



Sherwood United Methodist Church

Reaching out to the hungry: in body or spirit

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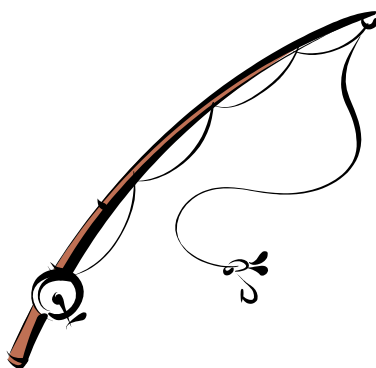
The United Methodist Church is called to be a community, diverse and united in God's saving love, sent out in vital life-giving ministry for and with Jesus Christ.

Great Cloud of Witnesses

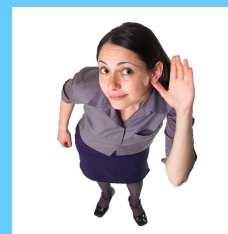
So there I was ankle deep in the Deschutes River. I had my 3 weight fly rod in my hand, which has 3lb. tippet on the end of the line. For those of you who care, that's relatively light weight gear, which of course requires an exceptional amount of skill to use when landing a large fish, why I use it is a mystery.

It was a beautiful clear morning. The water temperature was pretty warm, making it comfortable to wade for me, but pretty uncomfortable for the rainbow trout. There was a gusty breeze blowing up river. The warm early sunlight brought on a good hatch of caddis and a generous amount of caddis flies were flying around, especially along the banks. The flies were moderately small, so I put on a good caddis imitation, size 18.

I chanced upon a perfect spot, just about 20 yards up from where my buddy Mark was fishing. There were two large trees growing out of the bank and extending their full branches out over the river, about 15 yards apart. They were both supplying good shade to the water, making it a cooler place for the fish to hold. There was no room behind for a strong back cast, so I used a soft, low, roll cast out to the edge of the shade of the up-river tree. Such a cast would be blown around by the wind, but the tree was shielding my line from it. (Continued on Page 2)



Day of Listening To Be Held



A special "Day of Listening" will take place on **Saturday, September 13 from 8:30am to 4pm** at our

church. A special team has been recruited by Rev. Steve Ross to meet with the people of our church and listen to their thoughts and dreams concerning our life together. There are several questions the interview teams will be asking each of us to consider:

1. *What are the primary challenges that are keeping Sherwood UMC from fulfilling its mission?*
2. *If you had a magic wand and could change one thing about your church tomorrow, what would it be?*

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Great Cloud of Witnesses (Continued from Page 1)



The current along the bank was adjusted by another large old tree that had fallen at an angle out into the river many years before, and had lodged itself firmly there. The water met this tree and flowed toward the bank at an oblique angle from me along the length of the trunk and then shot forward at the bank through a five foot gate into a deep hole on the other side. The current was churned up through that shoot, super-oxygenating the water.

Shade, deep water, lots of oxygen in it, and a submerged root system around which caddis nymphs congregate. All of this convinced me that there could quite possibly be a fish lying in the hole at the end of that shoot of water. He would be keeping cool and breathing deep, and watching the surface for one of the thousands of flies to float by on the surface.

The first cast I made didn't get out far enough and didn't hit the hole right, so I pulled it in and tried again. Two more tries, and my fly is floating into that shoot the way I wanted it. Just as my fly

accelerated into the hole, I saw a shadow darting toward it, followed by a break in the surface. In an instant I set the hook and the game was on.

I worked that fish for 15 minutes, managing to keep it from all the roots and rocks that it wanted to tangle me in. It jumped furiously several times, shaking its head to dislodge my fly, and each time it did my eyes grew wider, for it was truly a fine fish. I finally landed it. It was a rainbow, 20+ inches; the largest I've caught on the Deschutes. Easily the most challenging job of fishing I had experienced.

After releasing it and watching it dart energetically away, I was filled with gratitude for the experience. And not just for catching the fish, but for Mark, who rowed me out there, for people like Hal Bleyhl, who bought me my first fly rod, and gave me my first collection of fly-tying materials; for guys like Rick Reitman, Art McEldowny, Bob Peebles and Kevin Witt, all of whom I've fished with and learned from, and each of whom have forgotten more about fishing than I'll ever know. To guys like Randall Kauffman for teaching me things only experts know and dozens of others who have made me see and feel more of the world around me and make

sense of it from a fish's point of view, and of course for our wonderful creator who has made all things for us to enjoy.

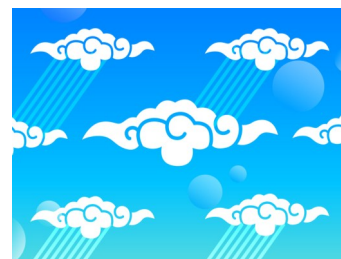
All of them have given to me many wondrous gifts.

It's like that with our faith too I think. The letter to the Hebrews talks of a 'great cloud of witnesses' who have walked in faith before us, and have passed on to us their wealth of experience and knowledge and soul. They endured in faith through times both good and bad, and taught us how to do the same.

Hebrews says that all of them; all the ones who have made faith possible for us, that they will be perfected in us; that their faith, expressed so many centuries before us, will finally find its perfect wholeness in ours.

A humbling thought.

Shalom,
Lee



Announcements



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3. *What is the greatest asset of the Sherwood UMC?*

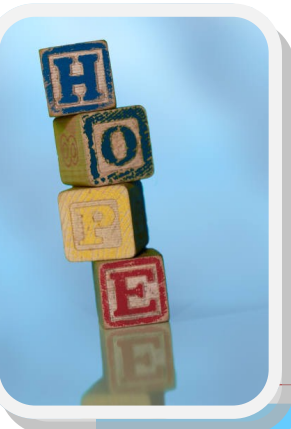
4. *How would you describe Sherwood UMC in five years if your highest*

hopes for the church were fulfilled?

5. *What is one thing you would be willing to do or to give up in order to see your hopes for the church fulfilled?*

The interviews will be about 30 minutes long. They will be confidential. A report will be made to the Leadership Team

about what was heard (no names mentioned), and it will be made available to any other interested person. If you haven't scheduled to be part of this important event, please contact the pastor and he will make sure you have an appointment.



Taking the Lead: No Hungry Children in Sherwood

Dottie and I believe that we have witnessed God's gifts of "extravagant generosity" not just in our Sherwood community but in the surrounding area. It seems that anyone who finds out what our United Methodist Helping Hands is doing for the neediest in our community wants to help in some way.

God is now asking us to do our

part with his gifts. As Sherwood United Methodists we need to continue to take the lead seeing that no family goes without food, that no child goes to bed hungry and we continue to be known as the Church that feeds people. We need to educate families on healthy food choices and provide them with fresh fruits and vegetables.

From childhood nutrition to healthy and active seniors God has given us the resources and the task to make a difference and now is asking our church to lead the community effort in eliminating hunger.

~ Gerry & Dottie Edy



All Church Conference Scheduled

The Charge Conference for Sherwood UMC has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7 following worship. This will be an important meeting, as Lee and the Leadership Team will make decisions as to our next steps forward. The voting members of this charge conference will be the members of Sherwood UMC, and the pastor.

New Members

Pastor Lee would like to bring new members into the church on the first Sunday in October. If you've been attending our church, consider it your home and would like to become a member, please contact him after worship on Sunday, or email him at revlelandhun@gmail.com

UMW

The Sherwood United Methodist Women will meet on September 17 at 11 a.m. at the Sherwood Senior Center for their first meeting after the summer vacation. Lunch cost is only \$3.00. Come join us!

Youth Corner



Back to School Kick-Off

Youth will kickoff the school year with a fun evening beginning at 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Sunday, September 7th. All youth welcome from grades 6th through 12th.

Our usual Sunday nights consist of catching up, a devotion, games and songs. Please plan to join us for spirit fun filled evenings.

Note: No Youth on Sunday, September 31st.



Rebirth of the Newborn Layette Project



Donations for the Newborn Layette Project at Providence Hospital Birthing Center are now being accepted.

There will be a box in the foyer for any of the following items:

- **Onesies**
- **Receiving blankets**
- **Wash clothes**
- **Bibs**

The new manager at Walmart has said that we can request a grant for dollar or in kind donations to this project. If you or

someone you know is familiar with grant writing, please contact Anne Poe so we can pursue this funding.

Also, we would like to revive the prayer shawl ministry if some folks are interested in knitting or crocheting them. Folks could call Anne Poe if they have questions about this.

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Did you know we have office hours covered by volunteers now? Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and Friday afternoons. Give us a call if you'd like to make an appointment for the *Day of Listening* or find out about another church event.





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Church Calendar for September 2014

Sunday, September 7 at 10AM — **Worship**

Saturday, September 13 at 8:30AM-4PM —
Day of Listening

Sunday, September 14 at 10AM —
Worship

Wednesday, September 17 at 11AM
— **UMW meet at Sherwood Senior
Center**

Saturday, September 20 at 9:30AM
— **Helping Hands Food Box
Distribution**

Sunday, September 21 at 10AM —
Worship

Sunday, September 28 at 10AM — **Worship**

Save the Date: Saturday, October 18 at
5:30pm-8:30pm — **Pancake Supper**

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What's going on
at SUMC?