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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor

*Worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
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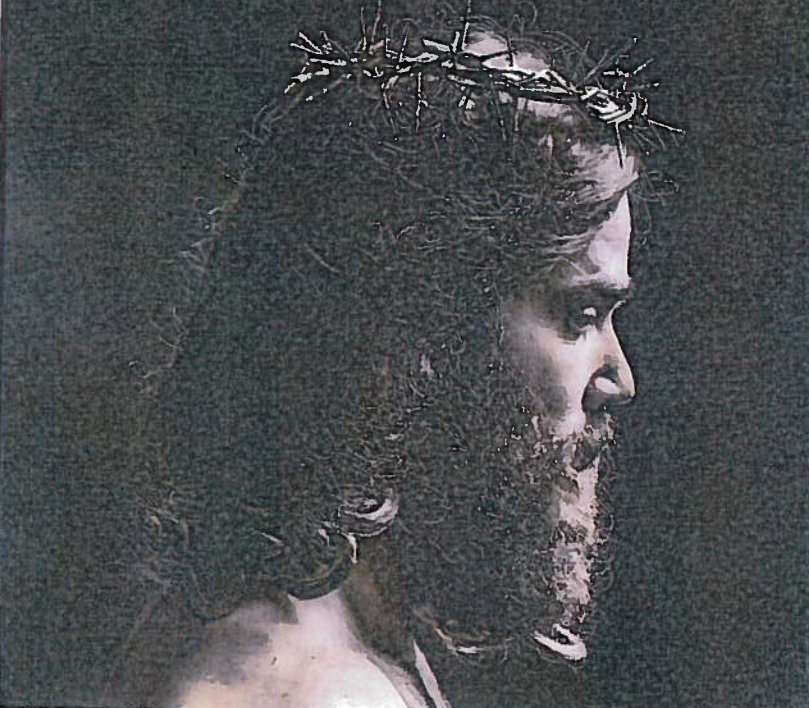
March 2018

During Lent, it is usually us who give up something.

Ever pondered

What Jesus Gave Up For Us?

February 18 - March 25
10:00 a.m.



Being God
Food
Being Liked
Being understood
Ability to minister alone
Friends
Life

OPPORTUNITIES

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10:20 a.m.
Youth Confirmation class 11:15 a.m.
Nursery 9:30 a.m.

Mondays
River Bank Youth Choir 4-5 p.m.

1st & 3rd Mondays
Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Mondays
Shawlers 6:30 p.m.

Second Tuesday
Congregational Care 10:00 a.m.

1st Wednesday
United Methodist Women 12 noon

Wednesdays
Prayer and Share small group 1:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir 7 p.m.

Thursdays
We pray team 3:00 p.m.
6 Ways to Sunday Praise Band 5:45 p.m.

3rd Fridays
Community dinner 6:00 p.m.

1st Saturdays
United Methodist Men 9 a.m.

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From our Pastor.....

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday the day before Easter. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means spring. Lent is a season of preparation for Easter giving us the space to look within ourselves and recognize our sin and the places where we need God. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday where we receive ashes as a reminder of our mortality and dependence upon God.

Where did the idea for Lent and Ash Wednesday come from?

Lent and Ash Wednesday are not specifically in the Bible, although the ideas about fasting, repentance and ashes certainly are biblical.

Joel 2:1-2,12-17 “Yet, even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. (Joel 2:12-13a)

Matthew 6:1--18 “Whenever you fast, do not look dismal like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. When you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret. (Matthew 6:16-18)

Job 42:6 “Therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the idea of 40 days comes from Jesus’ fasting and being tempted in the desert for 40 days.

On Ash Wednesday, a sign of the cross on our foreheads using ashes made from previous year’s palm branches. Ashes were an ancient symbol of our humanity. In Genesis, it says that human beings were formed out of the dust of the earth. (Genesis 2:7). The Hebrew word that is translated *dust* is occasionally translated *ashes* elsewhere.

Ashes also remind us of our mortality. When Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden God tells them, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19). Ashes are a powerful way that we confront our humanity and mortality. They remind us that we are not God, but we are God’s creation. In them we come face-to-face with the reality that we will not live forever, but will eventually die.

Ashes also signify our sorrow for the mistakes we have made. People in ancient times wore sack cloth and ashes as a way of expressing their repentance of their sins. (i.e. Job’s experience of repenting in dust and ashes.) Historically, ashes were not placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross, but poured or sprinkled on the person’s head.

Ash Wednesday was accepted into the beliefs of the Catholic Church at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. The council also settled upon the 40-day fast period as the standard length to celebrate Lent. But even after the Council of Nicea the beginning date of Lent was still questioned. In 601 Pope Gregory moved the beginning of Lent from the fourth Sunday of the year to Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter. This change allowed for 40 days of fasting with six Sundays counted as feast days, for the total of 46 days of Lent. Pope Gregory also instituted the tradition of marking parishioner’s forehead’s with ashes in the shape of the cross. We have continued this practice to today.

During the Ash Wednesday service, we read the “Invitation to the observance of a Lenten Discipline. The words of this invitation give us a bit of the background of Lent:

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when person who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditation on God's Holy Word."

May we observe a holy lent

Rev. Christina

Note--- Information about ashes and Ash Wednesday came from the United Methodist website and an article by Joe Iovino. The information about how Lent came to be came from "Bibleinfo.com" and the Invitation to the Observance of a Lenten Discipline came from the United Methodist Book of Worship.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the week preceding Easter and the final week of Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Week includes Holy Thursday (also known as Maundy Thursday) and Good Friday. Before the revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969, Holy Week was the second week of Passiontide; in the current calendar, Passiontide is synonymous with Holy Week.

During Holy Week, Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday in reparation for the sins of mankind, and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe. Thus, while Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His Son to die for our salvation.

Holy Week Worship Services

Palm/Passion March 25 service at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service March 29 service at 6:30

Good Friday Service March 30 at 7:00

Easter--- April 1, 10:00

NLI

The 2018 Northwest Leadership Institute will be held at the Cathedral of the Rockies on March 8 and 9. Pre-registration is March 7. The theme for this year is Re-formation. *Semper reformanda* ("always reforming") one of the enduring slogans often associated with the Protestant Reformation. Keynote speakers include: Brian McLaren, Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth, and Rev. Duane Anders.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We celebrated Valentine's at our February meeting with a program entitled "All We Need is Love" led by Carla Biersdorff. Rev. Christina talked about agape love using words from the scriptures. We concluded by playing some fun games and enjoyed our candy treats.

On Wednesday, February 14, 7 of us helped out at Whitney Elementary's "Pastries with Parents." We served pastries, coffee and water to more than 600 students and parents. They were grateful for our help but we were the ones who were blessed with their smiles and "thank you's."

Several of us attended the Legislative Event on February 25 and 26 and will report on that at our March meeting which will be held **MARCH 7 AT 12 NOON WITH A POTLUCK. JOHNNA DUNTEN WILL PRESENT THE PROGRAM.** All women are invited to attend.

Our vision: Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

MEET YUNI

Submitted by Lory Nesor

Yuni Rueda is a 20 year old United Methodist Woman from the Wilder United Methodist Church. She is currently in her second year at Western Oregon University. She is there on a 4 year full-ride scholarship as she studies psychology and public health.

Yuni is no different than any other young college student except - SHE IS A DREAMER. Yuni was brought to the United States by her parents at the age of 1. Four years ago she registered as a DACA and as a result was able to have a social security number and a driver's license.

Several months ago the President did away with DACA and gave Congress until March to make a permanent law. That has not yet happened and Yuni as well as thousands of young people await their fate.

Yuni has great faith that whatever happens, God will take care of her.

She continues to work hard at her studies as well as be an active person both in United Methodist Women and in the Oregon Idaho Annual Conference. Yuni has put a face on the DACA situation for the Whitney UMW group. We have met her, she and her mother have attended a meeting and when she was attending CWI we awarded her a \$500 scholarship. We continue to support her with our prayers, cards, letters and cookies.

If you would like to find out more about Yuni, there is an excellent article and video interview with her that was done for the Feb. 14 UMOI Connector. It can be found at: UMOI.org/blogdetail/11005869. The title is "Did You Ever Have a Dream?" by Rev. Lowell Greathouse.

Join us in **prayer** for the Dreamers and in **action** by supporting fair legislation for DACA.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT WHITNEY ELEMENTARY

March 7 (Wednesday) 9:00 a.m. - Volunteers are needed to stuff kindergarten registration bags. Meet at the front desk at 9:00.

March 8 (Thursday) - 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. - Kindergarten registration. Need 5 volunteers to help parents fill out forms.

If you can help with one or both of these activities, please let Lory Nesor know asap (808-286-4829). Thanks to all of you who have volunteered in the past and who will volunteer in the future.

JOSEPH'S CLOSET

Joseph's Closet had another record-breaking year as we closed our doors on Feb. 10 for the 2017-18 season. During the three months we were open we had 614 customers. We gave away 470 winter coats, 393 hats, 366 gloves and mittens, 251 scarves, 730 pairs of socks and 396 blankets, sweaters, and other warm articles of clothing.

We couldn't have done this without your help and we give all of you a huge THANK YOU. The donations of coats that kept coming in – some new and some gently used, the women who knitted hats, scarves and gloves and the generous monetary donations that allowed us to purchase necessary items.

Each week the Closet was staffed by volunteers. Thanks to those women who were there regularly. Our Whitney volunteers were Kathy Skov, Helen Shelby, Jana Hedges, Dianna Shea, Julie Hall, Linda Jordan, Linda Budolfson and Lory Nesor. Other volunteers were Donna Lam from Collister UMC, Dawn Bruck and Cindy Kubena from Meridian UMC. Lorrie Baer was our substitute and Malcom Dunten and Nick Alexander kept everything running smoothly.

We couldn't have done it without everyone's help. Also this year we were given donations, both of clothing and money, by several Bench churches and some very generous donations of blankets and clothing from the Mormon church.

It is not too soon to prepare for next season. As the weather warms and you put away your winter clothing, you may want to set aside what you want to donate to the Closet. They can be brought into the church office anytime. We do ask that the clothing be clean and limited to warm outerwear. This ministry at Whitney helps to keep our community warm. We are visited by families from Whitney Elementary, seniors, people who sleep under the stars, persons who have recently moved from warmer climates and refugees from all over the world. We appreciate all that you do to make this ministry a success. Thank you.

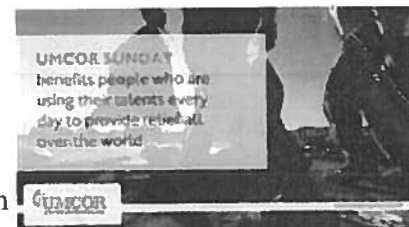
Linda Budolfson and Lory Nesor
Ministry Team Co-Leaders

A story from Joseph's Closet-----

Last week, several of us were in the trailer, packing away the items that were left from this season. I was folding women's coats and came across one that was very worn and had some stains on it. I decided that we would not keep that one so hung it on the rack. It was a nice day so the door was open and a lady looked in and asked if we were open. We said "No, we are closed for the season." She replied "I am so cold and have nothing." She then pointed to the coat I had discarded. "What about that one?" She tried it on, it fit and with a big smile she said, "Now I am finally warm." The warmth she received from that coat was no greater than the warmth we felt in our hearts. Another blessing from God.

You may have wondered about the mobile building still being on the church property after Joseph's Closet closed. It is to be kept for the remainder of the required six-month lease (which will be up in a few weeks) and used as a 'test' for extra meeting space. Our ministries are expanding and there is sometimes an overflow request for the rooms that are available.

UMCOR SUNDAY – March 11, 2018



When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti’s 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation?

As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don’t be fooled by the word committee.

Since 1940, when UMCOR’s forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we’ve continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do. So we will be again making or contributing supplies for the UMCOR kits. These are the needed items:

Hygiene Kit (value \$12)

Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Hygiene kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

Hygiene kit Materials

1 hand towel

15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable

1 washcloth

1 comb

Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
No pocket combs or picks please
Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth

1 metal nail file or nail clippers

No emery boards, please

1 bath-size soap

3 oz. and larger sizes only
No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
Do not remove from original packaging

1 toothbrush

Adult size only
Do not remove from original packaging

6 adhesive bandages

¾ inch to 1 inch-size
Common household Band-Aids

1 plastic bag

One-gallon size sealable bag only

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste



We continue to collect box tops from packaged foods. Both Whitney Elementary and South Junior High make good use of the box tops. There is a container in the office to deposit them.

NEW HOURS OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL FOOD PANTRY

Effective date

Contact person if you would like to volunteer for any of the services provided is Johnna Dunten 631-5896

March 15, 2018

Closed:

Sunday

Monday

Thursday

Open:

Tuesday. 10 am - 2 pm

Wed. 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Friday. 10 am - 4 pm

Sat. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

NEW CLASSES BEGINNING MARCH 18

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Alpha Course** which is an opportunity to learn more about Christianity and spiritual issues and does not focus on any particular faith background. Included are small group discussions, informative videos and a safe place to ask questions with a guarantee of no hostile or unfriendly answers. Dinner is served each night and child care is provided. It lasts 12 weeks and happens each Sunday evening from 5 until 7 p.m.

A **Book Discussion** class about Mere Christianity by C.C. Lewis is scheduled to run concurrently with Alpha. It is open to anyone and discusses the fundamentals of Christianity with no emphasis on any special sect. Dinner and child care are also provided here.

GRACE

when God gives us things we don't deserve.



MERCY

when God spares us from bad things we deserve.



BLESSINGS

when God is generous with both.

We can never run out of reasons to thank him.



MEET TOM AND KATHY OLD

by Ramona Walhof

When the "new" building at Whitney Church was completed in the early 1990's, Tom and Kathy Old were raising two young children and were ready for a new church. Their daughter Stephanie joined the Whitney youth choir and sang with that group at a Music Celebration in the new building. Several groups sang, and Kathy attended. She and Tom felt comfortable with the church and the people. Their son, Tim, grew up at Whitney Church.

Both Tom and Kathy are originally from Tucson, AZ. Tom joined the Navy and retired from the navy reserves as a Commander. He received an MBA from the University of Arizona. The Olds moved to Boise when Tom took a job with Hewlett-Packard. He held several positions there in marketing and customer support. He ran a consulting company, taught at the University of Phoenix, and now is an adjunct professor in Project Management at Boise State University.

Kathy worked as a legal secretary, at first, and then was employed part time by First American Title Company and by Costco. She stayed home with their 2 young children for 13 years and with a premature grandson for his first year. Both Tom and Kathy have always done a lot of community service. Kathy has been helping in the kitchen to prepare and serve the community dinners ever since they began. She was in the second class of Stephen's Ministers and has been working in that capacity since then. She is a member of UMW, served briefly as church Treasurer, and assists Rich Keefe with audio/visual presentations on Sunday mornings.

Tom has done a lot of work with Boy Scouts. He currently serves on the Ore-Ida Council and is their camp representative. Thus, he coordinates with two busy camp facilities and many day camps.

Tom is also chair of the annual Boise Valley Fly Fishing Expo. This January 2500 people participated in this show.

Tom recently agreed to serve on the Whitney Church Council. About ten years ago he served for a time on the church Board and found it unproductive. He is hoping for a good experience as we move forward with our new structure.

Tom and Kathy have two older daughters, Karen lives in Texas with 4 of their granddaughters and Jessica and family live in Meridian. Stephanie and Tim are also in the Treasure Valley. Altogether, they have 5 granddaughters and two grandsons. Like so many, they say that grandparenting is good. But they also say that their year-old labradoodle puppy, Molly, has truly taken over their house.

WHAT IS THE WALK TO EMMAUS

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a course in Christianity on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. congregations.

The Upper Room of The United Methodist Church sponsors the Walk to Emmaus and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. The three-day Emmaus experience and the follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world. Whitney UMC men's walk is March 1,2,3,4 and the women walk on March 15,16,17,18.

Lesli McGowan is the Lay Director for the Women's Walk, Rev. Christina is Assistant Clergy and Nicole Black, Carla Biersdorff and Lory Naser are Pilgrims.

You may be part of a **prayer walk** that consists of thinking and praying for the walkers at the same time that they are walking. The women's walk prayer link is:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14398&commid=533>

The men's walk prayer link is:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14357&commid=533>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Melody Fournier
- 5 Sue Frear
- 6 Lew Hammers
- 7 Rebekah Christophel
- 11 Ruth Gardner
- 12 Jeff Jackson
- 15 Kimberly Gardner
Eric Owens
- 20 Jim Baer
- 22 Carol Adams

MARCH HOSPITALITY

March 4

Acolytes – Miriam & Noa
Liturgist – Glenda Berto
Greeters – Glenna Finley, Ruthie Carter
Coffee Hosts – Linda Slupe, Lori Baer, Mikki Carr
Communion Stewards – Becky Daniel, Clint Wachi,
Sally Cupan

March 11

Acolytes – Grace & Kaylyn
Liturgist – Kimberly Gardner
Greeters – Iva Fingerson, Sarah Smith
Coffee Hosts -- Joyce & Jim Obland

March 18

Acolytes – Zach & Miriam
Liturgist – Rich Keefe
Greeters – Kathy Hammers, DeDe Matthews, Julie
Hall
Coffee Hosts – Arny & Kathy Skov, Gordy & Jody
Myre

March 25

Acolytes – Grace & Noa
Liturgist – Joyce Obland
Greeters – Gordy & Jody Myre
Coffee Host – Barb Martin

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

David and Susan Blazor



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Volunteers are needed for:
Financial Secretary and Money
Counter positions to process tithes
and offerings on Monday
mornings. Time required: 2-3
hours on Monday mornings
rotating with others.

Positions and skills needed:

1) Financial Secretary---Some computer knowledge helpful. Inputting giving data to member's accounts, providing statements to members twice a year. Providing data to and working with the church treasurer. Process automatic and credit card deposits by members. Training will be provided.

Money Counter---ensures that money and checks from Sunday offering are accurately counted. Prepares deposit for the bank. Minimal training required.

For more information/details contact Mel Slocum at [208-887-0986](tel:208-887-0986) or Jana Hedges at [208-344-3400](tel:208-344-3400)

Mustard seed ministries across the conference moving mountains

by Kristen Caldwell from UMOI.org

If outreach ministry is akin to the gospel of Matthew – having faith the size of a mustard seed – then there are some mountains being moved in the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Conference.

Whether it was handing out granola bars to kids, hosting an open mic night for people of color or making Christmas stockings for kids in need, several churches across the Oregon-Idaho Conference stepped up to try new ministries in 2017. It wasn't challenging and didn't break the bank to achieve, either.

"It's not that difficult," said Bobbie Mosher, a member of Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church. "We want the community to be involved."

The three churches featured here are just a sampling of many across the Conference who reached out to their communities in new and helpful ways in 2017 and found that their work had little to do with proselytization and more to do with being the hands and feet of God – acting their faith.

"It's been amazing because we now have this relationship," said Rev. Christina Thompson of Boise's Whitney UMC.

"If we want to make disciples, we have to value people first," said Rev. Jon Umbdenstock of Portland's Woodlawn Redevelopment Project. Here are their stories:

When Woodlawn United Methodist Church voted to close as a brick-and-mortar Sunday worship center, that didn't mean the neighborhood ministry under that roof had stopped. The church has become a well-known community center in northeast neighborhood for the large number of people of color who call that area home.

Leading the new Woodlawn Redevelopment Project, Rev. Jon Umbdenstock said there was a lot of brainstorming about how best to serve a community of individuals who had so often been living on the margins while being ignored through years of gentrification of their neighborhood.

The brainstorming led to the Woodlawn Multicultural Impact Collective – Woodlawn MIC. It sounded like MIC – short for microphone. And what do microphones do? Amplify voices.

The Woodlawn MIC was designed to amplify voices of color in the community and it involves people outside of the church. In October they hosted their first Open MIC night to showcase the poetry of people of color. They had 50 people show up. So, they decided to do it again in December, with a Santa visit and more. This followed another poetry session in January. Each time they've had 30 to 50 people show up.

"It's focused on poetry right now," Umbdenstock said. "We may break into music and visual arts." It's now called the "People's Poets" and they've got a young woman interning with the Woodlawn MIC to host the events.

Getting this event off the ground was easy, Umbdenstock* said. Organizers just had to make sure the sound system was working and through word of mouth – and \$50 in social media advertising – people caught on to what they were attempting to do.

"It was mainly just having the space available," he said.

Umbdenstock said this isn't about bringing people to church. Few people even know that Woodlawn MIC is connected to a specific church. The more important message, he said, is that people of color in this community are seeing that a church cares about them and is not seeking to silence their voices. Perhaps it's making people more comfortable with Christianity, Umbdenstock said, without doing the proselytizing.

"Maybe it can help chisel down a wall or barrier," he said.

Before Whitney UMC ever ventured into a partnership with their neighborhood elementary school last year, they first had to make some observations.

There are 620 kids who attend Whitney Elementary School in Boise and Rev. Christina Thompson said South Junior High School is located just a couple blocks away. This means when school lets out, parents sometimes park in Whitney UMC's parking lot waiting to pick up their kids. Approximately 40 to 50 junior high kids walk by, too. Both schools have high populations of low-income students.

Thompson said church members also observed an abundance of Clif nutrition bars in the food storage area where they house a different ministry through a partnership with the Idaho Food Bank.

"God was very clear to us that one mission was to serve the children," Thompson said.

In May, the church started handing out Clif bars to students as they walked by every Wednesday afternoon. When school started back up again in August, so did the Clif bar snacks.

"There were no strings," she said. "We said, 'this is just our gift to you.'"

They also added a shaved ice stand during one particularly hot Wednesday in August – when a church member heard about their program and donated \$500.

Whitney Elementary School has a high percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced meal plans based on their families' income.

"Occasionally you know this is the only meal (students) are getting for the day," Thompson said.

It is also where a few refugee families from Syria send their kids. Thompson said one of the Syrian boys shared his snack with another student refugee. The church puts a sticker with their logo on the Clif bars, and every Wednesday there will be a few volunteers from the church standing on the corner by the elementary school fence greeting students with a simple, "Hey, Happy Wednesday!" Sometimes a longer conversation is struck between the church volunteers and the students about upcoming tests.

Someday, Thompson suspects some of these families will seek out the church. But for now, all it needs to be is a simple act of love and kindness.

"We're no longer the, 'weird people on the corner,'" Thompson said. "People know we're the church."

In Nehalem, taking care of children's back to school needs as well as Christmas presents wasn't a new thing for the community or the people at Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church.

But after a family who had started the Secret Angels giving program for children moved out of the area the Nehalem Bay congregation – comprised mostly of retirees wanting to live along the coast – stepped forward, according to Bobbie Mosher, a member of the congregation who has taken on this ministry.

"None of us wanted to see it fold," she said.

Secret Angels became Christ's Hands in Loving Devotion (CHILD) and the church picked up the ball in time to set up a community giving program for Christmas. Local businesses around town set up giving trees while



Mosher and other volunteers reached out to the families in need to see what they wanted and/or needed for their children at Christmas.

The population of Tillamook County is distinct, with retirees who flock to the coast, but also with seasonal employees working in local restaurants and shops who are low-wage workers trying to make ends meet and feed their families during the off season, let alone provide their children with Christmas presents.

Some of the requests in 2017 were simple. Sisters wanted matching comforters for their beds. Others requested what could seem like far-fetched dreams – a bicycle – but people across Tillamook County made that happen.

“Our grandchildren don’t live here, so this gave us the opportunity to touch base with the children,” Mosher said.

In total they provided gifts for 69 children and 28 families.

Though the church took over managing CHILD in 2017, it is still a community outreach program and the board consists of church members and others in the community. They are looking forward to providing Easter baskets for children in April and getting geared up for the fall, when they meet with children individually to get them outfitted for the school year, complete with a backpack and new pair of shoes.

Mosher said the goal will be to get other communities throughout Tillamook County involved so that families aren’t having to find a way to get to Nehalem on top of everything else they’re juggling in their lives.

It may seem like a lot of work, but Mosher said all it takes is a little bit of time and organization.

“These children are all of ours,” she said. “It’s been really rewarding.”

GARDENING GOD'S WAY -- HOW TO PLANT YOUR SPIRITUAL GARDEN

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

No garden without turnips:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow.

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

Thyme for God
Thyme for study
Thyme for prayer






WORSHIP WITH US
Every Sunday
10:00 a.m.



MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(dates and times subject to change)						
4 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Nursery 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible study 10:20 a.m. Children's Sunday school 11:15 a.m. Confirmation 5-7 p.m. ALPHA Training	5 10:30 a.m. Finance 4 p.m. Riverbank youth choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	6 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Discipleship	7 12 noon UMW 1:30 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	8 NLI 3:00 p.m. WePray Praise Band Kindergarten registration @ Whitney Elementary	9 NLI	10 10:00 a.m. Saturday lunch
11 Daylight savings time begins 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Nursery 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible study 10:20 a.m. Children's Sunday school 11:15 a.m. Confirmation 1:00 p.m. Sawtooth Meeting	12 4 p.m. Riverbank youth choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Shawlers 6:45 p.m. Worship team	13 10:00 a.m. Congregational Care 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	14 1:30 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal	15 3:00 p.m. WePray Praise Band Walk to Emmaus for Women *****	16 6:00 p.m. Community dinner *****	17 10:00 a.m. Saturday lu 
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