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From the Pastor...

**Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire, God will not be loved
Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.**

-William Blake

We are now in the season of Pentecost...or the season *after* Pentecost, depending on who you ask. On the church calendar, the season of Pentecost is technically Ordinary Time (hence the green banners in the sanctuary from now until Advent), but I like the idea of a season of Pentecost rather just one day. In the Pentecost story, the Spirit is present in a palpable way. Many people are moved by the Spirit to speak God's word and many more are moved to open their hearts to that life-changing message. I believe that the Spirit is moving that way every day. Every day, there are prophets calling out with challenging but life-giving truth. The Pentecost moments are when the life-giving truth is spoken and those of us who normally can't hear it find ourselves open to receiving something challenging, something new, something that opens our hearts a little more.

Recently, I've been encountering these Pentecost moments in spades at the public rallies and civil disobedience actions in Olympia of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. The Poor People's Campaign was Martin Luther King Jr.'s effort to bring together poor whites and blacks to demand systemic change to address poverty. The campaign was cut short when Dr. King was assassinated but now, 50 years later, it is being revived and is still focusing on poverty but also on other issues profoundly interrelated with poverty: systemic racism, militarism, and environmental degradation. The campaign's issues are very

broad, and some have criticized it for that, but what I have witnessed is a wealth of Pentecost moments. I've seen people who have experienced chronic homelessness leading trainings, people who live with disabilities and inadequate healthcare educating the able-bodied, and people who have been called "white trash" all their life explaining that, until Black Lives Matter, there is no justice or equity.

The Poor People's Campaign is just one place that these kinds of Pentecost moments are happening. The Church Council of Greater Seattle has been focused for the past few years now on community organizing in south King County around issues of housing accessibility and affordability. The leaders that are emerging in those base communities have powerful stories to tell and, with the support of their neighbors and ally groups like the Church Council, their city councils are listening. Pentecost moments are possible whenever a hard truth is being spoken and there is someone who could possibly hear. They can happen one-on-one on the bus or in the grocery store line; they can happen at local community levels, in state and national politics, and in global relations. I invite you this season to keep an eye out. There's no lack of modern-day prophets with important truths to tell...the real question is do we have ears to hear?

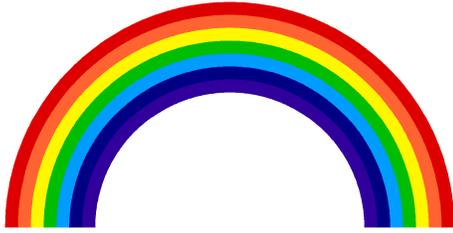
In faith and hope,

Pastor Staci



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



Rainbow Hop

WPPC IS PARTICIPATING IN THE PRIDE RAINBOW HOP, sponsored by the PNA, on June 2 from 10:30 am to 1:45 pm. We will host a sundae ice cream bar on 70th and Greenwood. You are invited to help us connect with our neighborhood. If you would be willing to help with logistics or to volunteer that day, please contact Dustin Wilsor dustinwilsor@gmail.com. Thanks!

Helpful Information and Links About 6/16-23/2018, St. Louis, General Assembly

One of our elders, Abby Brockway, is advocating for a fossil fuel divestment overture at the 223rd General Assembly(GA). To get a flavor of our GA, the following may help.

For the 10 key issues at the 223rd GA:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/June-14-2018/>

Read the same daily newspaper that is available to those attending the 223rd GA:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2018/5/2/general-assembly-news-free-home-e-delivery/>

Pc-biz gives up to date listings of overtures and amendments to overtures:

<https://www.pc-biz.org/#/>

For information about live-streaming of the general proceedings and worship during the assembly: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>

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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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June Worship and Scripture Readings

June 3: Ten Commandments Sermon Series:

Week 2: Exodus 20:3-11

June 10: Music Appreciation Sunday: Exodus 15 (excerpts)

June 17: Ten Commandments Sermon Series:

Week 3: Exodus 20: 12-17

June 24: Pride Sunday: WPPC is participating

the Seattle Pride Parade! If you would like to march, contact Dustin Wilsor or Abby Brockway for more information (more information about gathering time and location will also be in the weekly bulletins). Marchers will have the opportunity to do a "mini-worship" together in the parade staging area.

For those not marching, worship will be at 10:30am as usual. We will use a liturgy that celebrates inclusion and walk that labyrinth as a symbolic march in solidarity with our LGBTQ+ sisters and brothers.

Scripture Conversation Texts

June 5: Exodus 20:12-17

June 12: TBD

June 19 & 26: No Scripture Conversation (Pastor Staci on vacation)

Bits and Pieces

WE CHOOSE WELCOME!

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 this spring (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 at 206-799-7614 or michael@bronsdon.com.

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE! The 2nd Annual Church Picnic is set for Sunday, July 29. We've reserved the same space (Shelter 6) at Woodland Park. We hope you all will come for worship and lunch followed by relaxation and games. The Fellowship Committee is looking for people to help with organizing food and afternoon activities. Please sign up in the Gathering Space. Come join us!

FAITH ACTION NETWORK (FAN) invites you to share opportunities for advocacy and strategizing for the coming year. Areas of focus include economic justice, healthcare, criminal justice, and the environment. Puget Sound people will gather Sunday, June 10, 2-4 pm, at First United Methodist Church in Bellevue. Check fan@fanwa.org for details.

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION with Pastor Staci meets Tuesdays, noon, at the Green Bean Coffee Shop, 8525 Greenwood Ave N.

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 - June, 2018

By Roger Lee

The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett was recently unanimously elected as executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency — one of six agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/may8-announce/>

For Presbyterians, World Refugee Day, is a day to connect or reconnect with our own refugee heritage through our faith ancestry. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/June-20-2018/>

The new documentary — *Won't You Be My Neighbor* takes a secular approach to Mister Rogers,' the popular PBS children's program. For a social justice take, one should read the spiritual biography, "Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers." For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/wont-you-be-my-neighbor/>

Melting snow caused a Montana flooding emergency in seven counties as well as the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance facilitated a workshop to help members of Glacier Presbytery prepare themselves and their congregations for a disaster and how to be a blessing to their community in times of disaster. For more information see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/June-11-2018/>



Please don't forget WPPC this summer while traveling, hosting friends & family, enjoying the sunshine.....

A couple of financial reminders –

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.

You may also go to our website at: <http://wppcseattle.org/giving>

A Book Review from the WPPC Librarian

Jesus and the Disinherited.

by the late Howard Thurman.

In this classic theological treatise, the acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Hatred does not empower--it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail. -- from Amazon.com website.

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

Jeri Lee

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Sojourner's Truth

Sojourners magazine:

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

To Live and Die in LA

A Christian community in Los Angeles fight urban fracking.

Megan Sweas.

'Walk with Me a Minute'

Pastors in a DC suburb work to build trust with local police.

Quintin J. Simmons.

Plus: Responding to police shootings, by Delonte Gholston.

Stepping Off the Merry-Go-Round.

Practicing Sabbath can be an act of resistance.

J. Dana Trent.



Samson's Blessing.

A mother's account of her transgender son's renaming ceremony.

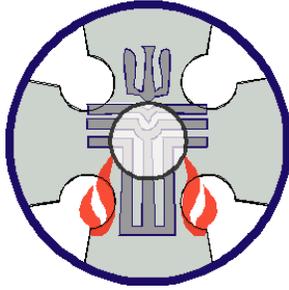
Dani Gabriel.

Commentary

South Sudan

A win for teachers

Business for good

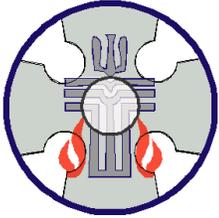


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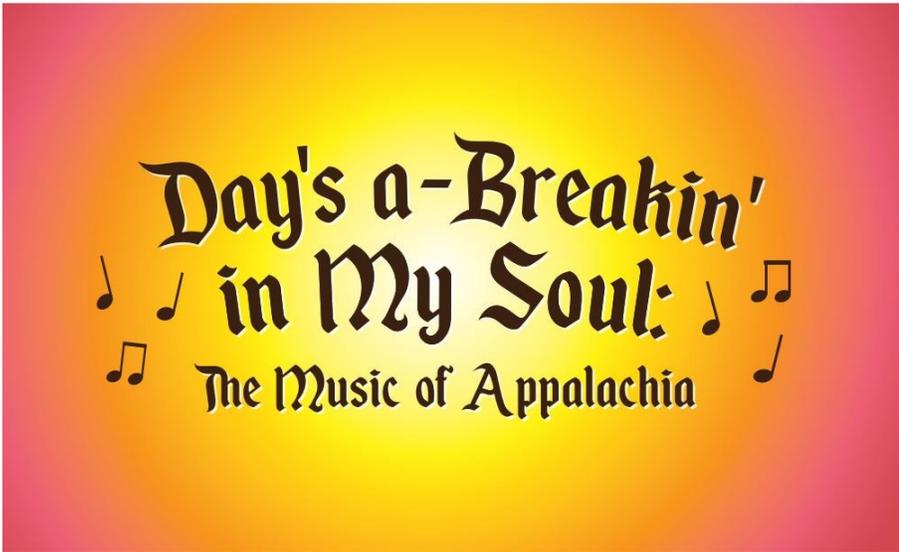
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Each Sunday 9:15 Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 Worship Service RAC Coffee</p>	<p>Please let us know your (Birthday) so we can note it on the calendar.</p> <p>JBC = Just Before Church RAC = Right After Church</p>	<p>NAC = Neighborhood Action Coalition</p>			<p>1 (Polly Peterson)</p>	<p>2 8:00 Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café) 10:30 - 1:45 Rainbow Hop</p>
<p>3 (Tracy Caruso)</p> <p>RAC Fellowship Committee</p>	<p>4 (Orrin Johnson)</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 Holy Hops (at Todd Peterson's)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 (Joyce Erickson)</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>8 (Staci Imes)</p> <p>6:15 Open Mic Check In 7:00 Open Mic Night!</p> 	<p>9 (Rachel Merritt Brown)</p>
<p>10 (Eric Stenson)</p> <p>Music Appreciation Sunday RAC—Deacons</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>12 (Roger Lee) (Nancy Horman) (Ellis Lipczynski)</p> <p>6:00 — NAC #6 7:30 - Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 — NAC #6 7:30 Choir Practice Flag Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30 pm - Northwest Firelight Chorale Concert</p>	<p>16 (Louisa Fish-Sadin) (Halley Smith)</p> <p>7:30 pm - Northwest Firelight Chorale Concert</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Father's Day Birthday Cake Sunday 6:30 F.O.R. meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 (Scott Bale)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice Summer Begins</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 (Lindsey Harris)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 Session</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>8:00—4:00 Greenwood Car Show WPPC is a Pit Stop!</p>



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Day's a-Breakin'
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The Music of Appalachia

*Day's
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(The Music of Appalachia)
will be performed by the
Northwest Firelight Chorale at
WPPC, Friday, June 15 and
Saturday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m..

From toe-tapping tunes, haunting ballads, soulful spirituals and treasured hymns the powerful music of the Appalachian Mountains beckons beyond the ages.

Tickets are adults, \$22, youth and under, \$12 and may be purchased online at nwfirelightchorale.org.