

# Lacey Community Church

## NEWSLETTER

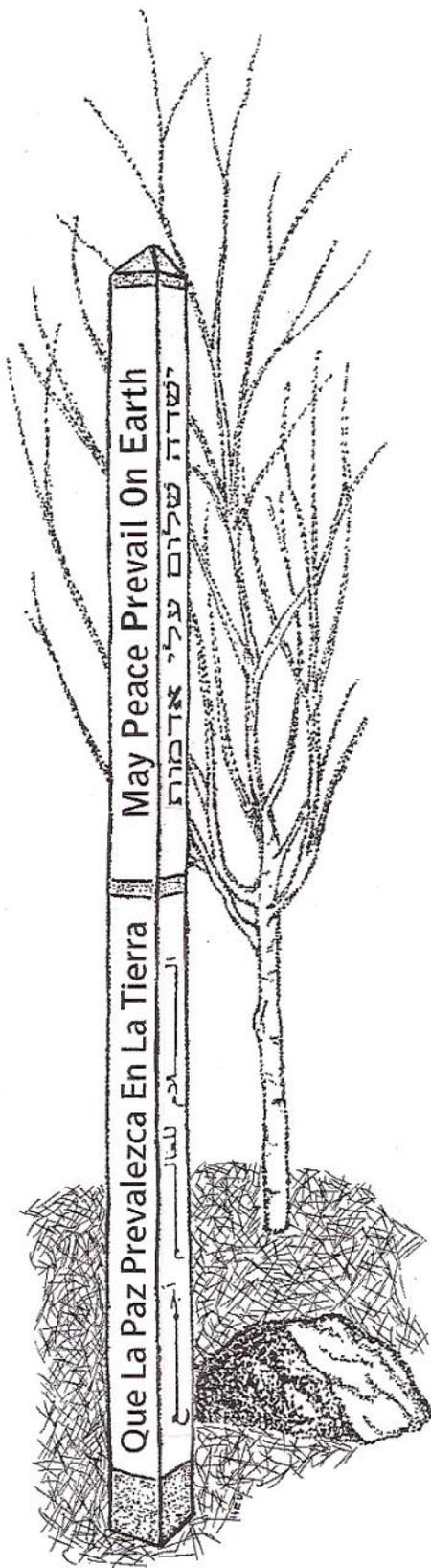
January 2014

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*Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly*

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Marking time in the waning days of December can follow a variety of courses. According to the church year's flow, Advent has passed and the season of Christmas is here. In church life, the days of anticipation have given way to days of celebrating new birth. Following the cultural calendar, Christmas is over and welcoming the new year's arrival is coming quickly. Looking to the rhythm of the universe, the sun has reached the southern limit of its annual cycle causing the turn in seasons.

December brings options for measuring the change of time, but woven throughout them is the sense of new beginnings, of turning a leaf and starting over. New years, be they religious, cultural or natural, bring with them a measure of interruption and continuity. The turning from old to new gives reason to pause and reflect; that is the interruption part. Christmas and New Year holidays regularly bring changes to schedules and routines. Special events and gatherings, tasks and traditional practices alter the normal flow of our days; it can be more than a little disorienting. There is a meaningful point in that.

For Christians, the story of Jesus' birth, like the story of Jesus life and teachings, is disorienting. The story of Jesus, from birth to death to resurrection interrupts the normal

flow of life. Jesus calls for people to live out-of-step with prevailing culture and its ways of power, domination, and wealth at the expense of other people and the earth. The challenge of that is also a source of blessing. A life dedicated to honoring relationships, building community, and sharing love holds the promise of true peace with our neighbors and within ourselves.

The season of new birth and new year invites reflection on what we value and what we aspire to in our living. Seasons of turning naturally bring moments to consider where we have been and where we feel lead to go; they have the ability also to call us to our roots in a way that provides continuity for all times and places.

December days and holidays are ripe with hope. A cherished Christmas carol sings with assurance, "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." May that assurance be near as we, individually and collectively, pause, reflect, and prepare for the new days that are dawning.

*Peace, Howard*

## **New Boiler News:** **(From Lacey Community Church)**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:** **THE NEW YEAR IS HERE!!!**

Covenant Bible Study will not be meeting on Jan 6th, but will resume their studies Jan 20th.

January 18, 2014 will be a Congregational Meeting from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **(From Interfaith Works)**



**"Stories of Women & Girls Choosing to Change Themselves & the World"** - Playback Theatre Performance **Friday, January 10, 2014, 7:30pm Traditions Cafe, 300 - 5th Avenue SW, Olympia 98501** (360) 943-6772 Website: <http://www.heartsparkle.org> Admission/cost: **\$5-10 suggested donation (no one turned away)** Playback Theatre is a spontaneous collaboration between audience and performers, where stories are enacted with movement, music and dialogue. In this performance, the Heartsparkle Players collaborate with the YWCA of Olympia. Please join us for an evening of stories. IW webpage: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140110b>

**Crisis Clinic Volunteer Training Fri/Sat/Sun, Jan 10, 11, 12, 6pm/9am/9am - 9pm/5pm/4pm** Olympia, must register for exact address. Info: Nanci 360-586-2888 ext 103; NanciM@crisis-clinic.org

Website: <http://www.crisis-clinic.org>

Admission/cost: **Free; registration required;** <http://www.crisis-clinic.org/PDF/VolunteerApplication.pdf>

The Crisis Clinic is a 24/7 crisis telephone hotline. Volunteering with the Crisis Clinic offers opportunities for service to those in need, as well as personal growth.

### **Affordable Care Act Workshop**

**Wednesday, January 15, 4:30 - 6:30**

**Olympia Timberland Library, 313 - 8th Ave SE, 98501**

Admission/cost: **Free**

Do you have questions about the new health insurance marketplace? Need help enrolling? The library will have certified Navigators from Planned Parenthood on hand to answer your questions and help you find out if you qualify for financial assistance or low-cost health insurance.

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

## **Alternate Gift Fair (Quixote Village):**

Twelve community organizations were present for this year's Alternative Giving Fair and Cookie Sale sponsored by LCC. Among the organizations was Quixote Village, a home community for people who have lived without traditional housing. Participation in the Alternative Giving Fair and a special event make this an especially appropriate time to highlight the work of Quixote Village.

Quixote Village is the outgrowth of Camp Quixote, which for nearly six years, has been a travelling tent community for people who find themselves houseless. Through its existence, Camp Quixote, a resident governed community for around thirty people, has been hosted alternately by several church congregations in Olympia and Lacey. From the beginning, the dream of Camp Quixote residents was a permanent site that would allow for settled living and facilities for showers, laundry and social gathering. That dream became a reality on Christmas Eve when residents moved into Quixote Village with its thirty individual cottages and community building. Quixote Village, which is unique in its physical plan and structure, remains a resident governed community working with Panza, a board of volunteers who provide oversight and resource for developing relations and funding with the larger community. With support staff to provide management and life skills counseling, Quixote Village will function to offer shelter, security and stability to people who seek alter their path and transition into more settled ways of living. For further information please visit [quixotevillage.com](http://quixotevillage.com).

## **Special Thanks:**

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Alternative Giving Fair and Cookie Sale. Local organizations received nearly \$ 1,900.00 in donations and almost \$ 1,000.00 in sales was recorded for the LCC Cookie Sale and *Another Way* fair trade store. This event has once again proven to be a spirited, effective and meaningful way to help people in our community and around the world.

### **Alternative giving makes a difference!**

Thank you to our own Singing Joy choir for their beautiful music throughout the Advent season, and the wonderful Cantata on the fourth Sunday of Advent. I know everyone who sang had fun, and everyone listening reflected great appreciation.

# Denominational News

## Church of the Brethren NEWS

From their website: ([www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org))

Feature: Deacon Ministry reminds churches to welcome new friends this holiday season - Things were a little sparse in the primary Sunday school class the weekend after Thanksgiving. Only two little girls were there, one of them a visitor. Elbow-deep in the glitter and glue of the construction paper Advent wreaths they were making, the visiting kindergartner smiled at the other and said, "Wanna make friends?" In another congregation, I'm told, a couple had been regularly attending worship as well as the fellowship time that follows, and were dismayed that members of the congregation seemed to only be interested in talking to each other. Finally one Sunday another couple approached them, and a good conversation began. Within a few minutes, though, the couples realized that they were both visitors, neither of which had been welcomed by anyone from the congregation: there was no evidence that anyone there wanted to "make friends." Read the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/feature-from-the-deacon-ministry.html>

Annual Conference moderator shares New Year's greetings with the church- Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, moderator of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, is sharing greetings with the denomination and its members in this New Year 2014. Read her letter at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/annual-conference-moderator-sends-new-year-letter.html>

A passion for teaching God's word: Interview with mission workers Carl and Roxane Hill - We started our missionary experience in late December of 2012. Roxane's parents and grandparents had both been missionaries in Nigeria (Ralph and Flossie Royer, Red and Gladys Royer). Read the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/mission-interview-a-passion-for-teaching.html>

Visit the COB website and browse the many links of ministries, higher education, news, events and more at [www.brethren.org/](http://www.brethren.org/)

## Disciples of Christ NEWS

From their website: ([www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org))

Giving a voice to the voiceless - For nearly a dozen years on Monday nights, anywhere from 5 to 45 people have gathered for dinner and choir rehearsal in **Spokane, Wash.** Far from being a stuffy formal rehearsal, kids are running around and adults are sharing stories. Choir members help write the music on occasion and they often sing of hope out of despair. HeartSongs from the Voiceless is the current iteration of effort to give homeless families a voice.

Rev. Redhawk Rice-Sauer, pastor of Covenant Christian Church, is the group's organizer. "I started the choir in February of 2002 in a partnership with SNAP... I did not find, however, anyplace that sought to empower the homeless by sharing their stories or just offering an opportunity to have some fun with their families. I am a songwriter and a guitar banger and my inclination is to do what I do so I sought to put my gifts where I thought they would serve best." Read the complete article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1560/Giving-a-voice-to-the-voiceless.aspx>

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# JANUARY 2014



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