

## PASTORS REFLECTION

by Pastor Glenn A. Brumbaugh



Well, here we are in that in-between time, taking that sigh of relief as the holiday season draws to a close, with all the activity that entailed, while we slowly approach Lent and the observances of Holy Week and Easter. For many of us, it's a time of getting back into our "routines," finding our way back to what we is normalcy for each of us.

Likewise, in the church calendar, this period following Epiphany is considered Ordinary Time, a time without major feasts or observances, when the color is green and we focus on a new Gospel and related cycle of readings each week. And like the break we experience in our personal lives, it's a break of sorts for those whose vocation is planning worship as well.

As we embrace this "pause" in our lives, let us also take a breath and reflect on where we have been, and more importantly, where it is we see ourselves going in the year ahead. A New Year is often the time that we reflect as individuals on what we would like to commit to changing in the year ahead. As a congregation, we also have the same opportunity. As we journey together through this "in-between" time, let us all spend time in prayer and reflection of how we see ourselves as a congregation, as the body of Christ in the world, and what resolutions we need to make to ensure we are staying consistent with that vision of who we are and seeking to be who we are meant to be.

In Christ's peace,  
Pastor Glenn



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## OLYMPIC VIEW CHURCH IS EVOLVING

by Anita LaFranchi

Olympic View Community Church has been changing and evolving since Pastor Glenn has taken the reins. If you haven't attended church in a while, you might want to check it out once again.

Pastor Glenn is offering an alternative worship experience on Tuesdays called Pub Theology. It isn't a "church service" in the way one might think of church services. Pub Theology studies our current society and how it pertains to Christianity and individual spirituality. Pub Theology also takes place at the Elliott Bay Brewery and Pub in Lake City, not at the church. It is a more relaxed service based on casual discussion, and hopefully will attract those who are looking for something different from a traditional worship service.

Sunday worship has changed too. One can expect more visual aids in the service and the church is hosting a few musical groups who have traded a lower rental rate for more special music during the special religious seasons. Two of those groups are the NOCCO group who have quarterly concerts around the Sound, and the NW Jazz Orchestra. Another feature of the Sunday worship are slide shows that have the words to the service including the hymns, and slides with images and video to accompany the sermon. Sometimes Pastor finds video music too.

I can attest that Pastor Glenn puts a lot of thought and research into each and every service. Check it out – you may be surprised!

## SPRING EVENT

Hello Friends,

Information and registration for the 2019 Spring Event is available on the district website

<http://www.cobpacificnorthwest.org/2017-spring-event/>

We hope you will join us and that you will encourage your congregations and communities to join us as well! Continuing with the over-arching theme of stories, our theme Soul Food, references a quote from the book Crow and Weasel, "Sometimes a person needs a story more than food to stay alive." Scott Holland, our special presenter this year, will share stories, poetry

and reflections from a lens of Theopoetics. Through story and song, small group conversations, keynote sessions, dinner table conversations, and worship, together we will explore and seek wisdom and sacredness in words and stories.

Please forward this information and link to online registration to your congregation, include it in your newsletter, share it on Social Media! If you have any questions or would like paper registration, please let me know.

See you in March!

Elizabeth Ullery Swenson

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS



by Harriet Koscho

Thank you to all who helped with our Thanksgiving basket drive this year! We gave 60 families everything they needed to feed their families a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Half of the food goes to Broadview Women's Shelter, which is a safe haven for families seeking to end the cycle of abuse and homelessness. The other half of the food goes to families that have kids enrolled at Olympic View Elementary School. These families get turkeys in addition to stuffing, yams, rolls, cranberry sauce, and

(of course) pumpkin pie. We are able to do this through some extremely thrifty shopping, food donations, turkey donations, money from the PTA, and money from the special offering at the church. Carmen Lau-Woo and Harriet Koscho did most of the

buying. We also received a very generous donation from Lenny's Produce - a bag of Clementine oranges for each family!

The Girl Scout troop also helped by packing bags with carrots, onions, celery, yams and potatoes. After everything was given out, we had 90 pounds of food left over to give to the Lake City Food Bank. When so many people help, it's still a lot of work, but it's not overwhelming. Next year we will have more freezer space, due to a special donation of a commercial freezer from University Christian Church.



## DUNKER CHURCH

### Antietam Battlefield



Above is the Dunker Church as it stands now. Photo taken off the National Parks website.

#### *Bloodiest Battle on American Soil, Kills or Wounds 23,000 On Doorsteps of German Baptist Meeting House.*

The German Baptist Brethren Meeting House of Antietam is featured in the January 2019 edition of “Brethren Voices,” the community television program produced by Portland Peace Church of the Brethren. This current program is number 164 produced over the past 13 years and is a “step back in time as Brethren Voices visits the National Park of the Antietam Battlefield near Sharpsburg, MD, where an estimated 23,000 soldiers were killed or wounded between 9:00 am and noon on September 17, 1862.

For the rest of the story about the “Dunker Church,” Jeff Bach of the Young Center of Elizabethtown College is interviewed at the 2018 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren, in Cincinnati. He

shares more about this congregation, as it dealt with the Civil War on its doorsteps. Jeff states that the Confederate army actually used the Dunker Church building as a field hospital for needed amputations, in an attempt to save soldiers’ lives. The Union army used nearby barns of farmers, for its hospitals.

Jeff also shares stories about David Long, an Elder of the Dunker (German Baptist Brethren) Church as well as details of slavery, before and after the Civil War. He states the Emancipation Proclamation did not take affect in Maryland, as it was not one of the Confederate States. According to Bach, the slaves held in Maryland were freed by State of Maryland legislation, enacted, after the Civil War.

Brent Carlson, host of “Brethren Voices,” places this battle in the perspective of perhaps our greatest challenge of today, “climate change.”

[www.Youtube.com/Brethrenvoices](http://www.Youtube.com/Brethrenvoices) is the home of over 80 “Brethren “Brethren Voices” programs for easy viewing and nearly 400 subscribers.

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Essay - by Anita LaFranchi

Dunker Church was in the middle of the Civil War in September 1862. The Confederate army was positioned around the church, and the Union Army attacked the Confederate left flank in the morning of September 16th.

After the fighting was over, the Confederates used the church as a medical aid and embalming station. On September 18th a truce was formed and an exchange of the wounded and those killed in battle were exchanged.

The church itself was badly damaged from the artillery, and was repaired in 1864, rededicated and regular services were resumed.

When the war was over the congregation of the Dunker Church built a new church, but they took many of the useful boards and bricks and built them into the new construction. This, however made the new church foundation weak and in 1921 a violent storm flattened the church.

The property exchanged hands a couple of times and a new home was built on that land, along with a gas station and souvenir shop. That structure was removed in 1951 and was purchased by the Washington County Historical Society. The property was donated to the National Park Service. The church was rebuilt for the 100th anniversary of the battle of 1862 – in 1962, on what was supposed to be the original foundation and now stands as a beacon of hope and peace. Ref. <https://www.nps.gov> National Park Service





Join us for a wonderful family friendly retreat at Camp Koinonia. The theme for the weekend is ***Building Families. Building Faith.*** The weekend will be filled with activities including snow tubing, snowman building, snow ball throwing and snow races. Did we mention snow? In addition to playing in the snow, we will have evening campfires with smores, daily bible study activities, crafts, family time and more.

Every meal will be shared in the lodge and families will stay together in heated cabins. There will be opportunity for free time and relaxation! Registration takes place through each congregation. We expect to have at least 10 families joining us this year and we welcome family friends as well! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Check-in:** Friday, beginning at 5:30pm

**Check-out:** 11:00am Sunday

The cost for the retreat is \$80 per person (2 nights) & \$40 per person 1 night. Kids 4 and under are free. There is a family max of \$300. If you are in need of financial support to attend, please contact your congregational representative or Camp Koinonia directly.



### Camp Koinonia

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# January 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> New Years Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> 5:30 OV Exec. Mtg. 7:00 OV Board	<b>10</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>11</b> Veterans Day Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>First Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>19</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>25</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm Kononia Snow Camp	<b>26</b> Kononia Snow Camp
<b>27</b> <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm Kononia Snow Camp	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

## January Outreach

## January Birthdays!

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Isaiah Koscho         | 12 Carmen Olsen       |
| 2 Craig Warsler         | 14 Nancy O'Cain       |
| 5 Chia-Yin Lin          | 17 Kate Miller Rieman |
| 6 Jay Michael Patterson | 18 Susanna Thill      |
| 7 Haile Bedada          | 31 Maria Aliza        |
| 8 Job Koscho            | 31 Tiara Walker       |
| 9 Jeanne Rempel         |                       |




## Upcoming Events

### January

- 9 OV Board Meeting
- 25-27 Koinonia Snow Camp
- Tues Pub Theology 6:30pm
- Thurs Men's Breakfast 6:30am

# February 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship - Communion 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>8</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship - Potluck New Point Church 2-4 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> 7:00 OV Board	<b>14</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>15</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm Men's Retreat	<b>16</b> Men's Retreat
<b>17</b> <i>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm Men's Retreat	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>22</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>		
<b>February Outreach</b>		 <b>COB</b> <b>Pacific Northwest District</b>				

## February Birthdays!

3 George DeBon	22 Kathy Korff
10 Dan Fredrickson	27 Colin O'Brien
12 Joanna Calderon	28 Mary Warstler
16 Allison Coleman	

## Upcoming Events

### February

10 *International Potluck*  
13 *OV Board Meeting*  
15-17 *District Men's Retreat*  
Tues *Pub Theology 6:30pm*  
Thurs *Men's Breakfast 6:30am*