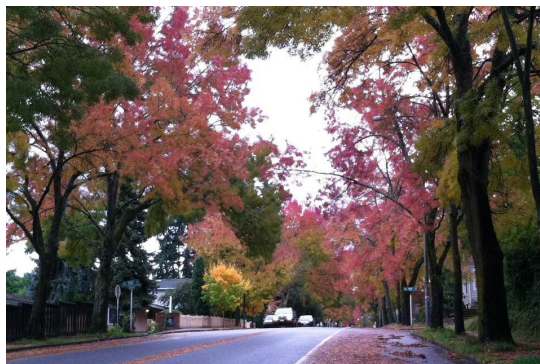


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PASTOR'S REFLECTION

by Rev. Glenn A. Brumbaugh



We've come to another of those transition points of the calendar year, as the warmth and sunshine of summer gradually fades into the cooler, cloudier time of fall. The days get shorter and we find ourselves eventually settling into the darker, wetter part of the year in the Pacific Northwest. This is my favorite time of year. I love the crispness in the air (when it's not smoky) and the different pace. I look forward to digging out the sweaters and sweatshirts, and seeing the leaves change color. I can't imagine living somewhere that doesn't change with the seasons.

Much like the climate, the fall is a time of transition in the church as well. After

the more relaxed pace of summer, we get back to bible study after the summer break, and begin looking forward to Thanksgiving baskets and the season of Advent that always seems to creep up on us. This year also brings a different time of transition. As our church continues to change and evolve over time, the Leadership Team has begun a visioning process to take a hard look at who we are, and where our path will lead us going forward. After a number of initial meetings, we have decided to schedule a retreat in November facilitated by Stan Dueck from the Discipleship Ministries of the denomination. This will be a hybrid event, held in-person and via Zoom to allow for all who wish to participate and contribute to this important discernment of the future of our life together.

I hope and pray you all can join us for this time of reflection and discernment, and may you enter this season hopeful for the promise of the Advent to come!

Blessings,
Pastor Glenn

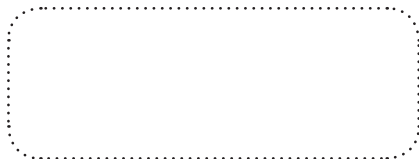


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Save the Date! VISIONING RETREAT - 11/19/22

by Pastor Glenn

We hope you can join us on November 19th for an all day retreat at the church or via Zoom as we gather to discern our path forward as a congregation. We will be blessed with the leadership of Stan Dueck from the denomination's office of Discipleship Ministries, who will guide us through the process of identifying who we are and where we are being led as the body of Christ. Lunch will be provided and we hope to make significant progress in charting our course forward, so we can make appropriate use of our resources. More scheduling and preparation details will be provided in the near future.

Please give serious, prayerful discernment to attending this important gathering that will determine the future path of Olympic View Community Church. All who feel a connection to Olympic View are welcome to join.

CROP WALK 2022

by Harriet Koscho



Church World Service is sponsoring its annual hunger awareness event, Cropwalk. Seattle is walking to end hunger in 2022! 75% of the funds raised support the global hunger fighting efforts of CWS, while 25% stay in Seattle to fight hunger at home. This year churches are once again seeking participants to walk around Green Lake en masse to be a visible presence in the community. We will gather at Green Lake Methodist Church (6415 1st Avenue N.E) after our service on October 16.

Registration starts at 12:30pm and the walk starts at 1:00pm. Please contact Harriet Koscho (harriet@koscho.net) if you would like to join us. If you wish to support financially, it's a really great cause! Send designated donations with "Cropwalk 2022" to help us meet our team goal of \$300. As usual, if you just walk around the lake with us we'll contribute \$20/walker. Register with our team at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/olympic-view-church>.

2022 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

by Pastor Glenn

On September 16th and 17th, we met virtually for our annual District Conference for the Pacific Northwest District of the Church of the Brethren. While we miss the camaraderie of gathering face to face, many more can participate that may not be able to travel the distances involved to meet in person.

Our gathering was split into two days. We started Friday evening with a time of Q&A with General Secretary David Steele from the denomination, followed by a time of worship and fellowship featuring worship elements from various congregations, capped off by a reflection shared by newly ordained minister Samuel Brackett, from the Springfield congregation in Oregon. Saturday began with a time of sharing by the different congregations of our district, followed by a time of Q&A time with our Annual Conference moderator Tim McElwee and the various Church of the Brethren agencies present.

The afternoon included our business session. Several items were up for consideration and action:

Budget Approval

- The Proposed budget was approved by consent.

Approval of Significant Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws

- The documents were changed to accurately reflect the reality of our current working structure and procedures, eliminating many committees and structures that are no longer in existence, focusing instead on a more ad hoc committee structure and streamlined board size.

Okanogan County Disaster Response Work

by Pastor Glenn

Frosty Wilkerson is leading a work team to assist the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group (OCLTRG) to rebuild homes lost in the 2020 wildfire season. They have several homes they are working on and he has signed up 13 volunteers to help with the work. They are scheduled to be there October 23rd to 29th. The OCLTRG is providing housing at the Cornerstone Church in Omak. If you'd like more information, or would like to assist in some way, please contact Frosty (Forrest) Wilkinson, Pacific NW District Disaster Co-coordinator at: 360-202-8859, or frostywl1@yahoo.com.

Update on the Annual Conference Query concerning increasing accessibility at Annual Conference

- Standing Committee member Debbie Eisenbise gave an update on the approval process at Annual Conference and the subsequent study committee formed.

Filling of Vacancies in District Leadership

- Peggy Liley was approved for the District Executive Team, replacing Debbie Roberts.
- Debbie Roberts was approved as Treasurer with a bookkeeper to be hired to handle the day to day transactions and reporting.
- Glenn Brumbaugh was approved to chair the Ministry Commission.

Acknowledgment of Lacey Community Church dissolution

- The body accepted the letter of dissolution from the Lacey congregation, honoring its history and continuing legacy.

Updates were also provided by members of the District Executive team concerning their various roles and activities, as well as the Envisioning team and Disaster Ministries. Our time concluded with a time of remembrance of those who have passed in the last year.

BIBLE STUDY

by Pastor Glenn

Join us for Zoom Bible Study This Fall!
Thursdays at 7 PM

Join us this fall as we embark on a new Bible study titled *Women of the Hebrew Bible*. We will resume our meetings this fall on Thursday, October 13th.

Our new exploration contains ten studies on fascinating women in the Old Testament. All are noteworthy; some are notorious. Some are so obscure as to be almost forgotten. Others are so well-known that we take them for granted. We will look at their lives in the light of the biblical context, in the light of history and current events, in the light of Christ and the New Testament, and in the light of our own lives. Their stories will surprise you and challenge you to take them seriously.

We hope you take the opportunity to join us in this interesting study! Watch your email for reminders closer to the 13th with the Zoom link.

Book Group 2022-2023

by Harriet Koscho

We meet once a month on the third Wednesday of the month. The next session will be October 19 in the library at 7pm.

We have some extra book copies if you are interested!

You may also attend virtually through the magic of Zoom: Meeting ID: 857 2403 5342 / Passcode: 309318

The following is a list of our book readings:

October:

The Gospel of the Beloved Disciple
James Carse

November/December:

Klara and the Sun
Kazuo Ishiguro

January/February:

On the Road with St. Augustine
James Smith

March/April:

This Tender Land
William Kent Kreuger



THANKSGIVING IS COMING!

by Harriet Koscho

We need your contributions of time, money, stuffing and freezer space to provide 70 families with everything they need for Thanksgiving dinner.



In November we start shopping the sales. In a whirlwind two weeks we fill the church with potatoes, carrots, yams, stuffing, gravy, and frozen turkeys.

We need shoppers to make multiple trips to take advantage of the frozen pie deals - for example: (two pies for \$7, limit 4!) and the turkey deals (spend \$100 in a single order and get a free turkey!)

Please contact Harriet (206-992-2407) if you like shopping or putting together the boxes of food.

We would like to raise \$400 to support the effort, and any leftover funds will be donated to the Olympic View Elementary PTA to support their Christmas drive.