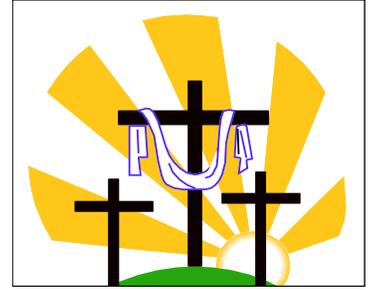


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From the Pastor...

In June and July, Nate and I were gone for three weeks for a choir tour and travels with family. We are so grateful for the support of the congregation to allow us to take off a good chunk of time. I returned refreshed and excited for the next steps of implementing our new model of ministry together! Often times, after I've been away for a while, I have to reach out to people to find out how things went while I was away. This time, however, my inbox and voicemail were full of messages from people just wanting to share a meaningful experience they had in worship during that time. What a great welcome back to work! More than anything, I heard from some of those who participated in the Pride worship service and especially the Pride Parade itself. It was lovely to hear stories of Ellen and Jeff leading the mini-communion service in the street, Abby working the crowds and passing out little fliers with blessings, and other members with signs declaring "God Loves You and So Do I", "Jesus Was Trans", and "Love Wins". Even more heart-warming was hearing how our members were so warmly received by the crowds, many people shouting out "thank you!" and requesting the blessing fliers.

A few years ago, we participated in the PC (USA)'s "We Choose Welcome" campaign in response to anti-immigrant sentiments and legislation at the time. In the last few years, we have returned again and again to the concept of welcome as a central grounding aspiration and posture for how we want to be the church in the world. The Pride Parade is just one example of how we are living out that aspiration in our broader community. We're also living it out inside our own walls as the Welcome Teams launch this fall. While "Welcome Team" may

seem an odd name for a team that takes care of things like serving communion and fellowship time, the concept came about because we want these teams to be welcoming in every aspect of how they operate. We want them to be a place where ALL people in our community can serve to their ability and connect with a small group, and we hope that the members of these teams will intentionally inhabit every role they take on with a posture of welcome toward other members and visitors, whether they are welcoming a child arriving for worship, welcoming a new visitor to the church, welcoming a long-time member to the communion meal or creating a welcoming atmosphere for fellowship time. Like any new endeavor, it will take time for these new teams to work out how they do what they do, but we hope all of you will sign up for one of the teams (Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer) and give it a try. We genuinely believe that the body of Christ is only complete when all have a place and all are welcomed to serve.

In peace,

Pastor Staci

Holy Hops! - August "Meeting"

Tuesday, August 14th, 6:00 pm at The Peterson Estate.
The grill will be going so bring something to eat, grill, share or drink. Topic of the night – Todd's working on one.....



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

Welcome Teams

Starting in September, the first Welcome Team will be taking responsibility for activities on Sunday morning.



What are Welcome Teams

There will be four Welcome Teams over the next year each with two team leaders. Each team will serve for three months. Welcome Teams are composed of 12 -14 people from the congregation, who take on the duties of Sunday morning. Things like greeting, ushering, coffee hour, liturgist and communion serving. Each team will serve for three months. Members of each team will be trained and accompanied by mentors who know the ropes.

Team Leaders		Time
Pat Moberg	Judy Andrews	September – November
Roberta Gurtowski	Joy Shay	December – February
Finley Young	Scott Daniel	March - May
Polly Peterson	Matt Schulze	June – August

Three months is a long time

Not everyone on a team is expected to be present every Sunday of the three-month term. Teams are large enough to allow for members to carry out their normal lives and commitments. All the Team Leaders are available to help.

Why are we doing this?

Serving on a Welcome Team is a way to participate in the activities of Woodland Park Presbyterian Church without a long-term commitment to a committee. It is a way to get to know some of your fellow worshippers better. We hope it will further the feeling of community and faith.

How do I get on a Team?

First, we are looking for people who are interested. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space to indicate your interest and what dates you might like to serve. We will also be calling people to invite them to be on a team. We hope most of you will serve on a Welcome Team in the coming year. The first team will start in September. We hope this is way to bring more of you into activities of the church and allow all of us to know your fellow congregants better.

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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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August Worship and Scripture Readings

August 5: Ruth Series Week 3 :
Ruth chapter 3

August 12: Ruth Series Week 4 :
Ruth chapter 4

August 19: Neutral Pulpit:
Come support another Seattle Presbytery church in their search for a pastor by listening to one of their candidates preach. This is an important way that our church communities can support one other.

August 26: Generosity Series Week 1:
Luke 12:13-14

Bits and Pieces

WE CHOOSE WELCOME!

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION with Pastor Staci meets Tuesday, noon, [Green Bean Coffeehouse](#) 8525 Greenwood Ave N. to discuss Ruth, Chapter 3. Upcoming Scripture Conversation Texts:
August 7: Luke 12:13-14 August 14: No Scripture Conversation (Pastor Staci at wedding in California)
August 21: Mark 10:17-31 August 28: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

THERE WILL BE NO MOVIE NIGHT IN AUGUST.

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE IS RECRUITING! We will be taking a closer look at how we communicate with our members and the community. We'll be looking at how we can align the look and feel of our e-mails, website, social media, and newsletter. If you are interested, please reach out to Alan Herbig at debbiealan@yahoo.com or Michael Bronsdon at michael@bronsdon.com.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET WPPC this summer as you travel, enjoy the sunshine, and visit friends and family. If you are interested in Online Giving, we'd be happy to get you started! Contact Betty Wight, Financial Secretary or go to our website: <http://wppcseattle.org/giving>.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY GATHERING: Have you wondered about becoming a member of Woodland Park Presbyterian Church? Pastor Staci will lead a fun and informal gathering this summer (actual date TBD based upon availability of those interested). You don't have to be sure 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. To participate, or if you have questions, please reach out to Michael Bronsdon at (206) 799-7614 or michael@bronsdon.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recovery: Debbie Blane, Bethany Erickson, Evelyn Merritt, Salwa Nemr.

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 - August, 2018

By Roger Lee

At the July Stated Meeting, Presbytery voted to sell the Seattle 1st PC property. At the request of Pastor Staci and others, the Presbytery will hold a forum to discuss the use of sale proceeds. For more information, see:

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

Among the eight chartered PC(USA) churches and two chapels among the Navajo, a pastor noticed a range of theological perspectives in the congregations. For more on this story, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-o818-navajo/>

Strong hurricanes, record flooding and massive wildfires have taken their toll on volunteer groups aiding in clean up and recovery. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance says that groups have been working hard in recent years to help communities rebuild, but the continuous string of powerful hurricanes and other natural disasters are making it harder to find enough people to meet the need. For more information, see:

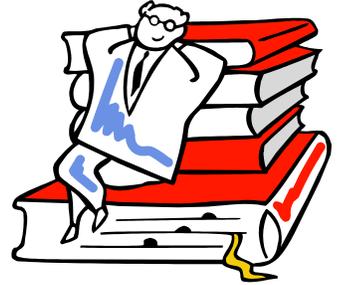
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-disaster-assistance-calls-on-volunteers-to-help-in-disaster-recovery/>

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness' director, recently responded to a few questions from the Presbyterian News Service about the work his office is engaged in. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/July-18-2018/>

The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message

by John Dominic Crossan



It is an indisputable principle of Christian faith. It is the way Jesus taught his followers to pray and distills the most essential beliefs required of every one of the world's 2.5 billion Christians. In *The Greatest Prayer*, our foremost Jesus scholar explores this foundational prayer line by line for the richest and fullest understanding of a prayer every Christian knows by heart.

An expert on the historical Jesus, Crossan provides just the right amount of history, scholarship, and detail for us to rediscover why this seemingly simple prayer sparked a revolution. Addressing issues of God's will for us and our response, our responsibilities to one another and to the earth, the theology of our daily bread, the moral responsibilities that come with money, our nation-states, and God's kingdom, Crossan reveals the enduring meaning and universal significance of the only prayer Jesus ever taught.

-- from the Amazon.com website.

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

Jeri Lee

WPPC Librarian

WPPC's New Committee Structure

We'll have new committees forming over the next couple of months and will be seeking folks to help in many different areas. Some of the committees have newer names, and the responsibilities of most of the committees have shifted around a bit. If you have questions on who to contact for a committee you're interested in, contact Pastor Staci and she'll point you in the right direction.

Leadership Visioning, *née* Nominating

Mission Statement: Facilitate the identification and cultivation of leadership for current and future ministry needs.

Membership Committee, New

Mission Statement: Facilitate the ongoing development and deepening of relationships among new and long-time community members with one another and with the church.

Spiritual Formation Committee *née* Worship

Mission Statement: Facilitate holistic, integrated, creative spiritual formation opportunities for the whole community through worship, music, and study.

Community Engagement Committee *née* Witness

Mission Statement: Facilitate opportunities for the congregation to live out the gospel through education, advocacy, action, and engagement with the broader community.

Stewardship Committee

Mission Statement: Facilitate the current and future maintenance of the physical building and financial health of the church.

Communication Committee, *née* Outreach

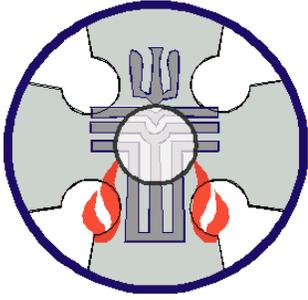
Mission Statement: Facilitate clear and coherent messaging for internally-focused and externally-focused communication of church news and events through print and electronic means.

Personnel Committee

Mission Statement: Facilitate the hiring, reviews, and resolution of any outstanding needs for paid staff members.

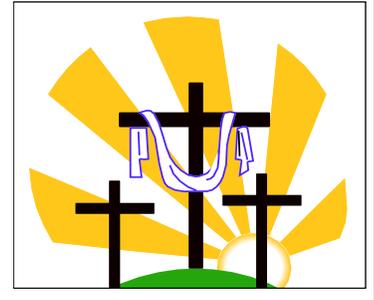
Welcome Teams — See article on page 2

Mission Statement: Facilitate seasonal small groups that provide for Sunday morning volunteer needs in a manner that welcomes every member to try different roles, grow in church leadership capacity, become more connected to the church, and inhabit volunteer roles in a way that is welcoming to all.

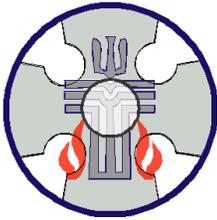


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Each Sunday 9:15 Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 Worship Service RAC Coffee</p>	<p>Please let us know your (Birthday) so we can note it on the calendar.</p> <p>JBC = Just Before Church RAC = Right After Church</p>		<p>1 (Rayna Hight)</p>	<p>2 (Gordon Merritt)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 (Peggy Johnson) (Betty Wight)</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café)</p>
<p>5 (Kyle Oliver)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>7 (Joseph Lee)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 (Marylouise Peacock)</p> <p>6:15 Open Mic Check In 7:00 Open Mic Night!</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>RAC—Deacons</p>	<p>13 (Jack Carleton)</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 Holy Hops! (Todd Peterson's home)</p>	<p>15 (Mary Lou Knox)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>((No Movie Night in August))</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Guest n the Pulpit</p> <p>Birthday Cake Sunday</p>	<p>20 0</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 - Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>22 (Mary Fournier) (Joel Hight)</p> <p>7:00 Session</p>	<p>23 (Len Andrews)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 (Debra Blane) (Tom Howard)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 (Evelyn Merritt)</p>	<p>31 (Akemi Shinjo Bale)</p>	



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The Soriano – Ramirez Family Move

On Saturday, July 15 the Soriano–Ramirez Family moved to their new apartment in Everett. Volunteers, Ellen Acton, Betty Wight, Gordon Merritt, Judy and Len Andrews, Polly Peterson and Roger & Abby Brockway helped with the move. In addition, we engaged two very helpful men from the Millionaire’s Club. Everyone helped load the truck to capacity and Gordon transported the bikes in his truck. Len drove the truck.



Everer Judy Eddy and Mark (Millionaire’s Club)

The family is settling in and looking forward to getting Fiorella enrolled in school. Instead of a two-hour bus commute each way, Everer can now ride his bike to work!



Gordon, Betty and Ellen in Everett

Their bank accounts were updated last week with Staci and Len, and their new checks will be coming next week.

On July 20, Len installed Comcast Internet connectivity so that their sign language-phone interface is up and running, and their TV and phones access the Internet via a Wi-Fi router.



Len and the truck in Everett.

Upcoming Peace & Justice Events Dear Members and Friends of Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation



Here are events that may interest you.

Events list, details below

Tues July 31, Seattle; Peace Fleet with water and land actions
Sat – Mon Aug 4 – 6, Poulsbo; Ground Zero Center's annual
Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Commemoration
Sat Aug 4, Seattle; Duwamish Film
Sat Aug 4, Seattle; “Russia-gate: Can You Handle the Truth?” A talk by Ray McGovern
Mon Aug 6, Seattle; From Hiroshima to Hope, annual Lantern Floating commemoration
Tues Aug 7, Seattle; First Tuesday War Protest
Sat Aug 25, Seattle; Workshop: Introduction to Restorative Justice & Restorative Circles
Every day: immigrant rights rallies in Seattle and Tacoma
Meaningful Movies, Seattle and many other locations
Sun Sept 16, Seattle FOR program meetings to resume

Tues July 31, 12 noon, on Elliott Bay and at Pier 66 on the Seattle waterfront; PEACE FLEET MEETS THE US NAVY in Seattle. Calling all sailors (and landlubbers too)! Local activists will stage a water-based nonviolent protest against the glorification of weapons of war at the Seattle Seafair festival. Peace activists will meet the U.S. Navy fleet in Elliott Bay. Other peace activists will meet on the Rooftop Plaza on Pier 66 on the Seattle waterfront at the same time for a nonviolent demonstration against weapons of war. Info <http://www.gzcenter.org/event/peace-fleet-meets-the-us-navy-in-seattle/>

Sat – Mon Aug 4 – 6, at Ground Zero Center, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW, Poulsbo; Join GROUND ZERO CENTER for Nonviolent Action at our annual HIROSHIMA/ NAGASAKI COMMEMORATION. Two special guests: Ray McGovern, veteran CIA officer turned political activist and co-founder of Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity, will give the keynote address. Ray was most recently arrested (and roughed up by Capital Police) for standing up, in the middle of the Congressional hearing on Gina Haspel’s nomination for CIA Director, and speaking truth to power. Bill Moyer, Executive Director and co-founder of the Backbone Campaign, will speak on new & creative nonviolent strategies for our work ahead. Bill has extensive experience on many fronts, including “artful activism.” Info: <http://www.gzcenter.org/event/hiroshimanagasaki-commemoration/> or 360-930-8697

Sat Aug 4, 1:30 pm, at Seattle Mennonite Church, 3120 NE 125th St, Seattle; Duwamish Film: Promised Land, a documentary about 2 Pacific NORTHWEST TRIBES STRUGGLING TO RESTORE THE TREATY RIGHTS they have been denied. Free. Info <http://fanwa.org/calendar/duwamish-film-promised-land-at-seattle-mennonite-church/> or 206-361-4630

Sat Aug 4, 3-5 pm, at University Temple United Methodist Church, 1415 NE 43rd S treet, in the U District, Seattle; “RUSSIA-GATE: Can You Handle the Truth?” A talk by RAY MCGOVERN, Former CIA briefer, The President’s Daily Brief; now justice and peace activist; Chief, Soviet Foreign Policy Branch, CIA; awarded Intelligence Commendation Medal at retirement; Co-founder (in Jan. 2003), Veteran Intelligence Professionals For Sanity (VIPS); Former Army Infantry/Intelligence officer; National Advisory Board, Veterans For Peace. Ray McGovern reverts to his days as a CIA analyst to explore the origins of Russia-gate, what lies behind it, and the HUGE stakes involved for two presidents, other very high officials, and the Constitution itself. Among the issues Ray will address: Why do some suspect that the Military-Industrial-Congressional-Intelligence-Media-Complex is at work behind the scenes? What is taking Robert Mueller so long? There will be ample time for Q and A. Ray’s website: <http://www.raymcgovern.com>, Sponsored by KODX-LP 96.9 FM Radio Seattle and Veterans For Peace, Greater Seattle Chapter #92. Info <http://www.vfp92.org>



Mon Aug 6, 6 pm – dark, at Northwest shore of Green Lake, just south of Seattle Public Theatre at the Bathhouse, 7312 W Green Lake Drive, Seattle; FROM HIROSHIMA TO HOPE, ANNUAL LANTERN FLOATING commemoration for the victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and all victims of war and violence. Starts with gathering, lantern preparation, picnicking, and music; continues with program featuring music, dance, and speakers. Concludes at dusk with lantern-floating ceremony. to volunteer contact fhthvolunteers@gmail.com, info 206-453-4471 or <http://www.FromHiroshimaToHope.org>

Tues Aug 7, and subsequent first Tuesdays, 11 am to 1 pm, at the downtown Seattle Federal Building, 915 – 2nd Ave, Seattle; FIRST TUESDAY WAR PROTEST. It is sponsored by Veterans For Peace, West Seattle Neighbors For Peace and Justice, EarthCare Not Warfare, and the Downtown Peace Vigil. Info Dan Gilman, 206-499-0226, dhgilman@outlook.com

Sat Aug 25, 9 am to 5:30 pm, at St. Marks Cathedral, Carriage House, 1245 Tenth Avenue East, Seattle; Workshop: INTRODUCTION TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & RESTORATIVE CIRCLES. Come be inspired, discover and learn ways to promote a Restorative Justice culture in our homes, schools, organizations, spiritual centers, and justice system. Hands-on immersion in Restorative Justice, Restorative Circles, and Restorative Practices to shift away from retributive justice and punishment and towards alternative accountability, Restorative Culture, and Restorative Practices in communities, organizations, schools, justice systems, and families. End the school to prison pipeline! \$95 contribution; discounts available to \$65 each for 3 or more in a group. Partial scholarships may be possible. Register at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3463771>, info facilitators PamOrbach@gmail.com or SusanPartnow@gmail.com or 425-444-4276

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS VIGILS EVERY WEEK-DAY IN SEATTLE: Join us for daily week-day (M-F) 8-10 a.m., VIGIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS in front of the Seattle ICE office, 1000 2nd Ave (between Spring and Madison in downtown Seattle). We are a group of concerned human beings who gather every day in front of the Seattle offices of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Many of us are here from 8 to 10 am every workday, but we encourage people to come any time between 8am and 6 pm, or later. Bring your friends. Bring a sign if you can. Our goal is to be a constant visual reminder that we repudiate ICE's/CBP's activities. Our presence is peaceful and we are not engaging in civil disobedience. Info <https://www.facebook.com/events/403025166863772/>

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS VIGILS EVERY EVENING IN TACOMA. (from Winn) Nightly rallies at the Northwest Detention Center, 1623 E J St, east of downtown Tacoma on the tideflats. It starts with a general assembly at 8pm and then a 30 minute noise-making action starting at 9pm, to let the detainees (including parents separated from their children) know they have supporters on the outside. Every night, 7 days a week, bring anything that makes noise other than whistles (at the request of the Puyallup tribe, who have a belief that whistles after dark summon bad spirits). info: https://twitter.com/Occupy_NWDC/status/1013972389141479424?s=19

Ongoing, various Seattle neighborhoods, and other locations, MEANINGFUL MOVIES, full schedule at <https://meaningfulmovies.org/> - initiated by Wallingford Neighbors for Peace and Justice, an affiliate of SNOW, Sound Nonviolent Opponents of War, this network of local groups shows films of consequence with discussion and sometimes speakers.

Sept 16, watch for information! We expect to resume our Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation 3rd Sunday program meetings.
Info <http://www.wvfor.org>