



# Faith in Action

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"Teacher, which command in God's Law is the most important?" Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them." Matthew 22: 36-40

Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life.. Matthew 28:19 "The Message"

## MUSINGS

Dear Church!

Throughout our Lenten journey, we looked at a lot of different social justice issues. And, through this Eastertide, we are looking at spiritual ways of being the Change in the world, and in our neighborhood. These journeys so far are leading up to our Annual Leadership meeting which will be held Saturday, July 1st from 9:30am to 3pm. At this retreat we will be working off a book by Harold Percy, called *Your Church Can Thrive: Making the Connections that Build Healthy Congregations*. The books will be available to the leaders sometime the last week of May or early June. Be watching for their availability.

Meanwhile, the three questions that all of us can be pondering over coffee with each other are:

1. In the lives of the people we are seeking to reach, what do we want to see happen as a result of their coming within the sphere of influence of our ministry? (Remember, we have stated that as a church we are a community of people learning to live to the glory of God. So our answer to this question has to be that we would like to see them become committed and enthusiastic followers of Jesus learning to live the new life of the kingdom.)
2. So question two is: What are we offering that, from their point of view, would make it worth their while to get involved with us? We need to start thinking how unchurched people think...how do we do that?
3. Our last question to ponder is: What price are we willing to pay in order to be able to reach them? We do know knew initiatives cost money, time and energy. There are obstacles to be overcome; often the obstacles from within the congregation are at least as formidable as those we encounter outside.

These questions come right from the book that we will be reading and discussing together. I believe we are in for a great exciting adventure together!

God Bless Us in our work of transforming lives together!

See you in church!

*Marta*

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from their point of view,  
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## NEW GRANT AWARDED TO OUR CHURCH

A GRANT for \$5,000 was received from the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, for our new ministry position to develop a multi-cultural worship with the various cultures we already make up, and to embrace the Hispanics even more into our worship. The Crownhill Elementary school lists 31% of their students as Hispanic, a group we would like to target to be inviting into our community.

We will be hiring someone, hopefully very soon, to be the Staff person directly involved, but they will need a team. Be prayerfully considering to be a part of this new ministry.



## Finding Peace Through Spiritual Practice

A book written by  
Imam Jamal Rahman,  
Pastor Don Mackenzie  
and Rabbi Ted Falcon,  
the Interfaith Amigos.

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

April 23 - June 4, 2017

May 21st "Meeting Fear without Violence

Scripture Lesson: Luke 11: 15-32 The Prodigal son revisited.

May 28th "Making Spiritual Practice a Way of Life"

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

\*Memorial Day

June 4th Pentecost Sunday/ Confirmation Sunday

Scripture Lesson : Acts 2: 1-13

## New Sermon Series

The sermon series for the first part of our summer will be called: The Great Connection. Every year, we do a sermon series on the Earth and Environment...and we will again this summer. I find it interesting when I read the creation story in Genesis that human beings are said to be created out of the earth itself. The word there for earth or soil in Hebrew is "adamah." And the name of the first man..."Adam," literally means the "earthman," the man made of earth. "Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return," Genesis 3:19 tells us, a phrase often used in burial liturgy. You see, we are intimately connected to creation.

This is what we'll be talking about this summer, and how and what we can be doing that will remind us of our connection.



## The Haddon Garden

Have you really stopped and looked into the Haddon Garden lately? It is absolutely beautiful with all the spring blossoms and color. Thank you to this family's foresight and generosity that has made this tranquil spot possible—and thank you to Larry Watson and the "garden angels" who have given it such tender care. Enjoy this beautiful spot as you enter the church from the parking lot.



## GRADUATION TIME!!!

If you - or any of your family - are graduating this summer, from high school, college, trade school, etc., please email, or telephone, the office with this information so that we can honor them (or you) on Sunday, June 11th!

We will also be celebrating all our grads with a Barbecue Dinner on Friday, June 2nd, at 6:00 pm.



## Yard Work Thank You

Thank you to Don Smith for keeping our lawn so well mowed. The season of mowing is just beginning—how can the rest of us help?

## Clue #2



The second clue for Rally Sunday's theme,  
Is just the right fit for this church it would seem,  
I hope this doesn't give away too much:  
The wall will open if you give it the right touch.

Sunday Van Driver Schedule

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	MaLinda DeJesus	471-3393
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Rich Pfeiffer	373-2940
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Tom Russell	373-1832
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Marcie Carlsen	917-5976
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Rich Pfeiffer	373-2940



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00am Adult Faith Formation  
10:30am Worship Service  
12:00pm Coffee Fellowship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	sSat
				1 4:00-4:30 Paul @ Bay Pointe 6:30 Praise Band	2 <b>6:00 Graduation Barbecue Dinner</b>	3 9:30-11 Study Group 6:30 Bridge Club
<b>4 PENTECOST &amp; CONFIRMATION</b> 9:00 Adult Faith Formation 10:30 Worship	5 1:30 Building Committee DR 6:30 Bridge Club	6 9:00 Committee Chairs Lib. 9:30 Quilters WR 10:30 Bridge Club 12:30 Massage Group DR 1:00 Craft Group WR	7 10:00 Staff Meeting DR 10:30 Bridge Club 6:30 Chancel Choir	8 6:30 Praise Band	9 6-9:00 Youth Group All Newsletter Items Due	10 9:30-11 Study Group 6:30 Bridge Club
<b>11 HONORING OUR GRADUATES</b> 9:00 Adult Faith Formation 10:30 Worship After worship-Usher Training	12 6:30 Bridge Club 7:15 Trustees, Finance, Ad Board Meeting Disciple Rm	13 10:30 Bridge Club 1:00 Craft Group WR	14 10:00 Staff Meeting DR 10:30 Bridge Club 6:30 Chancel Choir  <b>Annual Conference</b>	15 4:00-4:30 Paul @ Bay Pointe 6:30 Praise Band	16 11:00 Newsletter Folding 6-9:00 Youth Group	17 9:30-11 Study Group 6:30 Bridge Club
<b>18 FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 Adult Faith Formation 10:30 Worship  <b>Annual Conference Ends</b>	19 6:30 Bridge Club	20 9:30 Quilters WR 10:30 Bridge Club 1:00 Craft Group WR	21 10:00 Staff Meeting DR 10:30 Bridge Club	22 6:30 Praise Band	23 6-9:00 Youth Group	24 9:30-11 Study Group 6:30 Bridge Club  <b>YOUTH RELAY FOR LIFE</b>
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## Lord, Hear Our Prayer

**Prayers for Healing:** For Delma Love, who is now at Belmont; Joan Clemmons; Marvin Leach; Charlene Gordon; Betty Langton, who is at Northwoods in Silverdale; Billie Jo Peterson's granddaughter Brittany; Marcie Carlsen's Mom with cancer, given a short time to live; Lorna Crawford; Lee Crawford; Michael McKinney's dad; Marilyn Schlichting; Loretta Coates; Bob Madden's daughter Marcia; Frank and Ruth Hutson; Gifford Visick; for families who are hurting; Betty Baker's brother with brain cancer; Barb, a friend of Carol Branscum, and her family; Ellalene Shearer.

**Prayers of Joy:** For Hailee Thompson, who was Knighted at Bremerton High School (top 5%), and was crowned Queen at the Prom; Billie Jo Peterson's new great-grandson Beaux, born a month early, but doing well; Carol Branscum's friend Barb, whose tumors are shrinking!; Carol and Jerry Smith on their new grandson and granddaughter, who are now home; Wendy and Gary Pepper on their new grandson; Stacy and Rod Bergsma for their new grandson Seth Struy; for our high school seniors who are getting ready for Graduation Day.

**In Their Loss:** For Maggie and Brian McNett, on the death of Maggie's husband and Brian's father, Donald; Kathleen Allen on the death of her sister Dorothy Stapp; the family of

Joan, a friend of Carol Branscum, on her death; Stacy and Rod Bergsma on the death of Stacy's aunt Marianna Eagen; Joy Huston and family on the death of her husband, Doug; Kathleen Allen on the death of her son Tim.

*We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

**Community and World:** For our country's leaders, and those in North Korea and around the world, that they make wise decisions that lead to peace; for all the immigrants who are afraid of being deported from our country; that our church, along with other non-profits, will find ways to bring about Justice for all, during this stressful time in our country and world. Let us be the change in racial issues, homelessness, immigration, health issues, and making sure every child goes to school.



BUMC Summer Music  
Arts Week:

### A Taste of Culture

Our Summer Music Arts Program this year, for four-year-olds through those children entering 6th grade in the fall, will be looking at three different kinds of cultures; African, Hispanic, and Native American. We've tweaked the original way of doing things, by adding some choices for the students coming, so they get to learn things they love to do, like drumming, arts/crafts, dance, and rhythm and song. This promises to be a great week. Those working on the planning for this are: Michelle Abad, Susan Malcolm, Catalina Sanchez and Pastor Marta.

The session will run in the morning from July 24-28. You may go onto the website at [bremertonumc.com](http://bremertonumc.com) and download the registration forms, or pick them up in the church office.

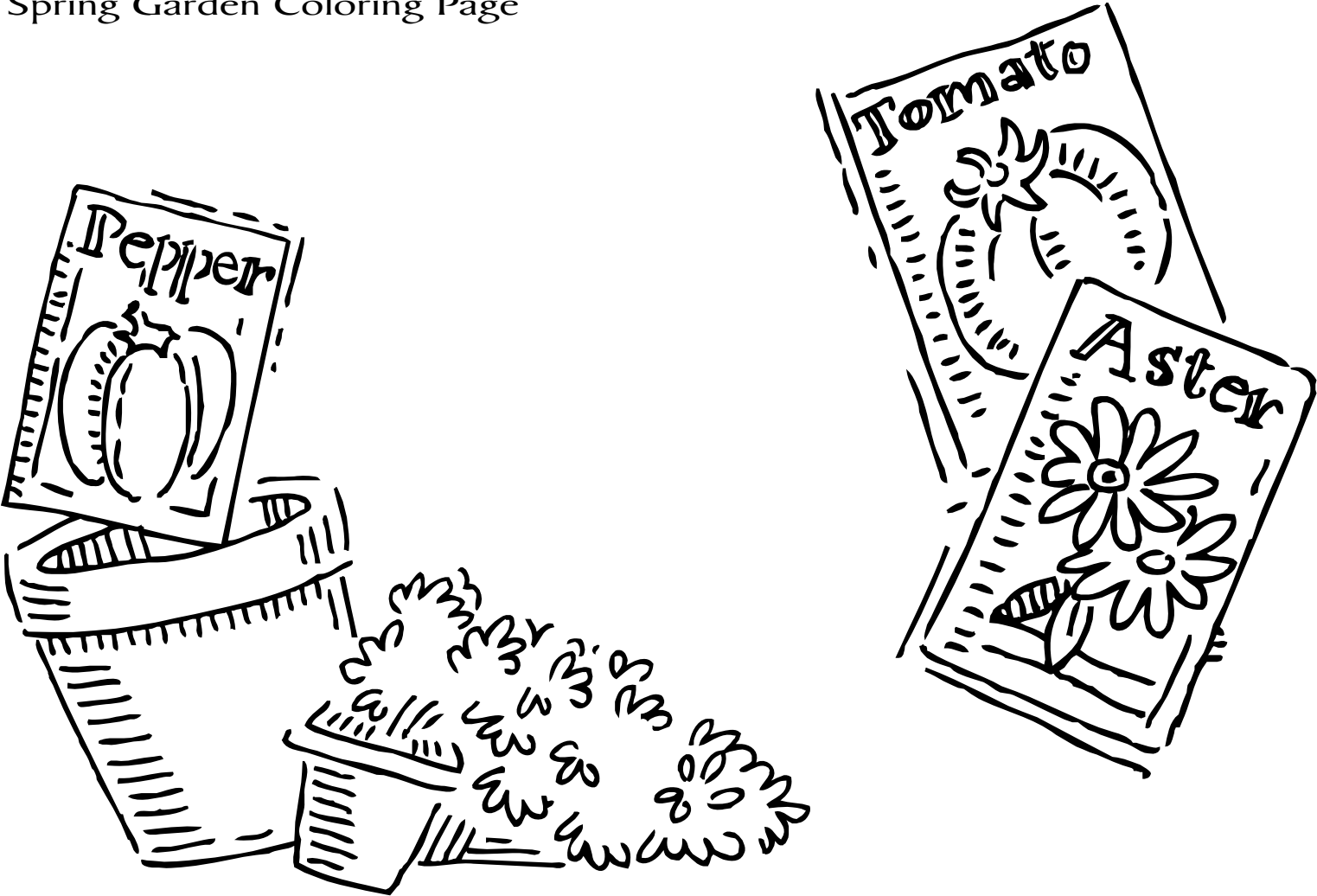
#### June Birthdays

Larry Bell	June 7	Al Aosved
Cariana Green	June 7	Nephtali Fripp
Betty Langton	June 7	Chester Peek
Lorraine Whisenant	June 7	Jeanette Adamson
Tim Yoder	June 7	Betty Baker
Nina Fripp	June 8	Ken Schellberg
Joan Hento	June 8	Robert Sigby
Debra Lane	June 10	Parker Boewe
Doug Hudson	June 13	Darlene Sawyer
Carina Green	June 14	Billie Jo Peterson
Val Herman	June 14	Sarah Ward

#### June 18 Anniversaries

June 18	Ione & Gifford Visick	June 3
June 19	Al & Carolanne Aosved	June 15
June 20	Frank & Penny Trimboli	June 18
June 24	Floyd & Betty Langton	June 20
June 24	Ken & Marta Schellberg	June 22
June 25	Lorna & Don Smith	June 29
June 25		
June 26		
June 28		
June 29		
June 30		





# Holy Humor Sunday

MANY THANKS to all who donated food, helped out, gave of their talents, or just plain came to eat and enjoy the entertainment - a BIG thank you to all who participated in whatever way in our Annual Variety Show this past Sunday. I always have so much fun at these events, and I hope that you all did too!! Great food, great company, and great entertainment! Thank you all!!

Babs



Wanda regaled us with funny stories



Our Worship Leader, Ann!



Babs, Pastor Marta, and Susan doing the Mexican Hat Dance.







**Antonia and Harold treated us to a lesson  
in the challenges of English spelling**



**The marvelous boys from  
Forever Plaid!**



## Good Knight!

You may have seen at Bremerton High School some pictures in the hallway with the title “Knights of the Round Table”, and wondered what that’s for. Well, at Bremerton High School, the end of the year marks a great tradition that the school has held for many years, and that, my friends, is the Knighting Ceremony. Each year, the seniors come together and vote for the top 10% of their class that best represent their school both on and off campus. A committee is then formed of 2 people from each class as well as 2 faculty members, and they dwindle that 10% to 5%. That 5% then get the honor of being knighted in front of the entire school. We have in our midst a person who just got knighted this year, and that’s Hailee Thompson! Congratulations Hailee and welcome to being a Knight of the Round Table!



## Successful 30 Hour Famine

The 30-Hour Famine was successfully completed two weeks ago with six of the youth participating. These youth went without food after eating lunch on the Friday, until Saturday afternoon when we "broke" the fast with Communion provided and blessed by Pastor Al - thank you Pastor Al for that! We passed our time by going to the Drive In on Friday night and then spent Saturday doing light but helpful chores around the church to try to feel what it is like when life has to go on, whether you get to eat or not. And a great job they did too!!!! This was a fund raiser that we do each year and if you feel you would like to participate, even now after the fact, funds are still being taken in by Babs. Thank you!



## Relay for Life

The youth are joining with Care Plus Home Health (where Debbie Thompson works) to make the same team they made last year for the Relay for Life at the Olympic High School football field on 24/25th June! This is a continuous walk for 24 hours completed by teams of people who are sponsored to do so and they take it in turns to have someone walking for the full 24 hours. This is all to support Cancer Research. So, if you see the youth doing a fund raiser for this, or approaching you for donations, please consider supporting them!!



## LAST SUMMER -

I was out of commission, but this year all is well and we are going to continue to do our Community Service on Wednesday afternoons. So if you have any gardening, window washing, car washing, dog walking - or any small jobs which do not require tools and/or expertise (unless you can provide those) - then please let Babs know and we can work up a time and day which is mutually workable. Babs - 360-990-3132/ babsabad@aol.com



## June 4th is Pentecost Sunday

Wear your red on this Sunday, as we come to celebrate the Church's birthday .

Seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. This gathering became the first Christian church. New believers were baptized as they joined this church. They, along with the first followers of Jesus, shared life together, focusing on the teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. They shared their belongings so that no one was hungry or needy.

After the Holy Spirit fell upon the first followers of Jesus, Peter preached a sermon to help folks understand what had happened. In this sermon he cited a portion of a prophecy from Joel:

"In the last days," God says,

"I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.  
Your young men will see visions,  
And your old men will dream dreams.  
In those days I will pour out my Spirit  
Even on my servants... men and women alike  
... and they will prophesy."



## Our Pictorial Directory is Ready

Finally--- our Directory is finished and is ready for you to start using to better connect with others in our church family. I am so sorry that it took so much longer than we expected.

Thanks to: our photographer: Katie Aosved

back-up photographer, and activity pictures: Al Aosved

family & individual picture page layout: Al Aosved

activity page layout: Michelle Abad

idea sharer and creativity: Audrey Sullivan, Babs Abad, Pastor Marta

name and address records and print out: Debbie Thompson

Printing manager: Susan Malcolm

The printer repair man: for the prompt rescue

director & encourager: Carolanne Aosved

If you have not picked up your Directory yet, they are available after our Worship Service on Sundays, or in the Church office weekdays during office hours.



—Carolanne for the Team



### Our New Sign!

Imagine yourself driving to the church. You just turned onto Marine Drive and there is something glowing in the distance. That glow, my friends, is our brand new electric sign!!!!!! It's been installed and is being run from the office. That's right, we don't even have to go to the sign to put in what we want displayed. We are SO excited here at the church for this new addition and want to thank everyone who donated the money to make this happen!

### Remember to use Amazon Smile!



When you shop on Amazon.com, be sure to access it through the website [smiles.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), so that .05% of your purchase price will be donated to Bremerton UMC. If you have any questions, please ask Michelle or Susan in the church office. And pass the word to your family and friends, so they can help, too!



## The Bells of the Sound

On Sunday, April 30th, we were blessed by a concert by the Bells of the Sound handbell choir. This amazingly skilled ensemble delighted us with favorite rockin' jazz standards, as always leaving their audience wanting more!

## Kitsap Great Give

A great big THANKS to all who made a pledge to Bremerton United Methodist Church through the Kitsap Great Give. 14 donors pledged a total of \$8,230.00 to the church.

The Kitsap Great Give had its best year ever raising \$1,620,860.00 from 7,658 gifts.

The church will also receive some additional funds from the Great Give donor pool. That amount will be announced later.

Thank again for your support.



—Larry Watson, Finance Chair



## The New Building Report

By now you can see the dirt has been moving around the “new sign”. Isn’t it fun to read the messages and enjoy the color and reflected joy? Thank you, Michelle, for all you are doing to make it so inviting. We will do some landscaping around the base of the sign when everything is finished and inspected. It will look so nice!

Several of you have been asking about when the whole area where the house was will be cleaned up. That is a logical question. The overall plan is to do the new building first. That will require an area where supplies can be kept, workers can park, etc. After most of the construction is finished, work will begin on redesigning the lower, small parking area so that there will be 2 rows of parking spaces (city requirement so we can meet the required number of parking spaces for the square footage of the building) and then the lower parking area will be connected to the current main area. This will mean some of the current “house” space will be moved. Then we will landscape the remaining area. No use doing it twice...

Thank you for your continual patience as the process continues, even though not much is visible. And there are more pledge forms in the little green box on the Ushers Table in the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to all who supported the Church during The Great Give. Your involvement is wonderful!!

---Carolanne, for The Building Committee



## Clue #3

The third clue for Rally Sunday this year,  
Is oh, so very, very, near,  
For we are heading back to a place so mysterious,  
That even the spiders are fleeing with glee, I’m serious.



## FAMILY MINISTRIES

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### TEACHABLE MOMENTS

#### Balancing Act

Align the edges of a book exactly along a table edge. Ask: **What are some of your responsibilities and stresses? What makes you worry? Say: Each responsibility and worry puts us a bit closer to being over the edge.**

Place a second book atop the first so it hangs one inch beyond the edge of the first—and over the table edge. List responsibilities and worries as you keep placing three more books in the same manner.

Ask: **How could I place each of these books without any of them falling? What would happen if I moved the bottom one?** Move it and watch the books fall.

Read aloud Matthew 6:33-34. Say: **A priority is something that's more important than another thing. Ask: What could happen if we don't keep our priorities in order? How can focusing on Jesus and putting him first help us deal with worries?**

Close in prayer, asking for Jesus' help to always seek him first.

## Help Kids Become Unshakable

When the whole world seems to be shaking, children—and adults—can feel shaken, says “VeggieTales” creator Phil Vischer. Yet the Bible says God is a steadfast rock and fortress (Psalm 62:6), and “we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable” (Hebrews 12:28). Vischer asks, “Have we really made the unshakable One real” to children? “While the world stumbles,” he says, “we can stand unmoved. What more inspiring a sight is there for an anxious child in a shaky world than that of the grown-ups in his or her life standing unshaken? The only way our kids will see the kingdom of God is if they see it in us. And the only way they’ll see it in us is if it’s more real to us than the Tweet-drenched, anxiety-ridden chaos we swim in every day. We have received a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Why would we want to spend our lives anywhere else?”

**No Lion!** Talk to children about their fears. Then read about Daniel and the lions’ den in a children’s Bible. Share how Daniel prays to God when he is afraid, and God protects Daniel from the lions. To the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It,” sing “If you’re scared and you know it, pray for help...”

**Built to Last** Use blocks to make the tallest tower possible. Talk about why your creation always falls down and why our efforts to be perfect always fail. Discuss ways that Jesus is our sturdy foundation and how we can stand tall in him.

**Lift Your Hearts** With permanent marker, draw a heart on a hard-boiled egg. Pour ½ cup salt into a paper cup with “Jesus” written on the side. Fill a clear jar half full of water. Hold up the egg and say: “Sometimes our hearts feel heavy with worries. What worries do you have?” Drop the egg into the water and say: “Worries make our hearts sink inside us. But Jesus takes away those worries.” Pour the salt into the jar and stir the water. Read aloud Matthew 11:28-30. When the egg rises and floats, say: “When we give our worries to Jesus, our hearts become lighter.”

**Under Pressure** Give each family member an inflated balloon. Slowly step on the balloons as everyone calls out stresses and pressures. When all balloons have popped, read aloud Philippians 4:6 and share ways that Jesus helps us deal with our worries.

**Puzzled** Work on a jigsaw puzzle together and talk about the challenges of putting all the pieces of a puzzle—and life—together. Read Luke 1:37 and discuss how Jesus helps us solve even the toughest problems.

**Give It to God** Have family members list (or draw) all their current or recent worries. Ask: “Which of these worries can you solve on your own?” Read aloud 1 Peter 5:7. Say: “Most things we worry about are out of our control, so it makes sense to give them to Jesus.” Give each family member a lump of clay to use to form a person shape. Say: “For every worry on your list, press down on your person’s head a bit.” After the clay people are flat, say: “Don’t let that happen to you! Give your worries to Jesus.” Close in prayer, taking turns giving your worries to Jesus.

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

—John 14:27





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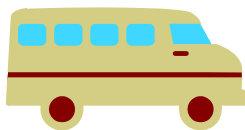
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## Calling for a Ride?

To request a ride, please call the church office at 360-373-3510; for the van, choose option 2, and for the accessible bus, choose option 5.



### Sunday Schedule:

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:  
JUNE  
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## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Our choir season is ending as of June 11th. That's just a few weeks away. From then on, special music for our worship services will be provided by individuals or groups who are willing to step up and grace us with the results of their talents and work.

The summer season is a great time for students to sing or play instruments in front of a friendly congregation. Beginners will find that what they share in a worship service will be warmly appreciated by our loving and caring people. Those who are just itching to sing or play in a combination they don't usually find available will relish the opportunity to share in a service.

Beginning this coming Sunday there will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. The dates of all the Sundays of Summer season will be listed. Please sign up for the date you would like to share your musical offering. Feel free to talk to Earl (our choir director) if you have questions.

**"Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"**

*Bremerton United Methodist Church celebrates the diversity of our community and the world. We affirm the sacred worth and dignity of all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, economic status, or physical and mental capabilities. We openly proclaim this welcome to all, including those who have known the pain of exclusions or discrimination, and invite everyone to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, respect and understanding.*

