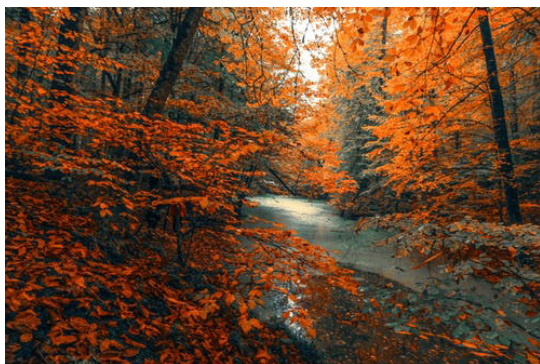


PASTOR'S REFLECTION

by Rev. Glenn A. Brumbaugh



Again, we observe the passing of time and changing of the seasons. The long, warm days of summer are replaced by the cooler, crisper days of autumn. But that is the beauty of God's creation. Everything has its own time and season.

Likewise, God's church goes through seasons: seasons of worship, seasons of growth and seasons of renewal. As the natural world around us sheds the growth of spring and summer, it prepares to store up its resources to burst forth in renewal the next spring.

Often we view the waning days and changes of autumn as sad, as trees lose

much of their color and the skies become greyer. But we can't lose sight of the promise of renewal and new growth, as the rains and darkness of winter give way to the sun and green of spring.

Like the natural world around us, our church has gone through many cycles of waning and growth. As we remember the hope that spring will come to renew the natural world, let us also seek the hope that renewal also awaits the church after this season of fall and winter has passed.

We are the farmers who tend to this field of faith. May we work together to find new ways to nurture our existing garden, and work together to seek new plots of fertile ground to plant the seeds of hope that we share together in Christ. Often new crops require changing our methods of planting and fertilizing. Let us embrace change together to find the best yield for our efforts, the work that God has prepared for us to do. May it be so.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Glenn



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Annual Conference

The 233rd Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren was held in Greensboro, North Carolina from July 3-7. This year they suspended all business to focus on a compelling vision for the future. There were three areas of visioning:

- How congregations are serving and ministering through their life together. How can the denomination equip and support churches as they embody Christ's ministry in local settings.
- How can we come together as many congregations, joining hands to engage in mission and ministry that is bigger than any one congregation can accomplish on its own.
- How can we transform and better manage the division and conflict that has been a barrier to our full effectiveness in ministry as the Church of the Brethren.

We spent a lot of time talking to each other around the tables about our churches and the communities they serve. Each table had an iPad that was connected to a server that recorded individual written responses. The facilitator would ask a question of the entire delegation, and each person typed in their own response. My table consisted of a mix of progressive and conservative congregations, and what we found was that we could enjoy each other and listen to one another as long as we didn't try to convince the other person to change their views on matters

of disagreement. I suppose the biggest question is whether that is okay. It was fantastic to spend time with people who had different theologies and different world views. On the internet it often devolves into insults and shaming, but with facilitated discussion in real life we tend to show respect for each other. Here are some quotes from the process:

"We also need to learn how NOT to work together. We don't do that as brethren very well. We need to be okay with where each others passions are and not put an expectation on others or other churches that can't."

"The work of Brethren Disaster Ministries is another project that is important. As one in our group said, "You don't have to agree on the 'transubstantiation' in order to ask another, 'could you hand me that hammer, please?' "It is truly the work of the Lord when we are together helping others in need."

"Be an example for other denominations in our ideas, faith, actions without every person being in full agreement. Being OK agreeing to disagree but still love as Jesus did."

"We need more direct instruction in how to speak about salvation and our faith - we are good at providing the help."

"Every congregation is called to develop a local effort focused on systemic issues of violence and injustice in their own area... On their area of passion. Developing imagination, skills, and commitment. This can add effort and energy to our necessary service ministries, but go beyond them to work at shifting root causes in your area. CoB denomination builds a massive new fund to give grants and equips churches to create these efforts."

There is a lot more information about the Compelling Vision available at this link: <http://www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html>

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 and harriet@koscho.net, or text Harriet Koscho at 206-992-2407.

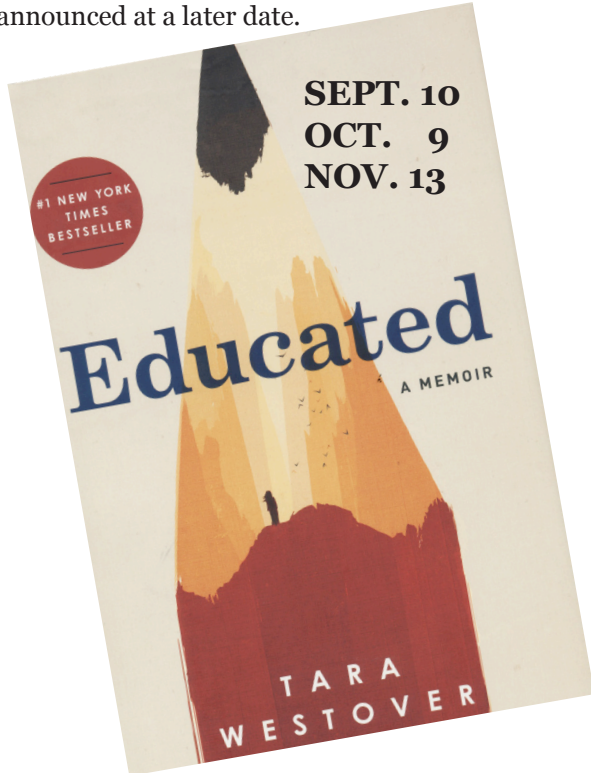
You can donate food, money, time, and prayerful guidance. We can store most everything at the church, but we do run out of freezer space, so if you can possibly store some turkeys near the middle of November, we would really appreciate it!

A list of items that go in the baskets. Canned goods and other imperishables will be announced at a later date via email.

BOOK GROUP

Book group meets every second Tuesday of the month in the church library at 7pm.

The book topic is "EDUCATED" by Tara Westover for the September and October meetings. November's book will be announced at a later date.



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Have you registered for the Seattle CROP Hunger Walk yet?



We have a single goal: a world where no one must go hungry.

Sign up today to build some surprising solutions to hunger!

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

The CWS/CROP Online Support Team

P.S. If you can't walk this year, please consider donating to the Walk or a fellow walker through www.crophungerwalk.org/seattlewa

Olympic View Community Church invites YOU To their Community

BBA

**September 14, 2018
12-2:30 pm**

Fellowship

Food

Fun!



Kathy and Roger in Hiroshima

by Roger Edmark

Hello to everyone from Hiroshima! Our first week was a whirlwind of activity. First, we were being trained about all of the tasks we would be involved in while also having a quite full house at World Friendship Center. In our first full week here, a typhoon swept through the area closing all of the railways down and stranding some of our guests for extra days. We have seven guest rooms here, most of which can accommodate two guests. So for a couple of days we had 14 guests and both sets of directors. The typhoon was mostly just very heavy rain, but Kathy and I had to get to the store to get food for the groups

breakfasts a couple of times.

In case you do not know much about World Friendship Center, it is a bed and breakfast center for peace, where atomic bomb survivors, “Hibakusha”, can tell their story about the day the bomb was dropped. They are heart wrenching, often emotional stories of survival. I just read one yesterday about a young girl who was the only survivor in a school of over 400 children and teachers. Guests can request a Hibakusha story as well as a guided tour of the Peace Park along with other activities.

Back to breakfast shopping. Our only transportation options

are walking to stores and carrying everything back, or, riding our bicycles which each have two baskets to carry items. We are starting to get used to riding the bikes. Luckily, the area we live in is all flat. We have mostly dodged the rain, but a couple of times we got a bit wet before we got back.

We were so busy early on, that we had no opportunities to get out to see the city. Finally a few days ago we had some time so we went to the Peace Park Museum; to a calligraphy exhibit at the Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum; to a wonderful garden, Shukkeien; and to Hiroshima Castle.

We start conversational English language classes next week - they had taken a break in August. We also met for the first time, the Fuchu Church. The Fuchu Church is the organization which guaranteed our stay in Japan for our Visa. We will teach adult Sunday school twice a month and participate in children’s activities as well.

We have been greeted warmly by the former directors, Barb and Dannie, by the Japanese board (“The Riji”), the staff we work with, and all of the volunteers as well. It has also been a joy to meet guests and participate in telling the story of the World Friendship Center to them. Since we have been here we have met seven groups from France, two from Italy and one from the USA. This is also a great place to eat if you like Japanese food – duh! Tempura, Raman, Tonkatsu, Yakatori, Sushi, Sashimi and Okonomiaki, a specialty that is only cooked correctly in Hiroshima according to the local restaurateurs. Yumm!

Hope you are all doing well.

In Peace,

Roger and Kathy Edmark



September 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	2	3	4	5	6 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	7
8 <i>Thirteenth 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	9	10 Book Group 7pm	11	22 Breakfast Club 6:30am	13 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	14
15 <i>Fourteenth 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	16	17 7pm OV Board	18	19 Breakfast Club 6:30am	20 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	21
22 <i>Fifteenth 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	23	24	25	26 Breakfast Club 6:30am	27 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	28
29 <i>Sixteenth 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	30	September Outreach				

September Birthdays!

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

Upcoming Events

September

8 Winter Hours start
 10 Book Group - Library
 17 OV Board
 Thur Breakfast Club

October 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	5
6 <i>Seventeenth 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	7	8 Book Group 7pm	9 7pm OV Board	10	11 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	12
13 <i>Eighteenth 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	14	15	16	17	18 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	19
20 <i>Nineteenth 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	21	22	23	24	25 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	26
27 <i>Twentieth 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	28	29	30	31		

October Outreach



GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE

October Birthdays!

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| 1 Nole Ann Horsey | 9 Roger Edmark |
| 1 Marilyn Strand | 11 Stephanie Kissinger |
| 4 Michael Schober | 15 Floyd Strand |
| 5 Martha Bosch | 16 Kathy Edmark |
| 7 Goldie Barnes | 20 Malik Grandison |
| 8 Nancy Bedada | 27 Victoria Hinton |
| 9 Kelati Andemichael | 31 Jana Helmuth |

Upcoming Events

October

- 1 Alternative Worship - Library
- 4 Northaven Gala
- 8 Book Group
- 9 OV Board
- 29 Pub Theology 6:30pm
- Thur Breakfast Club

November 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	2
3 <i>21st 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	4	5 Alternative Worship 7 pm	6	7 Breakfast Club Northaven 6:30am	8 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	9
10 <i>22nd 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	11	12 Book Group 7pm	13 7pm OV Board	14 Breakfast Club Northaven 6:30am	15 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	16
17 <i>23rd 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	18	19	20	21 Breakfast Club Northaven 6:30am	22 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	23
24 <i>24th 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	25	26	27	28 Breakfast Club Northaven 6:30am	29	30

November Outreach



November Birthdays!

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

Upcoming Events

November

- 5 Alternative Worship - Library
- 12 Book Group - Library
- 13 OV Board
- Thur Breakfast Club

December 2019

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	2	3	4	5	6 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	7
8 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	9	10 Book Group 7pm	11 7pm OV Board	22 Breakfast Club 6:30am	13 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	14
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	16	17	18	19 Breakfast Club 6:30am	20 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	21
22 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Breakfast Club 6:30am	27 Good Samaritan Church 7-8pm	28
29 1st Sunday after Christmas 9:30 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship New Point Church 1-3 pm Good Samaritan Church 6-8 pm	30	31 New Years Eve				

December Outreach



*COB Advent
Mission Offering*

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

1	First Sunday in Advent
10	Book Group - Library
11	OV Board
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas
Thur	Breakfast Club