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## *From the Pastor...*

During the Easter season, the Narrative Lectionary took us through some major stories in the Book of Acts (not all of them by any means—we'll hear more in future lectionary cycles) and then, in the last couple of weeks, into Paul's Letter to the Galatians. For the first time this year, we find ourselves focusing on texts that are not stories...which is only strange since the lectionary we're using is called the "Narrative Lectionary" so—by its nature—it focuses on taking us on a journey through the narrative arc of the Bible by using the little stories that make up that big story. The thing is, there's whole books of the Bible that are composed of non-narrative texts—books of poetry and prayers, books of sayings and teachings, books of laws, and—of course—letters, like Galatians. To account for these books, the lectionary editors use to summer to cover what it calls the "Non-narrative lectionary". The editors provide several sermon series that spend 3-6 weeks each on one of the non-narrative books or on a set of texts that form the basis for some of our basic Christian practices, such as the sacraments.

Starting on June 11th, we'll spend five weeks hearing from the book of Psalms. Each week, we'll hear an example of a different kind of psalm, including psalms of lament, praise, trust, thanks, and a call to praise. After that, we'll move to Paul's letter to the Ephesians for several weeks, and then we'll finish off the summer with a short sermon series on the texts on which our practice of the sacraments is based.

The Narrative Lectionary year begins in September, so — If we continue with the

Narrative Lectionary—we will move into the next year of it in the fall by returning to the Hebrew Bible and the creation story to start off the new year. Notice that I said "if we continue". We tried this year as an experiment to see how well the Narrative Lectionary fit for us. I've been soliciting feedback in the last few weeks as we prepare to decide if we will continue with it or not. So far, I've heard that people find that the narrative progression from week to week is helpful in making connections and understanding particular stories in context. I've also heard that people appreciate that the Narrative Lectionary encourages us to look at stories aren't included in the Revised Common Lectionary. Jeff and I have appreciated how easy this lectionary makes it for us to do at least some preliminary planning months in advance. So, all that said, I am inclined to suggest we continue to use it at least for now...but I'm still open to hearing from you if you'd like to share your experience of it with me! In the meantime, I look forward to embarking on our "non-narrative" preaching journey this summer!

*~Pastor Staci*



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# WPPC's Treasurer's Report



## Three Year Capital Campaign:

We are approaching the end of the current campaign. So far we have paid down the principal on our mortgage by about \$85,000 and spent another \$105,000 on major building repairs, mostly roof repairs, and other expenses. As of 5/10/17 the mortgage balance is \$176,000.

## The General (Operating) Fund:

Thank you to everyone for your pledge contributions. The operating fund continues to show a loss, currently at \$5,520 as of 4/30/17. While not an alarming amount, the Stewardship committee has been diligently searching for easier ways to give to WPPC. One option available is known as e-giving (accessed via the church website at [wppcseattle.org](http://wppcseattle.org)). We have set up an account with the Presbyterian Foundation and will be happy to help anyone who would like to contribute in 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. Watch for more information soon.

## Endowment Fund:

We have also set up a separate fund for donations to WPPC designated as Endowment Gifts. These funds are designed so that the principle gift remains intact with a small portion available, usually yearly.

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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  
**WOODLAND PARK PRESS**

## June Worship and Scripture Readings

Sunday, June 4: Pentecost! (wear red!)  
Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, June 11: Second Sunday of Pentecost  
Psalm 13: a prayer for help

Sunday, June 18: Third Sunday of Pentecost  
Music Appreciation Sunday and Blessing of  
the Graduates  
Celebrating the newly installed oboe pipes  
Psalm 100: a hymn of praise

Sunday, June 25: Fourth Sunday of Pentecost  
Roger Lee preaching (Pastor Staci on  
vacation)  
Psalm 30: a song of thanks

# Bits and Pieces

## WE CHOOSE WELCOME!

**THE WITNESS COMMITTEE** is preparing hygiene kits for Asylum Seekers. If you would like to contribute to these kits, **see the list posted** on the Donation Box in the Narthex. These kits will be distributed by Lutheran Community Services to those in need. **Note:** The items should be full sized products, **NOT** travel size.

**SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR STACI** meets Tuesdays, **noon**, at the Green Bean Coffee Shop, 8525 Greenwood Ave N.

**THE OBOE RANK OF PIPES** will be installed the week of May 30th and will be featured on Music Appreciation Sunday on June 18th. Christopher Glenn and Christopher Howerter will be present to play pieces that will feature these newly installed pipes! The installation of these pipes, purchased previously when they happened to be available, is a gift from the Sproul family in memory of their mother, Wilma Sproul, a lover of music and long time member of WPPC. Wilma passed away earlier in 2016.

**FOOD AND JUSTICE: GROWING COMMUNITY TOGETHER** Join TED talk presenter and urban change maker, Ron Finley, for a conversation on food justice and community building at The Well, Friday, **June 2, 7:00–9:00 p.m.**, (1606 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Seattle, 98119). Gentrification, access to quality and nutritious food, and the affordability of food are all on Ron's mind. The tickets are \$25, but all are welcome regardless of ability to pay. Questions? Contact the Reverend Katie Ladd at [www.thewellqueenanne.org](http://www.thewellqueenanne.org).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Recovery:** Flo Bliss; Bethany Erickson; Evelyn Merritt; Margaret Russell; Ken Stover.

**Missionaries:** Brian and Sandi Thompson-Royer.

**Our college students:** Arthur Bale, Miki Bale, Colin Bronsdon, Jessica Cruz, Erin Emery, Kai Hirayama, Luke Luttrell, and Ben Peterson.

## Presbytery Connections - June, 2017

By Roger Lee

Presbyterians for Disability Concerns notes a growing number of congregations that welcome people with disabilities. It urges them to also consider the extra needs this community segment would need during a disaster. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/May-28-2017/>

One Oklahoma church has adopted a unique format in its effort to confront personal and societal racism. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/May-29-2017/>

Lisle Gwynn Garrity has the “great privilege” of being both an artist and a minister. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/May-30-2017/>

Sanctuary Everywhere is the simple idea that everyday people can come together to keep each other safe, especially in these uncertain times. Whether we are welcoming refugees or working to stop deportations, protecting religious groups who have been targeted and attacked, working to ensure that Black Lives Matter by interrupting anti-Black violence, or protecting the rights of LGBTQ people, we are all in this together. For more information see:

<https://www.afsc.org/sanctuaryeverywhere>

The Pentecost Offering that Ligonier Presbyterian receives each year helps fund Lighthouse, that serves at-risk children. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/June-4-2017/>

## CovNet and MLP

by Roger Lee



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As a followup to the recent adult education series about options for increasing our welcome to the LGBTQI community, the adult education subcommittee asked for this newsletter introduction to the [Covenant Network of Presbyterians \(CovNet\)](#) and [More Light Presbyterians \(MLP\)](#). WPPC joined the CovNet in the 1990's.

These two nonprofit organizations have worked diligently to change our church rules, formally known as the Book of Order, to allow full participation by the LGBTQI community in the life of the PC(USA), the largest of the Presbyterian denominations. WPPC has been a part of the PC(USA) or one of its antecedent denominations. The recent major milestones were ordination rules change in 2011 and marriage rules change in 2015.

The CovNet focused their work on rules change, while MLP included rules change in a more expansive agenda. One of the results of the MLP efforts was the Building and Inclusive Church curriculum that was used in our recent adult education series.

If you want to learn more about the CovNet or MLP and their respective histories and current activities you can go to their websites at <http://covnetpres.org/> and/or <https://mlp.org/>.

## Holy Hops!

Join us for some fellowship and pointed discussion in a new group here at WPPC we're calling 'Holy Hops'. We'll be meeting monthly and talking about current topics that are important to the group.

In June, we will be meeting on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Brockway's house (616 NW 80<sup>th</sup> St). Bring a hot dish to share for dinner at 6:30 p.m. if you'd like. We'll continue in discussion at 7:00 p.m. if you can't make it until then.

All are welcome.

## Tuesday Scripture Conversation Texts

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

June 6: Psalm 100

June 13: Psalm 30

June 20: No Scripture Conversation (Pastor Staci on vacation)

June 27: Psalm 150



*A mile and a half of classic rides!*

The Greenwood Car Show  
Saturday - June 24, 2017  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is the 25th anniversary of the Greenwood Car Show.

Greenwood Ave N is closed to through traffic from 85th to 65th, with cars of all shapes, sizes, and eras on display.

WPPC will be hosting a "Pit Stop" again this year, offering our restrooms for attendees to use, snacks and water (voluntary contribution) and a continuous movie for attendees to sit and rest. Some folks take a contemplative break in the Sanctuary. You could drop by with cookies, etc. early in the day or the Sunday before.

## 2017 March for Science Washington, DC

On April 22, Len Andrews and his daughter Emily joined 150,000 others on the Mall in Washington DC to “March for Science”. The DC event had parallels in 600 cities across the world. It was supported by nearly all major professional science associations and a full spectrum of scientific disciplines was represented on the Mall. The simple message was science must be taken into account by policy makers when making decisions concerning the environment, health and technology development. It is not acceptable to make up facts to fit policy prejudices. We risk doing great harm when policy is not grounded in reality. And science is, in fact, a direct view of reality and nothing more. It is important to recognize that science is not a belief system. There are no acts of faith. There are only hard facts and reproducible results that build an edifice with a solid foundation that can be explicitly trusted.



Emily and Len Andrews at the Match for Science

The corollary message of the March was that funding for science and technology must not be slashed in pursuit of dubious political objectives. Science research is the lifeblood of our economy and our wellbeing. Its list of accomplishments and benefits is extremely long. Curtailing research will seriously jeopardize the prospects of future generations. We have been the beneficiaries of hard won scientific progress, and we cannot let that legacy be compromised today.

So we say that science matters, a lot! It will be the task of the scientific community to inform and influence public opinion and public policy without prejudice. We have for far too long been subjected to distorted views of science that are profoundly harmful to society. Our community bears the responsibility to correct what is clearly incorrect. The stakes are far too high to be silent.



### *What?*

You or your committee has an upcoming event and you want everyone to know?  
Do you realize that The Press is printed and mailed to 250 interested folks  
and e-mailed to another 250 interested folks every month??  
So, read the contact information on page 4 and send the editor a note  
by the 20th of the month about what you're about to do ...

A Book Review:

*The Reverend Denise Anderson and the Reverend Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have invited the church to read and discuss this book.*



## Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race

by Debby Irving

“For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her-and ultimately for all of us.” - (*Amazon.com website*)

Happy Reading!

Jeri Lee

WPPC Librarian

## Sojourner's Truth

Sojourners magazine: June 2017

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

### Rising Up in the Philippines.

President Rodrigo Duterte has been called the "Filipino Trump."

He's worse. But resistance is growing. by Eric Stoner.

Plus: Protecting the gains of the resurrection.

### Raise Your Hand If You Live in Subsidized Housing.

Our housing policies benefit many homeowners who are least in need of help. by Neeraj Mehta.

### 'Imagine It's Your Life.'

*Evicted* author Matthew Desmond talks about the toll that housing instability takes on poor families.



### Just As I Am.

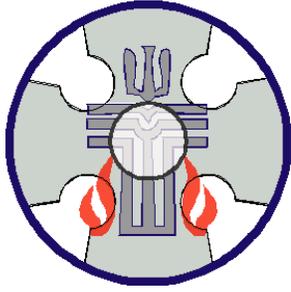
Against the odds, transgender Christians persevere. by Austen Hartke.

### Commentary.

U.S. attacks in Yemen.

Block grants.

The pope's call.

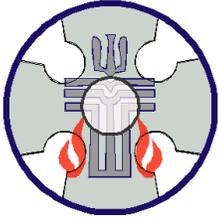


# JUNE 2017

**WOODLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN  
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**MISSION  
IN  
MOTION**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Each Sunday</b>  <b>9:15</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>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>6:15</b> Worship Committee  <b>7:30</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café)</p>
4	<p>Soup Kitchen</p> <p><b>7:00</b> Witness Committee</p>	6	7	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>7:30</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>6:15</b> Open Mic Check In  <b>7:00</b> Open Mic Night!</p>	10
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>RAC – Deacons</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>7:30</b> - Stewardship Committee</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Flag Day</i></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>7:30</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> - Northwest Firelight Chorale Concert</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> - Northwest Firelight Chorale Concert</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Music Appreciation Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Oboe Pipe Dedication Day</b></p> <p><b>Father's Day</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	20	<p><b>21</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Summer Begins</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>7:30</b> Choir Practice</p>	23	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>8:00–4:00</b>  <a href="#"><u>Greenwood Car Show</u></a>  <b>WPPC is a Pit Stop!</b></p>
25	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>6:30</b> Holy Hops! (at the Brockways)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>7:00</b> Session</p>	29	30	



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# MISSION IN MOTION

**NORTHWEST  
FIRELIGHT  
CHORALE**  
Friday - June 16  
Saturday - June 17  
7:30 p.m.



You are invited to a soul stirring concert featuring “Africa, A Legacy of Song”, 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 16 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17 at WPPC.

There will be featured the enticing rhythms and infectious melodies from spirituals, gospel music, jazz, and hip-hop, the music from African people and from the American musical traditions shaped by African-American composers. Tickets are available at [nwfc.brownpapertickets.com](http://nwfc.brownpapertickets.com).

*The mission of the Chorale is to invite the opening of people’s hearts to love and healing through inspired rehearsals and performances of soul stirring music!*