



*Happy
St. Patrick's Day!*

**March
2020**

MARCH NEWS

If you were not at church today, Sunday March 8, we want you to know you were missed. Our church is taking measures to everyone safe. We prayed for all at this time. Attached and Below is information provided from our Pastor and the Conference regarding the Coronavirus situation.

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

I hope that this email finds you well. May God cover you and your family with His mighty healing power.

As you already know, COVID-19 is spreading in our community and city, state, and federal governments work hard to prevent and keep the virus under control. Our Bishop and District Superintendent issued messages to all local churches in effort to encourage and guide the people of God through this confusing time. I've attached three documents: Bishop's Message, SeaTac Missional District Newsletter, and King County Public Health Announcement for your reference.

Core message in all of them is "not to panic" but "be wise to protect yourself and your church". These guidelines will help us to decide how to best protect Shoreline congregation and our families lives. We have a Church Council meeting coming up on Thursday, March 19. We will know by then, what would be the outcome of the situation.

Meanwhile, we are having Sunday worship services, bible studies, and committee meetings as scheduled. We are asking everyone to reduce physical contacts with others as much as possible, always wash your hands and cover your mouth when you cough. Of course, if you are sick, please stay home and get well.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

—Numbers 6:24–26

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Kevin B. Lee

Pastor of Shoreline UMC



March

- 2 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM**
- 11 Hospitality Meeting 5:30 PM**
- 14 Second Saturday Get Together**
- 14 Missions-Serve dinner to the homeless**
- 16 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM**
- 19 Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM**
- 21 All Church Spring Clean-up Work Party 9:00 AM**
- 22 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM**
- 25 Hospitality Meeting 5:30 PM**
- 26 SPRC Meeting 7:00 PM**

Lenten Bible Studies: Tuesdays 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7 at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Standing Meetings:

Every Tuesday: Praise Team Practice 6:00-8:15 PM

Every Wednesday: English Bible Study 7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK

Plans for Easter week are being put together. Here are some dates for your calendar.

Lilies are needed for Easter Sunday. Please bring one if you are able. Remember to remove stamens from the open blossoms.

The ladies are going to assemble the eggs for the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 AM (this will replace the April second Saturday gathering). We will need small wrapped candy.

Sunday, April 5 is Palm Sunday.

Thursday, April 9 is Maundy Thursday. We will have a service but details are still being worked out and will be announced.

Easter, April 12. We will have our normal 10:30 AM service.

Watch the weekly announcements for further information about our Easter Holy Week celebrations. As we continue to complete plans, we will post in the weekly announcements.

March



Birthdays

3 Melania; 8 Makereta; 9 Vilomena; 10 John, Ronell
Sairusi; 14 Anita; 15 Meredani, Hayley; 18 CaMere;
23 Talei; 25 Merle

Anniversaries

7 Anu & Neelam Sharma; Mahesh & Lalita Giri;
17 Nathan & Shanta Iyer

Missions: Coins of Compassion
Revised: January 2020

The Missions Leadership Team decided it was a good time to look at our list of missions that receive our Coins of Compassion each month as some old ones close and new opportunities come along.

February has been Up From the Ashes since 2015. It was UMCOR's project of rebuilding uninsured homes that were destroyed in the Carlton Complex Fire in Okanogan County, and all of the chosen homes have finally been rebuilt. Recent flooding in Washington has resulted in a new Advance to help with unmet needs, so we will redirect February to that project for now.

Our last revision left us with several months without causes, so we adopted our local neighborhood Briarcrest Elementary School and devoted those months to them. We will continue to support Briarcrest in December with our Christmas gift cards and all year with our Education Box Tops. However, after the inspiring talk we received in December from Rev. Dr. Carmen Scheuerman, we decided to replace July with the UMC Global Ministries school in Fiji. The Shoreline Back to School campaign in August already superseded direct help to Briarcrest.

So, all of your coins go to a good cause, and remember that folding money works too, particularly if it is something near and dear to your hearts. Feel free to ask Kristin or Nellie Ann if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

January	Human Relations Day
February	UMCOR – Washington Flood Advance
March	One Great Hour of Sharing
April	Native American Sunday
May	Hope for the Children of Africa
June	Peace with Justice
July	Global Missionary Advance #3022398 (Mission school in Fiji)
August	Shoreline Back to School
September	Hopelink
October	World Communion Sunday
November	United Methodist Student Day
December	Briarcrest Elementary School

MARCH HAPPENINGS



SUMC ladies enjoyed some time in La Conner on Friday, February 28. First, was a stop at the Quilt Museum for a tour of all the masterpieces on display. As you can see in the above picture, we enjoyed the museum visual offerings. After the tour, we found a cozy restaurant in town for a relaxing lunch before heading home.

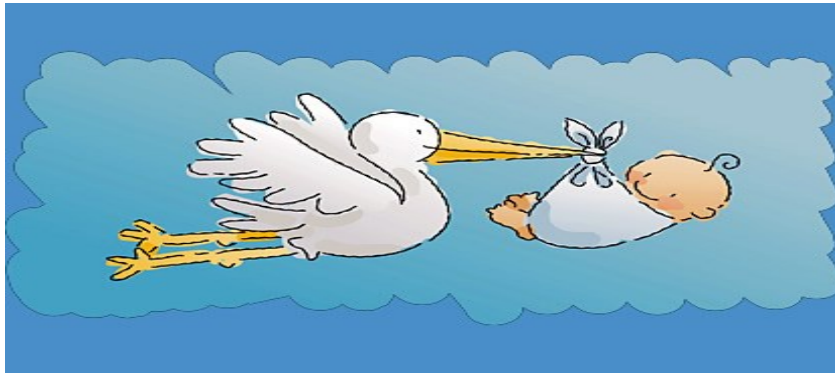
Those enjoying the trip included: Kate, Janelle (front row); Nellie Ann, Donna, Melania, and Alicia (back row). Thanks to our museum volunteer, Ruth, we were all able to be in the picture.



On March 1, our church pianist, Anastasia Solomatina, performed at Maple Park Church in Lynnwood. She received a standing ovation for her performance of Schumann's Piano Concerto..

Several members of our church were able to attend and see her performance.





SUMC WELCOMES A NEW LITTLE MEMBER TO OUR FAMILY

Jack and Merle Patterson have a new great granddaughter,

Cora Blaine Opal

The 7.19 lb. baby girl was born on February 28, 2020 to Matt and Vonna, the daughter of Valerie and Ken.

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's Grocery Store. As I got a little closer, the door came open wide, and when I came to myself I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels, they were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child shop with care". Everything a Christian needed was in that Grocery Store, and all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE,
LOVE was in the same row.
Further down was UNDERSTANDING,
You need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM,
A bag or two of FAITH,
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST
For it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and
COURAGE to help me run this race,
By then my basket was getting full,
But I remembered I needed some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION, the SALVATION was
Free, so I tried to get enough of that to
save both you and me. Then I started up to the
Counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought
I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER
And I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stopped outside,
I could run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful,
They were on the last shelf,
SONG and PRAISES were hanging near,
So I just helped myself.

Then I said to the angel, "Now how much do I owe?"
He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
Again, I smiled at him and said,
"How much, now, do I really owe?"
He smiled again and said, "
"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG TIME AGO!"