


**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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We are well into summer now. The weather is good, the kids are out of school, and many people head out on vacations. I like to see what the 'travel pros' recommend for things to pack and things to leave behind. Once in a while I'll see some gadget that really catches my eye and I think, "That could be really handy." Sometimes it really is handy, and sometimes it is just added weight. I also like seeing videos of people who are hiking long trails like the Pacific Crest or the Appalachian trail. There's always a video where they show the gear they left behind because once they got on the trail and were carrying everything on their backs for several months, they realized some of the things they thought were going to be useful ended up just being more weight to carry and were just a burden. So they gave it away to someone else who thought it might be handy, or found a local trash receptical, or maybe shipped it home. At any rate, whether backpacking or traveling with some sort of motorized help, the people who have been doing it a lot have learned how to eliminate the items that aren't helping on the journey.

As we proceed on our journey through life, looking ahead to our destination in heaven, we are also called to be "travel pros." In Hebrews 11, we see a list of "heroes of faith" talking about how they lived in faith in the promises of God. When we get to chapter 12 we get a bit of travel advice about how we can be like those heroes of faith mentioned in the previous chapter.

12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

We are encouraged to throw off the things that hinder us and the sins that entangle us. There is no specific list of things here because each of us is hindered in our spiritual growth by different things. In the parable of the sower, Jesus talks about seeds falling on the path that get scooped up by birds, seeds that fall on rocky soil where their roots don't grow and they wither, seeds that land among thorns and grow but with difficulty, and finally seeds that land in good soil and produce an abundant crop.

We all like to identify with the “good soil”. We want to think that’s the kind of soil we are, when maybe we are actually thorny soil. In Mark 4:18-19 Jesus talks about the thorns:

18 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;

19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

So many things can choke our growth. Jesus just listed a few here. There are plenty of things in this life to worry about, but we can put our trust in Jesus that He will get us through them. Some people spend all their time trying to get rich, when earthly treasures don’t have the value of heavenly treasure. We are always looking for other things to make us feel whole, when our completion is in Christ. He alone makes us complete.

As this summer progresses, take a little time to relax and think about this, and pray. Ask God, “What things in my life can I leave behind? Which things do I not need to carry anymore?” It may be a hobby, maybe some acquaintances that are a bad influence; it could be anything. God will let you know. Be a “pro-traveler”. Throw off the things that hinder and the sin that so easily entangles us. Travel light, and get away from the thorns, and find a spot in the good soil.

Guest Message
Scott Frisbie



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Home Teams

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

OWLS

Meets the Last Thursday of every month: **Cancelled** for July 23rd at 12:00 PM. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is on a break. Join us for a summer picnic at Mary's July 18th at 12:00PM. Bring your favorite sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and fun. Regular Fellowship resumes in September. For questions, email or call Wendy Moye at 503-990-1855.

Women's Lunch will meet on July 24th at the Food Trucks, 111 East Railroad Ave, Shelton 12:00 PM. Please reach out to Juli McClellan, 360-265-9346, for questions. For those who would like to carpool, the group will leave from the church at 11:30 AM.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Lunch group will meet Wednesday, July 1st at Alderbrook Clubhouse at Noon. For questions, call Wayne Elling at 206-714-8434.

Men's Fellowship **Cancelled** for July 11th, usually at 9:00 AM, in the Youth Building. For questions, email or call Wayne Elling at 206-714-8434.

Youth Group

The Youth is on Summer Break and will resume September 2nd, then meet weekly on Wednesdays, from 6:00-8:00 PM, in the Youth Building. Contact the office for questions.

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 is on a summer break. They will resume Wednesday, September 16th at 10:00 AM.

Loss Of A Loved One, Grief Support: please contact Brenda Washburn @ 360-490-4839 for an appointment.

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

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

Hood Canal School Backpack Program is on Summer break and will resume in September.

Save the Date:

July 11th 10:00 AM Joey Thompson Celebration of Life.

July 18th 10:30 AM Frances Fender Celebration of Life

July 18th Women's Fellowship Lunch at Mary's 12:00 PM

July 26th Baptism will be held at Mary Randolph's house 3:00 PM

July 27th - July 31st Family Fun Dayz 6:00 PM- 8:30 PM

August 1st Faith and Family Day Mariners Game 1:00 PM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Loss of a Loved One Grief Support: Now by appointment only; call Brenda Washburn @ 360-490-4839.	Don't forget our neighbors with needs. Donate to the food bank; bring donations to the office.	1 Men's Lunch at noon	2 All-Church Prayer Noon (on your own)	3 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am	4 Happy Independence Day
5 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center Communion	6	7 Office Closed Worship Team Practice 9:00 am Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	8 Governing Board Meeting 2:00 pm	9 All-Church Prayer Noon (on your own)	10 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am	11 Men's Fellowship Cancelled Joey Thompson Celebration of Life 10:00 am
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