

## Pastors Message

by Pastor Jeffrey L. Barker

Dear brothers and sisters, As we go to press with this newsletter, we are four weeks past Easter morning. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! All around us, "new life" is springing forth as Spring and Easter season blossoms in our midst. I want to thank all the church staff and volunteers, who helped out with Love Feast, the Easter morning breakfast, worship service and the Easter egg hunt.

This past Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, we held our spring General Assembly business meeting after church. Enclosed you will find relevant committee and church staff reports. Please read and reflect upon them as the church goes forth into spring and summer. Also, please pray and consider ways that "you" and "us" – meaning the church; can continue to love and serve the Maple Leaf neighborhood/community in which we worship and serve.

As the season of Easter tide continues on till Pentecost, may the risen spirit of Christ enter and lead both our hearts and lives. Easter Sunday was physically four weeks ago. The spirit of Christ's rising from the tomb, is "alive" and active "now" and forever in the lives of



Christ's people and church. Let's keep that spirit alive, as we, the congregation of Olympic View Church of the Brethren, continue to love and serve others in Christ's name.

Once again, remember; The Lord is risen. The Lord is risen indeed!

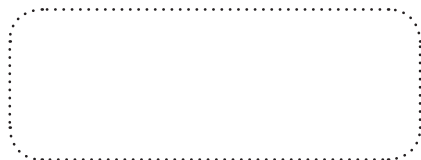
*Peace be with the world and the church family.*

*Pastor Jeff.*

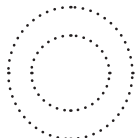
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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REPORT

by Interim Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey Barker

Dear Olympic View Family:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you these past 18 months. Enclosed is a brief report on my duties and ministry among you in these past months, since our fall General Assembly.

**Worship Services:** Since November, 2016, we are averaging 39-40 souls in attendance each Sunday morning service. Both Christmas and Easter services saw approximately 50 - 55 in attendance. Let us all continue to strive to bring more people into the worship life of our church, while also honoring and supporting our current members and visitors.

I might add, during Holy Week, we held a beautiful and peaceful Love Feast on Maundy Thursday. Approximately 32 people attended. Thanks to the volunteers who helped make it a success.

**Youth Group Ministry:** I'm continuing to assist and support Bobbi, Harriet, and the volunteers who lead our youth. As we hold our spring General Assembly, planning is going forward to

send our kids and young adults to camp at Camp Koinonia, in both June and August. Since mid winter, we are seeing a dedicated small group of youth attend church services each and every Sunday. Keep up the good work Bobbi, Harriet and volunteers.

**Community Outreach:** I'm continuing to reach out to the local community. I'll be leading the Sunday, May 21st Vespers service, at Northaven. I lead this Sunday evening service on a quarterly basis. I also attend the 6:30am Senior Men's Breakfast at Northaven. I speak to the group on a rotating quarterly basis as well.

I'm continuing to tutor two young boys, each Thursday afternoon at Olympic View Elementary. We also are "the" major neighborhood donor for the "Eagle Packs" weekend food collection program at Olympic View school. Just last week, April 18th, I dropped off 150 - 175 lbs of food. God bless all of you for supporting this ongoing food drive.

A final point: I'm also one of four people on the search committee charged with finding a new management team for Camp Koinonia. Mike and Nancy are moving on, as of September 30th. In terms of community outreach, I will continue to seek ways that I/we can engage the community through loving acts of work and witness in the neighborhood.

**Pastoral Ministry:** I continue to call on shut-in's and nursing home residents. Of late, we now have two members in Hospice care. Jimmy Barnes and Dorsey Harris. I visit them regularly. As always, I'm always available to visit or counsel anyone in need, as their needs arise.

In conclusion, since last November, time has really flown by! During whatever remaining time I'm here as your Interim Pastor, I remain committed to serving you good folks. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for the privilege of serving you.

Faithfully yours, Reverend Jeffrey L. Barker

## OLYMPIC VIEW YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

### Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

by Rev. Dr. Bobbi Dykema

Since November, the youth have had many wonderful gatherings together and opportunities to learn and grow in community. This year, we helped out again with the shopping and packing of Thanksgiving baskets for needy families.

In December, Charles Walker and Pastor Jeff shared about what it was like growing up black during the Civil Rights era, and Liz Lindley talked about growing up in a "sundown town" in Kansas. Also in December, Monica attended a trauma stewardship workshop at the University of Washington and we have been strategizing ways to continue sharing what she learned; one exercise that we have added is 60 seconds of silence to calm and center ourselves before we begin our devotions.

In January, Prof. Wes Howard-Brook of Seattle University and Lynn FitzHugh of the Faith Action Climate Team, shared about their experiences of committing civil disobedience. We have gone on some field trips - to the Museum of Flight in January, and the Seattle Art Museum in February for the Jacob Lawrence Great Migration exhibit, taking advantage of Free First Thursdays.

We celebrated Black History Month by passing out slips of paper with the names of

African-American heroes and heroines, and inviting the youth to share what they knew about each one. Also in February, Amy Stapleton, recruiter at Shoreline Community College, came and talked to us about the programs there, and as a result we already have one student participating in the CEO program at Shoreline, with more interested in doing so. Another career and education talk was given by Kim Collins, who shared about how she became a journeyman carpenter and how to get involved in the trades. We plan to welcome Kim back for a pre-apprenticeship class and cooperative building of a tiny house for the homeless.

At the beginning of Lent, we had a service of anointing, with 15 youth, including some who were there for their first or second time, receiving anointing. We've been taking advantage of longer daylight and warmer temperatures, playing basketball on the elementary school playground across the street, and we're getting ready for Brethren National Youth Sunday on May 7!

Thank you for all your prayers and support, and especially for continuing to welcome the youth and get to know them on Sunday mornings.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Dr. Bobbi Dykema, Director of Youth Ministry

## CAMP KOINONIA

It's fast approaching summer time, and that means it's time to start thinking about sending the kids off to summer camp.

The church office is now accepting applications. Please Pre-register your child by sending an e-mail to the church: [ovsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ovsecretary@gmail.com) - with camper(s) name, address, gender and grade along with parent/guardian name, phone number and email address.

Then go to: [www.olympicchurch.org](http://www.olympicchurch.org) and either download and fill out - or fill out on-line, the application and send it off to the church office with the application fee.

**Kids Camp** is for 2nd and 3rd grades - bring them to camp on Tuesday June 27th at 6pm and pick them up on Saturday July 1st at 11am.

Fee is \$175 before May 16 and \$190 after May 16.

**Jr. Camp** is for 4th - 6th grades - bring them to camp on Monday June 26th at 11am and pick them up on July 1st at 11am. Fee is \$275. before May 16 and \$290. after May 16.

**Junior and Senior High Camp** is for 7th - 12 grades. Bring them to camp on Sunday August 6th at 5pm - and pick them up on Saturday, August 12th at 11am. Fee is \$285. before June 27th and increases to \$300. after June 27th.

*We can't wait to see you at camp this summer!*

General Secretary David Steele  
cordially invites you to attend one or more

*Pacific Northwest District  
Listening Session*

*May 19, 2017 - 7 p.m.  
Sunnyslope Church of the Brethren  
3330 School Street, Wenatchee, Wash.*

*May 20, 2017 - 7 p.m.  
Olympic View Community Church  
425 NE 95th Street, Seattle, Wash.*

*May 21, 2017 - 2 p.m.  
Peace Church of the Brethren  
12727 SE Market Street, Portland, Ore.*

Come for a time of conversation  
with our new general secretary and  
fellowship with other supporters  
of the denomination.

All are welcome.



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## Board of Administration Report

The Board is the church group tasked with planning, evaluating, staffing and promoting ministries of Olympic View Community Church on behalf of the congregation each month. The committee during that time was Roger (Chair), Bill, Kristi, Sylvia, Jeff, Bobbi, Frosty, Harriet, and Charles, and Anita takes minutes.

During the last 6 months they reviewed the following:

### Ministry Transition

Church Refresh—committed to clean, repair and enhance facilities (ongoing)

Priority for a time was to get the leaky roof fixed.

Search Committee – evaluate pastoral candidates (ongoing)

### Ministry Events Planned, Evaluated and Promoted:

**Nov 13** General Assembly meeting went well”

**Nov “Thanksgiving Baskets.”** Lots of support by church and youth. Had over \$1000 left over, which was given to North Helpline (Lake City Food Bank) and Mary’s Place

**Dec 4 Christmas Wassail and Hanging of the Greens** “The hanging of the greens was started on a Saturday and finished on Sunday along with having the Wassail”

**Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service** - total attendance 45 people; went well

**Dec 25 Christmas Day Service** - total attendance 26 people; very nice

**Jan 1 New Year’s Day Service** - total attendance was 23 people

**Jan 8 International Potluck**- wonderful food end 43 attended

**Jan 27 - 29 District Winter “Snow” Retreat** at Camp Koinonia - Lots of snow!!! Mark Ray, Covington, led; about 35-40 came; 20 people came from church. Everyone had a great time, lots of kids, it was a good retreat.

**Feb 17-19 District men’s Retreat** at Camp Myrtlewood - Frosty and Roger (30 came)

**Mar 3-5 District Spring Retreat** in Lacey “Five from OVCC attended (60 total.) Tara Hornbacker, professor at Bethany, was the keynote speaker. “A Great Event”

**Mar 18 Green Potluck and Game Night** - “Small group (12), but great food and fun.

**Apr 1 Work party** “A lot of Spring cleaning accomplished before Holy Week”

**Apr 13 Maundy Thursday** – 30 with foot washing, simple meal and communion.

**Apr 16 Easter and Easter Breakfast** - Big worship attendance; continental breakfast was available from 9:30 am to 10:45 am

### Other Church Business discussed

Church Usage by Community Groups

Youth Ministry Challenges and Opportunities

Monthly Focus on Finances

Facility Repairs and Maintenance

## Our Summer Schedule begins Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>!

Worship will begin at 10:00 am,  
followed by fellowship.

Our regular Sunday School classes will  
resume in September.

## Special Monthly Outreach

by: Roger Edmark

One of the parables of Jesus speaks to the heart of giving. In Mathew 31-46, Jesus points out how you will know you are doing the right thing when giving. He says in verse 35 “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me.” and then he sums it up in verse 40 “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

In other words, we are to help those in need wherever they are, and whatever the need. Our special outreach is exactly for that purpose. Every month we focus on a non-profit organization or a special giving project which is dear to the ministry and mission of the church. We encourage your giving to them because it is good stewardship of our resources and the causes are worthy of our attention. For May it is Northaven and for June it is Camp Koinonia

### Northaven – May Giving

Northaven is a great community where people can enjoy an engaged active retirement in an atmosphere of respect and compassionate care which enhances the quality of life for the residents. There are 232 apartments in the two buildings. Some of the residents have very low incomes. Incomes so low that they would not be able to afford any place to live if it was not for access to government programs and the generosity of supporters to make up the difference in uncompensated care which they deserve. We make up that difference when we give!

### Annual Northaven Community Meeting

If you want to know more about Northaven, come to the Annual Northaven Community Meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday May 25 at Northaven. All are welcome. Refreshments will be serve after the meeting.

### Camp Koinonia – June Giving

For over 60 years, Camp Koinonia has been our church camp. It is special place to enjoy the beauty of God’s world in a natural forest setting. Children, youth and adults are able to come to camp and experience God’s love and grace in a community of faith. We send campers and leaders to camp every year because we know it makes a difference in those lives.

Every year we do our part in supporting camp by giving to camp in the month of June and by having a Dessert Auction to support the camp. The camp is in need of one or two utility vehicles (we know them as golf carts) to get around on at camp. This year the Dessert Auction will support that capital purchase which is outside of the annual budget at Camp Koinonia.

### Dessert Auction

On Sunday, June 4th, we will have the Dessert Auction after a provided Lasagna dinner. Bring lots of desserts for auctioning off to raise funds for Camp Koinonia. It is always a lot of fun, and is for a very good cause.

# May 2017

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 May</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Cinco de Mayo Potluck <i>Easter 4</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship <i>Easter 5</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 OV Exec. Mtg. 7:00 OV Board	<b>18</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship <i>Easter 6</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Snow camp <i>Easter 7</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

May  
Outreach



## May Birthdays!

3 Susanna Rempel	17 John Braun
5 Orlay Johnson	22 Eunice Jarboe
9 Angela Hinton	25 Jacob Smith-Derksen
9 Barbara Flory	25 Lowell Flory
10 Dr. Jeanesse Miller	26 Marta Petty
11 June Grandison	26 Percy Dawson
12 Jeff Barker	27 Jordan Thill
12 Lyah Martinez	29 Keith Russell

## Upcoming Events

### May

07 Cinco de Mayo Potluck  
17 OV Executive Meeting  
17 OV Board Meeting

# June 2017

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship <i>Pentecost 1</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 OV Exec. Mtg. 7:00 OV Board	<b>15</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm Maundy Thursday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship <i>Pentecost 2</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship <i>Pentecost 3</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<i>Pentecost 4</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship General Assembly		<b>June Outreach</b>				

## June Birthdays!

1 Olive White	20 Keith Palmer
10 Cabe Matthews	22 John-Clair Smith-Derksen
11 Shannon Williams	23 Solomon Grandison
13 Brenda Krantz	23 Almaz Tesfay
17 Phyllis Harris	27 Donna Henning
20 Anita LaFranchi	30 Grace Edmark

## Upcoming Events

### June

14 OV Executive Meeting  
 14 OV Board Meeting