

THE HEART BEAT

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SUMC Community

upcoming EVENTS



January

January 3—Trustees

January 6—WOSM Board Meeting

January 7—Youth Group

January 7/21—Grief Share Meets

January 10—Finance

January 12—Senior Saints

January 16—Adult Ed Meeting


January 16/18—Entrusted, Women's Bible Study starts

January 17—SPR

January 24—Church Council

January 27—Sea /Tac District Gathering @ Kent UMC

January 28—Secret Church, Bible Study starts

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From the Pastor

Who We Are

When New Year's Day comes around, it's easy to feel like you should be doing something hard or disciplined or audacious or adventurous to really live life to the fullest, or somehow you are missing out on the

good life. But is this what God wants for us?

We have a lot to do this year, and it's easy to be anxious to jump in and tackle it—get after it—master it—overcome it—beat it—achieve it. But I believe that all we need as a church is already here. Kathy Cosner believes the Lord shared that simple message with her several years ago. I think she was hearing the Holy Spirit spot on. We will make important decisions. We will decide whether or not to pursue a deal with Chick-fil-A that would result in a monumental facility rebuild to the east of our current facility but still on our current property. We will watch the United Methodist Church and changes coming that could result in new denominations being formed forcing us to make a choice of where to go as a congregation. We will continue to build up our ministries for Children (*we need our best people rotating through the nursery and Kids Church*), Youth, Young Adults, Adult Education, and Seniors from diverse ethnic backgrounds. We will do this all while trying to serve the poor in impactful ways. Yes, there's a lot to do.

That's why we need to fast and slow down. The three week season of prayer and fasting January 1-21 is to slow us down and make us more open to God speaking to us in a way that we recognize. Haven't done any special prayer or fasting? Jump in. Do one day a week. Or start a Daniel Fast for the next two weeks. God will not get mad at you because you didn't do the full three weeks. He loves you! As we slow down and give God special time in these first few weeks of the year, I believe we'll see the biggest changes flow not out of all the programs we do, but instead who we are: who we are with each other, and who we are with newcomers. Paul makes clear in Ephesians 4 that church is about all of us doing Jesus stuff, not just a few leaders, staff, or pastors.

Ephesians 4:10-12 10 The same one who came down [Jesus Christ] is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that his rule might fill the entire universe. 11 He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ... (New Living Translation)

Do you believe that? Do you believe that Sunday worship music and messages are really just training content and pep talks to inspire you, the real ministers of the church, to spread Jesus throughout Kitsap?

What would it look like if Sunday morning was about worship AND the New Guy? What if you and your friends got really bold, took the newbies by the elbow, and introduced them to everyone the Holy Spirit pointed you to?

"Why that would be crazy!"

Yes it would! Lord, send us more crazy in 2018!

If there were five of us that did that each week, people would notice a difference after just a few months. If there were a dozen of us doing it, it would start to feel crowded Sunday mornings after a while. New people would stick. If it became normal for all of us, you wouldn't recognize the church after a while because there would be so many new people! This could happen without adding any new major programs or ministries to what we are already doing.

Who are we? Are we about us? Or are we about Jesus' game plan to accomplish Jesus' mission in our generation?

Get equipped, church. I will do my utmost to provide you with excellent resources and opportunities. It's your job to jump on each opportunity!

Pastor Jim



Talking with God

This is how I learned to pray a long time ago. I was told that prayer is a conversation with God. He speaks, I listen, I speak, He listens. It's true. We just need to find a quiet place to interact with Him. (That's not to say you can't converse with Him anytime, anywhere: you can!) It works best when we speak with Him on a daily basis.

Think about the best friend you have. The one you know the best, and who knows you. Do you spend time with that person, is that how you came to know them so well? It's the same with God, spending time is a great way to know Him.

My best conversation starter is the Bible. I read a passage, and then pray it. For instance: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) I'd read it aloud in my quiet place. Then I'd ask Him questions or thank Him. "Father, what do you mean believe in Him?" and then listen. Or, "Father, thank you for sending Your Son Jesus to take my place on that cross. Thank You, Jesus, for obeying your Father so that I might live forever with You." Just say what's on your heart. And listen.

I signed up for a reading through the Bible plan at www.crosscards@salememail.net because I want to do this, and need a plan. They have several, and it's free!

I'm praying for you to be able to connect with the King Of The Universe more in 2018! Laura Gilger

It's time to GET READY!



On **Saturday, January 20, 2018**, plan to attend a free emergency preparedness training, provided through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMC-ORE). This training has three areas of focus: Personal and home readiness; church readiness; and readiness to serve your neighbors in case of an emergency.

LOCATION: Bremerton UMC

1150 Marine Drive

Bremerton, WA 98312

TIME: 8:30am—4:30pm

TRAINERS: Wendy Riddle & Becky Platt

Lunch will be provided

Registration deadline: Saturday, January 13th, 2018. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/3/connecting-neighbors-tickets-40947796963>

For more info, please contact Wendy Riddle at wrriddle56@gmail.com



GriefShare class on Sunday, Jan 7th & 21st, room 104, right after church service. Books are provided.

GriefShare will continue to meet on 1st and 3rd Sundays until further notice.





A new year is starting for all of us, but we are still in the middle of our Children's Ministry program that began in Sept. We have five more months to share Christ's life with our children before we end for this year.

The good Lord is helping us call upon volunteers and with His help we have recruited all of the lead teachers through to our recognition Sunday on May 20th .

Our call, along with God's message to become disciples to our brothers and sisters, is now to the parents of our children. We need you to give us two weeks of help in the Sunday school program as an assistant teacher. It can be in your child's class or the other class.

You will be helping the children who need some extra help with their crafts or lessons and encouraging them to participate in discussions and the activities.

We will send out emails in the coming month with four possible weeks (two weeks in one month or two weeks in another month) for you to choose from. Please help us to teach God's word to your child and reply quickly so we can let the lead teachers know who their helpers will be.

We thank all of you who have become Jewels in our crown of teaching and looking for to adding our parent Jewels to our crown.

Remember the Bible verse in Mark when Jesus said , "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God"



Since November 2017, our Severe Weather Shelter has been open 9 times, there were 99 guests and 56 volunteers to keep it open. If we were asked today what we needed for the shelter it would be gloves, both men & women's, and more volunteers. If interested please contact Maggie: 360-307-9160 God Bless us all!

Without you the Heartbeat Newsletter is nothing! We are looking for brave souls that would be willing to be interviewed about their Faith Story, or Testimony. This format is a little different from what we have been doing. We have a number of questions ready to be answered by the lovely people of Silverdale United. Scared? Don't be! We can meet in person, or questions can be sent to your email. If you're interested in learning more about this please contact Kerri by email.
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TWO NEW ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAY - Survey of the Old Testament, DVD series taught by Dr. David Platt

We will examine this large portion of the Bible that even long-time Christians find confusing and intimidating. This study looks at the Old Testament in its literary, historical, and theological dimensions, yes -- but, the Old Testament is more than a history of God's chosen people. The God-inspired words of the Old Testament are God revealing Himself to us, pointing us to Christ the Messiah, to the church, and to His plan for all nations.

Because the Old Testament leads us into Christianity, it is important to be able to use it easily and fearlessly. We will begin with studying the structure (how it connects each book with the others). Then we will look at characters, authors, major events, and theology. Finally, we will connect what we have learned to the Gospels, to Jesus the Son of God, and to us - His church.

Class will begin **January 28 at 9am** in the library. Study books are available now for \$5 from Jan Rosas. Call 360-698-4678 for more information.



TUES/THUR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY -

Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy, by Beth Moore

Final words can be compelling. In Paul's final letter, he charged Timothy, his beloved son in the faith, not to be ashamed to fulfill God's call on his life. In this study Beth will challenge us to do the same. God has a plan for us. He has entrusted us with the gospel message and has gifted us to carry it to the farthest reaches of the planet. He is calling us to be His mighty servants, willing to face whatever difficulty we encounter as we carry out His mission.

In this study we will examine the lessons from Paul and Timothy in the less than stable world of the first century. We will be encouraged and challenged as Christians in a less than stable world. Beth says, "Capital scripture is our concrete in this world of mud."

The study will begin on **January 16/18** in Room 104. Study books are available now for \$14.50 from Jan Rosas. Call **360-698-4678** if you have questions.



December numbers : HGC—220 Food Bank—42
Smaller number due to Sack dinners 2 weeks.

JANUARY 2018

FOOD BANK OPEN THURSDAYS 11-1PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CLOSED	2 Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm	3 MBS TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30 am Art Class 10am Trustees AI-anon	4 Chuckwagon 11am Praise Team 5:30 NA- Gym	5 Chuckwagon 11am	6 WOSM Board Meeting
7 Youth Group Grief Share	8 Staff Meeting 9:30 PEO HGC Food Prep NA Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	9 Chuckwagon 11am Adult Ed meeting HGC 4-5pm Venture Crew	10 MBS TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30 am Art Class 10am Finance	11 Chuckwagon 11am Praise Team 5:30 NA- Gym	12 Senior Saints Chuckwagon	13 Worship Meeting NA Couples Group
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