

THE HEART BEAT

SERVING PEOPLE FROM THE HEART OF SILVERDALE

Serving Jesus, Loving people, living His Word

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upcoming EVENTS



October

October 3—Trustees

October 7—Life Chain

October 10—Finance

October 12—Senior Saints

October 14—Missions Meeting

October 17—SPR

October 20—Walk to Emmaus meeting

October 25-27—WOSM Motivational Gifts

October 27—OCC Set up

October 28—OCC Packing Party

October 28—Charge Conference

Silverdale United Methodist Church DENOMINATIONAL TRANSITION PLAN

PROLOGUE

Silverdale United Methodist Church, in anticipation of a changing and challenging ministry environment in the upcoming years, adopts the following short-term GOAL to guide the congregation faithfully during this time.

TRANSITION GOAL

Maintain a relationally vital and spiritually vibrant congregation with a robust ministry.

AFFIRMATIONS


The following are the affirmations of SUMC leaders. We call the entire congregation to a strategy based on these affirmations that are not intended to contradict the Book of Discipline.

1. Bible: We wholeheartedly adhere to the revealed word of God as our guide for faith and life, and, like John Wesley before us, affirm its priority over all other sources for Christian discernment.

2. Historic Methodist Culture: We wholeheartedly adhere to the historic Christian faith as expressed in the Discipline of the United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Book of Resolutions, and John Wesley's Standard Sermons.

3. Core Doctrine: We wholeheartedly adhere to the Christian Faith as defined by the historical Creeds, namely, the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed, as well as the Methodist Articles of Religion, John Wesley's Standard Sermons, and John Wesley's Notes on the Old and New Testaments.

4. Wholistic Ministry: We wholeheartedly commit ourselves to the spiritual nurture and overall wellbeing of every congregant. We embrace our Gospel ministry to our community pleading with our neighbors to be reconciled to God, to aid those in need, and to support fellow Christians in the extended community.

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STRATEGY

SUMC leaders, dependent upon the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, to faithfully implement this strategy in the congregation, will increasingly encourage and promote the following spiritual disciplines within the congregation. This list is not exhaustive, but it provides a central focus during this transition.

1. **A Praying Congregation:** Our congregation will be characterized by regular and frequent personal and corporate prayer for the purpose of drawing us closer to God, for giving praise to our God, and for seeking his aid in life.
2. **A Bible Reading Congregation:** Our congregation will be characterized by personal and corporate reading of Scripture for the purpose of increasing our knowledge of God's Word and our intimacy with God.
3. **A Connected Congregation:** Our congregation will be characterized by opportunities for every congregant to experience the grace of being loved and cared for by spiritual friends in a small group. Fall 2018 all congregants are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a small group study of the book "A Firm Foundation".
4. **A Holy Congregation:** Our weekly worship will be characterized by uplifting worship, clear declarations and affirmations of our historic Christian Faith, and by worship messages to equip the congregation for faithful living.
5. **A Ministering Congregation:** Our congregation will be characterized by our willingness to minister to each other and to the larger community in which our church resides in the name of Jesus.
6. **An Informed Congregation:** Our congregation will be characterized by accurate and clear communication so that each person feels attached and informed and feels that his or her connection is vital to the entire body of believers. During this transition time there will be monthly updates given during the Sunday service and in the monthly newsletter. The updates will include prayer reminders, current events, progress on the SUMC transition plan and reports from conferences.
7. **A Stronger Congregational Leadership:** Our congregation will be characterized by increasing the leadership of congregants so that each person reaches his or her potential as a follower of Jesus.

WORSHIP

A significant portion of the time and energy of the leadership is spent on weekly worship, the hour of the week during which most of the congregation is gathered.

During this time of transition for the UMC we will focus on worship and strengthening the congregation in the essentials of our shared Christian life.

Toward that end we will intentionally include the full encyclopedia of the Christian life presented in the Bible, including, but not limited to sermons addressing:

Theology and Salvation (September):

Who is God? from Genesis to Revelation and beyond
The Big Plan from Genesis 3:15 on
First paragraph of the Apostles' Creed

Theology of Jesus (December):

Who is Jesus Christ?
How we are saved by grace through faith
Second paragraph of the Apostles' Creed

Theology of the Holy Spirit (October):

Who is the Holy Spirit?
How the Holy Spirit empowers us for holy living
Inspiration of the Scriptures
Third paragraph of the Apostles' Creed

Theology of the Church (November):

What and Who is the Church?
Relationships
Worship
Ministry

Study of Mankind (September):

What is man that You should think of him? (Psalm 8)

Mission of the Church (November):

What is our job in this world?
God intends to gather a holy people for himself. (Deuteronomy 7:6)
We are persuading people to be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:11-21)
So help us, God!



October 7—Bill & Jean Seelow—63 years!



By John Weston

On Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018, I signed an official order for Roberta Baldwin, aka Martha Horton, to be officially “trespassed,” which means that she is legally not allowed to be on SUMC’s premises from now on. Trustees and Church Council have deliberated over what can be done for her, but agree that her unpredictable and potentially damaging or even dangerous behavior cannot be allowed to continue unchecked. We have all been praying and looking for opportunities—some kind of breakthrough.

It’s hard. Some of our most devoted members have invested a large amount of time in Martha through making concessions to her when she sleeps in our Severe Weather Shelter, giving her a special place to eat at Hallowed Grounds Cafe and other church meals, and doing laundry for her on numerous occasions. Church members and staff including myself have given her countless cups of ice, hot water, and extra trips to the clothing bank whenever she asks for it. We have fixed her carts, cleaned up her messes, and tried to include her as a part of the congregation. She has been treated with patience, respect, and dignity. A team of our most concerned leaders attempted an intervention Spring, 2018: Kitsap Mental Health was contacted and agreed to take Martha for an assessment without an appointment if any of us could get her to their office. We were so close...but after talking positively about going, she would back out at the last minute each time.

Why the trespass? Martha is mentally ill, and her behavior is becoming more and more disruptive and belligerent. I was surprised when Wednesday morning’s incident took place because Martha had been on a calm streak. When she has a bad day, she yells obscenities at anyone who comes near her and sometimes is violent. On the day of the trespass order, she had been engaging in behavior in the church breezeway that was inappropriate, unsanitary, and unsightly. She has been given numerous warnings for repeat incidents of this nature. What everyone needs to know is that we have gone above and beyond

for years to try and help and accommodate her. She is simply in a place where she is refusing all help that would get her off the streets, whether through stubbornness or mental illness or both.

What’s next? Kitsap County’s Designated Crisis Response personnel were slated to follow-up with Martha Wednesday afternoon after the most recent incident. Martha will no longer be allowed on the church premises. If you see her on church property, please tell me or a staff member and we will confront her and call the Sheriff if necessary. We have to trust that by setting this boundary she will be forced to allow Kitsap Mental Health to finally give her an assessment. The mental health system is full, but I believe Martha is one of the extremes that could find a spot, if only she would relent and allow process to move forward.

It feels awful. Jesus’ message of compassion and mercy seems at odds with taking a move like this. In the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46), he talks about judgment for people along the fault line of those who help Christians in need and those who don’t. The ones that don’t go to hell. It’s intense. The refrain from his story sticks with me a lot these days:

Matthew 25:40 ⁴⁰ And the King will tell them, ‘I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

I believe this move is the best we can do for Martha. Pray that she will allow help. We have been helping her on her terms, but I believe she is resisting God’s terms, even though she is a believer. It is tragic. As our church grows in the future we may well have a ministry that can help people in the most desperate emotional, mental, and spiritual states--people like Martha. For now, she is out of our depth. Pray for her. For those of you who are closer to her, if you see her, encourage her to get help from Kitsap Mental Health.



WESLEYAN
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UNASHAMED!

Saturday, November 3

Simulcast in OUR sanctuary

Coming Soon

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The day will be filled with worship, challenging presentations, warm-hearted testimonies, and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Where? Here. When? Nov 3, 8:30am to 3pm
Info at wesleyancovenant.org

Just a friendly reminder...



DON'T FORGET TO
**FALL
BACK**

November 4, 2018



**SILVERDALE
CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

UNITED

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 17
9AM-4PM**

- WATERCOLORS,
- PHOTOGRAPHY,
- JEWELRY,
- FABRIC ART,
- HAIR ACCESSORIES,
- CANNED GOODS,
- STAINED GLASS,
- WOOD CARVING,

AND MANY OTHER
CRAFT ITEMS

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**@ Port Orchard UMC
Sunday, 10/21, 3:00 p.m.**

We're going to set aside Methodist divisions and sing and worship together.
Pastor John will be one of the speakers.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE
Sunday, October 28th**

**REPORTS DUE
Monday, October 15th**



REDEEMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Saturday, 10 November
9 AM to 6 PM**

9900 NE Shorty Campbell Road
Kingston, WA 98346

♦ Shop Jewelry, Leather, Wood and Other
Unique Crafts by Local Vendors!

♦ Bake Shop! Crepes! Cup Cakes! Pie!

♦ Children's Corner, Grandma's Treasures,
Books, and More!





Kids Sunday school Ministry is a program for children 4-11 years old, (Kindergarten through 5th grade.)

Classes start on September 16th at 0915-1015

At Silverdale United Methodist

Our focus for 2018-2019 is Discipleship

Our commitment as volunteer teachers is to guide the children toward a heart for Jesus. We pray for God's guidance, to study His words, share insights, and reflect on what God has planned for each child. We plan to:

Provide an environment that is filled with intriguing experiences that Kids remember for a life time as their relationship with God continue to grow.

Utilizing a curriculum from "Group Online" as a guide for interactive learning experiences that is bible based

Have fun, hands on activities that brings the bible alive
Engage in thought provoking discussion questions about God's image in us.

Continue to provide opportunities for children to share their love for Jesus through music, participating in a play of the birth of Christ, and an Easter skit depicting salvation, death, and resurrection.

Operation Christmas child is another way children can share Jesus' love. They helped put goodies in shoe boxes for children around the world.

Pray for each child and their relationship with Jesus.

Spiritual transformation happens when kids come to **know Jesus**, rather than just know about him. Last year our curriculum focused on a journey with Jesus. We learned about who Jesus is, the miracles that people saw and the gift God provided for us. This year we are digging deeper into a relationship with Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit.

We invite parents, and the church to partner with us in guiding the children's **Heart** for Jesus.

Thank you.



Worship Committee

Honoring our Veterans (and Active Duty Military)

We would like to honor our Veterans and Active Duty Military in a special way this Veterans Day. On October 7 and 14 and ushers will have available large stars for you to write the names of those you want to honor. Our children will have a special time during the Worship Service on October 14 to decorate stars, or you may want to decorate the star yourself. Make a separate star per person. There will be a box for collecting these stars on the piano in the Social Hall. Please turn them in no later than November 1. The stars will be displayed on the windows in the sanctuary during the first two weeks of November. On Veterans Day, you will be welcome to take your star home.



HORRAY! We have met our goal for collecting supplies for our Shoebox Community Packing Party October 28th. If you have forgotten to bring in your supplies from home, please still bring them in. The Party will begin at noon in the Gym with a young girl in her 20's telling us her story of receiving her Shoebox when she was a young child.

I will be picking up more supplies from other churches and folks in the Community who want to support this program as much as we do. Please tell your families and friends to join us in packing 1000 Shoeboxes! It's a lot of fun! Thank you to everyone who embraces this ministry through donating supplies, making items, packing shoeboxes, helping at the event and for your continual prayers. You are the hands and feet of Jesus. He lives in us, and we want these children to also know of his love for them. Questions? Gloria Lee 360-509-9105

OCTOBER 2018

FOOD BANK OPEN THURSDAYS 11-1PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Staff Meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA—SH 6pm	2 Hospice—WW Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon HGC	3 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class Trustees Al-Anon	4 Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon Praise team ALS	5 Chuckwagon	6 GGM—Field
7 Life Chain	8 Staff Meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA—SH 6pm	9 Hospice—WW Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon HGC	10 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class Finance	11 Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon Praise team	12 Senior Saints Chuckwagon	13 NA Couples Group
14 Missions meeting	15 Staff Meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA—SH 6pm	16 Hospice—WW Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon HGC NA	17 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class SPR	18 Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon Praise team	19 Chuckwagon Coffee Oasis	20 Walk to Emmaus team meeting
21	22 Staff meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA -SH	23 Hospice—WW Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon HGC NA	24 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class	25 Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon Praise Team Motivational Gifts Seminar	26 Chuckwagon Motivational Gifts Seminar	27 NA Couples Group Motivational Gifts Seminar OCC Set up
28 CHARGE CONFERENCE OCC Packing Party	29 Staff meeting 9:30 HGC Food Prep NA -SH	30 Hospice—WW Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm	31 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class	1 Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon Praise Team	2 Chuckwagon	3