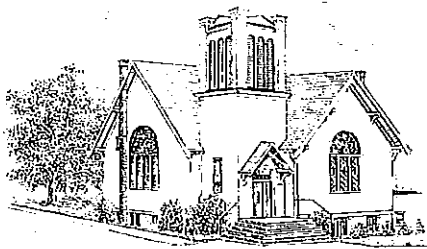
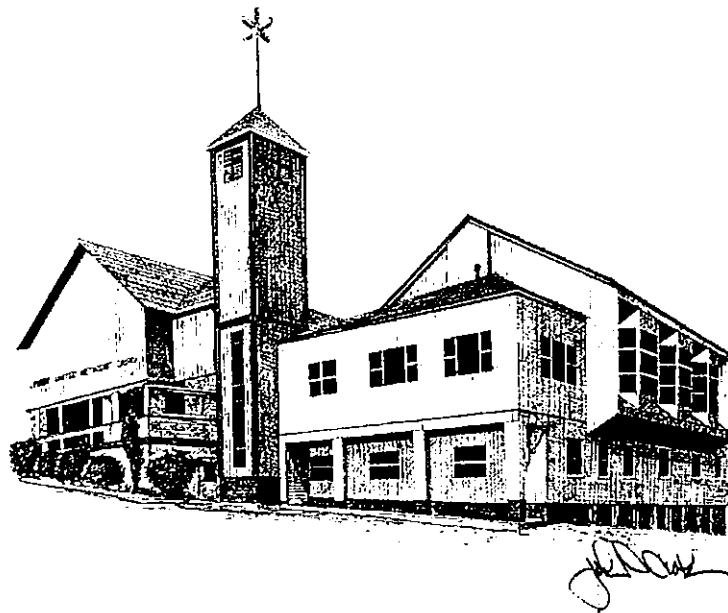


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First Methodist Church - Oak Harbor, Wash

**Annual Charge Conference
October 11**

OHFUMC CHARGE CONFERENCE AGENDA
October 11, 2016

WELCOME *Pastor David*

OPENING SONG *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #384 (UMC)

OPENING PRAYER/Devotional *Daniel Foster, PS District Superintendent*

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS:

- Have all the church's financial activities been audited for 2015? If not, what year was last complete audit? What is the plan for completion?
Kathy Doll, Financial Ministries Team Leader
- Are your corporate status and property tax exemptions current?
Ken Opdyke, Trustees Chair
- Is your insurance current *and paid*?
Jim Slowik, Treasurer
- Does your church have a current and enforced "Safe Churches" policy? Are you doing national background checks on volunteers and staff?
Erin Tombaugh, Background Check Administrator
- Is your church current on its apportionments? If not, what is your plan?
Kathy Doll, Financial Ministries Team Leader
- Local church business items

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Election of leaders *Janann Roodzant, Lay Leader*
- Pastor Compensation for calendar year 2017 *Susan Schopf, SPPR*
- Membership Report *Pastor David for Peggy Miller-Stephens,
Membership Secretary*

(This will include the reading of names and ringing of chimes for those who have died)

STATE OF THE CHURCH CONVERSATION *Daniel Foster, DS*

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT LAY LEADER Eve Carty

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION *Daniel Foster, DS*

BENEDICTION *Pastor David*

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BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE
Annual Report 2016
(Bob Wolfe, Jim Slowik, and Ann Oldham, Chair)

The Building Fund is administered by a committee of three members. In 2006, the Administrative Council confirmed that these funds would be maintained separately from the current expense fund, would be audited annually and restated the purpose to be the accumulation of capital reserve resources that church members designate for new building construction and added building or land acquisition. The most important point to note is that these funds are not available for maintenance and incidental expenses.

The Building Fund balance as of October 31, 2015 was \$300,042.79. Currently the Building Fund balance as of August 31, 2016 has increased to \$304,838.21. These funds are invested in CDs with various institutions, including the Pacific Northwest Conference, depending upon available interest rates. Fund balances are reflected monthly on the Church Treasurer's Balance Sheet Report.

Committee members are available for questions from Church members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Oldham, Chair

EVANGELISM/MEMBERSHIP TEAM
Annual Report 2016

The Evangelism Team was active this year. Members are: Linda Dady, Mary Jo Morris, Joy Pearson, Pixie Maylor, Candy Slowik and Joyce Tighe.

Following is a list of some of our accomplishments:

- Ads were placed in two directories
- Ads were placed in the WNT and Crosswinds
- Hospitality Hosts prepared the congregational fellowship time each Sunday with special sweets and treats
- 200 long-stemmed roses were presented to the women of the congregation on Mother's Day
- A "Toy Shower" was given to help replace old and worn items in the nursery
- Hosted a new event – a 50th Anniversary Party/Dinner to honor members of the congregation who had been married for 50 or more years.

Submitted by Linda Dady

FAMILY MINISTRIES Annual Report 2016

In 2016 the Family Ministries Team was led by Candie Rodgers, until her Oak Harbor departure in March. We miss Candie's leadership and direction, but are grateful that Lanida Brophy stepped in as the interim team leader. In the fall we also welcomed a few new members who bring great ideas to the table.

Here is a highlight of our activities and events over the past year:

Lent & Easter Activities

This year there was an all-church Lenten study on Forgiveness. Most adult small groups participated in the book study and our children and youth also focused on the topic of forgiveness during that time.

Our youth and children participated in several Holy Week activities: On Palm Sunday, children processed into the worship service by holding and waving palm branches and sang a hymn with the congregation. The church had a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, at which many of our young people helped as servers and scripture readers. After worship on Easter Sunday, the youth held an Easter Egg hunt for the children at Smith Park. Several dozen children hunted for 750+ eggs.

Fathers' Day

We strayed from the traditional meal of hot dogs on Fathers' Day this year and instead hosted Pies for the Guys! Congregation members brought in dozens of fresh pies for fellowship time in celebration of the guys in our lives. It was simple, but successful.

Summer Camp

Two youth and one child from our church attended summer camp this year. They were each awarded camperships to assist with the cost. They all had a great time!

Vacation Bible School

VBS this year was held during the first full week of August. After successful implementation of the Group VBS in 2015, we went with Group's curriculum again this year, which was *Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World*. 93 children from our church and the community – including a local daycare center – had a blast learning about Jesus through cave themed activities, lessons, decorations, and snacks. Our VBS welcomed kids ages 4 through entering 5th grade, with separate sections for Preschool/Kindergarten and 1st-5th grade. We also had over 50 volunteers, from upcoming 6th graders to folks who are retired.

Supper Stop

Plans are under way for our annual Halloween Supper Stop, which will take place on Halloween night in correlation with Trick-or-Treat along Pioneer Way. We anticipate serving soup and sandwiches to over 150 people and are brainstorming ways to make it a meaningful, spiritually-focused experience.

ADVENTure to Christmas

In years past we have kicked off the Advent season with a potluck and activities on the first Sunday in Advent. This year we are looking to change the format a bit and add different activities in order to best minister to the children of our church.

Sunday School

Group's VBS worked well for us in 2015, so we switched our Sunday School curriculum to a Group program as well. While the VBS worked well for our needs, many of our Sunday School teachers found the weekly Sunday School curriculum to be lacking in content. Therefore, at the suggestion of Erin Tombaugh, Director of Children & Youth Ministries, the Family Ministries team decided to change curriculum for the 2016-17 year to Whirl Classroom, by Sparkhouse. So far our teachers seem to like the curriculum. We will evaluate after the fall session to determine whether or not to continue this course.

As the 2016-17 school year approached, we discovered that we would not have any children in the 1st & 2nd grade class. Therefore, we decided to change from three elementary Sunday School classrooms to two: Preschool-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade. We have 14 teachers who work in pairs to teach these two classes on a weekly rotation.

The Youth Sunday School meets each week at the same time as children, with the exception of Communion Sundays when they stay in worship the entire time. This fall they are participating in the *Revival* all-church study.

Small Groups

The Wednesday Family Night continues to be well attended with a regular group of parents, youth, and children. The parents' group has about 14 regular attendees and is now led by Pastor David and Cara Parker. The youth group averages around 15 members each week. The kids' group typically has about 10 attendees, and the Nursery usually has three.

A Young Adult Group has formed this fall for adults in their 20s. This group meets on Tuesday evenings at Erin's house, where they have dinner and a study. They are currently studying *Jesus Is _____*, by Judah Smith. They usually have 5-7 young adults attend.

Submitted by:

Erin Tombaugh,
Director of Children & Youth Ministries
Staff representative to Family Ministries

GOOD SAM TEAM Annual Report 2016

The Good Samaritan Team was created to help those in our community who are struggling to meet their expenses. This may mean helping with rent, electricity, natural gas, state ID cards, rent for tent spaces at Windjammer Park or Deception Pass Park, Thrift Store Gift Certificates, grocery Gift Certificates (no alcohol or cigarettes allowed) or other items as they may arise.

This year found us with dwindling resources after disbursing \$6,320.23 to 74 clients. No money is ever given directly. It is disbursed by check or credit card directly to the agency involved. Team members require that clients show proof of need and are carefully interviewed. (Some of this was for church members. Member requests are handled by our Pastor or Church Secretary.)

After taking most of the month of July and all of August off due to lack of funds, we resumed in September because of your renewed generosity. Our hours are 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Monday and Wednesday. We appreciate your ongoing support for this outreach to our general community..

Team Members: Patty Cohick, Mary Williford, Shirley Westefeldt, Barb Saugen,
Jan Hayes, Marti Russell, Charlene Dickey, Fred Jung

Submitted by

Jan Hayes, Team Chair

Lay Leadership Team Report for 2017 Church Officers
Church Council

Pastor.....David Parker
Lay Leader.....Janann Roodzant
Team Leader.....Bob Wallin
Vice Team LeaderJanann Roodzant
Recording Secretary.....Margaret Mordhorst
TreasurerJim Slowik
Director of Children and Youth.....Erin Tombaugh
Director of Music (Interim)Lisa Bain
Family Ministries Team Leader.....Lanida Brophy
Missional Outreach Team Leader.....Julie Palmer
Membership/Evangelism Team Leader.....Linda Dady
Small Group Team LeadersDave Williams
.....Ginger Opdyke
Staff-Parish Relations Team Leader.....Susan Schopf
Stewardship/Finance Team Leader.....Gerald Grunwald
Trustees Team Leader.....Ken Opdyke
United Methodist Women President.....
Worship Team LeaderDea Hansen

Teams and Other Officers

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Team - Staff – David Parker
 (To include Lay Leader and Lay Member to Annual Conference)

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Linda Jury, Co-Leader	Joy Brent	Janann Roodzant
David Cohick	Sandy Freeding Myers	Dana Carnes
Susan Schopf, Co-Leader	Judy Norton	
Jun Sapida		

Stewardship/Finance Team

- Jim Slowik, Treasurer
- Jim Palmer, Endowment Fund
- Sandy Shields, Financial Secretary
- _____, Asst. Financial Secretary
- Vic Jones, Counter Team Leader

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Jerry Grunwald, Leader	Jason Brent	Carol Decker
Kathy Doll		

Permanent Endowment Fund Team

Class of 2017

Class of 2018

Class of 2019

Jim Slowik
Kathy Doll

Dan Wright, **Leader**
Bob Wolfe

Jayson Jury
Jim Palmer

Building Fund Team

Class of 2017

Class of 2018

Class of 2019

Ann Oldham – **Leader**

Bob Wolfe

Memorials – Julie Palmer

Trustees Team - Staff – Betty Jo Shaddy-Brown

Class of 2017

Class of 2018

Class of 2019

Ken Opdyke, **Leader**
Marti Russell

Rob Sebo
Ross Mordhorst
Kurt Westefeldt

Jerry Schopf
Barb Saugen-Burwell
Shirley LeBlanc

Teams: Spring Clean-up, painting

Crews:

Kitchen:

Tuesday Work:

Cheryl Toner

Larry DeWald

Art Morris

Dave Russell

Dale Hoppe

Paul Sayler

Vehicle Maintenance: Mark Vance, Crew Chief

Lay Leadership Team – Staff – David Parker – **Leader**

Class of 2017

Class of 2018

Class of 2019

Caroline Williams

Vic Jones
Dave Russell

Jan Hayes
Tom Luehr

Lay Members to Annual Conference Susan Schopf

Family Ministries – Staff: Erin Tombaugh

Lanida Brophy, **Leader**
June Zacharias

Debbie Wallin
Sara Smith

Mikaela Stahl
Cara Parker

Teams: Teacher Appreciation, Hanging of the Greens, Jesus Birthday, Supper Stop

Crews: Summer Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, ADVENTure to Christmas

Missional Outreach

Julie Palmer, **Leader** Teresa O'Blenes
Nikki Cecka Terry Shockey Dave Cecka

Auction, Lenten Soup Suppers

Membership/Evangelism - Membership Secretary – Peggy Stephens

Linda Dady- **Leader** Joy Pearson Mary Jo Morris Candy Slowik
Pixie Maylor Joyce Tighe

Teams: Parades, Summer picnics, Cider Press, Stephen Ministry

Crews: Coffee Time, Photography

We Care: Mary Jo Morris Elizabeth Galloway Deborah Hardy
Pat Wolfe Shirley Westefeldt

Bus: Mark & Rose Vance

Worship – Staff: Lisa Bain, Interim Music Director (CH) (BE)

Dea Hansen, **Leader**

Dean Faris (US) Dave Russell (CO) Mary Williford (LI)
Jeff Opdyke (A/V) in absentia Joyce Atkinson (AG)

BE=Bells CH=Choir CO=Communion

A/V=Audio/Visual US=Ushers LI=Liturgists AG=Altar Guild

Good Samaritan Team

Jan Hayes – **Leader** Barb Saugen Shirley Westefeldt
Charlene Dickey Fred Jung Marti Russell
Mary Williford Patti Cohick

Stephen Ministry Sandy Shields, Linda Rider, Co-leaders

Motion for presentation at the Charge Conference: That the Church Council be authorized to approve additions, changes, or deletions to the ministry leadership of the church throughout the year.

**MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

<p>Received by PROFESSION OF FAITH</p> <p align="center"><i>None</i></p>	<p>TRANSFERRED IN FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION</p> <p align="center"><i>None</i></p>
	<p>TRANSFERRED IN FROM ANOTHER METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p align="center"><i>None</i></p>

CONFIRMATION
Cameron Cecka Ashley Shoemaker Gabe Smith
Caroline Winnenberg Joe Winnenberg

Those removed from membership in 2016

<p>TRANSFERRED OUT TO ANOTHER METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p align="center"><i>Kathryn, Jason Krystyn & Kamryn Wright</i></p>	<p>TRANSFERRED OUT TO ANOTHER DENOMINATION</p> <p align="center"><i>None</i></p>
<p>WITHDRAWN BY REQUEST</p> <p align="center"><i>None</i></p>	<p>REMOVED BY DEATH</p> <p>Vivian Anderson Bruce Hartley Cathie Estes Jim Konopik Harry Ferrier Leigh McWilliams Harold Gates Jai Lea Patterson Robert Goetz</p>

MEMBERSHIP LETTERS SENT 2016

<i>Margie BERWICK</i>	<i>Scott & Margie PARISH</i>	<i>Aaron & Erica SYRING</i>
<i>Lyle & Diana BULL</i>	<i>William & Ann PETTY</i>	<i>Wayne & Amy VAN DAM</i>
<i>Lori DePOOTER</i>	<i>Marilyn & Duane ROLL</i>	<i>John & Denise WILLIAMS</i>
<i>Gregory & Lynn GOEBEL</i>	<i>Paula ROUNDS</i>	<i>Marc ZAHRT &</i>
<i>Donna MOTT</i>	<i>Karen STEVENSON</i>	<i>Jackie VANNICE</i>

THOSE TO BE REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP BY THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

None

Respectfully submitted by:
Peggy Miller-Stephens, Administrative Assistant

**MEMORIAL FUND
Annual Report 2016**

The Memorial Fund balance on October 31, 2015 was \$3,564.01

There were only four donations in 2015 and 3 withdrawals. As stated before, this fund was created many years ago as a way to honor members, both living and deceased. Donations were to be used to purchase items not covered by the general operating budget. When that budget became tight the Memorial Fund was used.

This year gifts were given in memory of Cathie Estes, Edna Blackwood, Vivian Anderson and Harold Gates. Two generous gifts were given to remember non-members and were directed to UMCOR.

The total Memorial Fund as of September 30, 2016 is \$4,154.01.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Johnson, Chairman Memorials

MISSIONAL OUTREACH TEAM 2016 Annual Report

Committee members include Dave and Nikki Cecka, Theresa O'Blenes, Terry Shockey and Team Leader Julie Palmer. The Missions Team has focused our giving to charitable organizations with which members of our congregation have a personal connection and/or are in accord with United Methodist concerns.

We began the year with our annual "Souper Bowl" food collection for North Whidbey Help House. Dave Cecka provided bins for the two teams competing for the Super Bowl and one for our Seattle Seahawks. The food collection provided over 500 food items to Help House, the local foodbank which was originally begun by members of our church.

Next, our congregation generously supported the Pacific Northwest Conference One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. We were able to forward more than \$3,800 for UMCOR funding of disaster relief. Members of our church have worked at the Sager-Brown UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana.

During Lent, the Missions Team sponsored the weekly Lenten Soup Suppers. Freewill donations totaled \$623.87 for our church's community outreach through our summer Vacation Bible School program. This program introduces the children in our community to the love of Christ, through games, crafts and other activities.

The Missions Team and the Wednesday night Children's Group collaborated to prepare the "Jars for Jamaa Letu" buckets. These were distributed and when returned yielded approximately \$500. The Team added to the collection and sent \$1,000 to the Annual Conference to fund the boys' and girls' orphanages at Jamaa Letu in Lubumbashi, Congo, Africa. Members of our congregation have worked at the girls' orphanage, helping with building projects and teaching the girls.

Although we are postponing the annual auction for a time of regrouping and refocusing, we have plans to support other church activities and to raise additional funds through projects this fall.

The Missions Team is committed to making the most of our mission dollars in service to our Lord. We appreciate the generosity of our wonderful congregation and the difference we can make in our world.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Palmer
Missional Outreach Team Leader

**PASTOR'S REPORT
2016**

***Refresh my heart in Christ.
Philemon 1:20***

Dear FUMC Family,

It has been a remarkable start for our new relationship. The state of our church is healthy, alive and expectant! We are anchored in hope for the future and excited about our experiences of "the now!" I have been praying that God would give us UNITY and MOMENTUM as we forge this new relationship between parish and pastor. I sense that these gifts are indeed among us in generous portions!

Our 90-day start up plan has been off to the races and making great headway. After visiting most parishioners in private home visits, I have been attending small groups now, as well as civic organizations, and connecting with community leaders. It has been quite a whirlwind for me to be out and about so much, but very rewarding. My goal has been to become anchored in community relationships (inside and outside the church) as quickly as possible. I desire to shape my heart around loving my flock and my city deeply, just as Jeremiah admonished his people:

"Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare"
Jeremiah 29:7

During my Nehemiah project, I have been "inspecting the walls of Jerusalem [Oak Harbor]" (Nehemiah 2:13) and trying to listen, learn and love along the way! Cara and I have been greatly blessed to be welcomed into our new church family. I love the positive energy and joy that is bustling throughout our family. Our timely Wesleyan Heritage study "Revival" has been a great focal point for celebrating 125 years of ministry through Oak Harbor First UMC! I am honored to have inherited the mantle and helm of this ministry and look forward to writing a grand story in honor of God's glory.

In the coming months, we will be embarking on the significant task of acquiring a new staff member to help guide and lead us in our weekly worship. This is our new KEY move as a church family. Our prayers for the right person will be crucial for a fruitful future in music ministry together. We also will be taking a look at our comprehensive forms of communication. Our aim will be to understand how we are doing in conveying our church's ministry to insiders and outsiders and how we can improve. We look forward to your feedback and assistance.

Cara and I said some very painful goodbyes four months ago. As we embarked on this new journey, we have discovered God (and His wonderful people) waiting with open arms to receive us! We are now fully moved in, are rapidly settling down to new

rhythms and experiences in “Island Living,” and are so grateful for the vast and many expressions we have received that have “refreshed our hearts in Christ!”

We look forward to this new and exciting chapter for FUMC and commit our lives to a partnered journey of love, devotion and intentional mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

In Him we put our trust!

Pastor David Parker ☺

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND
Annual Report – September 26, 2016

Committee Members: Kathy Doll, Jim Palmer, Jim Slowik, Bob Wolfe, Dan Wright

The Endowment Fund began with a generous gift from Helen McNab upon her death in 1993. The Fund is managed by a committee that has been tasked by the Administrative Council to receive and administer all bequests, trusts and endowment fund gifts. It is the objective of this committee to achieve a moderate level of current income with opportunities for long-term capital appreciation through low risk investments. The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee meets at least semi-annually to review the investment portfolio, make changes when appropriate, and to manage the distribution of investment earnings.

The principal will remain intact forever. Investment income is distributed annually supporting God's work through our church ministries. Gifts to this fund may be given any time during your lifetime or by bequest. Donors are recognized on the "Tithe to Eternity" plaque located in the Narthex. The Endowment Fund is a unique opportunity to invest in the future of this church beyond one's lifetime.

In spring of 2016, \$17,560.44 representing 2015 investment earnings was distributed in accordance with the Administrative Council approved distribution plan. As of June 30, 2016 Net Worth of the Permanent Endowment Fund investments is an estimated \$420,964.74. As of September 25, 2016 the Permanent Endowment Fund Heritage Bank (Whidbey Island Bank) amount is \$6,488.07.

Gifts to invest from the Bruce Hartley Memorial Fund have been given by Pamela Boucher, Joseph and Norma Casillo, Jane Hoffman, iMFLUX – C/O Kim Winterfeldt, Jim and Julie Palmer, Karen Pasewark, Jim and Candy Slowik, Joyce Tighe and Bruce Sproull, Jack and Maxine Sondericker, Caroline Williams, and Donna Wilson.

A special gift from Gloria Hartley (\$10,000) has also been given in memory of Bruce.

Those who choose to "Tithe to Eternity" with gifts to the Permanent Endowment Fund enhance God's work. The funds approved by the Church Council for distribution are as follows:

- Tithe to Current Expense 10%
- Worship Committee Special Projects 10%
- Youth Program Scholarships 10%
- Capital Development/Major Maintenance 30%
- Mission Support 30%
- Remain Invested in Permanent Endowment Fund 10%

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Palmer, Co-Chairman

Dan Wright, Co-Chairman

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY Annual Report 2016

***For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.
-Matthew 18:20 (ESV)***

The VISION of the OHFUMC Small Group Ministry: OHFUMC will become a church of small groups, instead of a church with small groups; a church wherein every person is connected in a healthy small group.

The MISSION of the OHFUMC Small Group Ministry: To help those seeking God to GROW in their faith, becoming transformed Disciples of Jesus who model purpose-driven lives, and who motivate others to do the same.

The year 2016 has proven to be a year we can say echo the words of the psalmist and say, "The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." Psalms 126:3

2016 Lent: "Forgiveness: A Lenten Study" by Marjorie Thompson

- Pastor Vonna's choice for our 2016 Lenten study was *Forgiveness* by Marjorie Thompson. This study consisted of six chapters/sessions, with an included study guide, but there was not an accompanying DVD. The study began during the week of February 14, and all groups except one completed by Easter Sunday, March 27.
- Once again, Pastor Vonna strongly supported this study by emphasis from the pulpit, by supplementary questions for each week that were designed to promote discussion. Additionally, she led our Wednesday Lenten soup supper devotionals, called "Soup and Soul", with the intent of augmenting and expanding on the information in the book.
- Including individual study persons, a total of 113 participants, in 12 small groups, took advantage of this study.
- This study was well received, and most groups found it to be quite challenging – even troubling at times – as the participants worked to deal with the issues of forgiveness and repentance.

Church-wide study: *Revival* by Adam Hamilton

- As our fall study *Revival* consisted of 6 sessions. We linked the study to our 125th church anniversary year, with history highlights during worship.
- The study consisted of 13 small groups and 130 participants. Additionally, 11 children participated in conjunction with our Wednesday Night Parents' Group, and ten of our youth participated as part of their Sunday School program. Also, a few travelers elected to do individual study. This total of approximately 150 participants was a record high for our church-wide study program. No new groups were formed for this study.
- Response to the study was very positive. There is some interest in a trip to see England.

Summary

Based on the results of our three years as a formal small group team, we believe that the real celebration is in the promise of things to come.

- This fall a young adult small group was started. The group opted to not participate in the *Revival* study, but they are meeting regularly for both social interaction and study.
- We see increased interest in small group participation.
- We have seen an increase in the number of young families and their children who participate in all of our church activities, including small groups.
- We see new members in our small groups.
- We have grown in knowledge and are closer as a church community.
- Groups are taking on projects in the church and in the community.
- The strong support that our fall study received from Pastor David, and his strong emphasis on the importance of small groups in all aspects of his ministry, have given our small group program a real shot in the arm, for which we are most grateful.

Goals / Action Plan

- We plan to continue the tradition of conducting two church-wide studies each year, one during Lent and another in the fall (prior to the Holidays).
- Conduct a review of possible/proposed studies prior to the decision to implement, in order to ensure the best "fit" for our congregation.
- Improve follow-up of those new to our congregation, to ensure that they have every opportunity and encouragement to affiliate with a small group.
- Continue to encourage formation of new small groups, and development of leaders for same.
- Continue to pursue our overall objective of ensuring that every member of the congregation is somehow connected to the body of the church, in a way or ways that extend beyond merely attending Sunday services, whether it be as a member of a small group or of a ministry group (SPPRC, choir, trustees, etc.).

The OHFUMC Small Group Team looks forward to continuing to work with church members to expand and improve our church's small group ministry, and to assist in the faith journeys of individuals in our congregation and in our community for the greater glory of God.

Co- leaders:
Dave Williams
Ginger Opdyke

STAFF-PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS TEAM Annual Report 2016

The SPPR Team has endeavored to support, encourage and assist the pastor, staff and congregation of our church as we seek to fulfill the mission of our church.

We worked on the following routine items such as:

- Acted as liaisons with staff members
- Conducted the annual tour and inspection of the parsonage

In addition we:

- Recognized and expressed appreciation for the efforts of each staff member by presenting them with a card and monetary gift
- Accepted the retirement of our long-term Director of Music Ministries, Chet Hansen, and appreciated the recognition and celebration of his years at our church provided by members of the choir and bell ringers and others.
- Hired Lisa Bain as interim Director of Music from August to December 2016 and hired McKenna Peckenpaugh as her assistant for the same term.
- Began planning for the hiring of a new music/worship leader by designing and providing a survey to seek feedback from the congregation, using the information collected to help write a job description
- Developed a timeline for the work of the candidate search and set a goal of January 1, 2017 as employment start date
- Recognized and celebrated the first year anniversary of Erin Tombaugh, our Director of Children and Youth Ministries

For the pastoral transition we:

- Supported and celebrated interim pastor, Rev. Vonna Thomas, during her tenure, provided for a good farewell and recognized with gratitude the great good she brought to our congregation
- Began working with our new pastor, Rev. David Parker, in early spring by meeting with him to tour the church and parsonage and introducing him to our congregation at a social event at the church in April.
- Worked with the Trustees Team and other church members to substantially update and make repairs to the parsonage in preparation for our new pastor and spouse
- Provided support and assistance to David and Cara Parker during their move to Oak Harbor, arranged for temporary housing while the parsonage construction was completed
- Welcomed and provided a celebration of the installation of Pastor David as our new pastor
- Performed a parsonage dedication ceremony along with other church members

- Continue in a supporting role with Pastor David during his first 90 days of ministry at OHFUMC

Priorities for the coming year will be:

- To support and work with Pastor David as he seeks to develop a strong relationship with the congregation and staff and with our community as well
- Work to revise and update the Staff Benefits and Policies handbook
- Encourage and support staff members to seek education and training opportunities

Submitted by:

Susan Schopf, Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team Leader

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE COMMITTEE Annual Report 2016

The end of year 2015 left us in a much better position than we had planned at the beginning of the year. For 2015 we projected we would be in the negative by over \$16,000.00. By the grace of God that shortfall did not happen, but instead we ended the year with a \$1,843.83 gain. Because of this blessing the committee and council felt that we could move forward with another budget that showed a negative balance for the year. We once again did not use any of our cash reserves in 2015.

At the first Church Council meeting of the year the budget was passed reflecting a shortfall of \$12,577.00. The budget did reflect a 20% reduction in the apportionment expense for the year 2016 and in January we did apply for a Grade Point Adjustment. In February we received word that we were granted the Grade Point adjustment of 20%.

2015 was another good year for the endowment funds earnings. These earnings help fund many of the committees once approved for distribution by the council, which allowed us not to have to budget for the anticipated expenses for those committees at the levels requested or needed.

Offerings designated to the reduction of the debt to the Building Fund once again helped repay some of the loan to the Building fund. The budget continues to pay for the interest due the Fund. The balance as of August 2016 on the loan is \$14,594.72.

The committee and council have been watching the financials very closely over the year. Once again the church committees watch very closely to what they are spending. This year we did have some extra expenses. The parsonage needed a great deal of work to get it ready of our new pastor and family, most of the cost was not covered in the budget. The council approved up to \$50,000.00 for this project, but with the hard work of many and a watch-ful eye of the trustee on the expenses, the cost was approximately \$30,000.00.

Electronic Giving is still being used, we but have not had a great deal of growth in users.

The start of the 2017 budgeting process is just beginning. We have set the time for our Stewardship drive to be in November. The 2016 final budget will be presented to the Council at the December 2016 or January 2017 Council meeting for approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Doll, Team Leader

TRUSTEES Annual Report 2016

Completed Projects

Church Building:

- Janitorial activities properly attended to .
- Audiovisual systems maintained and repaired as needed. The church-owned vehicles have been maintained, licensed and insured.
- Attended to annual requirements, e.g. property tax exemptions, report to charge conference, non-profit corporation annual report, documentation of drivers, and insurance.
- Conducted annual life safety inspections of all church property.
 - Fire extinguishers
 - Smoke Detectors
 - Fire suppression system-Kitchen
 - Fire alarm/monitoring system
 - Fire suppression system backflow device
 - Project to Repair wood rotted on exterior on the bell tower and other areas of the exterior.
 - Hot Water Heater
 - HVAC Systems
 - Restriped Parking lot
- Coordinated Spring Cleanup
- Prepared annual trustees budget for finance team
- Maintained church grounds and gardens, with the guidance of Mary Williford and several volunteers
- Cleaned carpeting in God's Hall, Centennial Hall and Narthex
- Annual maintenance to organ and piano
- Continued contract for Guardian services
- Replaced flooring in the nursery room.

Parsonage:

This year the parsonage was made ready for a new pastor. In preparation of the new pastor the property and house was thoroughly remodeled including a thorough deep cleaning, both bathrooms remodeled, interior painting flooring, soffits, electrical upgrades maintenance tasks were completed by many members.

Scott House: New Youth Ministries staff member moved in Sept 2015.

Vehicles:

Bus: The bus continues to serve to transport members to and from their homes to church on Sundays. The bus required new tires and repairs on the engine.

On-going Projects:

- Projected annual spending is within budget.
- Volunteer-based landscape care of church property continues.

Use of Church Facilities by Outside Groups:

- Boy Scouts of America (Cub Scouts)
- Whidbey Community Choir
- Brownie Troop #44523
- OH Garden Club
- Spin Café
- Deception Pass Power & Sail Squadron
- Help House (Volunteer Luncheon)
- Puget Sound Blood Center
- Citizens Against Domestic Abuse (CADA)
- Rotary
- Island County Public Health (SNAP-Ed)
- Whidbey Women's Luncheon (AA)
- Blue Box Gratitude Banquet (AA)
- Navy League
- PEO
- Sunrise Hills Community Association
- OHHS Baccalaureate
- Pacific Northwest Association of Church Librarians
- American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Goals for 2017

- Continue to improve the accessibility to the facilities
- Replace Carpet in the downstairs areas
- Continue to revise the exterior lighting systems to enhance visibility to improve safety and to reduce the power consumption.
- Perform all needed routine and emergency maintenance tasks to keep the facilities accessible, safe and operable.

Sincerely,

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Annual Report 2016

January: We started the year with our unit president, Marali Woessner, stepping down due to some health issues she's been dealing with. DJ Ransdell, our vice president, presided over our January 19th meeting. We discussed our last November bazaar and December wreath sales of which the total proceed came to \$5,762, down from the previous year's (2014) proceeds of \$8,407. It was determined various reasons accounted for low attendance such as poor weather, same day bazaar held by other churches and organizations and mainly because of non-advertisement of the event in our local newspaper. The Cookie Walk that was held on Dec. 5th netted \$1,073. Janann Roodzant donated the \$109.50 cost for paid advertisement to our local paper.

Daisy reported that she donated \$150 for Gifts in Memory and honor of Edna Blackwood, Shirley Moyer, and Myrtle Whitehead. The board approved a pledge of \$2,000 to the Pacific Northwest Conference for 2017.

Sandy reported that 6 prayer shawls were given recently to our congregants who were ill and to those recovering from surgery.

UMW helped, assisted with food items requested for memorial receptions for Edna Blackwood and Shirley Moyer.

February: The Board met on February 2nd and was presided by Daisy Sapida. DJ was not feeling well. Open board position for president and possible vice president which DJ Ransdell currently holds and intends to vacate were discussed. Possible candidates were named including Shirley LeBlanc, Margaret Mordhorst, and a few others and will be approached by board members. DJ will continue to perform as vice president until someone steps in. Annual budget allocation was postponed until the board gets the new president.

UMW assisted, with food for Thelma White's daughter, Patty's memorial reception.

March: The UMW Leadership Development Day seminar/luncheon was held at Sedro-Woolley Central UMC on Saturday, March 5 from 9:30 to 3 p.m. Five Board officers attended and Shirley LeBlanc joined us and volunteered to drive the church van. All key officers received their information packets for their position's duties and responsibilities. Everyone felt it was a very informative training and thought it to be one of the better seminars we've attended.

UMW helped and donated food items for Dr. Bob Goetz memorial reception.

April: The Spring Victorian Tea was held in Centennial Hall on Saturday, April 16th and was attended by some 40 plus guests. Tickets were sold at \$10 per guest and we garnered a total of \$510 including some donations. Patty Cohick chaired the event with

the help of DJ and many others. The AAUW (American Association of University Women) presented the program. Four of their members portrayed the role of 4 significant women of the world namely: 1) Elizabeth Blackwell- first woman to receive a medical degree in USA; 2) Aung San Suu Kyi- Myanmar's Nobel Price-winning pro-democracy leader; 3) Carol Channing- a Seattle-born actress who made her mark on Broadway playing Lorelei Lee in "Gentleman Prefers Blondes" and as Dolly Gallagher Levi in "Hello Dolly" and 4) Anne Bonny, an Irish-born who became the first woman pirate. The program was well received by the attendees. Patty requested that we donate a portion of the ticket proceeds and the Board voted to donate \$250 to AAUW. Daisy gave the \$250 check to Patty to pass it to AAUW.

May: Coupeville UMW Annual Salad Luncheon was held on Tuesday, May 10th. As usual, a variety of salads of different kinds were enjoyed by guests. Since I was away on vacation, it was reported to me that the Oak Harbor UMW was again well represented as many attended the luncheon.

The Board approved to donate \$1,000 to UMCOR Sager-Brown per Daisy's request which she personally delivered when she and her team of 9 made their mission trip there on May 22 thru May 27.

Sue paid for the Resource Mate renewal, a program we use for our library system to catalog all the books and other media resources. UMW reimbursed her the \$77 that she paid and then UMW and the church Trustees had split the cost equally (\$38.50).

June: Six Board members plus Ginny Mosier and Ginny Thomas attended the Port Angeles UMW Salad Luncheon that was held June 1st. Tom Luehr drove the church van to transport us to and from.

UMW summer picnic was held on June 21st at Barb Saugen-Burwell's home. Eighteen came to the picnic on a beautiful warm summer day. After much discussion, we decided to take a break from wreath making and bazaar this year.

UMW helped and donated food for Leigh McWilliams and Bruce Hartley's memorial receptions.

July: UMW helped and donated food for Vivian Anderson and Harold Gates memorial receptions.

August: No Board meeting. Daisy sent in the \$2,000 that was pledged to the Conference for 2016.

September: At our Board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6th, Daisy distributed to each member copies of the Growing Edge, an official newsletter of the UMW Puget Sound District including the calendar of events for the rest of the year and the list of names of the District Board officers. Due to health issue, DJ stepped down as VP.

Sandy Shields and Pastor David Parker presented DJ a prayer shawl which he blessed and prayed over towards the end of our meeting. DJ was obviously surprised and very grateful to be a recipient of such blessing.

Five Board members have attended the annual Puget Sound District meeting and luncheon at Stanwood UMC on Saturday, Sept. 17th from 9:30 to 3 p.m. Daisy invited Shirley LeBlanc and she joined the group. Sue Eloph agreed to drive us to the meeting and the Board voted to cover the cost of gas from the UMW budget as well as the luncheon of \$8 per person for the 6 of us attending.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20th, Anita Dragoo was our guest speaker/presenter at our social meeting which was fairly well attended. Twenty-six were present at the meeting. Anita talked about the Muslim women and their headscarf as a privacy barrier; American-held stereotypes and misconceptions about Muslim women and vice versa; understanding their religion, faith, and world view; and how they differ from ours as Christians.

October: The Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting will be held at Ronald UMC in Shoreline, WA on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8. The Board voted at Sept. 6th meeting to only attend the October 8th meeting but eventually no one was interested in participating.

A baked potato luncheon/fundraising for the Good Sam Benevolence Fund is scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 16th.

November: Board meeting is tentatively scheduled on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 1 p.m.

December: The Cookie Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. till noon. Cookies of different kinds will be donated by various bakers. Janann Roodzant and Joyce Atkinson will again co-host this event.

Report Submitted by:

Daisy Sapida,
UMW Treasurer and Acting Secretary

WORSHIP TEAM 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Worship Team members were: Joyce Atkinson (Altar Guild); Dean Faris (Ushers); Chet Hansen (Staff Representative and Music Director); Dea Hansen (Team Leader); Jeff Opdyke (AV Scheduler); Dave Russell (Communion) and Mary Williford (Liturgists and Communion Stewards). We do not currently have one person responsible for AV. A number of people collaborate to resolve any AV issues. Some of these people are Dean Faris, Kent Peckinpaugh, Bob Wallin and Dave Williams.

Chet Hansen retired in July so we are currently without a staff representative on the Worship Team. Lisa Bain was hired to fill the position of Music Director until a new permanent replacement can be found.

In January the Team was responsible for making sure all of the Advent and Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary were taken down and stored for another year. The Good Sam committee continues to straighten and replenish the information in the pews as they have time.

The missing reserved signs for weddings and funerals noted in last year's report reappeared after we had received the new ones. We will use the new ones and keep the old ones as a back-up. Out of the regular budget, we paid for licenses and dues for our Chancel and Bell choirs. In addition such items as palm fronds for Palm Sunday, the 2017 Flower Calendar, Advent Candles and assorted supplies for communion and the sanctuary were purchased. Four fall banners have been ordered. Two will be paid for by the regular budget. The other two are a gift from a congregant.

The organ is in need of repair. Balcom and Vaughan Pipe Organs, Inc has submitted a bid of \$6,865 + tax. The Worship Team's Endowment Fund balance will be used to pay for a large portion of the repair.

In conjunction with AV, the worship committee continues to offer DVD recordings of the worship service. They are available on the Worship bulletin board along with the Sunday bulletin.

David Parker became our new minister in July. We have worked with him to implement some new worship participation opportunities. In addition to the sign-up sheets for Communion Stewards and Liturgists there is a Life Change Moment sign-up sheet and a Praying for the Pastor sign-up sheet. At Pastor David's direction and with his help guidelines for these two new service opportunities were developed. The guidelines for Communion Stewards and Liturgists were revised. Pastor David is going to implement regular Prayer and Anointment Stations each month during Communion. Guidelines have been developed. Pastor David will train the Anointing and Prayer personnel.

New wooden Crismons are being made for the sanctuary tree. We will have a work party to paint them. The sanctuary tree will be put up before the first Sunday in Advent and the Narthex tree will be put up and decorated as soon as the Giving Tree comes down.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dea Hansen, Team Leader

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT FOR 2016

I have settled into my role at OHFUMC as Director of Children & Youth Ministries, with a lot of my focus being on youth. The youth welcomed me upon my arrival last year and we've had a great time getting to know each other over the past year.

Youth Group

Youth Group for middle and high schoolers remains part of Wednesday Family Night activities, with dinner for all and separate group activities for children, youth, and parents. Over the past year our attendance has generally been between 12 and 15 youth each Wednesday night. Now that school has started back up, we are seeing some growth in our group, which is very positive.

After eating together and catching up on what's going on in life, we gather together for a lesson. We cover a variety of topics in our lessons and soon we will begin a character study of Teens of the Bible. We always end our sessions with games, which help the teens get to know each other better and get out some of their pent up energy. Over the summer we built a structure on the grassy patch by the church sheds for a game called 9-square that we learned about at Twinlow. The kids have enjoyed bringing the game back to the other youth who didn't go on the trip, as well as playing with adults like Pastor David!

At the start of summer we said goodbye to one of our volunteer leaders, Joshua Wise, who moved with the Navy. Amanda Blau continues to help as a leader, though she will also be moving later this year. Fortunately, we were able to get a former OHFUMC youth, Ben Harrison, involved as a new leader. A recent graduate from our group, Randy Lapo, is also transitioning into a leadership position with the group.

PNW Conference Activities

We took six of our youth and three leaders to CONVO in February at Warm Beach Camp near Stanwood. There we had the opportunity to connect with other youth groups through worship, small groups, learning sessions, and fun activities. We plan to take youth again in 2017, when the event will be held at the University of Puget Sound over Memorial Day weekend.

This event was hosted by the Conference Council On Youth Ministry (CCOYM), which I have since gotten involved with as our Puget Sound district adult sponsor. The team meets several times throughout the year at various locations across Washington to help plan and implement conference youth events.

Mission Trip

In June our group took a mission trip to Twinlow Camp for the Idaho Mission Project (IMP). Seven youth and three adults from OHFUMC attended. This was our second year to participate in IMP and we had a blast! We did a variety of projects including moving furniture at a church, yard work for the elderly, working in the Habitat for Humanity Store, and unloading and organizing at the Salvation Army. During our

week at Twinlow we also got to connect with youth groups from Vancouver, WA, Kennewick, WA, and Colorado.

Fundraising

In order to help fund our trips to both CONVO and IMP, the youth group held a couple of fundraising events. For four weeks in January & February, we made mochas and lattes while hosting fellowship time in Centennial Hall after worship. Then in May we held a Chore Auction, auctioning off our youths' time and talents for various chores that people could bid on. Both of these fundraisers went over very well, allowing us to keep the individual participants' trip costs low.

Events

It is my goal to have a fun event outside of regular youth group at least once each month. We have several events lined up for this fall. Lock-ins are always a big hit with our teens, and our first one is scheduled for October 19. As part of that evening of fun we plan to go to the pumpkin patch and pick out pumpkins to carve. In November we will take our middle school youth to a retreat at Camp Indianola. We are also planning to bring back the Turkey Bowl football game on the Saturday after Thanksgiving!

Our youth group is on the younger side, but eager to learn and grow together. I am encouraged by the return of some kids who didn't attend for a while, as well as excited to incorporate the new attendees into our continually-developing group dynamics. I am grateful that the majority of our kids are very welcoming to new faces and I believe that our program will continue to see growth this year.

Submitted by:

Erin Tombaugh
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