

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church



January 2026

### Goodbye to 2025

As we say goodbye, or more appropriately good riddance, to 2025 we wish and hope that 2026 will be a happier and prosperous new year. In our mature years we can look back upon our lives and recall certain years that we look upon with warm feelings such as the year we met our intended and got married, the year our first child was born and any that followed, the year our first grandchild was born and what that new life meant for us as we obtained a new status, or the year we got a new job that we never envisioned in our whole life, and then there are those years we would just as soon forget and never, ever relive.

As United Methodists we know that no matter what happens during our lifetimes, our future is guaranteed in eternity. That, in and of itself, is very comforting, especially in the face of all that is wrong with our world. For me, all of the turmoil and divisiveness we've experienced as a people in 2025 has been a real wake-up call, a call to action. I've written letters to my elected representatives, I've participated in three street protests wearing my cross and flame tee shirt that identifies me as a Methodist waving signs encouraging people to do what Jesus would do, and many of my sermons have focused on social justice issues and of late being disrupters of the status quo that adversely impacts the least of these.

So, when I get a burr under my saddle, I check our United Methodist Book of Discipline just to make sure what I'm doing as a pastor is in line with the mission of our church. In our new, post-split Book of Discipline, the Preamble to our Constitution reads in part: *The church of Jesus Christ ex-*

*ists in and for the world, and its very dividedness is a hindrance to its mission in that world. The prayers and intentions of The United Methodist Church and its predecessors, The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church, have been and are for obedience to the will of our Lord that his people be one, in humility for the present brokenness of the Church and in gratitude that opportunities for reunion have been given.* I appreciate the fact that they have recognized and acknowledged the dividedness we experienced as a church over issues that had nothing to do with our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and that our number one obligation is obedience to the will of our Lord that his people be one.

And that's where I believe we need to be going forward into 2026 because if what has occurred and continues to occur in 2025 is any indication, it's going to be an extremely bad year for God's most marginalized children, children Jesus Christ commissioned us to care for, to feed, to clothe, to heal, to visit, to welcome, and to love as we would want to be loved. Hatred is what divides us and love is what binds us and brings us together as one in Christ, but the healing process won't happen unless we get involved in making things better, in demanding justice and insisting upon righteousness in all that our elected official do in their capacities as representatives of the people. The healing starts right here in our own communities and I truly believe that, as a church in the Tri-Area, we have made strides in improving the lives of the less fortunate by treating them with love, respect, and dignity, but we can't stop here. We

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must make our voices heard wherever injustice is flourishing unabated. People need to know what the United Methodist Church stands for and what it will not tolerate under any circumstances.

As I've said on more than one occasion, our church is not God's waiting room. We're not marking time as we plan our own celebrations of life. We have much work to do, and our age and wisdom are pluses and formidable weapons to be employed in the fight against all that is wrong in this world. So, what I'm asking is that you go to God in prayer and seek his guidance and wisdom as to how you can help him achieve his way and his will. I've already added getting pepper sprayed at an immigration rally to my bucket list which may require me to drive out of town to a real hot spot where acts of unkindness are being committed against those who only want to live in peace and harmony with their neighbors as God always intended.

### SCOTT



Andy Smith visits his grandparents from time to time and was the original idea for the "Noisy" change offering that Kai is so good at. He fills in from time to time!



*Our Littlest Member is not just about Missions, although she excels at that, she is also happy to help at any time with activities at the church. Here she is helping to decorate the Christmas tree in the Narthex,*

*We are blessed to watch her grow and become confident with a church full of adults!*

<< Kai Charrier





# United Women in Faith

*Date: January 8, 2026*

*Time: 10:00 am*

*Hosted by: Marsha Hamacher*

*Where: CUMC*



**Billie's smile lights up a room!**

**More UWF ladies enjoying the potluck after the Choral Belles performance, Nov 4, 2025**

**Pictured: Pat Chase, Marcy Wootan and her daughter, Dale Kelley and Billie fitch. More photos next page.**





*Port Ludlow Choral Belles  
Concert , December 4, 2025*

There are wonderful things that happened over the Holidays and having this concert was one of them....It brought together folks from all walks of life and from different religious and cultural backgrounds, who sat together and ate together and genuinely enjoyed each other's company!

Besides the Choral Belles themselves, we had CUMC members, Salish Sea members, and other denominations!

**What A Blessing!**



Check  
out that  
Potluck  
spread!  
YUMO!!



# JANUARY

John and Barbara Sweet's grandsons performed a couple of songs for us during our 12-14-2025 service. They did really well!

<< Willem left

Max below



The Spirit Singers or as Scott likes to say, the **best** church choir!

Back to front, L-R

Mark and Peggy Bauserman

Suzanne Wells-Moreillon

Marsha Hamacher, Connie Ross

Carol McLaine, Kathi VanCamp

Not pictured but most important; Wanda Garrett on piano

UWF CHRISTMAS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS!

A lovely tradition of preparing and handing out gift bags to our neighbors and friends in Margarets' Village and the tiny homes, plus the parson-age renters.



The ladies filled the bags with cookies, candy, treats of all kinds, sock's, warm weather things, much to the delight of those who received the bags!

<< Marsha Hamacher and Pat Chase

Pictured above; Gerry Shaw and Connie Ross



More of the "Christmas Elves".....

Gladys Heinzinger (back to photo)

Laurel Ankeny

AJ Laverty (back to camera)

Connie, Gerry, Pat and in the Kitchen

Betty Prentice

WELL DONE LADIES!!



Jean Schubert is just one of the many who volunteer at our Food Pantry/Clothes Closet. Her personality, joy, friendship and smile are so infectious! Jean is a member of the Peace Lutheran Church PT. Ludlow.

Thank You Jean!!

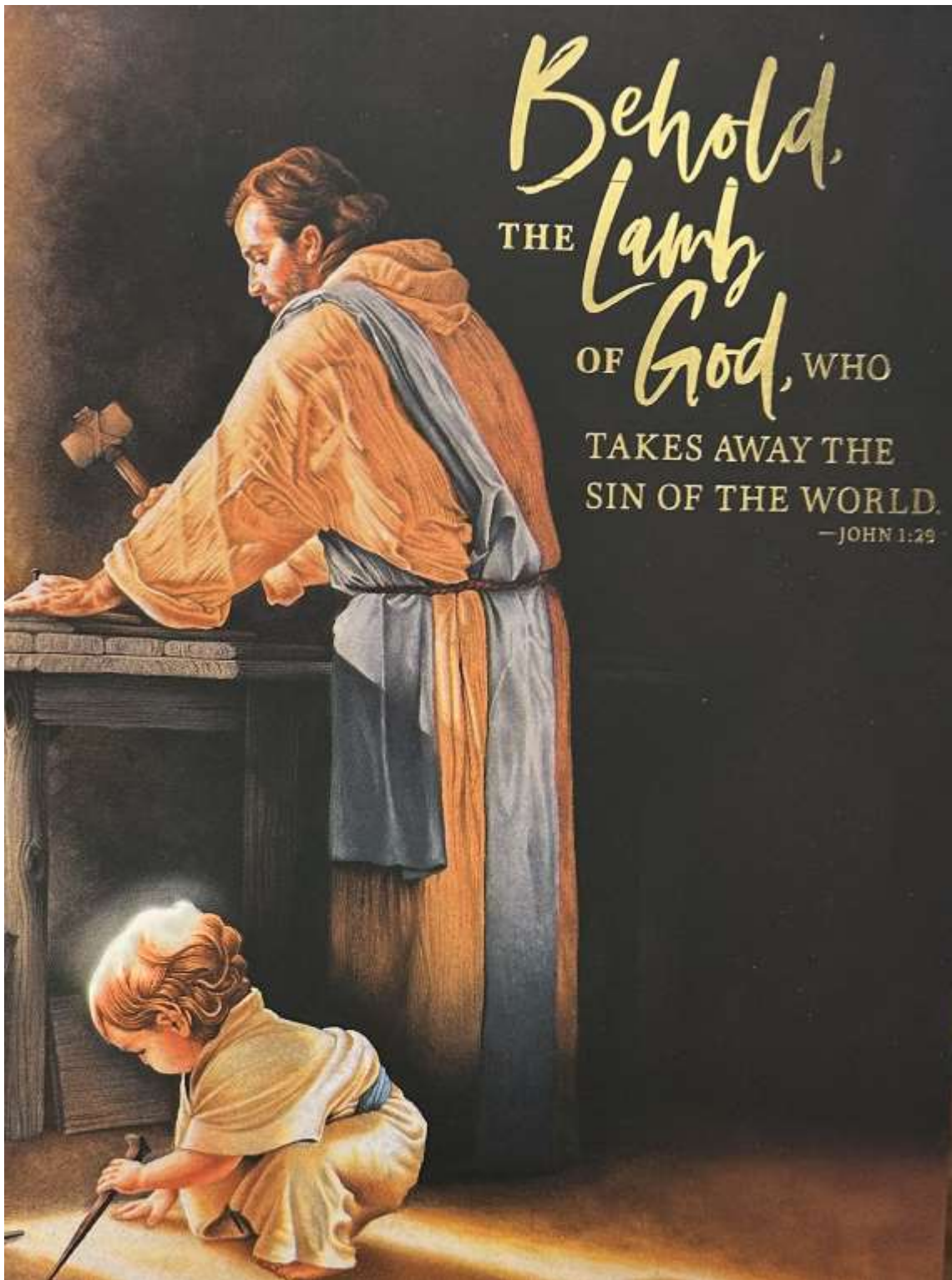


A bunch of organizing and hard work has gone into cleaning up the sorting rooms for the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

We continue to get a steady stream of useful items for our neighbors to use whether it is in their tents or tiny homes or first apartment. We have been Blessed with generous donations of all kinds!



January



My husband received this Christmas Card from one of his high school chums, who visits whenever he is able to, while in the PNW.

The compelling thing to me, about this card, is the day to day idea that Jesus was a toddler emulating his father, doing his daily work, just as we have seen our own toddlers or grandbabies emulate us.

It's often hard to imagine Jesus doing the everyday tasks that we all do. But it is this simplicity that allows us to realize, he truly did know and does know what our lives are about and the day to day-ness of it all.

The "real-ness" of this card, touches me and I hope it speaks to you as well.

He is Indeed the **Lamb Of God**, and he **will** take away all sins, if we just ask, confess, and follow his Word.

Happiest of New Year.

Kathi

Administrative Assistant for  
CUMC

January

We all heard and have at times said the phrase: “There but for the Grace of God go I”. What does that mean?

According to Paul in Ephesians 1:5-6 *”he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*

In other words: because we believe we have received the grace and forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ. We are called to work in accordance with God’s good plan.

As Pastor Scott said: “there but for the Grace of God go I”, precedes the follow-up statement of: “Somebody ought to do something”.

Here at Community United Methodist Church (CUMC), we have taken this to heart and action. We have been serving the most vulnerable people living amongst us by using our church to provide food, clothing, fellowship and hot soup. All of this in accordance with God’s plan for us. Never did we say: “We are not a wealthy church or a big church or a young church”. We have heard God’s will and followed it.

We have received God’s grace! God has also graced and blessed us with you!

It can’t be done without each one of you! You have provided prayers, you have shared your precious time, you have freely shared your talents, and you have shared your hard-earned treasures.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to acknowledge the grace we have been given by God through Jesus Christ to help us continue to work to fulfill God’s plan for us here in the Tri-Area. Say yes to fulfilling God’s will for us by making a pledge of prayers, time, talents, or treasure.

Yours in Christ,

Lori Oberlander  
Stewardship Chair

Yes, I want to fulfill God’s Will!

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.*



# 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?
- Do you need a special cake or pie for a dessert auction to raise money for your special group or civic organization?

From January through November, we raised \$2,301.00 between the quarterly auction and baking personalized cakes and other baked goods. The total for the year will be more because of the December Dessert Auction and orders that have been filled in December.

January is a new year and a new opportunity to support our missions! Our bakers are ready!

We can make:

Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes, Giant Cupcakes, Jumbo Cupcakes and bars.

We can also make: Brownies, sweet breads and other items. I recently made a new item that can be added to the list of offerings: a Cookie Cake. It is a 9-inch round cookie cake with frosting and sprinkles.

If you want something to celebrate your special occasion, just call Lori and she will coordinate with the volunteer bakers to fulfill your requests. The minimum fee is \$50.00, but most people are so happy with their cake that they pay more—and it all goes to the church for missions.

I have received feedback from some of the people who have ordered cakes:

- It was delicious!
- You went above and beyond.
- Can you make one of those Giant Cupcakes—They are so cool!
- Sold the cake at the auction for over \$250.00.



## Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup



The winter volunteers are back and in full swing.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: United Methodist Men

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday: Lori ,Marcel and/or June

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Salish Sea Fellowship

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Patti and Ginney

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Nancy and Friends



We have seen a small uptick in the number of bowls we serve per week and now we are serving between 20 – 35 Bowls per week. We have branched out to serve other items such as Grilled Sandwiches and Mac and Cheese and other items. Our visitors keep sending a clear message that this service is needed and appreciated. They are grateful for a hot meal and goodies like eggs and bananas to take with them. It is preferable to provide a Veggie and a meat choice. (Keep the veggie choice gluten free and dairy free).



I invite everyone to come and check it out and spend time getting to know our volunteers and our participants—and have a bowl of soup. You'll love the fellowship and relaxed atmosphere

We now have volunteers to serve soup each Saturday of the month including the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday.

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)



### Treasurer's Report Year to Date

1/1/2025 – 11/30/2025

#### Income:

Pledges-loose Plate \$90,080.45\*

Earned Income \$48,438.11

Fund Raising \$3,301.00

Total Income \$141,819.56

#### Expenses:

Apportionments \$15,307.60

Mission \$6,871.56\*\*

Operating \$43,546.77

Program Ministry \$9,885.74

Personnel \$64,424.17

Total Expenses \$140,035.84

Total Profit/Loss \$1,783.72

\* 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 go 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 YTD – November 30, 2025**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>#Donations</b>	<b>#Donor</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>\$2,410.00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>In Kind donation</b>	<b>\$ 978.94</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	<b>\$79,569.52</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Clothes/Store</b>	<b>\$2,765.50</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 6,762.00</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Non-pledge gifts</b>	<b>\$8,226.70</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>LA Fire Relief</b>	<b>\$2,125.00</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Missions</b>	<b>\$4,110.00</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>UMCOR</b>	<b>\$662.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>TEXAS Floods</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Olympic Angels</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sheila fund</b>	<b>\$3,555.00</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Worship/Music</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pastor Appreciation</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Technology Fund</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$113,254.66</b>	<b>543</b>	

**Total distinct donors across all categories 66**

**2025 YTD: 20 pledges for a total of \$80,530.00**



January 2026


**BIRTHDAYS**

**HOSPITALITY**

**OUR PRAYERS**



31. Kathi VanCamp

\*  
♦ For the homeless,  
♦ the hungry and the unemployed.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**LITURGISTS**

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

- 4 **John Sweet**
- 11 **Billie Fitch**
- 18 **Liz Hazen**
- 25 **Laurie Engelbeck**



\* For Peace on Earth!  
\*  
\* For wisdom for our leaders.

**COUNTERS**

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



\* For employment for people struggling to find meaningful work.

**GREETERS**

Ted Ross



**January 2026 LECTIONARY READINGS**

*January 4*  
*Jer 31:7-14*  
*Ps.147*  
*Eph 1:3-14*  
*John 1:10-18*

*January 11*  
*Isa 42:1-9*  
*Ps. 29*  
*Acts 10:34-43*  
*Matt 3: 13-17*

*January 18*  
*Isa. 49:1-7*  
*Ps. 40:1-11*  
*1Cor 1:1-19*  
*John 1:29-42*

*January 25*  
*Isa. 9:1-4*  
*Ps 27:1,4-9*  
*1Cor 1:10-18*  
*Matt 4:12-23*

# JANUARY 2026

Sunday	MON	Tues	Wed	THUR 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
				<b>Office Closed</b>		General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p
4 10:0am Worship 11:15am Fellowship SSF Service 2-4 pm	5 Spinners 1:30-3:30 NUR ALPS 1-3:00pm L	6 Spirit Singers 12:30 S ALPS 1-2;30 L Designated Drivers 4:30p L	7 ALPS 1-3 L	8 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	9 CEC 11-2:30pm CR	10 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p ~~~~~
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18 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship SSF Service 2-4 pm	19 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30 NUR ALPS 1-2:30 L	20 Spirit Singers 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30pm L	21 CEC 1-4;30PM CR ALPS 1-3 L <b>Deadline for Newsletter articles –or updates</b>	22 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	23 CEC 11-2:30pm CR	24 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p
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		<b>SSF: Salish Sea Fellowship</b>				
<p>L= Library CR= Conf Rm NUR= Nursery N= Narthex S= Sanctuary K= Kitchen</p>						

## A RELATIONSHIP THAT LASTS

JANUARY 2026

I stood alone on the rooftop, watching the city celebrate with fireworks at the promise of the coming year. A failed relationship had left me feeling adrift and unsure of my place in the world. I couldn't shake the feeling of loneliness that enveloped me. As the clock struck midnight on New Year's Eve, I felt a mix of emotions—doubt, insecurity, but also a glimmer of hope for the year ahead.

In the midst of my solitude I am comforted by God's promise in Hosea 11:4. God's love, like cords of human kindness, reminded me of the love parents can give their children. Despite my brokenness, God embraced me as a father would his hurting child, lifting me up with tender care and providing peaceful comfort. I remembered that God has me in the palm of God's hand. When I fully dedicated my life to Christ, this lasting relationship gave me the courage to form more meaningful ones with others. In my family now, though there are shortcomings, we believe that God is the foundation of our life together.

J. Talusan (Philippines) Upper Room



Community United Methodist Church

\*\*\*HOPE HAPPENS HERE\*\*\*

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8-10 Thursday

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**Fellowship Time: 11:15 am**

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