

THE HEART BEAT

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SUMC Community

upcoming EVENTS



April

April 15—Youth Group

April 4—Trustees

April 13—Senior Saints

April 10—Adult Ed Meeting

April 11—Finance

April 18—SPR

April 3 / April 25—Church Council

April 14—Boy Scouts

April 21—Philippine Medical Mission Event

April 28—MultiCare Hospice Memorial Lunch




Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus, and baptism actively inserts us into that saving act. In Paul's Letter to the Romans, he notes how the first man's sin, Adam, resulted in death ruling over the human race (Romans 6:12ff). But through Christ's obedient sacrifice, life may come to everyone as well.

Romans 6:3-4³ *Or have you forgotten that when we became Christians and were baptized to become one with Christ Jesus, we died with him?*⁴ *For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.*

Sin blocks and limits our capacity to love and live—it is the law of death. It blocks us from relating to a God who loves us. But the cross is the gateway to life the way God intended it, where finally have the power to stop doing wrong and start doing right—where we stop grumping about our annoying neighbors and start finding ways to love them—where we stop giving up on the parent we hardly speak to and start praying for opportunities to talk—where we have the courage to say the things that really need to be voiced, and leave harsh comments unsaid.

Today, one of our new brothers in Christ, Justin Daniels, is experiencing baptism and joining our church during worship. We are celebrating through ancient ritual what the Holy Spirit is doing unseen inside Justin—and inside all of us who profess Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord. The work of the Holy Spirit inside us fills us and bursts out into the world through our attitude (Galatians 5:22), our deeds (Acts 4:8), and acts of power (Acts 6:8).

Jesus has saved us from our sin, and has opened the way to life that never stops.

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Make Disciples Of All The Nations (Matthew 28:19)

In Central African Countries such as Uganda and the Republic of the Congo, nearly half of the total population consists of children under the age of 15. Millions of these children have never heard the story of Jesus. Among them was Tsika, age 9. Tsika hadn't heard a Bible story or read the Bible before participating in The Greatest Journey, our evangelism and discipleship program for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients, in the Republic of Congo. " Now, I know Bible stories, I read the Bible, and it helps me to talk about Jesus to my friends," Tsika said.

We partner with churches in more than 100 countries to teach boys and girls how to faithfully follow Jesus Christ-- and share about Him with their family and friends!

During the Month of April, we will be collecting washcloths to put in our shoeboxes on the day of our Packing Party here at SUMC in Oct. We are collecting different supplies each month, hoping for a very successful event being able to bless many children which will change their lives forever. Thank you to all who have been participating in this huge Mission outreach. Questions? Contact Rick or Gloria Lee at 360-509-9105



A Big thank you and a job well done to the Sunday school children on the "Alien Easter skit." You are Awesome! Thank you to Mary Eyer and Gloria Lee for directing the children. To our Sunday school teachers, thank you for your dedication and teaching our children that JESUS loves them and He can do the impossible. A special thank you to Pastor John and Jan Rosas, for sharing some insights about children in our world today and how they receive God's word. Another Awesome team player, Chris Wyatt and her crew for a wonderful Brunch and Becky Peeler for the childcare. God is good!

For the month of April the children will continue to learn about Jesus and His journey.



Be Prepared by John Weston

*Matthew 24:37-39*³⁷ "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day.³⁸ In those days before the Flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat.³⁹ People didn't realize what was going to happen until the Flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

Matthew presents a section of Jesus' teachings when he talks about the end of the temple and Jewish religion as people know it, and also about the end of the world itself. When we hear about "the eschaton" as scholars call it (Greek for "the end"), our eyelids narrow and we shudder and hope that it won't happen during our lifetimes. But what Jesus tells us that we're supposed to be ready. Over the years, I took this as a warning to stay faithful: do spiritual stuff, and be spiritual-minded. Don't stop praying. Don't stop going to church. Don't stop telling people about Jesus. And those things are all important. But what about hard things like natural disasters that can happen to our community before Jesus comes back? I think it's the same principle: be prepared.

God has laid on my heart for us to be better prepared for emergencies that may befall our church, even our entire community. A group of us attended a training in January which included guidelines and checklists to be ready for whatever may come in our community. Foremost on my mind is the mammoth "Cascadia Earthquake" event that scientists tell us happens every 250 to 300 years. It is now over 300 years since the last one, and one regional volcanist says we have a twenty percent chance of having that event in the next 50 years. That event would knock power out for months, close off Kitsap to the outside world for months, and bring life as we know it to a halt until the Navy and FEMA can start getting supplies and resources in, except that the entire Seattle area would be affected as well. It would be tough. But there are things we can do to get ready.

Starting after Easter we'll start distributing lists of ways each household in our church can start preparing for a disaster. You start with a 3 day emergency kit, then a week's worth, then a month, and over time we can be ready not only to help ourselves when disaster strikes but others as well. I know it seems very practical and ordinary, and perhaps not very spiritually-minded. But when a natural disaster strikes, it's a lot easier to tell someone about your faith in Jesus if you have some food rations or extra batteries or water to share and when you don't have to spend all of your time and energy just trying to survive yourself.



- April 1—Brett & Des Hall — 18 years!
- April 3—Harry & Laura Gilger — 7 years!
- April 6—Larry & Mary Eyer — 33 years!
- April 22—Marvin & Jan Elliott — 41 years!

I really hope that nothing big and hard will happen. But when something *does* happen, we can make that day a lot easier by taking advantage of the opportunities we have now to be ready.

UNIONED YOUTH GROUP Third Sunday of the Month

April 15

Breakfast and Mentor Time
9am Social Hall



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April 15

Group Time
5-6:30pm GYM



Fully Alive

By Keith Boyette

Taken from the Wesleyan Covenant Association Website:
<http://wesleyancovenant.org>

"I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

Perspective matters. We have been sold a bill of goods. Secular culture regards death as an end point. You are born, you live and then you die. The world tells us the most important things happen in the space of the hyphen between your birthday and the day of your death. Make those moments count to the fullest because they are all you have. Do not waste time because once it is gone you are finished.

There is no question that the moments we enjoy in this life are significant; however, the Christian faith embraces a different narrative. We believe God foresees our formation even before we enter into the world. The psalmist declares, "You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born" (Psalm 139:15-16). In fact, Paul asserts God knew us and had plans for us before God created the world. To the Ephesians, Paul writes, "Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ..." (Ephesians 1:4).

Our physical birth simply initiates the next chapter of our journey. It is an important chapter. It is where we choose whether to place our trust in Jesus Christ ~ to accept the salvation he has purchased for us. It is the domain of our experiencing the second birth ~ to be born spiritually ~ to experience new life in Christ. We are accompanied on our journey through God's good creation by God. The psalmist declares, "Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had

passed" (Psalm 139:16). This life is where we get to use the gifts God has bestowed upon us to serve God and our neighbors for making the presence of God known to others. As this life draws to a close, however, life does not end. In fact, it is only in that moment of transition we become fully alive. Writing to the Corinthians, Paul observes, "For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands" (2 Corinthians 5:1). In fact, Paul declares that this life is primarily preparation for the life to come. "While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be *swallowed up by life*" (2 Corinthians 5:4). Life truly begins in that moment of transition. Could this be why John Wesley declared on his deathbed, "The best of all, God is with us."

Perspective matters. If this life is all we can count on, then everything in this life is raised to supreme importance. However, if this life is part of a larger story that God is writing, then we can live confidently now fully anticipating the future. The Christian life is not focused on the sweet by and by to the exclusion of present realities. However, the Christian knows that what we experience now is not the end of the story.

The Nicene Creed captures this important concept in its affirmation that we "look for the resurrection of the dead." Jesus confronted the religious leaders of his day in their obsession with the present. Jesus taught, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. For when the dead rise . . ." (Matthew 22:29-30). The resurrection of Jesus is the precursor of the resurrection of all who die in Christ. As Paul declares, "[Jesus] is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. . . . [E]veryone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back" (1 Corinthians 15:20, 22-23). As those in relationship with Christ, we can boldly approach the end of earthly life with the confident assurance that our resurrection lies ahead and that re-orient's our perspective ~ the best is yet to come!

We know that we live in a broken and fallen world, but the Nicene Creed affirms that we are also living in expectation of the "life of the world to come." We look forward to the reign of Christ. Paul teaches us that when Jesus returns, "he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power" (1 Corinthians 15:24). Indeed, the world will have "become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and he will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). And the one sitting on the throne will make everything new (Revelation 21:5). The old heaven and old earth will have disappeared. God will make his home among his people. "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever" (Revelation 21:4). God's creation will be restored to its pristine condition before the fall. Sin will no longer mar creation or God's image in humanity.

We gather this weekend to celebrate Easter. Good Friday brings us to the cross where we confront the comprehensive brokenness of a sin-sick world and the love of God who in Jesus met us in the desperation of our estrangement from him. We see our helpless estate and the power of God to bridge the chasm that separates us from him. Good Friday ends in a dark tomb where we come face-to-face with our story if we remain separated from God. But Sunday is coming! On Easter, we rejoice in the great news that "Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!" And we rejoice in the reality that that which is not yet will soon be. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Perspective matters!

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APRIL 2018

FOOD BANK OPEN THURSDAYS 11-1PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER!	2 Staff Meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	3 Women's Bible Study Hospice—WW Chuckwagon HGC Bee Keepers—Gym Church Council	4 Men's Bible Study TOPS Prayer Art Class WCA Al-Anon Trustees	5 Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon Praise Team ALS NA- WW	6 Chuckwagon	7
8	9 Staff Meeting 9:30 PEO HGC Food Prep NA Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	10 WBS Hospice—WW Chuckwagon Adult Ed Meeting HGC Venture Crew	11 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class WCA Al-Anon Finance	12 WBS Chuckwagon Praise Team NA- WW	13 Senior Saints Chuckwagon Boy Scouts setup	14 Pinewood Derby NA Couples Group
15 Grief Share Youth Group	16 Staff Meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA—SH 6pm Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	17 WBS Hospice—WW Chuckwagon HGC NA	18 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class WCA SPR	19 WBS Chuckwagon Praise team NA-WW	20 Coffee Oasis Chuckwagon Philippine Mission Prep	21 Philippine Mission Event
22	23 Staff meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA -SH Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	24 WBS Hospice—WW Play Group Chuckwagon HGC	25 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class WCA Church Council	26 WBS Chuckwagon Praise Team NA-WW	27 Chuckwagon MultiCare Hospice Memorial Lunch Setup	28 MultiCare Hospice Memorial Lunch
29	30 Staff Meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA—SH Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	1 WBS Hospice—WW Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm Bee keepers—gym	2 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class WCA Trustees Al-Anon	3 WBS Chuckwagon Praise Team NA-WW ALS	4 Chuckwagon 11am GK AP Setup—Gym	5 NO GYM USE