



# The Grapevine



## Prosser United Methodist Church – May 2017

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### MAY HOMILIES AND SCRIPTURE

- May 07**.....Youth Service  
"Taking a Stand"
- May 14**.....John 14: 1 – 14  
Homily — "Finding Our Way"
- May 21**.....John 14:15 – 21  
Homily — "In Whom We Love"
- May 28**.....John 17:1 – 11  
Homily — "Witnesses"

Usher for May is **Darrel Fortune**.

Our worship time is at 10 AM on Sundays.

Nursery care is available during worship. Children up through Kindergarten can be dropped off at the nursery, down the first floor hall of the education wing of the church. Youth in grades K – 5 may go to Sunday School after the youth time in worship.

### MAY EVENTS

- May 03 — UMW, 6:30 PM
- May 04 — Matthew Bible Study, 7 PM
- May 06 — Men's Group, 8 AM
- May 07 — Youth Sunday
- May 07 — Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 07 — Staff-Parish Relations Comm., After Church
- May 07 — United Methodist Youth, 4:30 PM
- May 11 — Matthew Bible Study, 7 PM
- May 14 — Happy Mother's Day!
- May 14 — Potluck, After Church
- May 14 — United Methodist Youth, 4:30 PM
- May 15 — Jubilee Food Bagging, 9:30 AM
- May 18 — Matthew Bible Study, 7 PM
- May 21 — United Methodist Youth, 4:30 PM
- May 24 — Church Council, 7 PM
- May 25 — Matthew Bible Study, 7 PM
- May 28 — No United Methodist Youth
- May 29 — Memorial Day, Office Closed

### JUBILEE FOOD BANK

On May 15, it is our church's turn to re-package rice, beans or oats into smaller bags that can be handed out by Jubilee Food Bank during the week. Meet at Jubilee (1429 Stacy St.) at 9:30 AM for fun, fellowship, and work that will help feed those in need in our community!



### JUBILEE FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

During the month of May, we are asking you to bring in green beans to donate to Jubilee Food Bank. Our donation basket is located in the Fellowship Hall, near the Mission bulletin board. Thanks!

### MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet May 6 at 8:00 AM. We will have some coffee, cocoa, and doughnuts, and some lively conversation! After all that, we'll do some maintenance and repair work around the church. Bring your toolbox with you if you want, as they come in handy! All men, young and old, are welcome to attend.

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# BO'S BLOG

The United Methodist Church is in the news again. Unfortunately, it's not our efforts to lobby Congress to provide funding for programs for children and the



poor, nor is it the assistance we're giving to those still recovering from the typhoons in the Philippines last fall, that are grabbing the headlines.

Instead, the news is about the Judicial Council review of the election, consecration, and assignment of one of our bishops.

At the Western Jurisdictional Conference last summer, the body that elects bishops for the Annual Conferences from the Rocky Mountains west, delegates from each of those Annual Conferences elected Rev. **Karen Oliveto** to the episcopacy. She was a clergy person in good standing in the California-Nevada Annual Conference, and she was married to a woman. She was consecrated bishop at the Western Jurisdictional Conference, and she was assigned to the Mountain Sky Annual Conference (Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado) beginning September 1.

At the time of Bishop **Oliveto's** election, the South Central Jurisdictional Conference was meeting. Upon hearing of her election, that conference passed legislation asking the Judicial Council to review Bishop **Oliveto's** nomination, election, consecration, and assignment, to determine if they violated the rules in our Book of Discipline. The Judicial Council is The United Methodist Church's version of a Supreme Court. It rules whether or not actions and decisions made by General Conference and the General Church (i.e., the general boards and agencies of the church, and the College of Bishops), Jurisdictional Conferences, and Annual Conferences, that have been sent to them for review, violate or uphold the rules in the Discipline.

The Judicial Council met the last week of April, hearing a number of cases, and released its rulings on April 28. In the case of the Western Jurisdictional Conference action, the Judicial Council ruled that it could only address the consecration of Bishop **Oliveto**, and that the consecration of her as bishop did violate the rules in our Discipline. The Discipline therefore requires a review of Bishop **Oliveto's** ministerial

office by the Western Jurisdiction, a process defined by the Discipline and already in progress, due to complaints filed within the Jurisdiction. In the meantime, Bishop **Oliveto** remains a bishop in good standing.

I know this is a lot to take in. Please feel free to ask me questions, or share comments about this, anytime. I also want to share these two thoughts with you. One is that we are defined as United Methodists by our history, our theology, and our polity (the rules in the Book of Discipline), whether we like them or not. These three things state to each of us, and to the world, who we are. As our history shows though, our theology and polity also change over time. Who we are today is different than who we were 100 years ago, and who we will be 100 years from now. Secondly, we are defined as Christians by our beliefs about Christ, and not by our beliefs about homosexuality, or anything else for that matter. Christians on both sides of an issue will look to theology and scripture to support their position, as they should. But faith in Christ, not our position on an issue, remains the defining attribute of brothers and sisters in Christ.

Shalom,  
Bo

## UMW Unit Meeting

United Methodist Women invite all women of the church to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, May 3, at **6:30 PM**. This meeting is planned for the evening so that those of you who work during the day may be able to join us. The meeting will begin with a potluck and will be followed by a program and business meeting. **Kathy Key** is the hostess and she will provide a main dish and the rest of us are asked to bring a salad, side dish, bread or dessert to share. Come one, come all and join us for a time for visiting and learning what UMW does in our church, community and beyond.

## Please Keep in Prayer

The family of **Wyatt Cone**; **Marilyn Knight**, at Amber Hills; the family of **Vickie Newell**; **Ralph Oldfield**, recovering from a broken hip; **Coleen Pickard**, at Amber Hills; **Jim Raney's** daughter **Brenda**, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; **Roberta Rincker**, at Amber Hills; **Edie Roberts**, recovering from back surgery; **Colleen Schilperoort**, recovering from foot surgery.



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# Building Toward Our Future

Workgroups are meeting with our architect, **Laroy Gant**, to develop detailed plans for the Fellowship Hall, its kitchen, and the downstairs bathrooms. If you have something in particular you'd like to see changed or added in those areas, now is the time to share that idea with one of the folks listed below. We are also looking for a contractor to work with us in the design phase and to carry out our remodel. If you know of someone who would be a good contractor for our project, please contact the church office.

Our financing of this project continues to look good. We are getting new donations, and pledges that were made are coming in. We are still about \$5,000 short of our goal of \$245,000. We have raised quite a lot of money, but recognize that remodel projects more often come in over budget than under budget. We will be doing our best to hold down costs throughout the project, and any donations left over at the completion of work will be used as seed money for our next project—the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity, as we build toward the future of Prosser UMC!

Those serving on the workgroups, and their contact information, are:

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# Youth Service, May 7

On Sunday, May 7, the youth of our church will be leading the worship service. They will be using the theme of their National History Day presentations, "Taking a Stand," and will be sharing those presentations with us, along with related scriptures and hymns. Come and hear what has taken **Emalyn Smith, Kevin Forrister, Rachel Forrister, and Levi Russell** all the way to the state competition this year!

# Church Council Meeting

Our Church Council will be meeting Wednesday, May 24, at 7 PM in the Friendship Room. The Church Council considers the finances, programs, and business of the church. All are welcome to attend.

# GRADUATES TO BE HONORED

The 2017 graduates will be honored during the worship service and at a reception on Sunday, May 7. We have three high school graduates and three college graduates. They are:



## **Prosser High School**

**Haley Clark**  
**Hanna Clark**  
**Levi Russell**

## **College**

**Daniel Barr** – Lake Washington Institute of Technology

**Kenneth Corliss** – Washington State University – BS in Integrated Plant Sciences

**Elise Mills** – Washington State University – Elementary Education

If you know of other graduates, please call Pastor **Bo** or **Peggy Edom**.

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# THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks to the following people who helped with **Wyatt Cone's** Celebration of Life reception:

<b>Bill and Dora Boge</b>	<b>Alison Bryan</b>
<b>Carol Cowan</b>	<b>Rita Edie</b>
<b>Peggy and Bill Edom</b>	<b>Glenna Ely</b>
<b>Joy and Bob Fay</b>	<b>Melissa Glasscock</b>
<b>Carolyn Hart</b>	<b>Diana and George Herold</b>
<b>Fran Houser</b>	<b>Kathy Key</b>
<b>Linda Key</b>	<b>Alys and Mike Means</b>
<b>Kay and John Myers</b>	<b>Elisa Riley</b>
<b>Pam Serrano</b>	<b>Barbara Seymour</b>
<b>Kila and Dean Smith</b>	<b>Glenna and Bob White</b>

The **Cone** family truly appreciates all that we did to make the reception special for their family and friends.



We will be having our end of the school year potluck BBQ on Sunday, **June 11** after church. It will be a time to gather in our back yard and share good food with each other as we move into the summer. This will be our final potluck until September, so come on out and enjoy!

## New Directories Are Available



Updated church directories available in the narthex of the church! Pick one up next time you are there. If you notice information in it that needs correcting for the next edition, please send corrections to the church office. Thank you!

## Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting

### May 7

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be meeting after church on Sunday, May 7. Go downstairs as we honor the 2017 graduates after church, get some cake and something to drink, and meet in the Friendship Room. See you there!

Prosser UMC Finances	
March Income \$7,020	2017 Income \$24,267
March Budget \$9,721	2017 Budget \$28,623
Difference for the Month -\$2,701	Difference for the Year -\$4,356

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