

SUMC Newsletter

February 2018



A Note from The Finance Committee

The finance committee is very grateful for the generosity shown by each and every giving member of the church. Brent Henshaw, Conference Treasurer, sent a thank you note to SUMC/ FFUMCF for paying 100% of our apportionments in 2017. We have posted a copy of the note on the bulletin board at the foot of the back stairs.

In 2017, we as a church paid \$19,525.04 in apportionments to the Annual Conference. Included in the apportionment amount are Pension and Benefit fund, Ministerial Support and Administration fund, World Service and Conference Benevolence Fund, Ministerial Education and Africa University. We received a total of \$23,734.32 from the Conference. The funds received from the Conference included a salary support for a full time SUMC minister and support to develop and maintain the First Fijian UMC fellowship.

The church council just approved the 2018 budget. As part of the budget, we included the 2018 apportionments amount. This year our 2018 apportionments are \$22,652.00. This represents an increase of \$3,126 over last year. The Conference will continue to assist both Shoreline UMC and First Fijian UMCF in our ministries but at a reduced amount. It is with much gratitude that the amount we expect to receive from the conference this year will continue to help fund the approved budget for 2018.



New Lectern!



This month SUMC received a beautiful new lectern. This new addition was crafted (by hand) by Pastor Lee's brother-in-law, Duk-Hyun Han. We are very grateful to Mr. Han, as well as to Pastor Lee's sister Seon Han for their lovely contribution to our church.

District Training

On Saturday, January 27th, 10 SUMC members and Pastor Lee took a trip over to Kent UMC and participated in the Annual District Training Conference. The activities began at 9 AM with worship led by music ministry members of Valley and Mountain Church in Columbia City. Afterward, keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee addressed the attendees. His sermon title was “Our Maker Became Made” and touched upon many topics. One quote which he used, could also be used to summarize his time with us. It is a quote by Flannery O’Connor an American writer and essayist. Ms. O’Connor states, “I think that the Church is the only thing that is going to make the terrible world we are coming to endure; the only thing that makes the Church endure is that it is somehow the body of Christ and that on this we are fed. It seems to be a fact that you have to suffer as much from the Church as for it but if you believe in the divinity of Christ, you have to cherish the world at the same time that you struggle to endure it. This may explain the lack of bitterness in the stories.” Upon concluding, Rev. Byassee took questions and listened to comments. With this, he had our District Supervisor, Rev. Rich Lang on his feet! As Rev. Lang moved around the church sharing the microphone with anyone who needed it, it appeared as though he got quite the workout that day!

Our next speaker was John Helmiere, lead Pastor at Valley and Mountain Church. He spoke about his Church’s initiative to create and support social change. Rev. Helmiere

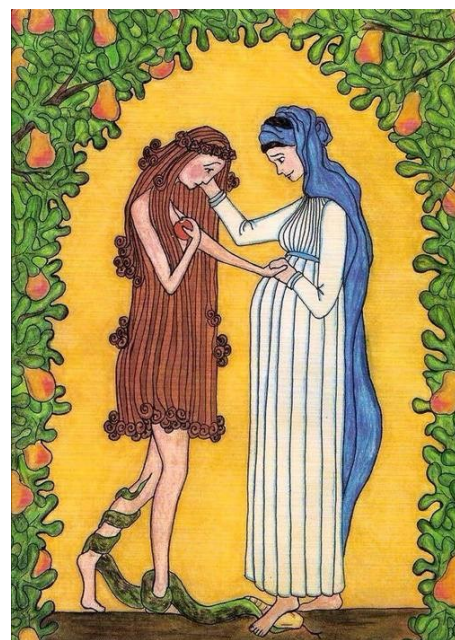


The Shoreline UMC group in the Kent UMC sanctuary with District Superintendent Rev. Rich Lang

invited us to participate in group activities using the 5 steps found on the website **tableturning.org**. He subsequently spoke about Existential Anxieties and how they can serve us in our lives as followers of Christ.

The groups were then invited to enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Panera and after lunch every person had the freedom to choose a workshop to attend. After attending some enlightening workshops, the day at Kent UMC concluded with a time of listening and reflection to Superintendents Rich Lang and Cara Scriven’s commencement words. We all shared in receiving communion together, remembering our amazing Heavenly Father who brought us all together that special Saturday.

If you’d like to learn more about the District Training event, please reach out to one of your fellow members that attended, we would love to share our experience with you!



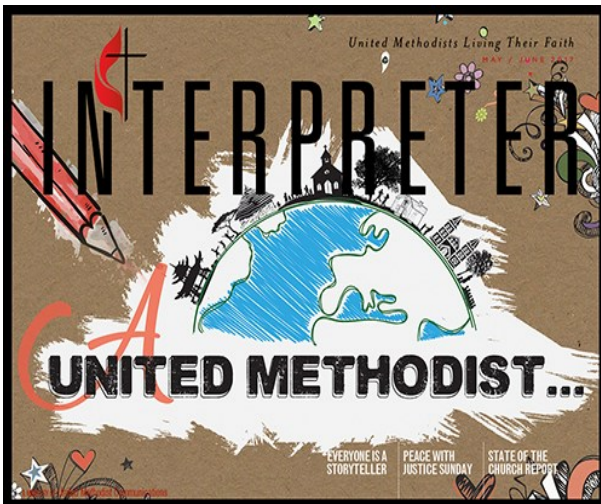
Art by Sister Grace Remington mentioned during Rev. Byassee’s sermon.

Good Neighbor Give-Away

Do you have a space in your home that looks a bit like this? Are you ready to find that second ice skate or that instant pot you received for Christmas two years ago? Have we “got” news for you! Coming this Spring, on May 19th, the Second Annual Great Neighbor Give-Away gives you an opportunity to turn your extra stuff into blessings for someone else. The planning committee for this event is currently hard at work finalizing the details for the GNG event. More information to come soon, but in the meantime, grab a box and get those extra items all packed up! 2 Corinthians 9:7



Interpreter Magazine



Interpreter Magazine is going digital. Starting January 2018 the communications department will no longer be publishing the magazine in its print form. As our world continues to grow technologically, UMC has decided to do the same. Last month's publication, the Nov-Dec 2017 was the final issue. Moving forward UMC will provide emailed bi-weekly news-

letters. They will also utilize more social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) targeted to members and leaders. For more information please see the announcement letter sent by UMC Communications that is posted on the corkboard by the door downstairs.

Upcoming Events

Sunday Feb 4th -Thurs Feb 8th

Pastor Lee out of town
(for Growing Church Conference)

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday service 7 PM

Saturday, February 16th

Lenten Bible Study begins 12pm & 7 PM

Thursday February 22nd

SPRC Meeting 7 PM

Saturday, February 10th

Ladies 2nd Saturday 10 AM

Thursday, February 15th

Church Council Meeting 7 PM

Saturday, February 17th

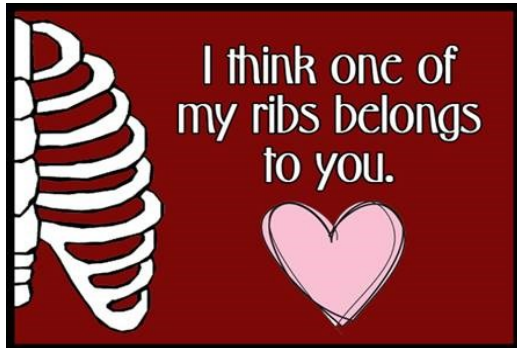
Church reserved for event 12 PM

Ongoing

Ladies Bible Study (5th & 19th) 7 PM

English Bible Study Wednesdays 7 PM

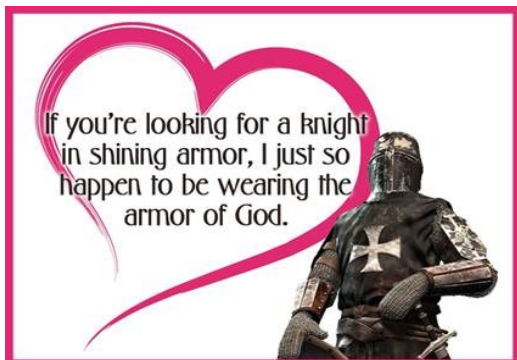
Valentines Day!



Has February 14th AKA Valentine's Day snuck up on you? Well as they say... the Platypus is proof that God has a sense of humor! That said, feel free to cut out one of these cute and/or very silly Valentines to share with your sweetie.



You and me,
we're like loaves
and fishes:
We just might
be a miracle.



AND WALK IN THE
WAY OF LOVE, JUST
AS CHRIST LOVED US
AND GAVE HIMSELF UP
FOR US AS A FRAGRANT
offering AND sacrifice
TO GOD. ~Ephesians 5:2~

happy valentine's day

