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**Worship Service Hours**

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

**JANUARY**

Pat Logen	3
Nolan Mongar	3
Donna Kallicott	5
Kathy McKee	7
Scott Cole	10
Mary Margaret Haugen	14
Janet White	20
Lorel Bresko	22
Reg Head	27
Lucy Armstrong	29
Jeff Highland	29

**February**

Janet Cole	6
Sharon Robinson	7
Carolyn Gregory	11
Craig LeRoy	14
Melissa Whaley	25
Isabell Durland	26

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Out to Lunch Bunch**

This group will be dining at the Dragon Palace in Stanwood (at the movie theatre complex) on Thursday, January 18 at 11:30am. Please join us!

We meet the third Thursday of each month at a favorite restaurant. February we will dine at the Vintage Café in Everett; March we will travel to Rhodes River Ranch near Oso; and in April at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Route 20 where we will tour the tulip fields after lunch. We can car-pool from the church for the longer trips; if we dine in town, just meet at the restaurant at 11:30am.

**When you borrow. . .**

When you borrow items from the church like chairs, platters, tablecloths, carafes, or even take something home to wash like the tablecloths, please fill out the info on the clipboard hanging in the kitchen so we know where the items are. Often they go missing and we don't know who has them, if they are truly "missing" or temporarily on loan. No need to list on the clipboard if you are taking kitchen towels and dish cloths home to wash and thank you for washing those used towels!

**Letter received from the Food Bank:**

To members of the Congregation,

Thank you for your donation of \$80 and \$135 to the Stanwood Camano Food Bank in November and December! You donations provided special holiday food to some of the 425 families in our community needing more food each month.

Thanks for giving them food so that they can share in the joy of Christmas!

Roger Clark  
President of the Board

**Liturgists Needed!**

If you have an interest in being on the liturgist schedule, contact Fay Richardson or call the office at 360-629-9555.

**Stanwood United Methodist Church**

"A Progressive Church for Thinking People"

January 2018

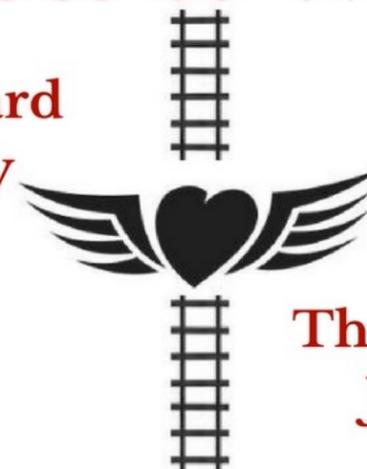


# The Messenger

*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.*

## Roots & Wings

The Inward Journey



The Outward Journey

**Marysville United Methodist Church**

**February 24, 2018**

**9 AM - 3:30 PM**

Join us for the annual Puget Sound District training event.

Morning classes will explore our inward faith journey.

Afternoon classes will explore our outward faith journey.

Plus classes for finance, trustees and SPR to support our congregations.

**Early bird registration starts January 1st for \$20**

After February 9th it jumps to \$40.

Lunch is included and on-site childcare is available.

Scholarships available to those who need financial assistance.

Contact Puget Sound District Administrator, Hollie Swanson

at 1-888-818-4288 or [pugetsound@pnwumc.org](mailto:pugetsound@pnwumc.org)

## Words from the Pastor:

The late football strategist, Vince Lombardi, was a fanatic about fundamentals. Those who played under his leadership often spoke of his intensity, his drive, his endless enthusiasm for the guts of the game. Time and again he would come back to the basic techniques of blocking and tackling. On one occasion his team, the Green Bay Packers, lost to an inferior squad. It was bad enough to lose . . . but to lose to *that* team was absolutely inexcusable. Coach Lombardi called a practice the very next morning. The team sat silently, looking more like whipped puppies than a team of champions. They had no idea what to expect from the man they feared the most.

Gritting his teeth and staring holes through one athlete after another, Lombardi began: "Ok, we go back to the basics this morning . . ." Holding a football high enough for all to see, he continued to yell: ". . .gentlemen, *this* is a *football!*"

How basic can you get? Why in the world would a seasoned coach talk to professional athletes like that? Apparently it worked, for his team went on to win three consecutive world championships. But how? Lombardi operated on a simple philosophy. He believed that excellence could be best achieved by perfecting the basics of the sport. His strategy? Know your position. Learn how to do it right. Then do it with all your might! That simple plan put Green Bay, Wisconsin, on the map.

What works in the game of football works in the church as well. What are the basics of "the church"? Filtering out everything that isn't essential, what's left? Let's listen to the Coach. He tells us we have four major priorities if we are going to call ourselves a church: teaching ... fellowship ... breaking bread ... prayer. (Acts 2:42)

To these we are to "continually devote ourselves." Solid, balanced, "winning" churches keep at the task of perfecting those basics. These form the *what* aspect of the church. The *how* is equally important. Again the Coach addresses the team. He declares that the church getting the job done is engaged in: . . .equipping the saints for the work of service, for the building up of the body of Christ . . . (Ephesians 4:12)

"Hey, that's easy" you say. "How simple can you get?" you ask. Are you ready for a shocker? The toughest job you can imagine is maintaining these basic assignments. Most people have no idea how easy it would be to heave the essentials and get involved in other activities.

Believe me, there is a steady stream of requests from good, wholesome, helpful sources for the church's attention. I repeat, good and wholesome things, but not essential . . . not directly related to our basic purpose: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." (The United Methodist denomination's mission statement.) First and foremost, that is what our focus is all about. Simple and essential.

Wishing each one of you a blessed New Year!

Grace and Peace  
Pastor Dan

## Finances

Thank you to all who have so generously contributed to the success of our church this last year. As of this publication we have not completed the financial reports for 2017. We will publish that information as soon as we have it available.

Annette Slaybaugh, Finance Chair

## Volunteer at the Food Bank!

Pastor Dan's ConneXion Group has begun volunteering at the Food Bank once a month. They are inviting anyone from the congregation to join them in volunteering. Join them on the first Thursday of the month for one hour, 1-2:00pm. Tasks vary each month. If you'd like to participate, just meet at the church at 1:00pm on the first Thursday of every month.

## Thanks for Making Christmas Brighter for Families at the Shelter

Thank you to all those who have donated towels, thermometers, flash drives and stamps during Advent to refill our *Welcome Boxes* and *Best Wishes Boxes*. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated at the Interfaith Shelter in Everett.

Missions Committee

## United Methodist Men

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 13, at 8:00am in the dining room of the Suites at Josephine. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast, fellowship and worship as we plan our activities for the new year.

We always meet the second Saturday of the month at Josephine; please join us each month! Dick Black, President



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10 at 11:30am. Arlene Peightal will serve as hostess and Ann Taylor will give the devotions. Susan Cole will present the program.

We always meet the second Wednesday of the month, so, ladies of the church, please join us every month if you can. We ask that you bring a sack lunch for yourself and we will provide the beverages.

Beth Bryan

\* Check out the article below to see what we've been up to!

## UM Women End Year on High Note

The UM Women completed their year with a Christmas luncheon in December. A big shout-out to the card makers (making \$1600 this year to date) and the hostesses for receptions, and to the congregation for supporting their benefits by purchasing cards! We were able to donate over \$2800 to local and afar charities including \$500 to the Stanwood Food Bank, and \$800 so Zango ( a UM Women-sponsored orphan at the Jamma Letu Orphanage in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) could finish out his educational requirements.

Other recipients included Joe Wiederhold's ministry at *The Spot*, The Stanwood Camano Resource Center, Days for Girls, NAMI, Interfaith Shelter, and the UMW District's sponsorship of Tacoma Community House and Atlantic Street Station. Any and all ladies of the church and outside are welcome to join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month for brown bag lunches, fellowship, education and worship.

## Lincoln Hill Adult Day Center Now Offers New Service

The Lincoln Hill Adult Day Center is a group for those who are currently living with physical or cognitive limitations such as dementia, Parkinson's disease, and/or other limitations, and who may have become socially isolated. It also allows their caregivers an often much-needed break from their caregiving roll.

The program runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Stanwood Community and Senior Center, and is coordinated and led by Lauren Reinhardt. The group is a fun place to be for its participants, with many opportunities to connect with the other group members there. From the music often playing in the background to dance along and sing to, to the various crafts completed, it is a great place to come enjoy the company of others. Games such as a beanbag toss, bowling with bouncy balls, and jeopardy bring group members together and provide something to look forward to each week.

With the many fun activities taking place each meeting, participants are able to more easily maintain their current level of physical and mental health, and continue to live at home for as long as they can. For caregivers, this group is a great opportunity to help their loved ones get out of the house and meet with others, while also allowing themselves a short respite.

If you are interested in participating in the Adult Day Center group, contact Lauren Reinhardt at [l.reinhardt@stanwoodseniorcenter.org](mailto:l.reinhardt@stanwoodseniorcenter.org).

## Fellowship Committee Plans Special Activities

The Fellowship Committee is planning several activities in January and February. **First, on Saturday, January 20 from 1-4pm they will host a "Game Day"** in the fellowship hall. It is a fun church family activity with board games, card games, Bunco, and any other game a person would like to bring like dominos or cribbage. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks to share and the beverage of their choice. A great time to interact with people from the other service with whom you may not be well-acquainted.

**On Sunday, February 4 they will host a Super Bowl Party**, also in the fellowship hall. Even though our Sea Hawks will not be playing, it is always fun to watch the playoffs. Feel free to wear your favorite team's colors and please bring party food to fuel your cheers. This is our 3rd (4th?) year to have a Super Bowl Party and it is always more fun to watch it with others and root for your favorite team.