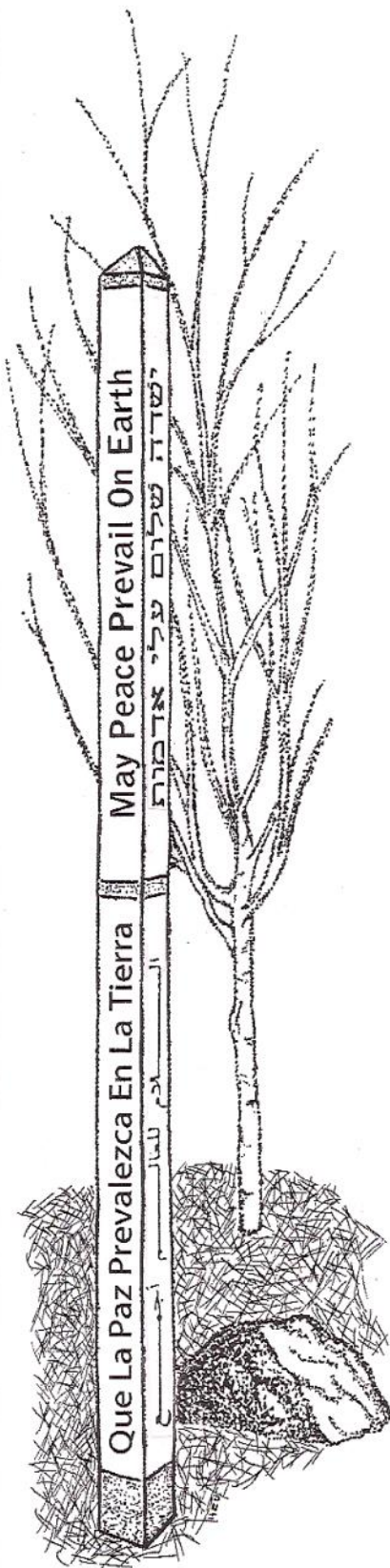

Lacey Community Church ~

Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly



Journey is a common, appropriate, and meaningful analogy for life. Life takes us many places both literally and figuratively. The essence of journey is what makes one of the Bible's epic tales so engaging. The story of the Hebrew people's journey from bondage at Pharaoh's hand to freedom in the Promised Land gives insight to the shaping of individual and collective life in any age. The wilderness sojourn underscores the human need for moral and ethical underpinnings, our dependence on elements and forces beyond control, our reliance on each other, our tendency to seek things that glitter rather than ground, along with many other lessons of life. It is a story that shapes a people and a way of being. All seems neatly summed in the final instruction to "choose life and all that sustains life." That message comes with the arrival and passage into the new land. However, as becomes clear, settlement did not end the journey and therein lies an ultimate lesson in this story of life and faith.

Life, individually and collectively, is a journey with an unknown destination. We like to think we know and can control where we are going, but experience, teaches there are limits to that thought. This reality can be a source of frustration and make us not even try, but experience grounded in faith and hope won't allow for that. A tension then exists between the

mystery in traveling life's path and the responsibility in charting its course.

Ernest Hemingway once said, "It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end." Big questions exist for all of us concerning how we use the life given us and how we manage the resources that sustain our living. What is our reason for being? Where are we going? Questions like these lead to other questions. How we define our existence and measure its success matters. Yet faith flies in the face of reason and life holds value beyond quantifiable measure. So we circle round and realize again, it is not so much where we end on life's journey but how we live along the way. We circle round and realize again, we are not the culmination or the end, but only travelers on a larger, ongoing journey. The weaving of mystery and faith in the hymn, *In the bulb*, makes superb traveling music:

*In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity;
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

May it be so. *Howard*

COB Annual Conference:

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will meet July 2 through July 6 in Columbus, Ohio. Once again, all worship services and business sessions will be streamed at: <http://new.livestream.com/enten/AC2014> Tune in for insight and enjoyment!

July Worship Walk:

A July Worship Walk will be 7:00 PM, Wednesday, July 23 at Priest Point Park, meet at the shelter by the Rose Garden. The pace will be leisurely, the setting beautiful and the fellowship and spirit meaningful. All are welcome!



New Boiler News:

(From Lacey Community Church)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Covenant Bible Study and Wednesday Night Bible Study will be taking a Summer Break, and resume in the Fall.

Freezer Meals will be on the third Saturday: July 19th.

(From Interfaith Works)



Pet Blessing at Unity of Olympia

Thursday, **July 10, 2014, 6:30 - 7:30** Unity of Olympia, 1335 Fern St SW, Olympia 98502

info: office@unityofolympia.org, 943-5757

Website: <http://unityofolympia.org> **Admission/cost:**

Love offering. Unity of Olympia will host a public Pet Blessing. The blessing will include a short service followed by a private blessing time for each animal present. For more info go to: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140710>

Crisis Clinic Volunteer Training Fri/Sat/Sun, July 11, 12, 13, 6pm/9am/9am - 9pm/5pm/4pm Olympia, must register for exact address. info.. Nanci @ 360-586-2888 ext 103; Nanci@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. For More info, go to: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140711>

"Faith Explorations" Interfaith Day Camp Monday-Friday, July 14 - 18, 9 am - 3 pm Temple Beth Hatfiloh, 201 - 8th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501 info: Catherine, 754-8519; beitsefer@bethhatfiloh.org Website: <http://www.interfaith-works.org> Admission/cost: Free

(donations accepted) Our annual interfaith summer day camp for children of any faith going in to the 2nd - 5th grades. Play.. Explore.. Share.. and interact through art, drama, music, and movement - learning about the traditions of their friends and community members. For more info go to: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140718>

The Interfaith Works Newsletter is now being sent in your email with this newsletter, and the web address to the newsletter is: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Newsletter.php>

Home page: <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/>

Alternative Giving Community Focus (Turning Pointe Domestic Violence Services):

Incorporated in 2000, Turning Pointe Domestic Violence Services has worked to provide safety and support services to domestic violence survivors and their families. Through its efforts, Turning Pointe has helped raise awareness of the devastating impact domestic violence has on families and the surrounding community.

Turning Pointe services include:

- 24 Hour Crisis Line
- Emergency Shelter
- Support Groups
- Domestic Violence Classes
- Legal Advocacy
- Advocacy Based Counseling

-from Turning Pointe web-site

Denominational News

Church of the Brethren NEWS

From their website: (www.brethren.org)

Heifer International celebrates 70 years with 'Beyond Hunger' event at Camp Mack - This summer marks the 70th anniversary of Heifer International, the award-winning development organization based in Little Rock, Ark., that had its beginnings in the Church of the Brethren in northern Indiana. The first shipment of 18 heifers (young cows that have not yet borne a calf) left Nappanee, Ind., June 12, 1944, on a four-day train trip to Mobile, Ala. Seventeen of those heifers (one got sick and had to stay behind) left Mobile on the William D. Bloxham on July 14 headed for Puerto Rico. Read the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/heifer-celebration-at-camp-mack.html>

EYN church among those attacked near Chibok on Sunday, as Annual Conference prepares to welcome Nigerian guests - As the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference prepares to welcome members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), a Nigerian Brethren church is among those suffering fresh attacks near Chibok, in news from Nigeria on Sunday. Rebecca Dali, a leading member of EYN and wife of EYN president Samuel Dante Dali, will be attending Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio, July 2-6, along with members of BEST, an EYN organization of business people. "Suspected Islamic extremists sprayed gunfire at worshippers and torched four churches Sunday," said a report from the Associated Press and ABC. Read the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/eyn-church-among-those-attacked.html>

Visit the COB website and browse the many links of ministries, higher education, news, events and more at www.brethren.org/

COMING UP IN OUR DISTRICT

Family Camp @ Camp Myrtlewood
July 15 - 20

District: <http://www.cobpacificnorthwest.org/>

Disciples of Christ NEWS

From their website: (www.disciples.org)

Course offered for congregational historians - Peter M. Morgan and John Scott Williams will be leading a seminar on creating local church history videos at Buffalo Seminary of Bethany College in Bethany, W. Va., Sept. 12-13. Their work will be based on National City Christian Church... A Dream Come True, a video they created in celebration of their congregation's 170th anniversary. Read the complete article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1593/Course-offered-for-congregational-historians.aspx>

FEMA, Disciples Volunteering and NW Disciples in Alaska - Together with FEMA, Disciples Volunteering has developed a team of volunteers who will leave their homes in early July to work in Emmonak. The team will have a cultural and safety briefing, be provided FEMA backpacks with sleeping bags and safety packs (required by FEMA on all charter flights into the backcountry of Alaska) and board a charter flight to Emmonak. For the next seventeen days the team will re-side one home, partially rebuild the roof on one home, and jack and level four homes. FEMA further supports teams with the financing of transportation for volunteers from their home to Emmonak and back. Find this article at: <http://www.disciplesnw.org/whats happening/newsletter.html>

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COMING UP IN OUR REGION

- Youth Camps -
- Camp Roganunda (Naches, WA) July 21-26
- Camp Gwinwood (Lacey, WA) July 28 - Aug 2
- For more on camps: <http://www.disciplesnw.org/whats happening/summercamp.html>
- Regional Newsletter <http://www.disciplesnw.org/whats happening/newsletter.html>

Held in Special Prayer:

Janice Fralin Aline Smith
Dorothy Gregory Ronna Smith
Donna Kahoun Preston Thomas
Opal Reed Helen Weyandt
Esther Roy

July Worship:

July 6: Church of the Brethren's Annual Conference Worship - Live Streaming

Scripture– Philippians 4:2-9
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC
Fellowship Moments:

July 13: Guest Speaker - Bobbi Dykema

Scripture – Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

July 20:

Scripture – Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

July 27:

Scripture– Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Communion Prep.– Pastor Howard
Communion Prayer– Pastor Howard
Flowers– LCC

Living Stream Church (COB)

Online worship service 5PM Sundays
<http://livingstreamcob.org>



With Gratitude:

Thank you to Louise Evans and Aline Smith who have provided beautiful fresh flowers for worship.

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

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

Thank you to Dianna Ullery for providing “Sunday Lunch” in June.

July Birthdays:

12th - Anita Roth
24th - Kelsey Fuik



Ministry Team Corner:

We graciously welcome Becky Podzsus to our Ministry Team. Our next Ministry Team meeting will be retreat and meeting on one of the last two Saturday's of July. The actual date is yet to be determined.

As an Open and Affirming Congregation, we must remember to let people know that everyone is welcome. By engaging in this conversation, we can help people who are looking for spiritual nourishment, but don't feel any church will accept them.

JULY 2014



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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