

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church



August 2024

Old School

Every job I've ever had and every organization that I've been a part of has at its core a basic job description or mission statement that, if you stick to it you can't go wrong. I've run a Little League Baseball program, I've served on a School Board, I've been a Police Officer, I've been an Elected Prosecutor in two states, and now am a Certified Lay Minister here at our church. In fact, the movie Police Academy has a funny beginning which shows the new cadets assembled in their first introductory class. The instructor writes on the board: "Police work is what you are here for." Nothing more, nothing less. It's when we forget what we are here for that gets us in trouble, and churches and their pastors are no exception. So, I think that if I have a gift, it's in recognizing what the basic function of the organization is and making sure that the basics are covered before expanding out into other directions.

I was reminded of the mission, the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, during the Celebration of Life we held for Leota Howard on July 20th out in the outdoor chapel. Leota's daughter had asked me to do the eulogy for her mother, but the rest of the service would be led by members of her church. That was fine with me. Melissa attends Mt. Sinai Deliverance Church in Tacoma and she asked her Bishop, Reverend George Austin, to preside. I was

thrilled to meet the Bishop and because several people were running late we had an opportunity to visit and what a visit we had. It was inspiring.

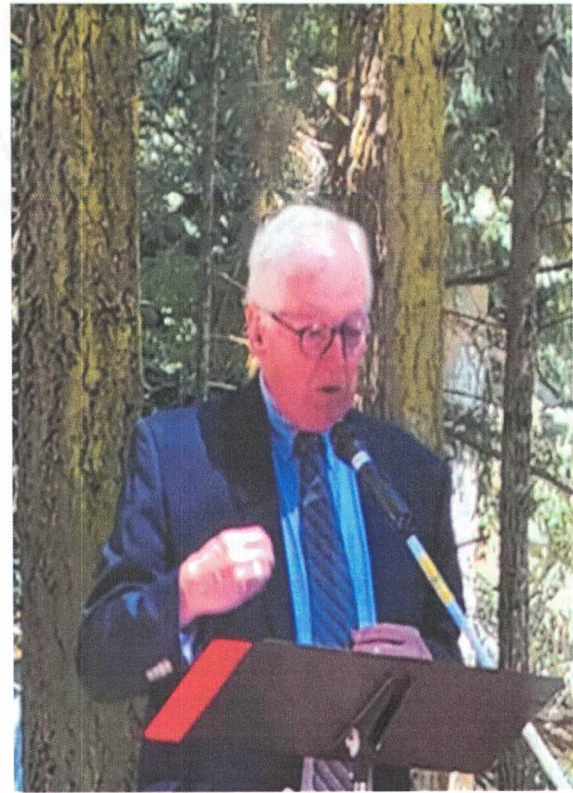
At the close of the service Bishop Austin gave the benediction before dismissing everyone. While giving the benediction he slipped in what we call an Altar Call where he encouraged those in attendance to come forward and turn their lives over to Jesus Christ. The Bishop was going old school. What he did was to use the opportunity to get back to the basics of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. It was reminiscent of the stories in the New Testament of Jesus talking to the crowds that had gathered to hear him preach. Jesus knew that those who were coming to hear what he had to say were troubled, distressed, and in some cases their lives were out of control. They needed stability, they needed answers, they needed the one true God in their lives. And that's what the Bishop did. He addressed those gathered believing that there might be someone in attendance that was struggling, someone who had heard about this Jesus but probably didn't know how to contact him. Even though nobody came forward the Bishop told them it was okay, to think about it, and then seek out a pastor. Coming forward to confess your sins, admit that your life is in turmoil, and turn your life over to Jesus in front of a crowd is a lot like public speaking. Most people would rather take a beating than make a public profession of anything. Ironically, those who know you

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would be happy, if not relieved, that you made such a decision to change your life for the better. And that's the basics of what we are once we make him our foundation, we can build our lives upon him giving us the strength and confidence to share what we know with others.

I know that if you are reading this then you have probably already given your life to Jesus, but maybe you haven't really and are just going through the motions. Or maybe you've become complacent, stuck in a rut, and feel called to rededicate your life. Believe it or not, the Methodists have a service for such a rededication, a reaffirmation of faith. Maybe you know someone who has questions that you are unsure how to answer and you'd like to send them to me. That's okay and I'd be more than happy to sit down with them. And finally, maybe you are Methodist from another church, or a Christian from another denomination and you would like to officially make Community United Methodist Church your church. We can do that too. You're already family so let's make it official if that's what you'd like. And, if you'd like to come forward on any Sunday at the close of the service in response to an altar call, even better. I'm ready and Jesus is waiting.



Pastor Scott Rosekrans Community United Methodist Church.



Reverend George Austin from Mt Sinai Deliverance Church in Tacoma. And Pastor Scott Rosekrans, at Leota Howards memorial service.



Spam Fest 2024



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Join us on Saturday August 10, 2024 for a delightful afternoon of music, food and fellowship!

Admission by donation of canned goods/ or non-perishable food for the CUMC Food Pantry.

There will be hot dogs, chips, and bottled water for a **Donation**. All proceeds go to the Food pantry. Cookies etc will be available for a **donation** as well.

Where: CUMC's outdoor chapel, across from the main building, in the trees. **130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock**

Time: 2:00-5:00pm

Our very own **Spirit Singers, Pastor and Banjo Player Mark** will be performing some favorites, along with other bluegrass/country/pickers & gridders. It will be sure to entertain one & all!





It's easy to see why Billie is president of the Garden Club and active during the county fair. Her bouquets are stunning, and enjoyed by all

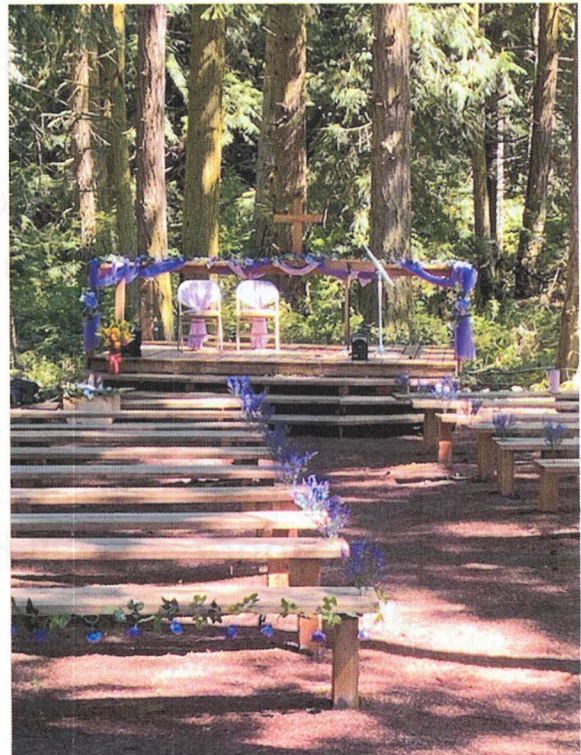


Bouquet by AJ Laverty. AJ often fills in when we don't have anyone signed up. Please consider providing some altar flowers!



Flowers and outdoor chapel for Leota Howards memorial service July 20,2024

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Randy Stillwell



If you haven't been blessed to hear Randy play his trumpet for our church services, you have indeed missed something special. Along with our most gifted pianist, Sheila Harwood, they gave us four stunning performances, including one for our offering!

Randy stays at Scott & Teresa's home in Port Townsend, and according to Scott practices daily to the delight of his neighbors as well as themselves.

This is my second opportunity to hear Randy play and I'm often left without words to describe the beauty, except, when I wrote to Sheila thanking her for all the hard work she had to have put in to play along with Randy, that I felt sure The Good Lord was smiling with joy at the beauty those two presented to us.

Randy lives in Australia and visits





Snowbirds: Cal & Linda and Ray & Lodema jumped in the minute they got back in town—Thank you!!

Thank you to all the volunteers that have provided soup and fellowship for June: Marcell, Lori, Patti C, Lodema, Ray, Cal, Linda and the Men's Breakfast Group. You are all awesome!!

The people we serve are so grateful for your support. They love the fellowship and relaxed atmosphere! We receive at least one Thank you for what you are doing every week. We are serving between 30-35 bowls of soup each week.

Many of our guests are taking soup home to a friend or to eat later in the day.

Volunteers have expressed how easy and fun volunteering at the soup kitchen is, some have excelled at providing fellowship with our visitors and have provided some great tasting soups! THANK YOU!

We have NO openings in July or August.

Things to Remember:

Bananas

Hard Boiled Eggs

No added Salt

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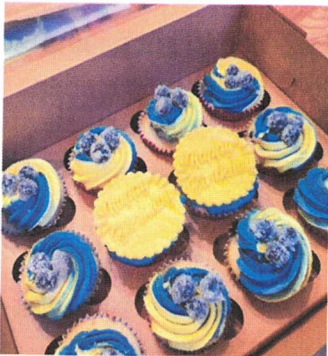
If you would like to sign up, visit the signup sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Lori at 360 620-0809 or email Lori@tlobe.com.



Desserts When You Want Them!

Our Baker's Are Ready to Bake!

Have you ever wanted a homemade treat for your family gathering?
A Birthday Cake, Retirement cake or other kind of treat for a party?
Have you ever just had a hankering for a sweet homemade treat?



The Dessert Auction Bakers and ready to bake whenever you want and whatever you want.

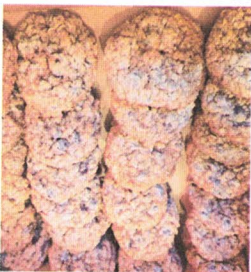
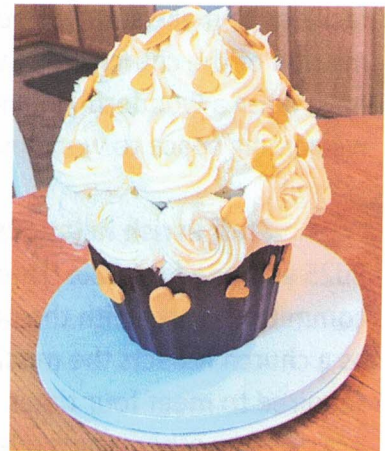
We can make:

Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes, Giant Cupcakes and Jumbo Cupcakes.
We can also make: Brownies, pies, bread, sweet breads like lemon, banana, and more.

We are willing to fulfil your request in exchange for a donation to help pay for the parking lot. We can give you an estimate or just leave it up to you to make a generous donation towards paying for our beautiful parking lot.

We would need at least one week's notice to prepare and would appreciate a donation of at least \$50.00 depending on the treat.

If you want something, 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 pay off the parking lot!

Lori can be reached at 360 620-0809 or lori@tlobe.com.



Back when the church was larger and younger we had committees for everything because we were Methodists, so it was not much of a challenge to find folks willing and ready to serve. But as our churches have gotten smaller and older, finding people to serve on committees has been difficult at best. Luckily for me, one of the many books I read was called Simple Church and it advocated paring down the number of committees and going with a smaller management team. We did that out of necessity, but now that we have apparently turned things around and are growing, I see some opportunities to serve that will really help us as we continue to move forward.

We will be having our annual charge conference in October, so I wanted to get a jump on filling some of the vacancies. I assure you that none of these jobs are that time-consuming or burdensome, but they are important to the smooth and efficient running of the church. So, I want to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the openings and a little about what all the positions entail and, if you have any interest, we can talk further.

Trustees. Currently we have one vacancy for the Class of 2025 with one year remaining on a three-year term and one opening for the new Class of 2027 which is a three-year term. The Trustees are essentially an oversight board. Most people think they just mow the grounds and fix things that break, which they do, but really, they have oversight of our property and facilities to make sure it is being utilized for church purposes or purposes that advance the mission of the church along with making sure it is being properly taken care of. The trustees have done a wonderful job in facility maintenance and making sure that we have a safe and welcoming space to work and worship.

Staff Parish Relations Committee. Currently we have one vacancy to fill for the Class of 2025 and one for 2026. There will be one vacancy for the new Class of 2027. Essentially, this committee works with the pastor to make sure we are theologically sound and that what we do as a church reflects the mission of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are required to meet four times a year to assess where we are, how we are in meeting goals, and address any other issues relating to the vision of the church. For the pastor, the SPRC can be the eyes and ears of the church conveying any concerns or issues that may need to be addressed.

Lay Member of the Annual Conference. They represent the church at Annual Conference and report back to the church issues discussed and actions taken at Annual Conference.

Finance Committee. This is one of the committees that we had to consolidate within the Administrative Board. For the last couple of years our Treasurer and Financial Secretary have been doing the work of maintaining and monitoring our finances and the Administrative Board has had to make decisions on how our church finances and funds are maintained and utilized. The committee on finance shall make stewardship of financial resources their priority

throughout the year. The finance committee explores creative ways to manage our resources and encourage our congregation to tithe out of generosity. They are responsible for completing a fiscally sound budget and are charged with the responsibility for developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget. We've done a pretty good job in managing our resources and being good stewards of your generosity but we can do better. Where a finance committee can benefit us in the years to come is in coming up with a plan to manage our growth and invest in the future. You don't have to be an accountant or a CPA and we're not asking you to serve as the treasurer or financial secretary. Your task will be to work with the Ad Board to make sure we are fully funded and are wisely utilizing our resources. Don't worry, you won't be asked to balance the checkbook!

Anyway, those are the areas we are looking to fill in the coming year. Give it some prayerful thought and if you have any questions, I have the specific job descriptions for each position as delineated by the Book of Discipline and you can also talk to other committee members regarding the ins and outs of the position.

Pastor Scott



Church Council Meeting



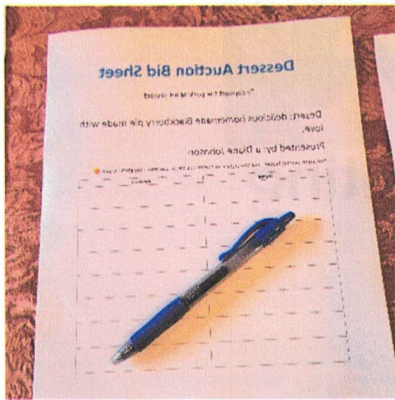
Silent Dessert Auction

A special thank you to the bakers and dessert makers who helped make the June Dessert Auction a great success!

We had **some great Pies, Cookies, and Jumbo cupcakes.** Together we raised \$170.00 to help pay for our safe parking lot! The running total raised to date to support making the parking lot safe is \$2,357.00 Thank you everyone for your support.



We have enough bakers lined up for August and we will have many yummy treats to bid on including pies, brownies, and more. If you have questions or would like to bake, email Lori at Lori@tlobe.com.



Get ready to bid on some scrumptious homemade desserts that you can take home and share with your family and friends. If you are interested in baking for future dessert auctions, please let me, Lori Oberlander, know at 360 620-0809. Be creative, we love pies, cakes, brownies, sweet breads—whatever you like to bake, we like to eat!





United
Women
in Faith

We will resume meeting in the fall. Please enjoy your summer and we hope to see you all in the fall !

Questions can be directed to:

Pat Chase @360.385.3457 or

Gladys Heinzinger @ 360.385.9049

August



Seen Around CUMC:



Construction of all sorts, but mostly for the new sewer system being installed in Pt Hadlock. It's a good idea to find an alternative route to get to the church.

A new sounds system....no more mic stands and clutter on the altar area. The new "shotgun" mic works great. It hangs from the ceiling and does a great job of picking up the sound...now to remember to take things off of mute!..LOL

July 14th service is again blessed with the melodic sounds of Rick Stillwell's trumpet!

Hope you got to tune in or better yet, be in church for this blessing.

The heat is on, now...after waiting for the rains to let up, the sun decided to come on strong! So refreshing to work with the window open!

Flower beds with new mulch. Looking so good and flowers so happy!

Did you notice the outdoor chapel peeking through the trees? Don has been prepping it for use this summer.

Mama Deer and her speckled baby strolling through the flower beds. At least they didn't eat while strolling. So sweet, unless your Scott who sees them as a nuisance.LOL

Two white butterflies dancing over the lavender flowers.

Debbie Dodd baking during the 7/21/24 service, her famous Scones for the Parking lot fund replenishment! They smelled divine and tasted even better!

Thank you Debbie, you are a treasure to us all!



A mama Deer and her speckled baby. One of the perks of working in the office is getting to watch the wildlife stroll by. They feel safe and secure here!

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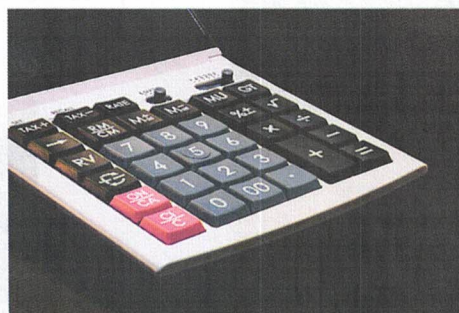


Like Scott often says, our church services are like that box of chocolate, that you never know what your gonna get...this past Sunday, we got a sweet piece when Pete Cornett joined us for our opening songs on his guitar! Pete lives in Portland and watches us faithfully. What a joy it was to have his musical talent join us!!
Come Worship with Us!!



Lynn Marlow rescued a small bird from the church office. HIS EYE was indeed on the Sparrow!

August

Treasurer's Report Year to Date

1/1/2024 – 5/30/2024

Income:

Pledges	\$40,747.33 *
Earned Income	\$24,265.88

Total	\$65,013.21
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Expenses:

Apportionments	\$8,145.60
Mission	\$3,900.00
Operating	\$25,226.63
Program Ministry	\$15,324.39
Personnel	\$29,784.74

Total	\$82,381.36
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Total to Date Profit/Loss	(17,368.15)
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* Your Pledges are Needed! If you haven't made your pledge, it isn't too late.



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 May 1– May 31, 2

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
Missions	\$100.00	1	1
Non Pledge gifts	\$590.00	7	6
Parking lot	\$480.00	6	5
Pledges	\$13,175.00	35	20
Clothes/Store	\$100.00	1	1
Totals	\$14,620.00	53	

Summary of all donations by category 1/1/2024– 4/30/2024

Category	Amount	#Donations	#Donors
Building Maintenance	\$40.00	1	1
Clothes/General Store	\$120.00	2	2
Missions	\$4,050.00	10	6
Non Pledge gifts	\$2,318.00	35	13
Parking lot	\$3,223.00	43	16
Pledges	\$53,910.36	183	29
Quil Sr Table	\$475.50	4	2
UMCOR	\$200.00	1	1
Soup Kitchen	\$240.00	6	4
Totals	\$64,576.86	285	

Total Distinct Donors across all Categories: 49



For 2024, there were 18 pledges turned in for a total of \$70,860



	MON	Tues	Wed	THUR 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
		Designated Drivers 4:30				General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
4 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	5 Alzheimer Support 10:30-noon	6 Designated Drivers 4:30p	7 Spirit Singers 10:30	8 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting Rogue Yoga 10am-1:00pm	9	10 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
11 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Dessert Auction after church	12	13 Designated Drivers 4:30p	14 Spirit Singers 10:30	15 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-1:pm Ad Council 6:30pm	16 ***** Pastor on vacation starting to- day till 8/26	17 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
18 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship Cal White , guest pastor	19	20 Designated Drivers 4:30pm	21 Spirit Singers 10:30 Deadline for Newsletter	22 252Rogue Yoga 10am-1pm 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library	23	24 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
25 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship Cal White, Guest Pastor	26 ***** Pastor returns to the office	27 Designated Drivers 4:30pm	28 Spirit Singers 10:30	29	30	31 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
				 Warm Days.....		

August 2024

BIRTHDAYS

- 12 Marcy Wootan
- 18 Bev Rothenberg
- 19 Pat Chase
- 25 Teresa Rosekrans
- 31 Jim Dodd

HOSPITALITY



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

LITURGISTS

- 4 Billie Fitch
- 11 Billie Fitch
- 28 Liz Hazen
- 25 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

COUNTERS

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

GREETERS



December LECTIONARY READINGS

August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
2 Sam 11:26-12:13a	2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33	1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14	1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11)
PS 51:1-12	PS. 130	PS 111	22-30,41-43
Eph 4:1-16	Eph 4:25-5:2	Eph 5:15-20	PS 84
John 5:24-35	John 6:35,42-52	John 6:51-58	Eph 6:10-20
			John 6:56-69



Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name

Jumping The Hurdles

August 3, 2024 The Upper Room

Hurdlers are incredibly focused. During a race they have no time to look back, even if they knock over a hurdle, they focus on their pace and performance from one step to the next.

Life is full of hurdles too, but I have found that my faith keeps me motivated when I face obstacles. I've written and been published in numerous inspirational resources. But more recently, I felt God calling me to write a Christmas devotional book. I enjoy study, research, and writing, but formatting a book and creating a cover design have been a constant frustration. When I have run into technical glitches I've wanted to give up, but my husband has urged me to keep pushing forward. I am now in the final part of the race—the book is formatted, and I'm finalizing the cover.

When we feel God calling it is best to remember the reason we are here. It's not about us and our triumphs; our focus is to give glory to God in all we do. We may stumble over spiritual, emotional, or physical hurdles, but they shouldn't deter us from completing God's plan for us. With Jesus as our role model we have assurance that we'll finish our race.

Christine Henderson, FL

COME
AND
Worship
WITH US



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8-10 Thursday

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

Scott Rosekrans, Pastor

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10 am - 4pm

Monday– Thursday