



# The Grapevine



## Prosser United Methodist Church – November 2017

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### NOVEMBER HOMILIES AND SCRIPTURE

**November 05** ...Joshua 3:7 – 17  
Homily — “Crossing Over”

**November 12** ...Joshua 24:1 – 25  
Homily — “Preparing to Serve”

**November 19** ...Judges 4:1 – 7  
Homily — “Risk”

**November 26** ...Ezekiel 34:11 – 24  
Homily — “Sorting”

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. Sunday School for Grades K – 5 will be held following the Youth Time during worship.

### JUBILEE FOOD BANK

November 20 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 November, we are asking you to bring in pumpkin to donate to Jubilee Food Bank. Our donation basket is located in the Narthex, near the church office. Thanks!

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 01 — UMW, Noon
- November 04 — Men’s Group, 8 AM
- November 12 — Pledge Sunday
- November 13 — Veterans Day Observed, Office Closed
- November 20 — Jubilee Bagging, 9:30 AM
- November 20 — DS meeting with SPR, 5 PM
- November 20 — Charge Conference, 6 PM
- November 23 — Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- November 26 — UMY @ Depot Holiday Event, 4 PM

### MEN’S GROUP



The Men’s Group will meet November 4 at 8:00 AM. After some coffee, cocoa, and doughnuts, and some lively conversation, we will do some work projects around the church. There is still plenty of demolition work

to do, as well as the regular monthly checks on lights, fire extinguishers, roses, etc., so the more men come, the merrier! Bring your toolbox with you if you want, as they come in handy, as well as sledgehammers and sawsalls. All men, young and old, are welcome to attend.

### Check Your Clocks!



Daylight Savings Time ends in the early morning hours of Sunday, November 5. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour the night before! Otherwise, you can join the choir as they rehearse during the hour

before worship!

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## BO'S BLOG

One of the things we do in fall is get ready for winter: blow out sprinkler systems; empty hoses, roll them up, and put them away; trim down the roses; rake up the leaves; put on snow tires, or studded tires; put away the lawn chairs;



put insulating covers on our outdoor faucets; get the wood piles ready to use in the fireplace or stove; and a whole lot more.

We're not the only ones preparing for winter. Even as the trees and

shrubs are turning colors, they are storing away nutrients they'll need over the coming months in their roots. Bulbs are dividing; squirrels are storing nuts, bears are eating high fat foods; robins are migrating. The whole natural world, of which we are a part, is getting ready for a season of rest, hibernation, hunkering down, and staying indoors.

Too often we can overlook this time of preparation. We hustle through our chores so that we can watch football on Saturday and Sunday. We winterize our boats or lawn mowers or cars in the midst of shopping for Halloween candy, Thanksgiving turkeys, or Christmas presents. In the midst of all our activities, we can miss that we are preparing for a season of rest.

We need rest. We cannot go without sleeping. Our bodies, and minds, are designed in such a way that they require rest to keep functioning properly. Our spirits also require seasons of rest. We cannot keep going all the time. We require down time: seasons of rest from our periods of growth and productivity, preparing us for the next time of growth and productivity.

If we are not as intentional about preparing ourselves for our spiritual season of rest as we are about preparing our yard or house for winter, we may find that we do not have what we need to have a full and life-giving rest in God during what we might call the spiritually "dry" times in our lives. Being intentional about our regular spiritual practices, such as reading scripture, praying, going to worship, and walking in nature, help us build up the "nutrients" we will need to last through our spiritual winter and be ready for the next season of growth in God.

So as you go about your chores of getting ready for winter, I invite you to do so intentionally. Take time to notice how these activities are preparing you and your home for this season of rest. Enjoy the lawn raking (and the Advil afterwards), as well as the football. Give thanks to God for both. Listen to your spirit. What season are you in with God? How are you getting ready for your next season?

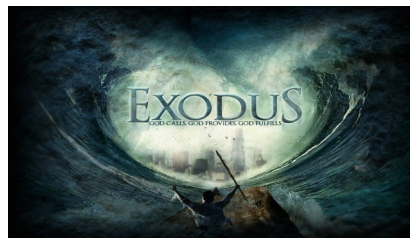
Shalom,  
Bo

## Special Offering November 19!

November 19 is United Methodist Student Sunday. Funds raised from this offering go to providing scholarships for United Methodist students in college, and for students attending United Methodist Seminaries. Please give generously to help UM students gain their education at a lower cost that they can afford. Thank you!

## The Exodus Continues in November

Our adult Bible Study continues meeting on Thursdays throughout November, with the exception of November 2 and



Thanksgiving Day. We meet at 7 PM at Amber Hills. The class is a 10 week study of the book of Exodus. We have read about the birth and call of **Moses**, and the struggle

between **Moses** (and God) and the Pharaoh for the freedom of the Israelites. We are just moving into the flight from Egypt, and the time Israel spent in the wilderness with God, with a particular focus on the Ten Commandments. The class is open to all who wish to participate. The book for the class costs \$10—please see Pastor **Bo** to get a copy. Come and read with us about the beginnings of many parts of Christian culture today!

## Lay Leadership Committee to Meet

The Lay Leadership Committee will meet again on Wednesday, November 8, at 7 PM in the Friendship Room. This committee will be nominating our officers and committee members for the 2018 year! If you've always wanted to serve on a committee, please let one of the following members of the committee know of your interest:

Pastor <b>Bo Bryan</b> , Chairperson	<b>Donna Barr</b>
<b>Rita Edie</b>	<b>Bill Edom</b>
<b>Peggy Edom</b>	<b>Bonnie Glasscock</b>
<b>Edie Roberts</b>	<b>Braydon Smith</b>

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## Building Toward our Future

October was a busy month for our demolition derby guys, especially **Scott Cromar**, who took down the wall between the hallway and the Fellowship Hall and much of the lath and plaster on the wall between the old Scout room and the Fellowship Hall, and **Don Williams**, who took out the shelf that ran under the outside windows, and the lower cabinets in the kitchen, and took up much of the carpet downstairs, as well as taking the lath and plaster out to the dumpster. Thanks to all those who have participated in our downstairs demolition derby (see related article)!

The workgroups met with our architect **Laroy Gant** and contractor **Ken Bierlink** on Wednesday, October 18, for a final look at the plans, then the plans were submitted to the city with permit applications the next day. As soon as those permits are issued, we will turn the project over to the professionals. We are also ready for the asbestos abatement team to clear the asbestos out of the kitchen and Men's room.

We have raised quite a lot of money for our remodel project, but we also recognize that these projects often end up going over budget. We will be doing our best to hold down costs throughout the project (such as doing the demolition work with volunteers!), but we have already incurred some costs for dealing with the asbestos, and will incur more re-routing some of our duct work, that were not included in the original estimate. Please consider making an extra donation to help compensate for these and other unexpected expenses that may come up. 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:

<b>Bo Bryan</b>	303-0512	<a href="mailto:pastor@prosserumc.org">pastor@prosserumc.org</a>
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<b>Darrel Fortune</b>	781-0240	<a href="mailto:dqfortune@gmail.com">dqfortune@gmail.com</a>
<b>Diana Herold</b>	945-3526	<a href="mailto:gherold43@gmail.com">gherold43@gmail.com</a>
<b>Kathy Key</b>	305-0862	
<b>Kay Myers</b>	882-4933	<a href="mailto:jbmyers@charter.net">jbmyers@charter.net</a>
<b>Dean Smith</b>	786-2880	<a href="mailto:dean@smith.net">dean@smith.net</a>
<b>Don Williams</b>	882-2874	

[dwilliams1224@gmail.com](mailto:dwilliams1224@gmail.com)

**Virginia Binfet Williams**

## REMODELING PREPARATION, PHASE I & II

Submitted by Peggy Edom, Lay Leader

Demolition of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen in preparation for Phase I & II remodeling continues and another big thank you goes to the following men who have worked many hours down there:

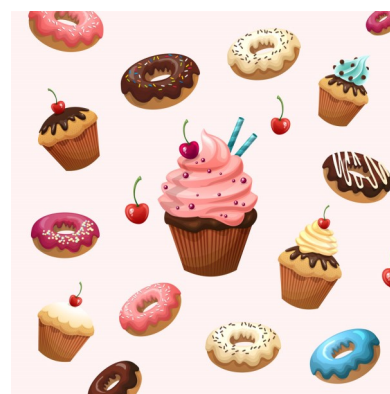
**Glenn Baker**  
**Scott Cromar**  
**Steve Fransen**  
**Bob Serrano**

**Pastor Bo Bryan**  
**Bill Edom**  
**Lyle Klostermeyer**  
**Bob White**  
**Don Williams**

## ADVENT IS COMING!

Advent, the beginning of the church's year, and the season of preparing for the birth of Jesus, is right around the corner! It begins on Sunday, December 3. During Advent we will be lighting the advent candles during worship, and doing several other activities each of those weeks. Saturday, December 2, will be the Hanging of the Greens. December 10 will be a Christmas Confection Collaboration during Coffee Hour. The afternoon of December 17 will be our annual Christmas Concert. On Christmas Eve we will have two worship services: our usual morning worship service and the evening service of lessons and carols. Details of each of these events will be in the December newsletter.

The season of Christmas is filled with traditions; it is a time of celebration and joy. For many of us, those traditions include FEASTING and PARTIES!!! Odds are you have a Christmas culinary tradition. Let's share the joy of the season and our culinary traditions on December 10 at the **Christmas Confection Collaboration!** Could be a cookie, cake, candy, pastry, pie, pudding, tart, or bon-bon! Bring your sugarplum of choice for coffee hour December 10th!



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# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

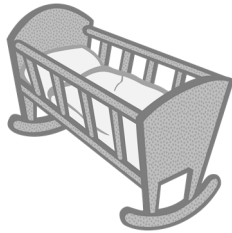
## Baby Shower for Melissa Glasscock and Unit Meeting

United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at noon for lunch, a baby shower for **Melissa Glasscock** and her baby girl, a program and a business meeting. **Peggy Edom** will be our hostess and she will provide the main dish. **Peggy** will also present the Response Moment and the Thank Offering Program. President **Carolyn Hart** will chair the business meeting. Please plan to come and bring a salad, bread, or side dish to share with the group. We will have cake as part of the baby shower. Hope to see you all there!

## Doll Cradle, 18" American Girl Doll and Wardrobe

Thanks so much to the following people who helped with hauling, setting up and selling drawing tickets at the Saturday Market:

<b>Rita Edie</b>	<b>Bill and Peggy Edom</b>
<b>Dick and Carolyn Hart</b>	<b>Fran Houser</b>
<b>Kathy Key</b>	<b>Rod and Edie Roberts</b>
<b>Pam Serrano</b>	<b>Bob White</b>
<b>Don Williams</b>	



## Drawing - Saturday, Oct. 28

The drawing for the cradle, doll, and a beautiful wardrobe was held on Saturday, October 28, at Prosser UMC. The Miss Prosser Court, with their advisor **Kathy Aubrey**, drew the winning ticket at noon. Congratulations to our lucky winner, **Linda Key!**

Thank you to the Miss Prosser Court, and to the Prosser community for their support of this project. A great big thank you goes to **Jim Raney** who made the cradle

and donated the doll, to his daughter **Paige** who made the quilt and mattress, and to the following ladies who donated wardrobe and accessory items:

**Peggy Edom**  
**Bonnie Glasscock**  
**Carolyn Hart**  
**Diana Herold**  
**Edie Roberts**

There may be others who donated wardrobe items that haven't been identified. Our apologies to you if you donated and we don't have your name to add to the recognition list. Know that you are appreciated too!

Finally, thanks so very much to everyone who supported this project with their donations to the raffle. It truly is appreciated...the final count is almost \$1,100! The money will go to support UMW missions.

## Bake Sales

UMW has held two bake sales this fall. One on September 30 and another on October 21. Those two sales brought in \$567.00. Thanks to the following people who donated baked goods:

<b>Virginia Binfet</b>	<b>Dora and Bill Boge</b>
<b>Peggy and Bill Edom</b>	<b>Carolyn Hart</b>
<b>Diana Herold</b>	<b>Fran Houser</b>
<b>Kathy Key</b>	<b>Alys Means</b>
<b>Kay Myers</b>	<b>Edie and Rob Roberts</b>
<b>Pam and Bob Serrano</b>	<b>Glenna and Bob White</b>

Thanks to all of you who supported us with your purchases of the baked goods!

## Please Keep in Prayer

**David Bayne** and family, grieving the loss of his wife **Irene**; **Evelyn Buckle**, in the hospital in Dayton; the family of **Wyatt Cone**; **Marilyn Knight**, at Amber Hills; **Bruce Kubler**, having ankle replacement surgery this month; **Mat Lyczewski**, recovering from an infection; **Lethe McGavran**, recovering from surgery; **Ralph Oldfield**, at Sun Terrace; **Jim Raney's** daughter **Brenda**, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; **Roberta Rincker**, at Amber Hills; all those whose lives have been disrupted, or who have lost loved ones, in the hurricanes and fires.

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## New Addresses

**Mat Lyczewski** and **Mary Ann Ward** have moved to Sun Terrace. Their new address is:

2131 Wine Country Rd. #133

Prosser, WA 99350

**Linda Key** moved this past Spring to Maple Valley, Washington. Her new contact information is:

28112 239<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE

Maple Valley, WA 98038

Phone: 509-830-1960

E-mail: [Lmkey1021@comcast.net](mailto:Lmkey1021@comcast.net)

## UMY Holiday Event

The United Methodist Youth will be attending the Family Holiday Event at the train depot downtown on Sunday, November 26 at 4 PM. Meet at Depot Square, bring your families, and have a good time with Santa's visit, toasting marshmallows, sipping cocoa, and getting prizes! See you there!

## SPR and Charge Conference Meetings

The Staff-Parish Relations committee will have their annual meeting with the District Superintendent, Rev. **Mary Huycke**, on Monday, November 20, at 5 PM. At this meeting, the District Superintendent reviews the SPR's evaluation of the pastor, and any other issues, either in the church or in the conference, that may need to be discussed.

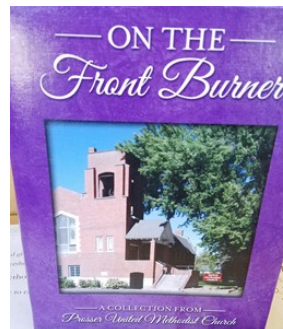
Our annual Charge Conference will follow the SPR meeting. It begins at 6 PM, and will be led by Rev. **Huycke**. At this meeting we will adopt a salary for the pastor and our budget for 2018, elect officers for next year, and give other reports. Rev. **Huycke** will also share with us anything that may be coming up in our district and/or conference.

## Pledge Sunday

Pledge Sunday is the day we turn in our financial pledges for the coming year. We will do that this year on November 12. Pledge cards, and their accompanying letter, will be mailed out the week before to give us time to consider our pledge for 2018. Please take a moment to think about how much you can give to support the ministries of Prosser UMC, and bring your card to church that Sunday, any Sunday after, or bring it or mail it to the church office. Your contributions are essential to our keeping the doors open and the lights on.

This year, as last year, there is also an option to pledge your support for our building fund in 2018. These contributions are much needed as well, as we are in the midst of a major renovation of our downstairs space, and there are unplanned expenses that will increase the overall cost of the project (see article elsewhere in this newsletter). Please remember that these contributions are to be in addition to your regular giving. Above all, thank you for your participation in the life and vitality of our church!

## COOKBOOKS



It's fall, and we're heading into the holidays. Make the season more festive in your home using recipes from the PUMC cookbook, On the Front Burner! The book is a unique gift and is available for a reduced price - \$10.00. Get 'em while they're hot!! Only a limited number are still available!

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