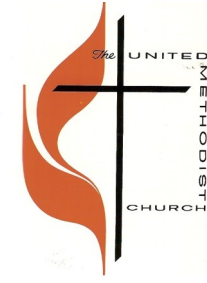


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The Messenger

May 2015

The mission of Stanwood United Methodist Church is to love and honor God by committing our lives to Jesus Christ and inviting others to this commitment.

What Is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter and the Days of Pentecost continue until the Advent season. This year Pentecost begins Sunday, May 24th. The church has moved from the empty tomb and a focus on the risen Lord through his ascension. Now the church moves into a new relationship with him in and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the day to welcome the gift of the Spirit and interpret that gift afresh.

The Season of Pentecost focuses on the Spirit and the way in which it touches everyone in the world. Pentecost is a time of outreach, praise, spiritual renewal, and fellowship. In most churches, the general theme of the Bible readings and sermons during the Pentecost season concern the church's mission in the world. The color of the season is Red. It is appropriate to wear red on Sunday, May 24th; in fact, we encourage it!

Doves are a symbol of Pentecost, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit at the baptism of Jesus.

Mission Committee Needs Your Help

The cupboards are bare after the Missions Committee members delivered five Welcome Boxes and five Best Wishes Boxes in March and April. Can you help with money or items for the boxes to replenish the supplies for the boxes? With donated funds, our super-shoppers find the best deals on the needed items.

After a rather slow winter, the Interfaith Family Shelter in Everett has had many residents finding more permanent housing and moving out. New homeless families are moving in. So the cycle goes. A staff member just called to say that they need more Welcome and Best Wishes Boxes.

The Missions Committee with help from the ConneXion Groups and the United Methodist Women have provided support for the Interfaith Association of the Northwest's Family Shelter Project in Everett. From April 2014 to April 2015, the SUMC provided 31 Welcome Boxes and 24 Best Wishes Boxes as well as blankets, dinnerware, bowls and cups.

The mission project involves providing Welcome Boxes for families coming into the Family Shelter and Best Wishes Boxes for families leaving the Family Shelter. The Welcome Boxes contained items needed by individuals and families that are staying in the shelter to get started on improving their lives. The Best Wishes Boxes help them with items that they will need to set up housekeeping in their new homes. Often these families come into the shelter with almost nothing.

With the renovation of Wesley Hall and to provide a more visible place to leave donations, the Missions Committee is eliminating the Food Bank Box next to the fireplace. We have acquired a grocery basket from QFC. Yes, they donated it for these worthy causes. The advantage of the new basket is that it is moveable. It can be placed anywhere in the church. On the basket will be a list of the items needed for the Food Bank as well as the items needed for the Welcome Boxes and the Best Wishes Boxes.

We thank you all for your continued support of this most important project.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:

May 26, 2015

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Worship Service Hours

9:00AM	Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:00AM	Coffee Time
10:45AM	Contemporary Worship Service in Wesley Hall with refreshments. Children's Church also during this time.

Stanwood Camano Food Bank News

The Stanwood Camano Food Bank currently serves over 500 local families on a regular basis. Distributing an average of 45,000 lbs. of food monthly, the Food Bank is in constant need of donations. Donations are welcomed Tuesdays thru Fridays from 9am to 1:00pm at the Food Bank or Mondays thru Saturdays at the Thrift Store next door, anytime between 10:00am to 4:00pm. Monetary donations may also be sent to the SC Food Bank at PO Box 1285, Stanwood, WA 98292.

Items most needed are fresh produce, baby food, canned goods, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, Spam, canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit and personal care items.

We are currently preparing for the annual US Postal Food Drive on Saturday, May 9th. The Food Bank receives an average of 20,000 pounds of food on this one day, and the need for volunteers to assist in unloading, sorting and boxing this amount of goods is great. Anyone interested in assisting should contact Wendy Foster, the Food Bank's volunteer coordinator.

The Food Bank is also changing its hours of food distribution. Beginning Friday, May 1, 2015, the hours of distribution will be 10:00am to 1:00pm each Wednesday and Friday. And, beginning June 6, 2015, the Food Bank will be open on Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. This is meant to provide food service to those families who are unable to get to the Food Bank during its regular week day hours. This will be a two-month trial, after which, the Food Bank will assess the usage factor to determine whether or not it should be made permanent.

For additional information on the needs of the Food Bank and/or to volunteer services, please contact me or our volunteer coordinator, Wendy Foster at 360-629-2789 or scfoodbank@scfbs.org.

Rick Bentley
Executive Director

No More Malaria

See what our Conventionalism can do?! Our offering at the Maundy Thursday service that the youth led was **\$512.00**. Combine that with other United Methodist Churches around the world and we are able to give 9.6 million dollars to help prevent malaria!



A check for \$9.6 million was presented from the people of The United Methodist Church to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The gift is the single largest contribution ever made by a faith-based group, fund officials said.

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That Third Thursday Thing

Calling all green thumbs, enthusiastic helpers and anyone who wants to work for coffee and donuts. We will meet at the parsonage on Thursday, May 21 from 9-11AM to groom the grounds. Please bring your own tools, gloves, etc. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your help!

United Methodist Women

Pack your sack lunch and come join us at our next UMW meeting. Beverages are always provided. We will meet on Wednesday, May 13 in the Anderson Room at 11:30a.m. We have another special program planned for this meeting. Our Church Historian, Nancy Adams, will be the presenter and lots of interesting information will be part of her program. We hope you will join us.

Imagine No More Malaria

Our combined Maundy Thursday Service here with Marysville UMC was a great success. Our youth did a terrific job leading the service and the offering garnered \$512.00 for the *Imagine No More Malaria* campaign. This preventable and treatable disease, transmitted through the bite of a mosquito, claims 655,000 lives each year. *Imagine No Malaria* is an initiative of the UM Church to raise \$75 million to end preventable deaths from malaria in Africa by 2015.

On May 10 you will receive a special offering envelope and information on this campaign to eliminate malaria.

WESLEY HALL UPDATE

Recent events include: Meeting with the electrician who does all the "dirty" work before the "pretty" work and our Building Contractor who is helping put all detailed projects in order. All remaining light fixtures are being ordered and will be installed early part of May (during the week days). Pendants should arrive very soon.

The Building Contractor has given us an estimate on carpentry and finishing. A close look at our budget and costs indicate a target of 75% achievement of our "wish" list. As we proceed, we'll keep you informed of progress and any "surprises".

Building Committee

ALERT! ALERT!



Recycling

is coming to Stanwood United Methodist Church!


Barbara Shaffer's ConneXion group is developing an "easy-to-do" recycling system.

Why do we need to recycle ?

It was grace that led God to create all things. It is grace that leads God to show mercy to the human race. It is grace that leads God to sustain life on our planet.

Watch for further news soon.

Out-To-Lunch Bunch

Olive Garden in Burlington will be the next destination for this group. Meet at the church at 10:45AM to ride the minibus on Thursday, May 21st. 

Thank you for supporting our Youth!

We had a wonderful Youth-led Maundy Thursday Service with great attendance from both Marysville UMC and Stanwood UMC on April 2. The Youth learned so much about worship planning, leadership and our Methodist connectional system and we raised \$512 for *Imagine No Malaria* to be sent to the Conference!

The Youth Summer Mission Auction was Saturday, April 25 at Marysville UMC and we raised almost \$7000! Thank you very much to all those who donated, attended, bought items and have provided our youth with prayer support!

The Jr. High Youth will be traveling to Eugene OR to participate in Learning And Serving Together or L.A.S.T., a youth mission ministry run by United Methodist Deacon, Jeff Lowry.

The Sr. High youth will be traveling to Medford OR to Camp Latgawa, one of our United Methodist Camps to build Tipi's to support their camping ministry. Both mission trips take place July 19 - 24(25). These mission opportunities provide our youth with an intensive time of United Methodist faith formation which they will remember for the rest of their lives. We are so grateful for your support!

There are still a few openings for Sr. High youth who want to go on a mission trip! Talk to Heather for more information!

May and June Birthdays

MAY

Bonnie Logen	1
Caroline McLees	4
Douglas Cole	5
Conrad Ryer	12
Dot Hare	17
Kris Johnson	21
Kate Wigner	21
Paul Richardson	24
Mary O'Farrell	25
Mary Lu Conley	26
Stan Hanson	28
Wilma Poole	30
Carol Fullagar	31



JUNE

Donald McLees	6
Jann Morgan	6
Phoebe Cadwallader	7
Rhonda Hundertmark	7
Robin Southward	10
Ed Adams	11
Barbara Dadd Shaffer	11
Stanley Slattum	19
Diane Head	20
Amelia James	21
Beth Bryant	24
Blanche Radder	25

Garage Sale!



We have a chance to participate in a garage sale at the Stanwood fairgrounds on Saturday, June 6. The Stillaguamish Grange is offering a booth for \$30. We did this several years ago and it was a substantial money-maker: \$673 at the Grange and \$500 from a remainder sale we had several weeks later at the church. We are contemplating doing this again, but we need a Chairperson to head this up. Congregation members would also need to donate items for the sale.

Would YOU like to chair this project? If so, call the office at 629-9555. We need to find a Chair by May 6, so don't hesitate if this is something that would be your ministry for our church.

Congratulation to Scott Cole upon his acceptance to Whitman College!

We're very proud of you Scott!

United Methodist Men

UM Men will meet at 8AM on Saturday, May 9 in the dining area of the Josephine Suites. We always have a great breakfast, fellowship and worship. All men of the church are welcome and you may bring a guest. We look forward to seeing you and we value your input.

Stanwood High School Safe Graduation

The SHS Safe Graduation Project received \$118.00 from Stanwood UMC. This was the money raised through our sale of lilies for Easter. One dollar was donated for every lily sold plus some members of the congregation chose to donate the price of the lilies (\$11) in lieu of receiving a lily. Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile project.

