

SUMC Newsletter

March 2018

Zechariah 10:1

**Ask the LORD for rain in the spring
of the year. It is the LORD who
sends rain clouds and showers,
making the fields green for everyone.**

Finance News

March Notes from the Finance Committee

In last month's newsletter, we talked about our annual conference apportionments. This month, we are going to start breaking down information regarding the purpose of apportionments and how the monies are spent.

Why does SUMC giving matter?

The United Methodist Church is not just one church, nor a conference full of churches. The United Methodist Church is God's ministry to others all over the globe.

The Church's ministry reaches people who have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our ministry helps feed people who are starving, helps rebuild homes lost in disasters, and gives hope to children who have none. The ministry of The United Methodist Church is in action every day, changing lives in the world for good and helping others know Christ.

This mechanism provides a way so that churches of all sizes can be active partners in mission around the world.

How much money stays in our SUMC church?

Percentages vary with each church, but the majority of your money does stay with SUMC, supporting our local ministry. Based on recent data, 0.86 cents of each dollar stays in local congregations. The remaining is distributed within The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and the General Agencies of The United Methodist Church.

More to come...

Alicia & Janelle

Where God guides,
He provides
Isaiah 58:11

MISSIONS NEWS

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 in-house 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**

 - (4T through 2XL adult)**

 - (briefs and boxer briefs - not regular boxers please)**

- *new socks**

- *toothpaste**

- *deodorant**

- *full size shampoo and conditioner**

- *bars of soap**



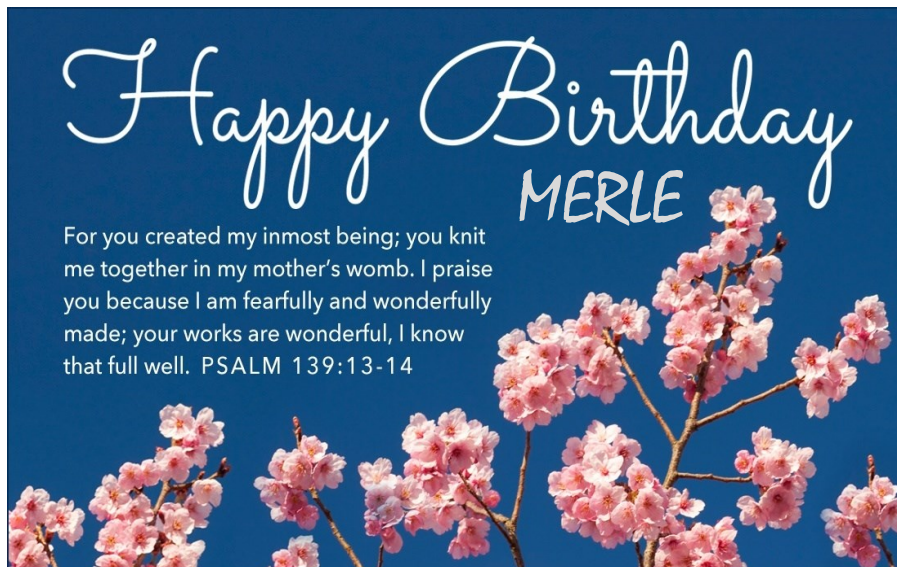
WORK PARTY



Mark your calendars! **Saturday, March 24th** the church family will join together to get our building spick and span! The all-church work party will start at **9 AM**. Wear your least favorite outfit, bring your preferred cleaning supplies, and a bit of elbow grease too! See ya there!

90th Birthday Open House!

Here at SUMC we love to celebrate birthdays! This month, one of our long standing members, Merle Patterson will turn 90 years old! To honor her, Merle's family is hosting a birthday open house on **Saturday, March 24th** between the times of **1PM — 4PM**. The location of the party will be **20505 Marine Drive NW #5 Stanwood, WA 98292** Be sure to join Merle on her special day! Please RSVP to Debbie Stoddard at 206-334-5558 (no gifts please)



Good Neighbor Give-Away

The GNG Planning Committee's next meeting will be Thursday, April 12th at 7PM in the upstairs Fellowship Room

Coming this Spring, on May 19th, the Second Annual Great Neighbor Give-Away will give us the 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



JOB LISTING



We are currently in search of 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.

What is Maundy Thursday?

“Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word “Maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means “commandment.” As recorded in John’s gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment: to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34). This is why services on this night generally include the washing of feet or other acts of physical care as an integral part of the celebration.” [excerpt from UMC.org article]



"Jesus Washes an Apostle's Feet" by Laurie Olson Lisonbee 2006

The evening of Holy Thursday would ultimately set in motion the phenomenal events that would save us all. Jesus knew his fate and what would come in just 3 short days. He knew that Judas would betray him. He knew that Peter would deny him. He knew the agony that awaited. Knowing all that was to come, Holy Thursday serves as one of the best humanly accessible examples of love Jesus showed us. Not only did he give us a new commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you” but he showed us exactly how. He gave of himself. By humbly washing all of his disciples’ feet, a task that was generally done by a person for themselves or by a slave, he showed us true service to others. He not only provided a meal but he gave of himself by breaking bread and offering it as his body. Our dear Lord then offered his blood so that we may be forgiven, for soon, his literal blood would be poured out for us. Through His humility and servanthood, Jesus exemplified for us what true love looks like.



“The Last Supper” by Jean Baptiste de Champaigne circa 1678

As we prepare to take part in the Paschal Triduum, the three days leading to Easter, let us reflect on how to serve one another. On how to love another, how to forgive one another and how to live in the light that shines down on us from our Lord. And let us try to be like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, faithfully saying to God “thy will be done”.

This year Maundy Thursday falls on **March 29th** and SUMC will hold a service beginning at **7pm**. We will gather together for dinner and to receive communion. Pastor Kevin and Reverend Kristin will also be washing the church member’s feet.

Upcoming March Events

Fridays Mar 2nd – Mar 23rd

Lenten Bible Study 12 & 7 PM

Thursday, March 15th

Church Council Meeting 7 PM

Thursday, March 22nd

SPRC Meeting 7 PM

Thursday, March 29th

MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY April 1st

EASTER Sunrise Service (time TBA)

EASTER Service 10:30 AM

Saturday, March 10th

Ladies 2nd Saturday 10 AM

Sunday, March 18th

Missions Meeting after service

Saturday, March 24th

ALL-CHURCH WORK PARTY 9 AM

Friday, March 30th

GOOD FRIDAY Service 7 PM

Ongoing

Ladies Bible Study (5th & 19th)

English Bible Study Wednesdays 7 PM

St. Paddy's Fun!

An Irish Prayer:

May God give you, For every storm, A rainbow,
For every tear, A smile,
For every care, A promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, A sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.



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kids at heart

