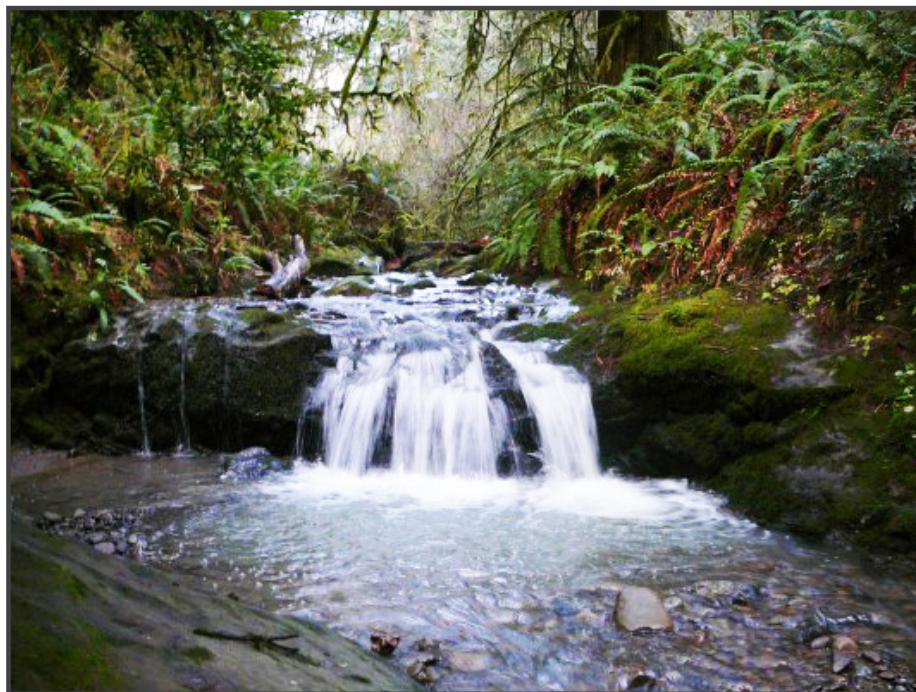


# The New Olympian

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## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On September 21-23, representatives of the congregations of the Pacific Northwest District of the Church of the Brethren gathered at Camp Myrtlewood in southern Oregon to handle the business of the district. This informal crowd gathered in a circle in a cabin and shared worship and insight into how we as a district body can move forward in our present reality. Representing Olympic View Community Church were myself, Roger and Kathy Edmark, and Frosty Wilkerson.

Dominating a large part of our discussion was the retirement of our District Executive Colleen Michael in August of 2019, and how we should move forward in looking to fill the role of District Executive. As Colleen pointed out, her service, as well

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as those of the two Area Ministers, is made financially viable by their choice to forgo various benefits and reimbursements they are eligible to claim. As approving a budget for the next year is also a function of District Conference, this led to a wider discussion of how we can handle the business of the district body with the limited resources at our disposal. It was decided to form a committee to envision creative ways in which we can perform the traditional functions of the District Executive without necessarily having a dedicated, paid employee, and how we move forward in a financially viable way.

The 2019 budget was provisionally approved at the 2018 level, and the Gifts Discernment committee was tasked with approaching individuals to serve on the new committee. In addition, a variety of open positions at the district level were filled, with the exception of the Board Chair, which remained vacant at the close of the meeting.

The final session involved an overview of the Compelling Vision Process that has been initiated by the denomination, to seek input from as many people as possible across the wider church into what we can agree to as a compelling vision for the larger church to work together on going into the future. (Olympic View will be hosting a session in early April with the denomination's General Secretary David Steele.) Closing worship included a blessing for district leadership and the congregations served by the district.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

by Harriet Koscho

*If you pour yourself out for the hungry  
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,  
then shall your light rise  
in the darkness  
and your gloom be as the noonday.  
~ ISAIAH 58:10 ~*

We are ramping up for the annual drive to organize and put together Thanksgiving meals for local families. We work with Olympic View Elementary and the Broadview Women's shelter to get lists of families in need. Each family gets an individual basket that contains enough food for everybody, because a family of 12 has different needs from a family of three. When we say that we feed 70 families, we're actually providing food for well over 200 people. And as anybody knows, one of the hallmarks of Thanksgiving is that there's a lot of wonderful leftovers which means everybody can feel satisfied for days afterwards.

We need your help to make this succeed! Call the church office, email [ovsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ovsecretary@gmail.com) and [harriet@koscho.net](mailto:harriet@koscho.net), or text Harriet Koscho at 206-992-2407.

You can donate food, money, time, and prayerful guidance. We can store most everything at the church, but we do run out of freezer space, so if you can possibly store some turkeys near the middle of November, we would really appreciate it!

***Here's a list of items that go in the baskets. Canned goods and other imperishables are welcome and needed right away.***

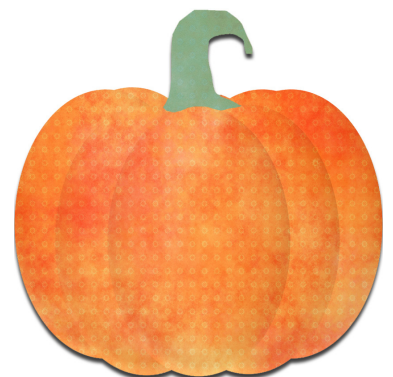
TURKEYS (5-20 LBS)  
FROZEN PUMPKIN  
AND APPLE PIES  
MAC N CHEESE  
BUTTER  
REFRIGERATOR ROLLS  
STUFFING  
GRAVY MIX  
CRANBERRY SAUCE  
FRUIT COCKTAIL  
CANNED GREEN BEANS  
CANNED CORN  
CHICKEN BROTH  
CEREAL  
JUICE  
COCOA  
ROASTING PANS  
LARGE EMPTY CARDBOARD BOXES  
TO HOLD THE FOOD  
FOR EACH FAMILY

***We need these items in the last week or so:***

YAMS  
POTATOES  
ONIONS  
CELERY  
APPLES/ORANGES  
ROLLS



## Olympic View Community Church 2018 Thanksgiving Basket Project PEACE, LOVE and PUMPKIN PIE!



**Donations benefit families of Olympic View Elementary and Broadview Women's Shelter.**

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**Call or stop by the office and sign up as a family sponsor,  
together we can fill local families' tables with Peace, Love & Pumpkin Pie! (see page 2 for more details)**

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

by Pastor Glenn Brumbaugh



We have truly been blessed by the weather lately. Cool, clear, crisp mornings and days of beautiful

sunshine. As the green growth of summer begins to fade, trees begin shedding their leaves and we begin to enter the fall and winter seasons. Football begins to enter our minds and schedules, and we look forward to those events we associate with fall, like Halloween and Thanksgiving, with Christmas approaching ever closer. Likewise in our community of faith, we start thinking about next year's budget, the Thanksgiving basket drive, and the seasons of Advent and Christmas. As in the world around us, we see change as well. Some things fade away while we think about the promise of new things to come, the hope of Advent. We take time to reflect on the events of the year to this point, as we prepare our plans for the year to come: in

finances, in worship, and as we seek to witness as Christ's body in this world. As we ponder where we have been, and where we are going, let's give some thought to who we are, and who we can be to the world around us. Like the natural world transforming from one life cycle to another, let's seek together our own metamorphosis, to being the change we want to see in the world. As children look forward to their Halloween costumes and celebrations, let us shine forth the light of Christ in with renewed energy in innovative ways in our individual and communal Autumnal journeys, with God's Spirit directing our footsteps.

In Christ's love and peace,  
Pastor Glenn

## CROP WALK

By Harriet Koscho



Olympic View participated in CROP hunger walk on October 7, 2018. The task is straightforward: walk around one of Seattle's favorite walking trails, the 2.8-mile path around Green Lake. Carry signs promoting CROP walk and the awareness of hunger. Bring pledges and money to donate. Connect with the other walkers, and interact with people from the general public along the trail.

It was raining as we left the church, but the light drizzle stopped as we arrived at Green Lake United Methodist Church to gather with other CROP walkers. We had more walkers than any other church. Those walkers included: Glenn Brumbaugh, Harriet, Jeremiah, Matthew, Max, Caitlin, Janay, Wanya, Kiasherae, Brooke, Joanna, Taushie, and Jonathan. Most of the group were teens, and it's very impressive that every single one of them

walked the whole distance on the first day of "normal" fall weather.

CROP has been around for a very long time. It was started in 1947 as a project of Church World Service to raise money to help midwestern farmers send surplus grain overseas to areas of poverty related to the end of WWII. The acronym stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program. Things have changed a lot since then, but the concept remains: to make a grass roots connection between those people who have a surplus of food, and those who need food and can't get enough. A quarter of the money goes to serve local organizations, and the rest is distributed abroad. In Seattle, CROP walk supports North Helpline, Food Lifeline, and the food banks in West Seattle and White Center. Around the world, CROP supports people in Guatemala, Haiti, Serbia, Miramar, Bosnia, Georgia, and Moldova.

## NEW DATABASE

By Anita LaFranchi

As of last month Olympic View Community Church has said goodbye to the costly CCB (Community Church Builder) database services.

If you know someone who is no longer receiving prayer emails and wish to receive them, or wish to be in the database, or want to know if they are in our database; please contact the office: [ovsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ovsecretary@gmail.com).

It has been quite the challenge to compact all the information into the database and make the contents more relevant to the uses of this church.

We basically took the active phone directory, which I have been updating for the past year, and extracted information from CCB, and put everyone from there into the new database, deleting many entries of people who have not been active or attending services for many years.

This new database is proving to be easier to manage and update, allowing some easy to use tools for managing offering, attendance and updates.

As Pastor Glenn, Nancy and I learn the in's and out's of this new database, it will prove to be very helpful in keeping everything up to date.





# November 2018

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	2	3
4 <i>24th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	5	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	9 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	10
11 <i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	12	13 Alternative Worship - 6:30 pm	14 7:00 OV Board	15 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	16 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	17
18 <i>26th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 1 pm General Assembly New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	19	20 Alternative Worship - 6:30 pm	21	22 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	23 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	24
25 <i>Last Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	26	27 Alternative Worship - 6:30 pm	28	29 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	30	

November Outreach



November Birthdays!

Upcoming Events

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Kenny Gallagher | 15 Aaron Woo          |
| 6 David Kissinger | 22 Sandi Keuss        |
| 9 Bill Shoemaker  | 25 Fred Utter         |
| 12 Susan Thomsen  | 26 Kate Miller Rieman |
| 13 Geri Oakley    | 27 JoAnn Shoemaker    |

## November

- 14 OV Board Meeting
- 18 Potluck with New Point Church
- 18 General Assembly 1 pm
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday

# December 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	3	<b>4</b> Alternative Worship - 6:30 pm	5	<b>6</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>7</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	8
<b>9</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	10	<b>11</b> Alternative Worship - 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> 7:00 OV Board	<b>13</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>14</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	<b>15</b> Movement for Religious Renewal 9:30-11:30 pm
<b>16</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	17	<b>18</b> Alternative Worship - 6:30 pm	19	<b>20</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	<b>21</b> Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	22
<b>23</b> <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve            Service 4:30pm</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas</b>	26	<b>27</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 am	28	29
<b>30</b> <i>1st Sunday of after Christmas</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	31					

## December Birthdays!

3 Sylvia Hershberger	15 Bill Hershberger
3 Cesar Suarez	15 Willy Mooyman
5 Liz Lindley	27 Eileen Birky
12 Carmen Lau-Woo	28 Taylor Grandison
13 Harriet Koscho	30 Melissa Hinton
14 Andy Thill	

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 2 First Sunday in Advent
- 12 OV Board Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm
- 25 Christmas
- 26-31 Pastor Glenn on vacation