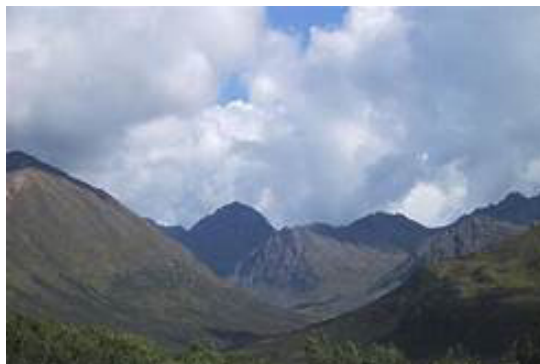


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PASTOR'S REFLECTION

by Rev. Glenn A. Brumbaugh



and often we have a lighter crowd with all the activities planned for the warmer months.

This year is a little different however. While our schedule may still be a little lighter, we hope to take advantage of this more relaxed time to do some imagining together as to what our congregation could be, to what we are being called to as the church in the neighborhood. Olympic View has been through a lot of changes in recent years, and what was our mission seems to be evolving. We will be having a number of retreats through the summer and fall to envision what work God has in store for us going forward as his body in this community.

I hope you will be able to join us on this journey of discernment and discovery, and continue to support us with your prayers for guidance as we seek our path forward.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Glenn

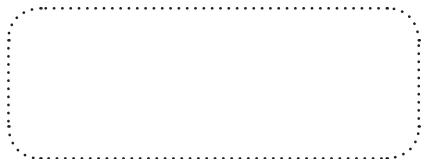
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It seems as if summer is finally on the horizon! After a colder, rainier spring, it's nice to feel the warmer temperatures and bask in the ever increasing sunlight. With the warmer weather often comes plans: plans for the garden, the yard, vacation, picnics/cookouts and the like. Often it also carries a relaxed attitude and approach to our leisure time. There's a reason it's called the "lazy days" of summer.

Likewise, the summer has traditionally been a more relaxed time in the church year as well. We usually take a summer hiatus from bible study,



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Spring General Assembly June 5 After Worship With Zoom Option

by Pastor Glenn

Join us this Sunday for our General Assembly meeting immediately following worship at noon.

If you are unable to join us in person, you can also join via Zoom through the link and information in the invitation below.

I hope you will take this opportunity to join us. We will be presenting various reports about everything we have been doing. We are also planning to have some additional meetings over the summer to help us make decisions about our path forward in the coming year. All voices are welcomed and encouraged!

Meeting Minutes from the 2021 Fall assembly are [here](#). Blessings, Pastor Glenn

Glenn Brumbaugh is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: General Assembly meeting
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88928629577>

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88928629577>

Graduate Sunday – June 5th

by Harriet Koscho

This year we are grateful for the opportunity to meet in person again and celebrate the accomplishments of those who have been connected with our faith community. This year we are proud to lift up:

- Mallory Gimmestad – Woodinville High School
- Marie Hershberger – B.S. in Public Health from Western Washington University
- Russell Hoyt – B.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Washington
- Lilly Ghebrai – M.A. in Economic & Political Development from Columbia University
- Andy Thill – B.A. in Digital Computer Technology Washington State University Pullman
- Katie Koscho – B.S. in Mathematics from University of Washington
- Rico Barnes – high school diploma from Seattle Schools

We are grateful to recognize the blessings of these achievements among us!

VISIONING RETREAT - 6/22/22 7-9 PM

by Pastor Glenn

Are you curious or worried about what is in store for Olympic View Community Church? Are there needs in the community that you think are not being addressed? Curious about what being church in the neighborhood looks like?

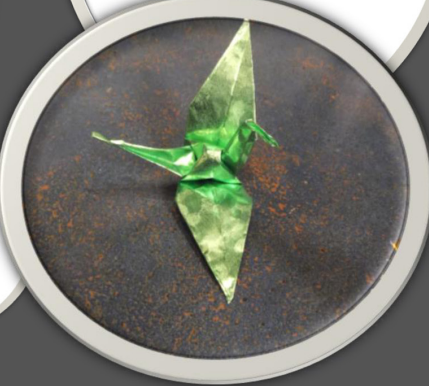
Then you should plan on attending as we gather to imagine what the church could be in our neighborhood, and what the next chapter of our fellowship together will look like. Church leadership has done some initial brainstorming and we will seek additional input as we begin to discern what our mission is as a congregation in the world we find ourselves in now. Join us in person in the church library, or via Zoom, and help us imagine what our church can be. Please email Pastor Glenn at vicarglenn@gmail.com if you would like to get the link to join via Zoom.



Olympic View
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Sunday June 12
11 AM



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Celebrating Peace - A Time of Worship and Reflection

Join us for a special worship service celebrating the work of the [World Friendship Center](#) in Hiroshima, Japan. Founded as a place where people from many nations can meet, share their experiences, and reflect on peace and the reality of violence. Through song and story, Michael and Carol Stern will lead a time of learning and reflection, which will include sharing from Roger and Kathy Edmark, recent volunteers at WFC, and a time to honor their service there.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Meets via Zoom on Thursday's
at 7pm. Look for the email
invitation in your mailbox.
Topic - Book of Job

BOOK GROUP

Meets 3rd Wednesday at 7pm
Olympic View Community Church
in the library or via Zoom.

If you are not on our email list:
Contact: ovsecretary@gmail.com
for the links if you are not on our email list.

Book Group

by Harriet Koscho

Book Group meets once a month at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday. We are meeting as hybrid sessions, both on Zoom and in person in the church library.

This month's session will be a special party to select books for the upcoming year!

Here's how we do it:

- Bring some books to the meeting (or information about them.)
- We take turns telling everybody about our books and why we think they might be good ones to read.
- We make a list including all the books and vote. Everybody gets 5 votes. Vote for five different books, of course!
- The votes are counted, and the most popular books are selected for the group.

We usually select some books on the Bible or Christian theology, a book written from the perspective of a religion other than Christianity, and some general fiction and non-fiction.

Last year some of the books we read included: "Becoming" by Michelle Obama, "Regarding the Pain of Others" by Susan Sontag, "Love Wins" by Rob Bell, and "In Love With The World" by Rongey Mingyur Rinpoche.

Please join us in person or on Zoom on Wednesday, June 15 at 7pm! If the weather is nice, we will meet in the courtyard.

Zoom Meeting ID: 857 2403 5342

Passcode: 309318



Inhabit Conference April 2022

by Harriet Koscho

The Parish Collective is a team of about a dozen pastors who have a vision about how to bring the spirit of Jesus into local communities so that they may thrive. From their Vision statement: "The Parish Collective connects people to be the church in the neighborhood.... If we don't learn to be the church in our everyday lives, we lose our power to collectively confront injustices, we ignore the gifts of our neighbors and we perpetuate the systems that keep us apart. If we don't learn to be the church in our everyday lives, we lose our power to collectively confront injustices, we ignore the gifts of our neighbors and we perpetuate the systems that keep us apart."

The Inhabit conference took place in Seattle this year, and it was sponsored in part by the Church of the Brethren. Several of us were able to go: Bill Hershberger, Gretchen Zience, Glenn Brumbaugh, and Harriet Koscho. We were invited to come to a special seminar that took place the day before the conference started, which was led by Paul Sparks, whose church is in the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma. It was good to spend time with other Brethren, including Doug Eller, Peggy Liley, and Richard Bittering from our District. The conference concentrated on ways to celebrate ordinary heroes who notice and nurture their neighborhoods. For us, there is obviously the Maple Leaf neighborhood in which our church building is located, but we can extend the idea to include the neighborhoods of everyone who participates – whether they live in a cul-de-sac, a farmhouse in the country, or a downtown apartment. The Collective encourages concrete actions that can seem quite small at first – with the hope that we can build momentum if we encourage each other.

If you would like to learn more, this is a good place to start: [5 Signs of the Parish Movement – Parish Collective](https://www.parishcollective.org/5signs) (<https://www.parishcollective.org/5signs>) There are several exercises provided, and we may go through some of them as a church as part of our visioning process.