

## Finance News

#### April Notes from the Finance Committee

Continuing our education of our annual conference apportionments. This month, we are going to take a closer look at the Conference budget and UMCOR designated funds. There are six funds that make up the conference budget. This month, we are going to address the pension and benefit fund.

#### **PENSION & BENEFIT FUND**

Among other things, the pension and benefit fund provides a partial health subsidy for retired pastors, spouses, surviving spouses, and those receiving disability. The fund is also used to help subsidize health premiums for active mission designated pastors and families.

The conference board of pensions has a policy to keep at least 3 years of operating expenses in reserves to cover the swings in financial market returns. Over 70% of this budget is dependent on endowment earnings, or lack thereof.

### WE HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT MONIES DESIGNATED FOR UMCOR (UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF).

The Finance committee has received a conference bulletin which answers the question.

The special collection/s for UMCOR was formerly known as ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. At SUMC, the March Coins of Compassion was designated for UMCOR/One Great Hour of Sharing.

UMCOR is like the Red Cross or Catholic Charities but is not as well known because UMCOR does very little advertising. The organization is designed such that **100%** of all donations are channeled directly to the earmarked project or relief effort.

An example of one project we have been supporting is "Up From Ashes". This project is helping families build homes after the large fires in Okanogan County, Washington. Gordon Ellison-Oslin has worked with crews on this project.

More to come...

Alicia & Janelle



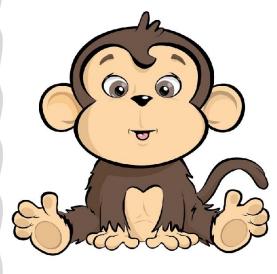
# Congratulations

THREE CHEERS FOR MEGHAN BAXTER! SHE RECENTLY
WAS NAMED A WASHINGTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ADVISOR OF THE YEAR! THIS INFORMATION COMES TO US
FROM LINDA — WHO IS SO PROUD OF MEGHAN'S
ACHIEVEMENT! CONGRATS BAXTER FAMILY!





### JOB LISTING

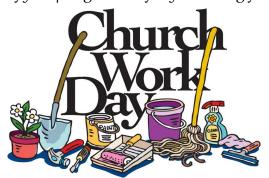


We are currently searching for a Nursery Attendant to serve every Sunday from 10 AM until 12 PM. The compensation for this position is \$11.50 per hour. All potential candidates must pass a State Background Check. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Nellie Ann Mills.

# Thank you for all your work!

A HUGE thank you to everyone that came out on Saturday, March 24th for the all-church work party! The church looks beautiful and all ready for Spring. Thank you for sharing your skills, energy and time!





## A REMINDER FROM MISSIONS

As the Missions Committee learned last year, school supplies are no longer the biggest need locally. With that knowledge, this Fall in lieu of planning an inhouse Back-to-School event, Missions will focus on partnering SUMC with a larger-scale event. On Saturday, August 25th there will be an LFP/Shoreline Back-to-School Consortium. The Works organization (a clothing resource in Shoreline) has asked SUMC to collect items for this unique



event. In past years the consortium has provided school supplies, clothing and even haircuts for children returning to school. This year The Works is asking for the following items:

*new underwear	*new socks
(4T through 2XL adult)	*toothpaste
(briefs and boxer briefs - no regular boxers)	*deodorant
*full size shampoo and conditioner	*bars of soap

# Upcoming April Events

Wednesdays April 4th & 18th

Hospitality Meeting 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 15th

Missions Meeting after service

Sunday, April 22nd

Worship Meeting after service

Thursday, April 26th

**SPRC Meeting 7 PM** 

**Ongoing** 

FFUMCF Sunday School Fridays 7 PM

Fijian Bible Study Saturdays 7 PM

Thursday, April 12th

**GNG Committee Meeting 7 PM** 

Sunday, April 15th

**Trustees Meeting after service** 

Thursday, April 19th

**Church Council 7 PM** 

Thursday, April 26th

Newsletter info due to office thank you!

**Ongoing** 

Ladies Bible Study (2nd, 16th & 30th)

English Bible Study Wednesdays 7 PM

# It's Spring!

"Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid or

terrified because of them,

for the LORD your God goes

with you; he will never leave

you nor forsake you."

-Deuteronomy 31:6



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