

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church



September 2024

## Spamfest 2024

Well, our first Spam-fest is under our belt and on all accounts, it was a success. I don't know about anyone else, but I had a blast. Planning something like that for the first time is tricky as you don't know what could go wrong. Like every weekend here on the Peninsula there is a lot going on competing for folks' attendance so I wasn't sure if anyone would show up. And, in true Methodist fashion, at about ten minutes before start time the parking lot was pretty empty, and I wondered who was going to eat all of those hotdogs we had purchased. But then folks started trickling in and I saw a few musicians getting out of their cars carrying instruments and I began to breathe a little easier. I held off starting until closer to two-thirty so everyone could get situated and then off we went with our Spirit Singers warming up the crowd with three of our favorites. And then we got to jamming.

Over the course of the next two hours, I saw people coming and going as they pleased, and the crowd was very appreciative of our music with some folks joining in and singing along on the familiar songs we played. But what I also observed was the networking that was going on. People who don't attend our church showed up and I could see them talking with church members about our mission projects and how they could help. Well, timing is everything, because I learned earlier that morning from Jean Holtz that Bayside Housing and Services was going to move the twelve tiny homes from Pat's Place in

Port Townsend to our church property, doubling the number of tiny homes in our backyard. (I had previously had a conversation with Gary Keister from Bayside about this possibility but wasn't sure when it was going to happen, if at all.) I announced this news to the crowd and told them that what we were doing was even more important than ever as more people would be coming to us for assistance. The folks in attendance were genuinely impressed as we received some very positive feedback. We collected four cartloads of food and \$492.00 in cash, but more importantly, we raised awareness of the housing challenges and what one church could do with the help and support of others who care and want to do something. As one of the fiddle players was leaving, she approached me and said how impressed she was with our efforts to take on social justice issues. I thanked her for her comments and for coming to share her gift of music. Don't be surprised if she shows up some Sunday morning to play a few gospel fiddle tunes.

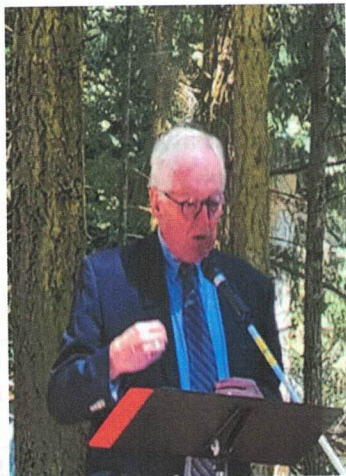
None of this would have been possible if it weren't for the support of people in our congregation. The volunteers who showed up without having to be coerced were huge, from cooking the hotdogs, to working the donation table, to singing, to greeting and talking with our guests, and to helping take everything down was truly a team effort. And your donations, your prayers, and your attendance at functions like this are important as it shows a commitment and a unity in Christ.

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So, I went home that evening totally spent figuring I'd get a good night's rest and wake up Sunday morning refreshed, but such was not the case. I tossed and turned wondering to myself how were we going to meet the increased demand now that we were going to have twice as many housing-challenged people living in our backyard, but then I remembered what the disciples must have been thinking when Jesus told them to feed the five thousand with just a few small fish and loaves of bread. God will send us just the right number of people to love, he won't overload us, and the Spirit will lead us in not only meeting those challenges but doing it in a way that brings glory to God, and then they'll send us some more! The Spirit was with us at Spamfest, and I know Jesus was pleased that we could take a few cans of Spam, multiply them, and feed his hungry brothers and sister.



The Spamanator



Don doing what he does best! Thank you Don!



**BILLIE FITCH CREATIONS THAT GRACED OUR CHURCH ALTAR!**





Our very own Man Brigade on the Grill for yummy Hot Dogs. Thanks guys!



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### SPAM-FEST 2024

was a huge success! We raised \$492.00 in cash and received donations of non-perishable food for our Food Pantry. We had 10 wonderful musicians, 4 singers including our own Spirit Singers. Fun was had by all and the outdoor chapel was tip top shape thanks to Don Olsen's hard work!



## Board of Trustees



Who are they and what do they do?

The Board of Trustees are the volunteers at the church who keep things in order: they fix things that break, they make upgrades, they do routine maintenance and so much more!

As we prepare for Nominations for 2025. The Board of Trustees will have a couple of opportunities for you to serve.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the church building, the grounds, the parsonage and other buildings located on our property (except the Senior Housing and the Tiny Home Village).

Other activities and actions include making recommendations to the Ad Council for the purchase, sale, or lease of the property or portions of the property. Also responsible for getting bids, hiring and monitoring contractors or sub-contractors, making and presenting short term and long term priorities of major repairs and remodels to the Ad Council Board.

If you are handy with tools, understand the facilities planning and organizing, you might enjoy working on the Trustees Committee.

If you have questions or you are interested in serving, contact Lori Oberlander at 360 620-0909 or Pastor Scott at 360 385-1579.





# fall events

United Women in Faith

First meeting since summer break  
will be held at HJ Caroll Park on  
Rhody Drive at 11:00am, Wild  
Olympic salmon pavilion

September 5, 2024

All are Welcome!!

For information, contact Pat Chase  
at 360.385.3457 or Gladys  
Heinzinger at 360.385.9049



United  
Women  
in Faith





### Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup



The most heartfelt thank you goes out to Ray & Lodema and Cal & Linda for their support, because of your support, the summer calendar is full!

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 serve between 30-35 bowls of soup each week.

**Fun**

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  
September 2024.



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](mailto:Lori@tlobe.com).

### Things to Remember:

- Bananas
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- No added Salt



\*\*\*\*\* I am looking for a special group, friends, or couple that would be willing to commit to the 3rd Saturday of each month to prepare and serve soup. \*\*\*\*\*

# 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 are 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.

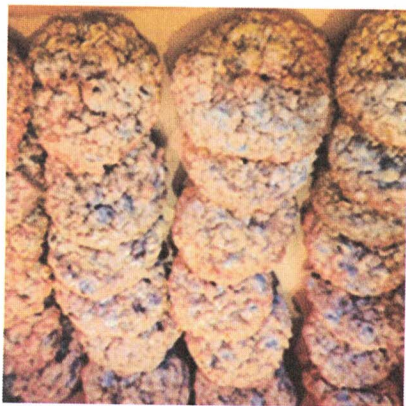
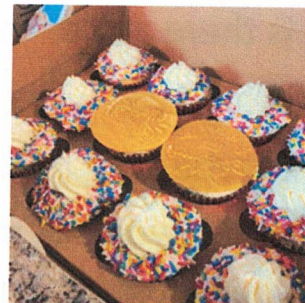
We are willing to fulfill your request in exchange for a donation to help pay for the parking lot. We can give you an estimate or just leave it up to you to make a generous donation towards paying for our beautiful parking lot.

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](mailto:lori@tlobe.com).



# Silent Dessert Auction

A special thank you to Billie, Lodema and Kathi for helping to make the August Dessert Auction a great success!



We had some great Pies, Cookies, and Brownies. 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 \$2,497.00 Thank you everyone for your support.

I am looking for feedback about the dessert auctions. Please call or text me at 360 620-0809 or send me an email at [lori@tlobe.com](mailto:lori@tlobe.com)

- Do you enjoy the desserts?
- Is there any particular dessert that you want to see?
- Would you like a break from the dessert auction for a couple of months? Maybe switch to quarterly instead of monthly?
- Would you like more selection? Less selection?
- Would you like them fresh out of the oven and enough for everyone?
- Do you have other ideas to share?

We still have funds to raise to completely replace our reserves that we used to pay for the parking lot. Your feedback is needed and appreciated.

Call, text or email me at 360 620-0809 or [Lori@tlobe.com](mailto:Lori@tlobe.com)







### Missions Possible!

It was my honor and privilege to travel to Stanwood Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> to represent Community United Methodist Church to talk about our missions' programs: The Clothes Closet, the Food Pantry, and the Soup Kitchen—just to name a few.

I love love love, our pastor's sense of humor by naming the workshops "Mission Possible" as a take on the old TV Show Mission Impossible changed to be Mission Possible.

I was told in advance that I had six people signed up for my workshop, but I had six people who attended the first one and eight—possibly more who attended the second session. We hardly had enough room in our small room.

I started off telling them about who we are and a little history about our missions over the last 20 years starting with the land lease to OlyCAP to build the South Seven—Senior Housing. I told them about the size of our church and the small steps we took to get to where we are today. Starting with saying yes to our allowing the tiny homes to be built in our parking lot, to moving them to our property, to discovering that they had other needs.

We had great conversations with each other and one of the participants had already talked to Scott at the Annual Conference. They really loved Scott's creativity with making up names of months to collect things that we need such as Soctober, Underweary, and Newvember. They loved the stories about our great volunteers who help our participants get exactly what they need and the partnerships that we have with other churches. In the end, people felt inspired to start small and take it as the Holy Spirit leads them.

It was a long day, but well worth the effort.

Lori Oberlander



## New from Bayside

Bayside is finding more ways to help people who are experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County

**EMERGENCY SHELTER:** Bayside is managing the downtown P.T. shelter funded by Jefferson Co.

**JC MASH Free Clinic:** Bayside is raising funds to support the new, full time position of Medical Director, who will lead efforts to expand services with an emphasis on mental health.

**WOODLEY PLACE.** Renovations to 17 rooms are nearly completed; it's first permanent supportive housing tenants will move in this fall.

**COMPUTER LABS.** Bayside is installing three computer labs for use of tenants at four sites with support from multiple foundation and tribal grants.

**COMBINING PAT'S PLACE AND PETER'S PLACE:** Bayside is moving the tiny shelters at Pt. Townsend's Pat's place to property adjacent to Peter's Place in Pt Hadlock and upgrading the shared kitchen and sanitation facilities.

**VINCE'S VILLAGE:** With an \$8.7M grant from the state, Bayside will break ground on 23+ units of affordable housing on the property currently occupied by Pat's Place. Vince's Village will be open for tenancy by early 2026

**9th STREET PURCHASE:** Bayside closed on a house next to the site of Vince's Village to be rented as affordable housing; an adjacent vacated street may allow Bayside to construct up to 66 more units of affordable housing.

**SAN JUAN PROPERTY:** Bayside has signed a purchase and sale agreement to purchase the property at the corner of F street and San Juan in Pt. Townsend. We have received a portion of the purchase price and hope to raise the balance in order to close the sale by the end of the year.

**STARRETT HOUSE:** The lower rooms offer extended-stay-hotel-as-shelter; the rest is operated as a B&B (proceeds pay the mortgage) and event venue. Bayside is raising funds for re-roofing and exterior painting.

**BAYSIDE SKILLS CENTER:** To build the employment prospects of people experiencing homelessness and members of our community, Bayside will offer authentic career experiences and practical training in the culinary, hospitality and restaurant industries beginning this fall.

**PORT HADLOCK COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH;** has loaned property for Pat's/Peter's Place. Bayside is raising funds to purchase more property for new units of affordable housing.

**IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME TO DONATE TO BAYSIDE, IT IS NOW!**

\*Contact Gary Keister at [gary@baysidehousing.org](mailto:gary@baysidehousing.org) 360.385.3682

\*Contact Heather Dudley-Nollette at [heather@baysidehousing.org](mailto:heather@baysidehousing.org) 360.215.0543

\*Contact Karen Clemens at [karen@baysidehousing.org](mailto:karen@baysidehousing.org) 360.701.6130

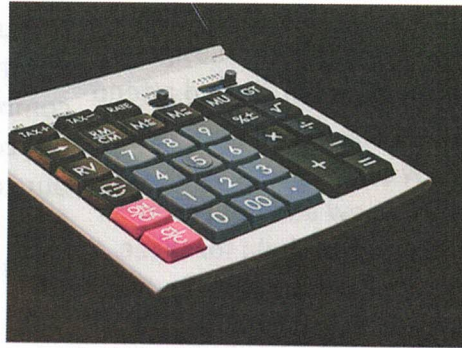
**DONATIONS** made in the form of checks or gifts of stock are also most welcome

BAYSIDE HOUSING & SERVICES

PO Box 927

Port Hadlock, WA 98339 EIN 47-1798297





Treasurer's Report Year to Date

1/1/2024 – 7/30/2024

Income:

Pledges	\$70,854.69 *
Earned Income	\$33,242.84

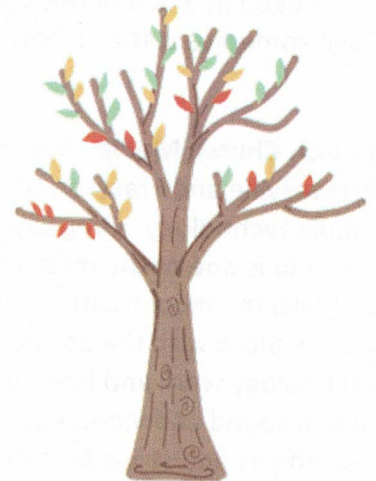
Total \$104,097.53

Expenses:

Apportionments	\$10,860.80
Mission	\$5,100.00 **
Operating	\$34,166.61
Program Ministry	\$17,233.83
Personnel	\$42,130.60

Total \$92,144.96

Total to Date Profit/Loss \$2,760.53



\* 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.

Before COVID arrived and drastically changed the way we do things we used to have an annual gathering called Roots and Wings. It was a one-day event designed for all the churches to gather, mingle, network, and attend various breakout sessions. It was a day of worship, singing, connecting, and refreshing. Well, now that COVID has waned Roots and Wings is back in a new and improved format. This year Roots and Wings will be held for three consecutive months in different locations around the Puget Sound Missional District, in Stanwood, Sequim, and Issaquah.

I want to talk to you about the session to be held in Sequim on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> which is the one that will be the most convenient for us to attend. What I would like for our church is to have several members attend with an eye on going to several of the breakout sessions that might most interest us. Oh yeah, our church will be presenting a breakout session entitled: Missions are Possible where I will talk about how missions are possible for small churches on a limited or no budget scale. I've looked at a few of the sessions and think we should have someone at the following:

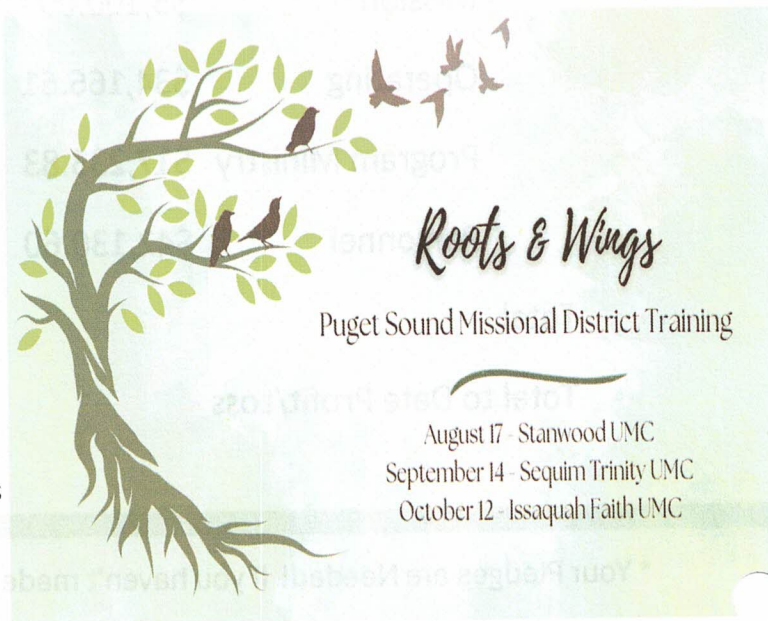
**101 on Church Media.** Rev. Greg Reffner, Pastor of Brownsville and Tracyton UMCs will be giving a session on media technology. Greg says that media technology in worship is one of the most powerful tools at our disposal. It is also the most frustrating! Really? In the workshop he'll explore with the attendees how sound and video technology work and how to operate it. They will have actual sound and video equipment to practice with. With our efforts and struggles I think this session is a must.

**Empowering Laity Through Lay Servant Ministries.** Every church and every pastor need all the help he or she can get. This is how I got my start. Rev. Sheila Miranda will talk about how these courses on Lay Servant Ministries offer laity opportunities for both spiritual growth and skills training. The workshop will give participants an overview of class offerings, certification programs and processes. You don't have to become a Certified Lay Minister like I am, but you can gain valuable insight on how you can more fully serve your congregation. As we continue to grow and expand our ministries, I think this is a session well worth attending and I can use all the help I can get!

**United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** I met the presenters at Annual Conference, and they are very knowledgeable and their outreach and ability to tap into resources is unlimited. They are disaster response coordinators and will help participants learn how to coordinate, communicate and prepare for natural disasters through our connection. I believe that when a natural disaster hits our community people will naturally seek out assistance from our church because that is what we do. Should we be thinking bigger?

Anyway, there are others and if you google the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church you can navigate their website and look for Roots and Wings to learn more. Additionally, there is a place where you can register in advance for the Sequim gathering. If you need help navigating the page or signing up Kathi and I can help you. I hope you will join me in this great opportunity to gather and learn from others what all we can do to further make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Scott





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 July 1– July 31, 2024

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
Missions	\$100.00	1	1
Non Pledge gifts	\$405.00	7	5
Parking lot	\$295.00	3	3
Pledges	\$8,830.00	17	11
Clothes/Store	\$150.00	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,780.00</b>	<b>30</b>	

### 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	\$270.00	4	3
Missions	\$4,150.00	11	6
Non Pledge gifts	\$2,723.00	42	14
Parking lot	\$3,518.00	46	16
Pledges	\$62,740.36	200	30
Quil Sr Table	\$475.50	4	2
UMCOR	\$200.00	1	1
Soup Kitchen	\$240.00	6	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$74,356.86</b>	<b>315</b>	

Total Distinct Donors across all Categories: 55

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



September 2024

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Joan Flowers
- 15 Lori Oberlander
- 23 Lil Tiller

**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.
- \* 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!

**LITURGISTS**

- 1 Billie Fitch
- 8 Billie Fitch
- 15 Liz Hazen
- 22 Laurie Engelbeck
- 29 Kathi VanCamp

**COUNTERS**

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

**GREETERS**



**September LECTIONARY READINGS**

Sept 1  
Ps.45:1-2, 6-9 or  
Ps. 72  
Jas 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

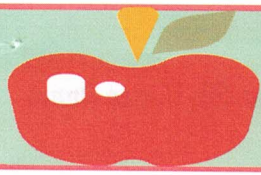
Sept 8  
Prov 22:1-2,8-9,22-23  
Ps. 125, or 124  
Jas 2:1-10,11-13,14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

Sept 15  
Prov 1:20-33  
Ps. 19  
Jas 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

Sept 22  
Prov 31:10-31  
Ps 1  
Jas 3:13-4;3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

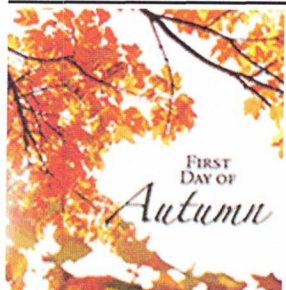
Sept 29  
Esth 7:1-6,9-10, 9:20-22  
Jas 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

**Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name**



# SEPTEMBER

2024

Sunday 1	MON 2	Tues 3	Wed 4	THUR 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	Alzheimer Support 10:30-noon	Designated Drivers 4:30	Spirit Singers 10:30	7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting <b>UWF 10am @ HJ Carroll Park</b> Rogue Yoga 10am-1:00pm		General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
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	< SSF Service 3-7pm Sunday the 22nd	Designated Drivers 4:30pm Bell Choir 10:30-noon	25 Spirit Singers 10:30	252Rogue Yoga 10am-1pm 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library		General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship		SSF: Salish Sea Fellowship				

## September



**Debra Ison: Path to Joy****September 30, Upper Room**

Six years ago, I learned that I would become a widow. My husband's diagnosis meant that over time, his simple pleasures—golf, fishing, throwing a ball with a grandchild—would become impossible. We accepted each day as it came, celebrating the good days and comforting each other on the bad ones. The final four months of his life I was his full-time caregiver. It was the hardest thing I have ever done.

My husband's death brought an end to his suffering, and I was grateful for that. But for me, it was the beginning of being alone and missing the man I had shared life with for 49 years. The intensity of my grief surprised me since I had know this loss was coming for several years. This new form of grief filled me with loneliness and a sense of extreme loss.

I discovered, however, that no matter how unhappy I was with my circumstances, I was **never** alone. Friends were always available and were very supportive. And God comforted me. I turned to scripture and found God's love on every page. I prayed and felt the Holy Spirit beside me. I turned to nature for solace and rediscovered the majesty of God's creation. Gradually, I found the joy that was dwelling within me all along—the joy of knowing Christ as my Savior.

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8-10 Thursday

Web Site: [www.HadlockChurch.com](http://www.HadlockChurch.com)**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am****Fellowship Time: 11:15 am**

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Monday- Thursday