

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 . . .

Sylvia and I recently returned from vacationing in Sunriver, Oregon. When we do this we pass through the city of Bend, OR and always stop at the Goodwill store there. It has become a tradition for us.

The first section I go to is the picture/painting area. You may often find treasure there. This year I discovered a fine watercolor painting, 18" X 30," triple matted, framed with glass. The price was \$9.99. You cannot purchase the matting alone for that price! That piece now hangs in my office at church.

It was necessary to search through many pictures/paintings to find my gem. I share this anecdote because finding God's will for our lives often means rummaging through a lot of 'junk' before we discover the 'pearl without price.' Jesus teaches in his parables the virtue of perseverance, of keepin' on keepin' on.

One of the neat things about God is that God never asks us to sear alone.

See ya in church.

Wayne

OCTOBER TEXTS OSUMC Media

10/2 St. Matthew 5:9
10/9 St. Matthew 5:10
10/16 St. Matthew 13:31 & 33
10/23 St. Matthew 6:31-33
10/30 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

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Charge Conference Report

District Superintendent David Nieda, Presiding

Lay Leaders Affirmed

Marv Wheeler, *Lay Leader*
Gerry Dixon, *Chairperson*
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Jean Wheeler, *Worship Chair*
Vicki Schmidt, *Trustees Chair*
Lois Westlund, *Nurture Chair*
Ernie Muse, *Extension Planning*
Rev Wayne Schneider, *Nominations*

Committee Appointments

Sue Colwell to Worship
Ann Muse to Nurture
Rooe Simpson to Chair,
Pastor-Parish Relations

Budget

The budget for 2017 includes few changes from 2016. The bottom line—an adjustment of 0.3%.

Conference Materials

Booklets are available in the church office while supplies last.

Field Trips Begin

Tuesday, October 18

Our first van trip will be on Tuesday, October the 18th and each 3rd Tuesday of the month thereafter. Departure from the church will be at 9:00 am promptly and return will vary

Blanket Drive

Sunday, October 23

Benefits the women's shelter in Aberdeen
Bring a new or gently used blanket to Church.

depending on the number of ice cream or pie places we might find and the length of the trip.

There has been a change in the destination of our first trip. It will be all the way to the Carriage Museum in Raymond. We also plan to visit the Willapa Seacoast Museum. The reason for the change is a call that John's Beachcombing Museum would be closed from Oct 13 to 23. Of course, we will find time to have lunch between our visits. One reason for choosing this as a destination is that for our first outing with a new van I would like to keep it relatively close and be indoors since October tends to be on the damp side.

Our second trip will be decided by a committee to determine the destination of our ventures.

Since we must refuel the van prior to returning it to the lender, the fee will be \$10.00 each person. The revenue for these outings will be kept separate from Church funds and if we accumulate excess we will have a trip without the fee.

The trips will be First-Come-First Go. The signup sheet will be available after services. There will be space for 15 including the driver. Once this number is reached please continue to sign up as there is a possibility there might be other transportation available which will increase the number that can participate.

If you would like to join us just sign up when the sheet is available. Everyone is welcome to sign up on a first-come first-served basis.

Please do not hesitate to make recommendations for changes/improvements to this program. Recommendations for destinations will also be welcomed.

Grass Clippings

by Marv Wheeler

A couple of weeks ago I went to the church to mow the lawn and there were a couple of ladies there. During the conversation that ensued I mentioned that I had come to mow the dandelions. One of the ladies said, "she likes dandelions." Well, I have always heard that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." I have never thought of dandelions as being pretty but while mowing today I got to thinking about our conversations and considering the properties of dandelions.

Since our recent rains the yard is much greener than it was a few weeks ago even though it has been watered throughout the summer. Today the dandelions were shining brightly with their yellow heads contrasted brightly

against the green of the yard. I got to thinking that they don't do a lot for us but I was wrong. After doing a little research I found things that I did not know. They are edible in their entirety, they are used in naturopathic medicine as anti-infective and to treat diseases of the liver. They are also useful in the garden by their long tap root bringing nutrients from deeper in the soil up to the shallower growing plants. I have to admit that the bright yellow contrasting the green of the yard had beauty.

Don't ask me how but the dandelions quietly shining brought me to thinking about the Saints of the Church. With the age of our congregations we have seen saints come and go. We also still have some in the congregation, quietly performing their functions without any fanfare, just simply making we and the church better.

Think about it. Who are they? Maybe, just maybe you should look in the mirror. You might see the reflection of a saint.

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

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

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