

THE HEART BEAT

SERVING PEOPLE FROM THE HEART OF SILVERDALE

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upcoming EVENTS



August

August 3—Old Timers Picnic

August 3—Church Council Meeting

August 3—Trustees Meeting


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August 17—SPR Meeting

August 17—20—The Journey Within—WOSM

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“Where are you going when you die, heaven or hell?” “Umm excuse me? WHAT?”

WHEN MERCY FOUND ME




Quoting the lyrics from the song “When Mercy found me” by Rhett Walker Band completely takes me through my testimony. They start by saying “I can’t count the broken roads I’ve been down, but all I know, something had to give.” I grew up going to Wayne United Methodist Church in the small village of Wayne, Ohio. The Holy Spirit was never talked about and we were never taught that we should have a personal relationship with God. However for some reason I still believed in God.

Mercy found me at a sleep over in second grade. A friend that was sleeping over told me I needed to ask for Jesus to live in my heart. I had no idea what that meant, but believing in God I thought that it was probably pretty important. My 7 year old self went into the bathroom and got down on her knees and asked Jesus to live in her heart. Unfortunately there wasn’t any follow up or instruction as to what this meant for me. Little did I know “in that one moment everything changed, who I was got washed away” and I was Jesus’. He had my heart.

Fast forward to college, Otterbein was a very Liberal Arts type of school even being affiliated with the Methodist church at this time. I ended up taking a bunch of religion classes and decided I liked them so much I should make it my major. Most of the religion classes were about Eastern Religions, the only one about Christianity was a brief overview of the history of Christianity. As you can imagine I had my priorities pretty messed up.

“Cause living my life so wild and free finally caught up.

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Oh it left me broken, left me hopeless". I had a hard time believing that God even cared about us, the bible was just a storybook and didn't have any relevance to our daily lives. I couldn't believe the scripture "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6.) If we needed God to do something for us why did we have to go through Jesus? Why couldn't we just go to the source? I was so pumped up on the liberal aspect of things that there was in my mind no room for Jesus to have a place in my life.

I graduated college and started working 3 jobs, one as a home health care provider with a Christian Agency. At the interview, one of the questions was "where are you going when you die, heaven or hell?" "Um... Excuse me? WHAT?" I was not prepared to answer that question. Looking back I think it was God poking me, trying to remind me that He was waiting on me. At that time I was living with my mom, working 3 jobs, and struggling with trying to love myself after a hard break up with my boyfriend. I felt pretty far from God. My best friend Kristin had introduced me to Alan, a guy she worked with and we had become good friends. Alan ended up stationed in Washington, we got married and I moved to be with him, but that is a story for another day.

Four months after we married I moved to Washington, where I knew no one, had no idea how to get around, didn't have a car other than a pickup truck that I literally had to pick the brake up off the floor to press the gas. I started work at a store and met a lady by the name of Laura. She asked me if I believe that we have a Savior and that Satan is here to kill, steal and destroy. I think I looked at her with the widest eyes possible. I didn't have any idea what to say to her, I had never been asked that question before. God was intervening in my life again, poking me. With encouragement from Laura, I decided to find a church. I sat in church the first time in years looking at the screen that said "Welcome Home". I broke down. I had been looking for a home since I left for college and hadn't found it having gone through boyfriends, parent's divorce, family drama, and many jobs. I didn't even find it moving across country to live with a man I felt I barely knew to be a military wife. Now I wish I could have looked at the scripture in Hebrews 4:16 that says "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need". I was in need and didn't know what to do.

I found a bible study that I could attend after I quit my job. I'm pretty sure these sweet ladies at bible study thought I was crazy for wanting to hang out with them, especially with the large gap in our ages. However God put me exactly where I needed to be. The wisdom and care they shared with me was something that I had been craving and hadn't found. They began to show me through their own actions what Psalm 103:8 means "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." I felt like I had 7 of the best moms a girl could ask for. I had the support I needed while Alan was deployed and had discovered how much I needed Jesus in my life. And again Rhett Walker Band's lyrics ring true, "All those days and all those doubts, they don't seem to matter now, His grace is all I need."

My moms found me a friend my age in the church. While I

was sitting with her in service it was announced that there was an opening for the Church Secretary position. I leaned into my friend and said "what do you think that entails? Do you think I could do it?" I kept thinking about it through the service and decided I would pray about the opportunity and contact the office on Tuesday, since Monday was a holiday. As I was walking out my heart started pounding harder and harder until I finally listened to God urging me to turn around and talk to the pastor right then. I found Pastor Edd and asked him about the position. That night I went home and updated my resume and my cover letter, and sent it in Monday Morning. I heard back on Tuesday and had an interview scheduled for Wednesday. I went to the interview and walked into several pairs of eyes staring back at me. It was not intimidating at all.

As I was walking into bible study after my interview I received a phone call asking if I would accept the position and if I would start the next day! Again God had me exactly where he wanted me, but did I know that? I had no clue! Lauren had told me how much my faith would grow while working within the church but there was really no way I could know what she meant then.

About a year after I started at the church some girl by the name of Lyndsey was hired to fill the Pastor's Assistant position. We had the opportunity to fly to Texas to go to a conference held by RightNow Media. We were blown away by the church where the conference was held and by the speakers that were there. I was challenged in ways I didn't even know were possible. The speakers were people who didn't mess around, they told you exactly how it is and were teaching the bible in a way I had never heard it taught. It was emphasized that they make sure they are in the bible daily and that they are trying to live their lives in a biblical manner. It was a huge turning point in knowing how to be a Christian for me. John 7:38 says "Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." I longed for that, I want rivers of living water to flow from my heart! At the conference I realized what I am supposed to be doing with my life. I was placed into a position to be available to love on people and pray for them. As the song goes "All those days and all those doubts, they don't seem to matter now, his grace is all I need. The chains that I was in before, they don't hold me anymore, His love has rescued me."

I know that I am a work in progress but I can see how God has protected me through those times I didn't believe in Him, those times I needed Him and didn't know it was Him I needed. He protected me so that I could make my way to Silverdale, Washington to find Him again. All of the difficulties I've had in my life and those that are yet to come I can face with Jesus by my side, because I don't have to be strong. I lean on the scripture from 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 that says "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." At that conference, God completely captured my heart again, and the song describes my revelation, "My Savior's Arms were open wide and I felt love for the very first time, when mercy found me."



Genesis 12:1-4 Then the LORD told Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you. I will cause you to become the father of a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and I will make you a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you." So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

It seems so simple when you read it. God tells Abram that all these wonderful things will happen. But first he has to move. That's when you realize: uhhhh, this isn't so simple. Moves are exhausting.

We are so grateful for the warm welcome we've received here in Silverdale and for all the hard work on the parsonage and in the office keeping things moving with the Senior Pastor gone. SUMC pulled off VBS without me! And the kids had a FABULOUS time. Pastor Larry and Pastor Bob did more than just "fill in." I'm impressed.

The Weston family is weary and coming out of a difficult season of ministry. The move has taken a toll (three broken toes between myself and my wife combined). But God has called us to Kitsap County much as Abram was called to the Promised Land. And now we're here. I can only find one pair of shoes for work, but we're here.

God is going to do something special, and he wants all of us to lean in. I have stepped up my morning prayer times. Please join me in really actually praying for our church and for the Silverdale community. Bug God. Don't let up. The result will be far more than any of us are capable of.

Even with all my shoes.



The "Journey Within" August 17-20

A Roadmap to Emotional Wholeness

This journey has a time-warp. We travel backwards, healing the past, to repair the potholes, smooth out the twists and turns and eliminate the detours so that we might joyfully journey into the future and reach the destination of wholeness that God has in mind.

The journey to any place, far or near, always begins with the first step—the decision to go. You've already made that momentous decision or you would not be reading this. Now, let's think about where this trip will take us.

- Where would you like to go?
- What is your destination?
- What is the goal you have in mind?
- Who will help us get there?

Is it to travel down memories lane? Are there memories you'd like to relive, or some you'd like to transform? Are you going to stay on the main hi-way or are there some back-roads that need to be traveled? Is the road smooth or are there places that could be hazardous to your well-being? Are you making this trip with joy and thanksgiving, or does fear and dread fill your heart? Let's look at the roadmap:

"For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you." Isaiah 41:13





Just a reminder that our church will be supporting OCC in Nov. For those of you who are unaware of OCC, it is a Mission Outreach in which we spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to Children all around the world in 130 countries including the US. We Pack shoe boxes filled with Hygiene items (tooth brush, tooth paste in a zip lock baggie, bar soap & wash cloth in a zip lock baggie, hair brush and/or comb, hair doo-dads, manicure set), school supplies (pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, large pink eraser, not pencil cap erasers, scissors, colored pencils, crayons, markers, spiral notebook or pad of paper.), a stuffed animal, a ball, jewelry, purse, socks, scarves, stickers, a tool kit, a sewing kit and whatever you find around your home that you don't want that would bless a child. Hint: school supplies are on sale in the stores now. The most important gift put in each box is an invitation to attend a 12 wk. class to learn about Jesus Christ and His love for them. Many of these children have no Hope. It's amazing what an impact these simple shoe box gifts make upon these children. Some of these children have never received a gift in their entire life, so anything would be appreciated. If you have any cardboard shoeboxes at home, please bring them to the church office or on Sunday. We will pack them, too. Thank you for your support! Any questions, please call Rick or Gloria Lee @ [360-692-2596](tel:360-692-2596).



Fellowship and Fun

Want to get to know other SUMC congregants, including Pastor John and his family, better? Come join us once a month on a Friday night for a potluck dinner, fellowship and games. Bring a food to share, and consider bringing a favorite game. Beverages provided.

- Who? You, your family and friends
 - What? Potluck Dinner and Games
 - When? 6:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: September 9, October 14 and November 18
 - Where? SUMC Social Hall
 - Why? Fellowship and Fun
- Hope to see you all there!



School Backpack Supplies Needed

Once again we will put together backpacks for children in need of school supplies. Thirty backpacks have been donated, but we need school supplies to fill them. Here are items needed:

- ✎ boxes of 12-24 colored pencils
- ✎ highlighters
- ✎ crayons, box of 24
- ✎ pkgs. of 8-12 washable markers (unscented)
- ✎ white glue sticks (we have enough of these thanks!)
- ✎ blue or black pens
- ✎ pencils—box of 12-24
- ✎ scissors-- 6 inch or less
- ✎ notebook paper
- ✎ composition books
- ✎ sturdy pocket folders
- ✎ large pink erasers
- ✎ supply box or pencil pouch
- ✎ spiral notebooks (we have enough of these—thanks!)
- ✎ 3 ring notebooks—need 1 inch and 1.5 inch sizes
- ✎ notebook dividers—set of 5

Please bring supplies on Sunday mornings and put them in the box at the back of the narthex or bring them to the office during the week. Please have all donations in by August 16.

If you or someone you know is in need of a backpack, please contact the church office to reserve one. We will have them ready for distribution by August 21.

We will bless the backpacks at church on Sunday, Aug. 21. Those not receiving a bag, bring your own to be blessed for the coming year!

If you can help put the backpacks together on Wednesday, August 17 at 5:00 p.m., let Chris Wyatt at cusatenko@gmail.com or the office know.



SENIOR SAINTS MINISTRY

Attention Senior Saints Mark your calendars. **New place for our August 12 Breakfast.** We will meet at Silverdale Bowling Alley at 8:45 am. The Senior Breakfast is \$5.99. You can also order from the menu. Bring a friend. Let Colleen or Alan know how many from your house.



Greetings Parents and guardians of Sunday School & Nursery Children: We are in the process of refreshing our Sunday school program! The teachers have been working hard with your children in mind but they need help! We are asking that the parents of children who will be attending Sunday school this fall sign up to assist a teacher in class at least once before December and once after December (twice in the school year). Please see Lydia to pick your day to assist a teacher. We are also in search of teachers and nursery helpers. Please consider joining our team! You do not have to have been a teacher to teach and you do not have to have children to help in the nursery. We are also accepting junior helpers (12 years or older). It truly takes a village to keep these programs going for our children. Without support from the church body, this part of the party will cease to exist. Thank you to all of our current dedicated volunteers. Your devotion to our children and our programs does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.



July 16—Harold & Carol Frost—53 years!
July 21—Steve & Becky Twiss—31 years!
July 26—Les & Marge Scholfield—64 years!
August 9—Mark & Suzie Eyer
August 19—Jesse & Lyndsey Rickabaugh—11 years!
August 23—Tom & Leanna Weaver—25 years!

PRISCILLA SHIRER
The Armor of God
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



COMING SOON! Women's Tues/Thur (choose your day or switch back and forth as necessary) Bible Study will begin on Sept. 13th/15th in Room 104 from 10 am to 12 noon. This year's study will be Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God* based on Ephesians 6:10-19. The advice in Ephesians concerns what to wear. Our study will teach us what we must do to guarantee victory against our enemy. We will not just talk about prayer - we will pray! Prayer is the essential key to victory. All women are invited to join either of these groups as we become women equipped with the armor of God for victory - Armed and Dangerous! Study books are available now for \$14.25 from Jan Rosas. For more info call Jan at [360-698-4678](tel:360-698-4678). See you there!



Lets have a big welcome night for Jennifer Weston! Lets celebrate by getting together on September 16th at Donna Kirkpatrick's house! Please contact the office for directions. Please bring a plate of goodies, folding chair, sun hat and your enthusiasm



Worship Committee

MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 @ 6:30PM
LOCATION - WEST WING

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HGC Food Prep Staff Meeting 9:30 - 11a NA—WW 6p Food Bank Open 11-1p	2	3 Men's Bible study 7:30a TOPS 9-11 S.H. Prayer 9:30 in prayer RM Trustees 7p Lib	4 Chuckwagon 11a-1p S.H. Food Bank Open 11-1p ALS—Library 3-5p	5 Chuckwagon 11a-1p S.H. Ice Cream Social—6:30p	6
7 NewLife—Gym	8 HGC Food Prep Staff Meeting 9:30 - 11a NA—WW 6p Food Bank Open 11-1p PEO—104 @ 10	9 Chuckwagon 11a-1p S.H. HGC 4-5 S.H. DRC—WW 4:30 Worship committee—WME 30	10 MBS 7:30a TOPS 9-11 S.H. Prayer 9:30 in prayer RM Finance 7pm Lib	11 Chuckwagon 11a-1p S.H. Food Bank Open 11-1p	12 Chuckwagon 11a-1p S.H. Senior Saints—Bowling Alley @ 8:30	13
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