

The New Olympian

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

by Rev. Glenn A. Brumbaugh

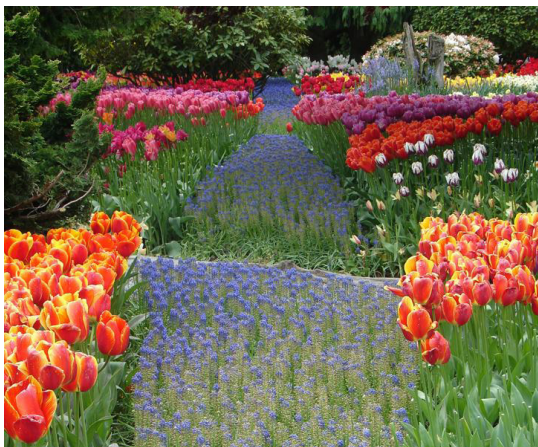


Photo by Anita LaFranchi

Spring is in the air! Finally we can take a deep breath and embrace warmer temperatures and more seasonal weather. Even for a snow aficionado like myself, this winter was a bit much! But now we've entered that Spring season of expectation, as more temperate weather fosters the buds and blossoms that signal that summer is not far off.

As a church, we have begun our Lenten journey as well. Ash Wednesday sets the tone for this reflective time of meditation and fasting, in whatever manner we choose to live that out in our

daily lives. In worship, we have begun a journey in the wilderness as we follow Jesus to Holy Week through stories, specifically the parables that have formed such an important base for much of our faith and values, looking at these familiar stories from new perspectives.

As a congregation, we are also spending time in fasting and meditation as we are led through our own wilderness of change and loss. Like Jesus, we seek to be led by the Spirit in our own Lenten wilderness journey, seeking God at work among and around us, and our calling in that work. We hope to emerge from that time in desert meditation with new vigor and focus for our ministries.

As we approach the many activities of Holy Week, I would urge you to take time to reflect on who do you feel called to be as an individual, and as a part of Christ's body in this world.

May we all find meaning and discernment in this most holy and reflective time of the year.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Glenn



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BOOK GROUP

By Harriet Koscho

We are starting a book group that will meet at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of every month. We met for the first time on March 12 to decide what books to read. After a lengthy and animated discussion we voted on the book selections for the next couple of months.

We decided to order extra copies of the books that we will be reading to go in the church library. These copies are available if you would like to participate at the last minute, or you can refer to them during the group if you would like to visit for a couple of sessions.

The premise of the group is to highlight the best passages and read them out loud. This allows for a complete review of the material at a reasonably fast pace, as well as keeping the focus on the contents of the book – and

there is also plenty of time to discuss our opinions of our own. This style of book reading was inspired by one of my mentors, Dr. Loren Arnett. He started a book group called “Adventures in Faith”, which started me thinking about my faith in a completely new and exciting way.

The first book we are reading is *«Nicked and Dimed»* by Barbara Erhenreich. Please read the first two chapters for the session on April 9, and we will finish the book in May. This is a book about a woman who tries to make a living wage by working minimum wage jobs, and her observations of the barriers that present themselves.

Other upcoming books are: *“Strength To Love”* by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is collection of Dr. King’s sermons. “A sermon is not an essay to be read but a discourse to be heard.” ~ Martin Luther King

“Educated” by Tara Westover

This memoir is about one woman’s amazing journey from being raised by a family of survivalists, starting school for the first time at 17, and going on to get a PhD at Cambridge. This book was highly recommended in the reading lists of Bill Gates and Barack Obama.

“The Bad Habits of Jesus: Showing Us the Way to Live Right in a World Gone Wrong” by Leonard Sweet

“Did he disappear when people needed him most? Yes. Did he refuse to answer questions directly? Yes. Did Jesus offend the people of his day? Absolutely, yes.”

“Anger” by Thich Nhat Hanh

This book has some beautiful metaphors for our relationships with negative feelings. We all have strong emotions, but they don’t have to overwhelm us to the point where we can no longer show compassion.

“Time and Again” by

Jack Finney

This is a science fiction classic about time travel – and it seems quite believable. It includes photographs of New York City that blend with the text and the story line.

“On Talking Terms With Dogs - Calming Signals” by Turid Rugaas

Dogs have a protocol for greeting each other. Once you learn how to observe it, you can mimic the dog’s behavior to communicate to the animal that you are a friend, not a foe. This is a picture book showing real dogs and their responses to each other.

If you are interested, please contact Harriet Koscho (harriet@koscho.net)

SNOW CAMP 2019

By Harriet Koscho



Pictured above:
Rico Barnes, Caitlin Munro,
Max Thompson and Isaac Thompson.

We had a great time playing in the snow at Camp Koinonia. Glenn Brumbaugh and Harriet Koscho drove up in the van with 7 youth: Isaac, Max, Caitlin, Joanna, Matthew, Angelica and Rico. The Edmarks came with Roger, Kathy, Tim, Aimee, Ahnna, and some extra friends.

This year there was a lot of snow - it was three feet deep. The youth built an igloo under Caitlin’s direction. It was big enough to fit a couple of people. Angelica went sledding for the first time. In the evenings we gathered for worship and fellowship with the other campers, mostly from Covington Church.

COMPELLING VISION

Process Meeting with David Steele

April 6, 2019

By Rev. Glenn Brumbaugh



Olympic View will be hosting Church of the Brethren General Secretary David Steele on April 6th from 3-5 PM as he leads us in discussion around developing a “compelling vision” for our life together in the greater church body. You are strongly urged to attend to ensure your voice is heard in this bigger discussion.

Through recent Annual Conference decisions the delegate body has called the Leadership Team along with the Council of District Executives to develop a process through which the church will engage in conversations that will lead us to a “compelling vision” for our life together.

The process is intended to move us beyond our conversations, debates, and official statements to living out the steps that will move us forward with vision and purpose as we proclaim and serve Christ together.

One might inquire as to what kind of vision would be so attention-

grabbing, convincing, powerful, and irresistible that it would merit a description of ‘compelling’?

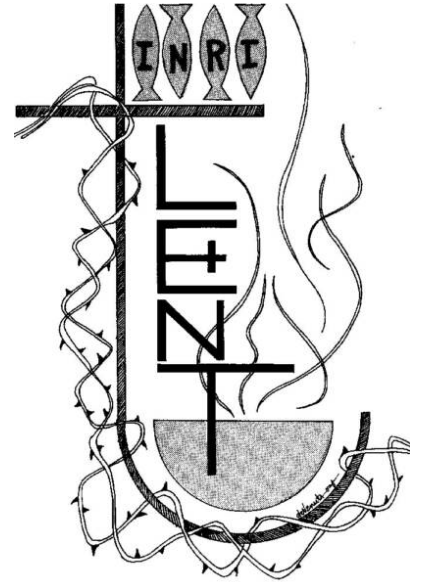
While we cannot anticipate how God will work through a body of believers seeking His vision, we can answer that such a vision can only be anchored in Jesus Christ. As leadership of this visioning process, the Compelling Vision Working Group has embraced the following guiding statement as foundational to the visioning framework and process:

“Confessing Jesus Christ as Teacher, Redeemer, and Lord, we desire to serve Him by proclaiming, professing, and walking in His way together bringing His peace to our broken world. Join us in reclaiming a new passion for Christ and helping set a course for our future as the Church of the Brethren serving Him in our communities and in the world!”

At Annual Conference 2019 the conference will be primarily dedicated, including most of the business sessions, to the development of a compelling vision for the Church of the Brethren. All congregations are encouraged to be present in these conversations bringing your unique contributions and sharing in the hard work of discovering God’s plan for how we will continue to be the body of Christ in this broken world.

More information on the process can be found online at: <http://www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html>

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



We are excited to invite you to join us on Holy Saturday, April 20th at 7 PM 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:

4/14 Palm Sunday, 11 AM

4/18 Maundy Thursday, 7 PM

4/21 Easter Sunday, 11 AM

May 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	4
5 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	6	7 Alternative Worship 6:30 pm	8 7:00 OV Board	9 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	10 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	11
12 <i>Forth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	13	14 Book Group Library 7 pm	15	16 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	17 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	18
19 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	20	21 Alternative Worship 6:30 pm	22	23 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	24 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	25
26 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	27	28 Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	29	30	31	

May Outreach



May Birthdays!

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


Upcoming Events

May

7 Alternative Worship - Library
 8 OV Board
 14 Book Group - Library
 21 Alternative Worship - Library
 28 Pub Theology - Elliot Bay Brewery
 Thurs Men's Breakfast 6:30am

March 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Spring Event Gwinwood, Lacey Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	2 Spring Event Gwinwood, Lacey
3 <i>Last 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 Spring Event - Gwinwood, Lacey	4	5 Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	6 Ash Wednesday	7 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	8 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	9
10 <i>First Sunday in Lent</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	11	12 Book Group <i>Church Library</i> 7 pm	13 7:00 OV Board	14 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	15 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm Men's Retreat	16 Green Potluck and Game Day 3pm - games 5ish - potluck Kitchen Cleanup 10 am
17 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</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	18	19 Alternative Worship <i>Church Library</i> 6:30 pm	20	21 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	22 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	23
24 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	25	26 Pub Theology <i>Elliott Bay Brewery</i> 6:30 pm	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	March Outreach					

March Birthdays!

2 Jaren Hormann	16 Aspen Colton
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
16 Gavin Bowers	31 Jason Hinton Jr.
16 Conner Bowers	

Upcoming Events

March

1-3 Spring Event - Gwinwood, Lacey
 6 Alternative Worship - Library
 13 OV Board Meeting
 12 Book Group - Library
 20 Alternative Worship - Library
 26 Pub Theology 6:30pm
 Thurs Men's Breakfast 6:30am

April 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Alternative Worship 6:30 pm	3	4	5 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	6 Compelling Vision David Steele Fellowship Hall 3-5pm
7 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	8	9 Book Group Library 7 pm	10 7:00 OV Board	11 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	12 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	13 Church Grounds Cleanup 10am
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Communion Sunday</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	15	16 Alternative Worship 6:30 pm	17	18 Maundy Thursday 7pm Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	19 Good Friday Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	20 Tenebrae Service 7pm
21 <i>Easter</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	22	23	24	25 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	26 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	27
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April Outreach

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April Birthdays!

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

Upcoming Events

April

2 & 16 Alternative Worship - Library
 6 Compelling Vision - David Steele
 9 Book Group - Library
 11 OV Board Meeting
 14 Palm Sunday / Communion
 21 Easter Sunday
 30 Pub Theology 6:30pm
 Thurs Men's Breakfast 6:30am