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APRIL – 2017 *Happy Easter!!*

From the Pastor...

I haven't lived in the Northwest for that long, so those of you who have been here longer can tell me if this is typical, but I've noticed the past few years that — here in Seattle — Easter often actually does coincide with the outbreak of Spring. Maybe that sounds like an obvious thing to say but, in many places I've lived, that's not at all the case (my sister's family Easter pictures in Wisconsin — with her daughter wearing turtle necks and fleece leggings under her Easter dresses — are evidence of that fact).

The Northwest experience of spring makes me *feel* the meaning of Easter more. As the sun comes out more often (well, a little more often, anyway!) and the spring flowers begin to bloom, my neighbors start spending more time outside, the Burke-Gilman is suddenly twice as busy in the mornings...and, as I watch it all happening, my body and soul understand in some visceral way that resurrection is real.

Every year, I'm so grateful for that feeling of new life. I suppose that's because, every year, there's something in need of resurrection. What that is changes with stages of life and the context of what's happening in our families, communities, nation, and world. After the death of a loved one and a changes that brings to a family system, resurrection sometimes looks like newly-aligned relationships and finding the will to laugh again. After changing jobs or

moving homes, resurrection sometimes looks like a feeling of stability or setting in once more.

I wonder, what will resurrection look like this year? What death-dealing truths of the world will we face in the coming Holy Week...and what Good News is getting ready to make itself known?

In Edwina Gately's poem "Reunion", she wills herself to believe that, even when all feels lost and dead, God is waiting there in the darkness with us in the depth of the soul. Then, just when all seems lost...

*...God,
Eternal Seeker,
is found
and leaps from within me
to run free
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scattering joy
and juiciness
on all the dried-up earth.*

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

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As we enter into Holy Week this year, in this time and place, what places of loss and brokenness and death must be acknowledged? And how will resurrection spring forth and surprise us yet again... “free and passionately, scattering joy and juiciness on all the dried-up earth”?

~Pastor Staci

Upcoming Scripture Conversation Texts

Scripture Conversation with Pastor Staci is on Tuesdays at noon, at the Green Bean Coffee Shop, 8525 Greenwood Ave N.

- April 4: Luke 24:1-12
- April 11: Luke 24:13-35
- April 18: Acts 6:1a, 7:2a, 44-60
- April 25: Acts 8:26-39

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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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April Worship Services and Scripture

Sunday, April 2: Last Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Lenten Book Groups
Scripture: Luke 18:31-19:10

Wednesday, April 5:
Lenten Morning Chant Service at 7:15 a.m.

Sunday, April 9 Palm/Passion Service
9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Final Lenten Book Study Group Meetings
10:30 Palm/Passion Service (begins in the Upper Room and continues in the Sanctuary)
Scripture: Excerpts from Luke chapters 19-22

Wednesday, April 12:
Last Lenten Morning Chant Service at 7:15 a.m.!

Friday, April 14 Good Friday
Good Friday Chant Service with the Northwest Firelight Chorale
Chant instruction at 7:00 p.m., service officially begins at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16 Easter!

Bring flowers/greenery to decorate the cross!

9:30 Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt before service

10:30 Easter Worship Celebration
The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received during the Easter Service. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 23
Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 30
Scripture: Acts 6:1a,7:2a,44-60

Bits and Pieces

WE CHOOSE WELCOME!



OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO KEN STOVER and his family. Ken had a heart attack the week of March 20th, but didn't realize it until he started to feel poorly Monday the 27th. His doctors at the hospital in Edmonds say most of his heart has sustained significant damage, but Pastor Staci talked to Ken Stover's daughter Marilyn and Ken has surprised his doctors by doing much better than expected! His chances of recovery are still uncertain, but he's clearly stronger than expected. He's reported to be in good spirits.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! The Stewardship Committee is hosting the annual spring work party, Saturday morning, April 8, at 9:00. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Bring your gardening gloves and tools and, if you wish, spring flowers to plant.



WPUMC INVITES THE WPPC CONGREGATION to a free movie, "Jihad", Friday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.. "Jihad" is a 2015 documentary by Deeyah Khan of a two year investigation which provides a view from the inside about what it is like to be drawn into radicalism. The film provides insight into why some young Muslims in the West embrace violent extremism and, in some cases, why they come to reject it. WPUMC is located at the corner of 78th and Greenwood Avenue N.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Bereavement: Family and friends of Dorothy Gill who passed away on February 11. Family and friends of Larry Doak, Ken Doak's brother, who passed away recently.

Recovery: Debbie Blane; 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 - April, 2017

By Roger Lee

The Westminster John Knox Press of the PC(U.S.A.) has published *Recovering from Un-Natural Disasters*, a book designed to help pastors and church leaders guide congregations through a period of recovery after a traumatic event affects their community, such as gun violence, suicide, or sexual abuse. One of the authors, the Rev. David Holyan, served at Rolling Bay PC on Bainbridge Island. For more information, see :

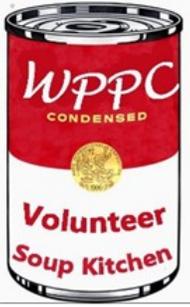
<http://www.pcusa.org/news/2017/3/8/new-handbook-helps-pastors-and-congregations-recov/>

Valarie Kaur is an American interfaith leader, lawyer, filmmaker, Sikh activist, and founder of The Revolutionary Love Project based at the University of Southern California. She was the recent keynote speaker to Presbyterian college students at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. For more information, see:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/February-27/>

The Rev. Dr. Dennis Hughes shares his favorite *New Yorker* cartoons, as he chooses palliative care, rather than further treatment for his cancer. Rev. Hughes is the former Stated Clerk of Seattle Presbytery. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/dennis-hughes-reflects-love-loss-saints/>



Soup Kitchen News

By Gordon Merritt

Our collections of donated food from food rescue program of Food Lifeline from Fred Meyers is going well. We are getting a box of vegetables and fruit, a box of meat, a partial box of dairy goods. Sometimes we get a box or so of bread. We get a wild variety of foods and so sometimes we have to buy some things that are missing from our donation pickup. Gordon and Dean do the pick-up.

We get a box of donated fruit and vegetables from Ken's Market, and have for many years.

We do not get donations and have to buy canned goods or staples like potatoes, coffee, tea, rice, tomato sauce, sugar, salt, cooking oil, flour, corn starch, bullion. Sometimes we have to buy fruits and vegetables.

On the last Monday of each month one of our volunteers, Angelica, makes egg rolls for everyone. She also takes our leftover buttered and unbuttered bread and makes sandwiches for homeless customers downtown.

We have been serving an average of 40 lunches to clients a week. We serve coffee and snacks from 9 am until noon. At noon we serve the meal for about twenty minutes, until everyone is served. We have about fourteen volunteers to help make the food and serve it. From our congregation we have had volunteers Flo and Elizabeth, who are no longer able to work with us. We have Tom, our church maintenance man, and Joy, Gordon, Len and Judy, Neola, Nancy, Dick and Joyce, Dean (who helps pick up from Frey Meyers and Ken's), Marylouise, and Betty, Ke sweeps stairs, and Janet from Northminster, Lee from the Taoists, Angelica and Gladys from the community, and Dan from the community (who drives from Shelton, and starts the coffee, and sets up tables and chairs).

Of our customers: most are homeless and walk and take the bus to us. We have about five women, four people have homes; four live in their cars. About five men speak Spanish, immigrants. We have a pretty large elderly population. One is a member of our congregation, a refugee. We have a number of disabled customers. They come from Beacon Hill, Ballard, Downtown, Lake City, Phinney Ridge, Wallingford. Some walk up to six miles to get to our meal. We give them a bus ticket to get home.



Western Washington F.O.R. 19th Annual Spring Assembly

From Outrage to Outreach:

Some Possible Solutions

F.O.R.'s featured event for April is Saturday, April 22, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with socializing over coffee, tea, & juice. The program starts at 10:00 a.m. and goes to 3:30 p.m.. at Fautleroy UCC Church, 9140 California Avenue SW in West Seattle.

Come together to discuss and discover healthy and helpful responses to our current troubling political, social, and economic situation. For further info 206-789-5565 or wwfor@wwfor.org or <http://www.wwfor.org> . See <http://www.wwfor.org/spring-assembly/> for more details. Flyer and registration form at:

<http://www.wwfor.org/wp-content/uploads/WWFOR-SpringAssembly2017.pdf> .

Western Washington FOR is a tenant of WPPC

Funding Our Church - *Beyond the Offering Plate*



This is about money and Woodland Park Presbyterian Church. If you've been around WPPC for a couple years or more you may be thinking, "It's not annual commitments and budget giving time is it?" No, that's in the fall. Or maybe you're thinking, "Is it time for another capital campaign to help pay for some church upgrades or repairs or to pay down (or off) the mortgage?" No, we're early in the last year of a three-year campaign. This message is about special donations that come to the church, from members or others, for specific purposes, or for use by the Church as determined by the Church.

Donations can be made specifically to support certain Church projects or activities, such as the Deacons, Soup Kitchen, housing ministry (currently St. Charles feeding) and Phinney Art and Music Series. Sometimes a donor wants to give to the Church for a certain purpose that is not an ongoing program or activity, like painting the Church or providing some needed equipment. In those situations the donor and WPPC Session work out a plan for the donation and how the funds will be used.

Many special donations are made to the Church for use as the Church determines. These gifts are often made in memory of someone who has died or who is particularly important to the Church Community. Those gifts are so frequently related to the memory of a deceased person that they are called "memorial gifts" and placed in the "Memorial Fund" account. Use of these funds is as determined by Session. Memorial Funds are often a source of funds for non-budgeted purchases, like replacement of dying computers or other equipment, purchase of new equipment that will make what we do more effective or useful, like upgrading older equipment. They may also be used to help fund an Outreach, Mission or Witness need. These funds allow the Church to pay for unusual expenses without taking from other things we planned and budgeted to do. In effect, they become a savings account or rainy day fund.

Another category of donations is to the WPPC endowment fund. Endowment funds receive financial assets (usually money) and hold them for investment, with the income, and some of any value growth, available to the organization owning the fund, for its purposes. The principal of the fund, along with a portion of any appreciation to the fund, stays in the fund, not generally available to use by the organization that owns the fund. Endowment funds provide some long-term funding for the organization by keeping the principal intact and creating income and growth. Of course, the larger an organization's endowment fund the more income will be available to the organization. The WPPC Endowment Fund is held by the Presbyterian Foundation, a PCUSA organization.

Questions about contributing to WPPC in these, or other, ways and about how these funds are used can be answered by members of Session or Stewardship Committee (currently chaired by Finley Young), Treasurer Carolyn Merritt or Pastor Imes.

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2017

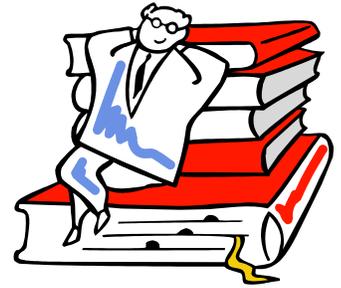
NOTE: Thank you for your pledge contributions.

Three Year Capital Campaign:

Total pledged for three year campaign	\$ 268,000
Building Capital funds received	\$ 203,777
Mission portion, 10%	<u>\$ 23,956</u>
Total amount received as of 9/30/16	<u>\$ 227,733</u>

2017 Operating Budget:

Total Anticipated Pledges, year 2016	\$ 134,185
Amount Received as of 2/28/2017	\$ 18,121
Budgeted Pledges for 1 month	<u>\$ 11,182</u>
Overall Net LOSS after expenses	\$ - 836



Sabbath as Resistance:
Saying No to the Culture of Now
by Walter Brueggemann

Discussions about the Sabbath often center around moralistic laws and arguments over whether a person should be able to play cards or purchase liquor on Sundays. In this volume, popular author Walter Brueggemann writes that the Sabbath is not simply about keeping rules but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society. Importantly, Brueggemann speaks to a 24/7 society of consumption, a society in which we live to achieve, accomplish, perform, and possess. We want more, own more, use more, eat more, and drink more. Keeping the Sabbath allows us to break this restless cycle and focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all life. Brueggemann offers a transformative vision of the wholeness God intends, giving world-weary Christians a glimpse of a more fulfilling and simpler life through Sabbath observance. (Amazon.com website).

Happy Reading !

Jeri Lee
WPPC Librarian

Sojourner's Truth

Sojourners magazine: April 2017
<https://sojo.net/about-us>

An Anchor in the Storm

Resistance alone does not sustain a community. It requires a shared life that is rooted in deep spirituality.

- Wesley Granberg-Michaelson

Jesus Confronts 'Alternative Facts'

"What is truth?" Pontius Pilot asked Jesus. It's an important question.

- Reta Halteman Finger

Grocery Store Inequity

Why fresh food is often a scarce commodity for low-income people.

- Courtney Haller



Robert E. Lee Worshiped Here

A Southern church wrestles with its Confederate history.

- Betsey Shirley

Threading the Needle

A worker-owned co-op in North Carolina creates a 'virtuous circle' of opportunity for immigrants.

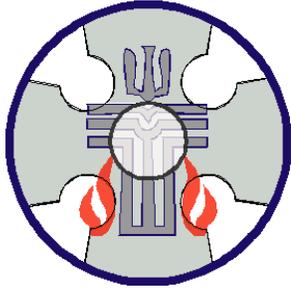
- Patrick O'Neill

Commentary

Defending an Independent Press.

Combating off-field Violence.

All Black Lives Matter.



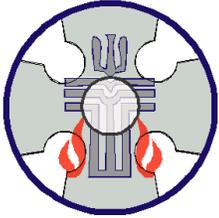
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Each Sunday 9:15 Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 Worship Service RAC Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>Please let us know your (Birthday) so we can note it on the calendar.</p> <p>RAC = Right After Church</p>						<p>1 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café')</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3 (Lisa Hirayama) Soup Kitchen 7:00 Witness Committee</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7:15 a.m. Lenten Service</p>	<p>6 (Colin Bronsdon) 6:30 Witness Committee 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 (DeAnne Hamlin) 9:00 - 12:00 Spring Work Party </p>
<p>9 Palm Sunday Birthday Cake Sunday RAC - Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>10 (Anne Sproul Nelson) Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>11 (Jess Cross) 7:30 - Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>12 7:15 a.m. Lenten Service</p>	<p>13 (Cameron Hight) (Gene Oliver) 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>14 7:00 Good Friday Service</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:30 Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt  Easter</p>	<p>17 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>18 (Nigel Herbig)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 7:30 pm - Movie Night (Lounge)</p>	<p>22  Earth Day</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 (Sonia Hight) Administration Professionals Day</p>	<p>27 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 (Diane Carleton)</p>



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Holy Week at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday - April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday 10:30 Worship

We will celebrate Palm Sunday by procession in with palms and music - then experience a transition to the "Passion" story (Jesus' arrest, trial, and suffering) with readings, music, and prayers.

Friday - April 14 - 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Candlelight Service

Join us for a service of candlelight and singing led by The Northwest Firelight Chorale. We will learn the simple chants/songs at 7:00 and the service will start at 7:30. This service is frequently referred to as one of the most touching church experiences of the year, and one that is appreciated and accessible to friends and family members who don't regularly attend church!

Sunday - April 16 - Easter Sunday!

9:30 Easter Breakfast

10:30 Easter Worship Service

We will begin the celebration of the Resurrection with a no-charge breakfast in the "Upper Room" (our social hall) at 9:30, followed by the Easter Celebration Service at 10:30. Join us in the festivities! Bring flowers to decorate the cross before the service!