

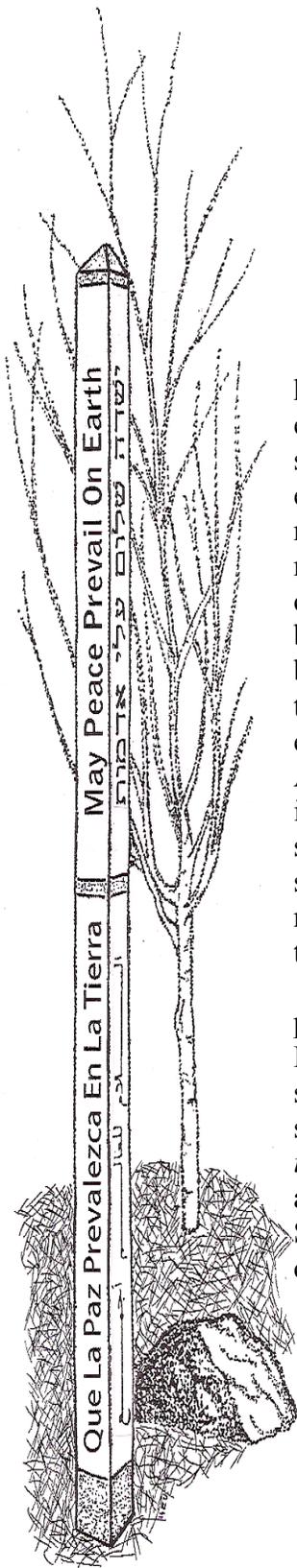
Lacey Community Church

NEWSLETTER

October 2014

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Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly



The rhythmic change of the calendar has come and gone. The orbit of the earth around the sun has allowed the sun's most direct rays to pass over the equator on a south-bound trek. The equinox has passed, autumn has arrived; that means daylight wanes, the air cools, deciduous leaves close shop and fall, skies become predominately grey, rain again becomes the norm. It's an annual routine that sparks a wide range of responses, some literal, some more figurative. Activities tend to shift from outdoors to indoors, from patio to parlor. A similar shift tends to flow in heart-space as well; something in the air invites more interior reflection and pursuit. Poetry, by its nature, sheds light on such matters.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes is a pastor and poet who effectively weaves together Biblical story, church year and the seasons of life. He writes regularly and shares his work on the web-site: *Unfolding Light*. A recent poem has drawn my attention; I shared it in worship this past Sunday and share it again here. It is called simply, *Autumn*.

Green things change,
become the color of surprise,

the color of gratitude,
the color of morning.

Bees still buzz quietly
but it is the color of letting go.

The color of something inside you.
An eye opens, and closes.

A reckoning, even as leaves fall:

not subtracting, but adding up.

Seed pods lift their empty hands
and blacken, become still.

Trees tunnel down into themselves.
Garden plants become song.

They are not dying, not giving up.
They are getting ready for something
new. —Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Melancholy rises easily in autumn; interior spaces beckon; life takes on subtle tones. Vibrancy withdraws from field and forest, garden and orchard. The cycles of life so visible all around elicit reflection on the cycles of our living. Reflecting comes differently for those whose years are many, but all ponder, to some extent, the days of our lives. The Psalmist at one point suggests that, "the days of our life are seventy years, perhaps eighty, if we are strong..." Obviously, life spans have changed dramatically from the psalmist's days, but the reality remains, we do not live forever. Even so, we live. What the poet says about the leaves then, applies to our living as well, "We are not dying...we are getting ready for something new." This Spirit we call God is always doing something new; with each of us. Every moment we live is a bridge between what has been and what will be. God is doing a new thing and we are in the middle of it.

Our task is to live in the moment bringing all that we have to the life we are given. May that be true whatever the season, wherever we are in life.

Peace, Howard

District Conference Notes:

Scripture from Ephesians 4:15-16 and the theme, *Christ's body built up in love*, grounded the 2014 Church of the Brethren Pacific Northwest District Conference in Portland. Meaningful worship services with preaching by Debbie Roberts and Sarah Kinsel, a meditation by Carol Mason, and special workshops lead by Matt Guynn provided sustenance for heart and mind. Reports detailing the sale of the Outlook property, the installation of a pastor, the calling of pastors for two congregations, the licensing of two pastoral candidates, the planning for a District gathering for spiritual growth, and the sending of a team for disaster response work highlight some of the ministry of the District these days. Sharing stories of congregational life and connecting with folks from across the District carried the theme of building the body in love. Thanks to the people of the Peace Church of the Brethren for their generous and warm hospitality.

Love Feast:

LCC will celebrate a traditional Church of the Brethren Love Feast on Sunday evening, October 5 at 6:00 PM. This meaningful expression of service, community and faith will be held in the space of the East Entrance. All are invited to share in this deep, spiritual practice.

October Worship Walk:

4:00 PM Sunday
afternoon,
October 19
Nisqually Wildlife
Refuge



Wednesday Bible Study:

The Wednesday evening Bible Study resumes in October on Wednesday the 1st at 7:00 PM. The focus this fall will be on the writings attributed to Paul in a general overview of the context of and some understandings that emerge from the writings. These writings have greatly influenced Christian concepts and practices through the ages and hold the opportunity for meaningful conversation and exploration. All who are present will teach and learn together.

Alternative Giving Community Focus: Pizza Klatch

Pizza – A favorite food among high school students. Italian in origin, made of thin bread dough spread with a spiced mixture of tomato sauce and cheese with various toppings as desired.

Klatch – Is a Yiddish word for: An informal social gathering, especially for the purpose of conversation.

Pizza Klatch... offers weekly lunchtime support groups for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning Youth (LGBTQQ) and their allies in Thurston County, Washington. Through 16 groups serving 9 high schools, Pizza Klatch provides free pizza and two trained facilitators to create a convenient and safe forum for discussion and education for each group. The goals of the groups are to:

- Diminish bullying in the schools
- Help students to feel strong enough to intervene when they witness bullying
- Decrease suicide and suicidal attempts of LGBTQ students
- Lend support so LGBTQ students feel less isolated in the school setting
- Educate group members on various subjects and resources related to gender identity and sexuality

Ministry Team Corner

This Sunday, October 5th, we are having a congregational meeting. We will present where we are with our budget, as was requested of the congregation during our June meeting.

At our last meeting, Oct 2, the ministry team discussed short-term goal setting for our congregation. The ministry team's perception is that people who are home or nursing-home bound are not being visited enough. We will ask for consensus if this is the congregational reality or not. It would be helpful to generate a list of people who are in this situation and ascertain how often they receive visits from people in our congregation.

If we reach consensus that this goal is already fulfilled then we might look at us setting personal and congregational short-term goals and choosing focus groups for longer term goals.

We look forward to an energizing meeting.

Denominational News from...

Church of the Brethren

From their website: (www.brethren.org)

EYN leaders visit refugee camps, pilot relocation project starts—Over the past couple of weeks, leaders and staff of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) have shared about the hardships faced by Brethren and others fleeing the violence in northeast Nigeria, and the struggle of EYN and its leadership in the midst of the crisis. Read this article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/eyn-leaders-visit-refugee-pilot-project-starts.html>

Disaster grant of \$100,000 is directed to Nigeria—Brethren Disaster Ministries is directing a grant of \$100,000 to provide for the basic needs of displaced Nigerians and other needs in Nigeria, where members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) as well as families of EYN denominational staff are among the thousands of people who have fled violence. Read this article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/disaster-grant-of-100000-to-nigeria.html>

Newsline Special: 'EYN is severely damaged' Nigerian Brethren leader reports—Global Mission and Service and Brethren Disaster Ministries this week have received new reports from Samuel Dali, president of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). EYN closes 26 of 50 district councils, reports 3,038 members killed. Dali shared a report he gave to the Christian Association of Nigeria yesterday, Sept. 29, enumerating losses experienced by EYN and warning of the possibility of “genocide” of Christians in northern Nigeria. Read this article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2014/newsline-special-eyn-is.html>

In Our District

PNWD Ethics Training

- Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church
Oct 13, 10am - 4pm (Monday)
- Olympic View Community Church
Oct 15, 9am - 3pm (Wednesday)
- Portland Peace Church
Oct 16, 9am - 3pm (Thursday)

Women's Retreat-Camp Myrtlewood Oct 17-19

See details on the calendar at: <http://www.cobpacificnorthwest.org/pnwd-calendar/>

Christian Church (Disciples)

From their website: (www.disciples.org)

On children at the border— Note: Dr. Watkins shared the following during a Sept. 3, 2014, press conference in support of a letter sent to President Barack Obama by faith leaders. The letter urges the President to protect unaccompanied children and families in any executive action on immigration. Go here to <http://www.cwsglobal.org/resources/pdfs/faith-uac-letter.pdf> A retired pastor, whose son works border patrol in Texas, describes children crossing across the border into the United States, running right into his son's arms for safety. In America, do we turn these babies back without due process? Do we dump them into cramped detention centers when they have relatives and communities ready to receive them? Do we place them on rocket docket so that their attorneys cannot get to court before a hasty decision? No. Read Rev. Dr. Watkin's blog at: http://disciples.org/sharon_blog/children-border/

#ReconciliationGeneration: School Yards

not Prison Yards— In her famous poem from 1976 "Children Learn What They Live", Dorothy Law Nolte lays out a prescription for teaching children self-worth and compassion. In the poem, she carefully contrasts the impacts of criticism versus praise and encouragement. "If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn. . . If children live with acceptance, they learn to love." When this poem was released, it could be found on refrigerator doors, nursery room walls and classroom bulletin boards throughout this nation.

In Our Region

Turner Memorial Lecture Series 2014, 6-8 October. See details at: <http://www.disciplesnw.org/event/turner-memorial-lecture-series-2014>

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 Esther Roy
Paul Johnson Aline Smith
Donna Kahoun Preston Thomas
Opal Reed Helen Weyandt



October Worship:

October 5: Worldwide Communion

Scripture– Matthew 21:33-46
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC
Fellowship Moments:

October 12:

Scripture– Proverbs 8: 1-5, 22-31
 & Wisdom 7: 23-30 (Apocrypha)
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

October 19:

Scripture– Psalm 96:1-9 & Matthew 22:15-22
Communion Prep.– volunteer
Communion Prayer– volunteer
Flowers– LCC

October 26:

Scripture– Psalm 1 & Matthew 22:34-46
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>

With Gratitude:

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

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

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 Don Stern for preparing the Sunday “Coffee Cart.”

Thank you to Dianna Ullery for serving as LCC delegate to the COB District Conference.

Thank you to Lisa Lombardo for providing musical accompaniment September 21.

Thank you to Louise Evans for coordinating the reception following the memorial service for Dorothy Gregory.



October Birthdays:

13 (1916) Opal Reed
16 Steve Roth
18 Nick Chavez
19 Gerlinde Murray

Happy Anniversary to Howard and Dianna Ullery
- October 18th.

OCTOBER 2014



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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