

**Sunday Worship Times:**

8:15am Facebook Live online
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am - 10:30am Fellowship Time
10:30am In-person Service

New Community Church of Union

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Well, folks, here we are celebrating another December. I am always glad for the month of December because I love the Christmas season. It used to be that I loved to receive gifts, but now I love to see gifts being received. I love to watch the responses of joy, gratefulness, and even surprise. And I love the love by which those gifts are given. It seems to me that gift giving at Christmas time is a wonderful way in which humanity, whether believers or not, reflect the image of God that is in us all.

God is a gift giver. His character is to be generous to His creation. Think about all the gifts that God gives us. We receive the everyday gifts of light and life. We wake up to a world that is still here, and we get another day to live in it. We have another day to experience friendship, taste food, go for a walk, play a sport, enter into a conversation, be loved, and to love others. We get to smell the fresh air, feel the rain, enjoy the sun, and gaze upon the beauty of the trees, the mountains, and the waters. We even receive the gift of watching the deer browse among our yards. (Though I would argue it is less of a gift when they eat my flowers!)

God loves to give us good gifts. He loves to share Himself with us. God loves to love us through His Son, Jesus. He loves to redeem us, to justify us, to forgive us, to cleanse us, to make us His children, and to give us His Spirit to be with us and in us. God loves to give us His gifts of provision, protection, and His abiding presence. He loves to guide us, help us, comfort us, care about us, and shepherd us. He loves to lead us into nourishing pastures, quieting waters, and abundant feasts of goodness, mercy, kindness, peace, and grace.

God is a gift giver, and God is the author of giving gifts. Indeed, it is a gift from God that we are even able to give gifts to others. Christmas is a time when all humanity, whether saved or not, reflects the image of God through giving gifts. It could even be argued that going shopping for Christmas presents for others reflects the image of God's generosity towards others.

I think that is why the Christmas season feels so much better than any other season of the calendar. It is a time when humanity, knowingly or unknowingly, lives out the image of God that is in all of us. Generosity reflects the character of God. Gift giving imitates the One who initiated the giving of gifts.

This Christmas, whether you are shopping for gifts, wrapping gifts, or unwrapping gifts, may you be more aware of God's gifts to you and those you are with. May you be more aware of the image of God in others as they practice generosity through the gifts that they give you. And may you just simply enjoy all the gifts of the Christmas season – those that you receive from others and those that you receive from God, and those you give to others and those you give to God.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Michael



December



Home Teams

Enjoy fellowship, prayer, laughter and learning by signing up for a Home Team. Reach out to Jerry Clausen at (360) 490-5251.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets on December 13th at 9:45 AM in the Sanctuary. For questions, email or call Lisa Nelson at LNELSON169@gmail.com or (425) 495-6537.

Women's Lunch will meet at Amelia's Hangar December 26th at Noon. RSVP by December 19th. Please reach out to Roxy Clake at (206) 293-1276. Those who would like to carpool, the group will leave from the church at 11:30 AM.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship meets on December 13th at 9:00 AM in the Youth Building. For questions, reach out to Wayne Elling at (206) 714-8434.

Men's Lunch group will meet at Alderbrook Clubhouse at Noon, Wednesday, December 3rd. For questions, reach out to Wayne Elling.

Weekly Prayer Warriors

Friday at 9:30 AM: Are you a Prayer Warrior? Want to help pray for all the prayer requests with an awesome group of other warriors? Just show up at 9:30 AM on Friday mornings in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome. Prayer Warriors unite!

Each Thursday at Noon, we encourage the entire church to pause and pray for our church, wherever you are.

If you would like a Prayer Medic Team, please contact Pastor Michael.

Ongoing Community Outreach

Hands for Christ meets Wednesday, December 3rd and 17th, 10:00 AM –12:30 pm in the Youth Building. Sewing is not a necessity but a welcome skill! All are welcome.

Loss Of A Loved One, Grief Support Please reach out to Brenda Washburn @360-490-4839 for appointment

Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the office for the Hood Canal Food Bank.

Hood Canal School Backpack program still needs Nonperishable food. Items can be dropped off in the NCCU office. Talk to Susan Bosman for the type of foods needed.

Toys for Tots is collecting new UNWRAPPED toys for the kids for Christmas, ends early December.

Save the Date:

December 6th: Pick up some Hallelujah Fudge at the Holiday Market. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

December 7th: Picture sharing from Pastor's mission trip to India. 4:00 PM

December 9th: Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. 10:00 AM

December 21st: Baby Born in a Barn @ Hunter Farms. 5:00PM

December 24th: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. 7:00 PM

Other Community Happenings at NCCU

Mondays: We have the Movement Class with Sue Ullom at 9:30 AM. This is not Aerobics or Zumba; it is just some body movement to get your week started.

First & third Mondays: Locals with Littles meets in the Youth Building at 10:00 AM.

Tuesday Evenings: Addiction Ministry meets in the Youth Building at 6:00 PM.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am Locals with Littles 10:00 am	2 Office Closed Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	3 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Cancelled Hands For Christ 10:00 am Men's Lunch noon Youth Group 6:00 to 8:00 pm Youth Building	4 Worship Practice 9:00am All- Church Prayer noon (on your own)	5 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am	6 Building being used for Holiday Market 10:00 am -4:00 pm
7 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center Communion India Mission Trip Pictures 4:00 pm	8 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am	9 Office Closed Decorating the Sanctuary 10:00 am Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	10 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Cancelled Governing Board Meeting 2:00 pm Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building	11 Worship Practice 9:00 am All-Church Prayer noon (on your own)	12 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am	13 Men's Fellowship 9:00 am Youth Building 9:45 am Women's Fellowship Sanctuary
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21 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center Baby Born In A Barn 5 PM	22 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am	23 Office Closed Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	24 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Youth Group 6:00 to 8:00 Cancelled Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm	25 Christmas Day For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord Luke 2:11 All-Church Prayer noon (on your own)	26 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am Ladies Lunch 12:00 pm @ Amelia's Hangar	27
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