

# 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 . . .

Historically, the church universal has taught Jesus to be “[fully human and fully God.](#)”

The church's emphasis has been that Jesus is the only human ever to be God. It is, however, equally important for our spiritual growth, to state that as the only person to undergo temptation and come out sinless, Jesus is the only human to be ‘fully human.’ Or, to use the language of the church fathers, “the only fully, fully human.”

This was the core of the teaching of medieval saint Anselm and is reflected in the writings of reformers Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Wesley: persons are called by God to become fully human. They acknowledged that all of us share this vocation, but that none of us have arrived yet. Since the Garden of Eden, we are less than fully human, less than what we have been created to be.

With Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gifts the world with the keys that unlock the barrier to full personhood. Today, we speak about self-actualization and human rights as indicators that we are the best of creation.

When I was a child, I played with a Jack-in-a-Box. Sometimes I want a “JESUS-in-the-Box” too. I want a Messiah who is tailor made for our preconceived notions of how a Messiah should act and be. But, Jesus teaches differently. For us to be the person we were created to be, we do not focus on ourselves, but on learning and leaning on the strength and security that enables us to be vulnerable to God and others.

And so, blessed or happy are those people who both recognize and live in a state of joy, are poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted. This begs the question, like a five-year-old cries: "Do I have to do this?" I believe that living the Beatitudes is a choice.

The joy of discovering your true self is in living in obedience to God's direction. See you in church.

Pastor Wayne

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## Soup & Sandwich Dinners

Vicki Schmidt and Pam Tuttle's cuisine has been on display in the community for five months. And, they're not done yet!

Join them in February and March.

**February 16, 5:30-6:30**

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**January 19: 18 diners were served.**

## Field Trip to Museum of Glass is rescheduled

February 8, 9:00 am

### Book Review: *Discipleship*

by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The author, a Lutheran theologian, was martyred at age 39 for work in the Nazi resistance.

This monumental work interprets the Great Commission. *Discipleship* is not a How-To manual, an impossibility since Works are motivated by Jesus.

If paradoxes and tautologies are not cleared up, they are made more approachable. Through faith one knows both *Only The Believers Obey* and *Only The Obedient Believe*.

Bonhoeffer sheds light on the aloneness of Man and Woman in a world where he and she are part. The idea that Jesus is mediator between Christian and the individuals in one's environment can do much to transcend the separation.

Understanding the meaning of the Cross has always been difficult to me, but the chapter *Discipleship And The Cross* gets me closer.

One of my references calls the author's writings Heavy And Obscure. Such was not my impression; but an easy read *Discipleship* is not.

Since we have been formed in the image of Christ, we can live following his example. On this basis, we are now actually able to do those deeds in the simplicity of discipleship.

—Rooe Simpson

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Vol 4, 2003, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 367 pages.

## [Web Calendar @ oceanshoresumc.org/calendar](http://oceanshoresumc.org/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	<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</b> <b>Study</b>	<b>8</b> 9 A Field Trip Museum of Glass 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</b> <b>Study</b>	<b>15</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>16</b> 12 N AA 5:30 - 6:30 Soup & Sandwiches	<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</b> <b>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</b> <b>Study</b>			

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