

April 2018

United Church in University Place Newsletter

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

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*April 22nd
4th Sunday Forum*

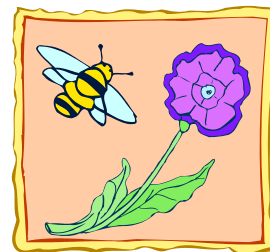
The Peace and Justice Committee is pleased to announce that the Rev. Courtney Stange-Tregear, the Minister for Church Vitalization of the Pacific Northwest Conference, UCC, will be our presenter at the Fourth Sunday Forum.

Courtney will update us on the New Poor People's Campaign and how we can become more involved. She will discuss an initiative to "Find a Better Bank," a project to avoid investing in banks that fund the expansion of oil pipelines.

We invite the congregation to attend to learn more about these important economic and environmental justice issues.

Submitted by

Cathi Cline
Peace & Justice Committee



Saturday, May 5, 2018

6:00 - 7:30 am: Day of Registration
& Check-In (bib & shirt pick-up)

8:00 am: Run Begins

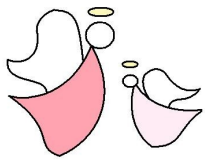
9:00 am: Walk Begin



Does a stroll through the park sound like a great way to spend your Saturday morning? At the 38th Annual Hunger Walk & 5K Run, you can enjoy a morning of beautiful lake views and help your neighbors in need at the same time!

The Emergency Food Network is hosting the Hunger this event at Fort Steilacoom Park at 8717 87th Ave SW in Lakewood. Participants will walk around Waughop Lake or run in a chip-timed 5K. Family-friendly activities and live music are also provided at the start/finish line.

Contact Judy from the Peace & Justice group for Team Registration and fundraising.



From Pastor Cathy

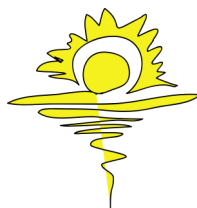
Easter Sunday in the Year of our Lord in Two Thousand and Eighteen landed on an auspicious April Fool's Day preceded by the Paschal Moon the night before- the first full moon after the spring equinox that tells us when to celebrate Easter. It also happened to be the second Blue Moon of 2018. It is rare to celebrate Easter on April Fool's Day. (1923, 1934, 1945 and 1956. Next time is 2029.) It is even more auspicious to have the Paschal Moon be the second Blue moon in the same year. Usually a Blue Moon happens roughly every other year. But this year we had a Blue moon in January, and then the full moon by-passed February altogether giving us another Blue Moon in March. It's almost like the universe lined up for these auspicious events to come together in this way. And it's no April Fool's joke.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, a band of 30 folks gathered on a dark, cold, windy, but not yet rainy (thank God!) Easter morning to greet the risen Christ! While the sun did not make a visible appearance in the east, our hearts were warmed with the camaraderie of gathering together by the fire and singing songs of the faith.. I borrowed an OpEd by Nathan Betts from the Seattle Times to talk about a life of faith. He wrote about a Coffee shop that has a quote on the shop's outside wall. *"Live Like The Mountain Is Out."* We understand the power of these words because we know the difference it makes whether the "Mountain" is "out" or not. Especially if you have visitors in town. Sunny skies offer clearer visibility — the different shades of green, the snow-capped hills, and the foothills more vibrant from the sun's rays offering a sense of awe. In the PNW, we have been gifted with an abundance of vertical landscape. No shortage of peaks. During the winter months, the mountain is often hiding. When friends visit us when it's cloudy, I point out where Mount Rainier is, but they could easily think I'm making it up. Those days feel dark and heavy. That is what makes the coffee shop's statement so inspiring. Living like the mountain is out is a challenge because it captures the way we all want to live: with a sense of hope and inspiration throughout the day, even on the dark days. In a sense, I get the same feeling as I reflect on Easter. The mountain may or may not be out, but the trees are starting to bud, neighbors are out tending to their lawns and gardens, and fresh flowers are being planted. Easter time provides an earthy picture of new life. I've recently begun to wonder if living like the mountain is out shares similar meaning to the story of Easter. Live as if there were a God, alive, who brings hope, forgiveness and peace.

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Easter Sunrise Service

April 1, 2018





From Pastor Cathy

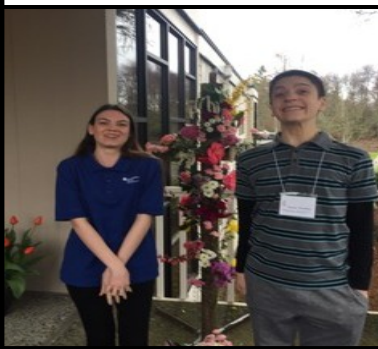
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Later on Easter morning, over 100 faithful souls joined us in raising our voices in praise. I feel so blessed to have journeyed through Lent, Holy Week, and a glorious Easter with you all, and I am so grateful for the many ways people of UCUP show up to provide a meaningful and rich worship and fellowship experience, making the experience of the Risen Christ among us more palpable. For fire builders & furniture movers, sanctuary decorators & Parament hangers, blossom bringers & choir singers, coffee makers & bread bakers, bulletin folders & name tag holders, scripture readers & people feeders, flower planters & parking lot blowers - I give thanks to God.

One last word about April Fools from Rev. Marcia McFee: *One theory of the origin of April Fools Day came from the 15th century when the calendar changed and the new year began on January 1 instead of April 1. Some people didn't catch on at first, and therefore they were called "April Fools."* On this Easter allow yourself to be fooled. Open to the possibility that your new year has already started. There is something already at work in you that is changing you for the better.

Happy Easter! Christ Is Risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!!
Pastor Cathy





From The President



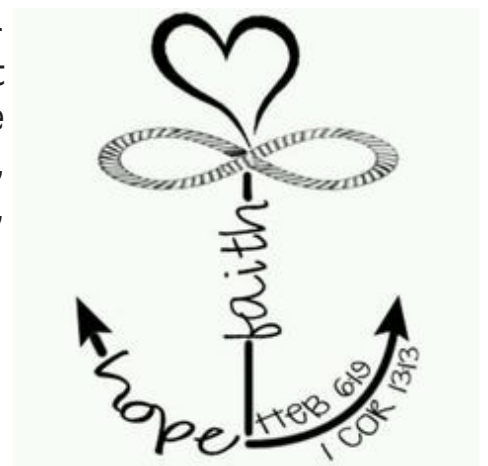
As I am writing this, we are in the midst of Lent, and considering the time leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Those times were one of great change in the lives of the disciples and followers of Christ, and of Jesus reminding us that the change will be hard, but that there is hope to be found where we often don't expect it. Pastor Cathy preached recently on trusting in the midst of the storm, and the power of letting go of anxiety as a form of prayer. I absolutely agree, despite the fact that this is not an EASY form of prayer.

In many ways, our church finds itself in the midst of storms. As I mentioned last month, we are facing the challenge of needing to transition from our current, failing septic system to hooking up to the municipal sewer line. Our amazing Sunday School teacher, Jem Ballou, has left us for an excellent opportunity in Spokane, leaving us again to search for someone skilled in and called to this work. Our beloved Kathleen Kenna has moved to San Francisco to following her calling there, but leaving us down a co-leader for the Family Housing Network ministry of our church. And we are gearing up for April, when we will begin our new experiment with the Worship & Fellowship Hour groups (at least until we agree on a catchier name), rotating important tasks supporting our worship and fellowship gathering time to share the joys and burdens of this type of service. While we have faced times of greater challenge, these many changes can trigger plenty of worry.

And yet, they all provide wonderful opportunities and causes for hope. Connecting to the sewer will provide more stability and better ecological stewardship for our facilities. The openings for a Sunday School Teacher and Family Housing Network co-leader allow us to welcome new talent, perspective, and gifts into these important areas of work in our church. And the Worship & Fellowship Hour Groups offer the chance both to share the responsibilities, and sense of ownership, for our shared worship experience, as well as to foster and cement new relationships between us. We are faced with a choice; the same choice we always face with change. Do we fear the worst, or chose to trust in hope. In this Easter season, Hope seems to me to be the way we are called to go.

If you find yourself called to help with any of these challenges, or new ones we will face in the future, please don't hesitate to let me, Pastor Cathy, or another member of the Board know. Thank you for the time, talent, support, skills, and hope that you bring to UCUP, that you so freely share, and that we all rely on to continue to grow.

In Peace and Hope,
Chris Berry
Board President





Joys & Concerns

We were blessed, at United Church, in UP to have Kathleen Kenna and Hadi Dadashian with us for a few years.....and very surprised to learn on Sunday, March 11th, that they moved to San Francisco. We wish them the best and they promised that we will hear from them.

Congratulations to Meredith and Anwen Young. Both girls had projects entered into the regional science fair.



Many thanks to those that made soup for the Wednesday night Lenten Soup/Studies... and to those that led us as we studied 'Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus'. Those attending not only enjoyed the study, the soup and fellowship, but also had the joy of Leon and Janet Leonard joining us on the final Wednesday.

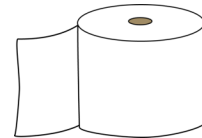
Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers: Donna Shoe (but she did make it to church on the 18th).....Billie Jo Morgan...Betty Smith.....Yvonne Begeman.....Randi Byrd.....Michelle Wallace...Doris Larsen...Michael Marcoe...Joan Martin...and Jenny Hartley recovering from a fall.

Our condolences and heartfelt prayers go out to Rev. Joanne Brown in the death of her spouse Christie Lagergren Brown after a year long battle with a rare brain tumor. Her memorial service will be held April 8 at 3pm at Tibbetts United Methodist Church, 3940 41st Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116. Anyone wishing to send a card can send it to this same address.

Prayers of safety for the UCC Delegates traveling to the annual conference on 04/27, Pastor Cathy, Cathi Cline, Marilyn Thompson, Robert Brown & Neil Rader and also for our UCC Alternate Delegate Norma Rader.



**April's item of the month for
MY SISTER'S PANTRY IS:
Toilet Paper**



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While dropping off UCUP collected items at **Family Housing Network** Monday March 19th, one of the now housed clients shared:

"Oh, I remember staying at your church! The furnace went out and they brought in heaters. That was when I had two small babies. Everyone was so nice."



Kevin and team received the toiletries, bedding, kitchen items, ironing board (theirs had just broken!) with great enthusiasm. You can drop items directly at their Office located at 5050 South Tacoma Way.

Judy Thierry

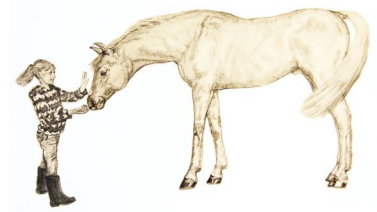
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- 12 Danielle Dimmerman
- 13 Emma Berry – 4yrs
Kyle Gillard
- 14 Mollie Chaffee
Terry Gibson
Don Thompson
- 17 Yvonne Begeman
- 23 Ardie Herbel

Celebrating the Curran Apple Orchard's 25th Anniversary "Forever Friends"

In celebration of the Curran Apple Orchard's 25th anniversary as a community park, UP for Arts is spearheading a campaign to bring "Forever Friends", a life-size bronze sculpture of a young girl offering an apple to a very special horse named Brewster.



Artist John Jewell is creating the sculpture which will be located in the Curran Orchard, just off Grandview Drive.

This exquisite sculpture honors the legacy of the orchard as a community gathering place. Since its creation in the early 1950s, the orchard has brought people together and continues to do so today through activities and events such as the Adopt A Tree program, pruning parties, summer concerts, Cider Squeeze, school tours, church services and the Teddy Bear Picnic as well as being a wonderful place to escape from the stress of daily life and enjoy nature.

UP for Art also chose the idea of a horse to honor our community's agricultural and rural past...not to mention a wonderful story involving Brewster who was the great grandson of Man o War, arguably the greatest racehorse that ever lived!

For more information, please visit www.upforarts.org. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated! UP for Art is a nonprofit, 501c3.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like a speaker to discuss this topic further.

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Happy Birthday Win!
Officially Feb. 29 (she's a Leap Year baby).
The picture was taken during fellowship time.
P.S. Win turned 94! On her way to 100!

Reflection on the March for our Lives & Palm Sunday

The season of Lent has been bookended by a National tragedy with a violent school shooting in Parkland on Ash Wednesday, where 17 lives were senselessly lost from gun violence, and the innocence of children was shattered once again. Out of the horrific tragedy at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, young people have found their voices, their calling, their purpose



So what does a nonviolent protest “*March For Our Lives*” have to do with Palm Sunday? Palm Sunday shows a model for challenging the power structures that perpetuate injustice. Palm Sunday was a protest march; a non-violent act of resistance much like The March for Our Lives.

I am reminded of the prophetic verse from Isaiah 11:6: *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat; and a little child shall lead them. What if today's lion was the NRA that found a way to disarm themselves to dwell with the lamb, allowing the children to lead them?* The “*March for Our Lives*” protesting gun violence was inspired and led by students across the country who will no longer risk their lives waiting for someone else to take action to stop the epidemic of senseless shootings. Violence has always been with us, even before the invention of guns, but it is one that is exponentially exacerbated by assault rifles.

During the March for our Lives, the Body of Christ paraded down streets in cities across the US. In place of palms were posters to end gun violence. 16 folks (Christine Crossley, Ardie Herbel, Rosemary Jones, Angie Wolle & Pastor Cathy, the Laurie-Berry's, the Bodie-Palamidy's, the Rudolph's, the Thierry's) from UCUP participated in Olympia's & Tacoma's “*March for Our Lives*”. I am humbled by so many who are claiming their voices and marching. People who are turning their anger into a call to action; turning a violent moment into a movement that can last.

I watched as four of our own kids under the age of 10 raised their posters and their voices - **Enough is Enough. Never again.** I watched Wesley & Emma, Jimmy & Jeremiah delight in seeing faces they recognized from UCUP, their church in action,



running between the crowd to catch up to the next person they recognized. The kids trusted they were safe knowing their church, the Body of Christ surrounded them.



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I was amazed at one point as Jimmy got my attention, "Pastor Cathy, look who's here?" I kept looking and could not see. I could not see who he was talking about. He took my hand and practically drug me out of the march half way down the block, where Ardie Herbel was heading back to her car. 10 year old Jimmy recognized Ardie. And the little children shall lead them.

Pastor Cathy



Table Talks Invitation:

Finding a Way Forward Together in the UMC

The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed at the 2016 General Conference by the Council of Bishops "to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church."

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky of the PNWUMC is inviting United Methodists to participate in Table Talk conversations on human sexuality, the upcoming report of the Commission on a Way Forward and special called session of the General Conference in February 2019.

Leaders were trained to convene these conversations "to further our life together around matters of human sexuality and church unity." Nancy Tam Davis, PNW Conference Lay Leader, provided facilitation and insight. The Table Talk design allows for a safe place for conversations about topics that may be difficult or divisive. Before entering discussion, participants will be invited to commit to a simple covenant. In short, the covenant asks them to: (1) Stay Curious, (2) Be Kind, and to (3) Listen with the same amount of passion with which they want to be heard.

There isn't a specific outcome expected from the conversations, but rather that there be a forum and process for respectful dialog.

Consider attending on Saturday, April 12 at Olympia First UMC - 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. or Saturday, June 2 at Mason UMC in Tacoma (Pastor Cathy will be one of the facilitators).

March 25th—4th Sunday Forum on Refugees

A Special Thank you to Sam Altis and UCUP members who attended our March Forum on Refugee Resettlement in western Washington and to Don Morgan and Don Thompson for AV support.

27 years is the average time spent in camps generally managed by the UN High Commission on Refugees.

The 90 day “honeymoon” spans the early cultural orientation and integration phase and is followed by the so called “longer welcome” which has it highs and lows.



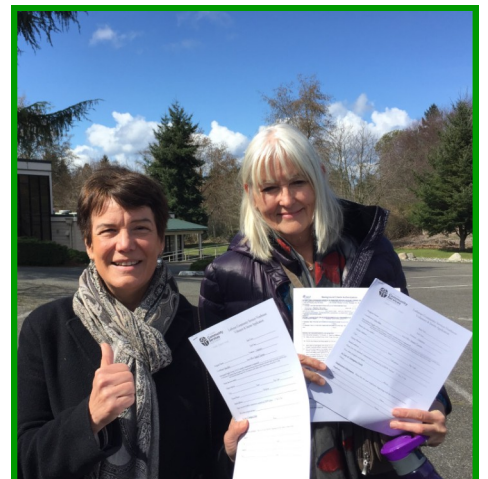
Sam with UCUP members Hank, Kay and Elizabeth

**Elizabeth and Judy with volunteer applications. Interested?
See Judy Jthierry84@gmdil.com**

Handouts and slides will be provided separately. Welcome kits, group and individual service opportunities abound.





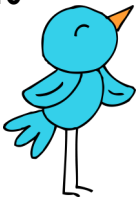



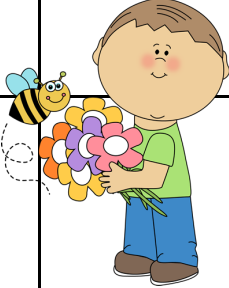

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Judy Thierry



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Every Sunday — 10am Worship Service
10:15am Elementary Sunday School

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6:30am Easter Sunrise Srv 10am Worship	2	3 10am Cong. Care Mtg. 1pm Alzheimer Support Grp	4 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Grp.	5 7:30-9pm Choir Practice	6	7 
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15 IRS Deadline	16 	17 6:30-8 Mens Group in the Youth Wing	18 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Grp.	19 7:30-9pm Choir Practice	20 6:30pm Play, Boogie & Jam Night	21 
22 Earth Day Worship & 4th Sunday Forum with Rev. Courtney Stange- Treagear	23 	24 6:30pm SPR Mtg.	25 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Grp.	26 7:30-9pm Choir Practice	27 UCC Annual Mtg	28 UCC Annual Mtg
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Weekly

Sundays

10am Worship Service
With Rev. Cathlynn Law

10:15am Elementary Sunday
School (4yrs to 11yrs)
10:15am Youth Sunday School
(12yrs & Up)

Wednesdays

Noon-2pm Brown Baggers
Luncheon & Bible Study Group

Thursdays

7:30pm-9pm Choir Practice
(Sept—May)

***We are United with God,
United to Love,
and United to Serve Others***

Monthly

1st Sunday of the month
Communion during worship

1st Monday of the month
10am-3pm Needler's Craft Group

1st Tuesday of the month
1pm Alzheimer's Support Group

3rd Tuesday of the month
6:30-8pm Men's Group:
Concerns in Our Hearts & Souls

3rd Friday of the month
6:30pm P,B & Jam Night
Bring your instruments!

4th Sunday of the month
11:45am 4th Sunday Forum