

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- **Sunday Service**
11:00 AM
- **Sunday, February**
9 & 23 **Choir Prac-**
tice 9:00 AM
- **Sunday, February**
9 after **Worship**
Reverend **Tim**
Overton-Harris
from the **Cascadia**
District will meet-
ing with the con-
gregation
- **Tuesday, February**
25 **Shrove Tuesday**
Pancake Supper in
the **Fellowship**
Hall 6 PM
- **Wednesday, Feb-**
ruary 26 Ash
Wednesday Ser-
vice at **Sherwood**
UMC 6 PM

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Mountain Home

United Methodist Church

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Nothing To Say

When people are preparing to enter pastoral ministry they often worry that there will come a time when they will run out of ideas. In a profession that depends partly on one's ability to speak, and speak coherently, the idea of having nothing to say can seem like a bad dream. While not every sermon or newsletter article I've written is worth being recorded for posterity, I've never found myself running out of words when it counted. In fact, I find that scripture constantly inspires and provokes me even when I'm completely intellectually exhausted. Almost 15 years into this career I now recognize there is a worse problem than having nothing to say, which is *always having something to say*.

If I always have something to say I might not recognize when I'm running over my neighbors with my thoughts. I might not realize I've dominated this meeting and no one else has gotten to express

any ideas. I might not notice I have gone through this entire lunch and never asked a question about the person sitting across from me. I might try to comfort someone who is suffering and instead of just hearing their sorrows I speak unhelpful platitudes into their grief.

Always having something to say is a curse. Pundits always have something to say. Most of what they say isn't helpful.

By contrast having nothing to say might be an opportunity to hear the Spirit. It might be a chance for people who normally get squashed to raise their voices. If we're the kind of person who often has a lot to say our silence can be a gift to our neighbors. So here you go.

Submission by
Reverend Aric Clark



MOUNTAIN HOME
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BUSY CHURCH — BUSY CALENDAR



A reminder from SPRC...

The Google Mt. Home UMC Calendar is the *** **OFFICIAL - LOOK AT THIS ONE** *** calendar for ALL our church activities.

SO, keeping it updated is IMPORTANT, and will help us avoid scheduling conflicts. Having it online allows us to access it even when we're not at the church.

If you would like/need access to the calendar (to update or read) contact Laura. If you don't have computer access, but have something you need added to the calendar (or changed or canceled) contact Laura or Marcia.

You can also add your meeting, event, etc. to the large paper wall calendar in the basement, just remember that you also need to add it to the Google Calendar.

Submission by Marcia Loney

Willowbrook Food Pantry

During 2019 we served 1632 families with 7545 people. This is 362 more families and 1171 more people we had served in 2018. On one hand it was not surprising because of our active stocking, ordering and needed donations. We are currently stocking twice every week, ordering from OFB once a week and grateful of the donations. On the other hand and more importantly, we are heartbroken because of hundreds of families who are in need of food.

The thank you letter from Willowbrook stated our donations for food was 359 lbs. for 2019. We had 595 lbs. of food in 2018. With our generous attitude, can we increase our donations? There are many more families that need us to help. God's peace.

We would appreciate Hamburger & Pasta Helper.

Submission by Cherry Trotter

Planning Worship Dates for 2020

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Trying to start the new year off with a bit of planning ahead. So I'm sharing some important worship related dates with those who need to know (for newsletters, and church calendars and other such reasons).

Firstly, the liturgical holidays:

Epiphany - Jan 6. (Christmas decorations should come down this Sunday)

Ash Wednesday - Feb 26 6pm service at Sherwood (Bev - make us some ashes please!)

Palm Sunday - April 5th (make sure to order palms!)

Good Friday - April 10th 6pm service at Sherwood

Easter - April 12th sunrise service at Mt. Home. 10am service at Sherwood.

Pentecost - May 31

Secondly, dates I am taking off:

Quick update. I have secured our guest preachers for the dates I will be away over the next few months.

Jan 19 - Rev. Mickie Drummond

Feb 16 - Rev Peggy Luckman

Mar 29 - Deacon Ben Hartley

Apr 19 - Rev. Mickie Drummond

May 24 - probably Deacon Ben Hartley (to be confirmed)

Hope this helps everyone plan ahead a bit. Hope you're all having a wonderful new year!

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark

Shrove Tuesday, February 25

Please join in celebrating Shrove Tuesday with our annual Pancake Supper at 6pm.

The menu will feature pancakes, ham, eggs, fresh fruit and berry cobbler.

A free will offering will benefit UMW projects.



Submission by

Pat Vial



The United Methodist Church Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference

The Reverend Timothy L. Overton-Harris Cascadia District

District Superintendent

Linda Grund-Clampit

Administrative Assistant

November 1, 2019

Dear Saints of the Cascadia District,

I greet you with the blessings and peace of Jesus Christ. It seems appropriate that I am writing to you on All-Saints Day about my desire to gather with you. Beginning in early January 2020 and continuing through the end of March I will be meeting with each local church and faith community within the Cascadia District. The purpose of gathering is for me to hear from you about what you are doing, what you are excited about, what ways you are transforming lives and the world.

I do not get enough opportunities to hear directly from congregation and leaders about the amazing and life giving and transformational things you do to make God's love and grace known. I do not get the chance to hear about how you are loving God and neighbor.

So, I am going to come to your church and participate with you in an all church meeting where you will have the opportunity to share with me what it is you are doing as disciples of Jesus Christ working to transform the world. I want your time with me to be as creative, as celebratory, as unique and as authentic as you would like it to be so that I come away knowing what brings joy to your hearts and a sense of hope for your church and our world.

There will be a couple other items we will do together. A small part of our time will be taken up with my sharing some basic information on administrative best practices that I expect each church to utilize. These are the practices that I feel everyone who is a part of your church needs to know are employed so that they know we are careful and caring. There will also be a few moments spent where those gathered will be able to ask me questions and can offer to me what they feel they need from me personally, from the district and from the conference.

But the bulk of our two hours together will be spent on your sharing with me as I covet to learn how the Spirit is moving in your midst. I have a longing to know what it is you are doing that is bringing life to your neighborhood, town, city or to the larger world. I have a yearning to discover what it is that you are about that is making a difference, deepening discipleship and bring about transformation.

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Linda Grund-Clampit will be reaching out to schedule these gatherings. Not everyone will be able to secure their ideal date and time so some flexibility will be needed on your part to make sure these gatherings can happen in a timely manner.

If you have questions do not hesitate to reach out.

May the God of grace and glory, the Christ who sustains and uplifts, and the Spirit that empowers be with you, the saints.

Grace and peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Timothy L. Overton-Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "O".

Reverend Timothy L. Overton-Harris

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A Pastoral Letter for Epiphany 2020

January 3, 2020

[Elaine Stanovsky](#)

[Bishop's Blog, Pastoral Letters](#)

United Methodists of the Greater Northwest,



*What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by.
The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out...
We saw the glory with our own eyes...
Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.
John 1, The Message*

This morning United Methodists around the world received a word of hope that the strife that has racked our Church might find a peaceful end.

A group of sixteen United Methodist leaders from around the world, who hold a wide range of theological and social convictions, have negotiated protocols for a graceful separation within The United Methodist Church. If adopted by the General Conference in May, the proposal would:

Maintain The United Methodist Church intact.

Allow local churches and annual conferences that choose not to remain affiliated with The United Methodist Church to leave, while maintaining their property, assets, and liabilities.

Commit \$39 million to racial and ethnic inclusion and anti-racism work.

Convene the first session of the post-separation United Methodist Church, perhaps before leaving Minneapolis in May, to create four regional conferences.

Allow for the first session of the newly established North American Regional Conference to act on proposals to remove prohibitive language regarding LGBTQ clergy and weddings. In the meantime, signers to the Protocol have agreed to abeyance on complaints against clergy for related offenses.

While this is not the resolution I hope for, I believe it may be the best next step for the people called United Methodists who have been unable to find a way forward that maintains the unity of the Church. It does not move the Church toward Christ's vision that we "may all be one...so that the world may believe" (John 17:21), but it is a faithful effort "to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3), even as we find it necessary to walk separate paths for a season.

I trust this proposal is designed to unbind us from our "irreconcilable differences" and free us to focus on the future. It does not guarantee a particular outcome, but it appears to offer United Methodists in the United States the opportunity to choose a future that is fully inclusive of LGBTQ persons.

Please read the attached proposal, asking prayerfully whether it offers Life and Light as we seek to create a new movement of Wesleyan faithfulness in the Northwest and around the world.

May the Life of Christ live in us, and the Light of Christ lead us into the future,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elaine JW Stanovsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky

ERT To Service Alabama West Florida Conference / UMCOR

Hello team,

It has taken longer than I expected, but **AWFC/UMCOR** Coordinator has finally confirmed that our planned dates work well for them and they have confirmed that we should fly into Pensacola airport (PNS).

We should all start looking at booking our travel from your nearest city to **PNS**, to arrive in **PNS** in the afternoon of 22 Jan 2020. We will return home from **PNS** on 30 Jan 2020. I was just able to book travel on Delta out of **SEA** for around \$400 round trip.

Our work days will be 23-25 Jan, day of rest on 26 Jan, followed by three more work days 27-29 Jan.



Bruce, Noriko, Larry, Steve, Carolyn, John, Jerry, Tom, Stacey

I will follow up with each of you with a separate email asking if you will consider taking one of the ERT team roles that Larry thinks would be a good fit for you.

If you are no longer able to make this ERT deployment, please respond to all on this email distribution.

Thank you for your service to **UMCOR**. Now let's Go Help Somebody!

John Melvin



February 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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February is Black History Month

UM Men's Breakfast
9-10:30 AM

2 Service 11 AM

Communion Sunday
Trustees Meeting
after service

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Shared Table @ Sher-
wood UMC 6 PM

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9 Service 11 AM

Choir Rehearsal 9:30
-10:30 AM

Rev. Tim Overton-
Harris District
Meeting

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UM Women Elizabeth
Circle 1:30 PM

UM Women Lydia
Circle 7:30 PM

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Shared Table @ Sher-
wood UMC 6 PM

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Valentine's Day



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16 Service 11 AM

Mission Moment
Church Council after
service

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Shared Table @ Sher-
wood UMC 6 PM Mt.

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23 Service 11 PM

Choir Rehearsal 9:30
-10:30 AM

Transfiguration of
the Lord

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Shrove Pancake Din-
ner Tuesday 6 PM

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Ash Wednesday at
Sherwood UMC 6 PM

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Shared Table @ Sher-
wood UMC 6 PM Mt.
Home UMC Host

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 a shut-in?
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Event Calendar

Sunday Service at 11:00 AM
 Every Thursday, Shared Table Sherwood UMC at 6:00 PM
 Saturday, February 1 UM Men's Breakfast 9:00 to 10:30 AM
 Sunday, February 2 Trustees Meeting 9:15 AM
 Sunday, February 9 & 23 Choir Practice 9:00 AM
 Sunday, February 9 Reverend Tim Overton Harris from Cascadia District Office Meeting following Worship Service
 Monday, February 10 UMW Elizabeth Circle meets at 1:30 PM
 Monday, February 10 UMW Lydia Circle meets at 7:00 PM
 Sunday, February 16 Church Council following Worship Service
 Tuesday, February 25 Shrove Tuesday, join in celebrating with our

annual Pancake Supper at 6pm.
 Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday 6 PM at Sherwood UMC
 Thursday, February 27 Shared Table Sherwood UMC at 6:00 PM hosted by Mountain Home UMC
 Sunday, March 1 1st Sunday of Lent

