

Methodist Moments

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Invitation from the UMW

Please join us for our General Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 1:30 p.m. We will have our annual pledge service and make Valentines for shut in's and family members. If you are unable to attend, please ask Tana Truscott for a pledge card. Your gift is important for UMW to keep mission alive in our community and world. Thank you.

There are sign-up sheets up on the foyer bulletin board for liturgists and serving communion. If you sign up to be liturgist for a month you will read the scripture, the call to worship, help serve communion, and announce the songs. This is a great way to help lead worship with everything you need to do written out for you ahead of time. As a communion server you help serve communion

for the month you sign up. This is a very important part of worship as we remember that we are all of one bread, and one body. If you have any questions please ask Pastor Cody.

A HUGE thank you to all who give each month to our collection of non-perishable items for the Asotin County Food Bank. This church generously gave 1730 lbs. in 2016!!! Produce given from the Church Garden was over 500 lbs. And, over 400 egg cartons were also donated.

Ch Loss in Our Church Family

Ralph Greer passed away on Jan. 22. His service will be Friday, Feb. 3, at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. We ask that you keep Freda and the family in your prayers.

The Memorial Service for Bill Johnson will be Saturday, February 11, at 1:00 p.m. here at the church. Please continue to keep the Johnson family in your prayers during this time of loss.

Threshold Thoughts

WRITTEN BY **ELAINE STANOVSKY** ON OCTOBER 3, 2016. POSTED IN **BISHOP'S BLOG**, **PASTORAL LETTERS**

On August 13, without fanfare, Clint and I crossed from Montana into Idaho on I-90. It was a pilgrimage from Denver to Seattle; from one rich chapter of life and ministry in the Mountain Sky Area into another, unknown chapter in the Greater Northwest Area.

How do you enter a new place? Or even, how do you re-enter a familiar place after many years? How does a leader join multiple teams each with its own habits and traditions, its quirks, taboos and preferences?

In Luke 10, Jesus sends his followers to places they had never been before with instructions to "carry no purse, no bag, no sandals" (Luke 10:4). He tells them to offer only a blessing of peace and to receive the hospitality offered them by strangers who receive their blessing. They are to heal the sick and tell them that the Kingdom of God "is right on your doorstep" (Luke 10:9, *The Message*). As you read the passage you wonder, what about teaching about Jesus, condemning wickedness, and baptizing converts?

Sounds like a gentle kind of evangelism, grounded in vulnerability, mutual respect, shared resources and healing relationships. Can it be that the Kingdom of God is there on the doorstep – the threshold – where guest and host exchange blessings and *meet* one another?

I'm thinking of this year as a threshold. Throughout the year I will travel to a variety of places for "threshold events" where we will meet and bless one another. In June, we'll cross the threshold into new relationship with a service of installation during the joint Annual Conference session of the Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences, with representatives from Alaska joining us as well.

God's at work in the world, sending us to new places to meet new people. We are blessed

to be a blessing!

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky

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Bishop Elaine Stanovsky engaging in a conversation with leaders in the PNW Conference on Oct. 1, 2016. Photo by Rev. DJ del Rosario.

Bishop Stanovsky will be at Spokane Valley United Methodist Church on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The church is located at 115 N. Raymond Road, Spokane Valley. If there is enough interest the church bus will be used to take people to this event. Talk to Pastor Cody if you are interested in attending. If you would like to read about one of the previous Threshold events, go to http://www.pnwumc.org/news/threshold-event-offers-warm-hospitality-conversation-on-a-wet-and-windy-day/ and read Patrick Scriven's article.



The Worship Committee will be hosting a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on Feb. 28, at 6:00 p.m. Come and fellowship together. If you have questions please talk to Dave Felkins.

Ash Wednesday is March 1. The service will be at Asotin UMC at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be served 5:00-5:45 p.m. at Asotin UMC. Sunday afternoon Lenten services will be held at the various Cluster churches at 4:00 p.m. during March and April. The focus of the services will be on *The Beatitudes* found in Matthew 5: 1-12 and Luke 6: 20-26.





Youth Group meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the down-stairs fellowship room. The group is open to kids that are in 4th grade through junior high. Talk to Kaylissa Beale if you have kids this age or would like to help. The schedule in March and April may be different due to the afternoon Lenten service.

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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1

1:30 p.m. UMW General mtg. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Scouts

THURSDAY, Feb. 2

1:30 p.m. Small Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group

SUNDAY, Feb. 5

Communion Food Bank Sunday 4:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group

MONDAY, Feb. 6

10:00 a.m. Small Group

TUESDAY, Feb. 7

*12:00 p.m. Tuesday Stitchers 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice 5:00 p.m. LC Valley Doll Club

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8

4:30 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00-8:00 p.m. Scouts

THURSDAY, Feb. 9

1:30 p.m. Small Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group

FRIDAY, Feb. 10

6:30 p.m. Movie Night

SUNDAY, Feb. 12

Scout Sunday
Ten Spot Sunday
4:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:30 p.m. Small Group

MONDAY, Feb. 13

10:00 a.m. Small Group *PEO mtg.

*5:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Board mtg.

TUESDAY, Feb. 14

*12:00 p.m. Tuesday Stitchers 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15

Newsletter info. deadline 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle 6:00-8:00 p.m. Scouts

THURSDAY, Feb. 16

1:30 p.m. Small Group 1:30 p.m. Abigail Circle 6:30 p.m. Small Group

SUNDAY, Feb. 19

Admin Board mtg. 4:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group

MONDAY, Feb. 20

President's Day (Church Office closed) 10:00 a.m. Small Group 7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Fellowship

TUESDAY, Feb. 21

*12:00 p.m. Tuesday Stitchers 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22

6:00 p.m. Blue & Gold Cub Scout Banquet

THURSDAY, Feb. 23

1:30 p.m. Small Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group

FRIDAY, Feb. 24

6:30 p.m. Game Night

SUNDAY, Feb. 26

Last Sunday Potluck 4:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Small Group

Monday, Feb. 27

10:00 a.m. Small Group

TUESDAY, Feb. 28

*12:00 p.m. Tuesday Stitchers 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The Monday morning Small Group will meet if and when the weather cooperates. The Wednesday evening Bible Reading Group is on hiatus until warmer weather.





Feb. 8 Maura Laverty

Feb. 13 Georgia Brotnov

Feb. 14 Minnie Allane Baldridge

Feb. 14 Lyle Cable

Feb. 16 Don Scheibe

Feb. 17 Joe Wilson

Feb. 20 Bonnie Hill

Feb. 21 Larry Butts

Feb. 24 Tana Truscott

Feb. 28 Daley Clinton

Feb. 28 Terry Patterson



Feb. 3 Marjorie & Jim Whitinger

Feb. 8 Judy & Bill Jacobe

Feb. 14 Lori & Matt Beale

A copy of the current Administrative Board minutes and the current Finance Report are available for you to read on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

General Meeting is

February 1, at 1:30 p.m.

hostess: Ruth

program: Pledge Service

and creating Valentines

Executive Meeting

none this month

February Fellowship Hour Hosts:

Abigail

Circle Meetings:

Wesleyan Fellowship

Monday, Feb. 20, at 7:00 p.m. at CUMC Fellowship Hall

hostess: Carol Emery

Ruth: UMC downstairs Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 1:00 p.m. hostess & program: Lois Pilcher

Abigail: UMC Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Feb. 16, at 1:30 p.m.

hostess: Laura Vawter program: Ella Mae Wilson

Please call the office IF

• Your address, phone number, or email changes, this is important for keeping in touch

- You or a loved one are entering the hospital or are sick.
- You have a death in the family.
- You or a group you belong to plan to use the church for a meeting or gathering (or to cancel one)
- You wish a visit from the Pastor.

BUS RIDES: Please call the office at 758-7551, if you wish to be picked up on Sunday for Worship Service. If no one is available to answer the phone, please leave a message.





Please remember to check with the Church Office <u>prior</u> to scheduling meetings or activities at the church. That way conflicts of room usage can be avoided.



Ten Spot Sunday is February 12.

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Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

& 1-3 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

