

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church



March 2026

Well Played God!

Recently, one Sunday morning, during our time of reflection, I saw a man I knew to be homeless walk up and drop one of our offering envelopes into the basket we use for our joys and concerns. When it came time for joys and concerns, I removed the envelope and could tell that it had some coins in it. When it was time for our offering I placed the envelope in one of the offering plates.

The next morning the envelope was in my in-box with a note from one of our counters to put the coins in with the cash we use to fund our food pantry, which I did.

I know what you're thinking. *Looking up, Jesus saw rich people throwing their gifts into the collection box for the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow throw in two small copper coins worth a penny. He said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than them all. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had to live on."*

Luke 21:1-4

As I said, I know this man to be homeless because a couple of weeks ago while we were serving our Saturday soup I sat and visited with him and he told me he had just moved into the tiny home village our church is hosting on our property. Like Jesus, we don't make church attendance a requirement in exchange for our acts of kindness but I do appreciate it when one of our neighbors graces us with their presence on a Sunday morning. I did observe a couple of our men talking with him before and after the service and he did compliment me on my message.

He also wanted to talk about one of the other residents who was having a difficult time making a go of it and believed was still doing drugs. Giving not from their abundance and thinking of someone who has it rougher than he does.

Well played God, well played.



SCOTT

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Easter Season is upon us. Please join us for Easter Sunday April 5, 2026 to celebrate our Savior's victory over death!

Consider joining us every Sunday. Awesomeness is happening on Sundays at CUMC. You'll be glad you got out of bed.

Service Starts 10:00am with fellowship afterwards.



February 18th was Ash Wednesday.

The Lenten season has begun culminating on Easter Sunday.

Lent booklets were mailed out but a few are still here, if you didn't get one, let us know.



Next Meeting:

March 5, 2026

10:00am

At CUMC



United Women in Faith

Devotion: Gladys Heinzinger

Hosted by: Marsha Hamacher and Teresa Rosekrans.

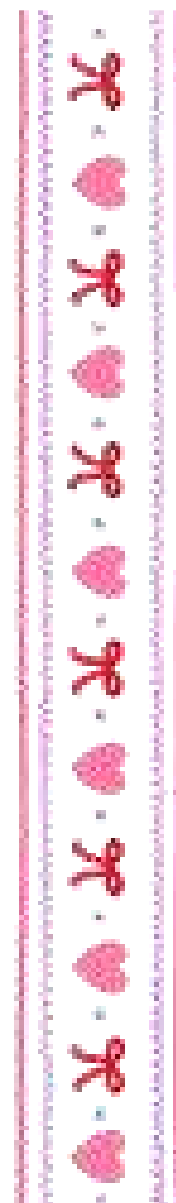
We will be having a discussion on Jane Goodall's "THE BOOK OF HOPE"

Please plan to attend!

And the children shall lead us.....nothing sweeter than Viera Hohnbaum leading the worship service during the Lord's Prayer. She is confident and super cute and it is a thrill for all who get to participate with her.

She even stood on a chair with Scott and her dad, Nathan, helping to keep her safe!

Like Scott said, "It makes you happy you got out of bed and came to church."



MARCHING INTO SPRING

Let's keep them toes warm!!



We are designating the month of March as “March into Spring”, where we will be asking you to think about donating some new or gently worn footwear. It’s still damp and chilly, so warm, waterproof footwear is still a popular item requested at our Clothes Closet.

If outdoor activities are a thing of the past for you, we’d gladly accept the gently worn boots and shoes provided they still have tread on the soles, the laces are in good shape, and that you take the time to check the inside for dirt, debris, spiders, and mice. Also, give them a good wipe down because what you give us to give our neighbors speaks volumes as to how we feel about them.

Of course, new footwear is greatly appreciated. We are known for our boots, as we have a good relationship with Big 5 Sporting Goods over in Silverdale. The men really like those black combat-style boots with the laces and the zipper that runs up the side.

Not sure what size to get? Not a problem. Just get what size you or a loved one would wear if they were in need of new shoes or boots. Our visitors to the General Store come in all sizes and ages.

For more information, just send us an email to CUMC.donate@gmail.com. If you want to order something online, you can have it shipped to Community United Methodist Church, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock WA 98339, and it will be delivered directly to our door.





ALL CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY IS MARCH 28, 2026

TIME: 1:00-4:00 PM

Bring: gardening tools, buckets, cleaning rags, dust cloths, any supplies to help get the church spiffy for the Easter Season.

This always brightens and freshens up the church and shows pride of ownership, attendance and respect.

Please plan on attending if you're physically able. Refreshments will be provided and the fun fellowship is the bonus!



Lunch and Learn

I was recently asked again by someone who is checking out our church if we have a Bible Study. Sadly, I told her we do not but that I was toying with something that I saw worked at another church I attended. So here are my thoughts:

When I'm preparing for a sermon, I usually research it a week in advance so I'll know the scripture reading from which I will craft my message. What the pastor did at this other church was to have a "Bible study" on Monday at noon where those in attendance would give their thoughts on the scripture. This led to some good discussions which, more often than not, found their way into the finished product.

What I propose is a lunch and learn on Mondays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm in one of our smaller rooms. Those who attend in person can bring their lunch or a snack. We could even do a Zoom for those who live too far from the church or can't make it in that day. As I'm already here and have researched the scripture, it won't really add to my workload.

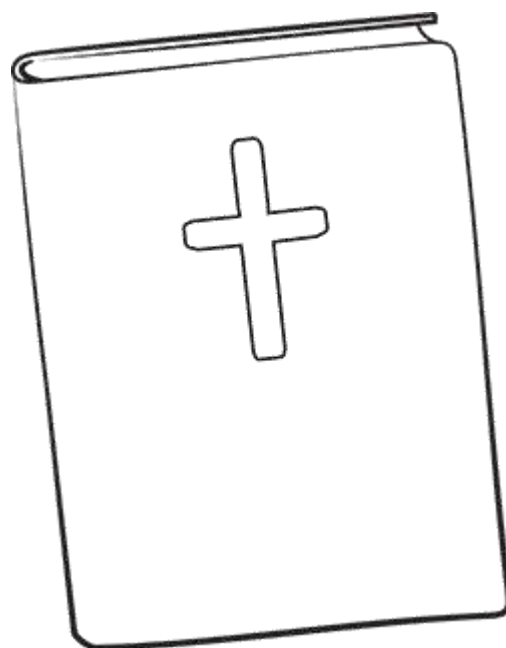
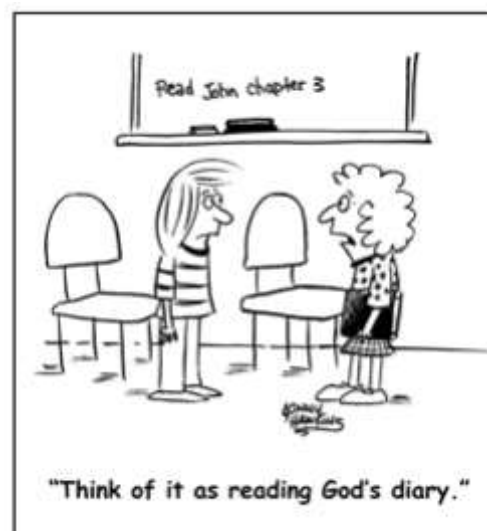
That being said, let's plan on kicking it off on Monday, March 9, at 11:30 am. When I send out the Zoom invite, I can include the scripture reading and also put it in my Sunday email.

~ Scott

Bible Study

March 9th, 11:30 am

In Person and Zoom





Blast from the Past photo's
Scott shared.

All these pictures show the
joy of being a member of the
CUMC family and the Family
of God!

Enjoy!

Desserts When You Want Them!

Our Bakers 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?

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 – 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 a worthy cause—Missions!

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

- It was delicious, yummy and beautiful.
- 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.



Volunteers Needed

There are some volunteer opportunities at the church that don't get much attention; however, they are necessary to keep the church humming along without a hitch.

One such volunteer opportunity is small yet makes all the difference to our worship experience: Fellowship Snacks.



You may not notice it; however, the same people bring our delightful little fellowship treats each week. The same people are setup up and cleaning up too. They need help!

We need you to help with setting up, cleaning up and providing treats. They don't need to be fancy, just a little treat for people to enjoy during fellowship time. It could be a batch of banana bread or any kind of sweet bread, cookies, bars, or even a small handheld savory treat!

Treats should arrive around 9:30/9:45 a.m. to have time to prepare your snacks and put them on plates. Clean up consists of clearing crumbs off the counter, doing a few dishes and clearing out any leftovers—which can be left for the Soup Kitchen to use if desired.

Did you know that there is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex for fellowship snacks, that is largely ignored and remains empty?

Please consider signing up to set up, clean up and provide some small homemade or store purchased treats for fellowship time!

Say yes to enhancing our worship experience in one small way!



Silent Dessert Auction

There is still a need to raise much needed funds to continue supporting our four quarterly missions that support organizations that our meaningful to Community United Methodist Church and align with what is important to us:

- Tri-Area Food Bank
- ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization)
- Bayside Housing
- UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Our first Dessert Auction of the year will be held on March 8th following the service, and we are planning some tasty desserts.

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.



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



A special thank you goes out to the United Woman of Faith for filling in for me on the Second Saturday so that I can attend a cake decorating class in Kingston!

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--2 full crockpot's full. 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

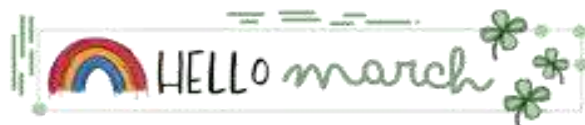
We now have volunteers to serve soup each Saturday of the month.



Things to Remember:

- Bananas
- Hard Boiled Eggs

If you any questions, please contact Lori by text, phone call, or email at 360 620-0809 or Lori@tlobe.com





Treasurer’s Report Year to Date

1/1/2026

Income:

Pledges-loose Plate \$ 11,133.00*

Earned Income \$12,108.28

Fund Raising \$60.00

Total Income \$23,301.28

Expenses:

Apportionments \$1,652.33

Mission \$500.00**

Operating \$2,879.96

Program Ministry \$615.61

Personnel \$5,949.58

Total Expenses \$11,597.48

Total Profit/Loss \$11,703.80

God is
LOVE.
1 JOHN 4:16



* 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 – December 31, 2025

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
Fund Raising	\$2,510.00	10	8
In Kind donation	\$ 978.94	5	2
Pledges	\$84,979.52	311	31
Clothes/Store	\$3,190.50	39	14
Food Pantry	\$ 6,962.00	18	9
Non-pledge gifts	\$8,826.70	134	27
LA Fire Relief	\$2,125.00	12	12
Missions	\$4,465.00	21	11
Soup Kitchen	\$445.00	5	3
UMCOR	\$662.00	7	5
TEXAS Floods	\$500.00	5	5
Olympic Angels	\$220.00	2	2
Sheila fund	\$3,555.00	19	17
Worship/Music	\$450.00	2	1
Pastor Appreciation	\$100.00	2	2
Technology Fund	\$500.00	1	1
Totals	\$120,469.66	593	

Total distinct donors across all categories 66

2026 YTD: 25 pledges for a total of \$83,321.00



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BIRTHDAYS

- 1. AJ Laverty
- 8. Siochain Deva
- 9. Patrick VanCamp
- 12. Liz Hazen
- 14. Gladys Heinzinger

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



LITURGISTS

- 1. John Sweet
- 8 Connie Ross
- 15 Liz Hazen
- 22 Laurie Engelbeck
- 29 Kathi VanCamp

COUNTERS

- 1: Lori & Kathi
- 8: Debbie & Connie
- 15: Marsha & Diane
- 22: Lynn & Betty

GREETERS

- Ted Ross
- Patrick VanCamp



March 2026 LECTIONARY READINGS

March 1
Gen 12:1-4a
Ps.121
Rom 4:1-5,13-17
John 3:1-17

March 8
Exod 17:1-7
Ps. 95
Rom 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 15
1 Sam 16:1-13
Ps. 23
Eph 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 22
Ezek 37:1-14
Ps. 130
Rom 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 29
Liturgy of Palms
Matt 21:1-11
Ps.118:1-2,19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isa 50:4-9
Ps.31:9-16
Phil 2:5-11
Matt 26:14-27:66

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



SUN 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
10:0am Worship 11:15am Fellowship SSF Service 2-	Spinners 1:30-3:30 NUR ALPS 1-2:30-L	Bells 10:30-12-N Spirit Singers 12:30 S ALPS 1-2:30	ALPS 2-3:30-L CEC:1-4:30-CR	UWF 10am Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon	CEC 11-2:30pm CR	General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup
8 10:0am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	9 Spinners 1:30-3:30 NUR ALPS 1-2:30L	10 Bells 10:30-12-N Spirit Singers 12:30 S ALPS 1-2;30 L Designated Drivers 4:30p L	11	12 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	13	14 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p ~~~~~
15 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship SSF Service	16 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30 NUR ALPS 1-2:30-L	17 Bells 10:30-12-N Spirit Singers: 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30p L	18 ALPS 1-3 L Deadline for Newsletter articles –or updates	19 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) AD Council 6:30p Zoom Rogue Yoga	20	21 General Store-Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p
22 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	23 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30 NUR ALPS 1-3pm-L	24 Bells 10:30-12-N Spirit Singers 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30pm L ALPS 1-2:30-L	25 ALPS 1-3 L	26 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	27	28 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p
29 SSF Service 2-4 pm	30 ALPS 1-2:30-L Spinners 1-2:30-NUR	31 Bells 10;30 Choir 12:00 Alps 1-2:30-L				
L= Library CR= Conf Rm NUR= Nursery N= Narthex S= Sanctuary K= Kitchen						

SPRING IS ON THE WAY

MARCH 2026

I live in the far north, and as winter sets in, the nights become long and all of creation seems to lie dormant. People often feel downcast. You read it in their faces. You see it in the way they brace against the wind and pass by looking at the ground, their focus only on reaching their destination.

Feeling the onslaught of this weariness, I decided to go forward for prayer one Sunday morning. The pastor prayed for me and then paused. I still remember what he said next: "SPRING IS ON THE WAY!" He was right. Skies eventually became blue the days got longer. People started to smile and stopped to talk in the streets.

It can be like that in our spiritual lives as well. Jesus never said the narrow way would be easy. On the contrary. He told us to expect trouble and warned us that the way ahead would be demanding. But Jesus promised the he would be with us all the way. What a comfort it is to know that we are not expected to walk this path alone.

And that is how we find joy even when it is still winter. Through faith we hold on to the assurance that the Lord is with us, and spring is on the way.

Carol Westerlund, Finland

Upper Room, March 1



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Church Office Hours:
8:00am- 2pm, Tues/Wednesday
8-10 Thursday

Web Site: www.HadlockChurch.com

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

Scott Rosekrans, Pastor
Email: pastorscottrosekrans@gmail.com

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

