling women "agreeable playthings". He said it was the "deepest unkindness and horribly cruel" Mr. Wesley spoke out against the oppression of women. He celebrated women as "image bearers of God". Beside speaking out for women, he acted on his beliefs by appointing women to positions of authority and respect.

We can assume through the thoughts and actions of Wesley and other Methodist preachers, that the way women were treated, was the direct impact of his beliefs on women.

So how does this affect the modern-day woman?

We have all been aware of the changes in the political climate that can and will affect how women are perceived and treated. The loss of Women's Rights and reproductive health, the blocking

of laws that would promote equal pay in the workforce, the inability of the current administration to appoint women, the censoring of words from government terminology, and the dismantling of health services are but a few of the ways we could see or have seen change.

These can be discouraging and demoralizing for women today. But with our faith and support from the United Methodist Church and the support of our own Church, Women still have a role to play!

Any given Sunday, you will see women participating in all aspects of the Worship service. And as our church has grown to see younger women with children attend, the mature women are role models on how important those young women are to the health and well being of our own church.

I think that is one of the most important way to promote equal treatment of women by beginning right here in our own church!

Presented by Kathi VanCamp



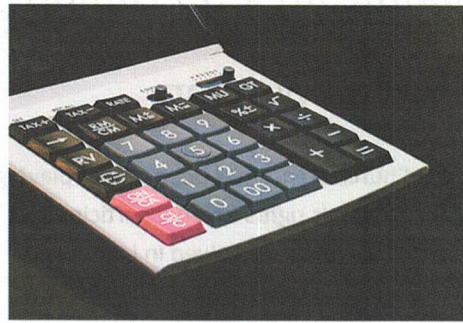
from the  
PASTOR

Join me Wednesday, **April 2nd, at 1:00 p.m.** to write some letters to our elected representatives. You pick the topic or topics that are most important to you and I'll supply the paper, envelopes, and stamps.

Scott







### Treasurer's Report Year to Date

1/1/2025 – 1/31/2025

#### Income:

Pledges-loose Plate \$11,612.25\*

Earned Income \$4,045.31

#### Total Income

\$15,657.56

#### Expenses:

Apportionments \$1391.60

Mission \$600.00\*\*

Operating \$2998.92

Program Ministry \$64.72

Personnel \$5770.53

#### Total Expenses

\$10888.02

#### Total Profit/Loss

\$4769.54

\* 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.







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 February 1– February 28,2025**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>#Donations</b>	<b>#Donor</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>In Kind donation</b>	<b>\$ 126.80</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	<b>\$9007.67</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Clothes/Store</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Non-pledge gifts</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>LA Fire Relief</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Missions</b>	<b>\$2500.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>UMCOR</b>	<b>\$312.00</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$13,836.47</b>	<b>49</b>	
<b>Total distinct donors across all categories</b>			<b>26</b>





April 2025

## BIRTHDAYS

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BIRTHDAYS

1. Betty Prentice

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

## COUNTERS

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

## GREETERS

Ted Ross  
Patrick VanCamp

## HOSPITALITY



## LITURGISTS

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

## 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

April 6

Isa 43:16-21

Ps 126

Phil 3-4b-14

John 12:1-8

April 13

Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

Ps 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion Sunday

Isa 50:4-9

Ps 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11/Luke 22:1-

12

April 20

EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43

Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Cor 15:19-26

John 20:1-18 or Luke

24:1-12

April 27

Acts 5:27-32

Ps. 150

Rev 1:4-8

John 20: 19-31

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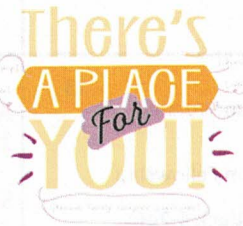
	<b>MON</b>	<b>Tues 1</b> Bell Choir 11-12 Designated Drivers 4:30p	<b>Wed 2</b> Spirit Singers 10:30	<b>THUR 3</b> 10 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting Rogue Yoga 10am-11	<b>Fri 4</b> ALPS class: Art & Nature Day on Whidbey Island	<b>Sat 5</b> General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
6 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship SSF Service 3-7 pm	7 ALPS Class: Comparing Cultures; The Sequel	8 Designated Drivers 4:30p Bell Choir 11-12 noon	9 Spirit Singers 10:30	10 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting Rogue Yoga 10am-11	11	12 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p ~~~~~
13 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship SSF Potluck 4-7pm	14 Alz Support 10:30-noon Spinners Group 1:30-3:30	15 Designated Drivers 4:30p Bell Choir 11-noon	16 Spirit Singers 10:30	17 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-11 Ad Council zoom meeting	18	19 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
 10:00 Worship SSF Service 3-7pm. EASTER	21 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30	22 Designated Drivers 4:30pm Bell Choir 11-noon	23 Spirit Singers 10:30 Deadline for Newsletter articles	24 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library	25	26 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p Bluegrass Pickers 11-3:30. Sanctuary
27 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship	28 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30	29 Designated Drivers 4:30pm Bell Choir 11-noon	30 Spirit Singers 10:30			
	SSF: Salish Sea Fellowship ALPS Class offered by SSF (see brochure in the Narthex for full info on classes & location)					



**POWER IN WEAKNESS****APRIL 2025**

For seven years as a child, I took piano lessons. I quickly learned my strength was sight-reading music; and to my annoyance, my weakness was my inability to memorize easily. One year, when the day of recital came, I still did not feel comfortable with my music. As I walked toward the piano, my stomach was queasy and my hands shaky. I sat down and began to play, but near the end my mind went blank. I could not remember how to finish the piece. Finally, desperate, I just hit a chord, stood up, and walked back to my seat, feeling embarrassed. I wish I could say I over-came my challenges with memorization. I cannot. I wish I could say I can preach and teach without notes in front of me. I cannot. And yet, God still calls me to teach and occasionally to preach and blesses me despite my weakness.

The Bible has many stories about people who felt inadequate whom God used in powerful ways: Moses and Jeremiah are two examples. Even Mary, Peter & Paul struggled until God's grace saw them through to accomplish powerful works. When we give our weaknesses as well as our strengths to God, we can stand strong and marvel at what God does with our lives. Margie McNeir 4/2/25 Upper Room

**Community United Methodist Church****HOPE HAPPENS HERE**

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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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Email: [pastorscottrosekrans@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscottrosekrans@gmail.com)

Pastor's Office Hours:

10 am - 4pm

Monday- Thursday