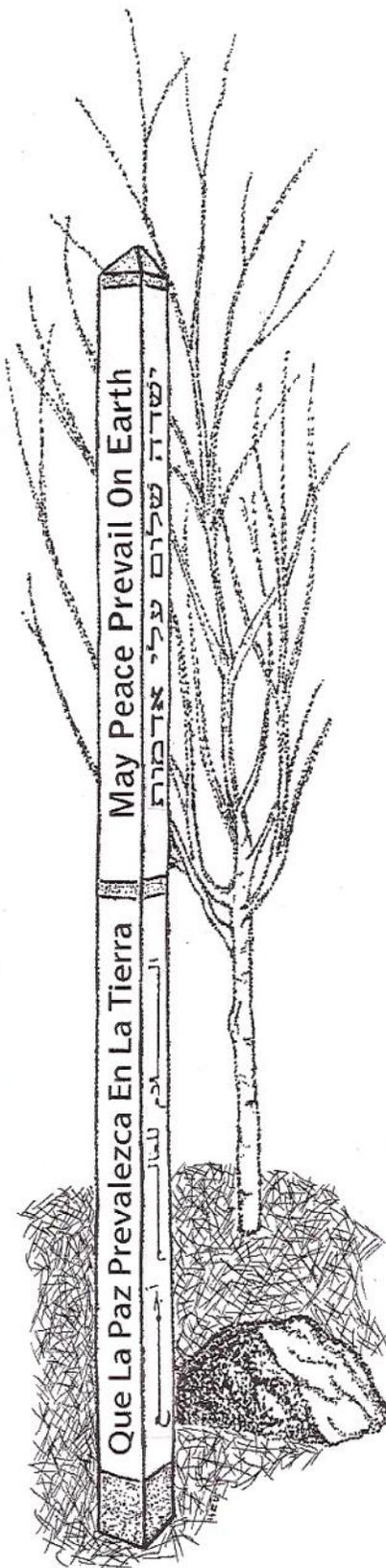


Lacey Community Church ~

Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly



In the introduction to her book, *Kitchen Table Wisdom*, Rachel Naomi Remen writes, “Everybody is a story. When I was a child, people sat around kitchen tables and told their stories. We don’t do that so much anymore. Sitting around the table telling stories is not just a way of passing time. It is the way the wisdom gets passed along. The stuff that helps us to live a life worth remembering. Despite the awesome powers of technology many of us still do not live very well. We may need to listen to each other’s stories once again.” (Rachel Naomi Remen, *Kitchen Table Wisdom*, xxvii)

Personal stories are engaging and insightful, powerful and important. As Rachel Remen says, we are all stories, stories that are still unfolding, stories that are waiting to be told.

LCC member Paul Johnson has been working for some time on writing his story. A few weeks ago, Paul’s book, *The Long Road to Advocacy*, was introduced with a reception, reading and book signing. The event was spirited, meaningful, and important; it was also joyous and uplifting to stand in the glow of Paul’s accomplishment.

Christine Rasmussen-Barsanti is the Executive Director of Kokua, an organization that helps individuals with disabilities to live full, meaningful lives. Writing a foreword for Paul’s book, Christine observes,

“Paul was born in just the right time and place to participate in history making, the birth of the disability rights movement. His story is an important story.” She says later, “I hope Paul’s story attracts wide readership. It portrays a part of our country’s struggle for civil rights that has gone largely unnoticed.”

Throughout his life, Paul Johnson has worked diligently and effectively to advocate for people who live with developmental disabilities. His efforts have made a difference in the quality of life for many people. Yet Paul, in writing, does more than share the experiences and influences of his life, he also challenges everyone to consider the story of their life. This theme is emphasized by Christine Rasmussen-Barsanti who says, “Reading the story of Paul’s life has made me re-examine mine. At every turn, Paul seized the opportunities that were available to him and used them with integrity and purpose. How many of us can honestly say that?” The question and Paul’s living lead to thoughts about how we define disability.

Paul’s living, his work, and his presence in our midst are great gifts; we offer our thanks.

Peace, Howard

Paul’s book, *The Long Road to Advocacy*, is available from Amazon.

Liturgical Seasons:

We quickly come to the end of "Ordinary Time" and the end of another liturgical year. Recently there was the celebration of All Saints day, and the last Sunday of this month brings the first Sunday of Advent which is also the start of a new liturgical year.

Worship Walks (on hold):

Worship Walks will be suspended until Spring time.

Another Way Extension:

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.

New Boiler News:

(From Lacey Community Church)

A reminder that Covenant Bible Study group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1 pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

December will be here quicker than we expect so we want to make sure the **Alternative Gift Fair** is on our calendar well in advance. **December 14th from 10:00-3:00** is the date and time of that magical event. See the article about this event later on this page.

Beautiful Cantata music has been chosen for the choir to sing this Christmas season, and everyone is welcome to come sing with us. Lisa Lombardi will be directing, so come practice on Tuesday nights.

Freezer Meals this month will be announced by email and during announcements in service when a new date and time has been set. The third Saturday this month will be an all day quilting class. So if you want to learn to do quilting, or maybe you have and want to start again, the class is from 8am to 5pm on November 16th.

(From Interfaith Works)

Thanksgiving Celebration is **November 24th at 2:30** and will be held in **Good Shepard Lutheran Church** located at 1601 North Street SE, Olympia, WA. Get more information and see the flyer at this link: <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/thanksgiving.php>

Conflict Resolution: A Spiritual Approach - a lecture by John Tyler **Saturday, November 9, 2:30 - 3:30 pm** Timberland Regional Library, 313 - 8th Ave SE, downtown Olympia. info.. (360)352-1572 10-4 M-F (Sat.11-2) Admission/cost: **Free**. Read more at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/Event.php?id=20131109b>

An Evening of Sharing Rumi Thursday, November 14, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502 **Info:** info@ouuc.org; **Register at** <http://ouuc.org/pages/adultED.html> Admission/cost: Class Registration Fee (\$10 one class/\$20 multiple) Read about this class at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/Event.php?id=20131114>

"Stories of the Power of Music" - Playback Theatre Performance Friday, 11/8/2013, 7:30pm - 9:00pm Traditions Cafe, 300 - 5th Avenue SW, Olympia 98501 info.. (360) 943-6772 Admission/cost.. Suggested Donation \$5-10 (no one turned away) Read more at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/Event.php?id=20131108> See all these and more Interfaith Works events at <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/>

Alternate Gift Fair:

Once again we are hosting the Alternative Gift Fair this December 14th from 10am to 3pm. We are hoping to have about fifteen or more organizations represented at the fair as well as our own Another Way store will be open. There will also be lots of cookies for sale. We will maintain the tradition of our cookie sale, now integrated with the Alternative Gift Fair. Things we will need for the event include pre-event sign making, cookie baking, setting up, and volunteers who can help with these things, cashiering for the cookie sale, weighing cookies, filling plates, welcoming customers, and Another Way staffing. This event has already been listed in the newspaper for holiday bazaars., so we now get to make this happen, and it will be a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Christmas Cantata:

This Christmas season, Lisa Lombardi has found an excellent Christmas Cantata for our choir to sing. Singing Joy will begin practicing again November 12th at 7:30 pm which is flexible to meet times that best fit choir members. At this point all practices are every Tuesday evening, and when time gets close to Christmas service, Lisa will then schedule additional practices that accommodate members as best as possible. So come and join the choir and have fun with beautiful music, and wonderful fellowship.

Denominational News

Church of the Brethren NEWS

From their website: (www.brethren.org)

Leading EYN through its most difficult time: An interview with Samuel Dante Dali - *Samuel Dante Dali, president of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN--the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), attended the World Council of Churches 10th Assembly as delegate for the Nigerian Brethren. Here he talks about the increase of terrorist violence in northeast Nigeria where members of EYN have been among the many killed in attacks by extremist Islamists.* Read the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/wcc-assembly/leading-eyn-through-most-difficult-time.html>

New video series asks, "Why NYC?" - The National Youth Conference Office has launched a weekly video series called "Why NYC Wednesdays." It features young adults from around the denomination reflecting on what their NYC experience meant to them and sharing reasons why current youth should make NYC a #1 priority next summer. Read the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/new-video-series-asks-why.html>

First impressions: Words and images from the opening days of the WCC 10th Assembly - The assembly in Busan, South Korea, from Oct. 30-Nov. 8 is the 10th for the World Council of Churches (WCC). Held only every 7 or 8 years, each WCC assembly represents the largest and diverse gathering of Christian denominations from around the world. The Church of the Brethren is a founding member and has had a significant presence at each assembly since the first in 1948. Then the world's Christians met in the aftermath of World War II to renew their commitments to each other as the body of Christ, despite political and national divides. Peace is on the agenda again now, which makes the 2013 gathering of particular interest to Brethren as both a Historic Peace Church and as a living peace church. Read the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/wcc-assembly/first-impressions-from-the-wcc-assembly.html>

Visit the COB website and browse the many links of ministries, higher education, news, events and

Disciples of Christ NEWS

From their website: (www.disciples.org)

Disciples theology and polity now translated into Korean - Disciples Thumbnail Sketches, a series of handouts describing basics Disciples theology and polity, is now available in Korean as well as English and Spanish. Funded in part by a Reconciliation Ministry grant, the Korean translation completed by Challice Press is the first new translation serving the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)'s diverse - and growing - population. Read the article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1546/Disciples-theology-and-polity-now-translated-into-.aspx>

Healing and 'Soul Repair' focus of Stone-Campbell Dialogue - The [Stone-Campbell Dialogue](#) met October 6-8, 2013, at Allisonville Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN, to explore possibilities for ministry to persons who serve in the military, to veterans and family members of veterans, and to first responders who have been impacted by the trauma of their service. Read the article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1527/Healing-and-%E2%80%98Soul-Repair%E2%80%99-focus-of-Stone-Campbell-.aspx>

NAPAD accepting applications for 2014 Geunhee Yu Covenant Fund Grant - The Geunhee Yu Covenant Fund was set up in 2012 at the seventeenth biennial North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD) Convocation, to perpetuate the legacy of Rev. Dr. Geunhee Yu, who served as the Inaugural Executive Pastor of the NAPAD from 1992 till his retirement in 2011. Rev. Dr. Yu has inspired us with his tireless servant leadership, deep commitment to a covenant of love and justice, and an unsurpassed passion for new church development. Read the article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1521/NAPAD-accepting-applications-for-2014-Geunhee-Yu-C.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 Phil Norris Janice Fralin
Opal Reed Dorothy Gregory Esther Roy
Eileen Haas Preston Thomas Donna Ka-
hounHelen Weyandt Ted Verner

November Worship:

November 3: Guest Preacher: Rev. Sandy Messick

Scripture– Hebrews 11:29-12:3 All Saints
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC
Fellowship Moments: Don Stern &
Aline Smith

November 10:

Scripture– Psalm 145:1-5,17-21
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

November 17:

Scripture– Psalm 98
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

November 24:

Scripture– Psalm 46
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 everyone who helped provide for and serve lunch following Paul Abernathy's memorial service.

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

Thank you to Lisa Lombardo and Larry Larson for planning and leading worship on October 20.

With Gratitude (cont):

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 October.

November Birthdays:

9th - Paul Johnson

11th - Marla Fralin

17th - Dan Jones 20th - Wayne Fralin, Ronna Smith

28th - Dianna Ullery



Ministry Team Corner:

Before this newsletter was complete, we received a call from the non-profit organization called Cielo. They work with the local Hispanic community in social and educational services, and are interested in our available rooms. We will be meeting with them November 7th, just before our 1:00 pm ministry team meeting.

Remember to talk with people about our stance of being Open and Affirming. Not only can it generate rich conversation, it may also reach people who are looking for spiritual nourishment, but don't feel any church will accept them.

Budget (October):

Offerings	4270.10
Facilities use	1,590.00
Total received	5,860.10

Total expenses	7,287.38
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Extra expenses for the alarm system that is not a monthly expense.

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