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Happy
New Year!

JANUARY – 2018! HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Pastor...

In the poet John O'Donohue's book *To Bless the Space Between Us*, O'Donohue concludes his collection with a list of questions called "At the End of the Day: A Mirror of Questions". This past month, we used these questions during our Advent Evening services as points of reflection during our five minutes of silent meditation. I love the range of ground that the questions cover—how some are playful and some quite serious, how they cause me to realize just how full every day is.

As we start a new year and reflect on the year that has passed, with all its ups and downs, with all its difficult times and moments of light and laughter, it occurs to me that these questions also offer us a lens for appreciating our experiences across an entire year. So, here they are, slightly adapted to invite you to look over the past year and reflect on personal experiences and our collective experiences as a community of faith through a lens of questions that teach, reframe, challenge, and inspire:

*What dreams did I/we create?
Where did my/our eyes linger?
Where was I (or were we) blind?
Where was I (or were we) hurt without
anyone noticing?
What did I/we learn?
What did I/we read?
What new thoughts visited me/us?
What differences did I notice in those*

*closes to me/us?
Whom did I/we neglect?
Where did I/we neglect myself/
ourselves?
What did I/we begin that might endure?
How were my/our conversations?
What did I/we do for the marginalized
and excluded?
Did I/we remember the dead?
Where could I/we have exposed myself/
ourselves to something different?
Where did I/we allow myself/ourselves
to receive love?
With whom did I/we feel most myself/
ourselves?
What reached me/us? How deeply did it
imprint?
Who saw me/us?
What did I/we avoid?
From the evidence—why was I (or were
we) given this past year?*

With blessings and hope for the New Year,

Pastor Staci



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Toward a Church as Generous
and Just as God's Grace

WPPC Summer Outing; Your Input is Needed

We raised \$894 at the ThankOffering Potluck Bake Sale and Raffle. These funds are to be used to help sponsor a summer church event.

Could you please take a moment to answer some questions about the WPPC 2018 Summer Event? All answers will be kept confidential and will just be put into spreadsheet with everyone else's to give the Fellowship Committee a better idea of how to make a summer event that everyone can participate in.

Just put an X in the appropriate [] like this [x] and return your questionnaire to the church—Thanks!

In past years WPPC has traditionally held a weekend retreat at Warm Beach Camp. Would you be interested in a weekend retreat at Warm Beach Camp or perhaps the Presbytery camp at Sound view?

Yes [] No []

If yes, when would be the best time?

Last year we had a Sunday morning worship service and picnic at Woodland Park. Should we have a Sunday morning event such as a worship service and picnic?

Yes [] No []

If Yes, would Woodland Park be an good venue?

Yes [] No []

Other suggestions for venue _____

Are there other events that you would be interested in? Please let us know.

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Articles for the **WOODLAND PARK PRESS** are due by the 20th of the month. E-mail them to me at debbiealan@yahoo.com .

Please make sure to note **your name and phone number** with your article so I may contact you if I have any questions. Thanks again to all of the contributors for this month's **PRESS**!

Thanks -

Alan Herbig - Editor

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January Worship and Scripture Readings

(All readings are from the Narrative Lectionary)

January 7 - Epiphany

Text: John 1: 35-51

January 14

Text: John 2:1-11

Preacher: Pastor Staci

January 21

Text: John 2:13-25

Preacher: Elder Todd Peterson

January 28:

Text: John 3: 1-21

Preacher: Pastor Staci

Bits and Pieces

WE CHOOSE WELCOME!

THE WPPC READERS meet next on Sunday, January 21, in the Gathering Space after the Coffee Hour, to discuss Liz Theoharis' *Always with Us?* The book is available in the WPPC Library, was reviewed in the November 2017 WPPC newsletter, and recommended by the current PC(USA) Co-Moderators.

HOLY HOPS BATMAN! Join us as we meet monthly to talk about current topics important to the group. Next gathering is Thursday, January 4, 2018, 6:00 pm, at The Dane, 8000 15th Ave NW, Seattle WA, 98117.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY GATHERING: Have you wondered about becoming a member of Woodland Park Presbyterian Church? Would you like to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), and what it means to be a Presbyterian? Pastor Staci will lead a fun and informal gathering in February (actual date TBD based upon availability of those interested). You don't have to be sure that you want to join nor do you have to commit to joining if you attend. Gathering date(s) will likely be a weeknight evening over a light meal. If you'd like to participate, or if you have questions, please reach out to Michael Bronsdon michael@bronsdon.com or (206) 799-7614.

THANK YOU FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL! Thank you - to all the people who wrote letters for Amnesty International's Write for Rights campaign in honor of Human Rights Day, December 10. Witness Committee had 28 stamps or stamped envelopes and they were all used. So Sakris Kupila in Finland, whose transgender rights are being denied, and Issa Amro and Farid Al-Atrash, Palestinians in Israeli jails for peacefully demonstrating at an illegal settlement construction site, are enjoying letters of support and hope.

And their governments are being challenged to do what is right. Thank you from the Witness Committee

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recovery: Debbie Blane, Bethany Erickson, Evelyn Merritt, Pat Moberg, Salwa Nemr; Margaret Russell, and Ken Stover

Missionaries: Brian and Sandi Thompson-Royer.

Our college students: Arthur Bale, Miki Bale, Lupita Barren, Colin Bronsdon, Jessica Cruz, Erin Emery, Kai Hirayama, Luke Luttrell, Myles Sproul Nelson, Ben Peterson, and Emily Peterson.

Presbytery Connections - January, 2018

By Roger Lee

Our Presbytery's first Co-Moderator candidate will be considered for endorsement at the January stated meeting. The Rev. Eliana Maxim, our Presbytery's Associate Executive, is running with the Rev. Bertram Johnson, minister of justice, advocacy, and change at Riverside Church in New York City. Rev. Johnson has served on the pastoral staff at Madrona-Grace PC. For more information see:

<http://www.pcusa.org/news/2017/12/20/two-co-moderator-teams-one-moderator-candidate-sta/>

First PC of New York City hosted the recent symposium on the challenges facing LGBTQ refugees and asylum seekers. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/December-19-2017/>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has released a trailer for a new documentary currently in production on the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/new-documentary-addresses-flint-michigan-water-crisis/>

In 2005, with help from a Presbyterian Women's birthday offering grant and additional funds from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Ferncliff camp has a ministry partnership with Good360 to share products with nonprofits and churches. For more information see:

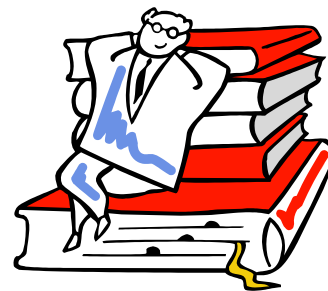
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/deeply-discounted-merchandise-ministry-boon-churches-non-profits/>

A Book Review from the pages of Sojourners Magazine. (Jan. 2018)

The Prophetic Imagination (2nd edition)

by Walter Brueggemann

This is a classic work by the leading Old Testament theologian. In this challenging and enlightening treatment, Walter Brueggemann traces the lines from the radical vision of Moses to the solidification of royal power in Solomon to the prophetic critique of that power with a new vision of freedom in the prophets. In his unique style of integrating the best in biblical studies with a heart for the challenges of the church, the author traces the broad sweep from Exodus to Kings to Jeremiah to Jesus. He emphasizes that the prophetic vision not only embraces the pain of the people, but also creates and energizes them with amazement based on the new thing that God is doing. In this new edition, Brueggemann has completely revised the text, updated the notes, and added a new preface. Fortress Press. (Cokesbury.com).



“When we read, everything changes.” - Neil Gaiman, author

Jeri Lee
WPPC Librarian

Sojourner's Truth

Sojourners magazine:
January 2018
<https://sojo.net/about-us>

How God Intervenes

Kenyatta Gilbert talks with Walter Brueggemann about the prophetic call in 2018.

Kenyatta Gilbert, Walter Brueggemann.

Relentless Hope

Walter Brueggemann's *The Prophetic Imagination* (still) reminds us that prophets must do more than speak truth to power.

by Kenyatta Gilbert.

Plus: Kenyatta Gilbert talks with Walter Brueggemann about prophetic imagination in the age of Trump.

Dismantling 'Supermax for kids'

Juvenile-justice advocates are building more compassionate- and more effective-models for children who break the law.

by Matt Smith.



The Person who Remains

Amid all that dementia takes away; how do we nurture the spirituality that endures?

by Janice Hicks.

Plus:

Safe and Welcoming
My Years with Alzheimer's
by David Hilfiker

'It's a Miracle We're Still Here'

James W. Douglass talks with Pentagon Papers whistleblower, Daniel Ellsberg, about nuclear weapons and the fate of the earth

Commentary

After Las Vegas
The end of Title IX?
Police brutality in St. Louis

Our Annual Gift Bags for St Charles Apartment

Thanks to all who contributed most generously to the gift bags for Christmas at the St Charles apartments. We were able to include two pairs of warm socks, at least one pair of warm gloves, and many other goodies in every bag. The residents always appreciate their gift bags very much and our congregation responds with much love at this time of the year.

The St. Charles housing ministry team
(Pictured—the faithful St Charles volunteers:
L-R: Gary, Peggy, Mary Lou, Neil, Gene,
Nancy, Joanne and Jan)



Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation Newsletter and Upcoming Events

NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR.

- – The December 2017 issue of WWFOR's newsletter, [Pacific Call](http://www.wwfor.org/wp-content/uploads/PacificCall1217.pdf), is now available: <http://www.wwfor.org/wp-content/uploads/PacificCall1217.pdf>
- * – The newsletter's 2 page CALENDAR is available as a pdf file to read online, download, or print at: <http://www.wwfor.org/wp-content/uploads/WWFOR1217cal.pdf>
- – Our WEB CALENDAR is always available at: <http://www.wwfor.org/events/>

RECENT WWFOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES include:

A Vietnam Veteran's View of Burn's and Novick's "The Vietnam War" By Mark Fleming, an activist with Veterans For Peace, chapter #109, Olympia WA.

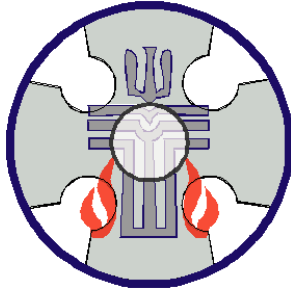
<http://www.wwfor.org/vietnam-veterans-view-burns-novicks-vietnam-war/>

"My latest letter to the editor" by Larry Kershner. Larry, an active member of the Fire Mountain (Centralia-Chehalis area) FOR Chapter, is a prolific letter writer. Here he discusses the history of US nuclear weapons production. <http://www.wwfor.org/latest-letter-editor/>

Grassroots Lobbying Via Advocacy Teams by Louise Lansberry. Friends Committee on National Legislation is working with local organizers including Louise to set up teams of citizen lobbyists. <http://www.wwfor.org/grassroots-lobbying-via-advocacy-teams/>

Reframing the Trump Election: A review of Naomi Klein's "No Is Not Enough: Resisting Trump's Shock Politics and Winning the World We Need" (2017) by John M Repp. As John says, "Naomi Klein's thesis is contained in her title." <http://www.wwfor.org/reframing-trump-election/>


"After Mitchell and Jessen: Why the Truth of U.S. Torture Still Matters" an opinion piece by Rob Crawford published in the Seattle Times. The trial-that-didn't-happen and the settlement that replaced it are the closest anyone has come to getting the architects of US Torture to justice. <http://www.wwfor.org/put-end-crime-torture/>

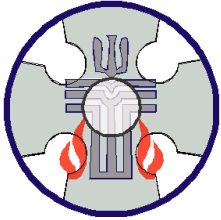


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 6:00 – NAC #6	3	4 6:00 Holy Hops (The Dane)	5	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café) Epiphany
7 RAC Fellowship Committee	8 (Marla Herbig) Soup Kitchen 7:00 Witness Committee	9 6:00 Worship Committee 7:30 - Stewardship Committee	10 7:00 Session	11 7:30 Choir Practice	12 6:15 Open Mic Check In 7:00 Open Mic Night!	13 9:00–4:00 Annual Session Retreat 
14 (Bruce Herbig) RAC—Deacons	15 Soup Kitchen Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>(Church Office Closed)</i>	16 (Michael Caughey)	17 7:00 Session	18 (Debra Denby) (David Emery) 6:00 – NAC #6 7:30 Choir Practice	19 7:00 Movie Night (New Time!)	20
21 (Melissa Fischer) Birthday Cake Sunday 6:30 F.O.R. meeting	22 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Holy Hops (The Dane on 15th)	23	24	25 (Kathy Lueckert) 7:30 Choir Practice	26	27
28	29 (Linda Jerauld) (Julie Tempest)	30 (Keith Luttrell)	31	<p>Each Sunday 9:15 Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 Worship Service RAC Coffee</p> <p>Please let us know your (Birthday) so we can note it on the calendar. JBC = Just Before Church RAC = Right After Church</p> <p>NAC = Neighborhood Action Coalition</p>		



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Special Series on Islam at St. James Cathedral

THE IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE & SOCIAL OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY GROUPS at St. James Cathedral invite you to a three-part series on Islam on Tuesdays, January 16, 23, and 30, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The free series is held in Cathedral Hall, 804 9th Avenue, Seattle, 98104. Come join us as we more deeply explore the history of Islam, how it has been and continues to be part of the American fabric, the intersection with Christianity, modern day Islam, and Islamophobia.

Presenters are: Dr. Erica Martin, January 16, on *Abrahamic Inheritance: Continuity and Difference in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*; January 23, Aneelah Afzali on *Islam Today, Islamophobia, Islam and Women, and Responding to People who are Hostile to Muslims*; and on January 30, Laila Almounaier on *Muslims as part of the American Fabric, and the History of Islam*.

Parking is free in the O'Dea High School parking lot.

For more information email ckoehler@stjames-cathedral.org.