



Lummi Island Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ

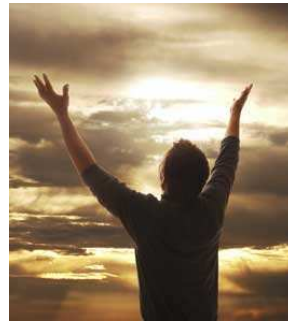
God is Still Speaking,

MARCH 2010

From the Pastor . . .

Lent is a little gentler this year – it may be the incredible weather and beautiful blooming trees, or the distraction and thrill of the Olympic games so close, or relief over continued ferry service, or because my children are doing well – whatever the reason, Lent seems gentler to me. I have been reading

one my favorite authors, Henri Nouwen, who has a wonderful way of challenging my thinking and reminding me I am God's beloved. In this season of turning and returning to God, may you find ways to spend time with God, to appreciate creation, to give thanks for blessings, to reconnect with



a loved one – all ways to find greater wholeness in your life. –Cindy

Mission Giving

This year our Church Council has chosen to send part of our Lenten Mission Offering to One Great Hour of Sharing and part to help with rescue and restoration in Haiti. One Great Hour of Sharing is the special mission offering of the UCC that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than 80 countries. We work with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief,



and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGH also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. Our Lenten Offering dedication day is March 21. Please give generously to help others who need it most.

Clean Up

On April 7th Birchwood Presbyterian Church's Youth Group (Bellingham) will be coming to our church for a Local Service Plunge as a mission trip alternative. There will be approximately 10-15 Jr./Sr. High students and two or three adult volunteers. They plan to spend 4 or 5 hours helping us maintain and clean up the church. Join them for a few hours or all day.

We will be providing lunch for all the volunteers. Contact David Thorn if you are interesting in providing food.

Church Happenings

Worship 10:30	Sunday
Church School 10:45	Sunday
Choir Practice 9:45	Sunday
Elderberries 10-3	Every Wed
Tai Chi 10-11	Every Wed
Food Pantry, 11-1p	Mar 4
Cindy away	Mar 4-9
Dick Cathell preaching, 10:30a	Mar 7
Daylight Savings Begins, move clocks forward, 2 am	Mar 14
Council Meeting, 7:30 p	Mar 17
Food Pantry, 11-1p	Mar 18
St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6:30p	Mar 20
Interfaith Coalition Auction	Mar 20
One Great Hour of Sharing	Mar 21
Kids Fellowship, Jackie's House, 5-7:30	Mar 26
Palm Sunday Celebration, 10:30 a	Mar 28
Good Friday Service, 7:30p	Apr 2
Sunrise Service, 6:30a and Easter Celebration, 10:30a	Apr 4

St. Patrick's Day Bash

An Official Wearing of the Green Celebration

Leave it to those Irish to come up with a reason to celebrate and have a little fun during the Lenten season. Announcing, St. Patrick's Day! During this season of reflection and discipline, we celebrate the death (do you believe it's his DEATH they celebrate???) of St. Patrick. Kidnapped from a British family by the Irish during the 5th century and forced into slavery to herd their sheep, he got even by hearing the calling to drive paganism out of Ireland. He used the

shamrock to teach the lesson of the Trinity. Historians can't find any documentation of snakes in Ireland, and can only surmise that driving snakes out was an allegory for driving Satan out and making way for Christianity in Ireland.

Join us for some good old-fashioned fun, food, and frolic at 7:00 PM, Saturday night, March 20th in the Parish Hall. Your activities committee will be serving up corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes and carrots, bread, jello, cake, wine and green beer, all the fixin's for a St.

Patrick's Day Bash. We'll need some extra help with the cooking, set-up, and clean-up, so hope to see some hands raised. Contact Jon Fincke at 758-3750 to lend a hand.

Your check is your reservation. Adults are \$12 and children 12 and under are \$5. Checks can be made payable to Lummi Island Congregational Church with "St. Patrick's Day" in the memo section and be given to either Nancy Wong or Rhayma Blake, the sooner the better. Questions? Call Rhayma at 758-4131.

Please Pray For:

Chuck Antholt, Elaine Granger, Mary Granger; Dorothy Hanson, Brent Hoekema, JoAnn Philpot and family, Bill Raymond, Mary Wray, Nancy Wong's father, Roger, Ellen's sisters, Kimberly & Allyson & sons; Eva Jensen. United Church of Ferndale's Mission Trip to New Orleans, Mar 20-27. Our Loved Ones serving in the military: A. J. & Brandon, Cherisa, & James.

Thank you to:

Colleen Dickinson for playing at the Ash Wednesday Service.

For everyone of you who has provided Fellowship Refreshment.

Ingrid McGarry for coordinating and guiding the Kids Fellowship, and to Curt Stocker for providing his home in February.



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New Members

We celebrated the confirmation of Kara Blake recently and received these new members into our community of faith: Kara Blake, Rhayma Blade, Beverly Darnall, Carlene Firpo, Ralph Larsen, Brady Maguire. Welcome!

Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce Jackie Granger is now filling the church bookkeeper position. We are grateful to Nancy Wong who has done this job most recently and has decided it is time to pass this position on to someone else. Because of Jackie's expertise in bookkeeping we think this will be a positive change. The bookkeeping position is approximately 3 hours a week and Jackie will normally be doing this work on Monday mornings. So please plan ahead for your check requests.

World Prayer

We pray for all who labor in their various callings. Even when the task is not pleasurable, give them joy as they labor to serve their neighbors. Protect those who are not employed and who are seeking employment. Relieve them from any anxiety, and remind them that You continue to provide all that they need to support this body and life. According to Your good and perfect plan, may they find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor. In Your mercy,

Save The Date

March 12: Rev. Geoffry Black General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ will be in this area on Friday, March 12, to meet with people from local UCC churches at Bellevue First Congregational UCC at 6:30 pm.

March 20: Interfaith's "Burst of Spring in the Garden of Hope..." Plan to attend Interfaith Coalition's annual spring auction on Saturday, March 20, 5:30 p.m. at the Lakeway Inn & Conference Center in Bellingham. The spring auction is

Interfaith's largest fundraising event of the year.

Eggs!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will happen once again in the cemetery following worship on Easter Morning.

To help us delight the children we need decorated hard boiled eggs or filled plastic eggs to hide in the cemetery early Easter morning.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful tradition!

Elderberries

Are you interested in providing a meal for the Elderberries? The meal should be served at midday Wednesday at the church. Sign up at the church.

Devotional

The UCC Daily Devotional is available at:

<http://i.ucc.org/StretchYourMind/OpeningtheBible/DailyBibleReadings/tabid/109/Default.aspx>

Or subscribe at:

<http://i.ucc.org/FeedYourSpirit/Subscribe/tabid/101/Default.aspx>

Or see the links at the bottom of the church's homepage.

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