



Kelso United Methodist Presbyterian Church



April 2019

Easter Services



Palm Sunday – April 14

A Palm Branch for All in Attendance
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:20 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Maundy Thursday – April 18

Potluck and Worship Service
5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

EASTER Sunday – April 21

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:20 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Easter Brunch

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
(Between Services)

Childcare Provided on
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday
Handicapped Accessible

"Pies, Pies, and More Pies"

Campership Fundraiser

Pre-Order Pies

\$12.00/Each

- Chocolate
- Berry
- Cheesecake
- Peanut Butter
Snickers



- Dutch Apple
- Lemon
- Pumpkin
- Strawberry
Rhubarb

Order through Sunday, April 21
Pie Delivery on Sunday, April 28

Our youth campers will be busy during
April taking orders and making pies
for their summer camp fundraiser.

Easter Carnival

Wednesday, April 17
5:30 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt ~ Craft Activities ~ Games

Weather permitting, activities outside;
otherwise, in Fellowship Hall.

Need Donations

Plastic Easter Eggs
Candy (Individually Wrapped)
Bring to Church Office

Invite Family and Friends



Notes from the Pastor's Pen . . .



The celebration of Easter has changed for me over the years. Once there was the excitement of getting a new outfit from top to bottom — new shoes, dress, gloves, hat. My grandmother took such pride in seeing us dressed up for Easter. And, to be honest, there was a kind of newness that filled me knowing that I was wearing new clothes — that feeling that came from knowing that what I wore on the outside made a difference in how I felt on the inside. Now, it didn't change who I was on the inside, it just changed the feelings I had. Those feelings were all too often short lived. They usually disappeared with the first stain, the first tear, or the first scuff on the new shoes. There was also something different about those feelings and those clothes the Sunday after Easter. They no longer had the same aura of newness that they held on Easter Sunday. The luster had dulled, and it was essentially back to normal again.

Now, Easter and the celebration of it have a more spiritually cognitive influence on my life. Now on Easter, I'm more aware of what Jesus has done to make me a new person — to be born again. It's not an experience that wears off after a week. It's something that makes me aware each day of the grace that was received when he was raised to new life on that first Easter morning. And his resurrection — and in some ways, mine — make me aware of the priceless value of this new life and the longevity that it seems to maintain. Next week, God's grace in Jesus Christ will be just as new as it is this week. Next week, the realization that I've been given a second, third, and fourth chance to live will be just as refreshing as it is this week and was last week. Next week at any moment, I may pause to give consideration to something from the past for which I felt I

Notes from Pastor (Cont.)

deserved to die, but was granted grace by my Christ who deemed me worthy of living. And believe me, none of those feelings came with a new set of clothes. New shoes never gave that to me.

All of this should be credited to a different relationship with Christ. Am, I still stuck in the trappings of my flesh? Well, yes. I am. And yet, the things that used to make Easter an important day in my life — things that came from a perspective of body and mind — now are viewed from a different perspective. Now, my understanding of Easter arises from a new and different relationship with Christ. I believe in my heart that Jesus was trying to get Nicodemus on board with this when he said,

"Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.'" (John 3:3-6)

My sense is that we each experience new birth in different ways — ways that lead us into a newer and deeper relationship with Christ and our understanding of Easter. As we come through yet another glorious celebration of our new life in Christ, my prayer is that this Easter will renew your spirit and the meaning of the resurrection in your life.

I'll look for you in church!

Pastor Vonda

Crafter's Club

Monday, April 1
6:00 p.m.
Room 12

All Ladies Invited!



Participants will learn how to make a paper pieced Christmas ornament.

A list of supplies to bring is available at the Information Center by the Church Office.

Spring Plants for Sale

Sunday, April 7 and April 14
Following Both Services

Blooming, spring plants (except for lilies since their smell bothers many people) may be purchased in memory and/or honor of someone.



They will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21, and there will be a bulletin insert listing the person(s) you are remembering and/or honoring.

Plants will be available for you to take home following Easter services.

"Table Talks"

Sunday, April 7
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



For those who are interested in learning more about what happened at General Conference, the District is having a Table Talks discussion here at our church on April 7.

Please sign up online as soon as possible at <http://greaternw.org/table-talks/>. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Add your name to the list, and Pastor Vonda will sign you up online.**

If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Vonda.

Student Scholarships Available

**Application Deadline
April 19, 2019**

Applications for the Marion Shirer Scholarship may be obtained at the Church Office and must be returned no later than April 19. Recipients will be notified by May 10. Scholarships will be formerly presented on Senior Sunday in June (date yet to be determined).

Applicants must be a high school senior or a student currently attending college and be a member of this church or a relative of a member.

The amount of the scholarships will depend on the number of applicants and the amount available in the fund in any given year but will generally be in the range of \$100 to \$500 and will be paid directly to the school in which the applicant enrolls.

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 21
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
(Between Services)



If you would like to help with brunch preparation/clean-up, there is a sign-up sheet available following services on Sunday.

For questions, contact Sue Jackson, Brunch Coordinator, at 360-636-4411.

Community House "Fun"draiser Dinner

Tuesday, April 30
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
(Doors Open 5:30 p.m.)
Cowlitz County Event Center
(1900 – 7th Avenue in Longview)

The Community House's 9th Annual Cares Campaign Dinner is right around the corner. You are invited to a night of "fun"draising!

The dinner will feature a delicious catered meal, a silent auction full of wonderful goodies, and their traditional Dessert Dash!

Our church has reserved a table for eight at this event, and seats are available at no cost to you. If you would like to attend, please let Pastor Vonda or the Church Office know as soon as possible.

When we work, we work.
When we pray, God works.
--Max Lucado

Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations to John and Trudi Gross who will celebrate their 41st Wedding Anniversary on April 1.

Retirement Party for Our Custodian, Dale Bruton

Sunday, April 28
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
(Following Both Services)
Fellowship Hall



Our custodian, Dale Bruton, will be retiring at the end of April. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites you to come and thank Dale for his service to our church and give him your best wishes as he begins a well-deserved retirement.

Dale began in October 2010. Over the years, he has handled many jobs and situations around the church with a helpful, caring attitude. You will be missed, Dale. Try to slow down, relax, and enjoy your retirement!

District Training

Crest to Coast Missional District

Saturday, May 4
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.)

Olympia First
United Methodist Church
1224 Legion Way Southeast in Olympia

Van Transportation Available

Cost:
Paid by Church

Childcare Available
(Please be sure to inform us if needed.)

Theme:
“Crossing Over Into Abundant Life”
*I came so that you may have life,
and live it more abundantly.*
John 10:10

Speaker:
Rev. Shalom Agtarap

Workshops:
Choose
1 workshop for morning session
1 workshop for afternoon session

- Small Church Vitality
- Earthquake Preparedness
- Let's Get Together: Collaborative Conversation
- How to Connect with your Community: One-on-One Conversations
- Community Partnerships Panel
- Alternative Worship Panel

A sign-up sheet will be available on Sundays in April or at the Church Office during the week.

Church on the Trail

Begins Sunday, May 5
1:00 p.m.

Meet in Church Parking Lot
(We will drive to our trail location.)
Van Transportation Available

Church doesn't have to be inside the walls of the building.
Church can be anywhere!



Coming in May we'll begin a new ministry of "Church on the Trail." This will be an opportunity to be church outside the walls and experience God's beautiful world.

Please let Pastor Vonda know if you're interested or want more information.

The earth laughs in flowers.
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mariners Baseball Game

Saturday, June 22

1:10 p.m.

T-Mobile Park in Seattle
(formerly Safeco Field)

Mariners vs. Orioles



Cost: \$31 per Ticket

Van Transportation Available

Order Form at Information Centers in
Narthex and Church Office

Deadline to Order – June 2

We have a large block of seats reserved for the game. If you would like to sit with another family, please place one order for the entire group. Orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis and will be based on availability.

Please make checks payable to KUMPC and give them directly to John Simpson or Pastor Vonda.

Spring Salad Luncheon

Friday, April 12

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rainier United Methodist Church

(101 C Street East in Rainier)

No Childcare Provided

No Transportation Available

The women of the Rainier United Methodist Church invite the ladies of our church to be their guests at this luncheon. Please RSVP by April 11 to Joan Hackathorn at 503-556-2711 (leave a message if necessary).

The featured speaker will be Monica Rush from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). CASA trains volunteers to advocate for children going through the trauma of the court system, and she will talk about the work they do.

Emergency Support Shelter



"Item of the Month"
~ Socks ~



Donation Baskets in Narthex (Lobby)

Bed Race Contest

We would like to enter a bed in this contest.



We need a 5-person team, with one person riding in the bed. All team members must be at least 12-years old.

We will also need a bed and help modifying it by adding wheels. The bed must be at least twin size but can be larger.

If you are interested in helping or joining the team, please let Pastor Vonda know.

FISH Food Ministry

On March 11 and 12, we served:
Families—56, Adults—118, Children—73 for a total of 191.

Thank you to the following volunteers:
Bette Aanderud, Dale Bruton, Lynne Davis,
Pat Faires, Michelle Hamilton, Steve Johnson, Jake Kubin, Peggy Porter,
Chad Russom, Debbie Russom, Peggy Skeahan, Colleen Walker

The next scheduled days to prepare and distribute food to people will be on:

Tuesday, May 14
Wednesday, May 15
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Laurie Hall



If you are interested in helping, please contact Bette Aanderud at 360-577-0095 or Pat Faires at 360-423-7874.

FISH Food Needed

- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti
- Canned Tomatoes
- Hunts Pasta Sauce (traditional)
- Canned Fruit
(Applesauce, Peaches, Pears)
- Canned Vegetables
(Corn, Peas, Green Beans)
- Top Ramen Noodles

Donation Baskets in Narthex (Lobby)

Backpack Buddies

Pack Bags Every Thursday
9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



The Backpack Buddies program helps children at Barnes Elementary School who need food over the weekend.

Food items you may donate include:
Fruit Cups, Oatmeal (Individual Packs),
Macaroni and Cheese, Tuna, Chili,
Soup, Cereal (Large Boxes), and
Top Ramen Noodles.

Donation Baskets in Narthex (Lobby)

Thank You from Longview Grocery Outlet

We purchase food supplies from Longview Grocery Outlet Bargain Market for various ministries in our church: Backpack Buddies, FISH, and Wednesday Night Youth Dinners. They recently sent a thank you letter to the church:

“We wanted to thank you for your continued support of our family owned and operated Longview Grocery Outlet. We realize that there are a lot of options when choosing where to purchase your items and we are happy to continue the relationship we have built.

We appreciate all you do for our community and the drive you have to make a difference in the lives of the many people you serve.

We wanted to make sure you know that the hard work you do does not go unnoticed and we are happy to help you in serving our community.”

Sincerely,
Mike, Michelle, John and our whole team
Longview Grocery Outlet
920 Ocean Beach Hwy

Remember In Prayer

John Anderson, Jerrilyn French (Cheryl Risner's sister-in-law), Tom Gates, Lolita Hare, Jean Larsen, Rob Redmond (Harvey and Linda Redmond's son), and our children we sponsor at Jamaa Letu Orphanage in the Congo: Betty, Joseph, Leon, Ruth Kashala, Ruth Mukuna, Souzanne, Willy, and Yanick



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:



- Courtney Sargent and family at the passing of Courtney's mother, Jamie Sargent, on March 25.
- Jeanette Almos and family at the loss of Jeanette's brother, Gary Brewer, on March 17.
- Ty Brunelle and family at the passing of Ty's aunt, Shirley Gohn, on February 22.

"Have a Heart" Mission's Brunch Update

On Sunday, February 24, the Mission's Team hosted the "Have a Heart" Brunch. Because of your generous donations, \$720.00 was raised which will be divided between the Salvation Army and Family Promise.



Thank you to the following people for helping with this fundraiser: Judy Ainslie, Dale Bruton, Anne DeFrancisco, Bruce and Pat Eyer, Jayne Lafady, Dolores McDonald, Laurel Moore, Kathy Williamson (Brunch Coordinator), and Wanda Wines.

Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts have been received in memory of Don Guler and Virgie Ireland.

Planned-Giving

The goal of planned giving is to help you plan your estate and charitable giving in a way that benefits you, your family, and charity. There are many ways you can make a planned gift to charity and enjoy tax and income benefits. One way is:

Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)

Your Goal:

- Receive fixed income for life
- Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your appreciated property
- Enjoy the benefit of tax savings from a charitable deduction

How It Works:

- You transfer your cash or appreciated property to our organization in exchange for our promise to pay you fixed payments (with rates based on your age) for the rest of your life.

Your Benefits:

- Charitable tax deduction
- Fixed income for life
- Partial bypass of capital gain
- Possible tax-free payments

For more than 50 years, the Northwest United Methodist Foundation has provided United Methodist churches, agencies, and individuals with resources about stewardship, planned-giving, and endowments.

If you would like additional information regarding the topic of a Charitable Gift Annuity or on any of the other types of planned giving instruments or gifts, please contact us at 800-488-4179 or staff@nwumf.org.

Sign-Up for Sunday Greeter/Coffee Host

If you would like to be a greeter and/or coffee host for 1st or 2nd Service, please check out the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex (Lobby).

Thank You

Bobby Buller, son of Shelly Buller, was one of our college students who received a "Care" Package recently. Bobby writes:

"Thanks for the goodies, it was very thoughtful of you guys. Just to let you know, I'm thinking about you as well."
--Bobby

April Birthdays

- 1 Judy Ainslie
- 2 Cherie Rapp
- Kelby Thayer
- 3 Ken Dahl
- Colleen Walker
- 5 Richard Graham
- 8 Gary Jackson
- 11 Jayne Lafady
- 12 Lynne Davis
- 13 Doris Bopp
- 14 Nancy Heaton
- 15 Bob Andrew
- Karla Gates
- 20 Jim Baker
- 24 Peggy (Morant) Coleman
- 27 Jeanette Almos
- 28 Wally Dietel
- 30 Haylee McFadden



Therapist:

What's been up lately?

Chocolate Bunny:

I don't know Doc;
I just feel so hollow inside.

Attendance

Sunday			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
3/03/19	7	59	43
3/10/19	7	53	48
3/17/19	6	65	48
3/24/19	10	82	57
		Music for the Soul Service	60

Wednesday		
	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adults</u>
3/06/19	8	37
Ash Wednesday Potluck & Service		
3/13/19	9	10
3/20/19	5	6
3/27/19	10	11

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Sunday Schedule (Sept-May)

9:00 am Contemporary Service
9:20 am Kid's Sunday School
10:10 am Adult Bible/Book Study
11:00 am Traditional Service
10:00 am & 12:00 pm Fellowship Time

Wednesday Schedule (Sept-May)

5:30 pm Children/Teen Ministry
6:15 pm Praise Team Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice



APRIL 28 6:00 PM **MUSIC FOR THE SOUL**

Music for the Soul is our monthly evening of great music, great food, and great fellowship. While it's not a normal worship service, there is always a devotion and a prayer. It's very casual, so no need to dress up. Feel free to get up and dance. Potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. If you don't want to enjoy great food, (but then who doesn't), then come at 6:00 p.m. for the music. Everyone is welcome and be sure to invite your friends.

Fellowship

**Enjoy Great
Music**

**Invite your friends
and family**

**Everyone
welcome**

Potluck 5:30 p.m.

**KELSO UNITED
METHODIST
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CHURCH**

206 Cowlitz Way
Kelso, WA 98626

360-423-7480

Kelsoumpc.org

April 28 6:00 p.m.



Kelso United Methodist Presbyterian Church



EASTER 2019

Dear Family of Christ:

As the weather begins to warm and evidence of the season's change becomes apparent, we are reminded of the upcoming special and holy celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 21st. We are writing to you today to personally invite you to attend Easter service this year and hope that you will mark our services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on your calendar now so you can be a part of this special celebration with us.

Certainly, there is no other event more sacred and meaningful to creation than the resurrection of Jesus Christ over two-thousand years ago! Christ proclaimed to Martha in the book of John, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies" (John 11:25). What a wonderful promise from scripture – one that is celebrated as much today as it was thousands of years ago. Through our study of biblical stories like this one, we know that Christ was seeking a personal relationship with those around Him...and He still seeks that with each of us today.

Easter Sunday represents an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our relationship with a loving Creator and a wonderful Savior. It is a time for us to apply eternal perspective to the daily matters at hand and to contemplate our fate beyond these years on earth. We hope that you will come and celebrate with us on April 21st as we seek to honor God's steadfast faithfulness and sacrifice.

We pray that as you celebrate the upcoming holiday with family and friends, you will also find a renewed and revived faith and hope in the One who came to save us all. We pray that the words of scripture come alive for you during this season and that you don't just let it pass you by unnoticed. Please join us on Easter Sunday this year as we celebrate together!

We will enjoy an Easter Brunch together between the services, so come early or stay late. There will not be a coffee hour after second service so you may enjoy the day with your family.

We will also receive our annual Easter Offering. This year your gifts will support our Emergency Fund that provides help for those in need in our church and community. Thank you for your generosity and know that you are a blessing to this church and community.

In Christ,

*Vonda McFadden
Pastor*

*Anne Hill
Finance Chair*