

Dinner With Pastor Dan

Pastor Dan would like to host a casual dinner every 4-6 weeks at his home with 4 or 5 people attending. If you would like to be a part of a group or put together a group, please let Pastor Dan know and he will schedule a date.

Orientation / Membership Class

Pastor Dan will be offering a class to those who want more information about the United Methodist Church and/or membership on March 28 at 12:15 pm after the second service. This is a class for those who want to know more about United Methodism, it's beliefs and overview of Stanwood UMC. It is also an opportunity for those who desire, to explore church membership. Please let pastor Dan know if you want to participate in this class so he can have enough materials available. We will be meeting in the Anderson room.

Visual Ritual

During the Sundays in Lent after the announcements while we sing, "Holy Ground", symbols of that Sunday's worship theme will be placed on a table as a visual help for worship. Each week different symbols will be used and explained in the bulletins.

During the Season of Lent, many enter weekly worship looking for renewal in the grace of God's unconditional invitation and welcome on the way. Yet there are many congregations who choose to live in a ghetto of "certainties" rather than turning around and honestly asking the hard questions about life and God. Responding to God's invitation to listen, come, see, seek, forsake, and return, we encounter a God who holds us in kindness and gives us the fresh water of understanding and comfort. A pitcher of water serves as symbols of God's generous and unconditional nurturing that causes us to grow.

For the first Sunday in Lent, the table was before us and covered in burlap -- a rough textured fabric to remind of wilderness experience of Jesus at the start of his ministry. It is a course and simple fabric, a working fabric used in feed sacks and for other storage. The vivid purple fabric placed on the table reminds us of Christ's costly life in its beauty and challenge. The Bible will be our guide; it will be our companion along the way. Within it lie the stories of pilgrims who have gone before us. The candle symbolizes the light of Christ which reveals new truths as we receive the Word. The feathers represent the time when Jesus wept and longed to gather his people like a mother hen gathers her chicks.

SPRING PARTY

It looks like spring; the plants are blooming and the Church needs sprucing up.

WHEN? Saturday, March 20, 2010 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE GARDEN TOOLS, CLEANING GEAR, PRESSURE WASHER, OR ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT YOU NEED.

JOBS? Window washing inside and out, Weeding of flower beds, Pruning of plants, spreading bark, repairing lawn on North Side of the Cone House, dusting blinds in the Education Wing, minor repairs, pressure washing of the sidewalks, and other things we might find in the next two weeks. Let's have everything ship-shape for Easter.

Bill McGlashan for Your Trustees.

PS: YOU'RE INVITED TO THE UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST (Men and Ladies) at 8:00 a.m. the same day. (Donation = \$5.00) RSVP Ken Taylor, 387-9540.

Soup and Bread Lenten Series

All are invited to our Lenten Series Soup and Bread dinners each Thursday during Lent at 6:00PM in Wesley Hall. The series will start February 25th with subsequent dates of March 4, 11, 18 and 25. No reservations needed.

"Wrestling With Angels" --- This is a video discussion series that focuses on 'An Intimate Look at the Tough Questions of Life.' Each week, after the soup and bread supper, at about 6:45 pm, we will convene to view the video and discuss the topics presented.

- March 11 "Prayer: Why Don't My Prayers Get Answered?"
Richard Foster
- March 18 "Forgiving: How Do I Forgive and Get On With My Life?"
Lewis Smedes
- March 25 "Doubt: How Can I Question and Still Believe?"
Madeleine L'Engle

Adult Education Classes

Two weekday classes are being considered for late winter and spring. Please let Barbara Dadd Shaffer (425-210-1399 and barbdadd@aol.com) or the church office know if you are interested.

Tuesday afternoons. Probably "Invitation to Psalms." A short term Disciple Bible Study which includes a study book and weekly class with video segment. Or the "Serious Answers..." described below. Beginning date in mid-March.

Thursday evenings. Begin the week after Easter. Probably "Serious Answers to Hard Questions" produced by Wesley Theological Seminary for use in local churches. Ten Christian and Jewish theologians each address a single perplexing issue.

5th Thursday Outing—Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, April 8, 2010

We will have a Salmon BBQ Lunch at the historic Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon. Then tour the Skagit Valley Tulip Fields in private vehicles. Check your mailbox for details and to sign-up. Emma Lou Meicho, 387-0138

Lectionary Scriptures for today: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Lectionary Scriptures for March 14: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Stanwood-Camano Chorale

The Stanwood-Camano Chorale will be meeting in the Anderson Room from 3-5PM each Sunday. All singers are welcome and no audition is required. The tuition for the winter/spring season is \$50.

Deadline for Messenger articles is noon, Monday, March 15th.

Lily orders for Easter due by Sunday, March 21.

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



STANWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Daniel K. Sailer
 Liturgist Helen Smith
 Communion Server at 8:30: Della Ashley
 Communion Servers at 10:45: Fay Richardson, Joy Rhoades
 Ed and Nancy Adams
 Ministers - All who love and serve Jesus Christ as Lord
 10:45 AM
 March 7, 2010
 Color—Purple

The Mission of Stanwood United Methodist Church is to love and honor God by committing our lives to Jesus Christ and inviting others to this commitment.

Worship Celebration

Welcome!

March 7, 2010 10:45 a.m. 3rd Sunday In Lent

Large print hymnals and assisted hearing devices are available for the worship service.

Child Care (up to 3 years old) is provided during the worship service. Children are also invited to remain for the worship service as an option.

**Please stand as you are able*

☪ Gathering and Greeting ☪

Prelude As we gather, let us center our thoughts as we listen to the music. Your quietness is appreciated.

Welcome and Announcements

Please list the names of those present today in your household. Include your name, mailing address and phone number if this is your first visit. We want to say thank you.

Sharing of Joys and Thanksgivings

☪ Prayer and Praise ☪

Introit, TFWS No. 2272 "Holy Ground"
(Please join in singing)

***We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence
on holy ground.***

Opening Prayer (In unison)

***Invite us to the banquet of new life
flowing from your generous heart, O God.
Help us to receive the love
which is spread across the table of life
and into which we are gathered this day.
Call to our hearts in invitation.
Take our hands now, we pray,
and lead us toward your gifts. Amen.***

***Hymn of Praise No. 127** "Guide Me Thou Great Jehovah"

***Passing the Peace** *Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.* The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Anthem "In Remembrance" Lloyd Larson

☪ Proclamation and Response ☪

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-9 Page 685, Old Testament
Liturgist: These are words for life.
People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Acclamation Hymn No. 73 "Lead Me, Lord"
(Please join in Singing)

***"Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;
Make Thy way plain before my face."***

Sermon "You Are Invited" Rev. Dan Sailer

**Concerns and Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

☪ Holy Communion ☪

As you come forward to receive communion please bring your offerings. An offering plate will be located in the center aisle.

Communion is open to all persons who would find spiritual nurture in receiving. It is not limited to church members. We call it "Open Communion".

A Service of Word and Table

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: AND WITH YOU ALSO.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the living God.
People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Prayer of Institution

Communion Music

(Please join in singing these hymns as people receive communion)
Hymn No. 2132, TFWS "You Who Are Thirsty"
Hymn No. 2267, TFWS "Taste and See"
Hymn No. 2254, TFWS "In Remembrance of Me"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

☪ Sending Forth ☪

***Sending Forth Hymn No. 389** "Freely, Freely"

***Benediction** (In unison)

***The Lenten way stretches out before us:
May we depart the sheltering oasis of God's protection
our thirst quenched with the waters of God's generous gifts
as we rise up refreshed to continue on the way. Amen.***

Postlude

*You are invited to be seated and listen to the postlude
or you may leave quietly.*

Our condolences to Barbara and John Shaffer on the death of her mother, Marian Dadd, on March 2nd in Indiana.

In order to make sure guests and visitors feel welcome and included, we are reserving seats for them at the tables in Wesley Hall to be used during Fellowship Hour. These "backward facing" chairs will be reserved for guests. If all guests are seated, anyone can use them.

Prayers for healing and peace for Kylie Bodle, Midge Dickinson, Jane Gilliland, Jim Adamson, Jim Phillips, Judy Trammell, Leslie Eagon, Pat McGlashan, Sylvia Miller and Marilyn Sharp.

Remember those unable to be with us in worship on a regular basis: Janet Cole, Lodi Douglas, Margaret Hill, Mabel Ludvigsen, Mabel (Rocci) Thomas.

Remember those with needs that are unexpressed publicly.

Please hold those serving in the military in your prayers.

If you have a need for the prayer chain, call Elaine Hilde (387-5624), or Pastor Dan (629-9555).

Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:30AM	Worship Service
9:30AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service
11:45AM	Fellowship Hour
3:00PM	Stanwood/Camano Chorale Rehearsal

Monday, March 8, 2010-Office Open/Pastor's Time Of Rest

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

6:30PM	Youth Group Meets
7:00PM	Finance Committee Meets

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

11:00PM	Joint Circle Meeting
1:30PM	Lay Leadership Committee Meets
6:00PM	Handbell Rehearsal
7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 11, 2010

6:00PM	Lenten Series Soup and Bread
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Friday, March 12, 2010—Church Office Closed-Pastor In

10:00AM	Lectionary
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