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## *From the Pastor...*

As you've probably heard by now, our congregation is expecting a new baby in late March or early April! Nate and I are excited to be welcoming our first, due April 5<sup>th</sup>. The arrival of any new baby is an exciting time for a congregation—I'm remembering when Theo and Emmett arrived and the joy and expectation of new little lives among us. Of course, when it's your pastor having the baby, other feelings might also arise. This is the first time in WPPC's history that a solo or senior pastor has taken a parental leave, so that obviously raises questions and concerns alongside the excitement and joy!

Of course, there are the practical matters of deciding on how long the parental leave will be, how much of it will be at full-time pay, etc. Our Personnel Committee has been hard at work on those questions and will soon be able to share the details of our agreement. Even beyond those details, though, I wanted to be sure that parental leave didn't become a stalled "waiting time" in which nothing much happens as everyone waits for the pastor to come back. Our congregation has gained a lot of energy and momentum over the past couple of years, and the last thing I want for us is for that momentum to die as you all wait for me. The good news is that it's fully possible to keep things going and even have this be a special time of growth. As a congregation, you have an excellent Session and a strong community of other leaders who aren't currently serving on Session. For the past few months, Session has been talking

and preparing for how to set some goals and make sure the ongoing work of ministry doesn't stall. You'll also have the gift of a few months of leadership and ministry from the coverage pastor who will help cover for me. This person will have her/his own strengths and talents that I don't have. My hope is that we can use this time as a sort of consultation time or focus period in which the congregation and coverage pastor concentrate on an area of ministry that is a strength for the coverage pastor and a need for the congregation.

My request to each of you as congregants and friends of WPPC is to keep showing up, stay engaged, and help our leaders make this a time of spiritual and communal growth. I have no doubt that, with your help, it can and will be.

In peace,

*~Pastor Staci*

**THE LEADERSHIP VISIONING TEAM** is hosting an informal "What you always wanted to know about the Session and Board of Deacons or What exactly do Elders and Deacons do?" panel, this Sunday, February 3, RAC. Drop by with any questions!



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



# Bits and Pieces

*WE CHOOSE WELCOME!*

**ADULT EDUCATION “EXPLORING ISLAM” WILL CONTINUE SUNDAY MORNINGS THROUGH MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>.** This series continues to March 3 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Mural Room. As always, regular attendance is encouraged, but don't let occasional absences keep you away.

**SAVE THE DATE!!** The congregation is invited to a baby shower for Pastor Staci and Nate, right after church, Sunday, February 24. Bring hors d'oeuvres for the potluck; cake will be served.

**"Ooh La La, Love with the Elle Flute Trio" concert!!** Sunday, February 10th, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in The Barn at Herons Roost (located in the Redmond area) <https://barnheronsroost.com/elle-flute-concert> Enjoy the warm and wonderful sounds of *The Elle Flute Trio* as they present an hour of romantic music for your listening delight. Flutists Linda Sebenius, WPPC's Lisa Hirayama, and Lisa Hedley play on 13 different sizes of flutes, from the smallest piccolo down to the contrabass flute. Music from romantic composers Ravel, Debussy, & more to be featured. The Barn at Herons Roost; 5030 Ames Lake Road NE, Carnation, WA 98014

**THE GENESIS OF EXODUS** – the film we watched in January for Meaning Movie night is available to watch at:

[The Genesis of Exodus](http://storymap.genesisofexodusfilm.com/index.html) with a Storymap link: <http://storymap.genesisofexodusfilm.com/index.html>

We will have a “Meaningful Movie Night” once a quarter as part of our monthly movie nights. We will encourage our neighbors to join us to watch these movies which focuses on social justice issues and advocacy.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Recovery:** Len Andrews, Susie Fish, Gordon Merritt, Debbie Blane, Flo Bliss, Bethany Erickson, Evelyn Merritt, Salwa Nemr, and Bruce Herbig .

**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 - February, 2019

By Roger Lee

At the January Stated meeting the Presbytery approved the per capita at \$40. Rev Staci volunteered to join the Presbytery Nominating Committee. Todd was installed as Vice Moderator. The meeting papers noted that WPPC was awarded a \$7,000.00 matching grant to replace its heating system.

The Presbytery executive board has drafted a “vacant property policy” as a result of discussions pertaining to the sale of First PC Seattle property. The board determined it would be better to address all, not just vacant, property. The policy, after initial approval will be revised as needed. For more information, see:

<https://www.seattlepresbytery.org/reports>

Economic and racial injustice in the world of collegiate sports is highlighted in the recent film *Student Athlete*. John Shoop, the spouse of PC(USA) pastor, the Rev. Dr. Marcia Mount Shoop, is one of those profiled. For more information, see

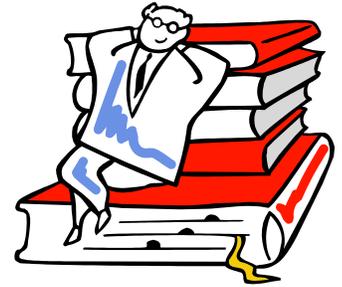
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/January-3-2019/>

The Rev. Nicta M. Lubaale, hosted by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, recently visited the Presbyterian Mission Agency to discuss the plight facing South Sudanese refugees. For more information, see

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/January-19-2019/>

# Crossing the Racial Divide: America's Struggle for Justice and Reconciliation

by the editors of Sojourners.



A Study Guide intended to open doors for those new to the issue of racism, and as a resource that will deepen the understanding and commitment of those already working in the field. -  
-(from Amazon.com website.)

This study guide contains several articles dealing with the different aspects of racism.

Table of Contents:

- \* Powers and Principalities of Racism
- \* The Spirit is Moving!
- \* New Data from America
- \* Strategies for Moving Forward

### Examples of articles in part 1:

Crossing the Racial Divide by Jim Wallis

Christians call for reconciliation.

America's changing Identity by Lily R. Wu

The challenge and opportunity of racial identity

“Everything changes when we read.” --Neil Gaiman (author)

Jeri Lee  
- WPPC Librarian



## Call for Volunteers - Spring Welcome Team

We are recruiting for the Spring Welcome Team. The Team will serve during March, April and May. Scott Daniel and Finley Young are the team coordinators.

Welcome Teams take responsibility for activities on Sunday morning. There are no meetings or obligations outside Sunday morning. Below are some activities that Welcome Teams do.

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| Set up for coffee hour     | Usher                           |
| Serve as liturgist         | Serve Communion                 |
| Clean up after coffee hour | Provide goodies for coffee hour |
- This is a great way to get to know some of your fellow congregation

members and learn what happens to bring together worship on Sunday mornings

If you are interested, please sign up in the gathering space or contact Scott, Finley or Judy Andrews. If you have been on a Welcome Team before and would like to do it again, we welcome your participation.

Welcome Team Chair  
Judy Andrews



## Holy Hops - February 2019 Edition

**HOLY HOPS** is a monthly group that meets to discuss a topic of interest over supper and beverages. The February Holy Hops group will meet Monday, February 11th, 6:00 pm, at [The DANE](#), 8000 15th Ave NW; Seattle, 98117. Come join the conversation! Snacks, sandwiches, and salads are available (no outside food, please).

## From the Spiritual Formation Committee

The Lenten season begins in early March and continues through Easter Sunday on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have several opportunities to worship together beyond the normal Sunday morning services: Ash Wednesday morning, Adult Ed classes Sunday morning and evening classes, Palm Sunday, Good Friday evening and Easter Sunday morning. The Spiritual Formation Committee is busy developing readings, lessons and class topics for all ages. We look forward to share that with you!



### Neighborhood Walks

The WPPC Membership Committee is developing a series of walks in Seattle neighborhoods. These relatively easy 2 – 4 mile loop walks will start and end at a coffee shop. They will be held on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, depending on which day works best for participants' schedules. We'll try our best to do at least one a month; most likely starting in April. We hope that these walks will be a fun opportunity to explore local neighborhoods while getting in some exercise. It's amazing what you can discover at 2mph! Our walk leader will be Dave Ramsay. It would be helpful for planning purposes if you could let us know if you might be interested. Questions and suggestions are welcome and can be made to Dave Ramsay, Alan Herbig or any other member of the Membership Committee. Stay tuned for more information



THANK YOU! All the people who took the time and effort to participate in Amnesty International's "Write 4 Rights" campaign this year. If you wrote letters or clicked an online note to any or all of the women, be assured that you brought them love, encouragement, and strength. And if you sent, or clicked on the letters to government officials, you let those officials know that the world is watching. So THANK YOU! One more little effort: I would like to know how many women, officials you contacted, so I can tell Amnesty. I'll try to keep a count for two weeks.

Again: THANK YOU! Nancy Horman



The NEXT Church conference will be here in Seattle on March 11 – 13 at Seattle First Presbyterian Church. This will be an exciting time for those that can attend.

From their website:

"NEXT Church is a network of leaders — church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, pastors, seminarians and professors — across the Presbyterian Church (USA) who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful and more agile. We provide hopeful space for robust conversations about the theology, culture, and the practice of ministry, support strong, faithful leadership in a time of adaptive change, and encourage collaboration and creativity across congregations and geographies. We are fostering a conversation about how to follow Christ in our particular day and age. We are a movement seeking to strengthen the relational fabric of the PC(USA) so that our congregations are strong and healthy enough to be a sustained, effective, faithful and moral voice that is engaged in the transformation of our communities toward the common good."

We encourage all that can make the time to attend. There will be a series of workshops over the 3 days along with times for conversation and worship. Visit their website to register:

<https://nextchurch.net/gathering/2019-national-gathering/>

## Sojourner's Truth

Sojourners magazine:

February 2019

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

### The Advocate

A conversation with civil rights defender  
Benjamin Crump  
by Da'Shawn Mosely

### Honor Thy Sexual Pleasure?

Consent and mutuality are essential, but a  
Christian ethic of sex requires more  
by Nadia Bolz-Weber

### They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Jeong

Five Asian concepts can deepen our  
understanding of the Holy Spirit  
by Grace Ji-Sun Kim



### An Act of Forgiveness and Healing

Restoring voting rights for people with past  
convictions models Christian forgiveness  
by Myrna Perez

### Commentary

Locker room talk  
Suburbia  
Global poverty



## Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation presents:

**Karen Schneider -**

### **Civil Rights Pilgrimage Presentation**

Sunday, February 17, 2019, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,

In the Upper Room at WPPC

All are welcome! Free, an offering will be taken.

Info 206-789-5565 or [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)

Karen Schneider will recount her experience with Project Pilgrimage in October 2017 as she visited historically significant sites in the Deep South from the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's, and met and travelled with surviving "foot soldiers" from that era.

Project Pilgrimage builds interracial and intergenerational community in Washington and beyond by studying, understanding and gaining inspiration from transformational movements and individuals.

A long-term F.O.R. member, Karen also continues her activism with the Washington Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonPPC/>.

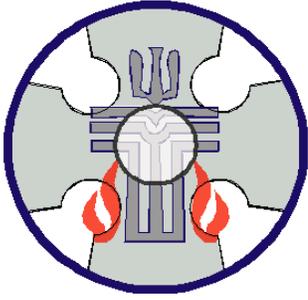
"I am very involved in anti-racist work with a project called "Breaking White Silence". We seek to raise white people's (awareness) by facilitating study groups using Robin DiAngelo's book "What Does It Mean to be White? Developing White Racial Literacy".

I'm also a member of the Citizens Climate Lobby and do advocacy on issues of homelessness. ( Since I retired from working with families in transitional housing with Compass Housing Alliance.)" - *Karen Schneider*



**FAITH ACTION NETWORK (FAN)** invites you to Interfaith Advocacy Day, February 14, in Olympia, WA, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the United Churches of Olympia and the Capitol Campus. This day offers opportunities for us to share our voices of compassion

and justice with our elected leaders. We partner with people of all faiths who stand boldly for our shared values. Contact [fan@fanwa.org](mailto:fan@fanwa.org) for more information on this event or if you want to carpool.

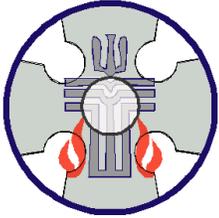


# FEBRUARY 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Each Sunday</b>  <b>9:00</b> Sunday School for All Ages  <b>10:30</b> Worship Service  <b>RAC</b> Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>Please let us know your <b>(Birthday)</b> so we can note it on the calendar.</p> <p><b>JBC</b> = Just Before Church  <b>RAC</b> = Right After Church</p>				1	<p>2  <b>(Bill Carleton)</b>  <b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café)</p>
3 (Judy Andrews)	4 Soup Kitchen	5 (Carolyn Merritt)  <b>6:00</b> Membership Committee (Zeke's)	6 (Finley Young)  <b>6:00</b> Spirit Formation Committee (Peterson home)	7  <b>7:00</b> Choir	8  <b>6:15</b> Open Mic Check In <b>7:00</b> Open Mic Night!	9
10 RAC Deacons	11 (Harper Greenwood)  Soup Kitchen  <b>6:00</b> Holy Hops <a href="#">The Dane on 15th</a>	12 (Ashlee Lipczynski)  <b>7:00</b> - Stewardship Committee	13	14  <b>7:00</b> Choir  <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15 (Emily Peterson)  <b>7:00</b> Movie Night	16 (Ken Doak)  <b>1:00 to 5:00 p.m</b> <b>Subversive Saints Art Day</b>
17 (Susie Fish) <b>Birthday Cake Sunday</b>  RAC Spiritual Formation Committee  <b>6:00</b> F.O.R. Karen Schneider— <i>Project Pilgrimage</i>	18 Soup Kitchen  <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <b>President's Day</b>	19	20	21 (Karen Smith)  <b>7:00</b> Choir	22	23
24 (Ben Peterson)	25 Soup Kitchen	26 (Abby Brockway) (Ian MacInnes-Green)	27  <b>7:00</b> Session	28  <i>Happy 43rd Anniversary!</i>		



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# SUBVERSIVE SAINTS ART DAY

Saturday, February 16, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m

Come contribute to our Lent preparations by learning about and trying your own hand at creating an image of a social justice hero or a faith ancestor in a creative way. We will be portraying contemporary social justice activists as saints and Biblical figures in modern day situations.

No artistic experience (or confidence) required.

All ages welcome.

RSVP by signing the list in the Gathering Space  
or by emailing [todd.peterson@mortenson.com](mailto:todd.peterson@mortenson.com) by Sunday, February 10.