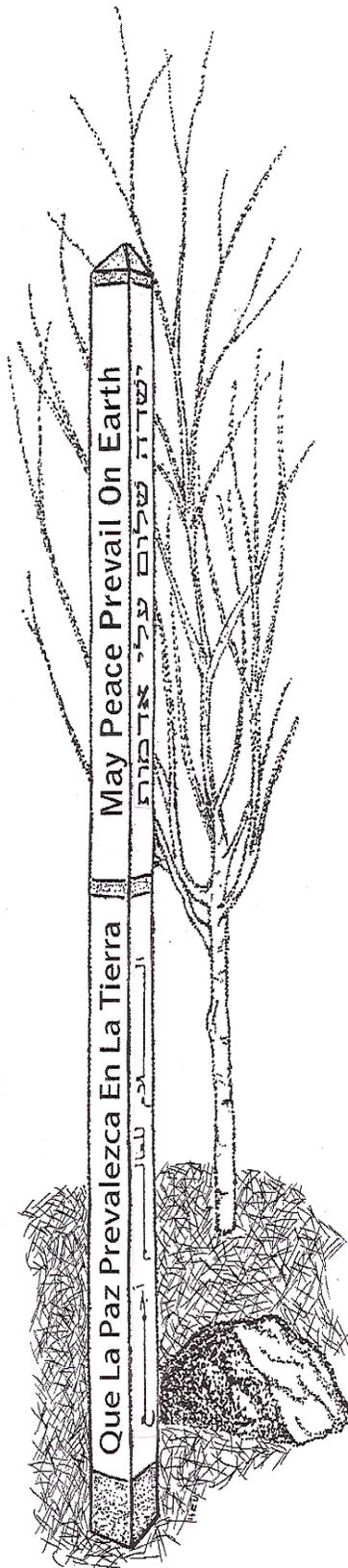


Lacey Community Church

NEWSLETTER

August 2013



Lacey Community Church ~

Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly

Watching Azimuth, our dog, dash into the garden got my attention this morning. It is something I've seen many, many times over the years, but saw new this day.

It's all part of the daily routine. Get up, get dressed, greet Azi, take her outside, walk together down the driveway to the road to get the newspaper. After grabbing the paper, we reverse our tracks, across the road and up the driveway to a place where a trail veers off through trees and undergrowth. At this point, I release Azi from the leash and say, "Go to the garden." Whether she understands the language or follows her own instincts and desires, I cannot say, but we eventually meet at the garden gate. This part of the routine, for me, is about opening the door on the chicken coop which is next to the garden. For Azi, though, it's all about the garden; she delights in being in the garden. After checking out the territory between trail and garden, Azi will seemingly fly over the yard and careen around the edge of the opened gate and into the garden. Once in the garden, she moves quickly about the beds, plants and trees, tail in the air, nose to the ground, sniffing, looking, searching. Morning, evening, and during the day, her garden routine is the

same; to watch Azi in the garden is to see not just contentment but full engagement. She delights in being in the garden.

I can only imagine the attraction Azi feels for the garden. I wonder, is she orienting herself by what is familiar or sniffing out what is new? Is she gathering information for an ongoing narrative of what is known or following her curiosity to what is fresh and mysterious?

It is here my thoughts shift to my being and our being in the garden of life. What is it that attracts us, delights us, and engages us? Where do we devote our attention and our energy? Do we strive to ground ourselves in what is known, to continue telling a well-established story? Or do we seek out that which is new and fresh, unfamiliar and unexplored?

The questions stand in stark contrast while life is not always so well defined. In reality, we need both familiarity and innovation to flourish; one gives stability, the other prompts growth. The challenge is to maintain that balance and be engaged so that we can thrive and find delight in the garden of life.

Peace, Howard

Season of “Ordinary Time”:

In writing the newsletter, I have found it very interesting studying the church seasons, also known as the liturgical seasons. The time after Pentecost is called Ordinary Time. I find that to be more of a misnomer than anything ordinary. Wikipedia stated that many Christian faiths focus on the coming of the Kingdom of God by studying an eschatological theme for the end of the Liturgical Year. For our congregation, the feeling for me is that we enjoy and embrace the now and strive toward an all accepting, all respecting mission. I think this in part emulates Jesus’ teachings we read.

Conference and Assembly News:

The Church of the Brethren Annual Conference met in Charlotte, NC June 29 to July 3. In partial summary: Delegates affirmed the continuing relevance of the denomination’s statement on Biblical Inspiration and Authority which cites the great diversity in Biblical interpretation and understanding among Brethren. Delegates also adopted a resolution against the use of military drones in warfare. Queries concerning changes to Ministerial Leadership and representation on the Mission and Ministry Board were not adopted with both recommended for further revision.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly met July 13th to 17th in Orlando, FL. Business items include: Resolution to be “a people of grace and welcome to all God’s children though differing in race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance, or theological perspective.” Delegates also adopted resolutions against wage theft; for the removal of racist language in governing documents of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and supporting a treaty for the prevention of torture.

More complete reports are available online at *brethren.org* and *disciples.org*

August Worship Walks:

Beginning in August, regular Worship Walks will be on Sundays at 4:00 PM. Walks for August will be on the 11th and 25th. August 11th we will meet at Marathon Park in Olympia for a walk along Capitol Lake. August 25th we will meet at the church and travel together to Woodard Bay Sanctuary. All are welcome!

Another Way Extension:

Don’t forget to check out the coffee, tea and chocolate display in the east entrance. There are also new flyers on Church of the Brethren coffee project which offers Equal Exchanged Fairly Traded coffee. Watch for this logo.



New Boiler News:

Over the past few months we have had the pleasure of having Sean Layne be a part of our congregation. Sadly for us, he has decided to move back to Pennsylvania and is driving across the country as I write this. This becomes a great opportunity for him as he is looking for a Masters Degree program in his field, and from his home front, he will have greater options and avenues to pursue. We wish Sean the best, miss him, and look forward to his returning visits.



The Wednesday evening bible study group will be taking a break for the remainder of the summer, and will reconvene in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

(From Interfaith Works)



Aug 7th - There will be an open forum as part of discussion of the proposed People’s Hour Shelter Project. It will be from 6 - 8 p.m. at Olympia Center, 222 Columbia, NE (downtown Oly) See the flyer here: <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/PDF/f20130807.pdf>

"BAND OF SISTERS: The Remarkable Journey of Catholic Nuns in the United States" Film: Sunday, August 4, 5:00 pm The Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501 info.. 360.754.6670

See more Interfaith Works events at <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/>

Denominational News

Church of the Brethren NEWS

From their website: (www.brethren.org)

Harold Giggler: CDS volunteers care for children following Asiana crash -- Following the July 6 crash landing of an Asiana Airline plane at the San Francisco airport, five volunteers from the Critical Response Childcare Team of Children's Disaster Services (CDS) worked with children for three full days from July 10-12 . See full story here: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/harold-giggler-cds-cares-for-children.html>

Brethren Disaster Ministries continues to bless SALT with skilled volunteers ~ As we approach the two year anniversary of Hurricane Irene, it is hard to believe that there are still those who have yet to move back into their homes. Though many homeowners still have their work cut out for them, organizations like Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) are helping in a big way to keep the recovery process moving forward. See full story here: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/brethren-disaster-ministries-blesses-salt.html>

Covenant study on women in Luke and Acts, Guide for Biblical Studies on 'First Things' new from Brethren Press ~ "Women in Luke and Acts" is written by Lani Wright, an ordained minister, author and editor, and online seminary instructor based in Cottage Grove, Ore. The Covenant Bible Studies series may be used by individuals, but is especially designed for small group settings. Each study includes 10 sessions that promote interaction and encourage open discussion about practical aspects of the Christian faith. See full article here: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/covenant-study-on-the-women.html>

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Disciples of Christ NEWS

From their website: (www.disciples.org)

MSNBC interviews General Minister about race ~ . This link will take you to a Disciples of Christ webpage that has the video of the MSNBC interview. <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1471/MSNBC-interviews-General-Minister-about-race.aspx>

Watkins offers letter to the Church ~ General Minister and President Sharon Watkins offers a letter that explains what the adoption of GA 1327, [Becoming a People of Grace and Welcome to All](#), means in the life of the church. [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#) | [French version](#) | [Korean version](#) Blue text are links to the letter in that language.

Keeping the vision in mind ~ The Disney Institute brought their premier brand to the assembly learning opportunities. Students in the learning community were shown a little of the thought process that goes into the constant innovation that drives the Walt Disney Company theme parks. See full story here: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1467/Keeping-the-vision-in-mind.aspx>

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Held in Special Prayer:

Paul Abernathy Janice Fralin
Dorothy Gregory Eileen Haas
Donna Kahoun Lisa Lombardo
Opal Reed Esther Roy Betty Stern
Preston Thomas Helen Weyandt

Include in Prayer:

Paul Abernathy is now on Hospice Care, so please also remember Laura and family during this special time.

August Worship:

August 4:

Scripture– Psalm 49:1-12 &
Luke 12:13-21

Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

Fellowship Moments: Don Stern &
Aline Smith



August 11:

Scripture– Psalm 33:12-22 & Luke 12:32-40

Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

August 18: Leaders: Jeanette and Larry Larson

Scripture– Psalm 82 & Luke 12:49-56
(Readings may be revised)

Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

August 25:

Scripture– Psalm 103:1-8 & Luke 11:10-17

Communion Prep.– Pastor Howard
Communion Prayer– Pastor Howard
Flowers– LCC

Living Stream Church (COB)

Online worship service 5PM Sundays
<http://new.livestream.com/livingstreamcob>

With Gratitude:

Thank you to Louise Evans and Aline Smith who regularly provide flowers for worship.

Thank you to Julia Roth for her help in the LCC office.

Thank you to Jim Yatman and Fred Michael for delivering donated food to the Thurston County Food Bank

Thank you to Aline Smith and Don Stern for preparing the Sunday “Coffee Cart.”

August Birthdays:

1st - Brandee Chavez

7th - Aline Smith 24th - Julia Roth

12th - Donald Guse 26th - Susan Shumate

22nd - Roy Shumate 27th - Ruth Gregory



Ministry Team Corner:

Our first meeting with the new Ministry Team went well with a new twist to our situation. Our resident Pre-school has had some major financial set-back, and are struggling for attendance for this next year. We are working with them as we can to ease their stress, but without enough attendance, they will need to close their doors. This would be a sad day for them as well as us, since we have had them in our building for 30 years, and they have been in existence for 80 years. Prayers are welcomed as we work on community, relations and support with Lacey Cooperative Pre-School. In conversation about requesting a Garden Grant from Church of the Brethren, it was mentioned to inquire of the local organization GURB, and see if they may be able to assist in a community garden venture. Next meeting date to be announced.

AUGUST 2013



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