



# Kelso United Methodist Presbyterian Church



April 2016

## Church Conference Official Bylaws Vote and Celebration of Unity

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**



### **Potluck Dinner to Follow Meeting**

Church Providing Meat / Bring a Side Dish to Share

### **Entertainment Provided By**

**Northwest Groove**

(Tom McFadden's band)

The time is finally here! It has been over a year in the making. Our Bylaws have been finalized, and now we must meet together and vote to accept them. To do this, we are calling a Church Conference on April 16 at 5:30 p.m. Rev. David Nieda, Vancouver District Superintendent, will preside, and representatives from the Presbytery will also attend.

A few changes have been made to our Bylaws since the last copy was sent. Please find attached to this email the finalized document for your review. We will also have the Bylaws available in the Narthex on Sunday. Although our conference will be for our congregation, please invite your friends, family and neighbors to come share in this celebration with us.

If there are any questions, please speak with Pastor Vonda or a Transition Team member.

## Notes from the Pastor's Pen . . .



Several years ago, Tom and I went to Fort Flagler for a camping trip. It was a wonderful time, and we had many memorable experiences. But one of the most memorable things I noticed while there was the Hood Canal Bridge. We traveled over this bridge several times during our time there, and one time we noticed on one side of the bridge the water was calm and on the other side the water was crashing against the bridge. Another time, the waves changed sides, and the last time, it was calm on both sides.

It occurred to me that the waves could be our lives with all the things crashing against us: the distractions, the worry over loved ones, the hard times, the illnesses, and the deaths. These are things that can bring us down, cause us harm. The road is Christ and the path we take when we depend on Him to calm our storms of life. This path is important in that when we follow that path, depend on Christ and put our lives in His hands, the calmness most certainly washes over us, bringing us peace, just like the calm water. That is the peace I want in my life. I know it is hard.

There just doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to get everything done I need to do. Of course, there is also the time I want to spend doing fun things. There is a lesson in all of this for me, and I hope you too. We should never get so caught up in the have to's of life that we lose sight of the want to's in life. Yes, there are things I have to do – school assignments and sermons rate high on the list. But there are some things I want to do such as spend time with friends and, of course, my husband, Tom.

Every day is a new beginning; every day is a chance to get it right. Jesus died all those years ago to give us a chance to get it right. Every day we have the opportunity to be the people of God. Every day we are given the chance to love our neighbor, to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Easter has arrived. It is not the end but the beginning.

How is Jesus working in your life this day? How is Jesus working in our community through you? Those are the questions we must answer.

I hope you had a wonderful Easter and celebrated the Risen Lord!

I'll look for you in church!

--Pastor Vonda

## U.M.P.W. Hosts Women's Shelter Shower

Wednesday, April 27  
10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall



**Everyone Invited!**

**Bring 2 Dozen Cookies**

This shower will be the United Methodist Presbyterian Women's meeting for April.

Personal Items Shower:

**Children's Items:** Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, bath soap, socks, underwear, combs, hair brushes, diapers

**Women's Items:** Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, shampoo, bath soap, combs, hair brushes, feminine sanitary supplies, lipsticks, lotions, nail polish, nail file

**Miscellaneous Items:** Pillows, twin sheets, twin blankets, toilet tissue, Kleenex

Donation baskets are in the Narthex (Church Foyer).

## Elementary Youth Dance Party (Grades 1-5)

**Saturday, April 23**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**



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For questions, contact Christy O'Brien at 270-7953.

## Painting Class



**Monday, April 25**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Daycare Foyer**

Have you ever wanted to paint a picture, but thought you couldn't? Well, now is your chance to try your hand at painting!

Katie Crowe, owner of Pull-Up-a-Chair Painting, will teach us how to paint a "Mason Jar Bouquet."

The cost is \$25 per person with all supplies included. There are 30 spots available. Please call the Church Office to sign-up.

## H.M.S. Pinafore

**April 8 – May 1**  
**Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sundays at 2:00 p.m.**

**Stageworks Northwest Theatre**  
1433 Commerce/Longview  
360-636-4488

**Tickets: \$15-General Admission**  
**\$12-Students & Seniors**  
**Group Rates Available**

Our own Greg and Laurel Moore are both performing in this production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera. Darlene Little's son, Rick Little, will also be performing.

## Applebee's Fundraiser: Flapjack Breakfast

**Saturday, April 30**  
**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Applebee's Restaurant**  
Triangle Shopping Center/Longview



**Tickets: \$10/each**  
Available following Sunday Services

Breakfast will consist of:  
pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs,  
coffee, milk, juice and soft drinks.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the purchase of an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator.

## Community House News

**Next Dinner**  
**Saturday, April 30**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**Meet at**  
**Community House**

1107 Broadway Street/Longview



If you would like to help prepare and serve this dinner, please contact Jayne Lafady at 425-5787 or e-mail [jlafady@outlook.com](mailto:jlafady@outlook.com). If anyone has a food service card, you are especially encouraged to participate.

Donations are also needed to purchase food for the dinner. If you would like to help with expenses, please make your check payable to KUMPC and indicate Community House Dinner on the memo line of your check. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

## Summer Camp Dates

**July 10-15**  
Junior & Senior High  
(Grades 6-13)



**July 24-29**  
Elementary  
(Grades 1-6)

All camps are at Ocean Park Camp and Retreat Center in Ocean Park, Washington.

If you would like a registration form, please contact Marline Czarnecki at 360-431-2166. **Your registration packet must be turned in by April 29 to receive the Early Bird Discount.**

## Board of Directors for Learning Center

At the recent Church Council meeting, a decision was made to institute a Board of Directors for the Learning Center.

During the Learning Center's first years, there was an active board that eventually was disbanded. Currently, all of the responsibility for decision making is left up to Pamela Dickey, Learning Center Director. She and the Church Council would like to reinstitute a board.

We are asking for three people to join Pastor Vonda and Pam to serve on a five member board. The plan is for the board to meet quarterly and at other times as needed.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Pastor Vonda or the Church Office.

## FISH Food Ministry

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

**Wednesday, May 4**  
**Thursday, May 5**  
**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Kelso Presbyterian Church**



If you are interested in helping prepare and distribute food on these days, please contact Bette Aanderud at 577-0095 or Pat Faires at 423-7874.

There is a FISH Food List at the Information Center in the Narthex (Church Foyer).

Grocery bags (paper and/or plastic) are also needed. Items may be put in the containers located in the Narthex.

On March 2 and 3, we served 39 families, 77 adults, and 46 children for a total of 123.

Thank you to the following people for helping: Betty Aanderud, Glenn and Pat Faires, Betty Houten, Jake Kubin, Arlis Rutherford, Alice Sorensen, and Colleen Walker.

## "Gospel Sing-A-Round" to Benefit FISH

**Monday, May 23**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Columbia Theatre**  
1231 Vandercook Way/Longview



**Tickets: \$10**

A "Gospel Sing-A-Round" featuring six choirs from throughout Cowlitz County joined by the Portland Interfaith Gospel Choir will be featured at this event which will benefit our community's local FISH food program. A freewill offering will be taken at intermission.

## Church Pictorial Directory

**Wednesday – Friday**  
**May 18, 19, 20**

1:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.  
and  
5:50 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



**Saturday, May 21**

10:00 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.  
and  
2:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

To celebrate the joining of our two churches, we are planning a new church pictorial directory. Lifetouch Portraits will be at the church on the above dates and times to take pictures.

Two options will be available for scheduling a picture appointment. You may schedule your appointment online – watch for details coming soon. For those who would rather schedule your picture appointment at the church, opportunities will be available after each worship service beginning on Sunday, April 10.

Everyone who has their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 portrait plus a directory.

Coordinators for this project are:

Sue Coulombe / 636-3617  
and  
Diane Manasco / 636-5204

### **Bulletin Bloopers**

Ushers will eat latecomers.

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Don't let worry kill you off –  
let the church help.

## Funeral Planning Workshop

If you missed the Funeral Planning Workshop on March 29 and would like the information, there are packets available in the Narthex (Church Foyer) for you to complete and return to the church.

## Remember In Prayer

Don Aanderud, Marcia Altman, John Anderson, Jerrilyn French (Virginia French's daughter-in-law), Tom Gates, Sue Gilmore (Gene and Charlotte Balint's daughter), Jean Larsen, John Murphy (Diane Manasco's nephew serving in Middle East), Doug Ray (Pat Faires brother), Rob Redmond (Harvey and Linda Redmond's son), Sharon Shope, Carole Sprouse, Andrea Strickland (Pam Dickey's sister), and our children at Jamaa Letu Orphanage in the Congo: Angele, Benita, Josephine, Naomi, Ruth, Souzanne, Willy, and Yanick.



## Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:



- Jackie and Ray Harrison and family at the loss of Jackie's father, Joe Fratesi of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on March 28.
- Carol McRae and family at the loss of Carol's husband, Dr. Larry McRae, on March 25. Larry's service will be on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m. here at the church.
- The family of Lili Kukkola who passed away on March 17. A service for Lili will be held on April 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Steele Chapel at Longview Memorial Park.
- Robert Krause and family at the loss of Robert's wife, Dorothy, on February 6.

## April Birthdays

- 1 Judy Ainslie
- 2 Cherie Rapp  
Kelby Thayer
- 3 Ken Dahl  
Marjorie Miller  
Colleen Walker
- 5 Nancy Corkrum  
Richard Graham
- 8 Kevin Dickey  
Gary Jackson
- 11 Jayne Lafady
- 12 Lynne Davis
- 13 Doris Bopp
- 15 Karla Gates
- 17 Dr. Marion Clark
- 19 Marcia Hamm
- 20 Jim Baker
- 24 Peggy Morant
- 27 Jeanette Almos
- 28 Wally Dietel
- 30 Gary Traub



## Attendance

### Sunday

Date	Sunday School	1st Service	2nd Service
3/06/16	15	67	71
3/13/16	9	58	62
3/20/16	18	60	87
3/24/16	Maundy Thursday		72
3/27/16 (Easter)	16	117	101

### Wednesday

	Youth	Adults
3/02/16	10	5
3/09/16	13	9
3/16/16	6	8
3/23/16	16	9
3/30/16	12	5

## Financial Report



### February 2016

Balance Forward (12/31/15)	\$4,357
General Fund	\$44,371
Transfer from Designated	\$485
Miscellaneous	\$80
Interest	\$13
	\$44,949
Expenses	(\$38,305 )
Balance	\$11,001
Building Fund Balance	\$7,791
Apportionments (Shared Ministry)	
Paid February – 100%	
Year-to-Date – 17%	

## Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts have been received in memory of: Betty Dickey, Dorothy Krause, Carroll Larsen, and Ray Ryan.

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 503-556-8131

Sunday Schedule: (Sept-May)  
 9:00 am Contemporary Service  
 9:20 am Youth Sunday School  
 10:10 am Adult Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Service  
 10:00 am & 12:00 pm Fellowship Time

Wednesday Schedule: (Sept-May)  
 5:00 pm Kid's Choir  
 5:30 pm Children/Teen Ministry  
 6:15 pm Praise Team Practice  
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

# Vancouver District Builder's Fund

Ocean Park Camp and Retreat Center has been providing quality outdoor ministry to kids and families for 75 years. Located on the Long Beach Peninsula, the coastal weather has taken its toll on a number of our facilities over the years. Wood rots, metal rusts and sand shifts causing the need for constant maintenance and upkeep to provide excellent facilities to our guests.

We are asking for your help to replace rotten siding and fix leaking roofs on some buildings, as well as to do some preventative maintenance on others so they do not get to a state of "beyond repair." When many of our buildings were initially built, proper flashing and waterproof barriers were not installed, allowing water to get behind the exterior walls causing significant water damage. These repairs have reached a point that is beyond what our registration and rental fees can cover.



Damaged Siding



Water Damage



Damage around Window

Thankfully, we have a number of volunteers and volunteer organizations that help provide the labor for many of the projects. However, in effort to remain an affordable and desirable ministry location, we are asking for your help to cover the costs of the materials.

- \* Hardiplank Siding Panels
- \* Waterproof Barrier Material (Tyvek)
- \* Vent Boots for Roof Penetrations
- \* Gutters
- \* Metal Roofing
- \* Paint
- \* Deck Boards (ideally Trex or similar)
- \* Deck Stain/Waterproof Finish
- \* Dump Fees

Additionally, we are battling a number of invasive/noxious weeds. We are working to eradicate these weeds as a number of them are thorny and create an unpleasant experience. Weed removal is done by cutting, spraying, and burning. We are seeking your help in covering the some of the costs associated with this.

- \* Garlon 4 Herbicide
- \* Dumpster and Dump Fees
- \* Specialized Tools for Weed Removal

Garlon 4 - sounds scary right? Well, here's a little info about it: Garlon 4 is an herbicide used to control the spread of woody-type invasive plants. It is used in wildlife preserves, contains no petroleum distillates and instead uses methylated seed oil. Triclopyr, the active ingredient in Garlon 4 Ultra, has been classified as Category D - "not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity" by the EPA.

It is expensive – more so than some other commonly used products. But it is more inline with Ocean Park's commitment to providing a safe space for children and respecting the environment.

*Why don't you just pull the invasive plants out?* We are, but we are losing the battle. The main plant we are fighting against is gorse. Gorse is a prickly invasive plant with a tendency to outgrow and kill our native plants while not providing either recreation use or wildlife habitat. It is hard to pull, and it is getting harder to find people willing to pull since the pricklers are a skin irritant. Gorse seeds can remain dormant for up to 50 years in the soil, and stumps will sprout new growth even after multiple cuttings. By applying Garlon 4 to the cut stumps, it prevents the new growth and eventually kills the plant.

References:

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- 3.) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulex\\_europaeus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulex_europaeus)

**Checks can be sent to: PNWUMC District Office / PO Box 13650 / Des Moines, WA 98198**  
**Make Check Payable To: PNW Treasurer**  
**Memo: Vancouver Builder's Club**