

# **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 . . .**

I believe that the church universal has lost its sense of spontaneity. We are so consumed with our long-range planning that it has paralyzed us and the Holy Spirit cannot seem to break through to us. We lack freedom and the sensitivity that allows each moment to become a blazing, holy presence.

One of the keys to spiritual growth is healthy practices, or disciplines. The problems develop when the practices become routine. As soon as we develop these spiritual practices we need to change them up, because familiarity sometimes breeds contempt.

I am not suggesting that spiritual practices are bad only that they can become so familiar that we can do them without thinking. This is when we need a holy impulsiveness. Start doing what you always do with imagination. What amazing thing does God want to do with you today?

See ya in church.

Wayne

## TEXTS FOR JUNE OSUMC Media

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## Newsbits

### The Griffiths have moved

Harry and Sharon Griffith  
 21016 49th Ave. West  
 Lynnwood, WA 98036-7711  
 See church phone book for number.

### Banner Project

Jean Wheeler is organizing a planning meeting. The project includes revitalization of the banners in the Sanctuary, and the effort will explore the exchange of banner materials with and among other congregations. Skills in addition to sewing are sought.

### Talents at Fanta-Sea

Handicrafts made by members go on sale over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Convention Center. All proceeds from our booth support the Church. Helen Lord is coordinating contributions, and Rooe Simpson will arrange staffing.

**Wanna help? Contact Jean or Helen or Rooe.**

# General Conference 2016

By Joey Butler

May 21, 2016 | PORTLAND, Ore. (UMNS)

Believe it or not, General Conference 2016 spent more than twice as much time debating a Rule of Order than the hot topic of human sexuality. After almost three days of considering an alternative method for discussing legislation, The United Methodist Church's top legislative body referred its most difficult subject - sexuality — to a study commission and moved on to other matters. During 10 days in Portland, delegates passed an increased budget, celebrated a number of church milestones and voted to create a new version of the hymnal.



Photo by Paul Jeffrey, UMNS

Musicians lead singing on May 12 during morning worship at the United Methodist General Conference in Portland, Ore.

## Delegates vote 'no' on 44

The first three days of General Conference offered a live demonstration of just how difficult following its rules of order can be as delegates wavered back and forth on using Rule 44, a proposed group-discernment process to deal with particularly complicated and contentious legislation such as sexuality. Ultimately, they voted against it.

## Cold shower for sexuality debate

Delegates voted to accept the recommendation of the Council of Bishops to delay a debate on homosexuality at this gathering of the denomination's top legislative assembly and let a proposed commission study church regulations.

"We accept our role as spiritual leaders to lead The United Methodist Church in a 'pause for prayer' — to step back from attempts at legislative solutions and to intentionally seek God's will for the future," said Council of Bishops president Bishop Bruce Ough in announcing the recommendation.

## Budget passes with slight increase

General Conference delegates on May 20 approved a general church budget of \$604 million for 2017-2020, a slight increase over the \$603.1 million approved at the 2012 General Conference. It's also an increase over the \$599 million budget proposed to the 2016 General Conference delegates, which would have been The United Methodist Church's lowest in 16 years.

## Oppose mascots that demean Native Americans

Delegates overwhelmingly approved a resolution calling on United Methodist agencies to

raise awareness about the harm caused by sports teams that use mascots or symbols that disrespect Native Americans. The Discipleship Committee amended the petition, deleting language that would have called on United Methodist groups not to have meetings in cities that have sports teams with such mascots or symbols, which previous church resolutions contained.

### **New hymnal project gets green light**

The United Methodist Church is on track to get its first new hymnal since 1989, and this one will be Internet-cloud based and print-on-demand — the first high-tech hymnal for a mainline denomination. General Conference 2016 approved on a consent calendar May 17 a petition authorizing the creation of a 15-member Hymnal Revision Committee.

**What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?**

**[Web Calendar @ oceanshoresumc.com/calendar](http://oceanshoresumc.com/calendar)**

## **Building Calendar**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
			<b>1</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>2</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>3</b> 12 N AA	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b> <b>(Communion)</b>	<b>6</b> 12 N AA	<b>7</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>8</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>9</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>10</b> 12 N AA	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b>	<b>13</b> 12 N AA	<b>14</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>15</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>16</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>17</b> 12 N AA	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b>	<b>20</b> 12 N AA	<b>21</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>22</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>23</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>24</b> 12 N AA	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b>	<b>27</b> 12 N AA	<b>28</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>29</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>30</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr		

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