

The Newsletter of the **Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren**
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Trash Talk: garbage, recycle or compost?

by Jessica Schug Quiroz

When I was a little girl, one of my favorite weekend outings was going to the local recycling center with my dad. We would collect recyclables over a month or so—glass bottles and jars, separated into clear, brown and green; aluminum and tin cans, properly pre-smashed; newspapers and cardboard, tied with twine in manageable bundles—and one Saturday per month we would load it all up into the family station wagon and take it to the recycling center. It was an old bare bones warehouse with a dirt and sawdust floor, and there were big wooden bins with hand-written signs to indicate what went where. It was run purely by volunteers, and depended on the integrity of those that deposited their items to do it right. We didn't get paid to recycle like in other states with bottle deposits and such. So why did we bother?

This was the 80s in all their wasteful glory. Recycling was definitely counter-cultural, and it wasn't easy. You had to wash everything, sort it very carefully, and haul it all somewhere to get rid of it. A far cry from the convenience we have now of throwing everything into one bin and having it picked up at the curb! No wonder some of our neighbors thought we were nuts wasting our time with recycling. Kids would hear



the noise and would come by the garage while we smashed cans and ask if they could help, and that is when my dad would have his chance to educate them about the importance of reducing waste and reusing our resources, always quick to point out where on the horizon you could see a clear cut area of forest on the mountain side.

My dad always attributed his awareness for reducing waste to two things; first was his love of nature (his claimed religion) and all her beauty, and second was being raised by parents who were homesteaders, starting out with next to nothing in rural Montana. In the Schug family, EVERYTHING was re-purposed into something else!

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My Grandpa D’s workshop was a treasure trove of pretty much anything you could imagine needing (and a lot of things you would never think could be useful), and whatever you thought you needed to go buy at the hardware store he either already had or he could make you one out of something lying around the garage.

My grandpa was probably pretty normal for his generation—anyone whose family struggled during the Great Depression can surely relate to his need to find purpose in even the smallest of items and tasks. But I don’t think he realized that his simple actions would leave such a valuable legacy for our family.

Back in our neighborhood, a grass roots group from our community petitioned long enough to get curb-side recycling for newspaper established. Into the 90s, awareness about the importance of recycling boomed and curb-side services increased.

Today we have it easy. Families and businesses are educated about and expected to sort their trash, recycling, and now compostable materials as well. All you need to do is get it into the correct bin, and once every week or two depending on your route, a truck picks it up for you! Decals and signs are plastered everywhere to tell you what goes into each container, and what doesn’t belong as well.

We’ve come a long way since my childhood, both in awareness and practice. Kids know what recycling means before they start school, and take pride in knowing what to recycle vs. compost. Each child does his or her part to contribute to the process, and they do it with integrity and pride and LOVE, knowing that they are helping to protect and care for our planet.

One of the many amazing things about Olympic View Church is our dedication to caring for creation. We pride ourselves on it, and it is a part of many choices we make as a church body. But the conditions in our kitchen and social hall trash, recycling and compost receptacles is not always in line with those values. Are we getting lazy?

Have we stopped doing our part? Have we lost some of our pride and integrity, or have we simply set it aside because sorting the garbage must be someone else’s job?

Of course that isn’t what is happening! We just need to pay closer attention and help each other do it right. And it’s not just about making things easier for the person behind you—now we are on the line financially if we break the rules!

The city of Seattle has upped the ante, and since the first of this year, all food and compostable paper, including food-soiled paper towels, paper napkins and cardboard, are no longer allowed in the garbage and are required to be composted. Recyclable items, such as paper, uncontaminated cardboard, bottles, cups, jars and cans are currently prohibited from the garbage. Plastic, such as bags, is not allowed in compost containers.

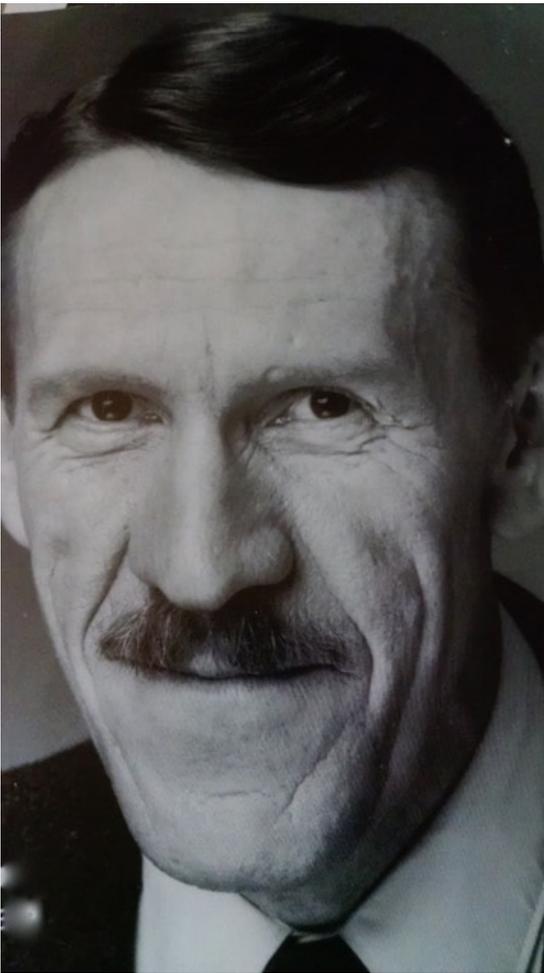
Commercial properties whose garbage contains more than 10% recyclables or food waste by volume will receive a warning notice. Upon the third notice, the property will receive a \$50 fine.

The food waste law is projected to divert 38,000 tons of food scraps from the landfill via composting. SPU’s education campaign went into effect October 2014, and food waste has been prohibited from garbage since January 1, 2015.

Fines for too much food waste in the garbage are effective January 1, 2016. That gives us 6 months to get our act together!

The food and yard waste is sent to composting processors, where it is turned into compost for local parks and gardens. In 2014, Seattle sent approximately 100,000 tons of food waste 300 miles to a landfill in Eastern Oregon each year.

Let’s do our part to support care for creation. When you see someone about to put the wrong thing in the wrong bin, gently remind them where it should go. And if you feel unsure yourself, don’t be shy! Ask the people around you. Together we can ensure that Olympic View Church serves as an example to others in the value we place on reducing waste and caring for our resources.



Remembering Bill Newman

June 15, 1934 — May 27, 2015

William Macleod Newman, age 80, passed away on May 27th at Hayes Manor Senior Residence in Philadelphia, after a prolonged struggle against the vascular affliction, Multi-Infarct Dementia.

He was born in Chicago on June 15th, 1934, and moved to Seattle in 1937. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1952, and the University of Washington in 1956. He was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for advanced writing study at Columbia University from 1957-1959.

Through the late 50s and early 60s he served in the Armed Forces, married Julia Tayon, and taught English. In 1965 he secured an acting position with the Seattle Repertory Theatre which determined the course of his professional life for the next forty years.



He alternated between jobs with theater companies throughout the country including The Seattle Repertory, Baltimore's Center Stage, Stephens College Artist-in-residence, Columbia, MO, Minneapolis' Guthrie Theater, Denver Center Theater, and the Repertory Theater of St. Louis. In addition, he played Off- and On-Broadway in New York, some highlights being *Beggar's Opera*, *Over Here*, and *Strangers*. Some of his numerous TV and film parts were in *Mosquito Coast*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Tom & Huck*, *Silver Bullet*, and *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. As much as he loved the work, he valued just as deeply the countless and varied friendships that the work provided.

He was known by friends and loved ones as a deeply spiritual man, and became a convinced Quaker in 1989, where he found much love and support in the spiritual communities of his Meetings on both coasts.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Margaret Ramsey of Ardmore, PA., his son, Liam Newman of Seattle, WA, his daughter, Katherine Newman of Los Angeles, CA and his brother, Stephen Newman of New York, N.Y. A third child, Matthew, died of a fatal fall in 1976 at age 10.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, June 27th, at 3 PM at Old Haverford Friends Meeting, 235 East Eagle Road in Havertown.

The family requests that remembrances be sent to:

***The Friends Council on Education
1507 Cherry St.
Philadelphia, PA 19102***



PNWD at Camp Koinonia *August 9–15, 2015*

Kids, don't miss the summertime fun at Camp Koinonia! The Pacific Northwest District week at Camp K will be from August 9–15, and registration forms are available in the office or on our website. Registration prices go up after July 10th, so get your forms sent in early and save!

Some scholarships are also available, and you can request one on your registration form. Any questions can be directed to the church office.

Camp Koinonia provides a place of quiet beauty set apart for fellowship and service that is a living example of our responsibility for the stewardship of God's creation. OV has been enjoying Camp K for over 50 years! Share in the beauty and tradition, and enjoy a week surrounded by friends and nature, hiking and swimming, and much more. Camp Koinonia awaits you!

Faith is an open door

As Jesus began his ministry, he called disciples to follow him and join in his work. At the end of his ministry, Jesus instructed his disciples to do the same, to call others to join in his work.

This summer we're offering 'The Open Door,' a class for youth who are interested in learning more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The Church of the Brethren and Olympic View have responded to Jesus' call in very unique ways and together, we're trying to continue the work that he started. This class is intended to help our youth open the door to a life of following Jesus. By the end of the summer, those who complete this class will be eligible for baptism and membership, or for an 'Eighth Day' service to signify their belonging to our community and their ongoing exploration of what it means to follow Jesus.

The class will be team taught by Bobbi Dykema, (lead) Harriet Koscho and Shannon Parra Williams. At points, they will also invite our long-time members to join the conversation and share what it has meant to be a follower of Jesus in their own lives.

'The Open Door' will begin meeting on June 21st, after worship, from 11:30 to 12:15. Students will receive a copy of the book, 'Let our Joys be Known.' To be eligible for baptism, students will need to attend at least 8 sessions and complete make-up projects for any classes missed. If you are interested, please let Bobbi or the office know as soon as possible so we can be sure that everyone has a book.



Our Summer Schedule begins Sunday, June 21st!

Worship will begin at 10:00 am, followed by fellowship.
'Open Door' classes will meet at 11:30 am, and our regular
Sunday School classes will resume in September.



Piñata fun at our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta!

Muchas gracias to everyone for sharing in this special event, and for all of the delicious food!



The Quiroz Family (and Marigold!) with their home-made piñata before the madness begins!

Ready for action, Miles takes the first swing!



After a full round of bashing, Angel busts it open and the crowd rushes in for the goodies!

*Fresh
from the
Word*

No Limits

Reading: Hebrews 7.18-24

The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God (Hebrews 7.18-19).

Meditation: Who wants to waste time and effort on someone or something that won't stick around for very long? You end up feeling drained and empty in the end. It's easy to get overly consumed in the accumulated memories of what once was, and dreams and promises of what might be. But when plans don't meet our expectations, it's enough to prompt us to look for something more worth our effort.

The new Christian converts from the Jewish community were beginning to question the move they made from a faith with history and tradition. In the chaos of their day it just seemed so hard to hold on to this new faith that Paul was spreading. It didn't have connections to generations of converts. Family and friends just didn't seem to understand. They felt like they had to explain their actions when it was so hard to put into words the inspiration and hope that first drew them to make such a daring move. You would think Paul would take the opportunity to remind them that Jesus also was rooted in the Jewish tradition, himself. But Paul does one better—he reminds his audience that Jesus offers something more solid than a passing social convention or religious tradition. Here is someone who breaks out of the confines of our expectations. He is someone who could not be bound by the ultimate "limiter," death.

For the day: Forget what used to limit you. Today is a fresh day brimming over with opportunities. There is new hope to live into the life God intended.

Prayer: God of fulfilled promises, empower me to be free of imperfect living. Renew me to live in the fullness of your promise for a full and meaningful life. May my life this day reflect back a small portion of the limitless love that you have shown for me.

—Steven W. Bollinger

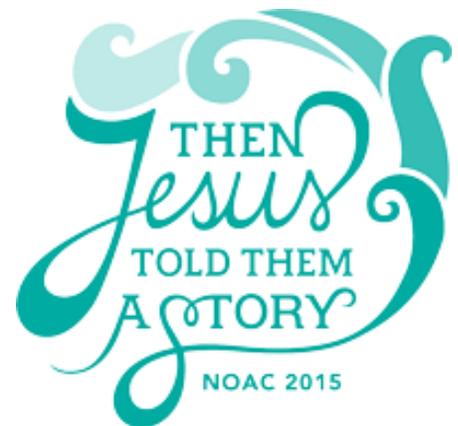
Sharing Together in Prayer

In Our Community:

- For the family and friends of **Bill Newman**, mourning his death on May 27.
- For **Ken's grandma, Ferne Baldwin**, prayers for healing and compassionate care as she recovers from recent health issues including pneumonia.
- Thanksgiving to **the Tulalip Foundation** for the grant we received in support of our Youth program!
- For **all students facing final exams** in the coming weeks!
- Thanks for **Bobbi's new work** teaching with the St. James of Jerusalem School of Theology!
- For the family of **Willy Mooyman's niece-in-law, Yvonne Waarts**, mourning her recent death in Holland at age 64.
- For the family of **Emily Martin-Badeaux**, Kathy & Roger Edmark's niece, who passed away after a long and difficult illness; prayers especially for peace and comfort for her husband and two children as they mourn her loss.

In Our State, Nation, and World:

- For **Jill & Joe Biden and family**, mourning the death of Joe's son **Beau Biden** after a difficult battle with brain cancer.
- For **all those suffering and displaced from their homes in Syria and in Iraq** following decades of civil unrest and war in their region.
- For the **people of Nigeria** during the transition of their presidential leadership.



National Older Adult Conference

September 7-11, 2015

Attend the 13th Annual NOAC at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in the beautiful mountains of western NC!

Register online: www.brethren.org/noac/