

THE HEART BEAT

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upcoming EVENTS



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❖ I had picked a fight with God and He was winning.

My story starts in a small suburb of Ohio. It was 1997. I was in 6th grade. That's when I met Gavin Stephens. He sat across from me in our group of 4 desks. A friendship unlike any friendship I'd ever had or have ever had since, developed in that year. That was my first clue of what God had in the works for me and I had missed it completely. Fast forward 3 years later. I had taken a personal strengths exam. My results said that I best fit a career in public service. The examples given were healthcare or education. I thought about this test for months after. I discussed it with friends and family. I opted to follow a career path in nursing because I enjoyed science and it

seemed like a financially sound thing to do. Taking that test was the second clue to what God had planned for me. Again, I missed it. I finished high school early and set my mind on the prize. I had prayed to God, asking him to help me to let go of my romantic interest in Gavin who, at the time, wasn't interested in relationships. He was planning on joining the Navy.

With my life checklist in hand, I proceeded to accomplish everything I set out to do and I did it in order. I went to a community college to get my feet wet. Check. I then went away to school for one year to attain the college life experience. Check. I graduated from Case Western Reserve University, one of the top schools in the country. Check. Upon graduation I obtained a job with Cleveland Clinic, one of the largest and most well known hospital systems in the country. Check. I was dating a nice guy who I had known for years through bowling. Our families knew each other well. How perfect! The day we were to be married I paused because it just didn't feel like I always dreamed it would feel. I went to call my very best friend, Gavin, who was now in the Navy. We had kept in touch over the years and he had been a distant voice of encouragement on my road to attaining the perfect life. On this particular day, *Cont'd pg 2*

he wasn't available to give advice. He just so happened to be on deployment. I shook the feeling and stayed the course. I was married now. Check. A year later, My daughter was born. Check. My marriage was slowly coming apart at the seams for various and seemingly random reasons but I continued to tape it together so that the picture would still be visible. I had accomplished all that I set out to do so why would it fail? I decided to throw a little Jesus in the pot thinking that's all that could be missing. Plus, now that I had a daughter, I wanted her to have a good example. So, we joined a church and went most Sundays and on Easter, of course. We even joined a Bible study for couples, just for good measure. Check, Check and CHECK!

The year of 2012 my life came crashing down. My husband's gambling became incontestable. We were down to our last few dollars. I couldn't afford gas to drive to work and began to call off a lot. I eventually quit, thinking that most of my discontent came from my job. I lived about an hour away from my family and my job. It was just myself, my husband and our daughter, in an apartment we would soon be evicted from, with a car that would soon be repossessed and an empty refrigerator. I was stumped. What had I missed? What did I do wrong? One night, the cable company knocked on the door. They were there to shut off the cable. I started laughing and crying. Every time I thought, "this is as bad as it's going to get. My comeback is coming any minute!" Something else terrible happened. I went to bed that night, not knowing what I was going to eat in the morning. I simply gave up and said, "If I'm meant to eat tomorrow, God will provide it for me". At 7 am the next morning, I heard a soft knock at the door. My mother had brought 3 bags of groceries and left them at the door. I had only seen her sneaking around the corner and down the stairs. I chased after her and she put her fingers to her lips to say "ssh, Its our secret." and then, she was gone. That was my third clue to what God had planned for me. I still wasn't getting it. My mother, who I had avoided confiding in at all costs simply because I didn't want to hear "I told you that boy was no good for you", some how knew that I needed help.

My downward spiral continued throughout the entire year. I was in a head to head, fist to fist fight with God. I was going to do everything I could to pull myself out of this mess. Notice, I said I. I had filed for divorce. I got my dream job as a labor and delivery nurse with the 2nd largest hospital system in the northwest. I moved to a new home, closer to my family. I purchased a new car. It was time for my comeback! And yet, I felt so alone. I was still so unhappy. I never got to see my daughter because of my demanding job, my family hardly ever visited. I had lost so many friends because of my failed marriage. I had picked a fight with God and He was winning. Why was He winning? Why was He allowing these things to happen? I was following the rules! I thought God was supposed to make good things happen! What is going on? I was isolated and cornered. Then, it hit me. I was losing because I never, ever, not one time asked him, "What do you want me to do, Lord?". I never asked God to help me. James 1:5-8 explains my mistake the best. There is where you will find these words "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver. For a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

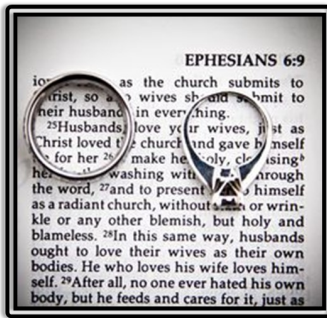
Such people should not expect anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do." Unstable. That is a word that summarizes my life in this time. I never asked God to be a part of my marriage. Rewind a bit. The moment I didn't feel right about getting married, I called a person. I never called on God for guidance. I never included him in my plans for life. And most importantly, my faith was not in God alone. It was in myself and those around me. The thing that I was missing the entire time was, this. If not God, then whom do we serve? I was serving myself. "But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus. The work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God." Acts 20:24. It wasn't until God removed the safety net and allowed me to fall that I learned that all my successes in life were from Him. Much like it was explained to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 8:17 "He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.'" I began reading the bible a little every day. I began to talk with God in prayer. I asked for forgiveness. I cried with Him. I asked for his comfort. I leaned into Him harder than I had ever leaned into anyone in my life. "If you look for me wholeheartedly you will find me" Jeremiah 29:19. I applied for a job as a travel nurse. I was preparing to leave my painful history behind and give my daughter a chance to see the world. I was ready to start over. Put a pin in that.

In 2011 my best friend, Gavin, who I'd kept in touch with throughout the years had orders to Guam. But, his mother had suffered a terrible stroke and he was able to get his orders changed to recruiting duty in Cleveland, OH. He had witnessed my terrible misfortune but we equally respected each other's accomplishments in life and served as each other's confidants. We were so focused and driven to succeed that we missed what God was doing. My marriage was my humbling experience. His mother's stroke was his. We were both learning how to deal with life when God takes control. God had showed me who He wanted me to marry since the 6th grade. I was so caught up in my own plans and ideas that I missed it. This was a level of oblivion that I hope to never reach again. Our mothers had tried to shed light on our connection in the past and we were both certain that we were meant to be with other people.

I married Gavin in September of 2013. We moved to Washington and started a new beginning together. Today, Gavin is still my biggest support. He is still my very best friend. Our experiences have allowed us to equally understand who's in control of our lives and to freely go to Him with every decision. Following God's well lit path has led me into a life I couldn't have imagined I'd have. This is the life God wanted for us all along. "For I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster. To give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah 29:11. I have felt such contentment. I can only hope that any person gets the chance to feel like all of their dreams have come true and every desire has been met. And still God gives more. You cannot out give God. If you think you've missed the bus so you might as well walk, think again. "The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed but wants everyone to repent." 2 Peter 3:9. Please believe, He's been waiting for you all along.

Join us for.....

Family Devotion



If you're a visiting family or you've been attending SUMC for a while, we'd love for you to join us! **We will be discussing a different devotion each week and learning how God's Word and Will play a part in our everyday lives.** If you have children under 5, bring them! If you have children older than 5, we have a fantastic Sunday school program that they are welcome to join.

Please note: This group is geared toward **married couples 35 years and younger.** Our first meeting will be **April 10th at 9:00 AM** in classroom 107. If you have any questions, please contact Lydia at Kids.sumc@gmail.com I hope to see you there!



Ladies welcome to Lydia's Community, the women's ministry of Silverdale United Methodist Church. We are women on the mission of Jesus Christ. We endeavor to live authentically together by pursuing each other through relationships, being patient with one another in love, counseling biblically all because of our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. We are sisters in Christ. This is a place for all women to come and be together and become the best woman in Christ we can be. For more information like us on Facebook: *Lydia's Community SUMC Women* or email Debi Rickabaugh at debirick1@hotmail.com



For more information visit lifeway.com/priscillashirerlive
 Tickets are \$45 on sale in the Social Hall Sundays after service!!!



GREAT COMMISSION MINISTRIES (GCM) ANNUAL AUCTION

GCM provides support for a church and the people in an impoverished village in Romania. The auction is one of the main fundraisers for this ministry. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from the auction go the needy in Kitsap County through the Hallowed Grounds Café, a free weekly dinner in Silverdale for homeless and low income people, and through Georgia's House, a shelter for women and children.

The GCM Annual Silent and Live Auction will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 5:30 PM in the SUMC Great Hall. In addition to wonderful items to bid on (restaurant meals, massages, pedicures, jewelry, auto services, week in Mazatlan, and much more), we will be featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres (appetizers), desserts and beverages. Enjoy classic rock and praise music by Vintage (Dennis Rickabaugh, Terry Holt, and Craig Peeler) and hear about the GCM ministry in Romania.

DONATIONS are still being accepted for the auction. Do you have a service, a special baked good, a talent, antiques, or other items that you would be willing to donate?

VOLUNTEERS are needed to prepare for this event. Help is needed in the kitchen, selling tickets, helping set-up and clean-up for the event.

If you can help, please contact Rupert or Ani Walworth at gcmforsouls2816@yahoo.com or 360-434-4860 (Ani) or 360-908-5066 (Rupert). Mark your calendar today and plan to be there with ALL YOUR FRIENDS to enjoy good food, great music and deals on your favorite items.



In 2015 we served 598 people! So far in 2016 we have served 165 people!



Prism point of view
 By Cynthia Blinkinsop,
 Prism Leader
 The Prism Weight Loss Program began at Silverdale United Methodist Church in 2002. A

group of people including my mom Georgia Mattson, wanted to understand their eating behaviors. They wanted to get to *their* right weight and maintain it for a lifetime. That's a task that requires surrender to self and full reliance on God! Prism combines food guidelines and Bible study to help individuals understand *their* food addictions and learn about the underlying issues of why they over-eat. Besides my mom, another awesome Prism leader was my friend Julie Longstreet. I have seen, heard and felt the transformation process as key Bible verses or discussion questions sparked a change in behaviors or internals tapes.

Prism meets during the Adult Education time of Sunday School. Our topics involve sharing food journals, victories, and concerns about the transformation process revealed in the past week assignments. Although Prism materials can no longer be ordered SUMC has put the four phases of study guides on our website for printing for personal use. Thanks to all the former Prism members who have given me their Prism materials so we could make clean copies available online! Anyone is welcome to check out the class and begin at any six-week phase they feel comfortable. The Agreement of Resolution, shown below, is a reflective contract that reminds Prism members to humbly accept help to transform from the inside out!

Prism Weight Loss Program Agreement of Resolution

1. I resolve my desire to change my eating behaviors and learn methods for continuing this control for my lifetime.
2. I resolve that I will follow the food guide (including calorie levels), the guidelines and KEY PRINCIPLES of this program exactly, without any deviation from its standards.
3. I agree that there are no foods more important to me than becoming slender and reaching my "right weight."

4. Even one bite of extra or prohibited food cannot compare with the freedom I will know when I take steps to become the person I was created to be.
5. I understand that in the event I decide to revoke this resolution through violation of the program guidelines and KEY PRINCIPLES, I will inform my Prism group leader or accountability partner of my decision.

I willingly submit myself to receive the support, strength and guidance I will require from others and God to complete this commitment.

I'm a slow learner so I'll be doing Prism long after class is over. The journey is more important than the destination for me because God is revealing how He's made each of us special and unique. I'm learning to be patient, forgiving and thankful. A guiding verse from Prism literature is Romans 12:1-2, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." NIV

Broccoli Rice Casserole (Phase 1 Prism)

Yield 4 servings at 221 calories and 8.2 grams fat each

Ingredients

- 4 oz. lowfat cheddar cheese, shredded (I prefer extra sharp)
- 1 cup cooked long grain brown rice
- ½ cup sliced mushrooms (I prefer crimini)
- ½ cup diced onion or leek
- ½ cup organic skim milk
- 1 T butter
- 2 (10 oz.) package frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
- 1 teaspoon salt or a salt-free season blend of your choice

Preheat oven to 350. Brush a 2-quart casserole with a little olive oil and set aside.

In a large saucepan combine all ingredient except broccoli and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until cheese and butter are melted.

Add thawed broccoli and salt. Return to heat for about 2 minutes until broccoli is heated through. Put this mixture into prepared casserole and bake, covered, until broccoli is tender and casserole is heated to 165 throughout (about 30 minutes).



THEREFORE GO
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016
WHAT IS GENERAL CONFERENCE AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? General Conference is the top legislative body for the United Methodist Church. Meeting once every four years they endeavor to make legislative changes that affect how we do ministry as the UMC. The upcoming conference takes place in Portland, May 10-20, 2016. You are encouraged to be in prayer for the process leading up to and through General Conference. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT.

Some Hot Topics for GC 2016:

- Human Sexuality verbiage the United Methodist Book of Discipline
- Abortion
- New Hymnal proposal
- Local Church Book of Discipline adaptation
- Church Structure

To be informed check out the links below.

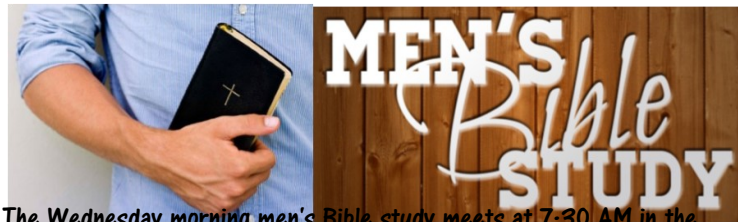
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****BOLO:** "Be On The Lookout" for information coming soon to the SUMC Community Facebook page, Sunday bulletin for guidelines on Praying The Lord's Prayer through General Conference...



Pack 4552 is hosting a Children's Book Drive to provide books for New born through teen. The books will go to Georgia's House, the ALIVE Shelter and SUMC's Nursery. Please donate gently used books now through May 2nd. There is a box in the narthex to collect the books.



The Wednesday morning men's Bible study meets at 7:30 AM in the Emma Linn room (come in the outside door there or tap on the window). We watch a 30 minute video by R C Sproul, and discuss how the Scriptures relate to us. We discuss our concerns, triumphs, and go into prayer for each other, our families, churches, country, and the world. We would love to have you join us. About 9:15 we adjourn and go to breakfast in town together. All ages are welcome! Ernie Shriner 362-2253



"The Independents Community Chorus" invites you to attend a musical journey about the life of Jesus presented through dynamic choral cantata, "Footprints in the Sand" on Sunday, April 17th at 3:30pm at Silverdale Lutheran Church. There is no cost to attend—join us in supporting our own Nancy Snapper!



Silverdale United Methodist Church is in the process of offering electronic giving through our local bank, Kitsap Bank and TransFirst, as a way to automate your regular weekly offering or one time donations. Electronic giving offers convenience for you and provides much needed donation consistency to our congregation. You will be able to sign up by utilizing the Online Giving link which will be on our website or you can contact Donna Kirkpatrick Financial Chair at the church office by calling 360-981-2701. Electronic giving allows you to choose a couple various options: **Direct Debit Giving** in which you authorize transfer of funds from your checking or savings account to the church (much like auto bill pay) as a one time gift or continuing giving. **Credit or Debit Card Giving** in which you authorize offerings either a one time or automatically on a predetermined schedule using your credit or debit card. This can be especially helpful for those gaining rewards on their personal credit/debit cards. You get the benefit of your charitable giving, but also receive the benefit of gaining rewards on your card. **The ability to use your Credit or Debit Card Giving for special offerings; such as special books, special sales in the church, will benefit the programs of the Church. As a participant you can stop the process at any time.**

VETERANS HOUSING OPTIONS GROUP



"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

Elmer Davis

Group meets every Monday (except for holidays)

1:00 pm

at Kitsap Community Resources

1201 Park Avenue Bremerton, WA 98337 360-473-2056

This group is for Veterans who are currently homeless or at high risk for homelessness in the near future.

We would like invite you to join us and learn about the various housing programs and opportunities from VA Puget Sound, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, Kitsap County Veterans Program, Supportive Services for Veteran Families and KCR's Housing Solutions Center (HSC). Attendance at this group is the first step to getting housed! Following the group you will have the chance to link to a representative from one of the agencies to take the next step to getting housed.

We look forward to meeting with you!

Vacation Bible School 2016- July 25th -29th

Kids preschool through grade 6 get ready to Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!!! This year we're centered on just how much we're loved by God! Come on



out to have fun and learn more about Jesus and his love for us! Remember the Lord is great and awesome!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING APRIL 6 AT 5PM- All those superstars interested in serving the children at this event are encouraged to come!!!



This month, in the nursery, we will be learning about how God made food and water. Recite the rhyme below on your way to the grocery store or during bath time to help reinforce what your child is learning in nursery class. Establishing good habits such as saying grace before meals can also help children identify with this bible truth.

Nice cool water, Fruit from trees,
God Made food and water, For you and me!

CHURCH LEADERS CONFERENCE

Lets be in prayer for our leaders that will be traveling to Texas April 18-21st for the Church Leaders Conference at Watermark Community Church. Those attending will be Jesse & Lyndsey Rickabaugh, Shyrl Kinert, Debi Rickabaugh, Gary Wright and Grant Bosshardt. Keep each one in your prayers for travel mercies, that each will receive what God has planned for them and pray for the speakers that will be teaching our leaders, that God will speak through them. If you would like to know more about this conference go to: www.churchleadersconference.com



Prayer Focus in April is the upcoming United Methodist Church's General Conference in Portland OR which will start May 9. Pray that the delegates from around the world will:

1. Listen to one another
2. Discern God's will for the world wide United Methodist Church
3. Make decisions that will guide United Methodists around the world in fulfilling our God-given purpose
4. Nurture a spirit of unity and discipleship

Pray that the delegates will:

1. Have the Lord's discernment
2. Listen to the Lord and His will for UMC
3. Enter with humble hearts
4. Come to bring glory to God
5. Worship the Lord and none other
6. Enter with a spirit of love and unity

Sunday Evening May 8 will be a focused prayer time for this conference. Each Sunday before then we will have prayer focus information sheets available in the narthex.

You are invited to join in the many opportunities to pray corporately in this church:

Wednesday prayer group: Wed morning 9:30 Come! No experience necessary. Come to be prayed for and to pray for others. Led by Shirley Thiel

Prayer Chain: Needs are emailed to each participant. Call the church office with requests, or ask Donna Kirkpatrick.

Sunday Altar Prayer Team: Trained team members pray for needs at the altar as asked.

Sunday Morning Conversations With God, a class about prayer. Held in the Emma Linn Room at 9am, this class is open to everyone who wants to converse with our Creator. Taught by various people, led by Laura Gilger.

Sunday Night Prayer Service 6pm in Sanctuary. Led by Pastor Larry Eddings and others, this meeting has a short time of worship and message, and then everyone prays.



For the month of March Hallowed Grounds café served 467 people!



Wow! Did you see the fun the Sunday school children had looking for Easter eggs or for scavenger hunt items after the Easter service? Our children's ministry coordinator, Lydia Stephens, planned it all, and the children loved it. The older children (ages 7 to 11) who completed the scavenger hunt got an Easter bag of goodies. The younger ones made their own bag of goodies by picking up all the filled, plastic eggs they could find as they rushed from place to place upstairs in the education wing. And all were reminded of the sweetness and joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For the month of April, the preschool and kindergarten children will first learn about Jesus showing himself alive to his friends after the resurrection, and then will start a series of lessons focusing on how God helps us to help others, using the Old Testament stories of Joseph and Moses. They will learn the verse, "We work together with God" from 1 Corinthians 3:9.

The older children, in grades 1 - 5, will also learn how Jesus showed himself alive to his friends after the resurrection, and then will go on to lessons from Genesis (Joseph) and Exodus (Moses) that show God's faithfulness, trustworthiness, and power for His people. They will learn, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" from Psalm 46:1.

On Palm Sunday the older children combined classes and worked on a special project that will help to beautify the walkway in front of the West Wing; be sure to look for it soon. They will combine classes again later in April when the Eyers are visiting Joy and Jeremy Ellington in India. What a wonderful opportunity they will have to hear later of teacher Mary's experiences there! For the past six weeks, their Sunday school offerings have been designated to go to the mission outreach in India, and the Eyers may be able to present it personally to Joy and Jeremy and the church they sponsor in India.

Children are welcome to, and encouraged to, bring their friends to Sunday school. We had a couple of friends come on Palm Sunday, and we'd love to see more! The older children sang in church on Palm Sunday, and one brave little brother joined with them. All the children enjoy singing songs that praise God and songs that reinforce their Bible learning, and we enjoy it

Sunday school. Con't

Thank you to the special teachers who lead music, Anne Shriner in the preschool & kindergarten class, and Cherrie Mangoba in grades 1 - 5. We've heard parents and grandparents mention how their children will sometimes sing their Sunday school songs in the car as they travel. The message and joy of those songs will always stay with the children. Thank you for all your support of our Sunday school program.



Having an opportunity to introduce the love of Jesus Christ to so many children around the world is such a blessing. Filling a simple shoe box is just the beginning. Our prayer is that each child accepts their invitation to a 12 week class to learn about Jesus Christ, the son of God. Last year SUMC's goal was to collect 200 boxes and we exceeded that goal. See stats below:-SUMC 284 boxes -Olympic/Kitsap Penn. and Bainbridge 11,168 boxes - N.W. Region 298,748 boxes -U.S. 8,765,637 boxes - International 11,213,010 boxes (to 130 countries) PRAISING GOD FOR SUCH FAITHFULNESS! Please continue to save all year long. When cleaning and organizing, remember that even the smallest little thing means a lot to a child who has nothing. Bring your items to Gloria Lee to store if you'd like; and we will fill shoe boxes in Nov. Also, please bring me shoe boxes. We needed x-tras last year. Again, thank you for loving these children through your prayers and giving a simple shoe box gift. Any question please call Rick or Gloria Lee at 692-2596.



You are invited...

Could you spare 2-3 hours to help us get our SUMC kitchen spotlessly clean? Come join our cleaning party on Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. to Noon. Coffee and snacks provided. Hope to see you there! Your Hospitality Committee



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee coordinates with the pastor a worship experience for the congregation. The committee includes our Greeter/Usher teams, acolytes, and decorating the sanctuary at certain times or seasons according to the church calendar. This committee also provides packets to visitors that contain information about our church and its programs and ministries.

One aspect of the Worship Committee are the wall banners and scripture banners. These are changed with the seasons, special events and holidays. Banners are visual worship tools. They help us experience God's presence by lifting up His name.

Colors are used to match or compliment an area of prominence within the sanctuary, to express a mood, or for a liturgical or seasonal color.

Liturgical colors

White - purity without blemish used at Christmas, Easter, and seasons of Pentecost.

Purple - royalty, used at Advent and Lent.

Red - fire, blood, boldness, used at Pentecost

Green - life, used on any Sunday when there is no special season or occasion.

Blue- Epiphany, visit of the Wisemen to Christ, starts January 6th.

Psalm 20:5 "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our **Banners**; the Lord fulfill all thy petitions".

Committee members include Char Serra, Becky Twiss, Peg Brown, Ellen Jaro and Cherry Mangoba.

GOD > your problems.



Music. It's such a big part of our lives- whether we consider ourselves musical or not. Think about it- we play the radio in our cars, or stream it from the internet in our homes. We sing in the shower when nobody is listening. We go to concerts, and appreciate the technical skills of others. We youtube our favorite songs so we can listen to them over and over again. Music is everywhere.

And so it is for the Christian. God created music to be an expression of our worship to Him. That is why music is such an integral part of our worship service here at SUMC. God desires our worship, and is worthy to be praised! He created us to worship Him. And one of the ways we do that is through music.

At SUMC we combine a variety of styles and genres of Christian music as an expression of the variety of ages and backgrounds of our members. That's why you will find that we sing Traditional Hymns, Gospel, Contemporary and Modern worship songs, and even a bit of Country.

The idea is that at some point in the service you will hear a song that has personal meaning for you, giving you the opportunity to freely express your worship to the Lord. This also means that a song that might not be your personal preference is ministering to the person standing next to you. That is part of the sacrifice of Praise that we give to the Lord in congregational worship - giving preference to one another as we all seek the same goal- to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, and in Unity!

In the Music Ministry at SUMC we believe our primary aim is to serve the Lord, to seek to engage all the members of our congregation in musical worship of our Lord and Savior, and to be an example of what it means to be a worshipper. In everything we do we aim to give God our best, to continually look for ways to improve our skills, and to lead God's people in worship to the best of our ability, through the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of God's Kingdom- all for His glory!

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Music Ministry at SUMC, please contact Shyrl Kinert, our Music Minister, at 360 621-2600, or email shyrlsumc@gmail.com



April 1—Brett & Des Hall—16 years!

April 2—Jim & Colleen Mey—61 years

April 3—Harry & Laura Gilger—5 years!

April 6—Larry & Mary Eyer—31 years

APRIL 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11 Staff Meeting 9:30 - 11a PEO RM104 10a-12p HGC Food Prep NA—WW 6pm	12 WBS - RM 104 10a -12 Chuckwagon 11a-1p S.H. HGC 4-5 S.H	13 TOPS 9-11 S.H. IT/Media 6:30p WW Finance 7pm Lib	14 WBS - RM 104 10a -12p Chuckwagon 11a-1p S.H.	15 Chuckwagon 11a-1p S.H.	16 Meals on Wheels Training S.H 8a-12p	
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