

THE HEART BEAT

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Serving Jesus, Loving people, living His Word

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upcoming EVENTS



February

- February 6—Play Group
- February 7—Trustees
- February 9—Senior Saints
- February 11—Youth Group
- February 13—Adult Ed Meeting
- February 14—Ash Wednesday Service
- February 14—Finance
- February 19—Office Closed
- February 20-24—Healing Academy
- February 21—SPR
- February 24—Girl Scouts
- February 27—Beekeepers
- February 28—Church Council

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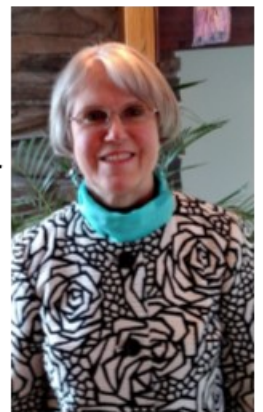
Without *you* the Heartbeat Newsletter is nothing! We are looking for brave souls that would be willing to be interviewed about their Faith Story, or Testimony. This format is a little different from what we have been doing. We have a number of questions ready to be answered by the lovely people of Silverdale 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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Witness of the Spirit

Have you visited any churches over the past year? You think to yourself, "Well, I like the music," or "The pastor is fun to listen to," or "Wow, they do amazing things for their kids." These things matter, especially to guests, but when you reflect, doesn't it seem like there should be more that really stands out? This past week in preparing for Sunday's message, I was doing some historical digging through early Methodist documents, especially John Wesley's journal and letters. You know what the early Methodists spent most of their time talking about? The witness of the Spirit.

Paul tells us in Romans that the Spirit of God remakes us from the inside out, and not only that, we can KNOW that it's happening, that not only are we forgiven, but we are included in God's gigantic, eternal family:

Romans 8:16 ¹⁶ For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children.

Think about it: child of God. Paul says the Holy Spirit tells us this. We can KNOW that we are saved, not just hold that opinion. It's like the difference between reading a book that someone writes on a subject and reading a letter that is written to you personally. (Remember "letters?")

The early Methodists spent lots of time and energy making sure that people were clear about their salvation from hell and that they were aware of everything God was doing in their new lives. If your faith wasn't personal and giving you emotional and spiritual comfort, then it was useless as far as Wesley and his fellow Methodists were concerned. Only personal faith would effect changes in your life so you would get out and do something about it. But the only way that faith gets to this point is through the in-filling of the Holy Spirit which included the personal message of "you are my child." Stick-in-the-mud religious leaders attacked Wesley at every opportunity and many of his letters are respectful, nearly impervious rebuttals of their shallow, biblically unsubstantiated allegations (for example, Letter to Dr. Conyers Middleton, London, January 4, 1749). They attacked him for his people being too excited and joyful about the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. I haven't seen

anything in Wesley's writings so far that shows that he personally prayed in tongues or gave prophecies. I did read through a specific account of an exorcism (see Letter To James Hutton, Bristol, May 7, 1739). Indeed things of that nature seem somewhat normal in Wesley's personal ministry. He was a straight-laced Anglican pastor who started out as a Holy Spirit skeptic in the practical realm. But I went through pages of discourse where he argued for and defended the contemporary general functioning of all spiritual gifts, including tongues, healing, and deliverance from evil spirits. As far as Wesley was concerned, once a person had a personal connection with the Holy Spirit, that's when things really started to happen in their life.

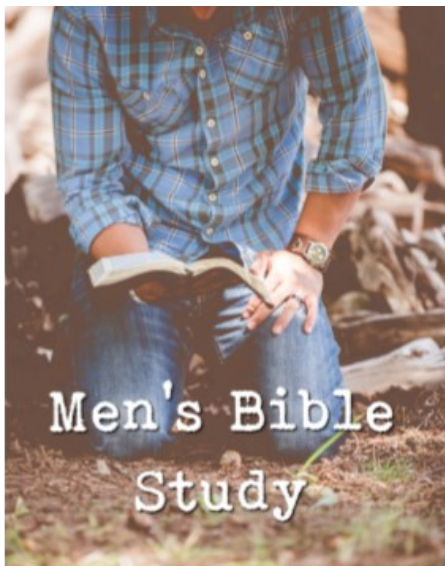
Today, much of the church is silent about the work of the Spirit personally, and a lot of American United Methodist leaders function more like the religious arm of the Democratic National Convention. And sure, it's important to be involved in our communities at the policy level. But is it the MOST important thing?

Here at Silverdale United, we are going to make a difference in our community, and even call out major injustices as they arise. But first things are first. Do you know that you are forgiven because of the cross of Jesus, and that you are a beloved child of God because you can feel the Holy Spirit working in you? If not, to quote the United Methodist mission statement, it will be more difficult to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." But once the Holy Spirit is allowed to fill and move us, anything...all things...are possible.

SENIOR Saints
Friday, February 9th
9:00am

HALLOWED GROUNDS CAFÉ NEWS

266 guests in January



Wednesdays
7:30am
Emma Linn Room

Come, Join, Discuss

Men's Bible Study

Questions?
Contact Ernie Shriner
or Harry Gilger

Join our ongoing Journey of theology with Rev. Dr. R.C. Sproul. Followed by discussion, fellowship and prayer. Then adjourn to the Chipmunk café, Silverdale Harrison, for non-mandatory Dutch breakfast. The Oatmeal is delicious, the omelets are mouthwatering and the specials are interesting.

**SEVERE WEATHER
DESOLATE
HOSS
DISPLACED
SHELTER**

Open 4 days in January. 34 guests & 25 volunteers!

FOOD BANK NEWS



Helped 41 people in January

**PSALM
119**

**UNITE—YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY WITH
MATT CHANDLER**

**THURSDAYS @ 6PM
EMMA LINN ROOM**

You're invited to
**Parent & Me
PLAYGROUP!**

Ages:

Birth—5 years
& Parents

When:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
9:30am—11:30am

Location:

Silverdale
UNITED
Methodist Church
9982 Silverdale Way
P.O. Box 1400
Silverdale WA
98383

Nursery/ Rm 107



Fun for baby, toddler, preschooler and parent!

Come and enjoy a morning of friendship and play!

Questions?
Contact Lisa Cary
757-756-3706

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 19TH**

In honor of President's Day



February 15—Ernie & Anne Shriner — 49 years!

February 26—Brian & Becki Smith — 41 years!

FEBRUARY 2018

FOOD BANK OPEN THURSDAYS 11-1PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30 Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm	31 MBS TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30 am Art Class 10am	1 Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11am Praise Team 5:30 ALS NA- WW	2 Chuckwagon 11am	3 Private Party
4 Grief Share	5 Staff Meeting 4:30 HGC Food Prep NA Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	6 WBS Play Group Chuckwagon 11am Adult Ed meeting HGC 4-5pm	7 MBS TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30 am Art Class 10am AI-Anon Trustees	8 WBS Chuckwagon 11am Praise Team 5:30 NA- WW	9 Senior Saints Chuckwagon	10 NA Couples Group
11 Youth Group	12 Staff Meeting 4:30 PEO HGC Food Prep NA—SH 6pm Exodus 6:30pm Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	13 WBS Chuckwagon 11am Adult Ed Meeting HGC 4-5pm NA Venture Crew	14 MBS 7:30am TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30am Art Class 10am Finance Ash Wednesday	15 WBS Chuckwagon 11am Praise team 5:30pm NA-WW	16 Coffee Oasis Chuckwagon	17 Homeowners association-Gym
18 Grief Share	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 WBS Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm Healing Academy	21 MBS 7:30am Prayer 9:30am Art Class 10am Healing Academy	22 WBS Praise Team NA-WW Healing Academy	23 Healing Academy	24 NA Couples Group Healing Academy Girl Scouts
25	26 Staff Meeting 4:30 HGC Food Prep NA—SH 6pm Exodus 6:30 Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	27 WBS Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm Beekeeper s—gym	28 MBS 7:30am TOPS 9-11am Prayer 9:30am Art Class 10am Council	1 WBS Chuckwagon 11am Praise Team 5:30p NA-WW ALS	2 Chuckwagon 11am	3