



# Shoreline United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## October 2017



# A LETTER FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear faithful members of Shoreline UMC,

With the change of the weather from uncomfortably hot to "It's cold outside," your Church Council thanks you, every one of you, for making the first nine months possible. And what a nine months it has been. Since January your church has been through two major changes and organized a grace filled community event with the Good Neighbor Giveaway. We thank God for you.

Little did we know in January that we would say goodbye to Pastor Clemons and greet with open arms Pastor Kevin and Grace, and their two sons, Paul and Thomas. Of course, any ministerial change means a lot of time, effort and money. You rose to the occasion for this extraordinary change, which included a bridal shower and a wedding, extraordinary hard work on the parsonage and grounds. Also, Pastor Kevin stepped right in by replacing one of the supporting posts for the gable above the front door in the parsonage. Whew! We thank God for you.

On May 21st, the Cooperative Ministry Covenant between Shoreline United Methodist Church and the First Fijian United Methodist Church Fellowship was signed. This was the culmination of numerous meetings among members of both groups, our district superintendent, conference leaders in ethnic ministries and finance. This was not your "walk in the park" journey. The process required gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as tenacity, wisdom, diplomacy, and a great deal of time. We thank God for you.

The community event in May, the Good Neighbor Giveaway, was a God grace-filled gift to the community, which again required extraordinary time, effort and donations. The event's mission was to have an activity which would reveal God's grace, provide an opportunity to recycle possessions, build community, acknowledge the joy of sharing and the contentment of less. Several participants expressed awe that items were free. This event was enjoyed by all ages from young kids to grandparents. Mission accomplished. We thank God for you.

It is because of your generosity in all things that the above happened.

Thank you,

Your Shoreline UMC Church Council Members



# SOCKTOBER!

“Imagine walking around Seattle, trying to find shelter, housing, or employment, and your feet are soaking wet. Ugh. Operation Nightwatch has made so many friends by offering a new dry pair of socks. These socks can open the door to hopefulness.

Every fall, Operation Nightwatch invites the community to collect socks, and then bring them to Nightwatch on a Sunday afternoon. Last year, more than 20,000 pairs of socks were collected for distribution through the year.” - Operation Nightwatch website

This year Shoreline UMC will once again participate in the Sock-It-To-Homelessness program. Please bring your socks to church with you and place them in the SOCK BOX located at the back entrance of the sanctuary. Collection will take place throughout the month of October through November 12th thank you!



## UMCOR

By now we have all heard about the terrible conditions resulting from recent hurricanes. Texas, Florida, Mexico, US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and more are currently struggling in the aftermath of these storms, sadly some more than others. For the rest of October you will find envelopes on the back table marked UMCOR. This stands for United Methodists Committee On Relief. Any donations collected by our church will be sent directly to UMCOR in order to aid in the rebuilding and support of the affected areas.



# CHURCH GROUP HIKE

Recently, Janelle organized a fun church outing. It was a hike through the Iron Goat Trail located near Skykomish along Steven's Pass Highway. Below, please find a few words from Janelle.

Eight hikers from the church walked the trail on Saturday, September 30th amid drizzle and rain. Most hiked 4 miles. Bill however walked about 7 miles and helped four others walk downhill. The colors in the mountains showed God's touch of Fall in the Cascades with the red, orange and yellow leaves of trees and plants. The clouds floated down the sides of some mountains making great pictures.

Hikers: Alicia and Bill Buterbaugh, Andy Proudfoot, Meredani Nuieatau, Shelveen, Yasoda and Roneel Pillay, and Janelle Woolsey.



## Tidbits and Reminders

Wednesday, October 11th

**Hospitality Committee Meeting 5:30 PM**

Sunday, October 15th

**Joint Committee Meeting**

Thursday, October 26th

**SPRC Meeting 7PM**

Ongoing - Ladies Bible Study

**Mondays biweekly at 7 PM**

Saturday, October 14th

**Ladies Fellowship 10 AM**

Thursday, October 19th

**Council Meeting 7 PM**

Ongoing - English Bible Study

**Wednesdays at 7 PM**

Ongoing - Fijian Bible Study

**Saturdays at 7 PM**



# Halloween Fun

## Pumpkin Picking!

Fall has arrived with a chill in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(noun)

The leaves are turning \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(color) (color)

Night time comes quicker, which usually  
means \_\_\_\_\_. But today was a \_\_\_\_\_ day.  
(noun) (adjective)

My \_\_\_\_\_ went to the \_\_\_\_\_ patch.  
(noun) (vegetable)

The \_\_\_\_\_ took us on a hay \_\_\_\_\_ to a big  
(person) (verb)

\_\_\_\_\_ field. We all got to pick a \_\_\_\_\_,  
(adjective) (vegetable)

that was \_\_\_\_\_. Yes night comes quicker now  
(adjective)

that it's fall. But tonight my \_\_\_\_\_ sits  
(vegetable)

by my \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ what a \_\_\_\_\_ day!  
(noun) (exclamation) (adjective)



To the left is a fun game to play with a friend or loved one. This can be played in person or via a telephone call.

### Instructions:

Follow the sentences and without telling the other person(s) what the sentences say, ask them to choose nouns, verbs, adjectives, colors etc. and write their responses on the lines provided. After all the lines are filled in, read the paragraph out loud and enjoy all the Halloween silliness you've created together!

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

