

The Lighthouse

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Newsletter of Ocean Shores United Methodist Church

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OPEN HEARTS—OPEN MINDS—OPENDOORS

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

Lately, I have been pondering the question “Who is or what is God?” This is not another ‘how many angels can dance on the head of a pin at the same time’ kind of question. This is foundational.

Could it be possible that our definition of God comes, not only from what we read in the Bible, but also from our own developmental stages? Our family, our Experiences? Some have even suggested that, while the Holy Scriptures inform us that we are created in God’s image, we sometimes create God in our image?

Is it even possible then to know God? One of the early church fathers, St. Gregory, wrote “It is difficult to conceive of God but to define him in words is an impossibility. . . it is impossible to express him, and yet more impossible to conceive him.”

While it may be impossible to know God it IS possible to experience God in the fullness of the Trinitarian family: Father, Son, Holy Spirit and their creation. WE ARE their creation, the family of God!

We see through a glass darkly . . . but we see.

See ya in church.

Wayne

TEXTS FOR MARCH Congregation Leadership

Date	Text	<i>Lay Leader</i>
6	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Marvin Wheeler
13	Exodus 20:1-17	<i>President Administrative Council</i>
20	Palm Sunday	Gerry Dixon
	St. Mark 11:1-11	<i>Worship</i>
24	Maundy Thursday	Helen Lord & Jean Wheeler
	Exodus 12:1-014	<i>Trustees</i>
25	Good Friday	Vicki Schmidt
	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	<i>Nurture</i>
27	Resurrection Sunday	Lois Westlund
	Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>Outreach</i>
		Rooe Simpson

[Dinner after Church? Sign up on Bulletin Board to Contribute](#)

Church Banner Interest Group

As you may have noticed in recent months our sanctuary walls are looking rather bare. In the past few months the family of our church member, Jane Sattler, asked that several of the quilts she had made and were displayed in the sanctuary be returned to them.

The Worship Committee invites anyone interested in helping make some new banners to contact either Helen Lord or Jean Wheeler. Ideas, help and planning are needed. One does not have to be an expert seamstress or have the latest and greatest sewing or embroidery machine. Skill with a glue gun would be helpful also.

I think this can be a fun project as well as add more color to the church. We could meet and review the banners currently on hand, catalog them, share ideas, see what fabric, scraps, etc. people have and who likes to do what. Then make plans for a work party.

Looking forward to hearing from a lot of you.

—Jean Wheeler

Your Talents Yield Cash for Mission

For years our church has had a presence in our community while raising money via a bake sale at Winter Fanta-Sea Thanksgiving weekend. We can no longer

have a bake sale and must rely on the talents of our people.

What art or craft do you have to share? Please let Helen Lord know by calling 289-4457.

—Helen Lord

Food Bank Donation for March - Pasta

Our Goodie Bags Went to Ramstein AFB in Germany

The generosity of the United Methodist Church of Ocean Shores made it possible for the Robert Gray Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to send 38 Christmas Socks to soldiers.

Harrison Memorial Mortuary mails the socks and we received a grant from Thrivent Lutheran Bank for \$250 to help with mailing costs.

The socks will go to Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

We sent 9 males and 29 female filled socks. The socks each contained a book, a puzzle book, toothbrush, candy and various other items. The socks have a great variety for each soldier.

Thank your membership for their contributions to make a serviceman's Christmas brighter.

—Maurita White, Veteran's Chairman, Robert Gray Chapter, D.A.R.

Book Review - *How to Pray when you Think you can't*

by Marci Alborghetti

At some point in our lives, most of find ourselves in a place where we seem stuck in our prayer life or unable to pray at all. Perhaps we're faced with grief or great sorrow, or coping with disability or a serious illness, the burden or caretaking, a broken relationship or family strife.

The author dealt with her own "prayer paralysis" when she was diagnosed with malignant melanoma. From her experience of fear and uncertainty that preceded her successful treatment, she has fashioned in this book a guide to spiritual renewal that offers the tools than can help you reconnect with God.

I really enjoyed this book.

—Lois Westlund, *Lighthouse* Book Reviewer

March, 2016, Building Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	2 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	3 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	4 12 N AA	5
6 10:30 A Worship	7 12 N AA	8 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	9 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	10 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	11 12 N AA	12
13 10:30 A Worship	14 12 N AA	15 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	16 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	17 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	18 12 N AA	19
20 10:30 A Worship	21 12 N AA	22 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	23 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	24 10A-2 Sen Res Ctr 6:30 Holy Thursday Service	25 12 N AA 6:30 Good Friday Service	26
27 10:30 A Easter Service	28 12 N AA	29 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	30 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	31 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr		

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