



Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 am online on
Facebook Live & 10:30
am in-person service

New Community Church of Union

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Pastor's Message

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In this first article of the New Year, I want to reiterate something that I said in the sermon on December 28, 2020 as I believe it is essential to moving forward with God in the days ahead. And to do that, I am going to quote part of the MOI article that Ray wrote as a summary of that sermon. Here it is:

As a church we are not community minded first; we are Christ minded first. There was a time when Pastor Michael worked for the YMCA. He was in charge of their soccer program. The culture of the YMCA said, "We are here for the community. We exist for this community." Everything was designed to get different segments of the community to come through the doors of the YMCA. It was the same idea when he worked for the city. The bottom line was: The way success is measured is by how many people participated—numbers. If the numbers were higher this year than the previous year, the program was a success. Of course, the more people that participated in the programs translated to more money for the organization. That's what being community minded means.

Being Christ minded is something very different. It says, "We exist as a church to bring salvation and sanctification to all people." Sometimes in doing that we are actually working against the community.

Community-minded people say, "We are going to fit in and look like the community." Christ-minded people say, "We're not trying to fit in or look like the community; we're trying to look like God. Where the community does not look like God, we are different from the community." We're supposed to look different. We are called out of the community into Christ's community. Paul said, *"We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ."* (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

If the community has a stronghold in something that is false, we as a church break it down. We don't go along with it just because we are part of the community. We are first and foremost Christ followers. When the community doesn't follow Jesus, we don't follow the community. We invite the community to follow Christ. In all of our activities in the church, we ask, "How does this promote Jesus? How does this give people an opportunity to come to know Jesus?" It's not about numbers like the community-minded people are concerned with. It's about Jesus and giving people exposure to Jesus. We are not the YMCA; we are Christ-centered, Holy-Spirit-filled people of God. What we do promotes Jesus. We will be the pillar and foundation of truth. Paul said, *"This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth."* (1 Timothy 3:15) *We have to be different from the community. We are evangelistic, and we preach the gospel.*

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael Wedman

Reminder:

Masks are now Mandatory Statewide. Show you care about others...wear one.

"Hands for Christ" Donation list for projects:

Bath hand towels & Wash Cloths (NO white or cream colors)
Bar Soaps (preferably Anti-bacterial)
Toothpaste
Chapstick
Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
Small hair brushes
Combs
Small lotions
Small Shampoo & Conditioner
Small Nail Clippers



Join us 8:30 am Sunday at

<https://www.facebook.com/NCCUnion/>

for services online.
Also join Prayer with Lola Wednesdays at 10:00 am.
Thursdays watch Fire-side Fellowship at 10:00 am.
See interviews on The Journey Saturday at 10:00 am on Facebook Live.
Look for new online shows...

Visit our website
<https://thenccu.org/>
for daily devotionals and to tithe with PayPal or a credit card.



Our Purpose:
*Anchored in God's Love, we exist to promote and proclaim
the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation and
sanctification of all people.*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Accepting Food Bank donations On going.					1 Prayer Group 9:15 am ZOOM OFFICE CLOSED	2 Women's Fellowship ZOOM 1:00 pm
3 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live In-person service 10:30 am Communion	4 Haircut Fundraiser call Kay Shin 360-801-2662 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am	5 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm Sunday School Building	6 Hands For Christ 10:00 am-1:00 pm Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live	7 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live Prayer Group 9:15 am ZOOM	8	9 The Journey 10:00 am Facebook Live
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