

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 . . .

As I have been preparing for my sermon series on "The Sermon on the Mount," I have been ruminating on what it means to be "poor in spirit." The Jerusalem Bible translates St. Matthew 5:3 "How blessed are the poor in spirit: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs."

Jesus is not speaking of physical poverty here, not saying you are happy if you have no food or no place to live. Followers of The Way are called to alleviate these conditions. What Jesus is saying is happy are those who have less of themselves and more of God.

This is sometimes difficult to comprehend when we have TV preachers tell you that God wants you to be rich, to have all the physical things our culture tells us we need to be happy. Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we do not find lasting happiness with "things."

True at-one-ment comes with relationship. The more, the deeper the relationship with God and others, the happier we find ourselves. Poor-in-spirit means that "God must increase and I must decrease."

Our question for this month is "If I am unhappy, whose fault is it?"

See ya in church,

Wayne

TEXTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Sermon on the Mount

DATE	TEXT
AUGUST	
07	St. Matthew 5:5
14	St. Matthew 5:6
21	St. Matthew 5:7
28	St. Matthew 5:8
SEPTEMBER	
04	St. Matthew 5:9
11	St. Matthew 5:10
18	St. Matthew 6:7-9a
25	St. Matthew 6:31-33

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for August 26. The annual sundae affair takes place the last Friday in August at the Church 5:00-7:00 pm.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

The church work party on Saturday, July 9, began at 9:00 with 13 volunteers helping. A picnic was served at 11:30. We shine!!! The inside of the Church was thoroughly cleaned. Marv, Gerry and Ernie replaced some of the fluorescent lights with the LED lights. We'll schedule another work party to do the outside work as soon as we get several sunny days in a row.

The parking lot was sealed and restriped.

Annual Conference

Keeping Sabbath: Resting, Rejoicing, Returning

The 143rd session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference took place at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, Wash., June 19-22, 2016.

Reports

- . Lay-led efforts to rebuild homes in Washington state devastated by wildfires.
- . From the Hope for the Children of Africa task force.
- . New church starts.
- . Imagine No Malaria.
- . Works of repentance with indigenous people.

Legislation entitled “Action of Non-Conformity with The General Conference of The United Methodist Church” was affirmed. The PNWAC will not conform or comply with provisions of the Discipline which discriminate against LGBTQIA+ persons.

The conference approved a “lament” that the 2016 General Conference continued to invest in fossil fuels.

Members approved a smaller conference budget than they did in 2015.

Membership stands at 42,876.

Excerpts from report by Patrick Scriven and Rev. Shirley DeLarme. Complete release is on [Conference Web Site](#)

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seven-year ministry at Green Lake, a neighborhood church in North Seattle.

He started a new congregation on South Hill, Puyallup, in 1982, served at Woodland Park from 1992 to 1997, and ministered at Sand Point, Idaho, in 1997.

This book of sermons left me with much food for thought. Bill has a real gift of explaining Jesus' actions, and our all too human reactions to the parables in the Bible.

Published by Dog Ear Publishing (Indianapolis), 2007, 196 pages

—Lois Westlund
Lighthouse Book Reviewer

Sunday Mornings by Rev. Bill Smith

I really enjoyed Bill's stories of his life as a Methodist minister. In 1969, it was an older congregation in Monroe, Washington. Two years later, he was in Wesley Church, Auckland, New Zealand, where he participated in a year-long pulpit exchange.

The following year began a

[Web Calendar @ oceanshoresumc.org/calendar](http://oceanshoresumc.org/calendar)**BUILDING SCHEDULE**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 12 N AA	2 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	3 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	4 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	5 12 N AA	6
7 10:30 A Worship (Communion)	8 12 N AA	9 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	10 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	11 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	12 12 N AA	13
14 10:30 A Worship	15 12 N AA	16 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	17 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	18 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	19 12 N AA	20
21 10:30 A Worship	22 12 N AA	23 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	24 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study	25 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	26 12 N AA 5:00 Ice Cream Social	27
28 10:30 A Worship	29 12 N AA	30 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	31 12 N AA 6:30 Bible Study			

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