

The Lighthouse

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The Newsletter of Ocean Shores United Methodist Church

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OPEN HEARTS—OPEN MINDS—OPENDOORS

Notes from the Pastor's Pen . . .

The Season of Advent is a time of waiting and the meaning of Advent and Christmas depends upon what you are waiting for. If we are expecting to be fulfilled by what our society offers we are going to be disappointed. This road leads to what the band “The Rolling Stones” sings about: “I can’t get no satisfaction!”

If, however, your quest is for love, mercy, and forgiveness, then the Babe of Bethlehem is worth waiting for. You see, when God loves us, we find ourselves loving others. When God forgives us, we realize we can forgive others. And, when we discover the kindness of God, we find the gift of patience.

This Advent and Christmas season, I encourage you to ponder what you are searching for. Sense anew the awesomeness of God’s love for you and for the whole world. And be grateful.

See ya in church.

Wayne

TEXTS FOR DECEMBER**Church Building Schedule**

| Date | Texts | Activity | Day | Time |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| 11/29 | St. Mark 13:24-37 | Worship | Sunday | 10:30 |
| 12/06 | St. Luke 1:68-79 | A A Meeting | M W F | Noon |
| 12/13 | St. Luke 3:7-18 | Senior Resource Ctr | T TH | 10-2 |
| 12/20 | St. Luke 1:39-45 | Bible Study | Wednesday | 6:00 |
| 12/24 | St. Luke 2:1-14 | | | |

After Worship

Every week includes lunch and fellowship. On the first Sunday of the month members and visitors are invited to contribute dishes to the All Church Potluck.

Food Bank

Tin Cup Sunday The last Sunday of every month is tin cup Sunday. This is when we give our loose change to the food bank. The Ocean Shores Food Bank truly appreciates our monthly monetary donations and the donations of food stuffs.

Food Bank for December Spaghetti Sauce in cans or jars

Thanksgiving Dinner

Again the Lions Club is working with a myriad of partners to have another community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving day in the Lions Building. There will be turkey and ham and all the trimmings for your dining pleasure. Dinners will be delivered to homebound seniors.

DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 1:00 TO 4:00.

If you want to know how you can help or need a dinner to be delivered or need transportation to the dinner, call:

Pamela Tuttle 1-253-797-3032

or

Ernie Nelson at 289-2314

Ocean Shores UMC on Facebook

Anne Westland has updated the Facebook pages

<https://www.facebook.com/OceanShoresUnitedMethodistChurchOSUMC/>

Halloween at the Convention Center Bowling Booth

Church members organize and set up a booth at the Convention Center on October 31. Youngsters bowl for treats with acorn squash balls and soda bottle pins.

More pictures are available on our [Web site](#)



Photographs by Bill Graham

Stretching your Christmas Donations

The Salvation Army. Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a small salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. 96 percent of donated dollars go to the cause.

The American Legion. National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Veterans of Foreign Wars. National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Disabled American Veterans. National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Military Order of Purple Hearts. National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Vietnam Veterans Association. National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

Make a Wish: For children's last wishes. 100% goes to funding trips or special wishes for a dying child.

St. Jude Research Hospital. 100% goes towards funding and helping Children with Cancer who have no insurance and cannot afford to pay.

Ronald McDonald Houses. All monies go to running the houses for parents who have critically ill Children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing, and feeding the families.

Lions Club International. 100% of donations go to help the blind, buy hearing aids, support medical missions around the world. Their latest undertaking is measles vaccinations for only \$1.00 per shot.

— From Tom Milligan via JoAnn Balmer and condensed by Rooe Simpson

Editors' Note

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