

The New Olympian

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The Newsletter of the Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren
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Pastors Message

by Pastor Jeffrey L. Barker

Brothers and Sisters, as we go to press with the March / April newsletter, we are four weeks into the season of Lent. Slowly we are walking with Jesus towards Holy Week and the end of his earthly life and ministry. These past four Sunday morning worship services, have all focused on the foundational teachings of Christ and the Christian faith.

Chief among them are his teachings about love, mercy, compassion and outreach to the poor, the marginalized, the powerless and the outsiders of society. In this season of Lent and our call to "imitate" Christ and his life; may we all continue to feed the hungry, clothe the poor and seek to walk in the footsteps of Christ.

Over the next few Sunday's leading up to Easter, we will "scale the heights" with Jesus, as we read of his triumphs in ministry, healing, preaching and teaching as he reveals himself to the world.

Conversely, during Holy Week we will "dive into the depths," of human sadness, sorrow, betrayal and rejection; as we reflect upon the pain and passion of Christ's last days and hours of earthly life and ministry.

I pray many of you will join us on Maundy Thursday evening at 6pm for Love Feast.



During which, we will serve a simple meal in memory of the Last Supper, Christ had with his disciples. After which, we will humbly and faithfully wash each others feet, as sign and symbol of our penitence and commitment to follow Jesus.

Good Friday and Christ's passion on the cross will "wound us" as we await the dawn of Easter Morning. And O, what a joyful noise, we will make in Worship Easter morning. Yet, we know, by faith, we cannot celebrate the joy of Easter, without first experiencing the pain and agony of Christ's passion on the cold, cruel cross, he bore for us!

God bless the faithfulness of you good folk, as we sojourn on towards Jerusalem with Jesus, during the remaining days of Lent. I look forward to seeing you all in the pews for worship, and also gathered around the table at Love Feast, on Maundy Thursday. May God keep us safe in our going forth, as we await Christ's victory over death and the grave that glorious first Easter morning.

Peace be with you all, Pastor Jeff

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OLYMPIC VIEW YOUTH

by Bobbi Dykema



"OV youth playing basketball at Nathan Hale HS Teen Center."

"As our youth are getting older (several will be graduating from high school this spring), we are wanting to support them in thinking about their futures. To that end, we've had Amy Stapleton, a recruiter from Shoreline Community College, come and share about the various programs there, and several of our youth are in the process of applying. Earlier this year, another guest was Kim Collins, a female journeyman carpenter who brought her tools and shared about how to get started on a career in the trades. She is planning to return to teach a class to those interested in pre-apprenticeship, and maybe even work with our youth to build a tiny house for the homeless! Stay tuned!"

Bobbi Has Been Called...

"Dear friends, it is with a mixture of joy and sadness that I share that I have accepted a call as interim pastor of the Whitestone Church of the Brethren near Tonasket. My first Sunday with them will be Palm Sunday, April 9. It is a half-time position, so I will continue my work with the Olympic View youth, commuting up northeast on Fridays and back to Seattle on Tuesdays. I am continuing to stay open to a call to a settled-pastor position, and I will miss you all on Sundays! Please keep me and my little Hyundai in your prayers!"

Thanks,
Bobbi

Holy Week Activities

Love Feast - Maundy Thursday

April 13th 6pm

Please come out and join us for Love Feast at 6pm on Maundy Thursday. If you would like to help out in setting up or serving, please contact Bobbi Dykema or Grace Edmark.

Easter Sunday

April 16th - 9:30 - 10:30am - Sunday School
11am - Worship Service

This Easter we will once again offer a "lite" continental breakfast of juice, coffee, pastries and fruit. 9:30 - 10:30 in the fellowship hall. Sunday School will still be held in the library at 9:30 for those who wish to attend.

Our traditional Easter morning worship service will begin at 11am. Please come out and celebrate in community, our Lord's glorious victory over death and the grave.

We look forward to seeing you in church, during the events and services of Holy Week.

Pastor Jeff.

Church Cleanup

The date is: April 1, 2017 - 10am

It's spring and the church grounds really need some sprucing up. Come on out and volunteer a couple of hours to clean up the surrounding grounds and courtyard.

The inside of the church could also use a little spring cleaning as well.

So, bring your garden gloves and make the church beautiful for Easter!

NEW COMMUNITY OUTREACH! WEEKEND EAGLE PACKS, FOR OLYMPIC VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES.

by Anita LaFranchi
Photos by Anita LaFranchi



We are collecting non-perishable food items for kids and families at Olympic View Elementary School.



Above: The food pantry at Olympic View Elementary School

Left: A sign made by the children for the food pantry.

Bring in:

Dry beans and rice.

Boxes of Mac and Cheese

Jars of peanut butter and jam

Cans of tuna or salmon

Canned vegetables: corn, peas, carrots, or other veggies of your choosing.

Canned fruit, peaches, apple sauce, fruit cocktail.

Dried fruit and nuts.

So far this program has been received by the church very well. We have received over 200 lbs of food for these children.

I talked to nurse Margaret at the school and she expressed a great joy and enthusiasm for the churches' support. Before the church was involved, this program was struggling. So a big "THANK YOU" from Olympic View Elementary School.

The school sends the children home with a back pack of food on Friday afternoons, but the pantry, (*see upper right*) is for the parents to come and shop for their families.

The Northaven Senior Men's Breakfast group expressed to Pastor Jeff that they would like to support a food program somewhere and he said "Guess what - we have one that you can support too!" So, Northaven is now also supporting the Eagle pack program.

Good going - Pastor Jeff, Church family and Northaven!

Lake City Flea Market



Kay Kohler and Gracie Edmark (Pictured above) are selling homemade items at the Lake City flea market, which is held every 2nd Saturday at the Lake City Community Center.

We offer placemat sets with every holiday theme, as well as placemats for under cat or dog dishes, jewelry, bags, knick knacks, aprons (Shown on the corkboard behind us), fleece hats and knit caps and 18 inch doll clothes. Every little bit counts and every group of church ladies need their event!!! Look for these ladies to be selling their wares next September at the Lake City Flea Market!

Spring Event

by Roger Edmark

On March 3rd, 4th and 5th, several from Olympic View joined folks from all over the District at the Spring Event at Camp Gwinwood in Lacey, Washington. The event grew out of the desire within the District to have a gathering which was not centered on business meetings. This was the third such event, and though all three have been great, it has gotten better each time. This year the keynote speaker was Tara Hornbacker, professor of Spiritual Formation, Missional leadership, and Evangelism at Bethany seminary.

The theme of the event was “Stories of Hope.” Tara weaved humor and inspiring stories of hope to reveal to us that God is constantly working in our lives if we look closely. In one story, she told of a series of what might have looked like coincidences, but each one led to another one, eventually culminating in a changed and committed life. Many times she wondered why she was being led to do things which she was not too excited to do, but felt God was leading her non-the-less. Her point was that you never know, when God leads you, whose hope may come through you.

The event also included six amazing “God Talks” where six people in the District (Pastor Jeff Barker was one of them) had seven minutes to tell of a story of hope they had experienced. We also had six workshops looking at hope from many different vantage points, one of which was led by our own Bobbi Dykema. Rob Miller was one of three song leaders that led us through a one hour hymn sing where we sang part of about 30 hymns previously chosen by the audience.

Frosty Wilkinson from Olympic View and Brent Carlson from Portland led the Disaster Relief auction, which has become a part of the event. The District uses Disaster Funds to help send people in our district to help people whose homes were destroyed or damaged by a disaster. When a disaster hits, many people’s only hope for recovery is through the generous help of volunteers. This year’s auction raised over \$2,200.

Save the first weekend in March, 2018, on your calendar now, so that you can enjoy a great weekend full of good folks, good fellowship, inspiring messages, interesting workshops, and a lot of music. We should strive to live with no regrets, so I do not want you to regret not being there next year!

Roger and Kathy Edmark

What Does It Mean?

by Roger Edmark

Have you ever read something and wondered “what does it mean?” Having studied Philosophy in college, that question was asked a lot, often without a very good answer.

Recently, while at the Spring Event, we explored the text from Isaiah 42 led by Joe Detrick, Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry. The key verse being number 9 - *“See, the former things have come to pass, and the new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”* What are the former things and what are the new things? And how is God going to tell me of them?

Joe took us through an introspective time where he asked us three questions:

- 1) What touches your heart?
- 2) How does it relate to your life today?
- 3) What is God calling you forth to do?

What Joe was helping us to see is that the Spirit of God leads us to people, places or things for a reason. We need to try to understand why, and then figure out what he wants us to do about it.

In other words, when you think, “I should call so-and-so, there is a reason that thought came to mind, and there is an action associated with it.

Being at the Spring Event and focusing on Hope helped to frame some actions each of us may do if “Bringing Forth Hope” is on our heart today.

- ☐ Feed the hungry
- ☐ Provide comfort and healing for the sick
- ☐ Visit those who are captives in body and mind
- ☐ Sheltering the homeless
- ☐ Loving the unloved
- ☐ Providing justice for those treated unfairly

Amen!

Roger Edmark

March 2017

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 March	2 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	3 District Event Lacey	4 District Event Lacey
5 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship District Event Lacey <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	6	7	8 5:30 OV Exec. Mtg. 7:00 OV Board	9 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	10	11
12 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	13	14	15	16 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	17	18 Green Game Day
19 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 Adult Sunday school 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Snow camp <i>Forth Sunday in Lent</i>	27	28	29	30	31	

March
Outreach



March Birthdays!

1 Heather Kissinger	16 Aspen Colton
2 Jaren Hormann	16 Conner Bowers
4 Cathy Oberg	19 Ken Rieman
7 Olivia Russell	20 Robert Oberg
12 Kathryn Smith-Derksen	22 Sharon Aliza
13 Agness Gallagher	26 Denise Fredrickson
16 Gavin Bowers	31 JJ Hinton

Upcoming Events

March

01 International Potluck
3-5 District Event - Lacey
8 OV Executive Meeting
8 OV Board Meeting
18 Green Game Day

April 2017

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

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

April Birthdays!

1 Beth Hormann	16 Betty DeBon
3 Joe Edmark	19 Jeff Keuss Sr.
4 Christine Beckman	23 Jessica Quiroz
4 Stephanie Herkelrath	24 Kelli O'Brien
5 Kristi Morris	25 Dennis Hormann
8 Lois Thomsen	26 Sabra Hernandez
13 April 13	27 Kaila Schober
14 Micah Bowers	

Upcoming Events

April

01 Church cleanup / work party
12 OV Executive Meeting
12 OV Board Meeting
13 Maundy Thursday
16 Easter Sunday
30 General Assembly