

# The Circuit Crier

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From the Desk of Jin Ming

*Dear families in Christ,*

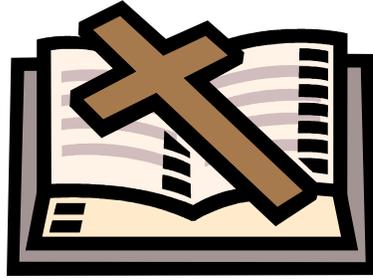
*As we continue our journey toward faith by Believing, Connecting, Serving and Sharing, I am getting excited about celebrating Easter on April 12. It is so important that we turn our spiritual focus to the last days of Jesus' life, to the agony of his death, and to the joyous miracle of his Resurrection. Here are a few ways to do it again this year:*



*~We will listen carefully on the testimony from each person through Lenten Season to enhance our faith journey by knowing each other better.  
~We will observe Maundy Thursday on April 9 at 6pm. Our choir will lead us for an amazing Tenebrae service, so please invite your friends to come and experience a unique way of remembering what Jesus did for us.  
~We are blessed once again to have Richard Melaas to lead us to sing at Easter Sunrise Service. It will be a joyful gathering at Sunny side cemetery at 7am; I am looking forward to hearing our Lay Leader Carmen McFadyen's message.  
At 11am we will have a grand celebration at church. Tulips will adorn the altar and chancel, provided by those who wish to honor or memorialize loved ones.*

*Let us sing aloud "Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"*

*Pastor, Jin Ming*



## March and April Scripture Readings

**March 1<sup>st</sup>: Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Ps. 32(UMH 766);  
Rom. 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>: Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121 (UMH 844);  
Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matt 17:1-9**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>: Exod 17:1-7; Ps 95 (UMH 814);  
Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23 (UMH 754);  
Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>: Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 130 (UMH 848);  
Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy of the Palms: Matt. 21:1-11;  
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839).  
Liturgy of the Passion: Isa 50:4-9a;  
Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764); Phil 2:5-11;  
Matt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>: Acts 30:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839);  
Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-8 or Matt 28:1-10**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps.16 (UMH 748); 1 Pet 1:3-9;  
John 2-:19-31**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837);  
1 Pet 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35**



Date: March 10

Time: 1 PM (Executive Committee at Noon)  
Program: Easter presentation by Jodi Burcham  
Hostesses: Val Hillers and Suzanne Wallis

Date: April 14

Time: 1 PM (Executive Committee at Noon)  
Program: NWLACC  
Hostesses: Peggy Shirar and Janet Gaston



**Administrative Council Meeting**

**The next Church Administrative Council meeting will be held in the CUMC library at 7 PM on Monday, March 3. All committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend.**

# <sup>a</sup> birthday prayer for you

May God bless you with His boundless love, calming peace,  
and heavenly joy throughout the coming year.

*Happy birthday, child of God!*



## March

1<sup>st</sup> Aleshia Mitten  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jodi Clark  
4<sup>th</sup> Maryon Smith  
9<sup>th</sup> Michael Hertlein  
10<sup>th</sup> Brad Sherman  
15<sup>th</sup> Tim Wallis  
16<sup>th</sup> Ian McGinnis  
24<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Miranda  
25<sup>th</sup> Steve Harada

## April

1<sup>st</sup> Chuck Wilson  
9<sup>th</sup> Bruce Walker  
11<sup>th</sup> Irene Gustafson  
16<sup>th</sup> Heidi Roberts & Dave Foss  
18<sup>th</sup> Al Sherman  
24<sup>th</sup> Georgia Wright  
27<sup>th</sup> Tom Ellis



## **LENT AND EASTER SERVICES**

**-Palm Sunday: 11 AM, April 5**

**-Maundy Thursday: 6 PM, April 9 (this will be a Tenebrae Service)**

**-Easter: Sunday, April 12 at 7 and 11 AM  
(Easter breakfast follows the sunrise service)**



**The 2020 Roots and Wings workshop will be held at Bothell United Methodist Church on April 25 from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Please let our Lay Leader Carmen McFadyen know if you plan to attend this worthwhile training.**



## 2020 Lenten Giving Opportunities

So many needs.

Your CUMC Missions Committee has identified three organizations among many who currently need financial support and encouragement to continue their efforts to provide for safe and secure shelter and basic provisions and health care, both locally and internationally.

**Dr. Katherine T. Parker is a missionary with Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church** serving as a Health and Community Transformation Advisor with the United Mission to Nepal in Kathmandu. The health programs there focus on addressing local health needs ranging from maternal and child health, mental health, adolescent and sexual reproductive health, HIV and AIDS and community hygiene practices.

**Locally, Small Miracles** is a Coupeville, Washington non-profit devoted to helping individuals in our 98239 zip code cover medical expenses they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford. Help can be obtained for Doctor's bills / co-pays, Hospital bills / co-pays, Dental bills, prescription drug costs / co-pays, Screening exams, lab tests, physical, occupational and speech therapy. Supporting Small Miracles is also a goal of the children's Sunday School classes at Coupeville United Methodist Church.

**Also locally, Coupeville Gifts from the Heart Food Bank** provides food for those in need in the Central Whidbey Island community within the Coupeville School District. Our gift helps to supply eggs for many families in our area at Easter. Last year the Food Bank served more than 2400 households and over 6,000 individuals in our community. Gifts from the Heart is a totally voluntary organization that has been serving the Central Whidbey community for the last 20 years.

These three organizations have been selected to be the recipients of our Lenten Giving for this year. We hope our expression of support will be generous.

Missions Committee,  
Coupeville United Methodist Church



**The 2020 Whidbey Health Hospice Remembrances of the Heart service will be held in our sanctuary at 2:00 PM on April 25, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.**



**Epiphany Message From our Bishop,  
Elaine Stanovsky**

“A group of sixteen United Methodist leaders from around the world, who hold a wide range of theological and social convictions, have negotiated protocols for a graceful separation within The United Methodist Church. If adopted by the General Conference in May, the proposal would:

- Maintain The United Methodist Church intact.
- Allow local churches and annual conferences that choose not to remain affiliated with The United Methodist Church to leave, while maintaining their property, assets, and liabilities.
- Commit \$39 million to racial and ethnic inclusion and anti-racism work.
- Convene the first session of the post-separation United Methodist Church, perhaps before leaving Minneapolis in May, to create four regional conferences.
- Allow for the first session of the newly established North American Regional Conference to act on proposals to remove prohibitive language regarding LGBTQ clergy and weddings. In the meantime, signers to the Protocol have agreed to abeyance on complaints against clergy for related offenses.

While this is not the resolution I hope for, I believe it may be the best next step for the people called United Methodists who have been unable to find a way forward that maintains the unity of the Church. It does not move the Church toward Christ’s vision that we “may all be one...so that the world may believe” (John 17:21), but it is a faithful effort “to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3), even as we find it necessary to walk separate paths for a season. I trust this proposal is designed to unbind us from our “irreconcilable differences” and free us to focus on the future. It does not guarantee a particular outcome, but it appears to offer United Methodists in the United States the opportunity to choose a future that is fully inclusive of LGBTQ persons.” Please visit our Conference website via this link to read the full proposal:

<https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/files/websites/www/pdfs/signed+umc+mediation+protocoal+statement+-2020.pdf>