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## *From the Pastor...*

I like to think of Easter as a season to “practice resurrection”, to quote Wendell Berry. The disciples’ experience of the post-resurrection Jesus wasn’t at all what they expected. Jesus wasn’t really back in the pre-resurrection sense. They had to learn to relate in a new way, to do things in a new way. The movement that they were a part of was resurrected, it wasn’t dead after all—there was life and hope! *And* it wasn’t the same as before.

The church is called to practice resurrection, and — in a thoroughly “orderly” Presbyterian way — I think that’s what we’re trying to do with this reorganization plan that we’re inviting everyone to hear about and ask questions in small groups. On behalf of Session, I’d like to thank you for your participation thus far in the small groups, and—for those who haven’t signed up yet—it’s not too late! The sessions are going well so far, and the time seems to be helpful for both the presenters and the participants. Given the amount of information to share, we knew that these meetings wouldn’t be able to be as informal and conversational as we would usually prefer, and the feedback that community members have provided us thus far has still been wonderful. You’ve asked questions that have helped us to clarify the plan and purpose, you’ve pointed out things we missed, you’ve provided suggestions that we hadn’t thought of, and many of you have indicated interest in participating in and helping to further develop various parts of

the new structure as it gets rolling this summer.

One of the things that I’ve been really heartened to see is the attitude of openness and curiosity presented by most people who have come to the meetings so far. I see you asking thoughtful questions that show an awareness and appreciation for the intentions and efforts of your Session members and a desire to support the church continuing to grow into who God is calling us to be at this time and in this place. That doesn’t mean that people don’t have questions or concerns, of course, and we’re listening closely to those concerns, and—by and large—the response has been affirming, supportive, and hopeful in nature. As we reform our structure, I hope we can continue to do so with an attitude of practicing resurrection. To experience that new life, we have to show up as fully as we can. We have to try something new, so that we can sometimes get it wrong and have the opportunity to try again. We open ourselves to new possibilities so that we can open the transformational experience of being an active part of this community of faith to more and more of God’s children.

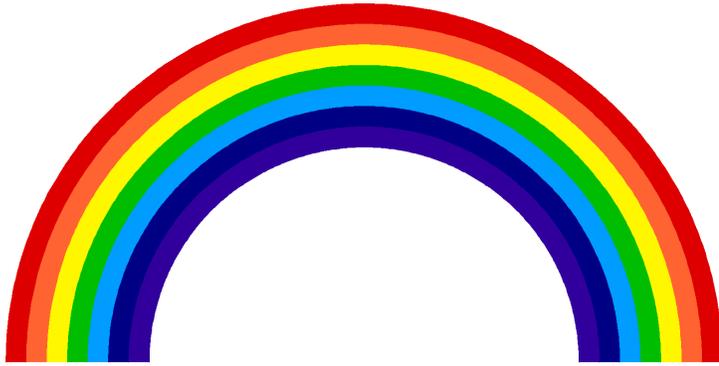
With Easter joy,

*Pastor Staci*



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



## Pride Rainbow Hop

We are participating in the Phinney Neighborhood Association's Pride Rainbow Hop. WPPC will host a make-your-own-sundae ice cream bar on 70th & Greenwood. The event is on June 2nd from 10:30–1:45, with activities happening from 11–1. **You are invited to help us connect with our neighborhood. If you would**

**be willing to help with logistics or volunteer the day of, please contact Dustin Wilsor [dustinwilsor@gmail.com](mailto:dustinwilsor@gmail.com)**

The Rainbow Hop website describes the event like this: “The 6th annual PhinneyWood Pride Rainbow Hop celebrates love and solidarity with our LGBTQ families and friends. Participating businesses along the “Hop Route” will host activities that promote inclusiveness and fun. Maps will include event activities and participating eateries. Explore the neighborhood, have fun, and get your map stamped at each stop. Kids who collect 6 stamps or more on their map can exchange it for a ticket to the [Woodland Park Zoo](#). The event kicks off at the [Greenwood Public Library](#) with Drag Queen Story Time at 10:30 a.m. (with an additional story time at noon). The Hop will conclude at [Naked City Brewery & Taphouse Greenwood](#) with a concert by [The Not-Its!](#).”

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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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## May Sunday Readings

### Sundays

- May 6 – Philippians 1:1-18a
- May 13 - Philippians 2:1-13
- May 20 – (Pentecost) Acts 2:1-21
- May 27 - Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2

### Tuesdays Scripture Conversation with Pastor Staci

(at the Green Bean Coffee Shop  
8525 Greenwood Ave N.)

- May 1 – Philippians 2:1-13
- May 8 – Acts 2:1-21
- May 15 – Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2
- May 22 – Exodus 20:3-11
- May 29 – Exodus 20:12-16

# Bits and Pieces

## ***WE CHOOSE WELCOME!***

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Thank you to all who contributed to the OGHS special offering during the Easter season. We collected \$1,750.61 which will go to the investment of people throughout the world.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** go out to the family of long time WPPC member, Ken Stover, who passed away March 29<sup>th</sup>. Ken's children spoke of how much WPPC meant to Ken and how much he appreciated the ongoing support and love from the congregation. Ken's service was April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**WE SHARE OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** with the family of Margaret Russell, long time WPPC member who passed away April 9<sup>th</sup>. Margaret's memorial service will be held at WPPC, May 19 at 1:00 pm.

**SMALL GROUPS** are meeting to hear about WPPC Committees' new organization plans. Below are the times for these meetings. **Please sign up** for a group on one of the signup sheets in the Narthex. There are also information sheets in the Narthex about this process. The last couple meeting are:

May 6: Sunday After Church 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm in the Mural Room  
May 6 Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at The Bronsdon's home

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Recovery:** June Howard, Debbie Blane, Bethany Erickson, Evelyn Merritt, Salwa Nemr;

**Bereavement:** The families of Margaret Russell, and Ken Stover in their recent passing.

**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 - May, 2018

By Roger Lee

At the April meeting of Seattle Presbytery, an administrative commission was formed to consider the closing of Capitol Hill PC. Another administrative commission was formed to consider the inclusion of the Sanctuary Church, as a new member of Seattle Presbytery. Their members mainly reside in the Central Seattle, Capitol Hill, and First Hill neighborhoods. For more information see:

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

A perspective on smaller churches' role in ministry was described in a recent commentary. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0418-small/>

First PC of Homewood, Ill., shared how they use the Pentecost offering to help their children's ministries. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pentecost-offering-helps-youth-reach-full-potential/>

The Rev. Dr. Soga has started a unique Clinical Pastoral Education internship with cultural immersion in Black, Latino, and Islamic communities in Dallas. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-creates-unique-cpe-cultural-immersion-program/>

Presbyterian Publishing recently issued, *Resist and Persist: Faith and the Fight for Equality*. In that book, Pastor Erin Wathen argues the Church must play a much larger role in advocating for women's equality than it historically has. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/new-book-explores-the-churchs-role-in-advocating-for-womens-equality/>

## Holy Hops for May—May 1st at 6:00

This month we'll meet at "The Yard Cafe"; 8313 Greenwood Ave, just north of the church. ([Info Here](#))

We'll pursue Abby's question. If we were to communicate to the public at the Pride Parade by holding up a sign, what would be on our sign? One sign? A series of signs with related messages? No words, just images? Come and join the conversation!



*A Book Review from the WPPC Librarian*

### A Gospel of Hope

by Walter Brueggemann

Beloved and respected by scholars, preachers, and laity alike, Walter Brueggemann offers penetrating insights on Scripture and prophetic diagnoses of our culture. Instead of maintaining what is safe and routine, *A Gospel of Hope* encourages readers to embrace the audacity required to live out one's faith. This must-have volume gathers Brueggemann's wisdom on topics ranging from anxiety and abundance to partisanship and the role of faith in public life. -- from Westminster John Knox Press website.



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

Jeri Lee  
WPPC Librarian

### Sojourner's Truth

Sojourners magazine:

May 2018 <https://sojo.net/about-us>

#### Rise up!

Fifty years ago, Martin Luther King Jr.'s last campaign ended in a muddy mess. But this spring, the Poor People's Campaign is picking up where the 1968 effort left off.

Betsy Shirley

#### Loving our Neighbors (And Doing Something About It)

How churches are confronting gentrification.

D.L. Mayfield

#### Augustine, the Mestizo One

I came to see St. Augustine as part of my family, like one of my uncles who live next door.

Michael Jimenez



#### A Humble Revolution

Why would Jesus compare the reign of God to an agricultural act of subversion? A Bible study.

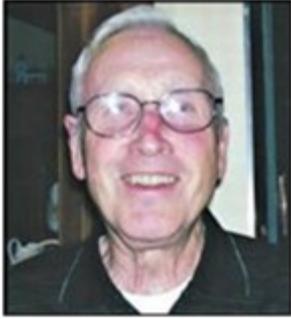
Cory Pechan Driver

#### Commentary

South Africa

Cash Bonds

Puerto Rico



## *In Memory of Ken Stover:*

One of our longest term members, Ken Stover, passed away on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Ken had a heart attack in his home, and though resuscitated by emergency responders, he passed away the next day. All of Ken's children were able to come to the hospital and spend some time with him before he died, as did Pastor Staci and Deacons Keith and Margi Luttrell. As his children always have done, they reiterated how much WPPC meant to Ken and how much he appreciated the ongoing support and love in these last years when he was unable to join us on a weekly basis.

Ken Stover attended church in grade school, but became inactive for a while. Even then he vowed that if he did go to church, he would become an active member. During this inactive period Ken moved to Seattle and lived with his brother, who also did not attend any church.

Ken met Bob Porter, Senior, who thought Ken might like Woodland Park Presbyterian Church. Ken joined in 1948 – a member for over 70 years! Dick Pryne asked Ken to teach Sunday School. At that time, Burnie Davis was Sunday School Superintendent. Ken became Junior High Superintendent during the Reverend Ted Koopman's ministry.

Ken became an elder in 1950. He commented that each minister has his own way of guiding the church and that in the 60's and 70's this church was in turmoil, dealing with the social issues of race and war.

It was exciting for Ken to be on the nominating committee that brought Jim Christensen to Woodland Park Presbyterian Church. The Men's Breakfast Group began in 1981. Ken was one of the "founding fathers", along with Burnie Davis, John Hartt, Harry Horman, Dick Pryne, Pastor Duncan Hanson and Alan Herbig.

After retirement, Ken volunteered in the Soup Kitchen, where he washed dishes nearly every Monday, helping serve the ministry of the Soup Kitchen in its early days.

Ken is predeceased by his wife, Marge, and survived by his wife Ellie, children Marilyn Sides, Tom (Carole) Stover, Mary (Bruce) Harwood & grandchildren Aaron & Madeline Harwood.

We're grateful for Ken's life, for all he gave to the world and to our church. He always had a cheery smile and a willingness to step in and help out with about any project! Cards may be sent to his family c/o WPPC, and contributions may be made in his name to the Memorial Fund.



## *In Memory of Margaret Russell:*

Our dear friend Margaret Russell passed away on April 9<sup>th</sup>, in her long term care facility. Given Margaret's grief since her husband Walter's death in December of 2016 and her confusion and general unhappiness due to her dementia, her daughters conveyed the news with mixed emotion that echoed what many of us who spent time with Margaret in the last year probably feel – grief at the loss of Margaret but also relief that her suffering is over and that her longing to be reunited with Walter has finally been fulfilled.

Walter and Margaret were married in October, 1946 in West Calder, Scotland and had 70 amazing years together. They immigrated to Seattle in January, 1957 and were active at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church in many areas since they joined in the early 1960's. They were Deacons many times over the years and both were very active in participation at church.

Margaret was instrumental in organizing the Saint Andrews Day / Scottish Sundays at the church in November since at least 1999! The services were grand, with the MacRae Scottish Highland Dance School dancers and a bagpiper. Walter and Margaret presided over a celebration of Scottish heritage during coffee hour where Margaret's traditional Scottish treats were enjoyed by all, now made by many volunteers for that day (though her shortbread was the best!)

Walter and Margaret were very active in the [Seattle Caledonian & St. Andrew's Society](#), joining in 1957 when they came here from Scotland. They both served as CoChieftains of the Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games. Both Margaret and Walter were always staunch supporters of the Caledonians and all things Scottish, which could be seen outside their home in Wallingford where they posted a notice "Reserved for Scots!" in their driveway.

Thank you to all of you who loved and supported both Walter and Margaret during their many years of active participation in this church and for continuing to write, visit, call, and pray for them in these last years when they weren't able to join us on a regular basis. Even in her last days, Margaret talked of the church community with fondness.

A memorial service for Margaret will be held at WPPC at 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, followed by a simple reception. Cards may be sent to her family c/o Woodland Park Presbyterian Church; 225 N 70<sup>th</sup> St; Seattle, WA 98103 and contributions may be made in her name to the Memorial Fund.

## ***A Couple of Financial Reminders from Our financial Secretary –***

### Online Giving:

If you are interested in Online Giving, we would be happy to help you get started! One time, weekly, occasionally, when out of town, whatever you choose..... Contact Betty Wight, Financial Secretary, or call the WPPC office for more information.

### Mortgage, Maintenance and C.I.P Fund:

The Mission-In-Motion Capital Campaign has officially ended but we still have a mortgage payment of about \$2,500 per month or \$30,000 per year. Major building expenses are also paid out of the same account. Recently, the lights in the sanctuary and the Upper Room were replaced with more efficient fixtures and bulbs which are saving energy and electrical costs. Later this year, we expect to do a major repair of the roof over the Christian Ed Wing. These projects are not included in the General Fund Pledge Drive that is conducted each Fall and are an important part of maintaining our Church property. Additional donations to the Capital Improvement Fund are needed and appreciated. Thank you.

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## ***An Update from the Soup Kitchen:***

Soup Kitchen report: Our average customer count per week for the last two months is 40 We give out about 36 bus tickets a week. Two long-time customers we noticed are recovering, one was an out of control mental patient and one a senior alcoholic. We are proud of being part of their support network.

Our usual suppliers include: Celine Patisserie bakery and coffee shop around the corner on Greenwood. Ken's Market, Fred Meyer, Tall Grass Bakery, Mighty-O Donuts, Edmonds Lutheran Soup Kitchen, Northminster Presbyterian Church.

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## ***Second Annual Church Picnic***

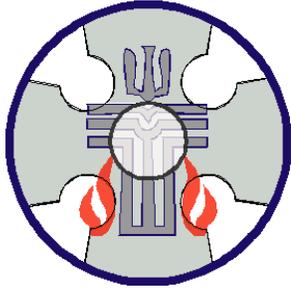
It is not too early to dream about summer. The Second Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at Shelter 6 in Woodland Park. This is the same shelter we used last year.

We hope you will all come for worship in the park, and lunch followed by relaxation and games in the afternoon.



We need to plan for both the lunch and the afternoon activities and are looking for people to help. There will be a signup sheet in the gathering space, as well as an opportunity to meet after church on May 6.

Fellowship Committee



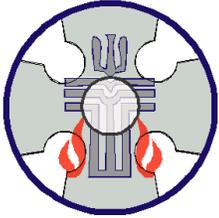
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Each Sunday</b>  <b>9:15</b> Sunday School  for All Ages</p> <p><b>10:30</b> Worship  Service</p> <p><b>RAC</b> Coffee</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>6:00</b> – NAC #6</p> <p><b>6:00</b> Holy Hops  ("The Yard Café" on  Greenwood)</p>	<p><b>2</b>  (Mike Gill)</p>	<p><b>3</b>  (Alan Herbig)</p> <p><b>6:30</b> Worship  Committee</p> <p><b>7:30</b> Choir  Practice</p>	<p><b>4</b>  (Erin Emery)</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>8:00</b> Men's  Breakfast Group  (Bay Café)</p>
<p><b>6</b>  (Debra Warren)</p> <p><b>RAC</b> Fellowship  Committee</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  (Sienna Brockway)  (Lorri Lee)</p> <p><b>7:30</b> Choir  Practice</p>	<p><b>11</b>  (Margi Luttrell)</p> <p><b>6:15</b> Open Mic  Check In</p> <p><b>7:00</b> Open  Mic Night!</p> 	<p><b>12</b>  (Jeri Lee)</p>
<p><b>13</b>  (Eric Stenson)</p> <p><b>RAC</b>—Deacons</p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>15</b>  (Cathy Bronsdon)  (Daria Herbig)  (Gary Ireland)</p> <p><b>6:00</b> – NAC #6</p> <p><b>7:30</b> - Stewardship  Committee</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>6:00</b> – NAC #6</p> <p><b>7:30</b> Choir  Practice</p>	<p><b>18</b>  (Bob Porter)</p> <p><b>7:00</b> Movie Night  (<i>New Time!</i>)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>1:00</b> Margaret  Russell's Service</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>Pentecost Sunday</i></p> <p><b>Birthdays</b>  <b>Cake Sunday</b></p> <p><b>6:30</b> F.O.R.  meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>7:00</b> Session</p>	<p><b>24</b>  (Emmett  Greenwood)</p> <p><b>7:30</b> Choir  Practice</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  (Jessica Cruz)</p>
<p><b>27</b>  (Jenna Davis)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Memorial  Day</b></p> <p><b>Church  Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  (Ryan Howard)</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</p> <p><b>RAC</b> = Right After  Church</p>	<p><b>NAC</b> =  Neighborhood  Action Coalition</p>



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## A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

### [Poor People's Campaign](#)

50 years ago, Martin Luther King launched the Poor People's Campaign. With his untimely death, the poor people's movement became de-powered and then sat dormant. Today discontent has made fertile ground to reawaken the movement. Reverend Dr. William J Barber and Reverend Liz Theoharis are joining forces with marginalized people and their allies all over the country to continue the work of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On Tuesday May 1st, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call For Moral Review is winding down their nationwide organizing tour- with a final stop in Aberdeen Washington! Reverend Dr William J Barber along with other leaders from the campaign across the state and the country will gather to speak with us about poverty, systemic racism, the war economy, and ecological devastation. They will be joined by local folks from Grays Harbor County who are directly impacted by these issues. Speakers start at 11:00 a.m. with a free meal and music to follow. Come learn about this historic movement, and find out how to join the 40 days of action. To learn more about the campaign visit [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org) for more general information.

Washington State will have Moral Mondays in Olympia starting Monday May 11th and ending June 4th. Each week will focus on a specific injustice. **People of Woodland Park Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in any of the events.** Chris Foster is actively involved with the campaign and will be our point person. If you would like to learn more about the campaign or how to participate, contact Chris by email [cjfosterri@gmail.com](mailto:cjfosterri@gmail.com) or cell phone (401) 323-7292 .

[Official Launch Video - Poor People's Campaign | A National Call for Moral Revival](#)