

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church



November 2025

Roots and Wings

When I started my pastoral journey over ten years ago, I got my hands on every book I could find hoping to glean tidbits from the experts on what to do and how to do it. Sadly, or not, none of the books spoke directly to the issues confronting Community United Methodist Church when I got here. I was, however, able to take some things away from each book that I could apply to my latest career. One of those books that impacted and inspired me was: *A Methodist Requiem, Words of Hope and Resurrection for the Church*, by William B. Lawrence. Not a very cheery title but a good read as he pointed out some of the reasons, he believed churches, the Methodist Church in particular, were dying. He observed that “The denomination has been enduring a steady decline in membership, worship attendance, and participation in its programs of Christian education.” That’s what he wrote in 2018, before our split, and things by most accounts haven’t gotten much better if at all. The Methodist Church, he observed, was in trouble and much of that trouble was self-inflicted. He stated: “The troubles are not all manifest in measurable data or statistical tables. They are also evident in the diminished footprint of the United Methodist Church in major public issues affecting society. There are virtually no big questions for which the denomination speaks with a unified voice offering vital answers. There are nearly no topics on which the denomination has a recognizable, unequivocal position. **There is no sign that society looks to The United Methodist Church for solutions to problems.**” (Emphasis mine) Ouch! I read that a

couple of years after I got here and it really rattled my cage. I realized how right he was and made it my personal mission to do all I could to assist our little church in reestablishing our footprint in the community, starting with the Tri-Area.

So, on Saturday, October 25th, we hosted one of the Puget Sound Missional District’s Roots and Wings events. We weren’t asked because it was our turn or nobody else wanted to be the host. We were asked because our District Superintendent Mark Galang knows what we are doing, and he wanted to use the event to show what a small church could do if they only trusted the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them. I was thrilled when he first asked me and saw it as an opportunity for representatives from other churches to see what we do up close and personal as Saturday is the day that our Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, and Soup Kitchen operate. We could tell them all about it but being present on Saturday they got to observe the coming and going of those who visit the clothes closet and food pantry, and as we participated in worship and presented our program there was a steady stream of our usual guests coming in to eat soup and relax. The feedback was all very positive as the church members present mixed and mingled with the attendees, answering questions and putting a personal touch on the event. In my remarks during our presentation I did reference what the author on *A Methodist Requiem* said about our diminished footprint and that we had certainly reestablished that footprint as our community definitely knows where we are, who we are, what we do, and what we

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do, and what we stand for, and that society, at least in Jefferson County, looks to us for societal answers and solutions adversely impacting those marginalized neighbors who call the Tri-Area home.

So, in closing, I want to thank everyone who supported our Roots and Wings event whether in prayer or actual hands-on participation. There are too many to thank, and I don't want to run the risk of missing anyone. It was truly a churchwide endeavor of which we can all be very proud. Our roots run deep and our wings are strong enough to carry the load as we soar to new heights in our efforts to be the church that God needs right now and right here as we grow in our mission to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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The altar is just a sampling of the foods we try to provide in our Food Pantry and below left is church members, visitors to the Roots & Wings conference and our neighbors all enjoying delicious soup, breads, desserts and fellowship

A big **thank you** to the **Salish Sea fellowship** for making such wonderful and hearty soup!

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United Women in Faith

Meeting Date....November 6,2025

Time: 10am

Program: Lunch out

Devotion: Marsha Hamacher

Questions: Contact Pat Chase @360.385.3457

All ladies are cordially invited to attend!



Beautiful Fall Altar flowers by AJ Laverty

Billie Fitch's flower creativity is just so enjoyed by the whole congregation!



Port Hadlock and Port Townsend Caregiver Support Groups
Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association

3 Meetings per Month

Port Hadlock

Second Monday of each month
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Port Hadlock Community Methodist Church

Port Townsend

Second Friday of each month, and
Fourth Thursday of each month
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Our Group Description: *These monthly support groups have the same goal: to provide a safe space for caregivers to meet and talk about what they are going through as caregivers of people living with dementia and to help build a strong support system of peers who are in a similar situation. In our monthly meetings, there will be opportunity to talk through issues and ways of coping, and other discussion topics that emerge from the group. As always, everyone is free to share as much or little as they wish. You are welcome to attend one or all groups if you wish. (Please avoid wearing scents in recognition of others who may be sensitive.)*

Visit alzwa.org to learn more about caregiver programs and resources.

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England's Green & Pleasant Land

Crown Jewels with Organ


Saturday & Sunday
Nov. 1 & 2
3:00 pm

**RAINSHADOW
 CHORALE**

*A classical
 program
 for chorus with
 Organist Justin J.
 Murphy-Mancini*

1st Presbyterian
 Church
 1111 Franklin St
 Port Townsend

Tickets at the
 door
 Suggested
 donation
 \$20/adult,
 \$10/student

 360-379-3458

rainshadowchorale.org





The question is...How many men does it take to change a light bulb ???...but if you haven't checked out the improvement, these lights made ,in the back hallway, you gotta come see for yourself!! Bright and clean !

A big thank you to our Trustee's, Don Olsen and Patrick VanCamp



November



Our Spirit Singers are now branching out to provide even more music on Sunday mornings!

L-R; Connie Ross, Carol McLaine, Suzanne Wells -Moreillon

*I WILL GIVE THANKS
to the LORD because
OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS;
I will sing the praises
OF THE NAME OF THE
LORD most High.
PSALM 7:17, NIV*



Look what happens when guitars are left alone....baby ukelele's happen!

You gotta come check out the music program...you'll be glad you did!!





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 next Dessert Auction is in December, and we are planning a special arrangement of desserts in December--just in time for your holiday gift giving or party planning.

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!

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

Proceeds will be used to help support our Missions Budget.



Sheila Harwood Update: Sheila is in the life care facility in Port Townsend Room #111 and loves getting cards and visitors!





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?

There are no requests for November, so it isn't too late to get your requests in. From January through September, we raised \$2,201.00 between the quarterly auction and baking personalized cakes and other baked goods.

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.

It's a win, win, win!



You get a sweet treat when you want it, our bakers get to do what we love to do, and the church raises money to help support our missions! Call, text or email Lori at 360 620-0809 or lori@tlobe.com.

Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup



The winter volunteers are back and in full swing.

1st Saturday: United Methodist Men

2nd Saturday: Lori and Marcel

3rd Saturday: Salish Sea Fellowship

4th Saturday: Patti and Ginney

5th Saturday: Nancy and Friends



We continue to serve 20-25 bowls of soup with gusts up to 30 bowls of soup per week. 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. We love the fellowship and relaxed atmosphere

We now have volunteers to serve soup each Saturday of the month including the 5th 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

Thank you for your support in this important ministry!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lori at Lori@tlobe.com or

360 620-0809.



Treasurer's Report Year to Date

1/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

Income:

Pledges-loose Plate	\$77,937.95*	
Earned Income	\$35,427.13	
Fund Raising	\$3,201.00	
Total Income		\$116,566.08

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$12,524.40	
Mission	\$5,771.56**	
Operating	\$37,055.84	
Program Ministry	\$8,610.73	
Personnel	\$52,226.80	
Total Expenses		\$116,189.33
Total Profit/Loss		\$376.75

* 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 YTD – September 30,,2025

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
Fund Raising	\$2,410.00	9	7
In Kind donation	\$ 774.60	3	2
Pledges	\$68,646.00	235	28
Clothes/Store	\$1945.50	26	15
Food Pantry	\$ 450.00	6	3
Non-pledge gifts	\$6,711.70	107	22
LA Fire Relief	\$2,125.00	12	12
Missions	\$3,810.00	12	7
Soup Kitchen	\$320.00	4	3
UMCOR	\$662.00	7	5
TEXAS Floods	\$500.00	5	5
Olympic Angels	\$220.00	2	2
Sheila fund	\$3,480.00	18	16
Worship/Music	\$250.00	1	1
Totals	\$92,404.80	447	
Total distinct donors across all categories			63

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



November 2025

BIRTHDAYS

- 10. Janet Stevenson
- 11 Barb Sweet
- 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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

LITURGISTS

- 2 John Sweet
- 9 Billie Fitch
- 16 Liz Hazen
- 23 Laurie Engelbeck
- 30 Kathi VanCamp



COUNTERS

- 2: Lori & Kathi
- 9: Debbie & Connie
- 16: Marsha & Diane
- 23: Lynn & Betty
- 30: Lynn & Betty

GREETERS

- Ted Ross
- Patrick VanCamp

July 2025 LECTIONARY READINGS

<i>November 2</i>	<i>November 9</i>	<i>November 16</i>	<i>November 23</i>	<i>November 30</i>
<i>Hab 1:1-4,2:1-4</i>	<i>Hag 1:15b-2:9</i>	<i>Isa 65:17-25</i>	<i>Jer 23:1-6</i>	<i>Isa.2:1-5</i>
<i>Ps. 119:137-144</i>	<i>Ps.145:1-5,17-21</i>	<i>Isa 12 /Ps.118:2</i>	<i>Luke 1:68-79</i>	<i>Ps.122</i>
<i>2Thess 1:1-4,11-12</i>	<i>2Thess 2:1-5,13-17</i>	<i>Thess 3:6-13</i>	<i>Col 1:11-20</i>	<i>Rom 13:11-14</i>
<i>Luke 19:1-10</i>	<i>Luke 20:27-38</i>	<i>Luke 21:5-19</i>	<i>Luke 23:33-43</i>	<i>Matt 24:36-44</i>

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NOVEMBER

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Sunday	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 SSF Service 4-6 pm	3	4 Hand Bells practice resumes: 10:30-12:00 Spirit Singers 12:00- Designated Drivers 4:30p	5 CEC 1-2:30/3-4:30pm ALPS 1-3pm	6 UWF: Lunch Out 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-11	7 CEC 11-2:30	8 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
9 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	10 Alz Support 10:30-noon Spinners Group 1:30-3:30	11 Designated Drivers 4:30p Hand Bells practice resumes: 10-12:00 Spirit Singers: Noon	12 ALPS 1-3pm CEC 1-2:30/3-4:30pm	13 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-11	14 CEC 11-2:30	15 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
16 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship SSF Service 2-4 pm Annual Meeting & Potluck	17 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30	18 Hand Bells practice resumes: 10-12:00 Spirit singers: Noon Designated Drivers 4:30p	19 Deadline for Newsletter articles ALPS 1-3pm CEC 1-2:30/3-4:30PM AD Council 6:30p Zoom	20 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library	21 CEC 11-2:30	22 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
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30 CUMC Movie Or Class right after church service	31	SSF: Salish Sea Fellowship				

WALKING WITH NEIGHBORS**OCTOBER 2025**

When I retired, I moved to the mountains and lived only a few miles from the Appalachian Trail. Each year, thousands set out to hike the entire trail—a months-long journey of nearly 2,200 miles. Hikers must carry everything they need to survive—for days at a time. Many hikers end up tired, sore, and short on water and food, despite their best planning. Encountering these “thru-hikers” on my day hikes, I was amazed at how they looked out for each other and shared their meager resources. A few oz of water, a little food, a bandage, aspirin, or a ride into town could make a huge difference. Strangers formed community. The other hikers became their new “neighbors”.

As Christians, we are called to serve others and take care of our neighbors in need. On the trails I regularly visited, people benefited from small kindnesses. I always brought extra food, supplies and a well stocked 1st aide kit on hikes. I was enriched by my interactions with hikers; we shared stories, laughed, hugged & prayed together. What opportunities do we have to serve others? Let us be observant & open minded, pray about it, and see what surfaces.

Chris Bullis (Upper Room)



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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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Pastor's Office Hours:
10 am - 4pm
Monday– Thursday

