

The Newsletter of the Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren
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PASTOR'S REFLECTION

by Rev. Glenn A. Brumbaugh



Spring is in the air! Finally we can take a deep breath and embrace warmer temperatures and more seasonal weather. 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 are nearing the end of our Lenten journey. Like the renewal and promise of Easter, as a community we too are entering a time of significant change and new beginnings.

Having completed our visioning process a few months ago, we are now moving forward to explore

what the future of our congregation will look like outside the familiar surroundings that have been our home and sanctuary for so many years.

Like those initial disciples after the first Easter Sunday, we are entering a new phase of our journey together into the unknown. Like our forebears, we seek to be led by the Spirit in our own journey as the body of Christ, seeking God at work among and around us, and our calling in that work. We hope to emerge from this Lenten time with new vigor and focus for new 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, and what new possibilities may God be putting in front of us. May we all find meaning and discernment in this most holy and reflective time of the year.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Glenn

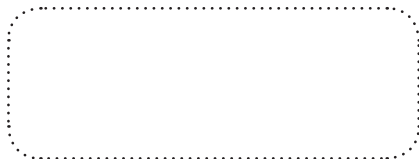


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DOGS OF THE CONGREGATION

by Harriet Koscho



We just might be the most dog-friendly congregation in Seattle! On any given Sunday there are one or two dogs worshipping with us, and it's amazing how well behaved and social they are. Moka and Tuxedo are pictured here with their humans, Eileen Birky and Shannon Williams. Cynthia Lauder milk has been bringing her service pup in training. Frosty has a large shaggy dog who is totally chill and adorable. We extend a warm welcome to our four-legged friends who are gifts of grace to our community.

BIBLE STUDY

by Pastor Glenn

Join us for Zoom Bible Study Thursdays at 7 PM, as we continue our current study of Paul's letter to the Romans. Contact Pastor Glenn at vicarglenn@gmail.com for more information or to add your email to the mailing list.

Visioning Process Update

by Pastor Glenn

Following our Visioning retreat with Stan Dueck in November, the Visioning Team was presented with several scenarios to explore for our congregation's path forward. After a period of information gathering and reflection, the team met on January 25th to decide on which route we were going to take.

The consensus decision by the group was to move forward with the scenario to sell the building and explore a hosting partnership with Northaven that would entail our relocation to their facility, as well as a possible future joint development venture with them.

Subsequently the church board received the recommendation by the Visioning Team and approved that decision, recommending to present the first step in the process, the sale of the building and the acquisition of a new space, to the Spring General Assembly in April.

Members of the Visioning Team then met with Darlene Storti and Bill Dorn from Northaven on March 26th to tour the potential worship and fellowship spaces, and work out the initial details of our partnership together. This was a very positive meeting and leadership of both organizations will begin to work together in drafting an initial agreement of understanding.

Please continue to keep church leadership in your prayers as they begin to maneuver this major change in the life of our congregation.



Spring General Assembly

by Pastor Glenn

At Noon Following the 11 AM Worship Service April 16, 2023

Our most important issue is to consider the recommendation of the Visioning team, which has strongly recommended that we pursue selling the church building and working with Northaven to use their facility for worship and other church functions.

At the general assembly we will also have reports on our finances, the facility, the district, and our ministry, as well as reviewing and affirming our church board members and leadership.

Please join us in person or on Zoom, and we will email out a link to the zoom session before the meeting.

Inhabit Conference

by Harriet Koscho

Several of us attended last year's conference, and it was very encouraging to meet other Christians who are focusing on local neighborhood engagement.

This year's conference is being held April 21-22 at Quest Church, 1401 NW Leary Way, Seattle, WA 98107. If you are interested in attending virtually or in person, visit <https://www.parishcollective.org/inhabit-2023> for more details.



Holy Week 2023

by Pastor Glenn



Palm Sunday, 4/2/23 at 11 AM

Join us for worship, in person or virtually, as we joyfully celebrate the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem with palms, through song and story.

Maundy Thursday Love Feast, 4/6/23 at 7 PM

This meaningful gathering in the Fellowship Hall recreates the humility and service demonstrated by Jesus in the events of the Last Supper. Through the washing of each other's feet (or hands), the sharing of a simple meal, and the observance of the bread and cup, we share a moving experience of fellowship and service to one another. Please give serious thought to attending and sharing in this moving experience.

Easter Sunday, 4/13/23 at 11 AM

We gather this Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Christ as we proclaim, "Hallelujah, Christ has risen!" Join us for a joyous time of proclaiming the hope and salvation we find in Easter, through special music, story and song. Feel free to bring a special snack to share in our fellowship time after!

Book Group 2022-2023

by Harriet Koscho

We've had a lot of thought provoking discussion at the book group this year. We've also laughed a lot! Usually we find that half of our books are religious or spiritual in nature, and the other half are recent fiction/non-fiction. Currently we're reading "This Tender Land", a novel about four runaway kids who are heading down the Mississippi river. We've also read:

- a fictional gospel of Jesus as written by a woman
- a novel about a robot and the young lady who owns her
- a well-researched book about improving health care for the aging
- a book comparing modern philosophy with the theology of St. Augustine of Hippo.

We meet in the church library on the third Wednesday of each month, and there is always a zoom link available. The next regular meeting is April 19.

On May 17 at 7PM we will have a party to select new books for next year!

Here's how that works:

- Everybody brings a couple of books or book titles.
- We go around the room and let each person explain a little bit about their books and why we might want to read them.
- We create ballots with a list of all of the books being offered.
- Each person gets 6 votes, so check six books on your ballot.
- We tally all the votes by book. The top five books are "the winners" and the sixth is an alternate.

THANK YOU DOUG!

by Anita LaFranchi

We want to thank Doug Bambrick of the NW Jazz Orchestra for the many repairs he has coordinated around the church. It is so appreciated.

Some of his accomplishments:

- Fixed the toilet outside the cafeteria.
- Fixed the light in the Men's room outside the cafeteria
- Touched up the upstairs walls with paint, in multiple areas, as well as the upstairs loft, corners, under the wall hanging artwork, many cobwebs removed.
- Worked on the repairing and replacing the upstairs hall lighting
- He removed several old dried paint cans, and the failed fluorescent lights from the maintenance closet

We are truly blessed by all the work he has and continues to do; to improve our facility!

