



# The Fish Net

North Kitsap Redeemer United Methodist Church

July 2016



## Food Bank Needs

- Jello
- Salad dressings
- Popcorn

Please place donations in the grocery cart in the foyer. Thank you!

## Small Group News

There will be no Prime Timers or Book Club meetings this month. Ladies Fellowship will meet at 1 p.m. every Monday, starting July 11, to work on the homeless plastic mats project. The group also will meet for a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on July 28 at the home of Carol Moser.

## Transitioning

*“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good person out of the good treasure of their heart brings forth good things, and an evil person out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.”*  
*Matthew 12:34a-35*

I love the simple yet profound nature of the logic Jesus presents in every situation. In these particular verses, Jesus is offering his summary judgment against the charge that he heals people by the power of Satan and ultimately lands on the wisdom of “words matter.” On its face, it seems like we might be headed for a conversation about “good” people and “bad” people—the nature and character of what this means, judgment, etc.—but the thing I am interested in looking at is the middle, the in-between, or the transition, if you will.

The easy thing to do when your primary source of knowledge is popular culture or years of accumulated personal experience is to look at these words of Jesus and draw the binary conclusion that there is no middle ground, or that all of us fall into the “good” or “bad” category. I suppose this would be a legitimate conclusion, if you take out of the equation our Redeemer, who not only speaks but performs a miraculous healing for anyone who will come to Him and accept it by faith. The very fact that He says in Mark 2:17, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick,” points squarely to the reality of transition from one pole toward the other.

So I guess it begs the question, “How do you do that? How does one move from one pole to the other?”

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:15 a.m.**  
Teen Class

**9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Class

**10:30 a.m.**  
Fellowship Time

**11 a.m.**  
Worship Service



### **Redeemer and Faith Join Forces for Community Dinner**

Dawgs, chili, watermelon and other summer staples formed the basis of a “Picnic” theme on the evening of June 24 at the Kingston Community Dinner and helped to feed the usual big crowd of enthusiastic diners. The meal was provided by Redeemer UMC and Faith Episcopal and was enjoyed by all! Thanks to everyone who helped with the food, setup and cleanup.

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This is by no means an exhaustive list but only some of the foundational pieces for negotiating the process of transition:

- 1) Examine the well— Jesus could have said any number of things, but he rooted the process in a determination and understanding of what fills our hearts. The reality is that what spills out is only a reflection of what fills up.
- 2) Necessary endings — Henry Cloud writes clearly on this issue and offers some helpful insights. In terms of transition, the immutable fact is that there are always things I have to draw a loop around in order to make room so that new things take root.
- 3) Find the bright spots — This is a recognition of the sovereign free grace of God that is at work in every human life without regard to our personal relationship with Christ. Even the worst do something good, which bears witness to the sheer gratuity of His grace and not our inherent goodness. Relating this to transition, these bright spots can serve to highlight the gains God is orchestrating for us in the process, and above all else, it is clear evidence of the hope of the gospel.
- 4) Aim small, miss small — Transition hinges on knowing where you are going. This underscores the value of a clear, well-defined goal for the transition process. For those of us connected to the kingdom of God, our goal is the complete restoration of the Image of God, which began with putting our trust in Jesus Christ by faith. Our conversion continues on in growing toward loving God with our whole self and loving people as completely as Christ loves us.



I submit to you that in some sense transition is all about moving from sickness to health; it is about discovering who we are and moving toward who it is that God created us to be; and it is about allowing the good treasure of Christ to fill every nook and cranny of our heart until it spills over into the lives of others in a wave of holy love. Transition then is a healthy movement from what *is* toward “a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.” *Revelation 21:1*

■ Godspeed, Pastor Andrew

## Treasurer's Report

Our giving received for the month of May was \$6,901.25 (\$6,534 of general income and \$367.25 of restricted income). Expenditures totaled \$6,560.09. Our summer months can become a little tight financially, due to lower attendance, and this year is no exception, especially while we wait for our new pastor. Please prayerfully consider making a regular contribution during these busy summer months to keep Redeemer financially fit. Enjoy our beautiful summer weather!

■ **Paige Lockwood,**  
**Treasurer**



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## Ad Council Notes

During the June 19<sup>th</sup> Administrative Council meeting, the council continued to concentrate on preparations for our new pastor. Roberta, Joe, Susan, Hal and Harriet attended a pastoral transition workshop presented by the Tacoma District on June 4. One concept was to have some "early wins" to ease the transition. Several ideas were discussed, which we will present to our new pastor when he begins his ministry: game nights, men's breakfast group, church carnival, popcorn and movie nights. If you have some other great ideas, please share them with Susan Hougham so they can be considered.

While not an "early win," we also discussed reconstituting Vacation Bible School, with Joe promising to produce the "Frozen" character! Joe also announced that several anonymous donors have graciously offered to cover the costs of our cross replacement. We wish we knew who you were so we could thank you personally. In any case, thank you very much from your Redeemer brothers and sisters in Christ!

■ **Susan Hougham, Ad Council Chair**



## Back from Annual Conference

I attended the PNW UMC Annual Conference from the evening of Thursday, June 23, through the afternoon of June 26.

This was my first Annual Conference. It was educational, inspiring, enlightening, moving, as well as boring and irritating at times. (Well, you can't have it all.) I will be giving a short summary of conference highlights on Sunday, July 10, and then will discuss with our new pastor how to present the remaining report. Since I had no pastor with me, I did try to keep both Pastor Abby and Pastor Andrew updated during the conference. Thank you for your confidence in me as your Redeemer UMC representative.

■ **Roberta Hansen**

## *WELCOME, Pastor Andrew and Family!*

A hearty hello to our new pastor, Andrew Gregg, and to his wife, Kelly, and their 9-year-old daughter, Jansen. Welcome to Redeemer and to the Pacific Northwest! (A note to the Greggs, who are from the sunny South: Don't expect this beautiful weather in November...)