



## Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship hosted a Father's Day breakfast and would like to thank all who contributed to the food supply, also the workers. The next meeting will be at the church on July 27th at 1:00 p.m. All ladies invited to attend.



## Food Bank Needs

- Hot cocoa mix
- Pancake syrup
- Saline crackers
- Dried Beans

Please place donations in the grocery cart in the foyer.

## Prime Timers'

Prime Timers will not meet in July since their meeting falls on the 4th of July!



## Annual Conference

It is hard to believe but another years-worth of ministry has passed by, and as United Methodists, we mark that passing with a meeting, known as Annual Conference (A.C.). Annual Conference is basically a three-day organizational and mission meeting where all pertinent church business is conducted. All business is handled in a process very similar to the legislative process our country uses, with each church having voting privileges that are exercised by representatives from each respective charge (church). For lifelong United Methodists, A.C. is 'old hat' so to speak and needs little if any explanation. But not everyone in the Redeemer church community has a good grasp of the organizational workings of the United Methodist Church. One of our responsibilities as a representative of Redeemer is to share with our church an overview of the business conducted. Rather than my making some detailed and admittedly exclusive reporting of the affair, it seems good to provide the church with access to the official reporting of events. If there are any specific questions regarding the information or legislation mentioned, let us connect, and we can discuss those questions at whatever length you would like. Here is the link that will take you to all the "action":

(<http://www.pnwumc.org/news/the-144th-session-of-the-pacific-northwest-annual-conference/>).

➤ Godspeed, Andrew Gregg

## Kitsap Computing Seniors

The New Horizons group of Kitsap Computing Seniors takes care of refurbishing and distributing computers, in addition to offering labs to help teach people how to better use computers. So, if you or someone you know could benefit from these services, contact the group at the following website: <http://www.kitsapcomputing seniors.org/>

## Who Do I talk to? (continued)

Building on last month's article, here are a few more people who can help you:

**Prayer Requests** – Tammy McMullen  
(tamwrite@comcast.net)

**All Church Notifications** -  
Tammy McMullen or Susan Hellwich  
(shellwich@centurytel.net)

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:30 a.m.**  
Adult and Youth  
Classes  
**10:30 a.m.**  
Fellowship Time  
**11 a.m.**  
Worship Service

## Freedom Day – July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Christian Calendar



It is that time of year when we celebrate the creation of our country and the freedoms it affords us. What fun to watch parades and fireworks, to decorate our homes with flags and buntings, to share BBQs with others, and to give thanks for this wonderful country where we can practice our faith, voice dissenting views, read what we want, go where we want, and be whoever we are. A blessing many of God's children do not enjoy.

While the creation of the United States is cause for celebration, what of the other creation: God's creation of the earth and the freedoms it brings? We do celebrate the birthday of the church, but what about creation itself? Is one day to celebrate creation not set aside because the creation took place over six days? Do we need a weeklong celebration – each day celebrating an aspect of creation? Or should we celebrate our creation every day? And what would that look like? How do we rejoice in and embrace the freedoms God provides for us?

Looking inward, are we as attuned to the freedoms that God's ways inform our lives as we are to the freedoms that being a citizen of the United States afford us? I don't know about you, but I don't often think about God's freedoms that way. Sometimes the freedom God offers seems more like rules that I should follow, but inevitably I break. However, if I am obedient, I don't have to worry about tomorrow (God goes before me), I don't have to rush around like Mary (Jesus told us that Martha chose the better way), I don't have to fret about too many choices and which one to select (God's path is clear). Embracing these freedoms can lead us to the peaceful and joyful state God desires for us, giving us the space and proper framework to keep the law which "is fulfilled in keeping this one command, 'love your neighbors as yourself' " into practice. (Galatians 5:14) Our celebratory response to the "Kingdom Freedoms" makes every day July 4th as we celebrate God's creation and the freedoms inherent in it. As the Psalmist wrote, "I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought your precepts." (Psalm 19:45)

➤ **Blessings, Lynn Leggett**

## PASTOR'S HOURS

### Monday

By Appointment

### Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Green Light Diner,  
Poulsbo

### Wednesday

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Redeemer UMC

### Thursday

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Redeemer UMC

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## Administrative Council Update



The Administrative Council meeting on May 21, 2017 included review of ongoing action items and discussion of the following issues: It was suggested to adjust the format of the monthly financial statement to include the year-to-date figures compared to the year-to-date budget. Currently, the statement shows the total yearly budget. Painting the front doors was added to the trustee's to-do list. Joe Sanford's request was approved to arrange for Dr. Marv Nelson to bring his dental van to the church to supply free dental care for those in need. Several donations were received to help purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). An AED is a device that delivers an electric shock to a person in cardiac arrest. Simplicity of operation is a key feature: controls are kept to a minimum, voice and visual prompts guide rescuers. Money from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (AKA Dollar Club) will be used to purchase 55 shower cards so the homeless can shower at the Village Green Community Center. Updated and new photographs for the Redeemer Directory will be taken over the next few Sundays. Look for and thank Michael Stephenson who has graciously volunteered as our photographer. And remember to SMILE!

➤ **Susan Hougham, Ad Council Chair**

## Financial Report

Redeemer's general income for May was \$15,960.61 and restricted income was \$604.11. Our expenses for the month were \$9,905.52.

➤ **Paige Lockwood, Treasurer**



## *Lynn's Musings*

Recently, I received a slip in my mailbox informing me that a package awaited at the post office! I was not expecting a gift, so I spent the weekend pondering what it could be and anticipating picking it up on Monday. Those two days of suspense led me to ponder upon all the gifts that surround me every day. Last week a beautiful rainbow spanned the sky in front of our home – it was unexpected – there one minute and gone shortly after, but the colors were magnificent and shone with an ethereal glow that brought me great pleasure. We were at Point No Point beach and saw a

Humpback whale breach in front of us; it was a delight to see such a magnificent creature break the waters. Beautiful gifts of the natural world He created are but some of the gifts God surprises us with to enjoy. There are many others that He graciously bestows upon us, for example, gifts of relationship and community. Shared meals, shared laughter, shared service with family, friends, and even strangers are gifts that fill our hearts with joy. Sometimes God answers our prayers in an unexpected and marvelous way that only He could bring about. Some gifts are shared communally, other gifts are meant for us alone. How blessed we are to be the recipients of God's amazing gifts in all of their forms. God knows how to delight us.

While we enjoy the many gifts from God, how often do we give gifts to God and what might they look like? We give our tithes and our offerings, put dollars in the dollar club, but what other presents can we bring to God to delight Him? Pastor Andrew mentioned in a sermon about falling asleep while praying. Ahem – I'm guilty. But then I thought, perhaps that is a gift. When we start our day and end our day in prayer, our day is bookended by God. I think God would take pleasure in his people waking to the prayer from Psalm 118:24: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" and then resting in his presence at the end of the day. It is a gift of choosing to walk with God.

I am led to think of other ways that I can give God gifts – it's fun to choose the perfect gift for someone. I don't think it is that God needs gifts, but it is the love behind the gift that would touch God's heart. Would you join me in bestowing some gifts and surprises that would delight our Maker?

➤ **Blessings, Lynn**





## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

### **Music Summer Camps**

Rupert Kettle will be hosting music summer camps at Redeemer UMC again this year. The camps will be held July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, and August 21<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be \$175/student, with a 10% discount when signing up for two or more camps. Ages 8 through 15 are preferred, but other ages considered, depending on the student's maturity level.

Camps will focus on band dynamics, ensemble performance and guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, and music theory instruction. All instruments are welcome. For more information please contact Rupert Kettle at [206-595-6769](tel:206-595-6769) or [ark3music@gmail.com](mailto:ark3music@gmail.com).

### **Parking Lot Rummage Sale!**

The Ladies Fellowship is planning a Parking Lot Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. Sellers will be responsible for set-up and clearing of rented spaces, including removal of all unsold items. There will be a \$10 charge for each car-sized space or \$20 for two car-sized spaces. Sellers keep all proceeds from the sales. Participants must bring their own table, blanket or other means to display their items and must take home all unsold items. Contact Carol Moser at [cjmmoser@comcast.net](mailto:cjmmoser@comcast.net) or (360) 297-5101 to reserve a space. And remember to tell your neighbors, friends and family about this opportunity.



### **Contemporary Christian Music Concert**



On Saturday, September 30, Redeemer will be hosting a contemporary Christian music concert featuring the local band *The Exchange*. Tickets will be \$5 each and will become available in August online at Brown Paper Tickets and at Redeemer. This will be an amazing event for any of the youth you know; a chance to hear uplifting songs of faith and to worship together in a new way. So please tell all the youth you know about this event. More information will be coming!

# **“Hands Of God” Opportunities**

## **For the Schools!**

Please save Campbell soup and Box Top labels; the schools get 10 cents for each label. Just give your labels to Carol Moser.

## **Bless the Sick**

Our Prayers and Squares Ministry can always use your help. All you need is a sewing machine and the ability to sew a ¼-inch seam; they will supply all other material and equipment. They have lots of great fabric and patterns and will gladly mentor any new quilter, either at the 2nd Saturday meetings, at your home or at the church. Just give one of these ladies a call if you're interested: Fran Larrabee, Betty Thunder, Susan Houghman or Phyllis Wahlquist. If you need contact information, just call or e-mail Pastor Andrew at (256) 302-2246 or [hello2redeemer@gmail.com](mailto:hello2redeemer@gmail.com).



## **Christmas Child**

This year Redeemer will have a Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party. We will be collecting items for the shoeboxes through October and will have a packing party on Sunday, November 5, 2017 immediately following church. Come pack a box with love and fun for a girl or a boy, ages 2-4 years old, or 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old. These shoeboxes can be an amazing, transforming power in the world. After receiving a shoebox through the local church, the children are invited to enroll in a class entitled “The Greatest Journey,” a 12-lesson discipleship program. So, each shoebox has the potential to change more than one life. The types of items needed include deodorant, soap, brushes/combs, school supplies, small toys, hats, scarves, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dolls, stationary, flashlights (either wind-up or with extra batteries), stuffed animals, stickers, coloring books and crayons, travel games, jewelry, etc., BUT REMEMBER, it all needs to fit in one shoebox! Also, no candy and no liquids of any kind. A more extensive items list will be available for pickup at the church. Thank you!

## **School Supply Drive**

Redeemer supports the local school every year by supplying items that students need, but can't afford to replace or buy, including composition notebooks, spiral-bound notebooks, backpacks, plain hooded sweatshirts, and pens. Just a gentle reminder, since back-to-school sales will start in early August... There will be a collection bin for these items at the church in July and August, so we can bring them to the school before classes start. Thank you!

