

The **New Olympian**

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Olympic View Celebrates 75 Years of Ministry!

by Pastor Glenn

Join us on September 24th at 11 AM as we gather for worship and to celebrate our 75 years of service at our location on NE 95th Street. It will be a time of worship, food and fellowship, and sharing memories together of the many ways that Olympic View has impacted our lives. It will also be an opportunity to take a meaningful memento or two from the church to remember what the church has meant to you.

It's hard to believe it's been 75 years since Pastor Dewey Rowe and his congregation answered the call to step out in faith and build a new church building in this new neighborhood looking out on the Olympic mountains in 1948, leaving

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their church home in Phinney Ridge for a new and exciting opportunity to start something new.

Through Dewey's efforts, and the myriad of pastors since, Olympic View has filled its role as the neighborhood church, and provided meeting space for many groups and activities, and has done its part to lift up those in need in the community in its different ways. Many have passed through and been a part of the Olympic View family.

We hope you can make time to join us on the 24th to worship, fellowship, and share your memories of what Olympic View has meant for you.

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Mennonite Disaster Service

by Harriet Koscho

Olympic View Church will be hosting Mennonite Disaster Service in September, when they will hold their Annual Meeting for Region 4 in our social hall. A few weeks ago I met Michele Whiteagle, their Board Chair. Region 4 includes the western United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam. It is very similar to Brethren Disaster Ministries. They rebuild houses that have been destroyed in natural disasters. In fact, we partnered with them this summer, when Frosty Wilkenson gathered some Brethren volunteers to complete a 4-bedroom house in the Okanagan. The house was lost in the Cold Springs fire in September of 2020. There is a very nice article about this project on the MDS website

Here: <u>https://mds.org/story/a-beautiful-peaceful-sanctuary/</u>

There will be a catered Welcome Banquet in the church social hall on Friday, September 8 at 6:30. If you have a heart for rebuilding communities after natural disasters, you are welcome to attend! You will need to sign up in advance, so they will have a good headcount. Harriet Koscho is handling registrations and head count, so please **Email: harriet@koscho.net** before August 31.



Love is not what you **say**...it's what you **do**

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

by Rev. Glenn A, Brumbaugh



It has been a busy summer at Olympic View! As we have moved forward with our plan to sell the building

and relocate to Northaven, leadership has been involved in lots of meetings and working to get all the information and documents necessary to move forward with our broker and potential buyer. Fortunately all has gone well and we are hopefully on track to complete the sale in the next few months.

This year is also a cause to celebrate! Olympic View has now been in ministry in north Seattle for 75 years! We can't let this significant milestone pass us by. So plans are being made to have a very special celebration on September 24th which we hope as many who have been impacted by our community can attend. It's also a time to say goodbye to the building we have called home for so many years. I hope you all can join us for this time of worship, food and fellowship, and sharing, as we remember all the ways we have worked together as Christ's body in this space.

Finally, as has been previously announced, I will be ending my time at Olympic View later this fall on October 31st to return to Pennsylvania. I have truly been blessed by my time as your pastor, and I am working to help ensure the transition of our church to it's new mission and location at Northaven is a smooth one.

In Christ, Pastor Glenn



Save The Date PNW District Conference October 13th through 15th

by Pastor Glenn

Please plan on joining us at our 2023 District Conference being held Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th, at Camp Koinonia in Cle Elum, WA. It will be a meaningful time to join with new friends and old in worship, fellowship, and the handling the business of the Pacific Northwest District of the Church of the Brethren. All are welcome!

Participation will be available in-person or virtually on Zoom. Registration information will be coming soon.

CROPWALK 2023

by Harriet Koscho

Cropwalk is an annual fundraiser for Church World Service. The goal is very big: Let's feed the world! Most of the proceeds go to third world countries, however about a quarter of the money raised goes to support local foodbanks.

Here's how it works: Join the the Olympic View team at: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/olympic-view-church

You may either "Make a donation" or "Join the team". Our church participates in the Green Lake Crop Walk, which begins at Green Lake United Methodist church, 6415 1st Ave NE in Seattle on October 15. Registration opens at 12:30 p.m. and the walk around the lake begins at 1 p.m. We walk all the way around the lake and back to our starting point, which is about three miles. Several area churches send teams, and at the beginning of the walk, the host church has a bagpiper who leads us from the church to the path around Green Lake! If you don't want to go on the website, you can also donate at Olympic View if you designate "Cropwalk 2023" with your donation.

Email: harriet@koscho.net if you are interested or have questions!

