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## Letter from Pastor Jim

### Church hours:

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Office Hours Monday thru Thurs-  
day 9:00am-12:00pm

### When is this winter going to end?

Really... When is this winter going to end?!!

If we look at the calendar, the answer is March 21<sup>st</sup>. If we look at the weather outside, it might take a little longer than that. When I look outside and see the foot upon foot of snow, the blankets of ice on the roofs as we go down the streets, it is hard to imagine warm weather and green grass. It was in December that we had the shortest day of the year and darkness fell upon us before 4pm. As we progress towards Spring, our days will continue to get longer, the sun will continue to get warmer and the lesser of a grip winter has on our community.

The same can be said for us. We have been in

darkness, we have suffered, we have had loss, and we have had to brave the cold with the hopes of warmth coming. Now, as we turn in our darkness, let us continue our Lenten journey with a feast in the light of Christ. Paul talked about how darkness can't turn off the Christ light in all of us. **"Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."** (NIV. Eph5:14).

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, we set our clocks one hour ahead again which brings lighter days and shorter nights. It will also be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm right here at Danielson UMC that we will have the presentation of "A Journey to the Potters House" by Rev. Dr. Mike Ferris. If you have the opportunity to

come to this special event, I highly recommend it!

This is the perfect time for us to reflect on our walks by going to the Potter's house and be molded into what God has called us to be. Mike Ferris references the Jeremiah scripture in which we are told that "I have plans for you, says the Lord, to have life and to have it abundantly."

We were in the abundance of hibernation during the winter, let us now feast in the abundance of life as our days get longer and our lives become brighter in our Lenten journey. May we awake our spiritual walks, arise from our winter slumber and be the reflection of Christ with our spring blessings.

...Let us pray,

*"Dear God, spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth. May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that you are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, you are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name." Amen. ( by, Rev. Mark Bekkedahl).*

*Shalom,*

*Jim*

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## Church and Community News

### World Day of Prayer

will be held in the **Community Room of Maple Courts** (handicap accessible), 620 Upper Maple St, Danielson, on **Friday, March 6 at 1:00 p.m.** Join men and women in more than 170 countries and regions in celebrating World Day of Prayer. This year, the women of The Bahamas call us to consider Jesus' words to the disciples after washing their feet: "Do you understand what I have done for you?"

Although we perhaps first associate this country of islands with the pleasures of vacation and images of tropical paradise, there is much more to learn. As we listen to our Bahamian sisters throughout the worship service, we see the transformation that occurs when a teen mother finds support to continue her education and raise her child, when a breast cancer survivor and people living with HIV/AIDS find strength to live out their journeys, and when the chains of oppression are broken. Through this service, the women of WDP Bahamas give us an invitation to beauty and love in the name of the transformative and radical love that Jesus brings to us all."

### CHILD CARE

Childcare is available downstairs during our services.

Check the back of your bulletin to see who is the current week volunteer if you have any questions.

(yay Kendra)

### *Tending the Garden Luncheons*

Please join us for a monthly potluck so we may **TEND THE GARDEN**

Join us for fellowship and good eats, on the second Sunday of every month directly following worship.

Join us for the next Tend the Garden Luncheon on March 8th!

Please let Pastor Jim know if you would help setting up.

### **UNITED METHODIST 101**

Starting **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** and continued throughout the year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (except when we engage in other projects and activities), come to **UNITED METHODISM 101**. It's interactive and is a blend of audio, video, written materials and group discussion.

A lifelong or long-term or new to the United Methodist traditions?" You may be surprised at what you can learn about our United Methodist Church and how it fits into the modern world.

Why are you United Methodist? What is your image of The United Methodist Church? How did that image develop? What would you like to learn about our church? **Please share your ideas with Deacon Barbara.**

You do not have to attend every one and can jump in any time! Come when you can.

**See our Calendar in this newsletter.**

## Please continue to support the ongoing projects of the Outreach Committee:

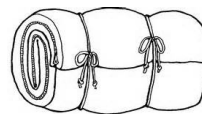
- Spam, tuna with oil & peanut butter
- \* children's underwear
- \* old suitcases for Haitian Health Foundation
- \* Can tabs for children at Shriners' hospitals
- \* Campbell labels for educational supplies
- \* Blankets, towels and twin sheets for the homeless shelter
- \* Diapers for the local Diaper Bank

**The local shelter is** looking for shampoo, towels, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes. The sample sizes are welcome too.

We are collecting used neck ties for the Golden Bees in Webster to use in making their sleeping bags.

The sleeping bags are distributed through out the Rt 395 corridor. They also need donations of light blankets, material scraps, and thread.

Each sleeping bag comes with a health kit containing:



Wash cloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, bible or inspirational book, shampoo, hand lotion, small pack tissues, etc.

Each sleeping bag also contains a small pillow, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves and socks.

They are always looking for donations of any of the above items. A collection box will be placed in the back of the Narthex.

Don't forget the homeless shelter in Danielson. They look for donations of a lot of the same

### The Calendar in Brief

- Mar 3** Trustee Mtg 6:30-pm
- Mar 4** Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Mar 4** SPRC Mtg 6:30pm
- Mar 5:** Choir Practice 6:30 pm
- Mar 6** World Day of Prayer 1:00pm at Maple Courts
- Mar 8:** Tend the Garden Luncheon after worship
- Mar 8** Journey to the Potters House 2:00pm
- Mar 9** AD Council Mtg 6:30pm
- Mar 11** Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Mar 12:** Choir Practice 6:30pm
- Mar 18** Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Mar 19:** Choir Practice 6:30pm
- Mar 20** Be Our Guest Dinner 5:30pm
- Mar 22** Community Seder at Temple Beth Israel 2-5:00pm
- Mar 25:** Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Mar 25** UMC 101 5:00pm
- Mar 26:** Choir Practice 6:30pm
- Mar 27** Be Our Guest Dinner 5:30pm

**THANK YOU PATRICK COLLINS!!**

**YOU ARE MADE OF AWESOME.**





## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

### 03.01

Liturgist: Barbara Schreier  
 Greeter: Del Tomasi  
 Ushers: Jill & Art Ouillette  
 Child Care: Betsy Kneeland & Kendra Collins  
 Tellers: Marsha Hardell & Nate Bramlett

### 03.08

Liturgist: Leon Stevenson  
 Greeter: Joyce Davis  
 Childcare: Cyndi Perkins & Kendra Collins  
 Ushers: Kevin Payne  
 Tellers: Sue Theroux & Barbara Schreier

### 03.15

Liturgist: Terry Kennedy  
 Greeter: Vernis Kelly  
 Ushers: Cranston Briggs & Joann Caulder  
 Childcare: Megan S. & Jenelle Provencher  
 Tellers: Jenelle Provencher & Mildred Briggs

### 03.22

Liturgist: Art Ouillette  
 Greeter: Bev Fedorowicz  
 Ushers: Joyce Davis & Jill Ouillette  
 Childcare: Cyndi Perkins & Kendra Collins  
 Tellers: Pam Bramlett & Betsy Kneeland

### 03.29

Liturgist: Dorothy Emblidge  
 Greeter: Del Tomasi  
 Ushers: Kendra & Pat Collins  
 Childcare: Betsy Kneeland & Kendra Collins  
 Tellers: Del Tomasi & Nancy Wold

#### TELLER LIST

Week 1	Marsha Hardell + Nate Bramlett
Week 2	Sue Theroux + Barbara Schreier
Week 3	Jennelle Provencher + Mildred Briggs
Week 4	Pam Bramlett + Betsy Kneeland
Week 5	Del Tomasi + Nancy Wold
Floaters are:	Kendra Collins Cathy McNeill Barbara Schreier

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***Pastor meeting available upon request 860.779.2018***



