

# 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 . . .

The Holy Scriptures speak of “closed hearts” as a condition of our human condition. There are also other metaphors used: “shut,” “fat,” “Puffed-up,” and so on. As I have pondered this recently, I looked for ways we may develop this type of heart.

- Blindness and limited vision go with a “closed” heart.
- A “closed” heart affects the mind, the reasoning process itself.
- Bondage.
- Lack of gratitude.
- Insensitive to wonder and awe.
- Forgetting God.
- A “closed” heart and exile go together.
- A “closed” heart lacks compassion.
- A “closed” heart is insensitive to injustice.

OK, then, what is the antidote? The Celtics, among others, found the answer in what they called the “Thin” places. Thin places are both physical geography and our inward being.

Thomas Merton has said that if we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we can enter a “thin” place where God shows himself everywhere and in everything. “Thin” places are places where the veil lifts for a moment, and we see God, and experience God more deeply.

Open hearts and seeing God go together. What do you see?

See you in church.

Wayne

## June Field Trip

Astoria, Oregon  
9:00am, Thursday, June 8, 2017  
Maritime Museum and Uptown Cafe

## Annual Conference

June 14-17  
Portland, Oregon  
<http://greaternw.org/ac2017/>

## UMC bishops ponder full communion with Episcopal Church

[Article here](#)

## Congregation Leaders

*President Administrative Council*  
Gerry Dixon  
*Treasurer*  
Barbara White  
*Lay Leader*  
Marvin Wheeler  
*Worship*  
Helen Lord & Jean Wheeler  
*Trustees*  
Vicki Schmidt  
*Historian*  
Ruth Dixon  
*Nurture*  
Lois Westlund  
*Pastor Parish Relations*  
Roe Simpson

## From Helen

## Open Letter to Ocean Shores UMC Congregation

Every Sunday I think I should tell you how much it means to Lew and me to be a part of this Church. Yet, when Pastor calls for Joys and Concerns, I know I will be unable to speak for the tears of gratitude.

If I name people, I will be sure to omit someone, so I will say you each know how you have supported us physically or prayerfully. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our God is an awesome God, and so is this congregation. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of it.

—Helen Lord

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

## ***High Spirited Women***

**by Anne Seagraves**

This historian wrote this book on inspiring women from 1840 to 1900. These high spirited women left conventional lives behind, becoming America's early feminists.

Wyoming and Utah allowed women to vote in the late 1800's, long before 1920, when all American women got the right to vote.

Some of the women were *bold and* rebellious, like Belle Starr and Ann Eliza Young. Some, like Sarah Winnemucca and Abigail Duniway, were dedicated to their causes. Others, like Thomas Hart Benton's daughter, Jessie Benton Fremont, were dedicated to the people they loved.

I so enjoyed reading about these *smart*, brave women, who blazed new trails for the women of the twentieth century.

—Lois Westlund  
Lighthouse Book Reviewer

### **Building Schedule**

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