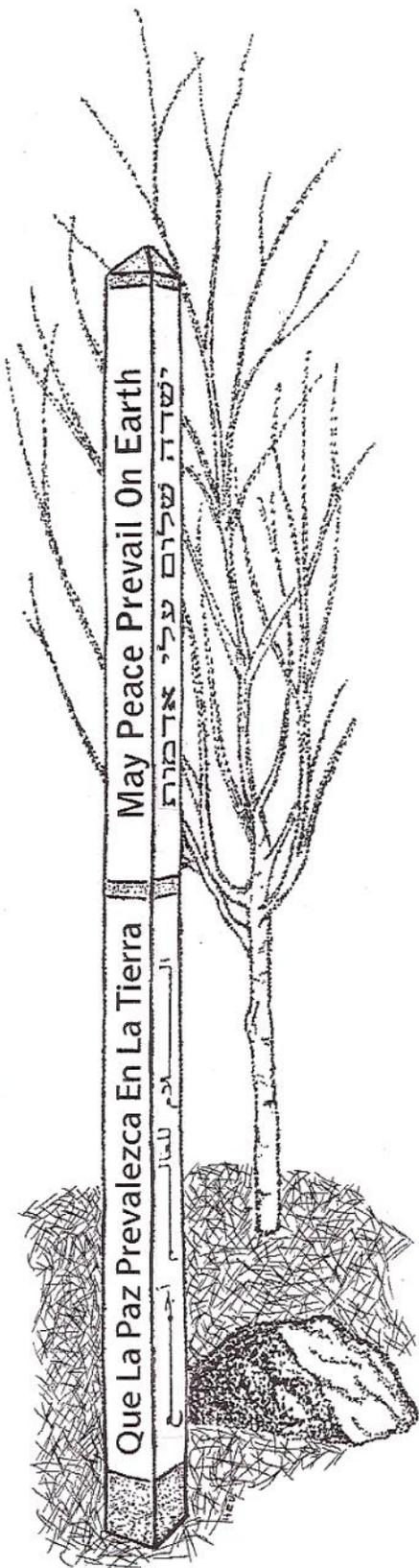

Lacey Community Church ~

Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly



An amusing segment in Garrison Keilor's radio program, *Prairie Home Companion*, begins, "On a dark night in the city that knows how to keep its secrets, there's one man still trying to find the answers to life's persistent questions, Guy Noir, private eye." What follows is usually a twisted and humorous story that touches on human longing.

Something there is in human nature that needs answers, that seeks the known and demands explanation. We may like to read a good mystery, but discomfort grows from stories that lack satisfying resolution.

Unfortunately, mysteries are not limited to fictional stories; "life's persistent questions" take on flesh and bone and eat at our souls. What happened? How did that happen? Why did that happen? What are we to do now? Such questions swirl in response to the disappearance of a Malaysian airliner and the aftermath of the nearly incomprehensible Oso mudslide. Shock and grief are compounded in the face of such mystery. For people closest to these events, agony becomes etched on the surface of their being; they ache for relief. People more distant are drawn in as well; we want to resolve the tension wound by mystery's hand. As days pass and uncertainty lingers, all of us may be inclined to wonder again what resolution might even look like. In many ways, this question is harder than the

first. How do we reconcile the variability and mystery of life?

That is a question that cannot be taken lightly; simple responses abound; satisfying ones prove quite elusive. Clearly, faith makes a difference, but faith in what?

We cannot take that question lightly either. For Christians, Easter is wrapped in mystery. What happened? How did it happen? Why did it happen? What does it mean? The questions apply to the Holy Week turmoil as well as the Resurrection Day dawn. Easy answers abound here as well, but harder ones remain. What we affirm is that life prevails, life in the compassionate, merciful, loving manner and presence of the Christ.

Resurrection is beyond explanation, but overflowing with promise. In a wondrous moment, mystery meets mystery and hope emerges. That is the story we embrace, that is the story and practice we share when uncertainty reigns and life's hard, persistent questions swirl. May it be so.

Peace, Howard

Holy Week at LCC:

April 13, Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM:

Worship focused on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the Passion Narrative.

April 16, Mid-week Prayers, 12:00PM:

Engaging Holy Week in corporate prayer.

April 17, Maundy Thursday Love Feast, 6:30PM:

Practice of traditional COB Love Feast with scripture, reflection, feet washing, fellowship meal, and communion.

April 18, Good Friday Meditation, 3:00PM:

Silence and reflection with crucifixion story.

April 20, Easter Day

Early Easter at Gwinwood, 7:30AM: Joint worship with Olympia FCC.

Easter Breakfast at LCC, 9:30AM

Easter Worship, 10:30AM

Traditional worship with resurrection story, special music, singing.

Early Easter Worship:

This year brings a fresh worship opportunity and experience for Easter morning. **LCC will join with folks from Olympia First Christian Church** for an Early Easter Worship at Gwinwood, our Disciples camp and conference center here in Lacey. Our intent is to weave Easter's sacred story with the beauty, stillness and wonder of this lovely setting. All are invited to join in **Early Easter Worship beginning at 7:30 AM at Gwinwood (6015 30th Avenue SE Lacey).**

New Boiler News:

(From Lacey Community Church)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Covenant Bible Study meeting every 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00 pm.

Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

Freezer Meals will be on the third Saturday, April 19, 2014.

(From Interfaith Works)



Crisis Clinic Volunteer Training Fri/Sat/

Sun, April 4, 5, 6, 6pm/9am/9am - 9pm/5pm/4pm Olympia, 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. More info at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140404>

World Chant Saturday, April 5, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College St. NE, Lacey, WA 98516 info: 360-438-2595, prioryprograms@gmail.com Website: <http://www.stplacid.org> **Admission/cost: \$60** Immerse yourself in the great river of chant! More info at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140405>

Marian Anderson & the Lincoln Memorial: 75th Anniversary of the Concert that Awakened America Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia 98502 Website: <http://ouuc.org> **Admission/cost: none** April 9, 2014 marks the 75th anniversary of a milestone in our nation's struggle for equal rights and racial justice. More info at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140409>

Evolutionary Spirituality Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia 98502 info: Church Office 360-786-6383 Website: <http://ouuc.org/pages/adultED.html> **Admission/cost: \$10 class fee** Few questions are more vital to our time than those within the dialog between science and religion. More info at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140410>

Playback Theatre Performance - "Stories of Boundaries and Consent" Friday, April 11, 2014, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Traditions Cafe - 300 - 5th Avenue SW, Olympia 98501 info: debek@olywa.net Website: <http://www.heartsparkle.org> **Admission/cost: \$5-10 Suggested donation (no one turned away)** Playback Theatre is a spontaneous collaboration between performers and audience. More info at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140411>

(From Interfaith Works) -cont.

Holy Week Organ Concerts Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, April 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
United Churches of Olympia, 110 - 11th Ave SE, Olympia, 98501 info: Dee Morton, Music Director
Website: <http://www.theunitedchurches.org> **Admission/cost: Free** The American Guild of Organists, Olympia Chapter, sponsors the Holy Week Organ Recital series. More info at: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Event.php?id=20140418>

The Interfaith Works Newsletter is now being sent

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR **40** ANNIVERSARY
Interfaith Works is hosting

Cornerstone
Conversations
a series to learn about and reflect on issues important to our community, and the world.

March 26	INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS
April 23	JUSTICE
May 28	FOOD & HUNGER
June 25	SHELTER

4th Wednesdays from 6pm - 8pm at
 Nova School
 2020 - 22nd Ave SE, Olympia

PROGRAM

- Short presentation
- Small group talks
- Large group reflection

Light refreshments available

Sponsors: Nova School, Community Sustaining Fund of Thurston County

 www.interfaith-works.org (360) 357-7224

in your email with this newsletter, and the web ad-

dress to the current newsletter and previous issues is: <http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/Newsletter.php>

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

Alternative Giving Community Focus: (Thurston County Food Bank)

In their own words, “ the mission of the Thurston County Food Bank to eliminate hunger within our community.”

Working with numerous community volunteers, the Thurston County Food Bank serves people in the urban core of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, their surrounding growth areas and underserved parts of Thurston County. In addition to its central location in Olympia, the Food Bank operates fifteen satellite Food Banks along with mobile food banks at nine low income neighborhoods, primarily mobile home parks and apartment complexes. With an emphasis on helping homeless children, the Food Bank distributes weekend food bags at thirty one elementary schools and one Head Start Program. Beyond these basics, the Food Bank supports three school gardens to promote childhood nutrition, and, at its main location, uses a client choice model which allows families to choose the food they want instead of receiving a pre-made bag.

The Thurston County Food Bank is a vital link in building a healthy community.

Denominational News

Church of the Brethren NEWS

From their website: (www.brethren.org)

Devotional blog - This devotional blog has a daily posting with a title, scripture, a Prayer for the day, and questions for reflection. There is also a link to leave a reply if you so desire. Follow the blog through the remainder of Lent as we approach Easter. The blog is here: <http://blog.brethren.org/category/devotional/>

Denomination receives insurance dividend, Brethren Mutual Aid named a top agency by Brotherhood Mutual - The Church of the Brethren denomination has received a large insurance dividend of \$174,984 from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, through its Partnership Group Program. To Read the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/denomination-receives-insurance-dividend.html>

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

OUR DISTRICT RESPONDS

Children's Disaster Services teams respond to WA mudslide - Children's Disaster Services (CDS) is deploying two teams of four volunteers today in response to the catastrophic mudslide in Snohomish County, Washington. The CDS teams will serve in a Family Care Center in Arlington and another location Darrington. Attention will be focused on children who have family members that lost their lives or remain missing. Read entire article here: <http://www.brethren.org/bdm/updates/childrens-disaster-services.html>

Several congregations have also inquired about getting funds directly to the disaster site through our district. The district team is working quickly to come up with the best way to channel and direct monies where they are needed most at this time. It is certain there will be an ongoing need of monetary support for a variety of needs throughout the recovery and clean-up process.

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

Disciples of Christ NEWS

From their website: (www.disciples.org)

Empowering Women in Haiti - [Following] the Half the Sky Movement on Facebook, they post stories about women and girls from around the world. Sometimes these stories are heartbreaking, sometimes these stories are heartwarming, and sometimes they are both. Read the complete article at: <http://globalministries.org/news/lac/empowering-women-in-haiti.html>

Seeking Peace through Striving for Justice in Asia's Communities - Last year my four-year term in Hong Kong concluded, and I spent the last six months of the year in the United States on home assignment, speaking in local churches as well as seminaries and universities about Interfaith Cooperation Forum (ICF), our regional interfaith network of young people who work on a variety of issues in Asia, from alleviating poverty to addressing gender discrimination to seeking to resolve violent conflicts. Read the entire article here: <http://globalministries.org/eap/missionaries/seeking-peace-through.html>

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

COMING UP IN OUR REGION

DOC Regional Assembly:

May 16-18, 2014

Kennewick, WA

Details and Registration now available

View Disciples Regional Newsletter, "The Northwest Passage" @ this link <http://www.disciplesnw.org/whats happening/newsletter.html>

Region: <http://www.disciplesnw.org/>



From Christian Church (Disciples) Northwest Regional Minister, Sandy Messick in response to the Oso, WA mudslide. (March 26, 2014)

Dear Northwest Family,

Devastating news continues to pour in after the mudslide near Oso, Washington last Saturday. As of the news reports this morning (Wednesday, March 26), the official death toll is at 24 and expected to rise. There are still 176 people missing or unaccounted for. Recovery operations continue to be difficult because of the shifting mud and unstable surfaces and more rain is expected.

We have received word of one of our Disciples families impacted by this tragedy. Dick Talley, Interim Minister at Lake City Christian in Seattle, has reported that Verginia Aylesworth's son, Robert and his wife, Bobbie were caught in the slide. Dick writes,

"They were buried in 10-20 ft. of mud for 2-4 hours. They were protected by some brush and trapped in the attic roof of their home. Their son-in-law who lives in the area west of the slide, ran to their home and found them and dug them out. Both had cuts and bruises and were taken to area hospitals. Bob has a broken ankle and was released from the hospital. Bobbie was released on Tuesday. Bobbie's father is at Harborview, Bobbie's mom is among the missing. Bob and Bobbie are in Stanwood with their son. Please keep the family in your prayers. Verginia is active in the Lake City Church and Bob grew up in this congregation."

Week of Compassion has already been in touch and has given a \$1000 grant to Bob and Bobbie for emergency needs. WOC is working with Church World Service to assess and assist with other needs. Donations can be made to Week of Compassion at weekofcompassion.org. At this point, those in the know are reporting that they have plenty of volunteers and donations of material goods. We will stay in contact with Week of Compassion and Disciples Volunteering and let you know when opportunities to assist in specific ways arise.

If you know of other Disciples' connected families affected by the mudslide, please let Sandy or Amber know at the Regional Office. smessick@disciplesnw.org or asaladino@disciplesnw.org

Please join me in prayer for all of those affected by this devastation:

God of Creation, of all Heaven and Earth,

Hear our prayers this day for our brothers and sisters affected by the devastating mudslide in Snohomish County, Washington. We pray for those who have lost loved ones and those who are waiting for word about loved ones who are missing. We pray for those who are injured and those whose homes were destroyed. We pray for first responders and for those who are giving of themselves in search and rescue efforts, providing meals for the responders, and keeping families up to date with news. We give thanks that in the midst of tragedy you send men and women with special gifts and skills who can meet the real "on the ground" needs, and we give thanks for prayer partners who are surrounding the victims and families with prayer. Enfold your gracious arms around this part of your creation. Comfort those who are grieving and sustain the bodies and spirits of those who are searching for victims and survivors. In the midst of tragedy, remind us of your promise that nothing in all of creation can separate us from your love.

With gratitude for your Spirit that connects us together and breathes life into our world, we pray this day...

With Christ's love,
Sandy

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