

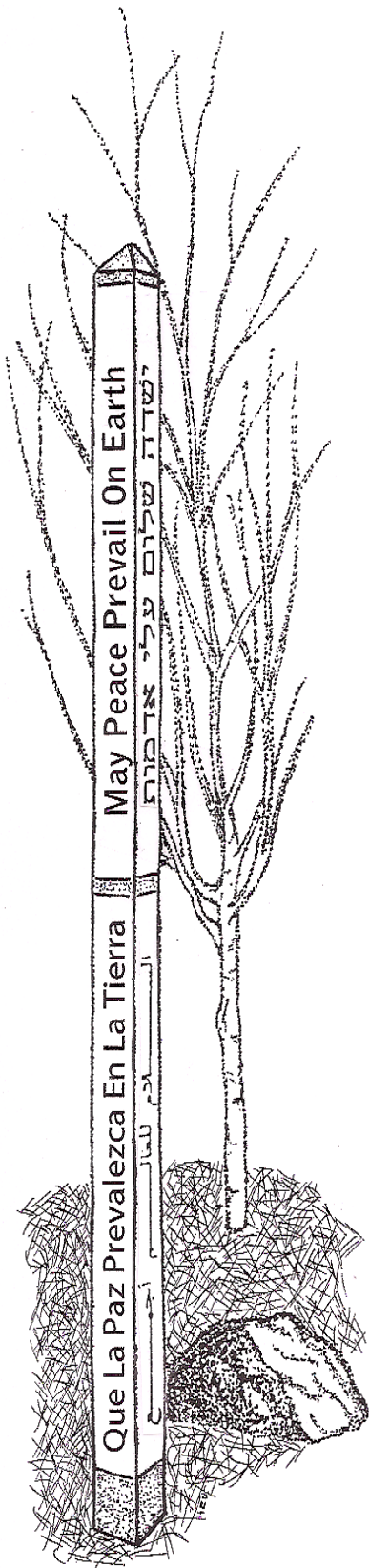
Lacey Community Church

NEWSLETTER

June 2013

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Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly



Today brings another chilly, wet day to South Puget Sound and areas beyond. Records would show days like this to be fairly normal for this time of year, but I feel impatience welling up inside. Most likely, the unusually long stretch of warm, sunny days a few weeks ago has altered my perception of what normal looks like for spring in the Northwest. For sure, those bright, 75 degree days whetted my appetite for more of the same. That leads me back to the impatience I feel and the patience that is needed. Spectacular Northwest spring and summer days come by their schedule, not mine.

This reminder offers insight to a fuller view of the flow of the seasons. Brilliant blossoms fill the landscape all around, leaves on deciduous trees unfurl, and birds take on the bright, distinctive colors of breeding plumage as well as the constant activity of tending to young offspring. Spring happens whether the days are warm and sunny or cool and damp. Weather's variability certainly has an effect on the timing and pace of nature's unfolding, but overall, the progression of spring is tied to forces beyond daily weather patterns.

Life, both in individual and corporate expressions, flows in a similar manner. Some days are bright, pleasant, and easy; other days are dreary, not

so inviting, and challenging. The Lacey Community Church congregation has known and continues to experience some challenging days, yet through it all, a vibrant spirit dances. That spirit invigorated last fall's congregational meetings to help envision purpose and direction for the congregation; that spirit took hold when our building's boiler failed and had to be replaced; that same spirit flowed through our recent congregational retreat to consider proclaiming LCC an Open and Affirming congregation. Immersed in open, honest, respectful conversation, the retreat revealed this congregation's quiet but deep commitment to our Gospel understanding of what it means to follow Jesus in this time and place. The consensus of those gathered in retreat was to appoint a team to compose an appropriate statement reflecting both the broad and specific inclusivity the LCC congregation feels called to practice and celebrate.

Forces big and small shape the seasons of the year and the seasons of life; the rhythm of Creation and the movement of the Spirit ground and enliven the flow of our days. May we live in that faith and find the patience we need.

Peace, Howard

Season of Pentecost:

Pentecost literally means “fiftieth day” which it was the 50th day after Jesus’ resurrection that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. It is also called by some to be the “birthday of the church”. Celebrated as a feast, it is at the same time as the Jewish Week of Feasts called “Shavuot”. The Shavuot is a celebration of when God gave the Torah to the nation of Israel assembled at Mount Sinai. For Pentecost this year, Jeanette wrote a sermon in her internship, and I’d like to share her closing commentary...

Visions, dreams and prophecy are gifts given by the Holy Spirit. They are spoken of in the Bible and are not to be written off as crazy. Visions can be a powerful witness to our God who loves all people and invites us all to the table of communion. May we continue to be open to God's Spirit and celebrate the Pentecost happening on our lives right now. Amen.

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Inglenook Cookbook update:

A note from James Deaton, Managing Editor
Brethren Press

Dear Inglenook friends:

I'm excited to tell you that The New Inglenook Cookbook is complete and at the printer. It has been a labor of love--over two years in the making--and we can't wait for it to be in your hands! That won't be long now, as pre-orders will be shipped in early July.

On behalf of the entire cookbook publishing team, I want to thank all of you who supported us by submitting recipes and bits of wit and wisdom for consideration. We had so many great recipes and special memories and stories. We wish we could have included them all.

The collection of recipes, essays, poems, and memories is one you will be excited about.

Congregational Business Meeting:

The LCC congregation will gather in a business meeting to call leadership and adopt a budget for the coming fiscal year which begins July 1. The Business Meeting will be woven with a pot-luck meal following worship on Sunday, June 9. Please plan to share lunch and your presence to reflect on the closing year and plan for the new.

New Boiler News:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

(In our Congregation)

The Covenant Bible Study that meets every 1st and 3rd Monday are on the hiatus for the summer as of June 3rd. They will resume on the 3rd Monday of September. Watch for announcements in the September Newsletter outlining what will be covered.

(From Interfaith Works)

June 8, Saturday; Quixote Village Groundbreaking Celebration, from 2 pm - 3 pm Location: 3350 Mottman Road SE, Olympia 98512 (3/4 mi west of SPSCC)

info.. Jill Severn, 753-2095, jillsevern@comcast.net
Website.. <http://quixotevillage.com> There is no charge for this event.

June 28,29,30; Crisis Clinic Summer Volunteer Training Fri/Sat/Sun Olympia - for times and location, call info.. Keylee 360-586-2888 ext 103

Keylee@crisis-clinic.org

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

Training is Free; registration required - apply online at <http://www.crisis-clinic.org/PDF/VolunteerApplication.pdf>

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



June Worship walks:

The practice of sharing worshipful walks in some of the beautiful landscapes of our area will continue in June on Saturdays the 8th and the 22nd, both at 4:00 PM. On the 8th we will meet at LCC and travel to Woodard Bay; the 22nd we will meet and walk at Tumwater Falls. The trail at Woodard Bay covers some rolling terrain but is paved and fairly accessible. Tumwater Falls is more rugged in terrain with a gravel path. Like all of these walks, the pace will be leisurely and thoughtful with time to visit and engage the beauty around us. Guests are welcomed!

Another Way Extension:

Equal Exchange Coffee and Tea **AND CHOCOLATE** are now available from a display in the East Entrance. Equal Exchange, formed in 1986, provides coffees and teas in a manner that empowers farmers and consumers, supports small farmer co-ops, and uses sustainable farming methods. Equal Exchange partners with farmers who provide high-quality organic coffees, teas, and other products from all over the world. Both the Church of the Brethren and Disciples of Christ are part of the Interfaith Partners Network of Equal Exchange. Buying from Equal Exchange is a good way to make a difference for people and the earth. Take a look!

Denominational News from...

Church of the Brethren

From their website: (www.brethren.org)

Children's Disaster Services works in Moore, Brethren grant supports CWS relief effort – Volunteers from Children's Disaster Services, a program within Brethren Disaster Ministries, are at work in Moore, Okla., helping care for children and families affected by the tornado that devastated the town on May 20. As of Wednesday morning, **the volunteers have provided care for 95 children.** Read entire article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/childrens-disaster-services-at-work-in-moore.html>

Annual Conference bits and pieces: June 29-July 3 in Charlotte, N.C -- A Church of the Brethren Reception...-- The Brethren Benefit Trust (BBT) Fitness Challenge...-- The Global Women's Project. Read all the "bits and pieces" at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/annual-conference-bits-and-pieces.html>

Visit the COB website and browse the many links of service, peace, world, life stages, news and more at www.brethren.org/

Disciples of Christ

From their website: (www.disciples.org)

Five faith communities, one building – Scheduling can be a challenge, but five faith communities are making a home together in the building of First Christian Church, Baltimore, Md. And this partnership is more than ecumenical – it is interfaith. Read the entire article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1448/Five-faith-communities-one-building.aspx>

Pentecost 2013 – On this Pentecost celebration of the church's birth, I invite the prayers of Disciples in the United States and Canada for our upcoming General Assembly. Our theme, "Lord, teach us to pray," comes from the gospel story of Jesus' disciples returning from an astoundingly successful mission of preaching and healing. Read the entire article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1449/Pentecost-2013.aspx>

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

Held in Special Prayer:

Laura Abernathy Paul Abernathy
Janice Fralin Dorothy Gregory
Donna Kahoun Cindy Podszus Opal Reed
Esther Roy Aline Smith Ronna Smith
Betty Stern Preston Thomas
Helen Weyandt



June Worship:

June 2:

Scripture– Psalm 96:1-9

& Luke 7:1-10

Communion Prep.– volunteer

Communion Prayer– volunteer

Flowers– LCC

Fellowship Moments: Laura Abernathy
& Aline Smith

June 9:

Scripture– Psalm 30 & Galatians 1:11-24

Communion Prep.– volunteer

Communion Prayer– volunteer

Flowers– LCC

June 16:

Scripture– Psalm 32 & Luke 7:36-8:3

Communion Prep.– volunteer

Communion Prayer– volunteer

Flowers– LCC

June 23:

Scripture– Psalm 22:19-28 & Galatians 3:23-29

Communion Prep.– Pastor Howard

Communion Prayer– Pastor Howard

Flowers– LCC

June 30:

Scripture– Psalm 16 & Galatians 5:1,13-25

Communion Prep.– volunteer

Communion Prayer– volunteer

Flowers– LCC

Living Stream Church (COB)

Online worship service 5PM Sundays

With Gratitude:

Special thank you to Howard and Dianna Ullery for opening their home and hosting our Annual Congregational Retreat.

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

Thank you to Lisa Lombardo for helping with worship accompaniment while Cindy recovered.

Thank you to Jeanette Larson for helping with Sunday mornings Church Round Table Discussions.

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 Betty Stern for preparing the Sunday “Coffee Cart.”

June Birthdays:

1st - Fred Michaels

12th - Anita Roth

13th - Rachel Chavez

24th - Kelsey Fuik



Ministry Team Corner:

Our annual church congregational retreat was a huge success. Of course we all enjoyed great fellowship and food. Once our hunger was satisfied, we had an excellent discussion about becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation. It is now on the ministry team to find a committee that will wordsmith our new affirmation. We are having our next Ministry Team Meeting on Tuesday, June 4th at 4 pm in the East Entry. Please join us if you can. We value your thoughts and ideas. If you are unable to make the meeting, but would like to voice any thought or idea, feel free to email anyone on the ministry team.

JUNE 2013



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9a Faith Forum 10a Coffee 10:30a Worship 12p Fellowship 1p One Light 5p Living Stream Church On-line	1p Covenant Bible Study	5:30a One Light 4pm Ministry Team 6:30p Al-Anon 7p Singing Joy	5:30a One Light 12p Prayers 6:30p One Light 7p Bible Study 7p Al-Anon	5:30a One Light	5:30a One Light 6:30p One Light	4p Worship Walk
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