

THE HEART BEAT

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upcoming EVENTS



August

August 1—Old Timers Picnic

August 1—Trustees

August 5—John Wierman Memorial

August 8—Church Council

August 10—Senior Saints

August 14—Adult Ed Meeting

August 15—SPR

August 16-18—WOSM Healing Seminar

August 20-24—Camp Indianola Day Camp

August 22—Finance



Answered Prayers!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the


will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18.

Every shoebox is unique, and when we ship them around the world, there's no way to know which child will get each box. But God knows!

A Warm Coat For A Shivering Boy: In post-war Kosovo, our team handed out shoeboxes in a school where the windows were blown out and the heat wasn't working. All the children had winter coats except one shivering boy. When he opened his box, he found a fleecelined bomber jacket that fit him perfectly! God had answered the prayers of the family who packed the shoebox and sent it exactly where it was needed most.

Praying For A Water Bottle: A boy in Tanzania had asked his father for a refillable water bottle to take with him to school. Not having any spare money, the boy's father said, "just wait and pray." Two months later at church, the boy received a shoebox gift that contained a water bottle. He told his father, "You don't have to buy me a bottle for carrying water to school because Jesus has brought me one".

A Calculator To Attend School: For months, a child in Liberia prayed for a scientific calculator so he could do his schoolwork. His friends invited him to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event where he heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. When the boy opened his shoebox gift and saw a scientific calculator, he called it "the gift from Jesus." He thanked his friends for inviting him to church. Now a graduate of The Greatest Journey discipleship program, he continues to tell his friends that "truly, God answers prayers."

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God Provides School Supplies: When Tatenda told his mother that he needed pencils, pens, an eraser, and a ruler to take an exam at his school in Zimbabwe, she replied, "God is faithful". The following Sunday, each child at their church received a shoebox gift during an outreach event. Tatenda opened his gift on the way home, shouting for joy at the 12 pack of pencils, 10 pack of pens, erasers, and a ruler---everything he needed for the exam. In addition, he received a calculator, wristwatch, socks, T-shirts, toothbrushes, and soap. His mother sang "God is faithful" all the way home. The following Sunday, Tatenda enrolled in The Greatest Journey discipleship class at their church.

From these stories, you can see that God answers prayers.

During August and September we will continue to collect School Supplies:

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| ✍ pencils | ✍ pens |
| ✍ erasers | ✍ pencil sharpeners |
| ✍ scissors | ✍ crayons |
| ✍ colored pencils | ✍ markers |
| ✍ spiral notebooks | ✍ notebook paper. |

Many of these children can't go to school unless they bring their own school supplies. Thank you for helping fulfill these children's needs.

Thank you for walking along side us in this ministry that touches so many children around the world.

OUR COMMUNITY PACKING PARTY will be Oct. 28th after church in our gym. Please invite your family and friends. It's very rewarding and fun!
Any questions? call Gloria Lee @ 360-509-9105.



pivot northwest

by John Weston

In 2017 Paul Turner helped me write a grant application to be part of a nationwide study by the Lily Foundation. Lily's goal: figure out why millennials are opting out of churches at a higher rate than any generation before them in America. God blessed our application, and SUMC was selected to be one of 12 churches from

from the Pacific Northwest to participate in this five year program. The study cohort is administered by Seattle Pacific University and is called "Pivot Northwest" (pivotnw.org) recognizing that churches are at a turning point: if we don't re-position ourselves to connect with and disciple today's new generation of adults, we will miss a critical opportunity and contribute to our own demise. There are twelve cohorts like ours across America, and each study region has a special focus on certain kinds of churches. For example, one cohort includes mostly Roman Catholic churches. Pivot Northwest is mostly what we call "Mainline Protestant" churches and includes Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, and Methodist congregations (SUMC represents the United Methodist Church, while Rainier Avenue Church represents the Free Methodist Church). There are several other denominations as well as a couple non-denominational congregations. Each of the churches involved is making a special effort to connect with young adults, especially people in their 20s.

Christians constantly look to some of Jesus' final words to figure out if we're on track or not:

Matthew 28:19 ¹⁹ "...go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Whatever we're doing to help people or to engage in our communities, we're supposed to be preparing the next generation to know, love, and represent Jesus to the world. As a church we are supposed to produce more Jesus people.

For me as a pastor, Pivot Northwest is a golden opportunity to help us keep on track. I am personally required to take at least 20 hours of continuing education every year to maintain my license and stay sharp. Normally pastors fly across the U. S. and attend conferences to satisfy this requirement. But SPU is within driving distance for Pivot's twice per year, two-day sessions of learning and sharing. We get to listen to and interact with scholars doing cutting edge work on understanding young people in America today. Pivot also sets up ad-hoc ministry learning opportunities throughout the year. Churches all across America are struggling to connect with the up and coming generations. After deeper learning in the scriptures, this is the most critical, practical learning area for people in my role...and God has provided this to us FREE OF CHARGE. In fact, Pivot Northwest is providing up to \$5000/year in programming funds to help us here in Silverdale build our new ministry.

If you know some young people who want to help us map out the future and connect with their generation in a deeper way so they too can learn about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, contact me. Unite, our young adult ministry, was started just over a year ago and is still in its beginning stages. We are slowly moving forward and trying different strategies to connect and provide discipleship opportunities.

The next special learning session is Sunday, August 26th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. @ All Saints Church in Seattle. Chris James will be talking about his new book about church plants in the Pacific Northwest. He has some observations about which ones are connecting with 20 and 30 somethings. Pivot provides opportunities like this several times a year. Contact Pastor John if you are interested in coming with us to hear Chris James as we peer into the future together.



In August, 2018, Franklin Graham will boldly proclaim the Good News and join Christians in the Northwest (Oregon and Washington) in prayer in preparation of his free, one-night event, **DECISION AMERICA in Tacoma, WA,**

on Sunday, August 12th, 7:30 p.m..

Jeremy Camp and band will be the Special Guests.

These events are the perfect opportunity to share the Gospel by bringing your lost friends and family members.

Our church will be spreading the word in Silverdale in preparation of the event. (Pastor John is planning to take some of the youth to the event.)

We will also have some prayer time at SUMC for this event.

Our SUMC bus will be available for transportation. We may need other drivers to help transport people.



Silverdale United Christmas Market is looking for vendors!

- * Saturday, November 17th from 9am to 4pm.
- * Set up: Friday, November 16th, noon to 6pm on .
- * Cost for a 10'x10' space is \$30, fees will go directly to SUMC Mission Fund.
- * Vendors keep what they make or may decide to make additional donations to the Mission Fund.
- * Let your friends and family know that we have room for a few more vendors, but space is limited."
- * Contact Chris Wyatt at 360-620-0607 or cusatenko@gmail.com

Backpack Supplies Still Needed

Once again we will put together backpacks for children in need of school supplies with a focus on those entering kindergarten through 8th grade. Twenty-six backpacks have been donated, but we need school supplies to fill them. Here are items still needed:

- ✂ white glue sticks
- ✂ blue or black pens
- ✂ scissors--6 inch or less
- ✂ wide ruled notebook paper
- ✂ wide ruled composition books
- ✂ sturdy pocket folders
- ✂ boxes of 12-24 colored pencils
- ✂ pkgs. of 8-12 washable markers (unscented)
- ✂ large pink erasers (do not need pencil top erasers)
- ✂ pencils
- ✂ highlighters
- ✂ supply pouches
- ✂ supply boxes

Please bring supplies on Sunday and put them in the box at the back of the narthex or bring them to the office during the week. Please have your donations in by August 20. Thanks to those who have already donated. If you would like to help put the supplies in the backpacks, let Chris Wyatt know.

We will distribute the backpacks after they are blessed at the August 26 worship service. If you or someone you know is in need of a backpack, please contact the church office to reserve one.



**AUGUST 11th, 8am—5pm
SUMC Gymnasium**

August 9—Mark & Susie Eyer

August 23—Tom & Leanna Weaver—27 years!



AUGUST 2018

FOOD BANK OPEN THURSDAYS 11-1PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 MBS TOPS Prayer Old Timers Picnic Art Class Trustees AI-Anon	2 Chuckwagon ALS Praise Team NA- WW Young Adults	3 Chuckwagon	4
5 John Wierman Memorial	6 Staff Meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA	7 Hospice—WW Chuckwagon HGC	8 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class Church Council	9 Chuckwagon Praise Team NA- WW	10 Senior Saints Chuckwagon	11 NA Couples Group
12	13 Staff Meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep PEO NA—SH 6pm	14 Hospice—WW Chuckwagon Adult Ed Meeting HGC NA	15 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class SPR	16 Chuckwagon Praise team NA-WW Healing Seminar	17 Coffee Oasis Chuckwagon Healing Seminar	18 Healing Seminar
19	20 Staff meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA -SH Camp Indianola	21 Hospice—WW Chuckwagon HGC Camp Indianola	22 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class Finance Camp Indianola	23 Chuckwagon Praise Team NA-WW Book Bag Packing Camp Indianola	24 Chuckwagon Camp Indianola	25 NA Couples Group
26	27 Staff meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA -SH	28 Hospice—WW Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm	29 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class	30 Chuckwagon Praise Team NA-WW	31 Chuckwagon	1