

Twin Flames

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Act Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with God (Micah 6:8, NIV)

Mt. Baker Sunrise photo courtesy of Pamela Davis Headridge

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers as they head to San Diego for this year's Mission Trip from July 12th through 24th.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Every July our church delivers food to replenish needed supplies for HELP HOUSE!

Food may be placed under the Christmas tree in Centennial Hall. All non-perishable food items are welcome, but please check and be sure the pull date (if any) is at least three months away. High protein items are especially needed, such as peanut butter, pork & beans, chili, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

FIRE DOORS

Following our recent fire drill on Sunday, June 23rd, everyone is reminded that **ALL** doors must be closed after the last person has vacated any room. This includes all classrooms, Centennial Hall, the kitchen, etc. Doing so will provide a fire break and help to slow down the spread of flames to other areas.

Please make it a habit to ensure all doors are closed when rooms are not in use. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

HOSPITALITY HOSTS

Hospitality Hosts are needed monthly to make coffee, set-up and clean-up, etc. Refreshments are also needed following worship.

Members whose last names begin with **A - C** are encouraged to sign-up for **July**. Your help is greatly appreciated by our congregation.

FUMC SUMMER WEDNESDAY PICNICS

Our kick-off to summer all-church potluck will be held at Smith Park on **Wednesday, July 10th at 5:45 pm**. Jim and Candy Slowik will host this event.

Our end of summer rally will be held on August 28th, at 5:45 pm, at a location to be named later. If you would like to host this event, please contact the church office.

NARTHEX TRAFFIC FLOW

Please remember to keep the traffic flow going in our tiny Narthex (foyer) after worship so that we don't get clogged up by persons lingering in conversations in that main corridor to Centennial Hall. We won't quite have the same problem when we expand the Narthex, but until such time, it would be great to move conversations into Centennial Hall. Thank you.

JOB OPENING

Worship & Music Arts Director

Resumes will be accepted in the church office until July 20th (Attn: SPPR).

See website for complete job description
oakharborfumc.org



TWO TICKETS AVAILABLE

We have two extra tickets available for the all-church July 27th outing to T-Mobile Park when the Seattle Mariners take on the Detroit Tigers. If you are interested, contact the church office ASAP!



Dear FUMC Family,

The Next Generation Team met on Thursday, June 20th to debrief all of the congregational feedback for our worship life.

Remember, this feedback is found online at our website as well as a hard copy on the bulletin board by my office door. They brought forth a series of proposals to the Church Council for consideration. I had challenged the Council to be aware of the larger frameworks within which any change might be fostered and guided. If you think through the logical possible responses to potential change strategies, there are four paths any church could pursue.

- 1 – Stay as we are** (which is the status quo, “leave good enough alone” approach)
- 2 – Modernize what we are** (which is the update and upgrade our traditions and who-we-are approach by using new instrumentation, technology, facility upgrades, more modern music styles, and adding younger leaders up front).
- 3 – Go full-on contemporary** (which is the abandon our old style approach and start over with a new leader, band, songs, technology and furnishings)
- 4 – Two specialized services** (which is the craft two unique services approach: one for traditional content and one for contemporary content)

Of these four philosophical possibilities, it seemed clear to the Council and the Next Generation Team that approach #2 (modernize what we are) seems to be the right fit and approach for us. Honoring our past while we blaze trails forward for our connecting future with younger people. “Bringing Generations Together,” the purpose statement of the Next Generation Team, means making sure that each generation feels validated, valued and spoken to in their worship experience at FUMC.

Here are the recommendations that our Next Generation Team brought forth to the Church Council.

- Exterior painting of the church** - exterior color needs to be changed/updated.
- Sanctuary** - remove the pulpit and lectern, reorganize musicians and praise team, paint the cross wall a contrasting color, improve lighting of front area of sanctuary.
- Front of church building** - remove information board outside on northwest corner.
- Narthex** - alternative parking for walkers instead of the narthex. Remove selected pews in sanctuary to accommodate people who need mobility aids.

Website - use a different platform (such as Sharefaith) to allow for needed upgrades, such as adding sermons.

Worship Leadership - Work to involve more youth in worship services such as greeting, ushering, liturgy, etc.

This does not mean these things will happen immediately, nor does it mean that the process of considering and implementing any other future changes is over. What it does mean is we are on an intentional journey of seeking to remake and update ourselves as a worshipping congregation in a way that will continue to get closer to what younger people are chasing after in their own lives.

Our ultimate goal is not to be a “young” church, but to become a truly “intergenerational” church. Bringing on a new worship director will also be a huge change for our church family. SPPR will start advertising this week for the position. Please keep this whole journey in your prayers as we seek to make our way forward into a new and vital future! When we travel in the company of Jesus, all things are possible!

“Did not our hearts burn within us?”
Luke 24:32 ESV

IN NEED OF PRAYER

PRAYER CHAIN: Rose Vance, 360-929-2211
(Please make note of new contact)

- MILLY McWILLIAMS** - at Home Place. Please call Larry McWilliams prior to visiting, 360-969-0239.
- PHIL WENDLING** – at Ashley Gardens in Mt. Vernon.
- BETTY ANN ROBBINS** – at Harbor Care.
- DONNA APPERSON** – at Harbor Care.
- CASSIE HICKEY** - at Welcome Home Care Center



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 5th—9th

We still need several volunteers in each of these roles:

- Crew Leader** – lead a group of 5-6 children to their stations and activities throughout the week
- Shopkeeper** – host a Marketplace station, leading children in an assigned craft or activity (each Shopkeeper will have one craft or activity that they do the whole week)
- Kitchen Crew** – help prepare and serve snacks each day
- Preschool** – lead or help in one of the preschool rooms
- Decorating** – help decorate for VBS ahead of time
- Miscellaneous** – other roles as needed



RISK AND ADVENTURE

The first day of summer break, I encouraged my son to take the bus to the library. After looking up the schedule online, he headed out to catch the bus, and twice he returned home. First because he had gone to the wrong stop. The second time because he had not left in time. After talking to him about learning from these mistakes, I offered him a ride and encouraged his sister to join him and attempt to take the bus home. If they missed the bus, I would look for them at Flintstone park at 4:00.

After running a few errands, I drove past the park at the designated time to find no children and drove home by way of their most likely walking route. I contemplated the possibility that they might be on a wrong bus but that they would be ok. (When I was Jon's age I once accidentally ended up in Clinton.)

Halfway up Midway, I spotted two familiar kids and gave them a ride the rest of the way home. They told me they had been confused about whether the bus at the library would take them past our neighborhood or not and decided to walk instead. Jon had been confident of the way home. Eliana, however, was not so sure and by the time I picked them up, I could tell that she had spent much of the journey distraught.

Whether an unplanned event is an adventure or a disaster depends on perspective. To Eliana, they had not been on an adventure. She spent much of the walk home worried. Will we get home on time? Will we be in trouble for not catching the bus? Are we lost? She didn't have much faith that her big brother knew the way home. And she was certain they were going to get in trouble for not waiting at the park.

After assuring Eli that they were not in trouble, I talked to her about their journey and how I had been confident in her brother's ability to walk home and that we hadn't actually set a time for them to arrive home, only instructions to try to catch the bus. Their outing to the library had been a risk I encouraged them to take because I was certain they would be able to make their way home and I felt it was important for them to learn how to get to and from the library on their own. In the same way, God encourages us to do things he has equipped us to do. When things don't go quite as we thought they would, it is easy to forget that God has already considered all possible outcomes and that he challenges us so that we can grow in character. Adventure or disaster? It all boils down to perspective.

"We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."
2 Corinthians 3:7-9

Father, help us to keep our journey in perspective and embrace the adventure in life's challenges and surprises as you teach us daily to trust you more fully with every aspect of our life.

Steve Q

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

It's time to start collecting VBS supplies! One way that you can help is by signing up to bring certain supplies. Signups sheets with needed quantities will be available after worship the next few Sundays. Please bring in non-perishable items no later than Sunday, July 28th. Perishable items (certain snack supplies) should be brought in no later than Sunday, August 4.

Acrylic craft paint
Paint sponges
Toothpicks
Mini marshmallows
Small ziplock bags
Red tissue paper
Orange tissue paper
Yellow tissue paper
Glue sticks
Gold Star stickers

Small paper plates
Napkins
9 oz cups
Cheddar cheese
Grapes
Carrots
Apples
Chocolate pudding
Oreos

If you can't do the shopping but still want to contribute, we'll happily accept financial contributions in order to do the shopping.

We also still need lots of small-medium terra cotta pots! This particular item you don't have to sign up to bring since we need so many. They can be used if still in good condition (they'll be painted). We also would like to *borrow* several canopy tents (10x10) for our market and small area rugs, beach towels, or picnic blankets for our snack area (kids will sit on the floor to eat). Please contact Erin if you have any of those items to loan.

Thank you!





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All-Church Picnic

July 10th at 5:45

Smith Park

Hosts: Candy & Jim Slowik

**Bring a dish to share, tableware, beverage
and a lawn chair**

Invite your neighbors & friends

Sunday, July 7th

10:00 Worship

10:30 Children's Story Time

Monday, July 8th

10:00 We Care Team

Tuesday, July 9th

10:00 Sisters of Scripture Small Group

12:30 Spin Café Cooking Team

6:00 VBS Training

Wednesday, July 10th

5:45 All-Church Picnic at Smith Park

Thursday, July 11th

9:00 BLOOD DRIVE

7:00 Next Generation Team Meeting

Sunday, July 14th

10:00 Worship

10:30 Children's Story Time

Monday, July 15th

10:00 We Care Team

Tuesday, July 16th

10:00 Sisters of Scripture

12:30 Spin Café Cooking Team

Wednesday, July 17th

10:00 Folding Team

Thursday, July 18th

12:30 Spin Café Cooking Team

7:00 Next Generation Team Meeting