

News from Ocean Shores UMC

Rev. Pamela Meese, Pastor

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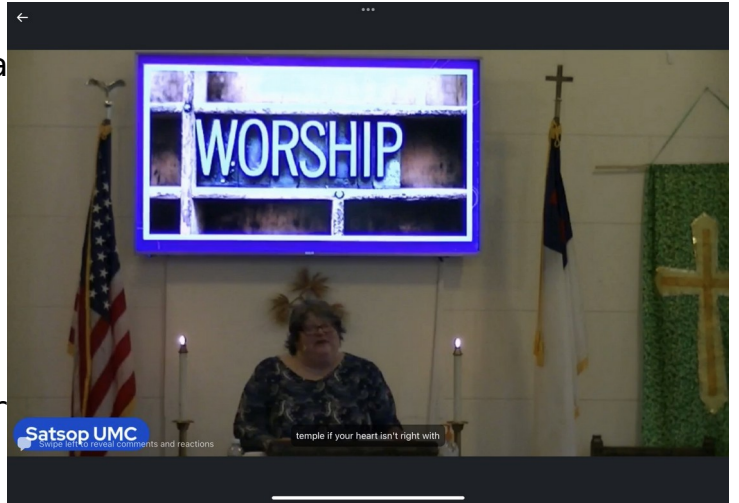
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The Journey to Meld with the Satsop and Elma Churches

IN July Rev. Pamela Meese joined OSUMC in multi-point charge with Elma and Satsop. Pastor Pam officiates here the first and third Sundays and the sister churches the second and fourth. We hear her message from Satsop presented on video, and the technology has been difficult. The transition moves forward, as indicated in some stories below. For those who have missed the broadcasts, the video of last week's sermon would be available during or after fellowship this Sunday Nov. 19.



Satsop UMC via Facebook and Google

Pastor Pam preaching away Sunday, Nov. 12

Pastor moves to Parsonage

When Pastor Meese arrived in mid-July, the tenants in the Parsonage had not vacated. The tenant indicated he, wife, and grandchildren had no place to go. Compassion tempered feelings, and Pastor moved into temporary quarters. Pastor Pam is now ensconced at 891 Catala SW.

Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 19

After Church on Sunday, traditional fare is planned, including pumpkin pie, and lots, lots more. Please consider bringing a dish to share. Questions? Please check with Pastor or Rooe.

Christmas Eve

The day before Christmas falls on Sunday, and a Christmas feast occurs after Church. Plans are in their infancy. If you want to help, please inform one of the leaders. We will save leftovers for Pastor Pam.

2024 Budget

A budget with a substantial deficit was accepted by the Congregation, then approved at the Charge Conference. The red ink follows plan, and the Treasurer would revise the budget for approval early in 2024 when financial conditions warrant another look at our finances.

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Charge Conference

On November 5, members and Pastor met with the District Superintendent in person for the first time since COVID. The leaders and trustees were re-elected. Some business remains for the congregation. DS Rev. Kathleen Weber led discussion following presentation of a visioning video on the M.I.L.E. program.

From the Conference

In his first year as episcopal leader of the Greater Northwest Area of The United Methodist Church, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth is encouraging congregations and ministry settings to go the M.I.L.E. this year and focus on Jesus' call in the story of

Fellowship Hour

More traditional After Church time begins the first week in December. We will attack remaining organizational work at a meeting next week. If you would join this session, please let Pastor or Rooe know. Post-preparation kitchen staff is needed.

Chrismons at OSUMC

Chrismons, meaning "Christ monograms," traditionally are white and gold designs made from Christian symbols that signify Christ. Often displayed on an evergreen tree during the Christmas season, symbols such as stars, crosses, fish, crowns, and the alpha and omega remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.

Pastor Pam will be leading Chrismon making after Bible Study starting November 18.



Pender UMC

Chrismons at Pender UMC, Fairfax, VA

the Good Samaritan to Go And Do Likewise.

At his installation service in Juneau, Alaska, in May, Bridgeforth gave an overview of the theme and the meaning behind each step of the M.I.L.E. At each subsequent Annual Conference gathering – and in closing GNW worship – Bridgeforth offered in-depth explanation and inspiration for how we might all join him on this journey.

M: Ministry that Matters

I: Itineration and location.

L: Lay Ministry Enhancement.

For more information, see Bishop Bridgeforth's blog.

<https://greater-nw.org/mile/>

From the conference web site pnwumc.org

