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"Our mission as a congregation is to strengthen
our personal and group relationship with Christ
and to reach out to other people."

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Once more to new creation Awake,
and death gainsay,
For death is swallowed up of life,
And Christ is risen today!

~George Newell Lovejoy

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Terry B. Hall

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

March 4

Psalm 46: 1-7
Proverbs 1: 20-23

March 11

Psalm 22: 1-5, 25-26
Mark 5: 24-34

March 18

Psalm 107: 23-32
Romans 12: 2-12

March 25

Palm Sunday
Psalm 4: 1, 6-8
Matthew 26: 36-46

March 29

Holy Thursday
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 30

Good Friday
John 18:1-19,42

Are you
LISTENING?

Is the Spirit
doing a NEW
thing in and
through you?

You can find this edition of our newsletter on-line at www.mvfumc.org

FINANCIAL REPORT January 2018

	Income	Expense
Regular Account	\$23,567.51	\$21,679.03
Special Account	\$ 425.00	\$ 2,945.53
Memorials	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

We were able to pay all of our bills and our apportionments for the month of January.

Thank you for your support!

Piano Keyboards Needed

Jung would like to start a children's piano class for our young people. He needs several table-top keyboards. If you have one that is still in working condition but just collecting dust and are willing to either donate it or lend it on a long-term basis, please contact Jung at 206-437-4762 or tenorjang@gmail.com. Thanks.

Music Scholarships

Also for all those children, youth and adults that are currently taking music, vocal or dance lessons... you can apply for a scholarship to help with the cost of your lessons. Please see our Director of Music Ministry, Jung Jang for more information.

Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt—March 31 at 10 a.m.

We are once again hosting a Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our community, along with the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church and Trinity Lutheran Church. Here are the ways that you can help out with this special event...

1. Donate small wrapped candies that can be placed in the plastic eggs.
2. When the bags of plastic eggs are in the Narthex, you can take a bag home to fill. Instructions for filling are attached to each bag.
3. Volunteer on the day of the Egg Hunt! We will need egg distributors (they aren't really hidden) at 8 am that morning. We will also need Easter Egg Guards (so no one starts hunting early), people to help with face painting, the "Tossing Game" room, watching the "Bubbles & Chalk" station outside, and Bouncy House "Bouncer".

Volunteers on the day of the event will need to be there at 9 am for a volunteer meeting and prayer and will be on duty until about 11:30 am. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can talk with Lori Flores. Thank you for supporting this event. It is a wonderful way for our churches to show that can work together to share the joy of Easter.

New Book on UMW Library Shelves

One of the new 2018 UMW Reading Program books is *Born on Third Base: a one percenter makes the case for tackling inequality, bringing wealth home, and committing to the common good*, by Chuck Collins. If you like books that "make you think outside the box", I highly recommend this book. I found myself pondering such questions as do wealthy people who have benefited from public education and public investment in research owe estate taxes and is education the economic equalizer that it once was.

Collins was the great grandson of Oscar Mayer, the Chicago meatpacker. At age "26", Chuck gave away a half-a-million-dollar trust fund and thirty years later he has no regrets.

"Inequality expert, Chuck Collins, upends our assumptions about America's deep wealth divide. One that, for the first time in recent history, locks the nation's youth into a future defined by their class and wealth at birth, limits our ability to address crises like climate change and creates a world that no one, not even the rich will ultimately want to live in. Collins calls for an end to class war, busts the myths that define our views of rich and poor, and offers bold new solutions for bridging the economic divide and re-engaging the wealthy in rebuilding communities for a resilient future." [from the book jacket]

"Be still and Listen to my voice",
whispers God!

UMVIM Trip to Okanogan: A letter from Dan Gerhard

I am writing to invite you and members of your congregation to join with folks from Central UMC for a UMVIM Team mission trip to Okanogan County, leaving on Memorial Day, Monday May 28th, and returning in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 2nd. If interested, contact:

Dan Gerhard
UMVIM Team Coordinator
Central UMC, Sedro-Woolley
revdanger@live.com



Faith in Action

Cards for Allie: Allie is the daughter of Geoff and Diane Almvig, granddaughter of Deene Almvig and niece of Lynn Almvig. She is 27 and lives with her husband Charlie in Edmonton where she is attending college. She is 4 classes from completing a Masters in Library and Information Sciences at the University of Alberta. Allie suffered a major stroke on February 6th. She has regained muscle control of her face although she has paralysis in her left leg and left arm. She is working very hard at rehab and they have her taking some steps. My neighbor, Penny Roodzant (her aunt), has requested that cards be sent to Allie over the next few months to help encourage her and show her that she is loved and cared about. Also Allie's 28th birthday is February 27th. I am passing this on as I know there are many in this congregation who would love to help support Allie in this manner as she works to heal from her stroke. Her address is as follows:

Allie Crittenden
304-9917 110th St NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5k-2N4
Canadian postage is \$1.15.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

When we delivered the donated toiletries to Love, INC. in December we were reminded that this need does not occur just during the holidays, but is a continuing need for what Love, INC. refers to as the "working poor". These are people who are doing their best to earn a living and support their families but are not earning a living wage and rely on food

stamps to help put food on the table. Unfortunately, food stamps do not cover items such as shampoo, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, body wash/soap, toothpaste, and especially needed diapers in the 2, 3, and 4 sizes.

Therefore, we would like to make collecting these items a continuing ministry in partnership with Love, INC. There will be a collection box in the narthex, and it is my hope that when you are buying some of these items for yourself, you might consider getting an extra item to put in the box, especially when there are buy-one-get one (BOGO) sales. An occasional trip to the Dollar Store is also a great way to get many of these items for \$1.

Sleeping Mat Team

Sleeping Mats for the homeless workshops (cutting bags and crocheting) Tuesdays, March 13 and 27 from 1 - 3pm.

Needed...

...yarn and knitters or crocheters for hats and scarfs for the homeless .

Church Cleaning Team

A new Church Cleaning Team has been formed. It will start at 9:30am on March 7, 13, 21, 27. Your help would be appreciated.

Holy Week at MVFUMC

We hope that you have picked up some of the Lenten Devotional materials that were on the table in the Narthex and have been reading them throughout the Lenten season. It is particularly appropriate to devote extra time during Holy Week to reading of the scriptures, devotional materials and prayer. Here is a list of special events happening during Holy Week at MVFUMC.

Palm Sunday, March 25th

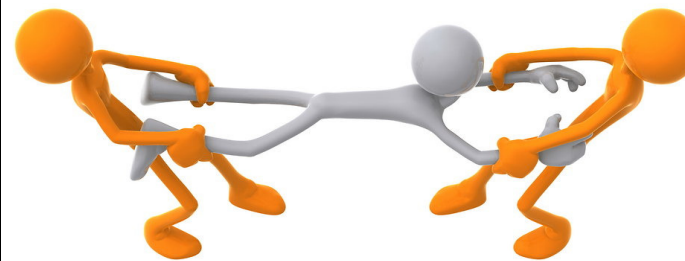
Join us as we have our traditional Palm Parade during both of our morning worship services.

Maundy Thursday, March 29th and Good Friday, March 30th Watch for information about worship times and places

Easter Sunday Schedule, April 1st

He is Risen!

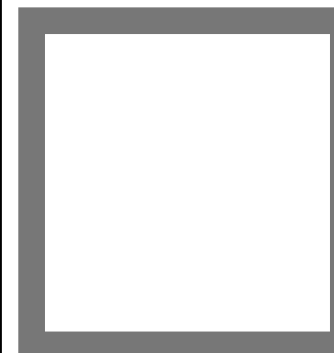
- 9:15 am – Kids Gather with Gary (Sunday School Classroom)
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt for the Children & Youth
- 10:30 am Easter Celebration Worship



Are you being stretched during Lent?

Lenten Challenge

As you prayerfully consider what you might do to step outside your comfort zone in serving Jesus Christ, check out the vine in the narthex. Hanging from the vine are some suggestions of ways you might take that first step. Each week we will add more suggestions. There will be a contact list on the table if you want more information about a specific ministry.



Please write down and pin the ministry(s) you are considering (they don't necessarily need to be one of the ministries on the vine) to the outside of the box on the bulletin board and move the paper closer to the edge of the box and hopefully inside the box as Lent progresses and you explore and take part in that new way of serving our Lord.

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Isaac Latulippe
- 3/2 Zulma Tifre
- 3/3 Donna Perez
- 3/5 Gary Thompson
- 3/6 Linda Allen
Carol Turnbull
- 3/7 Shirley Mayer
- 3/9 Brandon Hansen
- 3/12 Ezra Almvig
Sara Pirkle
- 3/13 Ron Fisher
Anna Hansen
Tim Miller
- 3/14 Susan Edwards
Maggie Krienen
- 3/15 Chris Minor
- 3/18 Erik Eliason
Adriana Flores
- 3/20 Deene Almvig
Jody Holmes
Andrew Wall
- 3/22 Rosie Gates-Malone
- 3/25 Harriet Lundquist
Shirley Yengich
Jackie Aldrich

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry 9:30 am Quilters 2:30 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	2 1:00 pm set up for UMW District gathering	3 9:00 am UMW Leadership Development Training
4 8:30 am Service with Communion 9 am Children's Choir & Sunday School 9:15 am Lenten Study with Barbara del Bosque 10:30 am Worship 11:40 am Coffee Hour	5 1:30 pm Lenten Study with Barbara del Bosque 5:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous	6 9:30 am MOPS 1:30 pm Pastor Terry's Lenten Book Study 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Den 6:00 pm NAMI Board Meeting	7 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	8 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry 3:30 pm G S Troop 44345 6:30 pm G S Troop 44129 7:00 pm Bell Choir	9	10 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Bill Lundquist 3:00 pm Hispanic Ministry
11 8:30 am Service with Communion 9 am Children's Choir & Sunday School 9:15 am Lenten Study with Barbara del Bosque 10:30 am Worship 11:40 am Coffee Hour	12 1:00 pm Hugo's Accordion Band 1:30 pm Lenten Study with Barbara del Bosque 5:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous	13 1:00 pm Sleeping Mat Team 1:30 pm Pastor Terry's Lenten Book Study 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Leadership 6:30 pm NAMI Education	14 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Skagit Valley UMYouth Group 6:00 pm GS Troop #45063 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	15 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry 9:30 am Quilters 2:30 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	16	17 Women's Spiritual Garden 8:00 am Boy Scout Board Meeting
18 8:30 am Service with Communion 9 am Children's Choir & Sunday School 9:15 am Lenten Study with Barbara del Bosque 10:30 am Worship 11:40 am Coffee Hour	19 Newsletter Articles Due 10:00 am UMW Executive Board Meeting 1:30 pm Lenten Study with Barbara del Bosque 1:30 pm Wesleyan Circle 5:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous	20 9:30 am MOPS 1:30 pm Pastor Terry's Lenten Book Study 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Den 6:30 pm Girl Scouts of WW (leaders)	21 12:00 pm UMW Luncheon and Meeting 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	22 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry 3:30 pm G S Troop 44345 6:30 pm G S Troop 44129 7:00 pm Bell Choir	23 6:00 pm Pinewood Derby Set Up	24 8:00 am Pinewood Derby
25 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Service with Communion 9 am Children's Choir & Sunday School 9:15 am Lenten Study with Barbara del Bosque 10:30 am Worship 11:40 am Coffee Hour	26 9:00 am Newsletter Mailing Day 1:00 pm Hugo's Accordion Band 1:30 pm Lenten Study with Barbara de IBosque 5:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous	27 1:00 pm Sleeping Mat Team 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Pack 7:00 pm NAMI Support Group	28 10:00 am Worship Support Team 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Skagit Valley UMYouth Group 6:30 pm GS Troop #45063 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	29 Maundy Thursday 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry 7:00 pm Bell Choir	30 Good Friday 1:00 pm Set up for Egg Hunt	31 10:00 am Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 3/18 Steve and Jane Olson
- 3/21 Jess and Barbara del Bosque
- 3/21 Myron and Becky Ayers
- 3/21 Clark Pierce and Kathleen Wilkes-Pierce
- 3/24 Geoff & Diane Almvig

