

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

by Pastor Jeffrey L. Barker

Dear brothers and sisters, as we go to press with the September / October newsletter, all around us change is in the air. Our long hot summer is ended. The cool winds of autumn have begun to blow. Fall church programming begins, and our church is on the cusp of welcoming a new settled pastor!

As you all know by now, in late August you good folk called Rev. Glenn Brumbaugh to be your settled pastor. He will begin his pastorate on November 1st. Conversely, I'll be ending my interim ministry with you on October 31st.

As I prepare to leave you good people, for the next chapter of my life and "call" in the ministry, I am so ever thankful for the gift of being allowed to love and serve you and Olympic View Church!

It has truly been a blessing to "walk the way of the Cross" with you these past two years. As some of you may recall, I began my ministry among you, on Sunday, Oct 1st, 2015. After church some of us rushed over to Greenlake to participate in the C.W.S. Crop Walk.

Well, per the original plan for my end of time with you was supposed to be September 30th, but ...later, I found out Glenn needed an extra month to tidy up and close out his employment in Pennsylvania. So, I'm blessed to be able to join our youth and others for this year's Crop Walk. I cannot think of a better way to close out my interim ship with you, than to participate in a mission outreach, like the Brethren founded Crop Walk!

Indeed, people of God, "change is in the air," here at Olympic View Church. But then again, as our earth ever changes via the seasons of the year; so too, do the seasons of the church's common life. Whenever I think of transformative change in either my life, or the life of the church, I think of a reading from the book of Ecclesiastes. There in chapter 3, verses 1-8, we find some of the most beautiful poetry found in the Holy Bible.

As I now conclude both my time and tenure as your interim pastor, and my final newsletter article, I share with you these timeless words.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

In closing brothers and sisters, with a joyful and humble heart, I thank you, one last time for the "Glorious and Godly" gift of having been allowed to love and serve the family of faith here at Olympic View Church of the Brethren. May God's peace and love be with you always. *Pastor Jeffrey Lee Barker*

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NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

District Executive Report

District Conference 2017

Brother's and Sisters of the Pacific Northwest District I find myself 'Risking Hope' so much of my time fulfilling my responsibilities and 'call' serving as your DE. This past year has proven particularly 'risky' for me as I represent you at the national level.

Serving as the Chair of the Council of District Executives has provided much opportunity to 'risk hope' speaking as a prophetic voice for what many in our District deem appropriate to move our Denomination to 'witness to a hurting world'. I 'risk hope' for my own spiritual journey when I stand on the stage at Annual Conference in support of a new fellowship that offers a unique ministry.

We as a District 'risk hope' as we provide financial support to this fellowship and its pastoral leadership that speaks loudly to our commitment to faithful stewardship of our resources. I 'risk hope' when I am asked to respond to e-mails and phone calls from my Council colleagues that bring into question my (our) decisions as a District or my own journey as a gay woman in Ministerial leadership. Having shared all of this, I remain affirmed in my 'call' to serve as your District Executive and continue to believe that "God has a plan ... and that we just need to stay tuned in." In God's service and yours,

~ Colleen~

What has your DE been up to?

The nitty gritty of office life: Responding to e-mail and snail mail correspondence, Connecting with District leaders by phone, SKYPE, Challenging myself to become comfortable with

ZOOM Technology to connect with my DE colleagues on issues of governance, polity, property issues and other denominational issues that continue to confound me; Regular conversations with Ivan Bowman our District Treasurer about 'all matters of budget and finance,' Monitoring congregations' responses to the flow of information and compliance with the requirements related to the Church of the Brethren Yearbook and other statistical reports.

Staying current on Congregational and Pastoral profiles as I work with our congregations and pastors in the search and placement process; Self-care includes meeting with my small group twice each month; daily meditation through Adult coloring as my source of quiet time; regular worship with my home faith community or other congregations when I am traveling; participating In Adult Sunday School Bible study and scheduling 'OFF THE GRID' TIME as least twice each month.

Out of office and travel time

May: Lunch gathering of the 'Rain Shadow' Pastors serving congregations on the East side of Washington; participating in the Council meeting at Covington; participating In the listening session with our General Secretary David Steele and both the Sunnyslope congregation and worshipping with at Peace Church and a 2nd Listening session. Then traveling to Springfield for a meeting face to face meeting with the Oversight Committee and Bible study with the Fruitdale folks in Grants Pass.

June-July: Shared the morning message at Ellisford. Flew to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the summer meeting of the Council of DE's and then serving as the delegate for my home congregation In Wenatchee and enjoyed a week at Family Camp (Myrtlewood)

August: Enjoyed some 'OFF THE GRID' time with my family during 'cabin week' in Winthrop; served as "Nurse Co" to 67 youth at Camp Koinonia (CoB and Disciples); worshipped with the Olympic View CoB (Pastoral candidate weekend) and Wildwood Gathering; participated in General Council meeting with Olympic View (affirming Pastoral 'call')

September: Traveled by chartered coach from Olatha, Kansas to Ashville, NC to participate in National Older Adult Conference and a few more days of 'OFF THE GRID' time with friends In Independence, MO. District Conference followed by a celebration with Wildwood Gathering and Installation of Elizabeth Ullery-Swensen as their pastor.

Upcoming:

October: Executive Committee of the Council of DE's meeting in Greenville, Ohio (11-14); Installation of Debbie Roberts as the settled Pastor in Sunnyslope; meeting face to face with Nevin Dulabaum, Brethren Benefit Trust (18th), PNWD Women's Retreat at Camp Myrtlewood (20-22); Code West retreat In Sedona, AZ (23-26); face to face with Springfield Oversight Committee and Jim Bard, Fruitdale/Grants Pass (27-29.)

November: Installation of Glenn Brumbaugh as the settled Pastor at the Olympic View Community CoB, and Bobbi Dykema as the settled pastor at Whitestone.

December: Stay tuned (hoping for some 'OFF THE GRID TIME.'

January: Council of District Executives and Inter Agency Forum winter meetings.

New Pastor for Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Pastoral Search Committee announces the calling of Pastor Glenn Brumbaugh to serve Olympic View Church. His first day with us will be Nov. 1, 2017.

Pastor Brumbaugh comes to us from Williamsburg, PA, where he has been serving as the interim pastor for about one year. Prior to his making a decision to enter the ministry, Pastor Glenn worked in the corporate world and, after being downsized from this job, received what he described as a strong calling to respond to a long repressed desire to undertake a career in ministry. This was reinforced during a visit to Bethany Theological Seminary where he had a strong sense of being where he was supposed to be. While working for his Master of Divinity degree at Bethany he explored peace and justice work by serving with the Christian Peacemaker Teams in Palestine. After earning his degree, Pastor Glenn served as a youth advocate for the Youth Service Bureau, an elderly Services Caseworker for the Christian Appalachian Project, and a chaplain at Codorus State Park for the PA Council of Churches. It is apparent he has worked with a variety of people as a pastor and counselor to help them further their journey of faith.

He is now undertaking a full-time congregational ministry where he feels a strong desire to further explore and utilize his talents in pastoral care and spiritual guidance. We were able to experience some of his ministerial capabilities when he delivered the message at Olympic View on August 20, 2017. In addition, Pastor Glenn has shown himself to be very personable, willing and able to communicate with a variety of people, and a good manager of his time. We are looking forward to his joining us on our faith journeys and providing us with guidance and assistance in exploring God's plans for our lives.



Above: Pastor Glenn Brumbaugh

ELDERWISE

Seattle's much-loved day program for individuals living with memory loss is happy to have their home in Olympic View Community Church.

While we create space for love, laughter, and creative expression, we are also helping to support families aging in place. If you have family, friends, or neighbors living with early- to mid-stage dementia,

please let them know about us. We currently have openings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

You can read more about our unique approach at www.elderwise.org and call 206-913-1757 or email info@elderwise.org for an initial consultation.



CAMP KOINONIA

Church Camp was magical!

We combined our camps with those of the NW Region of Disciples of Christ. We had over 65 campers at Koinonia in the first week of July! We competed for the cleanest cabins, we learned, we prayed, we played, we had communion, we had some very emotional testimony, and we sang campfire songs late into the night.



Picture one: This is the day we hiked in total darkness – the tunnel behind us is two miles long!



Picture 2: clockwise from the left: Max Thompson, Caitlin Munro, Malina Cahehe, Isaac Thompson, Royal Jackson, Jade Williamson, Joanna Calderon

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

One of our biggest contributions to the View Ridge community is our annual offering of Thanksgiving baskets. Each basket is a customized collection of food for a complete thanksgiving meal – for families ranging in size from 2 to 12 people. The families come from a variety of organizations, but they all have worries about how to feed their families. And they are all motivated to make a big feast for their families! This really increases family connec-

tion and community bonding as we gather together to make this work.

Some families come from View Ridge Elementary School. They sign up in the month of October. Some families come from the Broadview women's shelter. They get all of the trimmings in their baskets, but no turkeys because the shelter has another source for that. Some families come from the extended church community and the families of kids in the

youth group. Each family tells us how many people they need to feed, and we get to work securing enough carrots, potatoes, cranberry sauce, etc.

We always need donations to make this work - money, time, and food. Please consider a generous financial gift to help secure enough turkeys for the drive. We will send out grocery lists and suggestions on turkey sales as we get further into the fall season.

September 2017

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	2
3 <i>Pentecost 13</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	4	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	8 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	9 Church Cleanup
10 <i>Pentecost 14</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	11	12	13 5:30 OV Exec. Mtg. 7:00 OV Board	14 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	15 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	16
17 <i>Pentecost 15</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	18	19	20	21 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	22 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm District Conference	23 District Conference
24 <i>Pentecost 16</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm District Conference	25	26	27	28 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	29 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	30 District Conference

September Outreach



September Birthdays!

Upcoming Events

September

13 OV Executive Meeting
13 OV Board Meeting

3 Jane Lamont
4 Yvonne Vierthaler
5 "Frosty" Forrest
Wilkinson
12 Mike O'Cain
13 David Horsey
23 Peggy Cochran
26 Mike Canino
26 Mary Kissinger
29 Ronda Russell
30 Samuel Edmark

October 2017

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1 <i>Pentecost 17</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship - Communion 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	2	3	4	5	6 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	7
8 <i>Pentecost 18</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship - Communion 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	9	10	11 5:30 OV Exec. Mtg. 7:00 OV Board	12 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	13 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	14
15 <i>Pentecost 19</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	16	17	18	19 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	20 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm Myrtlewood Womans Retreat	21 Myrtlewood Womans Retreat
22 <i>Pentecost 20</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm Myrtlewood Womans Retreat	23	24	25	26 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Youth Night 6 pm	27 Gerizim Church 7-9pm Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	28
29 <i>Pentecost 21</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Gerizim Church 1:30-4:30pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8pm	30	31				

October Outreach



GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE

October Birthdays!

1 Nole Ann Horsey	11 Stephanie Kissinger
1 Marilyn Strand	15 Floyd Strand
4 Michael Schober	16 Kathy Edmark
5 Martha Bosch	18 Nancy Bedada
7 Goldie Barnes	20 Malik Grandison
9 Kelati Andemichael	27 Victoria Hinton
9 Roger Edmark	31 Jana Helmuth

Upcoming Events

October

- 1 Crop Walk
- 8 Communion
- 11 OV Executive Meeting
- 11 OV Board Meeting
- 20-22 Myrtlewood Womans Retreat