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The Newsletter of the Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren
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PASTORS MESSAGE

by Pastor Glenn A. Brumbaugh

Lent is a time of our church calendar where we take time to pause and reflect on our spiritual journeys. As we travel along with Jesus on the road from Galilee to Golgotha, let us ponder our own travels through life, and decide if we are living into the Kin-dom life that the Messiah models. Christian tradition calls for a time of penance, of self-sacrifice or fasting in some fashion to help center us so that we may pray and meditate on the nature of our own faith, and our own mortality. Many people choose to "give something up for lent." Often that is some form of comfort food today; historically Christians would often refrain from eating meat for all or part of this season of meditation. Regardless of the method, what is important is that we take time to reflect on the health of our own faith life and our own spiritual walks, as we travel along with Jesus from Galilee to Golgotha. From Ash Wednesday to the services of Holy Week, as a community of faith we will walk together down Christ's road to Calvary,



and celebrate together the glory of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday! I urge you to take part in our worship together, as well as spend time in private reflection during this season of penance and meditation. May your own journey be deepened and your faith strengthened.

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St. Patty's Day Game Day and "Green" Potluck!



by Harriet Koscho

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

The 16th Annual St. Patty's Game Day and Green Potluck will be held in the Fellowship Hall, Saturday, March 17th! Games will begin at 3:00 pm, with dinner to follow at about 5:30 pm.

Please bring your favorite board (or other) game and a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Corned beef and cabbage with cooked potatoes, carrots and onions will be the main dish!

This event is always a lot of fun and all are invited. You can teach your favorite game to others or learn a new one. There's always lots of laughter, not to mention great food. Please join us for a few hours of fun and fellowship!

Kathy and Roger Edmark will be hosting if you need more Information.

BENEFIT CONCERTS

We hosted a fundraiser for Hurricane Relief on November 25. All of the proceeds went to Brethren Disaster Ministries earmarked for Puerto Rico, which was totally devastated by Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria. The concert was organized by Chic Street Man, who assembled over a dozen musicians and artists to perform. Ronda Russell donated posters, flyers and programs, and energy to make it all happen. Livingstream Church of the Brethren were kind enough to allow us to stream the concert online, which posed some technical challenges for us, but in the end we were successful in broadcasting a large part of the show – you can see it here: <https://livestream.com/livingstreamcob/PuertoRicoBenefit>. The concert was well attended, and we raised \$2300 dollars. Many thanks to all who participated!

On January 27 we hosted a fundraiser for Mary's Place which was organized by Annie Center and her friends. They performed as Bella & Bass, and

played Mozart and Dvorak as a string ensemble. It was a very lovely evening, and they raised \$1500 for Mary's Place! This is an organization that focuses on helping homeless families, single moms with kids, and destitute women right here in Seattle.

We would like to continue this effort with more concerts dedicated to raising money for charities. We are looking for trustworthy charities that don't have a lot of overhead and are efficient at using the funds for maximum impact in their communities. Both BDM and Mary's Place are good examples of this – BDM sent a shipping container to Puerto Rico, but they also had well organized plans for what to do with the contents after it arrived in Puerto Rico. You can read about that here: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2017/bdm-workcamps-in-puerto-rico.html>. Mary's Place Turns unused buildings into homeless shelters in a unique way which they call "homes for now". Their website is <http://www.marysplaceseattle.org/>

In early September, Category 5 Hurricane Irma devastated the Caribbean, killing 12 and leaving thousands homeless before clipping the northern part of Puerto Rico on September 7th, knocking out power to over one million people.

Between 60,000-80,000 were still without power when Category 4 Hurricane Maria hit the island directly two weeks later. The storm devastated Puerto Rico, leveling buildings, flooding the streets and destroying both infrastructure and 80% of the islands agriculture.

3.4 million American citizens live in Puerto Rico. As citizens of a U.S. Territory, they are entitled to the same disaster response as any of the states, yet aid was slow in getting to Puerto Rico, and the struggle continues.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal 6:2 NIV)

We are teaming up with Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) to help our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico rebuild what has been lost. Formerly known as Brethren Disaster Services, it was established in 1941 as part of the Brethren Service Commission, with the intent to relieve suffering, whether caused by war, strife or natural disasters. Brethren Disaster Ministries provides volunteers, both domestically and internationally, to help "carry the burden", be it clean up, rebuilding, or caring for children during the aforementioned activities. Volunteers are already on the ground in Puerto Rico, and are working with UCC to provide aid to the other islands devastated by the onslaught of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes.

All donations tonight will go directly to BDM to continue the work in Puerto Rico. You can donate through our free will offering or through the Olympic View Church website. You will find a brief catalog in this program which illustrates some of the items that may be purchased through your donations. Thank you for participating, and enjoy the concert.

Pacific Northwest District of the Church of the Brethren Spring Event: March 2 - 4, 2018

March 2 - 4, 2018 Gwinwood
Retreat Center in Lacey, WA

Gwinwood Conference Center :

The Gwinwood Conference Grounds are located on the shore of Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington at 6015 30th Ave. SE. Gwinwood can accommodate up to 160 guests. Meetings and workshops will convene on the main floor of McKinnon Lodge (the main lodge). Meals will be served in the dining hall on the lower floor. We will utilize the overnight accommodations in the lodge dormitories and in newly built "duplexes". Sleeping rooms in the duplexes contain 10 single beds each. Sleeping rooms in the Westwood Retreat Center building contain four beds. We bring our own bedding, (including pillows), and towels. Restrooms in all the buildings are conveniently located near the bedrooms. All buildings are heated. A limited number of electrical hook-ups are available for RV's near the Westwood retreat center. No pets are allowed on the Gwinwood conference grounds.

Since 2015, we have gathered on the banks of Hicks Lake to foster spiritual growth, celebrate our ministries, fellowship together and share stories. We hope you will join us this year! Special Guest, Gimbiya Kettering, Director of Intercultural Ministries Gimbiya provides intercultural competency trainings, facilitates conversations about ethnicity and race, and teaches practices of multicultural hospitality for denominational leaders and congregations. Her work includes perspectives about the Scriptural response to displaced peoples and immigration, history of race in America, contemporary reflections on social justice, and the impact of ethnicity in our denomination. As a biracial and

multicultural individual, her journey is influenced by her family connections and personal experiences in many cultures, Jamaica, Kenya, Singapore, African American and white American cultures, immigrant experiences and the Maple Grove (OH) Church of the Brethren. She sees the Brethren commitment to "Peacefully, simply, together" a cure to "giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism" that Martin Luther King Jr identified.

Denominational Connections:

Our conversation with Samuel Sarpiya, 2018 Annual Conference Moderator and Donita Keister, Annual Conference Moderator Elect are scheduled to immediately follow lunch on Sunday. Please make your travel plans to include time for these conversations.

In addition, The District Disaster Auction will be Saturday afternoon, plan to bring quality items for the auction as well as money to spend. Childcare and children's activities will be provided. Make plans to gather together for community and fellowship as we share stories of welcome, hospitality and sanctuary. Nurturing the church, the body of Christ, as we grow spiritually.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You can register online!
<http://www.cobpacificnorthwest.org>
or mail in your registration by February 15, 2018 for early registration discount! before February 15 After February 15.
Adult & Youth \$125 \$135
Children under 10 \$85 \$95
infants under 18 mo. free
Family Maximum \$330 \$355

The registration fee covers all programs and activities, all meals during the gathering and camp lodging for both nights. Those that choose to provide their own housing or stay in a near-by hotel will be charged the same rate. The registration rate is subsidized by the District, additional full or partial scholarships are available. If you would like to support the Districts effort to make sure the Spring Event is affordable and accessible to all who wish to attend, you can make a contribution with your registration fee. For more information contact:
Steve Gregory:
gregrove6776@gmail.com , 509-679-0184 or Elizabeth Ullery-Swenson:
Liz@WildWoodGathering.org, 206-369-9251.

To register by mail please make your check to the Pacific Northwest District and mail to:
PO Box 5440 Wenatchee, WA 98807-5440

Directions: 6015 30th Ave. SE. Lacey, WA 98503

From the **north** take I-5 South to Exit 109 Martin Way. Turn right onto Martin Way and take an immediate left onto College St. Turn left on Lacey Blvd. (one way). Follow the directions below.

From the **south** take I-5 north to Exit 107 Pacific Ave. Turn right onto Pacific Ave. Proceed through round-a-bout as Pacific Ave. becomes Lacey Blvd. Follow the directions below.

From either direction turn right onto Ruddell Rd. Turn left on 25th Ave. Turn right on Hicks Lake Drive. Follow to the end and turn left onto 30th Ave. Gwinwood is at the end of 30th Ave. on the right.

Winter Snow Retreat at Camp Koinonia

by Roger Edmark

The District Winter Snow Retreat was held from January 26 to 28 at Camp Koinonia. There were 39 participants at the retreat. Most participants came due to recruiting by Olympic View and Covington Community Churches. Mark Ray, Covington's pastor led the retreat gathering times on Friday and Saturday nights, with Free Hinton (an Edmark son-in-law) leading music, as well as the Sunday morning worship. The snow was great with plenty to play in, and the sledding hill was the favorite outdoor activity

for most. There were crafts and games and conversation and lots of delicious food fixed by Melissa Hinton, Camp Koinonia Director of Food Services - oh, and by the way, Roger and Kathy Edmark's daughter.



Spring Event Auction

by Forest (Frosty) Wilkinson

Disaster Auction!!

At the Church of the Brethren Spring Event in Lacey on March 2-4, the annual Disaster Auction will be held. The auction raises money to support response to disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and fires. Our Disaster Response teams from Washington and Oregon regularly work to help rebuild locally as well as nationwide.

Please think about what you might contribute to be auctioned! Popular sales in the past have included home-made items such as quilts, furniture, art, canned goods, and other crafts. Other things that people enjoy bidding for are baskets of goodies of various themes, such as: gourmet popcorn and other treats for TV

watching, coffees or chocolates and accessories, Seahawks or Sounders paraphernalia, children's books, school supplies, electronic accessories, etc. Use your creativity! Some very attractive weekend retreats at beach, tulip festival, or riverside cabins have aroused some competitive bidding. Some folks have asked restaurants for gift cards and have been warmly received.

Come and enjoy the fun! Bring your checkbooks! Get information about the Spring Event from your Church office. If you can't attend but have things to send for the auction, contact your Church office to arrange for getting them to the Event.

EASTER ACTIVITIES!

by Pastor Glenn A. Brumbaugh

We are excited to invite you to join us on Saturday, March 31st for a special Tenebrae service. Literally meaning a "service of shadow," this observance is a powerful reminder of how easily the positive lights of this world can be extinguished, and how quickly the darkness can spread. Please come and experience this moving time together, or join us for our other Holy Week services.

3/25 Palm Sunday, 11 AM

3/29 Maundy Thursday, 7 PM

3/31 Tenebrae service, 7 PM

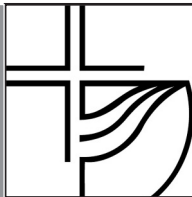
4/1 Easter Sunday, 11 AM

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				1	2 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	3
4 <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship - Communion 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	5	6	7 5:30 OV Exec. Mtg. 7:00 OV Board	8 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	9 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	10
11 <i>Last Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	12	13	14	15 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	16 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm Myrtlewood Mens Retreat	17 Myrtlewood Mens Retreat
18 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm Mens Retreat - Camp Myrtlewood	19	20	21	22 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	23 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	24
25 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	26	27	28			

February Outreach



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February Birthdays!

2 Juneem Grandison	12 Joanna Calderon
3 George DeBon	16 Allison Coleman
10 Dan Fredrickson	28 Mary Warstler

Upcoming Events

February

7 OV Executive Meeting
7 OV Board Meeting
11 International Potluck
18 First Sunday in Lent
16-18 Mens Retreat Camp Myrtlewood

March 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm Brethren District Event - Lacey	3 Brethren District Event - Lacey
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25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	26	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday Service - 7pm	30	31 Tenebrae Service - 7pm

March Outreach



March Birthdays!

2 Jaren Hormann	16 Conner Bowers
5 Cathy Oberg	19 Ken Rieman
6 Olivia Russell	20 Robert Oberg
7 Kathryn Smith-Derksen	22 Sharon Aliza
8 Agnes Gallagher	26 Denise Fredrickson
9 Gavin Bowers	31 Jason Hinton Jr.
16 Aspen Colton	

Upcoming Events

March

- 2 Brethren District Event - Lacey
- 14 OV Executive Meeting
- 14 OV Board Meeting
- 17 Green Potluck and Game Day
- 29 Maundy Thursday
- 31 Tenebrae service