

The Messenger



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
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From the Pastor...

First of all, thank you for your prayers for me as I journeyed to Reynosa, Mexico for three weeks of Spanish immersion with family friends of Marilyn Gatica. God worked in so many ways and I am still processing so much of what happened. As far as progress with Spanish, I understand so much more of conversation than I did when I arrived and met Armando and Cely and their girls. I am still using fairly simple sentence structure in my speech, but feel a good deal more confident with frequently used verbs like “I have,” “I want,” “I need,” and “I can.”

I also learned that one doesn't always need words to communicate. One morning, we visited with Lucy, a friend of Marilyn's and she brought her 6 year-old granddaughter, Lucia, with her. Lucia and I sat quietly listening to Marilyn and Lucy catch up in Spanish. I slipped away to our room and got my colored pencils and paper and brought them to the table. Using my limited Spanish, I invited Lucia to color. Her eyes brightened and we began a very simple connection based on her drawings, my knowledge of colors and simple phrases. When I went to get another piece of paper from my stash in the room, she followed me and began to talk excitedly about the Coca Cola lamp and the snow globe and many other things. I was in over my head for comprehension and was careful to nod and smile and only say yes when I was sure of what she was saying.

We moved from the coloring to a conversation about the family tortuga (turtle) and by then her grandma was nearly done with her visit with Marilyn. I might not have made the same connection with Lucia as if we had both been speaking our native language, but we shared laughter and drawing and a turtle and it was good.

One afternoon, Armando took Marilyn and I out to visit his mother, Olga. She and Marilyn chatted on in Spanish, catching up with family news and events. Soon Olga's voice began to get softer and her eyes teared up as she shared of her daughter's recent illness and death. Olga had been her primary caregiver in the last stages of a long illness. She is still grieving deeply and that was evident even when I didn't understand all the words.

God spoke to my heart through each of these experiences: “Karen, my love and compassion shine through your life even when you don't know the words to say. Believe me when I assure you that I can work through your life in ways that transcend words. Your work and your life are meaningful and effective because you have invited me in to be a part of who you are and what you do. I can touch the world through you in ways beyond your wildest imaginings.” I believe that is true for anyone who says yes to God and lives in continual connection with Him.

I received a very touching card from my daughter, Grace, for my birthday this past Friday. One of her phrases caught my heart especially: “I'm so excited for the change and challenges that lay ahead because I know that at the top of every mountain there's always an incredible view!”

This trip gave me the opportunity to have a mountaintop view: of a country, a language, a culture, a people...and to have some space in God's presence to listen for the next steps. Even while viewing the panorama and taking in all the learning from these past three weeks, I know that the most important thing is to keep my feet on the ground where I am right now

and pay the most careful attention to the next step.

For now, I know that I will continue to learn Spanish, to practice as I prepare and teach the Level I Season of Spanish class beginning June 25, to seek local experiences with Spanish speaking people. That's God's direction for now. The journey will continue to unfold, I'm sure.

Bendiciones (Blessings),
Pastor Karen

Scripture and Sermons for June 2018

Scriptures for June 2018

June 3, 2018

1 Sam 3:1-20
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10, 2018

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 17, 2018

Marilyn Gatica, guest speaker

Third Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20 or Psalm 92
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24, 2018

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Learning the Story

Each week I invite you to read and reflect on a portion of God's Story. Read the scripture several times and discern your place in this part of God's Story. How does this part of the story help you understand the whole story more fully?

Finish by June 10

Esther 1
Queen Esther saves her people

Finish by June 17

Isaiah 9:1-7
Messiah's birth prophesied

Finish by June 24

Isaiah 52:1-12
God's promise to return

Finish by July 1

Daniel 7
Daniel's dream of God's kingdom

Thoughts from our District Superintendent

Women and Girls Can and Do Lead: A Response to the Failure of Amendment One

Last week we became aware of the vote on the five amendments to the Constitution of the United Methodist Church proposed by the 2016 General Conference. The Greater Northwest Cabinet tried to come to grips with the fact that three of them failed to be ratified, and two of those are plainly about justice for the least and powerless. We discussed these shocking results and tried to come up with ways to help our episcopal area understand what has happened and reassure our area of our unwavering commitment to fully including women, supporting women, nurturing women, and both valuing and honoring their leadership in all areas of involvement in the local church, district, conference, and area. **The Bishop asked each of us to come up with one sentence to share.** One sentence, I thought,

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But first I want us to remember that when we voted on these amendments in our 2017 annual conference session, some folks decided to do a protest vote on Amendment One because they felt it did not go far enough to spell out who is included. In particular, people wanted language for supporting and including LGBTQI persons. I understand their desire to witness to their understanding of the full inclusion of all peoples. But in the aggregate of all the annual conference votes this amendment was decided by only about 200 votes! I firmly believe that those who voted against Amendment One in protest, thinking that it did not go far enough, believed that the amendment would pass; why would they believe otherwise? We also found out this week that an error was made in the presentation of Amendment One and that a re-vote will be necessary on that amendment. So, I plead with everyone who has a vote, to vote in support of Amendment One when you have the opportunity.

Now to my statement in support of women and girls:

One Sentence

The Greater Northwest Cabinet tried to come to grips with the results of the votes by Annual Conferences on the Constitutional Amendments passed by the 2016 General Conference. Three were defeated and two of those are plainly about justice for the least and powerless. To summarize their intent: The first amendment proposed a new paragraph that would have focused on gender justice. The second amendment proposed changes to the wording in "The Book of Discipline." If it were ratified, the proposed amendment would have added "gender," "ability," "age" and "marital status" to the protected membership groups.

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I am a white, heterosexual, solidly middle-class male who will turn 60 this fall. I have all the privilege our society can grant an individual. I cannot begin to comprehend how women must feel after hearing these results. I am dismayed and disheartened by the backlash those who look like me are exhibiting toward women, people of color, immigrants and foreigners, faithful members of other religions, and all those who are not white males. What one sentence can I write that would make a difference? I want, no I need, to confess my own complicity in devaluing others. I need to apologize for not paying attention and being unaware of how privileged I am and how that makes me responsible for speaking the truth, advocating for others, and breaking down the barriers that give me that privilege. I need to lament how people like me can be so afraid of losing power that they are willing to subjugate, demean, and dismiss those who are not male, seeing them as less than equal. And most of all I must weep for the fact that people like me cannot hear the words of Jesus, are not willing to recognize that God's fundamental character is defined by acceptance and unconditional love, and that we who call ourselves followers of Jesus are asked to do the same.

What one sentence can communicate the horror I feel at the realization that all the steps I had thought we as a church and as a society had made toward valuing others and including others were just a veil that is so easily ripped away? What words do I have to say that could

bring comfort? What words could I craft that would empower? What words can I utter that will salve the wounds torn open by what our church has done and what our society is doing? Should my words be lament? Should they be confession? Should they be reassurance? Should I say anything at all?

I am asked to speak one sentence. So here it is, **"I am sorry, and I want you to know that whatever is within my power to do I will do so that no one – not one single person – will be denied the rights and protections of our church and society and that I will work for justice for women and girls and all disenfranchised persons so that one day everyone can say, 'We are free at last! Thank God almighty! We are free at last!'"**

May we who follow the Lord of life and love show our care, love, and support for women and girls and all who feel disenfranchised and alienated, now and forever!

Tim Overton-Harris
The Rev. Tim Overton-Harris is the Cascadia District Superintendent, supporting 47 congregations and two Hispanic ministries.

You can see a video with the full Greater Northwest Episcopal Area Cabinet's statements, their one sentence each, here: www.facebook.com/GreaterNW.

Finance

Just a quick note to thank everyone for their support of the regular finances of CUMC. At month end, we have income to cover our payroll and other expenses and also to send \$1,000 toward our shared ministry apportionments. Remember the special mention in worship of an extra-giving Pentecost opportunity for additional gifts toward apportionments. If you are able to contribute something extra, we will send all of this toward our annual budgeted amount.

Church leaders are discussing a reported safety issue in the parking lot with

consideration being given to the installation of speed bumps and additional painting of a path to the play area. We will be in discussion with the preschool and are looking at options to fund this project if the conversation leads us to implement a plan.

Mark Oldenkamp, Chair



We sanded bird houses and decorated the vases at our May meeting.

We also planned for our Rummage Sale, Friday and Saturday, June 8th and 9th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days. You may begin to bring your donations on Sunday, June 3rd!

See you there!
Sharon Perez, Pres.

Coming Event:

Special event on July 13-14 2018 at Tigarid Methodist Church. There will be classes of spiritual growth, social issues, children studies you can choose one for the weekend. For more information, see Sharon Perez.

The Care Team

This past month, Diana Trujillo made 12 bird houses with a place for a flower vase in each one. The UMW sanded the bird houses and then decorated the vases!



Finally, the Care Team delivered them!! People LOVED them.

The Care Team also sent out 26 cards and made 9 visits.

Thank you Team!
Sharon Perez

Mark Oldenkamp will schedule the drivers. Jill Kahle will schedule the cashiers. Bobbie Knapp will schedule booth supervisors. Sheila Brown is in charge of the kitchen. We will be filling schedules in July.

Bobbie Knapp

Recycling

The filled green bags keep coming, and it keeps me busy topping them off and getting them turned in almost every week. I have another \$60 to turn in this coming Sunday. Remember, more containers are now redeemable than there was last year and the reimbursement of 10 cents per eligible container adds up quickly.

Mark

Greeters for June

June 3	Joe & Sharon Perez
June 10	Nori Zieg Peggy Yeats
June 17	Judy Zettergren Marilyn Gatica
June 24	Ron & Shelly Parsons

Coffee Hour for June

June 3	Judy Zettergren Peggy Yeats Deanna Johnson
June 10	Ron & Shelly Parsons Jill Kahle Judy Cooley
June 17	Del & Gail Hildreth Sharon Trimble Kiana Sweeney
June 24	Audrey Oldenkamp Shirley Wright Diana Trujillo

Bits & Pieces



Clackamas County Fair

Eighty pounds of rhubarb have been cut and frozen as we start to fill the long grocery list for our pie booth at the Clackamas County Fair to be held August 14-18, 2018. Theme this year, "Grow it, Sew it, Show it."

There are some changes this year. Admission will be free until 3:00 p.m. More sales for us!! They will not allow tip jars this year. We've always collected about \$75. Last year those funds were donated to the Canby Center.

June Birthdays

1 st	Karen Shimer
16 th	Al Zieg
21 st	Mark Oldenkamp
23 rd	Shelly Parsons
26 th	Gail Hildreth Cyrus McCormick



Temporada Season de of Spanish Español

Spanish Classes @ Canby United Methodist Church

June 25 - August 2

Mondays & Thursdays 6:45 - 8:15 Cost: \$50.00

Level I

- * Little or no Spanish background
- * Taught in English with opportunities for Spanish speaking practice
- * Simple reading and writing
- * Games, music

Register at: Website: www.canbyumc

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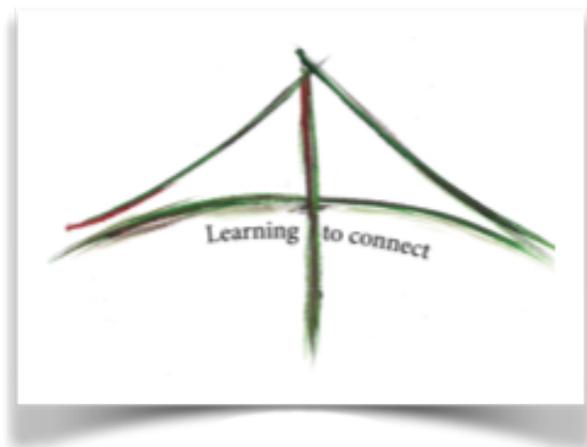
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Email: canbyumc@canby.com

Level II

- * Taught mostly in Spanish * Conversation, reading, writing
- * Verb tenses * Cultural tidbits

Summer 2018



June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 GR: J. & S. Perez CH: J. Zettergren, P. Yeats, D. Johnson	4	5 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm	6	7	8 churchWIDE RUMMAGE SALE 9:00 am to 4:00 pm 	9
10 GR: N. Zieg, P. Yeats CH: R. & S. Parsons, J. Kahle, J. Cooley	11	12 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm Trustees TBA	13	14	15	16
17 GR: J. Zettergren, M. Gatica CH: D. & G. Hildreth, S. Trimble, K. Sweeney	18	19 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm	20	21 Care Comm. 10 am	22	23
24 GR: R. & S. Paarsons CH: A. Oldenkamp, S. Wright, D. Trujillo	25 Season of Spanish, 6:45 - 8:15 pm	26 Tea at Cutsforth Thriftway 2-3 pm	27	28 Season of Spanish, 6:45 - 8:15 pm Newsletter Deadline	29	30

Canby F.O.T.S. AA Meetings, M-F, 5:30 pm
 Co-Dependency Group Meeting, Wednesdays, 7 pm
 Prayer Meeting @ Amy Ackerman's, Tues. 1 pm
 Quilters, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1 pm
 Iglesia Apostolica, Sun. 1 pm, Fri. 7 pm

Stepping Up Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays, 1-3 pm
 Girl Scouts, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:45 pm
 Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm
 Zumba, M-Th., 10-11 am, Wed. Evening 6:30 pm

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