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The Triangle

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Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday, March 17th at 6:30pm will be the third in our series of short worship services with the theme of healing. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Session will meet that evening at its regular time of 7:00pm.

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday – we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. See page 8.

Good Friday, April 2nd, worship service at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th, worship at 9:00 and 11:15am.

PASTORS' CORNER

The Rev. Dr. David R. Kegley

If you are in the middle of one global disaster and another one occurs, what then? The rebuilding of Haiti has barely begun and now Chile must begin a similar (although not as catastrophic) process. Perhaps our theological reasoning must go beyond saying that God doesn't "cause" such disasters and that such disasters are not punishment for a particular sin. I want to ask two questions.

The first is "how do we characterize human existence in light of disasters?" I'm reading in Romans 8: 18-25, where Paul says many relevant things, among them, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved." (vs. 22, 23) Here is the curious juxtaposition of a creation that is subject, as Paul says earlier, to "futility" and yet infused with hope. We don't realize the full extent of this hope just yet, but the signs of it are in our actions toward others which help us get through tragedy, and the beauty of creation despite its disaster-prone tendency.

The second question is "how do we get beyond just observing disasters as though they were distant and in that way unreal?" Let me suggest that we can first recognize our own local disasters, no matter how big or small. A world subject to futility and groaning in labor pains is bound to reveal tragedy enough for all of us. Feeling sorrow for the plight of those close to us helps us to identify with the sorrow felt in Haiti and Chile. Secondly, while Haiti and Chile need only medical crews of people entering their countries currently, there are things we can do. Prayer and sending money through reputable agencies are profoundly helpful. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (<http://www.pcusa.org/pda>), Church World Service (<http://www.churchworldservice.org>), and the Red Cross (<http://www.icrc.org>) are some of the best. The websites I'm referring you to also have suggestions for ways you can help. Finally, what we do in the microcosm of our own lives is important since we are all connected, all of us as a human family and all of creation as part of God's design. Giving love to just one person near you is a bold statement of the hope that Paul says we've been given. It allows the world to keep moving toward a destination of glory even though we cannot understand all the whys concerning the pain and suffering of our days.

Peace, David

Calendar for This Week and Next

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

9:00am Session Mini-Retreat

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Celebrating Holy Communion and
we will receive the Food
Bank Offering

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 8

1:00pm Grief Support Group (lib)

4:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)

5:00pm Nominating Comm (lib)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

10:00am Horizon Bible Study (lib)

4:30pm FH Finance Comm (lib)

6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether

6:30pm Church Retreat (rm 8)

7:00pm Craft Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

11:30am FH Construction (lib)

7:00pm Department meetings

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

7:00pm Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

9:15am Book Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Daylight Saving Time begins

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

1:00pm Golden Delicious lunch at

Panorama's Garden Room

MONDAY, MARCH 15

12 noon Triangle articles due

7:00pm Rachel Circle

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

9:30am Elizabeth Circle (library)

11:00am Mary-Martha Circle

6:30pm Naomi Circle (library)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

9:30am Triangle folding (library)

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

11:30am FH Construction (lib)

6:30pm Service of Healing

7:00pm Session (room 12)

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

1:00pm Dorcas Circle (library)

3:00pm Presbytery at Kelso First
Presbyterian Church

6:00pm Praise Team

7:00pm Chancel Choir

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES . . .

Sunday School – this month the Workshop series for the children of Sunday School is “The Last Supper” found in Luke 22:7-20. This is a four-week rotation and the children will experience this lesson through, drama, art, audio visual, and games. Your child is welcome to come to all four weeks or join in anytime during the rotation. The lessons do not build upon the week before but tell the story over using a different method of teaching. The rotation model for Sunday School lends itself to allowing a child to experience the story in several different ways. Or, a child who may not be able to attend each week can hear the story without having to attend the prior week(s).

This spring the **Sunday School mission project** will be to gather items for Haiti relief. We will put together Hygiene kits that will be sent through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program to Haiti. Listed below are the items needed for the kits. The children of Sunday School have set a goal of making 100 kits. We will gather the items between now and Sunday, April 11th, where we will spend the Sunday School hour assembling these kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They are specific in what they want in each kit and I have listed the items from the PCUSA website that we will be collecting. The number in bold next to each item is what I have collected so far towards our goal of 100 kits. (<http://www.pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm>)

Each kit needs:

- 1 – hand towel, approximately 16”x28”, no fingertip or bath towels **(25)**
- 1 – washcloth **(36)**
- 1 – wide-tooth comb **(8)**
- 1 – nail clipper, no metal files or emery boards **(8)**
- 1 – bar of soap, bath size in wrapper **(29)**
- 1 – toothbrush, in original packaging **(20)**
- 6 – band-aids, preferably Band-Aids brand **(225)** **We will need 600.**

We have enough of the one-gallon plastic bags with zippers to assemble the Kits.

We will not be adding toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste which has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment by PDA.

Watch for more Easter Sunday information.



Cheryl Kinnamon

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

Our dear friend, Lois Larsen, will be leaving us soon to live with her sister in Silverdale. Lois and her husband, Les Larsen, started attending Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1961.

In 1962, Lois became active in a circle and is currently a member of the Mary-Martha Circle. Also in 1962, she started sewing with our church quilting group. At the time the quilting group began, a member of the church family gave each person in the group nine squares of fabric. They were to sew those nine pieces of fabric together, which later became a quilt. This was the beginning of the quilting group, which is now called the "Sew Happy" Quilters. For the last six years, she has been sewing from home and produces 40 quilts a year. Just imagine the number of babies, children, and adults who have been blessed with these comforts of joy.

Lois is also a member of a group of volunteers who fold and address our newsletter, The Triangle. Lois is truly one of God's servants and will be dearly missed. Her new address will be: 9611 Long Point Lane NW, Silverdale, WA 98383.

*"Sew Happy" Quilter Friends
and all of Lois's Westminster Friends*

Westminster's Book Group will meet Friday, March 12 at 9:15am in the church library. We are reading MY STROKE OF INSIGHT, by Dr. Jill Taylor. It is a non-fiction, biographical book by a neuroanatomist who had a stroke in her thirties. The book documents her insights into her recovery. It is excellent reading. All are welcome to join us, whether you have read the book or not.

Suzanne Fell, Moderator

Request for Communion Servers: Dear elders and deacons, past and present: I will be in the narthex on Sundays, March 7 and March 21 to recruit volunteers to serve communion (first and second services) for April, May, and June. In the meantime, I hope those who wish to serve April 4 (Easter), May 2, and/or June 6, please call me. Thank you!

Dorris Hensel, 455-1019, for Worship & Music

Upper Room Devotionals: The March/April editions of The Upper Room devotionals are in the literature racks if you would like to take one home. This is the last issue the church will be purchasing. There is information in the booklet for you to have your own subscription.

CHURCH DEPARTMENTS AND LEADERS

In January our current elders were assigned to the working departments of our church. You will notice that we have a new department, Mission & Fellowship. It is a combination of our former Mission & Ministry and Fellowship & Outreach Departments. Departments meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Following is a list of departments and the elders who serve that department.

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STEPHEN MINISTERS PROVIDE DISTINCTLY CHRISTIAN CARE

This is a continuation of our series that compares a Stephen Ministry relationship to that of a friend.



More importantly, Stephen Ministers rely on God to direct their actions and help them as they care for their care receivers. Stephen Ministers pray for their care receivers and may pray with them when they welcome prayer. Stephen Ministry care is based on grace; Stephen Ministers strive to be the face of Christ to their care receivers. Friendships may have spiritual perspective, but Stephen Ministry relationships *always* do. The Stephen Minister is always sensitive to the care receiver's needs in this aspect, never forcing prayers or the Bible verses into the relationship. But Stephen Ministers often focus on spiritual as well as emotional and psychological hurts as they minister to their care receivers.

Provided by *Dick Petermann*, 956-3438, for Stephen Ministry

WALK FOR THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY MAY 2

Sunday, May 2nd is the 30th year Crop Walk walkers have walked the streets of Olympia to raise money for Church World Service in Haiti and now Chile and other third world countries. Four hundred and fifty walkers took part last year in Olympia and many, many more supported them financially.

The goal for the 30th year of Crop Walk is \$60,000 to aid people here and in other countries. One fourth of the money raised goes to local non-profit agencies such as the Meals on Wheels program. More information will be along later. Just save the date!



Elsa McLain, for Mission & Fellowship

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING



On Palm Sunday, March 28th, we will receive The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS). You will find offering envelopes for that purpose in the pew racks. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated OGHS gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

February 21 – 230 (80 at 9:00am)

February 28 – 204 (58 at 9:00am)



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