Pastor’s Perspective

This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ.

Philippians 1:9 CEB

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I commend to you excerpts from the update report released from the leadership of the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. The name given to the document was “As We Make Our Way Back Home.”

The Mission Cabinet of the Western Jurisdiction, composed of the bishops, directors of connectional ministries, and leadership team chairperson, receives and wholeheartedly embraces the statement of the Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team, recognizing in it the shared values of the West, and the longing for the home God calls us to share with all.

Over the past week, Western Jurisdiction leaders gathered for a series of meetings at First United Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon. As we spent time listening to one another, new energy and ideas emerged. The deep sadness that many have carried since St. Louis was lightened some by the knowledge that we were once again at home, surrounded by siblings in Christ committed to holding each other accountable in love to the holy work of opening hearts, minds, and doors.

Throughout our meetings last week we sought to identify strategic priorities—emerging responses to this moment in the life of the Church. As work continues on these priorities, we trust those efforts will provide us the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances, while holding fast to our shared vision.

Toward the end of a day-long meeting of the Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team on March 14th, 2019, members of that team and other gathered leaders, unanimously affirmed the following statement.

Trusting in the Author of Life who understands the blessings of diversity we fail to comprehend,

Inspired by the nonconforming Christ who teaches us to defy oppression in all its forms, and,

Guided by the Holy Spirit who continually leads us by grace into abundant life,

We, laity and clergy, of the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church, as one body, deeply saddened and greatly harmed by the rending actions of the 2019 General Conference,

Reaffirm our commitment to a radically hospitable church in two converging ways.

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I. As United Methodists, we must resist injustice and insist that the Church repent of the exclusionary principles of the Traditional Plan. We remain committed to the connectional ministry of The United Methodist Church and to working for an open and inclusive Church for all God’s people. We understand that the unity God intends for us binds us not by uniformity, but by love, for God is love. Ever obedient to Christ’s commandment to such radical love and extravagant hospitality, we cannot comply with the actions of the 2019 General Conference.

Instead, we will celebrate the fullness of God’s creation in all its differences. In this moment we especially celebrate the lay and clergy leadership of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual children of God. And we will maintain the rights for our clergy and local churches to serve all people, which includes honoring the covenant of marriage for couples of all identities and orientations.

II. Grounded in our Wesleyan heritage, we will foster a new movement to gather the energy of inclusive United Methodists throughout our global connection.

God calls us to recognize that a “new thing” is being born—a new expression of what it means for the Church to be truly inclusive. As we continue to search for ways to serve with integrity within The United Methodist Church, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness to the emerging movement, seeking to join others in realizing the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons today.

As we begin to develop this new thing, we divert from institutional patterns that perpetuate racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, and other structural sins. We remember that injustice anywhere threatens justice everywhere, and seek to deepen our understanding of the intersections of suffering and hope. We strive to center voices from the margins in this new thing that God is doing. We will carefully follow more leaders who are people of color, young people, and our LGBTQIA+ siblings as we pursue God’s “way in the wilderness” (Isaiah 43:19). Blessings,
Reverend Ruth

PRAYING TOGETHER

We are One in Christ
WESTERN JURISDICTION
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference session June 12-15

The 51st Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Session will be June 12-15, 2019 in Eugene, Oregon. Most events will be at The Hotel Eugene, with some worship services at Eugene First United Methodist Church in downtown Eugene.

For more information about the 2019 conference session go to this link: https://www.umoi.org/eventdetail/11649877

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday: “The Hour has Come” Beginning at 7pm we will remember how Jesus prepared the disciples for his death with final instructions and a last commandment.

Good Friday: “A Time Set Aside” Drop in Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary from noon to 3pm; the traditional time Jesus hung on the cross.

Easter Sunday:  
6:15 am - Sunrise Service: Celebrate the rising of the Son with the rising of the sun! Gather at Snake River Landing Pier (901 Pier View Dr.). Be sure to wear warm clothing, and pajamas may be appropriate attire. (6:36 sunrise)

7:00 am - Continental Breakfast
8:30 am - Dedication Worship Service: We will consecrate our renovated spaces.
9:00 am - Easter Sunday Scout Breakfast
10:15 am - Easter Sunday Worship: Celebrating the whole life of the church through our risen Savior.
11:30 am - Easter Egg Hunts: After the kids find their eggs, they will have an opportunity to hide eggs for the adults to find!

Around the Church

Trinity Meals

• April 7th - UMW Bake Sale & Soup Sunday There will be all sorts of goodies available. This supports the UMW mission work. Soup will be served after worship.
• April 14th - Soup Sunday - We will have Soup Sunday after church.
• April 21st - Scout Brunch - Our scouts will be preparing a brunch for us from 9 to 10 between the services on Easter.
• April 28th - Aprils Pot Luck - Our regular pot luck will be on April 28th. Please come for the nutrition and the nurturing.

Please call the office (208-522-7921) to sign up to bring a crock pot of soup, or surprise us and just bring one. Crackers and rolls are also welcome. This will be our hearty contribution to fighting off the chill of winter.

Membership Note:

Roy Simonds

The funeral for Roy Simonds was held on Saturday, March 22nd. He died at the age of 95 after a life full of family and busy with many activities. Trinity had enjoyed his membership since the 1960’s.
Scouting Troop 6 News - Robin Stewart

The scouts of Troop 6 have been busy. They finished up the annual Merit Badge Scramble, hopefully earning badges towards advanced ranks.

Our new SPL, Danny, successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review, and will be awarded his rank (along with some other bling) at an upcoming Court of Awards for Eagle ceremony.

Austin completed his time in service as a scribe for the troop, and was awarded his Life Scout rank.

Jacob also completed his rank advancement to Life late in February.

Good job, guys, for having fun while earning a new rank.

The scouts are getting ready for summer camp and making a significant payment towards Camp Easton which is in the Inland Northwest Council. They will be camping there in July.

Upcoming meetings will cover 1st Aid, Packing Gear for Backpacking (useful for the August 50-miler in the White Clouds), and some more advancement nights. The scouts are also preparing for the April Yard Work Fundraiser, which will be held on the following days: April 6, 7, 12,13,14,19,20,26, and 27th.

The area troops are also meeting on April 23rd at Papa Tom's Pizza to pay their initial deposit for the 2020 Philmont Trek that Robin will be organizing. It's a great 12 day trek, ranging from 55 to 105 miles in the San Decristo Mountain of Northern New Mexico.

Girl Scout Troop 713 News - Nancy Stewart

The girls had a great cookie season and are all set to pay for their year in Girl Scouting. Thank you to the parents and leaders who made this possible.

April will include fun (climbing wall), badges and starting a Cadette and Senior Journey.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Many thanks to Nancy O’Brien and the Trinity Staff for compiling our 2019 yearbook. If you still haven’t received yours, please contact Mary Nagel or Joni Pace.

At our February unit meeting new UMW members were honored: Chris Holden, Lois Tow, Mary Tashiro, and Nancy Smith.

Our next money making project will be the April 7th bake sale. Plan on bringing all kinds of soups, casseroles, desserts, etc.

Bev Kemp has add more recipes to the Trinity Times Cookbook. The new pages will be available for purchase at the bake sale.

The next unit meeting will be April 14th. Kelly Carney will give the program on Spiritual Growth, and hostesses will be the Executive Board and General membership. See you all there.

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This week the kitchen should be completed. We hope to have the sinks installed in four bathrooms, carpeting of the stairs and office completed and trim installed in the rooms. The final work will be restoration of the handrails to wrap around the landings, and pouring the concrete for the emergency exit in the basement.

Finally, Robison Roofing has two downspouts to install and a metal transition (coping) to complete.

Both contractors are waiting for sunny and dry weather to complete the outside work for us.

Trinity Restoration - Nancy Stewart

Regional Council for Christian Ministry

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Trustees Corner - Nancy Stewart

In February we discovered a leak in the Education Wing on the landing between the upper and main floor. Tom Robison (of Robinson Roofing) identified the leak source to be the joints of the steel parapet cap (coping). The existing sheet metal cap is severely rusted and it lacks slope to adequately drain. These laps have been caulked several times in the past, and during the previous re-roof the flashing was installed incorrectly. As a result the whole assembly is relying solely on caulk.

Robison Roofing proposed the following fix for $4,200.

- Remove the existing flashing and steel cap, approximately 140 liner feet.
- Install sloped wood blocking on the existing masonry.
- Install new PVC membrane flashing and 24 gage prefinished steel coping.

The Hazel Skelton Building Cash Fund has the money and has been approved to pay for this repair. Robison Roofing is waiting for the weather to clear to complete this work.

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Trustees Corner - Nancy Stewart

In February we discovered a leak in the Education Wing on the landing between the upper and main floor. Tom Robison (of Robinson Roofing) identified the leak source to be the joints of the steel parapet cap (coping). The existing sheet metal cap is severely rusted and it lacks slope to adequately drain. These laps have been caulked several times in the past, and during the previous re-roof the flashing was installed incorrectly. As a result the whole assembly is relying solely on caulk.

Robison Roofing proposed the following fix for $4,200.

- Remove the existing flashing and steel cap, approximately 140 liner feet.
- Install sloped wood blocking on the existing masonry.
- Install new PVC membrane flashing and 24 gage prefinished steel coping.

The Hazel Skelton Building Cash Fund has the money and has been approved to pay for this repair. Robison Roofing is waiting for the weather to clear to complete this work.

Regional Council for Christian Ministry

FISH is gearing up for school supply season; each year, fundraising generates about $10,000. Those funds, combined with in-kind donations and VERY efficient shopping, allow FISH to distribute about $40,000 in school supplies in our area. It appears that funds will enable the weekend food bags distributed through District 93 to continue through the end of the school year.

The Community Food Basket served nearly 1100 families in February, including 261 families new to the program. Idaho Falls and Skyline High Schools contributed nearly $23,000 and 50,000 lbs. of food from their annual Souper Bowl events. The Food Basket is working with the area disaster support group and were able to help when the Fort Hall senior citizen food distribution center was damaged. Recently, a local combined funding group provided the Food Basket with four commercial freezers and a commercial cooler.

The Soup Kitchen served nearly 4000 meals in February.

The Children’s Summer Lunch Program will be expanded this year from 3 to 5 days per week. Packaged lunches are prepared at First Presbyterian Church and delivered to the lunch site at the band shelter on the Greenbelt near the Memorial Drive roundabout. Use of the shelter is donated by the city; there is parking and a restroom nearby. New Day Lutheran Church coordinates the program.

Coming up.....

On April 4, a fund raiser will be held at the Community Outreach Center at 301 South Boulevard (home of the Soup Kitchen, FISH and other non-profits). For $20 per person, you may select a handmade bowl and the soup of your choice in a take-out container to take home and enjoy. Bowls and soups will be available from 4:30 till 7:30 PM.
Dethatching & Aerating Fundraiser for BSA Troop 6

FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL / Leave a message / Text AT:
(208)521-6358
Or (208)709-3476

Give us a call and set up a time for us to visit your lawn to dethatch and aerate! There are LIMITED spots available! We will haul away the grass clippings and plugs if you wish.

We will be working April 6, 7, 12,13,14,19,20,26, and 27th.

Plan ahead and let the scouting community help you with your lawn this year! Please call after 11am or leave a message.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
We take cash, checks, and cards!

⇒ *With the purchase of dethatching AND aerating we will mow your lawn for free upon request.
⇒ ** If your lawn is larger than 1 acre we can negotiate a price for you on the phone or in person.

Youth Activities - Ruth Marsh

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Cub Scout Pack 6 - Sam Bays

“What do you do with the mad that you feel When you feel so mad you could bite? When the whole wide world seems oh, so wrong. And nothing you do seems very right?” “I can stop when I want to Can stop when I wish. I can stop, stop, stop any time. And what a good feeling to feel like this And know that the feeling is really mine. Know that there’s something deep inside That helps us become what we can.” Mr. Rodgers’s Neighborhood, Episode 1524.

I admit, that sometimes I feel mad too, more often than I want too. However, I’ve come to find that feelings are God’s blessing of experience. It’s hard to be mad when you are standing in front of 35 boys and girls cheering, jumping, smiling, and laughing. It’s hard to be sad when you receive an unsolicited hug from a scout that’s only been in the Pack for the last two meetings. And, it’s OK to be mad too, so long as you don’t bite someone. Remember God’s promises.

This month Pack 6 has been having fun. Thank you so much Trinity and Rev. Ruth for inviting us to a lovely pancake dinner (and races). Thank you for the Spaghetti Dinner and church renovations. We also had our annual Blue and Gold Banquet. We had special presenters from Zoo Idaho (Turkey Vulture and Tortoise) and Wilderness Ridge Trail Llamas.

The real blessing was to watch pack families coming together to help pitch in here and there. If you know of a child or adult that would like to “Feel” Scouting, call me: 208-520-8883.

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