

Lacey Community Church ~

Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly

Tragedies from places named Ferguson and Gaza have flooded the news these past weeks. Lives lost, people injured, and property damaged measure only part of the turmoil and pain unleashed. Unfortunately, Ferguson and Gaza are not alone in their experience. They join a long list of places that serve to make visible a deep reality about human existence there is no peace without justice. Peace shaped by anything other than justice may provide temporary respite but will miss lasting relief.

Obviously, the justice that allows for real peace goes beyond a court of law. It is more than a process for one system to impose its will on another, or one group of people to exert or maintain their privilege or power. Justice in this nature is Biblical in scope and the peace it provides is akin to the concept of shalom in Biblical Hebrew.

According to Donald E. Miller, in his book *From Just War to Just Peace*, "Shalom is a dynamic, living wellbeing and not simply the absence of violence. Shalom is wellbeing that belongs to the whole, not merely to a

part.

Shalom belongs to the whole community, not simply some individuals or groups. It belongs to the whole city, not only to some neighborhoods. It belongs to the whole nation, not only some regions. It belongs to the whole earth, not only some continents or some nations." (pg. 13)

This month, the LCC congregation will join many other churches participating in the 2014 Day of Prayers for Peace. The peace envisioned is grounded in the elements of shalom and the justice it entails. Again, justice must be present for peace to grow. Establishing justice is a prerequisite for finding peace. Just Peace is a concept that offers a path toward the broad wellbeing justice implies. The principles of Just Peace are summarized this way by Donald Miller.

1. Live in an attitude of worship, prayer and devotion to God's Shalom.
2. Act to overcome injustice nonviolently.

3. Work constantly to identify and address tensions that may grow into violence.
 4. Cooperate with various groups/traditions that seek peace rather than violence.
 5. Address truth to those who are in positions of power.
 6. Seek to understand, help, and love the antagonist.
 7. Care for the victims of violence.
 8. Develop networks of support.
 9. Practice an evangelism that does not antagonize others.
- May visions of peace inspire us to cultivate the grounds of justice in all the places of life.

Peace, Howard

Alternative Giving Agency Highlight:

On Earth Peace

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding, On Earth Peace is a Church of the Brethren Annual Conference agency that emphasizes the peace witness of the church. Grounded in faith, On Earth Peace provides trainings and materials focused on mediation and conflict resolution, youth education, and nonviolent social change all in relation to Christian peacemaking.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR PARKING

Attending the Washington State Fair at Puyallup this September? Consider parking at First Christian Church (FCC) Puyallup! Their annual Fair Parking ministry during the Washington State (Puyallup) Fair, from September 5-21, 2014 has been staffed entirely by volunteers from the congregation since the early 1960s. There are 338 parking spaces located less than two blocks from the Red (SW) Gate. FCC Puyallup offers share-

able reserved spaces for the 17-day duration of the Fair at the reduced cost of \$100 – a 17% savings – with in-and-out privileges, as well as one-day parking for \$10 with same day return privileges.

Fair Parking income is the primary fundraiser for the year at FCC Puyallup and the income supports a wide variety of ministries within the church and community. To read about the many ways the FCC congregation distributes the income, click to download a message from the congregation at <http://www.disciplesnw.org/docs/FairParkingInfo.pdf>

Ministry Team Corner

Congregational Consensus Training

The experience of the June Congregational business meeting made clear the need for some fine-tuning for the use of the consensus decision-making process. At its recent retreat, the Ministry Team discussed this need and proposed several trainings for early September. In an effort to include everyone and meet busy schedules, the Ministry Team scheduled four different dates. The dates are:

Sunday, September 7 following Fellowship Moments; Sunday, September 14 following Pot-luck Meal; Monday, September 15 at 1:00pm at Louise Evans' home; Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00pm at the church. Please remember to sign up for one of these times.

It has been brought to our attention by Cindy Podzsus, our bookkeeper, that she needed to take \$2200 from our reserves over the past two months to pay bills. This leaves us with approximately \$5600 in our reserves. The Ministry Team will be meeting soon to discuss this issue. After consensus training, we will come together as a congregation for further discussion.

Denominational News from...

Church of the Brethren

From their website: (www.brethren.org)

This fall will begin a series of six webinar presentations on the ‘Opportunities and Challenges of Post-Christendom.’ Speakers will be authors of books in the popular “After Christmas” series. The first will be on Oct 21, 2014 - “The Fading Brilliance of Christendom” with Stuart Murray Williams. All webinars begin at 2:30pm Eastern time and run about 1 hour. Read more about this presentation and others at this link <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/webinar-series-post-christendom.html>

Newsline August 26, 2014

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective” (James 5:16b).

Plans progress for Nigeria relief effort in cooperation with EYN, Global Mission and Service, and Brethren Disaster Ministries

Grant goes to IMA World Health appeal for Ebola emergency

Bethany Seminary surpasses \$5.9 million campaign goal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children’s Disaster Services offers training workshops in Hawaii, Indiana, Oregon

Brethren bits: New workcamp BVsers, relief for Kentucky, National Service of Mourning for Palestine/Israel dead, 100 years at Geiger, Brethren CPTer aids efforts for abducted Yazidi, more.

You can find more details and articles at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/newsline-for-aug-26-2014.html>

Disciples of Christ

From their website: (www.disciples.org)

2014 District Conference

Christ’s body built up in love

Peace Church of the Brethren, Portland OR, September 26-28 All are welcome! Debbie Roberts, will preach at Friday’s opening worship. Matt Guynn, will lead workshops ‘Dealing with Difficult Conversations’ and ‘Deliberatively Christian Conflict Transformation’ and Sarah Kinsel, will preach at Sunday morning’s worship.

[Ferguson, Missouri, Statement: “Out of a Mountain of Despair – Hope”](#) (8/20/2014) For the better part of a week, the streets of Ferguson, Missouri have echoed with hopelessness, despair, grief and anger in reaction to the shooting death of Michael Brown...

[“Music on the Labyrinth”](#) (8/19/2014) Four years ago, Senior Pastor Chuck Blaisdell of First Christian Church conceived the idea of having half a dozen Saturday evening outdoor concerts held on the church’s beautiful labyrinth (inspired by the one at Chartres Cathedral). In the four years since, those concerts have included a wonderful range of music from Saxophone Quartets to Men’s...

In Our Region

Turner Memorial Lecture Series Oct 6,7,8 - Past and Future Church: From the Ends of the Earth to our Doorstep Englewood Christian Church, Yakima WA. Featuring Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon and Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

More information at this link: <http://www.disciplesnw.org/whats happening/turnerlectures.html>

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

September Worship:

September 7:

Scripture– Matthew 18:15-20

Communion Prep.–

volunteer

Communion Prayer– volunteer

Flowers– LCC

Fellowship Moments: Margaret Godat Family
celebrating Margaret’s retirement



September 14:

Scripture– Matthew 18:21-35

Communion Prep.– volunteer

Communion Prayer– volunteer

Flowers– LCC

September 21:

Scripture– Matthew 20:1-16

Communion Prep.– volunteer

Communion Prayer– volunteer

Flowers– LCC

September 28:

Scripture– Matthew 21:23-32

Philippians 2:1-13

Communion Prep.– Volunteer

Communion Prayer– Volunteer

Flowers– LCC

Worship Service Online With: Living Stream Church (COB)

Service 5PM Sundays at:

<http://new.livestream.com/livestreamcob>

Special Worship:

2014 Day of Prayers for Peace @ LCC

Sunday, September 21, 10:30 AM

Expressing our longing for Peace,
in words, music and gesture.

With Gratitude:

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

Thank you to Dianna Ullery for preparing the
August “Sunday Lunch” and to everyone who
faithfully helped to clean-up.

Thank you to Jeanette Larson for helping with
Sunday mornings Church Round Table Discus-
sions.

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

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

Thank you to Lisa Lombardo for doing the News-
letter for September, and Jeanette Larson for her
assistance.

September Birthdays:

Elizabeth Ullery 2nd

Carol Mason 16th

Don Stern 16th

Howard Ullery 16th

Larry Larson 18th

Debra Rose 26th

Esther Roy 29th



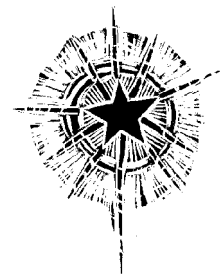
From Interfaith Works

Thank you and fond farewells to area clergy -
Reverend Joanne Coleman-Campbell has served
First United Methodist Church of Olympia since
2009. She and her husband, Reverend John, pastor
of Yelm United Methodist Church, will be co-
pastors of a United Methodist Church in Walla
Walla.

The Reverend John Rosenberg is retiring as
head pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good
Shepherd. He and his wife Nancy plan to stay in
the area. He is looking forward to a trip to Italy in
the fall.

The Reverend Arthur Vaeni, pastor of the
Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and
his wife Sally will be returning to New England,
where he will take a position as an interim pastor.

SEPTEMBER 2014



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

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Labor Day

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5:30a One Light
5p Ministry Team
630p Al-Anon

3

5:30a One Light
12p Prayers
7p Bible Study
7p Al-Anon

4

5:30a One Light

5

530a One Light
7p One Light

6

7

9a Faith Forum
10a Coffee
10:30a Worship
12p Fellowship
Consensus Training
1p One Light

8

1p Covenant Bible Study

9

5:30a One Light
5p Ministry Team
630p Al-Anon

10

5:30a One Light
12p Prayers
7p Bible Study
7p Al-Anon

11

5:30a One Light

12

5:30a One Light
6:30p One Light

13

14

9a Faith Forum
10a Coffee
1030a Worship
12p Pot-luck and consensus training
1p One Light

15

1:00p Consensus Training
2p Small Group

16

5:30a One Light
6:30p Al-Anon
7p Singing Joy

17

5:30a One Light
12p Prayers
7p Bible Study/
Consensus Training
7p Al-Anon

18

5:30a One Light

19

5:30a One Light
6:30p One Light

20

1p Freezer Meal Fellowship

21

9a Faith Forum
10a Coffee
10:30a Worship
1p One Light
5p Living Stream
Church On-line

22

1p Covenant Bible Study

23

5:30a One Light
630p Al-Anon

24

5:30a One Light
12p Prayers
1p Lunch PanaR
7p Bible Study
7p Al-Anon

25

5:30a One Light

26

5:30a One Light
6:30p One Light

27

28

9a Faith Forum
10a Coffee
10:30a Worship
12p Lunch
1p One Light
5p Living Stream
Church On-line

29

2p Small Group

30

5:30a One Light
6:30p Al-Anon

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530a One Light
12p Prayers
7p Bible Study
7p Al-Anon

2

5:30a One Light
5:30p Pre-school
Parents Class

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