

# THE HEART BEAT

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SUMC Community

## *upcoming* **EVENTS**



### November

- November 2—Trustees
- November 8—Worship Committee
- November 9—Finance Committee
- November 11—Veterans Day –Office Closed
- November 11—Senior Saints
- November 18—Potluck and Games Night
- November 19—Missions Bazaar
- November 16—SPR Committee
- November 23—Thanksgiving Eve—Service at Silverdale Lutheran Church
- November 24—Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
- November 25—Day after Thanksgiving—Office Closed
- November 30—Church Council

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#### GOD IS SOMETIMES SNEAKY

Previous articles in our Monthly Heart Beat by our staff portrays marvelous callings of God into their lives/ministry. They are to be congratulated for their response to this call and their devotion to it.

Without clinical evidence to back up my observation, most of us Christians do not receive a dramatic call from God. This is not bad as God calls who He wants when He wants.

During one of the Wednesday Morning Bible Studies, Jim Sibon mentioned he was writing his life's history. He discovered he had received guidance from God in his life but had not recognized it. I started looking back at my life to determine if such had happened to me. This is what



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Harry Cont'd My story begins in the month of October, 1941 at a Catholic Hospital in Centralia, Illinois. According to my parents story I was not breathing when I was born. A Catholic Nursing Nun worked over me and I started breathing-God was here.

As best I remember my Mother was raised in the First Christian Church and my Father did not seem to have a religious background.

We moved to Perkins, OK January 1949 where there was a First Christian Church we attended. I think my Father attended with us as did my brother and Mother. We attended worship service, Sunday school and evening bible study. Joe(my brother) and I made friends with the grandsons of our neighbor. During the summer we played together and attended most of the various churches in the town Vacation Bible Schools. My memories of these was how hard it was to memorize the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and The Lord's Prayer-was God here?

We moved to the country near Meridian, OK January 1953. Meridian had a general store, post office, 2 room elementary school for whites and a modern elementary school for African-Americans (before you get all upset-this was the way things were before segregation was ended). NO CHURCHES for whites.

In January 1957 we moved to Healdton, OK. There was a First Christian Church in the town and Mom, Joe and I attended both worship, Sunday School, evening services. I was baptized here. My vision of sins was of a chalk board with chalk marks for each sin. The board was erased at Baptism and new marks were added. I have learned differently since. Mom stopped attending services but Joe and I continued even when it required getting up after attending the Saturday Midnight movie-God was here!

October 1960 I enlisted in the Navy in Dallas, TX. As part of the recruiting I was told I qualified for the Nuclear Power Program. I asked the Senior Chief Boatswain what that was and he said, "I do not know but it sounds good". So off I went to San Diego, CA and boot camp. Recruits were required to attend Sunday Chapel. Kind of like church but with 100s of attendees in an auditorium with choices of Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or LDS. My first ship was the USS Cutlass SS478. Cutlass was scheduled to go to the Great Lakes the summer of 1962 and I was scheduled to go to Bainbridge, MD for Nuclear Power School. The command was going to request a delay in my transfer so I could go to the Great Lakes but the trip was cancelled and off I went to Bainbridge, MD-God was here.

At Nuclear Power school I learned about how a nuclear propulsion system worked and met my wife (Rose)-God was here! We were married at Brunswick, ME by a Justice of the Peace after the Chaplains at NAS Brunswick refused to-was God Here? We travelled to my parents' house in OK for Christmas, boarded a plane for Dallas. She went back to Brunswick and I went to Mare Island.

Skipping some of the duty stations. We arrived back at Nuclear Power school Bainbridge for duty as an instructor Jan 1968. It was here Rose determined we needed to start the boys attending Chapel and Sunday School-God Here. We moved back to Groton, CT and attended Chapel there-God was here.

We moved to Pascagoula, MS August 1973. As the moving van was being unloaded members of the local (about 2 blocks away) Baptist church came to invite us to service. This did not set well with Rose. While I went back to Groton, she found a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. She joined and I did after the ship arrived. Worship and Sunday school for all.

Harry Cont'd I retired Nov 1990, Rose was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in 1987. We knew she would need to be cared for in a long term care facility but we wanted to full time RV. We sold our house June 1998 and spent 1 year full timing. She entered Martha and Mary long term care facility Oct 1999.-GOD was here. Nine years later I became involved in an affair that continued for a time after Rose passed.

The affair ended. After telling my cardiologist and his assistant what had happened with the affair, they encouraged me to find a Christian online dating website.

I found Christian Mingle and registered, but being a cheapy did not pay the enrolment fee. A lady responded and told me to put a picture on my application and fill out the questionnaire. My response was I did not know how. I did finally succeed in enrolling (paid the 6 month fee) with a picture and questionnaire answers. We met at the Central Market parking lot expecting to go tour the Bloedel Reserve where I volunteered. I was under a no contact order from my previous affair. I brought that with me and showed it to her. We toured Bloedel, we continued meeting, I started attending SUMC, we became engaged and Pastor Larry married Laura and me April 3, 2011-God was here!

Since becoming a member of SUMC I have awakened to have a bible verse in a book I had not been reading in my mind. Isaiah 55:13 which I include verse 12-'You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.' (I envision this as the arrival in Heaven after death). 13-'Instead of the thorn bush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.' (This is my vision of Heaven) Jan 2014.

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:7 which I include verses 6 and 8. 6-Your boasting is not good. 7-Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast-as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8-Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity.'(A reminder that yeast [sin] can spread throughout our body.) Feb 2014.

Malachi 2:1. I include verses 2-9. I will only give verse 1 and paraphrase the rest. 1-'and now this admonition is for you, O priests.' The rest condemns the priests of the time, shows how the covenant with Levi was a life of peace and he revered the Lord, how priests preserve knowledge and men should seek instruction from them, and the priests showed partiality in matters of the law. (This came to me just before the General Conference) April 2016.

Proverbs 6:9. I include verses 10 and 11. 9-'How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? 10-A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest 11-and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.'(I am still struggling with this. I think "sluggard" is telling me to act in accordance with God's direction but have not learned what this is. The rest is the results of not doing this?) June 2016.

Three times in my life God has had a great opportunity to take me home. Once driving a vehicle to Colville, WA for a local dealership I went to sleep. The car did not have cruise control and I survived with no damage-God definitely was Here! I was run over by a car on Hansville Road on my bicycle. Tore the knee on my rain pants-God was

Harry Cont'd here. Another time I was riding down the road between Viking Way and Front Street in Poulsvbo. A car turned in front of me as I was probably going 25mph. Grabbed both brake levers and was able to avoid the trunk of the car-God was here!

I realize this is long, but there is a purpose. There were places where I feel God intervened and sent me where he wanted me without me recognizing it. If I had not joined the Navy, if the Cutlass had gone to the Great Lakes I would not have met Rose. If Rose had not decided we needed to start back attending church I would not have met Laura. If I had not married Laura my walk with God would have been much different and not what you have seen here at SUMC. I feel closer to God than I have ever been before in my life. I am more active in my church life and am able to more freely profess my faith in God.

The bottom line is you do not have to have the Mountain Top Experience to be loved and cherished by God!

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**  
CHRISTMAS WREATHS, JEWELRY,  
CRAFTS & MORE  
Saturday, November 19 • 9am to 3pm  
..... **AND DON'T MISS** .....

**CHRISTMAS WREATH  
& JEWELRY SALE**  
After Service on Nov. 20 & 27 and  
Dec. 4, 11 & 18 in the Social Hall



Some of the proceeds will go to support these ministries:  
Haiti Ministries • Hallowed Ground Café  
Pastors discretionary funds • Great Commissions Ministries(GCM)  
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**HAPPY**  
anniversary

November 4— Dave & Char Duey—66 years!



Our Packing Party was a huge success! We packed 200 shoe boxes! Thank you to all who came --- helpers and packers. A fun time was had by all! Reminder: If you would like to donate toward the shipping cost for our shoe boxes, you can make your check out to Samaritan's Purse and in the memo put "OCC". It costs \$7.00 per shoe box to ship them. All boxes need to be at the church Sun. Nov. 13th, and we will pray over them as a church family.



Another tradition over the years at SUMC is the Giving Tree which is a means to tangibly show God's love to community children from low-income households. Beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving, a Christmas tree will be set up in the narthex of the church with child tags. Congregants are invited to take a tag from the tree, take it to the nearby check out desk and learn about the specific needs and wants of that child. Those who then "check-out" a child's tag are asked to buy three new gifts and return them to the church in a large bag that is secured with the tag attached. Questions? Contact Larry Eyer or other Missions Team members.



**GOD BLESS US ALL.** Those who give and those who receive. Most times when I come in to work the food bank or Sunday morning I find gifts. A can of tuna, soup, peanut butter, crackers, ravioli or 1 roll of toilet paper. I send prayers back for every donation. Recently a friend wrote a check for \$200 for the food bank. I have been having lots of fun buying canned good on sale and items like laundry soap, shampoo, conditioner and dish soap in large quantity from Costco and putting them in small water bottles to help them go as far as they can. Once again I say God Bless Us All!  
For the month of October: Abundant Food -221 people, Food Bank -91 people, Hallowed Grounds Café -430 people



We are rolling right into the holiday season! Welcome to November Children's Ministry family and friends! I hope that you've had the opportunity to hear Bible facts and bits from the creation story. Our 1-5th grade students had the chance to exercise some creativity by painting what each day of creation looked like in their mind. We will display the beautiful artwork in the social hall and in the glass cases outside of the social hall. Our Pre kindergarten/ kindergarten class have been exploring days of creation through sensory play. We finished our creation unit with Pumpkin Day! All the students explored pumpkins as a group through the Great Pumpkin Experiment. What day did God create pumpkins?

Have you been sending your child to Sunday school with an offering? The Children's Ministry leaders have decided to donate all offering funds to a place near and dear to SUMC this year. **We will be donating our offering and focusing our community lessons on Hallowed Grounds Cafe.** Stay tuned for upcoming projects related to this cause. The teaching volunteers often remind students that offering does not have to be monetary. Offering can be in the form of thanksgiving, prayer or kind gestures.

November is all about JESUS! We will close the month with the advent workshop. Please plan on attending the **advent workshop with your child on November 27th after service in the gym.** This is a special time to participate in teaching your child about advent. If you're not sure what advent is, join us so you and your child can learn together. Support the students and teachers of SUMC Children's Ministry.

**Breaking News:** There will not be a play during Christmas dinner this year. We will be creating a project for all SUMC family and visitors to enjoy on the day of Christmas dinner (December 4th) so if you would like your child (ren) to participate in creating this project, please have them come to the gym at 430 each Sunday for the month of November. Every student grades k-5 are welcome to participate. **We are in need of a few items for this project. Please consider donating the following:**

- ⇒ Any size Christmas ornament bulbs (preferably red, gold or green)
- ⇒ Christmas wrapping paper (2-3 rolls of 1 pattern)
- ⇒ 3 Large photo frames (8 x 10 or larger)
- ⇒ 2 Christmas stockings
- ⇒ Evergreen garland

**Treasure box hint:** if you've read this article, send your child to Sunday School with a sock (preferably a clean one)! They'll get a chance to pull from the treasure box.

### Give Us All Your Money

That's what people outside the church think churches are all about: they only want you for your money. And it is true that like many non-profits, I as the head staff person depend on the church for my living. But unlike other non-profits, this lead staffer sinks more than ten percent of that paycheck BACK IN to the organization that paid him.

I give money to the church because what I'm really doing is giving money to God. My first ten percent always goes to my local church, and beyond that is up to prayerful discernment. My ten percent or "tithe," as some bibles read, is not based on how well the church is doing or if I think the church's ministries deserve the funding or not. It's a gift of gratitude and compliance with a principle that dates back to Abraham's time when he took ten percent of the proceeds from a risky military campaign to recover his nephew and his family in a time of war: Abraham gave ten percent of the money he risked everything for to a man of God who blessed him (see [Genesis 14](#)). People have been tithing ever since. The tithe was mandated from Moses' time up through the coming of Christ, but once the temple was destroyed, the priesthood that tithing supported was dissipated. Jewish Christians of that day no longer had the temple system to keep up. But in the same spirit, and based on the same principle of consistently giving back a tenth to God, Christians have continued this tradition over the centuries.

Is tithing a rule? No, it's deeper than that. Responsible, mature, spiritual people tithe. God wants all of us to become givers by nature. It starts with giving back to him. Jennifer and I have been tithing since we got married. We start with ten percent. In some seasons when there were significant ministry needs it was double that. And somehow God has always managed to out-bless our giving by sending unexpected resources our way. But that's not why we do it. We do it because God is trustworthy and loving and he promises to meet our needs. Managing our finances so we can give consistently is part of our wanting to be more like him.

You couldn't PAY me not to tithe...  
(Well, you know what I mean.)

*Pastor John*



Join your SUMC friends for a celebration of Christ's birth on Sunday, December 4 after the Worship Service. Enjoy Christmas dinner and fellowship. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls, and beverages are provided. If you are able, please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

- »»Decorating a table on Sat., Dec. 3 between 9 and 11 am
- »»Helping with set up or cooking on Sat., Dec. 3 between 9 a.m. and noon
- »»Helping with clean-up on Dec. 4 right after the event

Sign-ups will be in the Social Hall during coffee hour starting Nov. 13, or contact Chris Wyatt at 697-5455 or [cusatenko@gmail.com](mailto:cusatenko@gmail.com)



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?** 5:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: November 18

**Where?** SUMC Social Hall

**Why?** Fellowship and Fun Hope to see you all there!

## Looking for Volunteers

Abundant food—Tuesdays 1:30-3:30pm

Food Bank—Thursdays 11am-1pm



For those of you who were a part of the prayer event Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN, you were very aware of how powerful the event felt. Among the prayer topics were; prayer for the Church universal in Kitsap County and beyond, prayer for students and teachers, prayer for public service, law enforcement, fire and rescue and military, prayer for local government leaders and prayer for national government leaders both elected and to be elected.

Thank you to the singers and speakers who braved the bitter cold and wet to lead God's people in powerful prayer; John Weston, Andrew Gregg of Redeemer UMC, Bill Crabtree of Silverdale Lutheran, Bryan Lindgren of Newlife Church, Jesse Rickabaugh and Shyrl Kinert. Also a big thank you to the team of people who helped put the event together, the hospitality team led by Chris Wyatt and the team who were behind the scenes in all capacities.

Whatever your persuasion in the upcoming election, be sure and certain on this one thing... You know who God is and you trust in Him. God is in charge of who is in charge.

Courtesy of the people at [getoutthepayer.com](http://getoutthepayer.com) here are 10 prayer points for the upcoming election:

- »»Pray that we would recognize that government is appointed by God and thereby designed to accomplish His purpose. (Rom. 13:1)
- »»Pray for our nation to elect leaders who fear God. (Ex. 18:21)
- »»Pray our leaders seek solutions for our communities and nation that can only come from the Lord. (Ps. 33:12)
- »»Pray for believers to use the kingdom model, "...on earth as it is in heaven." (Mt. 6:10)
- »»Pray for elections to be fair, honest, and without corruption. (Prov. 16:13)
- »»Pray for the Church to see the need to repent of personal and national sins in the fear of the Lord. (2 Chr. 7:14; Jn. 1:9; Prov. 9:10)
- »»Pray for divine protection over our nation during the critical upcoming elections. (Prov. 3:5; Ps. 91)
- »»Pray that those candidates who know Christ would openly and courageously speak of their faith and stand firm on their biblical principles. (Mt. 5:13-16)
- »»Pray that Christians across the nation will persist in seeking God's purpose for America beyond elections, and that God, in His mercy, will usher in transforming revival. (Ezek. 37; Ps. 42:1)
- »»Pray for more of God's Presence to be experienced in your community and our nation. (Ps. 16:11; 2 Cor. 3:17)

# NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Newlife Leaders Meet Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11a HGC 4pm Prayer Rally Venture Crew	<b>2</b> Men's Bible Study TOPS 9am Prayer 9:30 Art Class 10am Trustees 7pm Youth Group 7pm	<b>3</b> Chuckwagon 10am Women's Bible Study Food Bank Open 11am ALS 3pm Praise Team 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	<b>4</b> Chuckwagon 11am	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> NewLife—Gym Choir Practice 1pm	<b>7</b> Staff Meeting 9:15a HGC Food Prep 12pm NA—WW 6p m AI-Anon 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm	<b>8</b> Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11a HGC 4-5pm DRC—4:30pm Worship Committee	<b>9</b> Men's Bible Study TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30 am Art Class 10am Finance 7pm Youth Group 7pm	<b>10</b> Chuckwagon 11am Women's Bible Study Food Bank Open 11am Praise Team 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30p	<b>11</b> Senior Saints 9am VETERANS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	<b>12</b> Hunt's Event-SH & KIT NA Couples Group
<b>13</b> NewLife—Gym Choir Practice 1pm	<b>14</b> Staff 9:30am PEO 10am HGC Food Prep 12pm NA—WW 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm	<b>15</b> Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm Worship committee 6:30 CPR Training 5:30p NA Meeting—6p	<b>16</b> MBS 7:30am TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30am Art Class 10am SPR 7pm Youth Group 7pm	<b>17</b> Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11am Food Bank Open 11am Praise team 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30p	<b>18</b> Bazaar set up Chuckwagon 11am Potluck & Games 5:30pm	<b>19</b> Missions Bazaar DRC -WW 8am
<b>20</b> NewLife—Gym Choir Practice 5pm	<b>21</b> Staff 9:30am HGC Food Prep 12pm NA—WW 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm	<b>22</b> Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm	<b>23</b> MBS 7:30am TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30am Art Class 10am Youth Group 7pm	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>25</b> Day after Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>26</b> Rickabaugh's event - Kit
<b>27</b> NewLife—Gym Choir Practice 5pm	<b>28</b> Staff 9:30am HGC Food Prep 12pm NA—WW 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm	<b>29</b> Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm	<b>30</b> MBS 7:30am TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30am Art Class 10am Church Council 6:50p Youth Group 7pm	<b>1</b> Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11am Food Bank Open 11am Praise team 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	<b>2</b> Chuckwagon 11am	<b>3</b> Christmas Dinner Set up Christmas Decorating Choir Practice-9am