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Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen

May 2026

Remembering Don Olsen

I have often said that God plays the long game and that he lets very few, if any, people in on his plans. When you think about it, Jesus coming to live and walk among us was part of his long game. Jesus didn't just suddenly appear and start his ministry. He came into this world the same way all of us did, naked and crying. He was raised by two loving parents, learned to work with his hands, and attended school in Nazareth. When the time was right God laid it upon his heart to begin his ministry. But also part of God's plan was to line Jesus up with some disciples who all had something to bring to the ministry that would give Jesus some street credibility and do the things that might not have been in Jesus' wheelhouse.

Remember who the first four disciples were that Jesus called? They were four fishermen. Jesus knew that he needed some hard-working men who could get the job done with little or no resources, men that could get the job done with what they either had at their disposal or what God would provide. Jesus told them to drop their nets and follow him and that he would make them fishers of men. And they did and he did.

I imagine that if Jesus came to earth today to begin his street ministry, he would do the same thing. I can just see Jesus casually walking down the street, passing by a firehouse, and seeing several firemen rolling up their hoses. He would approach them and say: "Put down your hoses and follow me and I will show you how to fight some real fires."

And that's how I see my friend Don Olsen. He was a simple disciple that God sent to our church to help me, someone who hadn't gone to seminary and never led a church, to keep me from setting the church on fire and burning it down. Don, Judy, and Jim showed up around a year after I got here and really liked what we were doing in worship. Our mission effort hadn't really taken off yet, but I think he could see the possibilities and made a commitment to becoming an active member of our congregation and a trustee.

Don's fingerprints are all over this church. He was exactly the handyman we needed at the time. He loved working with his hands, and this was his unique gift to the church. No did not seem to be in his vocabulary. I'd ask him what he thought about doing something and he'd jump right in figuring it out along the way. And, as he tackled these projects, he wouldn't just do it himself. He enlisted the help of others, folks that may not have had any skill, but he saw them as opportunities to teach and bond and also give these folks an investment into what we are doing leaving their fingerprints behind.

To me, one of the most impressive projects he agreed to do was to repurpose an old piano that I believed had been a part of our worship community for over one hundred years and turn it into a desk for the pastor. He had never done anything like that, but the challenge intrigued him and got his creative juices flowing. And everyday that I come to work I get to sit at this amazing desk and remember the gift I received from a humble disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Well done good and faithful servant.

Scott



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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 17, 2026

11:00am

CUMC has received a proposal from Bayside Housing for the purchase of 4.89 acres of our property for the purpose of building affordable housing. To proceed with this proposal, we must follow conference and Book of discipline guidelines.

STEP 1: Hold a congregational meeting to discuss the proposed action. The purpose of this meeting is to authorize the trustee, through a vote, to proceed with organizing the details of the land sale. This is **not** a vote to finalize the sale.

Organizing the details of the sale will require an appraisal of the property to determine fair market value. There will be some expense for this. Whether or not a survey is needed is yet to be determined,

STEP 2: The trustees will begin the process of putting the property up for sale.

STEP 3: Sale details are sent to the Conference Board of Church Location and Building and the District Superintendent. This is preliminary consideration. It is recommended that the sales contract be reviewed by the Conference Chancellor. The District Board must see that an attorney has reviewed the sales contract.

STEP 4: Second church conference to approve the sale.

STEP 5: With approval the instrument should be executed by any two officers of the Board of Trustees. Formal documents from the District Superintendent will need to be prepared by an attorney and attached to the closing documents.

According to the book of discipline, the proceeds from the sale of the church property cannot be used for current budget expenses and may only be used for capital expenditures.

After discussion with the person at the conference who deals with these matters we have been told that this is not a hard and fast rule.

As there is no immediate need for capital expenditure like building construction, we request permission to use the proceeds and interest for property maintenance, with the option to allocate them to the general fund, if necessary, in the future.

The plan is to use the interest to fund maintenance for the church, parsonage, and property and this would be budgeted into the annual budget.

Initial proposal from Bayside Housing can be viewed upon request. Also available for taking home, are copies of the proposal in the Narthex.





Donald Leroy Olsen, Sr.

July 22, 1943 - April 15, 2026

Donald Leroy Olsen was a terrific loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He was an "uncle" and friend to everyone, as well as an accomplished *leader, carpenter, healer, and teacher*. He was born in Kansas City, MO and passed away in Port Townsend, WA.

Don moved to Kennewick, WA with his family while still in high school and lived in the Tri-Cities area until he "retired" in 2008 following a long career serving the Fire Department and U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. After retirement he and his wife, Judy, relocated to Port Townsend, WA, where they built their new home. The project originally started as a concrete slab for their motorhome, a place to "get away". Soon Don told Judy, "I have an idea", and the slab became a 3-story home built by Don and his friends.

Don started his long career of service with the Washington State Army National Guard out of high school. He later transferred to the United States Coast Guard Reserves where he retired as a Chief Petty Officer. In addition to his military service, he also worked for multiple fire departments in Washington State, including Pasco, Lynnwood, Kennewick, and Benton County Fire District #1. Don eventually retired from Walla Walla County Fire District #5, as Fire Chief. After a few months of retirement, Don was called to work at the HAMMER Federal Training Center, after a few years, he "retired" again.

He became one of the first certified paramedics in Washington State and would later pass on his knowledge as an instructor for Emergency Medical Services, Fire Safety, and Paramedic training.

Unable to be "retired" he would become very involved in the Port Townsend community with Kiwanis, Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, the local Fire Department, EMS events, and Community United Methodist Church. Don would often join volunteer groups that would travel to help communities after disaster struck, rebuilding, healing and even teaching others along the way. Some of these trips included Dulac, Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina; Texas; Alaska; and Omak, WA. He led multiple trips to Honoka'a, HI to build a church camp and provide major maintenance to the local United Methodist Church there.

Don loved working with his hands and was an accomplished carpenter and woodworker creating special keepsakes like bookcases, desks, unique furniture, and of course, the home he built and shared with his family and friends.

He loved spending time with his family which could be sharing quiet time at home, camping, trips to Disney, Hawaii and Alaska, to name a few. His family was his pride and joy.

Don's "ohana" includes his loving wife of 61 years; children; grandchild; siblings, and many nieces, nephews, and close friends adopted as family.

Don's wonderful smile and sense of humor were generously shared with everyone he met.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Community United Methodist Church, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock-Irondale, WA, on May 9 at 3 pm. Hawaiian attire is welcome.

Please make any donations to Toys for Tots, in memory of Donald L. Olsen.

Pictorial Tribute to Don Olsen

7-22-1943~~4-15-2026

Beloved Husband, Father, Friend and

member of the Community United Methodist Church.

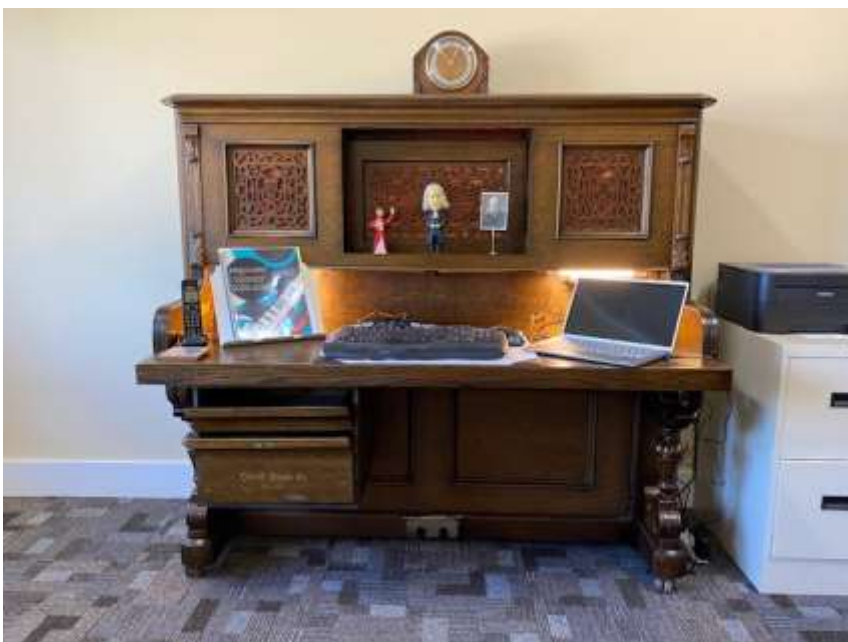


Mr. Smile!! He wore it all the time!





Donald Olsen Tribute in Pictures continued~~~~~



There is hardly a spot in the church that Don has not touched, repaired, improved, maintained, or advised on. Don leaves a giant hole in our congregation and he will be missed by us all.

We were Blessed by Don in our lives and church!

Pics of Don's handy work and contributions to so many!

Next Meeting:

May 7, 2026

10:00am

Lunch Out (Native Talk)

Devotion: Laurel Ankeny

Hosted by: Pat Chase



Scott & Teresa's
beautiful grand-
daughter speak-
ing on Earth
Day, eight years
ago. She is quite
the grown little
lady!





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Warm weather brings out the deer to sleep in the warm sun and the safety of being “family” deer with no real fear, which adds to their comfort.

And Easter came with sunny weather and beautiful lilies that Scott plants in the garden.

I think we all are ready for those soft warm days with so much promise!



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?

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!



Savior's Soup Kitchen



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

Winter is in full swing and I am grateful for the following groups and people for supporting the people we serve each week.

Together, we serve 15-20 people 25-30 bowls of soup each week. We are serving up a friendly face, a warm atmosphere, and a hot meal of soup, bread/muffins and other treats. Thank you for your commitment to serve God's people in need!

1st Saturday - United Methodist Men

2nd Saturday – Lori and Marcel

3rd Saturday – Salish Sea Fellowship

4th Saturday – Patti and Ginny

5th Saturday – Nancy and Friends

If you any questions

contact Lori by text, phone call, or email at 360 620-0809 or Lori@tlobe.com

RECYCLING

Since the county no longer provides free recycling bins, we ask church members with curbside recycling to take the church's recyclables home for disposal. Kindly inspect the storeroom adjacent to the kitchen, as well as the clearly marked recycling bins located in both the sanctuary and office. This will help us avoid the cost of our own curbside service.



Treasurer's Report Year to Date

3/31/2026

Income:

Pledges-loose Plate \$ 30,151.44*

Earned Income \$18,474.19

Fund Raising \$456.00

Total Income \$49,081.63

Expenses:

Apportionments \$4,956.99

Mission \$1,500.00**

Operating \$15,479.39

Program Ministry \$1,535.38

Personnel \$18,654.66

Total Expenses \$42,126.39

Total Profit/Loss \$6,955.24

* Thankyou for your pledges, they are appreciated!

**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.



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.



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SCAM ALERT

There was a recent case where a pastor's voice was lifted from an online service and made into a phone call asking for financial assistance to the church that wouldn't have went to the church.

We won't do that. It's best not to answer calls from unknown numbers. Legitimate callers will probably go to your voice mail.

Local

MISSION of the MONTH

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 – February 28, 2026

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
In Kind donation	\$ 153.89	1	1
Pledges	\$28,935.00	96	27
Clothes/Store	\$820.00	7	3
Food Pantry	\$1,800.00	7	5
Non-pledge gifts	\$670.00	6	3
Missions	\$340.00	4	2
UMCOR	\$120.00	3	3
Worship/Music	\$200.00	1	1
Totals	\$33,039.89	125	

Total distinct donors across all categories 37



May 2026

BIRTHDAYS

HOSPITALITY

OUR PRAYERS

- 9. Laurel Ankeny
- 20. Micheal Swartout
- 21. Cal White
- 24. Judy Olsen



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!

3 John Sweet

10 Connie Ross

17 Liz Hazen

24 Laurie Engelbeck

31 Kathi VanCamp

COUNTERS

- 3: Lori & Kathi
- 10: Debbie & Connie
- 17: Marsha & Diane
- 24: Lynn & Betty
- 31: Lynn & Betty

GREETERS

Ted Ross
Patrick VanCamp



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- ♦ For the homeless,
- ♦ the hungry and the unemployed.

* For Peace on Earth!

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* For wisdom for our leaders.

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* For employment for people struggling to find meaningful work.

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April 2026 LECTIONARY READINGS

May 3

Acts 7:55-60

Ps. 31:1-5,16-18

1Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 10

Acts 17:22-31

Ps.66:8-20

1Peter 3:13-22

John 14:1-14

May 17

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47 or Ps.93

Eph 1:15-23

Luke 14:44-53

May 24

Acts 2:1-21

Ps.104:24-34,35b

1Cor 12:36-13

John 7:37-39

May 31

Gen 1:1-2:4a

Ps.8

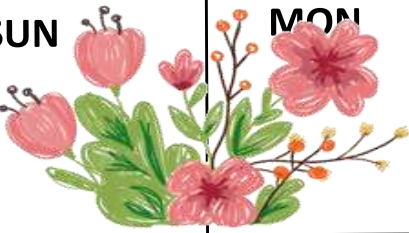
2Cor 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

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

2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 1	SAT 2
						General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup
3 EASTER SUNDAY 10:0am Worship 11:15am Fellowship SSF 4-6pm	4 Spinners 1:30-3:30 NUR Alps: 1-2:30-L	5 Bells 10:30-12-N Spirit Singers 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30p L	6 Alps: 1-3pm-L	7 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	8 Spring Quarter Starts CEC: 1-2:30pm -N	9 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p ~~~~~ Don Olsen Memorial service 3pm
10 Rev Kelley Preaches 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship	11 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30 NUR	12 Bells 10:30-12-N Spirit Singers: 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30p L	13 CEC: 11-2:30-CR	14 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR	15 CEC: 1-2:30pm -N	16 General Store-Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p
17 Rev White Preaches 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	18 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30 NUR Alps: 1-4-L	19 Bells 10:30-12-N Spirit Singers 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30pm L	20 CEC: 11-2:30-CR Alps: 1-3pm-L Deadline for Newsletter articles -or updates	22 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR AD Council 6:30p Zoom 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	22 CEC: 1-2:30pm -N	23 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p
24 Diane Johnson Preaching 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	25 Spinners 1-2:30-NUR	26 Bells 10:30 Choir 12:00	27 CEC: 11-2:30-CR	28 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR	29	30
31		SSF: Salish Sea Fellowship	L= Library CR= Conf Rm NUR= Nursery N= Narthex S= Sanctuary K= Kitchen			

Green Shoots

May 2026

My husband and I love to hike in the woods. With the fresh air, tall trees, wildflowers and singing birds, a day spent in nature never fails to lift our spirits. So it was unsettling to set out on a hike and find the bleak remains of a forest fire instead. Blackened sticks and stumps littered the ground and the faint smell of smoke lingered in the air.

As I looked closer, however, I noticed something else. Tiny green shoots poked up through the dirt; a few mountain laurels bloomed on blackened branches. New growth was emerging from the ashes, but I had to look for it. Focusing on the green shoots in life does not come naturally to me. I tend to ruminate on the past, replaying awkward conversations, missed opportunities and questionable life choices in an endless loop. But God does not want us to be consumed by “what ifs” and regrets. In this passage from Isaiah, God encourages us to forget the former things that may prevent us from seeing the good that lies ahead.

If we look for the green shoots we will find the hope and strength to keep moving forward, confident that God is laying a path toward positive future, READ Isaiah 43:14-21

Upper room May 1st

Laura Newbury, Virginia



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