

Thursday Thoughts – March 14, 2019

We are a Christian fellowship, who declares and demonstrates God's boundless love for all.



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On the "Three Sides" podcast (ELCA, Sept. 6, 2018), Wendy Davidson, a leader at the Kellogg Company, shares how her Christianity informs her work. Because her adult faith emerged from several denominational influences, she considers variety to be a strength, not only spiritually but throughout life.

Davidson encourages her co-workers to bring their unique personalities and ideas to the table to create a metaphorical salad. "It doesn't mean that the salad now becomes one homogenous blob; it is still distinctly the flavors of the salad ingredients," she says. "But they've all found a way to come together to make something that much more flavorful than they could have been all on their own."

Viewing church and our communities this way could be transformative. What if we welcome different people, invite ideas and resist melding everything into one giant blob? Then we can savor each "ingredient" and the resulting gourmet dish. Delicious!

Pastor J.



Joys & Thanksgiving

- Sunny days and beautiful mountains that surround us: Mount Baker, Mount Rainier, and the Brothers and the rest of the Olympics
- Joy of music and especially hearing beautiful music from a young 16 year old violinist at the Bremerton Symphony and Latin and tango music
- Jack Bailey spent time with his son
- Janice McLemore thanks for Representative Derek Kilmer, our Congressman, who spoke at the Democratic Dinner
- Kitsap Sun article and headline in Friday's paper about our church and other local reconciling Methodist Churches and the UMC General Conference

Health Concerns

- Caleb and his family in Mississippi

Peace & Encouragement

- Young people, 11-12 year-olds, who have attempted or contemplated suicide
 - Families of victims of the Ethiopian Airlines plane crash with people from all over the world
 - Children of parents with mental illnesses
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This Week at the Church:

8811 Illahee Road NE, Bremerton, WA 98311

Thursday, 14th: 12:30pm Prayer Circle
7pm Book Study at Brownsville UMC
"We Make the Road By Walking"

Saturday, 16th: The Lord's Diner

Sunday, 17th: 11am Worship – 2nd Sunday in Lent
12pm Fellowship

Tuesday, 19th: 12pm Lunch Group at Andy & Cindy's Diner
7pm Ad Council Meeting

Thursday, 21st: 12:30pm Prayer Circle
2:30pm Garden Club Meeting



Happy Birthday to:
Jim Sykes – 17th



Happy Anniversary to:
No Anniversaries This Week

If you would like to receive our Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary greetings, please send your dates to our church email address listed above. Thanks...

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 March 23, 2019
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PUGET SOUND MISSIONAL DISTRICT

\$20 Early Bird Tickets ON SALE NOW!
 After March 15, 2019 Ticket prices will go up to \$30
 Doors open at 8:30 am
 9 am - 3:30 pm Lunch Included
 Childcare Available if needed

The Lord's Diner

Brownsville United Methodist Church is scheduled to cook and serve at the Lord's Neighborhood Diner this **Saturday, March 16th.**



For those who do not know, the Lord's Neighborhood Diner serves a meal every Saturday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bremerton for those who need it. We normally serve between 80 and 125 people. Our church serves 4 times a year on the 4th Saturday of months that have 5 Saturdays. We do it in two shifts, the morning shift cooks and the afternoon shift serves. People can for signup for morning, afternoon or both. We have a lot of fun with each other and the clients that come to eat the meals.

Table Talks: Finding a Way Forward Together

What to Expect

United Methodists in the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences are encouraged to participate in Table Talk conversations planned in various settings across the Greater Northwest Area. These opportunities will provide attendees a way to engage the church's current discussion of human sexuality and the decisions made at the 2019 General Conference Session in St. Louis, within a structure of worship and respect for one another.

To develop that sense of respect, participants are asked to commit to a covenant for respectful dialog. In short, the covenant asks them to:

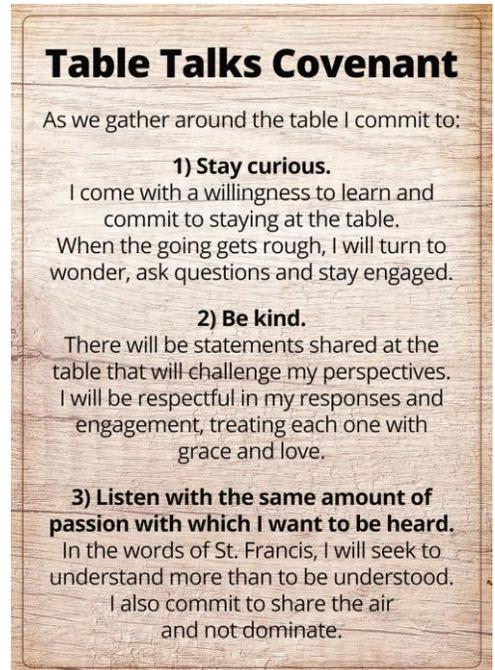
1. Stay Curious,
2. Be Kind, and to
3. Listen with the same amount of passion with which I want to be heard.

Both worship and a covenant for respectful dialog are essential when we ask for God to be present in our conversations and recognize that we can sometimes get in the way of that. All across the area are asked to seriously consider participating in one of these opportunities.

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky sees that respectful dialog as a key to helping the church move forward, both here in the northwest, and globally.

"Christians don't need to beat each other up when we disagree." she says, "If you love your church, and want it to see its mission witness remain strong around the world, I hope you will come to one of the Table Talks. If you are sick and tired of opposing sides in the church fighting about human sexuality, and who should be welcome in the Church, I hope you will come to one of the Table Talks. We can find a deeper unity, and new ways of listening to God and one another."

The **Table Talk 3.0** scheduled at **Brownsville UMC** will be held on **Saturday, March 30, 2019, 2:00pm – 5:00pm**. To sign-up for this or another one of the many Table Talk sessions being held please click [here!](#)



5TH SUNDAY

Coming Together!
Joint Worship Service
with North Mason UMC
Sunday, March 31st
10am at Brownsville UMC

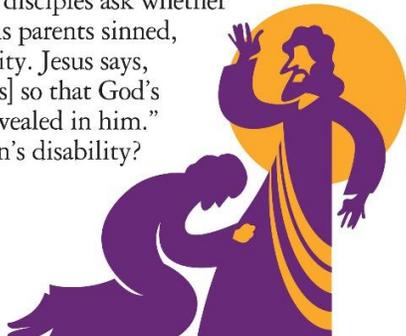
- Potluck Following Worship -
Brownsville UMC congregation
to provide main dishes
North Mason UMC congregation
to provide sides and desserts



Bible Quiz

In John 9, Jesus' disciples ask whether a certain man or his parents sinned, causing his disability. Jesus says, "Neither. ... [It was] so that God's works might be revealed in him." What was this man's disability?

A. Deafness
B. Lameness
C. Blindness
D. Epilepsy



Answer: C (See John 9:1-7.)