

# 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 . . .

One of the things I love about Jesus is that he tends to mess things up! Take, for example religion; how easily humanity has and does believe that what and how they believe is the ONLY way. In psychology its called 'Group Narcissism.'

'G.N.' is not really about love for God or even a concern for the search for truth or love. It is a grab for control and every group in its beginning, developmental stages will, in the words of Mark Batterson, "Try to put God into the pocket of its members-only jacket."

When I say Jesus messes things up I mean that he unswervingly places the outsider, the marginalized as heroes of his parables, and the receptors of God's grace. Many times we don't seem to get it. And not seeing this our fault. The 'treasures' are available; we must dig them up.

Happy digging!

See ya in church.

Wayne

## TEXTS FOR NOVEMBER Congregation Leadership

DATE	TEXT	
		<i>President Administrative Council</i>
		Gerry Dixon
		<i>Treasurer</i>
06	St. John 8:58	Barbara White
		<i>Lay Leader</i>
		Marvin Wheeler
13	St. John 4:26	<i>Church Historian</i>
		Ruth Dixon
		<i>Worship</i>
		Helen Lord & Jean Wheeler
20	St. John 6:20	<i>Trustees</i>
		Vicki Schmidt
		<i>Nurture</i>
27	St. John 6:35	Lois Westlund
		<i>Pastor-Parish Relations</i>
		Roe Simpson

## Missionary Visit

Ocean Shores UMC sponsors the work of missionary Paul Jeffrey in Peru. Rev. Jeffrey visits on November 15. Time to be announced.

## Christmas Stockings for GIs abroad

Sunday, November 6, begins the collection for Goody Bags for soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. During the week of November 20 our contributions will be put into stockings by the Robert Gray Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and then mailed overseas by Harrison Family Mortuary.

Here is a list of items to go abroad.

Candy Canes	Eye Drops
Hard Candy	Batteries (AA-AAA)
Jolly Rangers	Playing Cards
Gum	Crossword Puzzles
Vitamins	Small Books
Sun Block	CDs
Lip Balm	Shampoo
Towelettes	Condiment Packages (catsup, mustard, honey, taco sauce)

Your contribution may be placed in the box in the foyer.

## Handicrafts from OSUMC for Christmas

Members of OSUMC are crafting items for sale at Fanta-Sea. (In past years

baked goods have sold out from the Church booth, but, alas, are no longer permitted at the Convention Center.) Handicrafters have been producing their special items since the beginning of the year.

Additional production is welcome. Interested? Please see Gerry Dixon, Rooe Simpson, or Pam Tuttle.

**Other members will staff the table at the three-day event over Thanksgiving weekend.** Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex close to the kitchen window.



A second table was needed after this photo was taken.

## Women's Shelter Drive

Members brought 29 new and gently-used blankets to Church on Sunday, October 23. Staff at the Gospel Mission Women's Shelter expressed gratitude when Janis Havrilak and Rooe Simpson made the delivery.

## Field Trips

On Tuesday, November, 15, the monthly field trip destination is the museum at Moclips.

Departure at 10:30 from Church; luncheon at Ocean Crest. Return in time for missionary talk. Sign up by November 12.

Suggest a destination for future trip to Denise Coates, Viki Drummond, or Helen Lord.

The October trip to Raymond began our monthly field trips. A docent at the Willapa Seaport Museum opened the facility, greeted us, and guided the visitors through the exhibits. Next stop, the Carriage Museum. The extensive array of horse-drawn vehicles began to arrive from near and far in 2002. Several carriages were used in the movies, including *Gone with the Wind*.

We lunched at the Corner Cafe where our waitperson had no trouble with separate checks!

## Grass Clippings

I was thinking doing my alone times about giving. For our small congregation, it is something that we must be aware. It is necessary to have enough to pay for heat and lights, to buy supplies for the kitchen and bathrooms, and Wayne and Sylvia need to eat from time to time.

I know that many in the congregation tithe and should pat themselves on the back. Others

give what they can, while others give little, and others give none. Our group in no different from any other congregation, this is the norm.

I came across this article that I thought was appropriate reading regarding our responsibility for giving. You may say that Marvin is meddling again but that is O.K.

### ***10 Essential Truths about Christian Giving***, by J. Ligon Duncan III

Dr. Duncan is the Chancellor of the Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi.

Very often, people ask or wonder "what are the basic biblical principles for Christian giving?" As we seek God's answer to that question and as we contemplate our own giving to the Lord's church in response to the clear teaching of His Word, perhaps it would be wise and helpful to review those principles here.

First, let us go to the Word of God itself, without comment:

#### **Matthew 6:1-4**

Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

#### **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

#### **2 Corinthians 8:9-15**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. I give my opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do this, but also to desire to do it. But now finish doing it also, so that just as there was the readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability. For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For this is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality - at this present time your abundance being a supply for their need, so that their abundance also may become a supply for your need, that there may be equality; as it is written, "HE WHO gathered MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO gathered LITTLE HAD NO LACK."

#### **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

In our review of these four New Testament passages, we find at least ten principles for Christian giving.

*1. The Lord Jesus expects and requires us to give.*

*2. The Lord Jesus wants us to give for the right reasons.*

3. *The Lord Jesus wants us to practice benevolent or charitable giving.*
4. *The Lord Jesus reminds us that our giving is ultimately to the all-seeing heavenly Father.*
5. *The Bible teaches that Christian giving is an act of worship.*
6. *The Bible teaches that Christian giving should be done in light of the incarnation.*
7. *The Bible teaches that Christian giving should be done in accordance with our means.*
8. *The Bible teaches that the liberality of God's blessings to us is connected to the liberality of our Christian giving.*
9. *The Bible teaches that Christian giving must be willing giving, free giving.*
10. *The Bible teaches that Christian giving ought to be cheerful giving.*

We have not come close to reaching our potential for giving. Won't you pray that we will give as we ought? That we will give for the right motives? That we will give joyously? And that we will give extravagantly.

**—From Marvin Wheeler**

Article condensed during newsletter production

The entire article is posted on the internet.

<http://www.christianity.com/church/tithing-and-giving/christian-giving-11636283.html>

## ***The Bible through the Ages***

### **from Reader's Digest Association**

In these pages you'll discover how the words of the Bible were carefully preserved—from the earliest Hebrew and Aramaic versions of the Old Testament to the translations of the New Testament from Greek into Latin.

Comparisons of the same text from different translations highlight the cultural values that influenced the way God's Word was presented.

Photographs of biblical landscapes, untouched by the passage of time, illustrated maps, and detailed reconstruction of ancient sites transport you back in time and space.

I really enjoyed this book, and I recommend it to everyone.

Hardcover, 384 pages, Published September 4th 1996 by Readers Digest

**—Lois Westlund**

*Lighthouse* Book Reviewer

## **Wisdom from Dr. Seuss**

"If you never did  
You should.  
These things are fun

And fun is good"

—From Helen Lord

*One Fish Two fish Red Fish Blue Fish* (New York: Random House) 1960

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

### Building Schedule

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

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