

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 . . .

Humility is not a word that is bantered about much today. As I have entered my 44th year of ministry I find I still inhabit a bazaar irony of sharing your inner self with everyone who will listen, and yet you feel completely alone, with an often urgent need to hide away in a cave.

It has taken me decades to learn that humility is the only authentic posture for a preacher. The music group R.E.M. said it succinctly, "Everyone hurts." Anne Lamott in her new book, "Hallelujah Anyway" tells of a New Yorker magazine cartoon of one dog speaking to another, "It is not enough that we succeed. Cats must also fail."

William Faulkner had a near perfect period of astonishing inspiration and output. From 1929 until 1942 he published ten novels of miraculous depth. The best, perhaps, was "The Sound and the Fury." He called it "The most splendid failure."

Jesus, the man of the cross, was the most splendid failure of all time. Preachers will never perfectly see what we really want to say about Christ and him crucified, but every Sunday we hope for something like a splendid failure.

See you in church.

Wayne

Upgrading Our Lighting in the Yard

Photo contributed by Vicki Schmidt



In the Bible, we read about dark and light also night and day. We at Ocean Shores UMC have latterly been in the dark, not in the Biblical sense but at night we have still been in the dark. Now when we arrive at the church in the dark we will have light to enter the building to search for Light. As we leave, after receiving Light we will depart with light the help insure our safety.

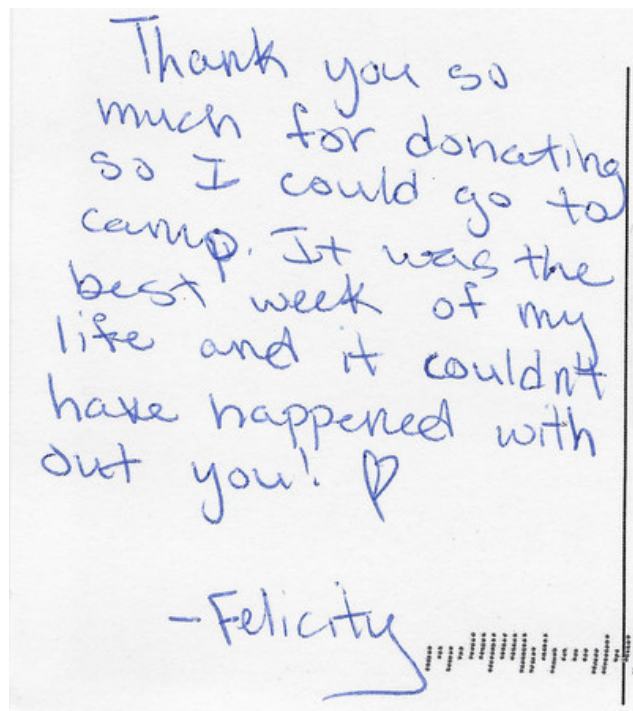
I know this might be confusing but if you read it again it will make sense. One thing that makes sense immediately is that, on behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank everyone who took time from their busy schedule to come and help raise the tower supporting the new lights for the parking lot. Names will not be mentioned in fear of omitting someone, but we had sufficient help and the task was accomplished quickly and safely. Thanks.

—Marv Wheeler



Young Life Camper

The Administrative Board granted Young Life funds for a youngster to go camping at Malibu, Oregon.



NEWSBITS

The annual **Charge Conference** takes place at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, District Superintendent Nieda presiding.

Bible Study on Wednesday evenings is devoted to 1 Corinthians.

North Beach Singers seeks a few new voices. Poster in Narthex and [here](#).

The next field trip is Thursday, Sept. 14. Departure at 8:00 am for Puyallup and the **Washington State Fair**. For one of the twelve free tickets, sign up soon; only a few seats left in the van!

A good time was had by all at the **Ice Cream Social** on Friday, August 25. Over forty from our church and the community attended.

Book Review: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

This acclaimed debut novel is based on the real life story of a New York socialite and her mother who helped a group of Polish women survivors of a German concentration camp. Their terrible secrets were hidden for seventy-five years.

Caroline Ferriday is a former Broadway actress and liaison to the French Consulate in New York, whose life is forever changed when Hitler's army invaded Poland in 1939.

Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, is a courier for the underground resistance movement.

In Germany, Herta Oberheuser, a young doctor, answers an ad for a government medical position—only to find herself trapped in a male dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power.

The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens, and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Unspeakable forced surgeries on many of the women cause Caroline and thousands of donors to bring thirty of the women to America in 1958 for plastic surgery.

This book is long overdue. The author traveled to Poland and Germany to do research, and to meet one of the survivors.

—Lois Westlund, Lighthouse Book Reviewer

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly, New York: Ballantine Books 2016. Large print, 2017.

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

Building Schedule

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

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