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IN
MOTION**

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From the Pastor...

A couple of weeks ago, I traveled to Oakland, CA, for a week of study leave. Four days before I left, the fires began in Napa and Sonoma counties. As I flew into Oakland that sunny Friday, the plane descended from clear sunny skies into a dense gray cloud. From the ground below, the sun had bright red look of a vivid sunset...at nine o'clock in the morning. It was an eerie and almost apocalyptic scene.

As I looked at the ash-filled sky, I remembered a post that one of my pastor friends in Oakland, Marjorie, had written just days before. She wrote about how, while reflecting on the social and political upheaval and the many natural disasters that have caused so much destruction, someone actually asked her if this could be the apocalypse. She was taken aback—as a progressive Christian pastor, she doesn't really believe in or ever think much about the apocalypse—but she went on to say that, given everything that is happening, she could imagine how it would feel that way to some.

For her, that's why it's been more important than ever to notice the beauty and compassion that has also come in the midst of tragedy, like in the story Susanna Schrobsdorff recently wrote in *Time* magazine about how neighbors and strangers came together after Hurricane Harvey. "It takes a disaster to remind us of our common humanity," Schrobsdorff says, describing:

"... one particular video of a group of men and women, hands clasped in a line of rushing water from the shore to a truck where an older man was trapped. As they coordinated and encouraged each other, you could hear all of Texas in their voices –

long Southern vowels, rolling Spanish consonants and a common urgency. The man made his way to dry land braced by that human chain. Once there, he sagged in exhaustion, and a young dark-haired guy stepped up and said, 'I'm going to pick you up now, if that's okay.' And then he carried the man to a vehicle like it was an ordinary thing."

In her post, my friend Marjorie commented: *Are these the end times, as in the day of God's wrath, as in the final battle between good and evil? I doubt that very much. Are our earth and Mother Nature crying out for our attention, crying out for healing? Oh, yes, this I believe. Are the bonds of human kindness, bonds that transcend color and creed and country of origin, strained to the breaking point and in need of our courage and care? Oh, yes, this I believe. Is it time for those in power to remember their duty to care for the most vulnerable among us? Oh, yes, this I believe.*

Oh, yes, this I believe. May it be so.

In hope and courage,

Pastor Staci



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

Annual ThankOffering Potluck and Dessert Auction

The annual ThankOffering Potluck will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee again this year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19th, right after church.

We'll also have our annual Dessert Auction, but this time with a twist! This year we are trying something different to encourage more participation and make the dessert auction more accessible to all. Some of the items will be auctioned off as usual. Others will be part of a raffle. Five dollar tickets can be purchased for specific items and a drawing will be held at the end of the live auction.

We are asking for donations of desserts or baked goods to be auctioned or raffled off. We have some regular donations that are quite yummy! The proceeds from this auction have traditionally gone to support the annual All Church Retreat. In 2017 the funds were used to support the All Church Picnic, which was well attended and a lot of fun! Fellowship will be planning a church event for 2018 which would be supported by funds raised.

We will also be collecting socks and gloves for the homeless, to be donated to a shelter in our area. Look for the collection box in the Upper Room on the ThankOffering event day!



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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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November Worship and Scripture Readings

(All readings are from the Narrative Lectionary)

November 5: All Saints' Day and Commitment Sunday

Bring your commitment/pledge card for 2018 and a photo or object in remembrance of someone you want to honor for our memorial table.

Text: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Preacher: Pastor Staci

November 12

Text: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Preacher: Pastor Staci

November 19

Text: Isaiah 9:1-7

Preacher: Rev. Adrienne Schlosser-Hall

November 26: St. Andrew's Day (wear plaid!)

Blessing of Staci and Nate's marriage during worship

Text: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Preacher: Rev. Ellen Acton

Bits and Pieces *We Choose Welcome!*



COMMITMENT SEASON AT WPPC. During this season we consider, individually and as a community, what we will commit to ourselves and the community toward the life of WPPC in 2018. We are called to show our faith and measure in one way, our commitment to this community. **Pledge cards have been mailed.** If you didn't receive one, please call the church office and a pledge card will be mailed to you. Mark the date **Sunday, November 5, Commitment Sunday**, when we'll dedicate and commit our pledges for the 2018 budget. Thank you in advance for your participation. Michael Bronsdon & Gene Oliver, Stewardship Committee

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR PLEDGE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017. If you'd like an easier way to give to WPPC, one new option is e-giving to our account at the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Help is available if you would like to contribute this way. Other options include using your bank's online pay system, gifting of stock, and remembering the church in your will and estate plans. Also now there is a separate fund for donations as Endowment Gifts.

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR STACI meets Tuesdays at noon at the Green Bean Coffee Shop, 8525 Greenwood Ave N. Scripture for this Tuesday is 1 Kings 19:1-18.

WE WILL OBSERVE ALL SAINTS' DAY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH. You are invited to bring a photo or object to place on our Remembrance Table in memory of a loved one.

WE WILL CELEBRATE SCOTTISH SUNDAY (St. Andrew's Day) on Sunday, November 26. More details to follow.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE invites you to be a Liturgist. If you would like to volunteer for November, sign the volunteer list on Sunday. Thanks!

SALWA NEMR had knee surgery last week. She is now in rehab at Manor Care of Lynnwood, 3701 188th St. SW, Lynnwood, 98037 and would like to hear from her church family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recovery: Debbie Blane, Ken Doak, Bethany Erickson, Evelyn Merritt, 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 - October and November, 2017

By Roger Lee

At the October Presbytery meeting, it authorized the lease with the option to purchase of the former Kent 1st PC property to Kent HOPE, a subsidiary ministry of Union Gospel Mission focused on providing shelter for at risk women and children. We learned that the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, PC(USA) Stated Clerk, will be a guest at the January meeting.

After a brief hiatus, [Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/unbound-publishes-first-issue-six-month-hiatus/), published its first edition since the hire of new managing editor Henry Koenig Stone. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/unbound-publishes-first-issue-six-month-hiatus/>

As the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation is celebrated this year, there are several books of note. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/study-reformation-anniversary-reading-list/>

Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB), approved a new board structure. The changes included reducing the PMAB to 20 members through attrition, committee structure, diversity and composition concerns, and best practices. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/second-day-pma-board-meeting-sees-approval-new-board-structure/>

The success of the Eco-palms program, which supplies palms to WPPC, has lead PC(USA) staff to explore ways to expand how it helps Guatemalans. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/October-5-2017/>

A Book Review for Advent

Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study

by Walter Brueggemann

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles -- Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. *Names for the Messiah* ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title.

Christians have claimed from the beginning that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: "What were these expectations?" and "Did Jesus fulfill them?"

"Everything changes when we read." - Neil Gaiman, author

Jeri Lee

WPPC Librarian



Congregational Advent Testimony Response

Early in October, the Worship Committee met to consider the Narrative Lectionary readings for Advent and try to extract a central theme for our worship practices during that season. To those of us in attendance, it appeared that the readings were testimonies of God's reality and presence as an organizing principle presenting us with examples of true life amidst a world of adversity and disorder. We felt that it would be appropriate for us as a congregation to respond to the testimonies of scripture by offering our own testimonies of how God calls us to live into our best and truest meaning.

Logistically, it would not be feasible for each of us to offer our testimonies orally. There are too many of us, and some of us probably would not feel comfortable speaking so personally in front of the group. We therefore alighted on the idea of writing our testimonies and using our sanctuary Christmas tree as a place where those who wish to can hang their written testimonies. Throughout the month of Advent, attendees at worship will be given blank paper prayer ribbons on which they can choose to write their prayers and testimonies of God calling them to live more truly. Those who wish will be able to hang these ribbons on the sanctuary Christmas tree after they take communion (or, really, any time they want). The testimonies can be as anonymous or as personal as you like. You do not have to hang any. You do not have to hang only one. The ribbons will be available every Sunday in Advent. This practice will take the place of our traditional hanging of the Chrismons on the second Sunday in Advent. It is our hope that this modification of tradition will allow us to decorate the tree with symbols of our distinct experiences of God's call, both as a congregation and as individuals. We are still working out the logistical details (you will note that we have not specified how the ribbons will be provided each Sunday).

Feel free to talk to Scott Daniel, Serena Daniel, or Jessica Cross if you have any questions.



Tuesday Scripture Conversation Texts

(Scripture Conversation with Pastor Staci meets every Tuesday at noon at the Green Bean, 8525 Greenwood Ave N.)

November 7: Isaiah 9:1-7

November 14: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

November 21: No scripture conversation

November 28: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2017

NOTE: Thank you for your pledge contributions.

Three Year Capital Campaign:

Total pledged for three year campaign	\$ 268,000
Building Capital funds received	\$ 219,946
Mission portion, 10%*	\$ 25,642
Total amount received as of 12/31/16	\$ 244,588

2017 Operating Budget:

Total Anticipated Pledges, year 2017	\$ 134,185
Amount Received as of 6/30/2017	\$ 95,814
Budgeted Pledges for 1 month	\$ 11,182
Overall Net LOSS after expenses	\$ - 4,216

Sojourner's Truth

Sojourners magazine:

November 2017

<https://sojo.net/about-us>

Neither Angels

We preach compassion for girls who endure abuse and trauma, but what about those same girls commit crimes?

Jenna Barrett

"Get 'Them' Off the Streets"

Donald Trump, Jeff Sessions and the future of juvenile justice.

Jenna Barrett

Safe House

As the Trump administration continues its attack against immigrants, churches offer sanctuary and more, to those under threat.

Dhanya Addanki

Becoming Unsettled

A resurgence of Indigenous identity and activism invites repentance and response from the descendants of European settlers -- including Christians



Commentary

The Role of the Public in Eliminating Nuclear Weapons.

We must have confidence that we can achieve a nuclear-free world.

Seeking a Higher Type of Return

How interfaith investors are matching money with morality.

Greg Williams

The Rise of Latino Protestants

By 2030, half of the Latinos in the US will be Protestant

Aida Isela Ramos

Culture Watch

Liberation through Lamentation

Beyond the Triumphant Immigrant Experience

The Amish and the Apocalypse

Diversity with Justice

Missing Monuments

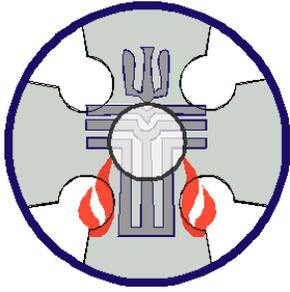


November Holy Hops

Date: Tuesday November 28th, 6:00 p.m.

We will meet at The Dane, 8000 15th Ave NW.

The Dane offers café style shared plates, made to order hot sandwiches and packaged snacks - no outside food, please Info at: <https://www.thedanesattle.com>

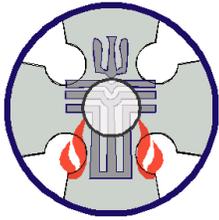


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Each Sunday 9:15 Sunday School for All Ages</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>RAC Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>Please let us know your (Birthday) so we can note it on the calendar.</p> <p>JBC = Just Before Church RAC = Right After Church</p>	<p>NAC = Neighborhood Action Coalition</p>	1	<p>2 (Mary Hale)</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café)</p>
<p>5 <i>Daylight Savings Ends—Fall Forward!</i></p> <p>Commitment Sunday All Saints' Day</p> <p>RAC Fellowship Committee</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Advent/Worship Planning</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 – NAC #6</p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p>8 (Anna Binting)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:15 Worship Committee 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:15 Open Mic Check In 7:00 Open Mic Night!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Birthday Cake Sunday</p> <p>RAC—Deacons</p> <p>6:00 F.O.R meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>14 (Arnee Gomez)</p> <p>7:30 - Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 – NAC #6</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>17 (Gauntt Smith)</p>	<p>18 (Devin Howard)</p>
<p>19 (Natasha Pauw)</p> <p>ThankOffering Potluck and Dessert Auction</p> <p>6:30 F.O.R. meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p> Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 (Tom Stover) (Jenni Herr Hernandez)</p> <p>Scottish Sunday St Andrew's Day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 Holy Hops (Location TBA)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>		



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Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation presents:
Jessica Zimmerle and Leda Zakarison on

“A Just & Sustainable Future with Earth Ministry”

Sunday, November 19, 2017, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For over 25 years, Earth Ministry has been inspiring and mobilizing the religious community to play a leadership role in building a just and sustainable future. Join us to learn how to articulate the faith values that prompt environmental stewardship, as well as how to take action as an individual and as an advocate. We will discuss the slew of proposals for dirty fossil fuel infrastructure that have been defeated in our region and provide onramps for you to help stop the few left on the table.

This workshop will be facilitated by Jessica Zimmerle, Earth Ministry's Program & Outreach Director, along with Outreach Coordinator Leda Zakarison. Jessica is EM's lead on congregational support and advocacy campaigns on chemical safety, fossil fuels, public lands, and more. Leda is especially interested in interfaith collaboration including the intersection of faith and social and environmental justice by participating in the UCC's year-long Justice Leadership Program.

Info 206-789-5565 or wwfor@wwfor.org
Free, an offering will be taken.