



The Circuit Rider



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United Methodist Church

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**Dear friends and families
of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,**

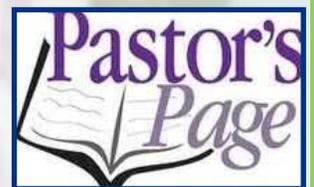
As I write this note to you, through my office window I am watching a steady rain fall across the parking lot. I've been happy to see the rain arrive today after several sunny and dry days because last Friday, on the first day of Spring, my kids planted a special new tree for me in our front yard, a tulip magnolia tree with beautiful large purple flowers. This type of tree has a special meaning for me because my mom had one in the yard of the house where she lived for many years. It was a favorite of hers! Ten years ago next week I received a phone call from my mom's neighbor that my mom had died in her sleep. Ten years, and I still have days that I miss her so much, but this tree is a joyful reminder of her for me.

Two years ago, when I was preparing for my first Easter here at Salmon Creek UMC, I was thrilled to see those familiar purple and pink blooms appear on trees along the south and east sides of the FMC building. Seeing them bloom every year feels like a hug from my mom and a reminder of God's faithfulness in my life.

Remembering is so very important. Remembering my mom reminds me of who I am, and of the gift of grace-filled love she has been in my life. Remembering my mom reminds me of the faithful love of God she helped me to experience and know in my bones.

Remembering is so very important to us as people of faith. Every worship gathering, every journey through the church year, includes reminders for us of who and whose we are. Each year we are invited to walk with Jesus through Holy Week. Not just the Sundays of Palm Sunday and Easter, but also through the events of Maundy Thursday and Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday.

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In my first pastoral appointment I had the gift of stepping into an annual Holy Week tradition that had been established before I arrived, *The Way of the Cross Prayer Stations*. These stations were a series of self-paced, guided reflections inspired by the Catholic station of the cross. I found the intentional annual remembering of those holy days to be a meaningful experience year after year.

This year I am excited to share with you a similar opportunity here at Salmon Creek UMC. Hopefully, I will receive the station pictures this week and will have them up by Sunday! Throughout Holy Week you are invited to spend time moving through and reflecting on the readings and pictures that lead us to walk with Jesus on his journey from the Garden of Gethsemane, through his passion and crucifixion, and finally in celebration of his resurrection. I'm hopeful this will be a meaningful journey for all who will take time to experience it.

I don't know about you, but I am feeling like I could really use an infusion of God's resurrection power right now, so I am really looking forward to Easter Sunday this year! In addition to the 8:30 and 10:00 services on Easter morning at Salmon Creek UMC, I will be participating in the annual sunrise service led by all of the Clark County UMC pastors. If you are an early riser, you are invited to join us at the Ft. Vancouver Park Gazebo at 6:30 am for this special outdoor service. Salmon Creek UMC will also host a special Easter treasure hunt during the 10:00 service. If you have children or grandchildren in your life, please encourage them to join us for this Easter fun.

Remembering is important. As we journey through Holy Week and beyond, I pray you will find ways to ground yourself in memories that help you live into the abundant life of God's love and grace for you.

Peace and hope, *Kim*

Rev. Kim Poer

*In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Hymn of Promise, UMH 707

TENTATIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

- 2 – Maundy Thursday service
- 3 – Good Friday service
- 5 – Easter Services 8:30 and 10
- 7 – Ad Board meeting
- 9 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 10—Creation Care Task Force
- 14 – Missions meeting
- 18 – Earth Day celebration and workday
- 25 – Set-up for breakfast
- 26 – Scout Sunday; Mission Breakfast for HFH, Family Promise here
Accessibility Task Force
- 28 – Finance meeting

May

- 5 - COM and Ad Board meetings
- 10 – Mother’s Day
- 12 – Missions meeting
- 14 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 24 – Pentecost
- 25 – Memorial Day
- 26 – Finance meeting

January

February

March

May

June

October

November

December

On March 22nd, we had the “Kick Off” information session to start our We Compost participation. SCUMC now has a *WE COMPOST* cart where you and other community members can add kitchen scraps to be recycled into compost. The bin is located in the back parking lot near the garbage and recycling dumpsters. If you missed the “kick off” and did not get your own bucket just let us know.

Say YES to:

Practicing stewardship of the environment through this Creation Care ministry.

Reducing landfill greenhouse gas emissions.

Reducing your garbage.

Joining the SCUMC Creation Care Task Force to promote creation care.

We Compost!



Drop off your food scraps at a We Compost Community Hub near you



ClarkWeCompost.org

SCAN ME

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS, KEEP FOOD OUT OF THE LANDFILL!

ACCEPTED ITEMS



FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



MEAT AND DAIRY



BREADS AND GRAINS

NOT ALLOWED

PLASTIC
PAPER
YARD DEBRIS
GLASS

PET WASTE
GREASE
ITEMS LABELED
"COMPOSTABLE"

Clark County solid waste planning and programs are a cooperative effort of Clark County, Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal and Yacolt.

Contact us at solidwaste@clark.wa.gov to request translated materials, materials in other formats, interpretation and other accommodations.

For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office
Voice: 564.397.2322 / Relay 711 or 800.833.6388
Fax: 360.397.6165 Email: ADA@clark.wa.gov

Funded in part by a Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology.



"We Compost" Community Hub Site Locations Clark County [ClarkWeCompost.org]

1. 78th Street Heritage Farm

1919 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98665

- a. Access Information: The food waste disposal carts are located near the farm gate, at the east end of the parking lot.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for dropping off from 7 am to dusk, every day.

2. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

12513 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98684

- a. Access Information: Parking lot is just off Mill Plain Blvd on SE 126th Ave. Cart is on SE back corner of the church building.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

3. First Presbyterian Church Vancouver

4300 Main St, Vancouver, WA 98663

- a. Access Information: Parking lot is accessible from E 43rd St. or Main Street. The food waste cart is in the lower parking lot on the North side of the church building.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

4. Minnehaha Church of Christ

3217 NE 54th St, Vancouver, WA 98663

- a. Access Information: South end of the parking lot and church building. Look for the A-frame sandwich board holding the We Compost Community Hub sign.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

5. St. Andrew Lutheran Church

5607 NE Gher Rd, Vancouver, WA 98662

- a. Access Information: Parking lot is accessible from both NE 112th Ave and NE Copley Drive. The food waste carts are located on the east side of the parking lot near the large garbage container and blue recycling bins.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

6. TSMC Washington

Near 5509 NW Parker St, Camas, WA 98607

- a. Access Information: Carts are in a pull-off along the side of NW Parker St.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

7. Vancouver First United Methodist Church

401 E 33rd St, Vancouver, WA 98663

- a. Access Information: Parking lot can be accessed from E 33rd St all days. The E 32nd St. entrance is not accessible when school is in session. Cart is located on the southwest side of the lot along the church building.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

8. All Saints Episcopal Church

2206 NW 99th St, Vancouver, WA 98665

- a. Access Information: The food waste carts are in the upper parking lot, backing up to the soccer field.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

9. Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church

10300 NE 199th St, Battle Ground, WA 98604

- a. Access Information: The food waste disposal cart is located behind the church in the northwest parking lot, near the daycare cul-de-sac.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.



10. CASEE

11104 NE 149th St., Brush Prairie, WA 98606

- a. Access Information: Cart is located on the right or north side of the street just past the railroad tracks on the east side of the dirt parking area.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

11. Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver

4505 E 18th St., Vancouver, WA 98661

- a. Access Information: Enter main parking lot off 18th St. Food waste cart is on the right side of the parking lot staged with recycling and garbage carts.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

12. North County Community Food Bank

17 NE 3rd Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604

- a. Access Information: Carts are located on the North side of the building, in the parking lot.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

13. Southridge Community of Christ

400 NE 179th St, Ridgefield, WA, 98642

- a. Access Information: Drive through the parking lot to the Northwest corner. Head down the single lane and drive towards the storage container. Food waste cart is to the right of the garbage container.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

14. Real Life Foursquare Church/One Life Food Bank

1812 Columbia St, Vancouver, WA 98660

- a. Access Information: West side of gravel parking lot (entrance off Columbia St.), at the back entrance to the church. Look for the We Compost Community Hub sign on the wood fence to the left of the steps into the church building.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

15. Port of Camas Washougal

24 S A St, Washougal, WA 98671

- a. Access Information: Enter the parking lot and follow signs to the boat launch. The food waste cart is located on the west side of the pay kiosk.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

16. Washougal United Methodist Church

4020 M St, Washougal, WA 98671

- a. Access Information: From M Street, turn right at gravel road just before the church. Cart is on the west side of building.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

17. Kindred

2213 Main St., Vancouver, WA 98660

- a. Access Information: Hub cart is located behind the store. The lock access code is **24, 06, 32**.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for drop off at all hours, every day.

18. Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

12217 NE Highway 99, Vancouver, WA 98686

- a. Access information: Enter the parking lot from HWY 99 and proceed East to the back of the parking lot. Cart is located between the basketball hoop and the dumpsters.
- b. Drop-off hours: Carts are accessible for dropping off from 7 am to dusk, every day.

CREATION CARE CORNER



Christians acknowledge creation care as an act of discipleship; we are stewards of the earth, summoned by God to “work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15).

Each month, this article will provide some insight into the Creation Care Taskforce created here at SCUMC. Look for information, suggestions, inspirations and other news-worthy tidbits that hopefully will inspire you to become an on-going participant in caring for our planet. REUSE, RECYCLE, REDUCE is not a new concept – but are you following these practices in a responsible manner? Remind yourself to be more conscientious of what you purchase and what you throw away.

- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees, 7000 gallons of water and 3 cubic yards of landfill space
- Only about 9 % of plastic is recycled and a plastic bag can take 1000 years to decompose

Think about how much plastic and used paper you throw away. Can you reduce that amount? Avoid buying water in plastic bottles – use refillable water bottles. Take your bottle with you everywhere you go. Reuse computer paper if you’ve only used 1 side. Reprint on the other side.

Look again next month for more information on how to protect and preserve our earth for future generations. Let’s work together to save our planet!



February, 2026 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church for February, 2026.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	53,457	29,767	23,690	117,881	59,533	58,348
Expenses	29,608	30,946	<u>1,338</u>	<u>66,636</u>	69,488	<u>2,852</u>
Operating Income / (Loss)	<u>23,849</u>	<u>(1,179)</u>	<u>25,028</u>	<u>51,245</u>	<u>(9,954)</u>	<u>61,199</u>

Our pledge income continued to be strong through February at 199 % of Budget, and ~ 54,000 Favorable to Plan. Our income was bolstered by some large one time contributions and some congregation members pay their full year pledges early in the year, so the pledge income in the first quarter of every year is always a high figure for the Church. That being said, these results are phenomenal. Praise be to God! Our expenses were very close to Budget for both February and Year to Date, with favorable variances of 1,338 and 2,852, respectively.

This resulted in a strong YTD profit of 52,245 for the Church and ~ 61,000 favorable to our Budget. Due to the Q1 traditional anomaly with pledge income, we will continue to closely monitor our income levels. In a repeat comment, your commitment to our Church and our Community remains steadfast and we appreciate everyone's generosity.

With respect to our Preschool program, we still continue to operate at a loss as we strive to add more students. Our YTD loss was (4,866), but was favorable to our Budget by ~ 1,200. We have had some new enrollees recently, but will only continue the Preschool program if we can continue to increase our enrollment figures.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions of time, talent and financial resources as we continue to worship together as disciples of Jesus Christ, united in missions, fellowship and service.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee

Faith & Film Series

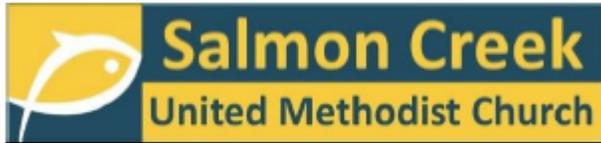


Sunday Night Learners (SNL) Faith and Film Series

Sunday Night Learners meets every Sunday from 4-5:30pm in room 201 in the FMC. While we are usually a book study group, beginning April 12, we will begin our second annual Faith and Film series. Here's how it works. Each week a participant selects a movie (not necessarily "religious" movies) and leads the discussion around themes of faith and culture. The group watches the movie on their own during the week prior so that we can have some robust conversation. Last year some of the movies we watched: Leap of Faith, The Shack, The Blind Side, Conclave, and The Barbie Movie. It was a very popular format for our small group, and we invite you to join us (you don't have to lead to join) and enjoy the rich conversation and fellowship. Some ideas about movies for this year include: The Princess Bride, I Can Only Imagine, and Shawshank Redemption.

Contact Dave Nieda, at 360-953-9256 or dnieda@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us for this series.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED!



We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ, uniting in fellowship, missions and service.

**Have you wondered
where you might serve?
We have many
committees and groups
and new members are
always welcome!!**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET IN- VOLVED!

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve or be involved with one of our many ministries here at SCUMC, then there is a **new guide** for you to check out! A new, revised “Opportunities to Get Involved!” brochure has been designed to help you find your niche. These can be found in

the sanctuary pews and at the Welcome Center.

Take a look and find a team or ministry that is speaking to you. Get involved and be a part of the exciting work that is being done to promote and lead our church, our missions, our many ministries and our times of fellowship. If you have any questions on what each team or ministry does, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Kim or Lila DeBolt.



OCEAN PARK CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Help Care for Youth at Summer Camp

Ocean Park Camp is seeking a caring and organized person to serve as the health coordinator during our Middle/High School summer camp this summer. This role supports the well-being of campers by helping manage medications, reviewing health forms, treating minor ailments, and keeping a simple treatment log. Medical experience or a nursing license is welcome but not required—the most important qualities are compassion, attentiveness, and a heart for supporting young people. EMTs are nearby and a hospital is less than 20 minutes away.



If you or someone in your congregation might feel called to serve in this meaningful role, please contact

Lacey Kelley, Director of Youth Ministries,
at:

Director@CCMYC.com for more information.

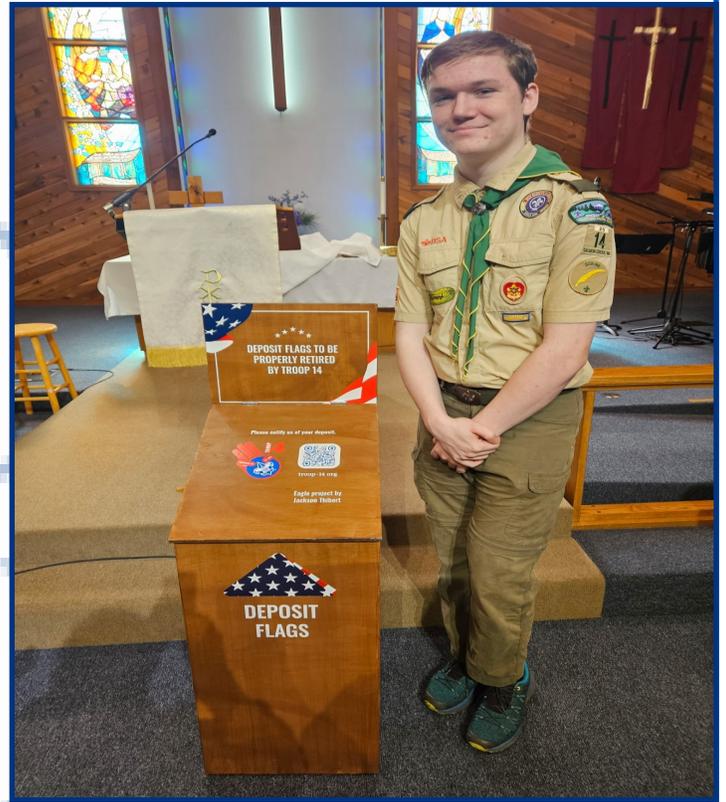
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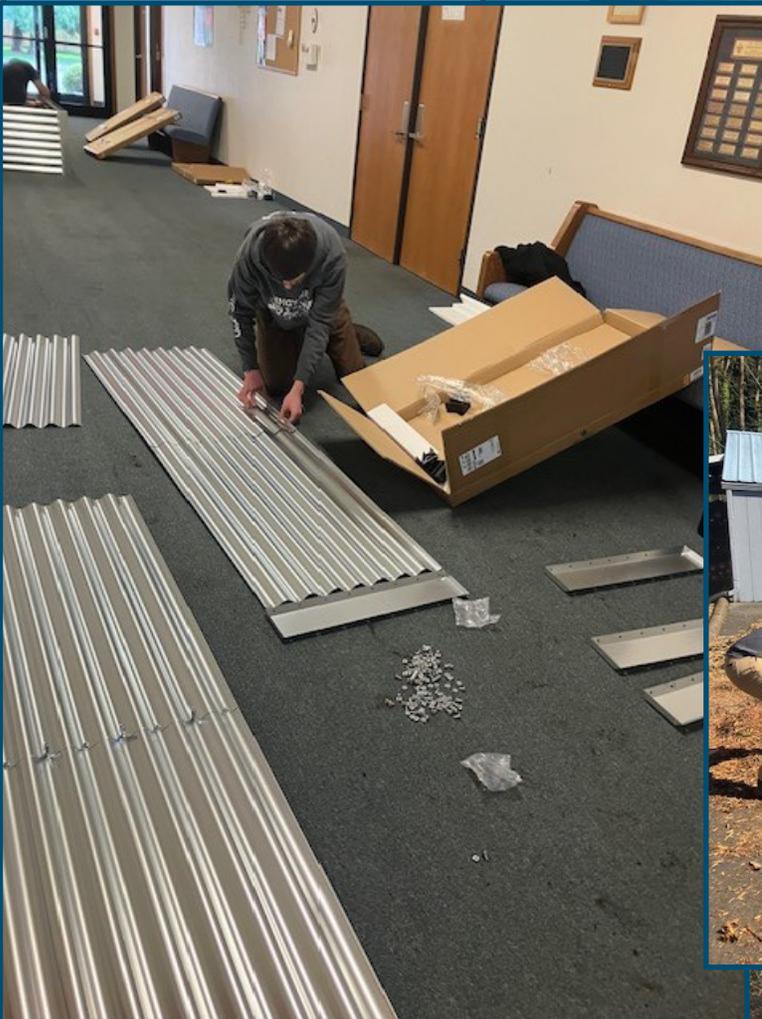
Our Troop 14 Boy Scout Jackson Thibert has done a flag drop off box for his Eagle Scout project. You can bring in worn out or damaged flags to be properly disposed of in a special ceremony by the Boy Scouts. The bin is in the east doorway of the church. There is a QR code on the box to give you more information about what is done with “retired” flags and it also lets the scouts know when there are flags to be retired.

Thank you Jackson for providing this valuable service to us!

Eagle Scout Project



Eagle Scout Project



For his Eagle Scout project, our Troop 14 scout Zander Earl is redoing our God's Garden. Zander and his troop brothers worked for several hours on Saturday, March 21st, putting together all the corrugated steel bed boxes, digging up old mulch, and replacing all the old, wooden beds. The garden looks great!! Be sure to stop in the back of the church to see it, and if you would like a plot this year, contact Jim Selby. If you are a new gardener, we have many experienced gardeners who are here to help you!



Eagle Scout Project



COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK FAIR SUCCESSFUL!

Hopefully, you were able to visit the Church Library during the recent Open House. Our Library is stocked with many interesting novels, references, biographies, study materials, and much more. Thanks to our Library Attendants – Elaine Gilbert and Faye Wells – we are well supplied to meet most of your reading needs. There are now jigsaw puzzles that can be checked out for your hobby needs also. If you didn't have a chance to visit during the Open House, please make it a priority to stop in to see what is available for your personal reading pastime. The Library is located in room 205 in the FMC. It is always open for your convenience – unless a scheduled meeting is taking place. Stop in, check out a good book and enjoy some great reading!

The Book Fair was a great success! Over \$200 was raised which will go into the Pay It Forward Campaign. So many great titles were available for you to take home to enjoy. What a great way to make room for new books coming soon to the Library. Thanks to everyone for taking part in this endeavor. Your generosity was appreciated!

And remember – *visit the Library!*



The logo for 'CREATION CARE' features the word 'CREATION' in green, with a blue cross integrated into the letter 'A'. The letter 'O' is replaced by a globe. Below 'CREATION' is the word 'CARE' in blue. A magnifying glass with a green vine is positioned over the globe.

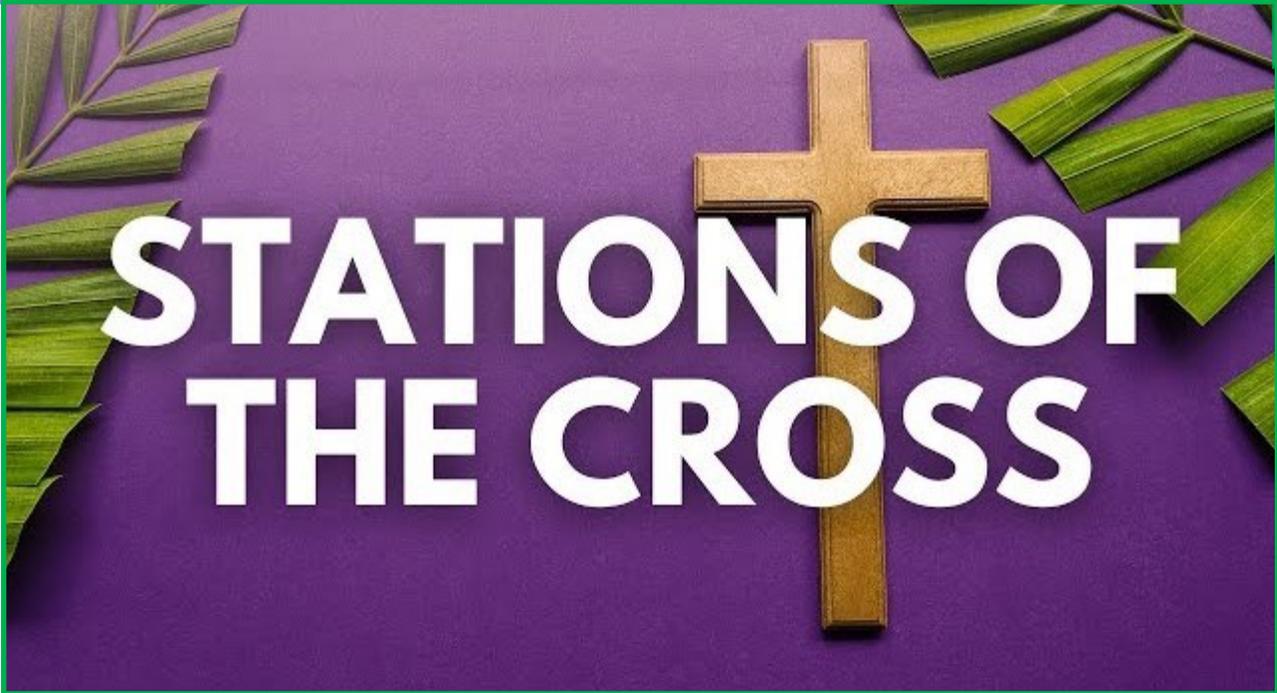
CREATION CARE

**Creation Care Task Force:
Next meeting April 10th in the
Work Room at 9:00 am**

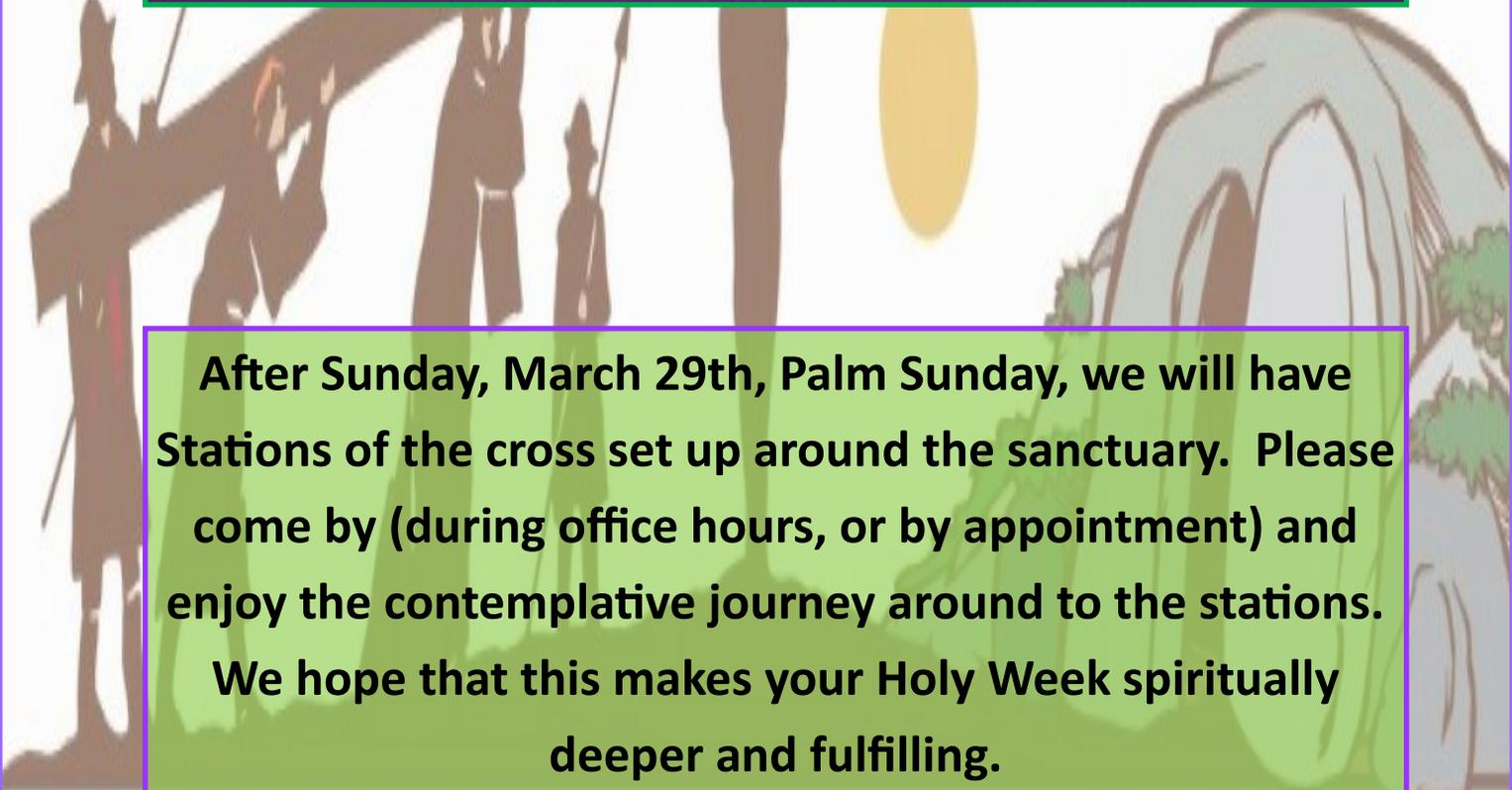
***Is one of these important ministries calling
you? Talk with Lila DeBolt or Pastor Kim
for more information!***

**Accessibility Task Force:
Next meeting Sunday, April 26th in
the FMC Library at 11:30 am**





STATIONS OF THE CROSS



After Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday, we will have Stations of the cross set up around the sanctuary. Please come by (during office hours, or by appointment) and enjoy the contemplative journey around to the stations.

We hope that this makes your Holy Week spiritually deeper and fulfilling.

Please see the following page for more information.

STATIONS *of the* CROSS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: AN INTRODUCTION

There is an old legend that says, after the death and resurrection of Jesus, his mother Mary would often walk the way her son had walked on his journey to the cross, pausing here and there to recall something that had happened at that spot. From these walks grew the early Christian practice of walking the *Via Dolorosa*, the Way of the Cross, in Jerusalem, a tradition that continues to this day.

When they returned home, those early pilgrims to Jerusalem talked about their experiences, and soon many people began erecting “stations” of the cross on the walls and grounds of their own churches so worshippers could make the journey whenever they wished. The number of stations ranged from as few as seven to as many as thirty. Over time however, the number became fixed at fourteen, including five stations depicting events that are not found in scripture (the three falls of Jesus, the meeting with Mary, and the legend of Veronica’s veil). On Good Friday 1991, Pope John Paul II introduced the fourteen scriptural Stations of the Cross that many Christians now use.

Catholic and Orthodox Christians were the first ones to use the stations in their devotional life. In recent years however, Christians of many traditions have been re-discovering this ancient devotional practice.

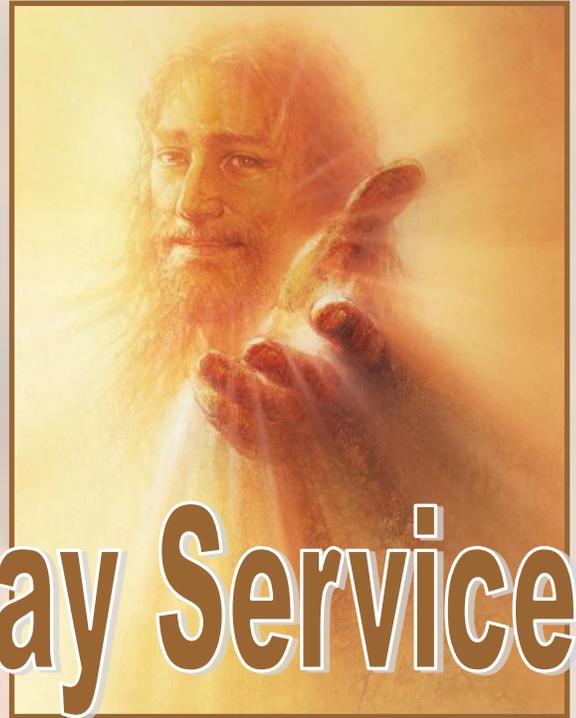
The story of Jesus’ final hours, traditionally called the *Passion*, is the central story in each of the four gospels. It is a story we are all familiar with and yet, each gospel writer tells it from a different perspective.

Maundy

THURSDAY

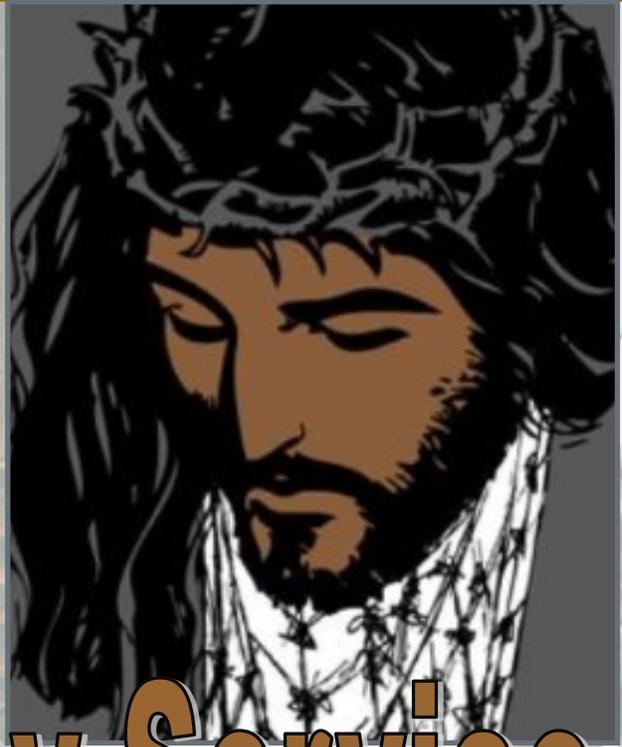
*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:26



Maundy Thursday Service

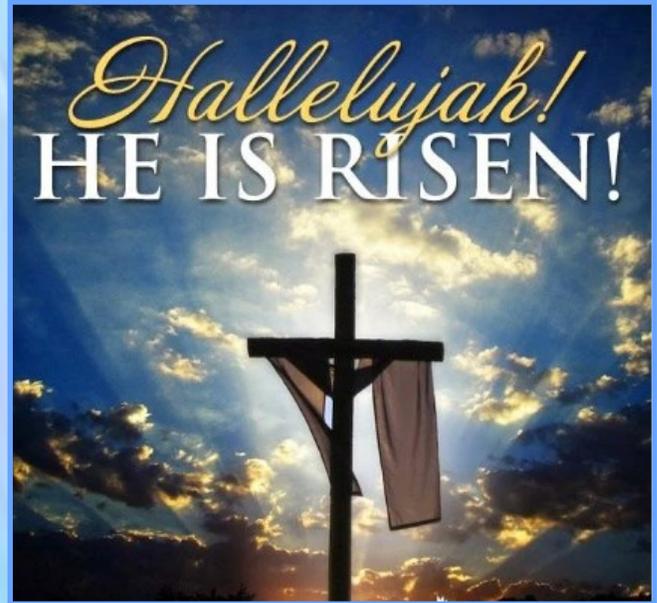
Thursday, April 2nd
7:00 pm—Sanctuary



Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3rd
7:00 pm—Sanctuary





Fresh flowers needed for the white cross on Easter Sunday! Bring your flowers to service and add them to the cross for this lovely Easter tradition.

Questions? Contact Angie Williams at 360.281.5618e cross on Easter Sunday! Bring your flowers to service and add them to the cross for this lovely Easter tradition.



Easter Worship Services

Sunday, April 5th

8:30 am and 10:00 am

Sanctuary

**Easter Sunrise service, together
with our local UMC conference
churches.**

Sunday, April 5th

Gazebo—Officer's Row

6:00 am



Closed Easter Monday



The church office will be closed on the Monday after Easter in order to give Pastor and staff some rest and recovery after the very, very busy time at Lent and Holy week. We will be back on Tuesday, April 7th!



Tell me something good

Grounding ourselves in
the good news this Lent

This Lenten season, we have been enjoying a sermon series called, "Tell Me Something Good". The series features very special artwork, and each artist has included a statement about the artwork, discussing the symbolism and meanings, which we have been featuring each week in the Currents newsletter, and those images were all included in the March issue of the Circuit Rider.

We hope they serve to inspire you.

Flow

by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

Inspired by John 13:1-35

11"x14" Acrylic on paper

The last time I washed another person's feet was ten years ago while interning at First United Methodist Church of Miami. For more than thirty years, First Church has hosted the Breakfast Club—a ministry of shared meals, fellowship, and worship with the unhoused community in downtown Miami. One of its most meaningful traditions is the Breakfast Club's annual foot washing event, a practice that has become a radical act of faith and service. It has drawn local attention, not for its novelty but for its reciprocity—modeling a kind of fellowship that resists the tendency to “other” those who express need.

Knowing what would come next, I often wondered what it must have been like for the disciples to watch Jesus wash Judas's feet. None of us is too great or too small to receive grace. Even the water—swirling with dust and surrender—becomes a witness to transformation.

To wash one another's feet—even those whom society deems “untouchable”—is an act of profound grace. There is deep vulnerability and intimacy in holding someone's feet in your hands, and in allowing another to hold yours. The practice of foot washing remains, for me, one of the most meaningful expressions of Christian faith I have ever participated in. —Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

Look

What do the red lines in the image represent to you? How do you feel seeing the water flow over them?



MAUNDY THURSDAY

even Judas gets
his feet washed

Revealed through Nonviolence

by Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Luke 22:47-53; Luke 23:33-38, 44-46

11"x14" Gouache & colored pencils on paper

Creating this image²² was overwhelming. I sought to capture Jesus' nonviolent response to relentless violence. As I considered each moment of his journey to the cross, I felt despondent. I know how hard it is to resist the reactive urge that courses through me even experiencing mild forms of violence. How much more difficult then for Jesus to endure such dehumanizing acts? Was he stripped so completely of his humanity that only divinity remained—and even that restrained from retribution?

Begin at the center with Judas's kiss—intimate, subversively violent. Follow the sword behind

Judas²³ to the top left: a disciple fiercely defends Jesus,

while to his right, the high priest's slave

screams after his ear is cut. Jesus reproves the violence and heals the servant.

Moving clockwise, a man—representing the chief priests and temple police—points an accusatory finger, wielding the authority to kill an innocent man. To his right, a man crafts Jesus' cross, quietly sustaining the violence of the status quo. Below him, an opportunist casts lots for Jesus' clothes, while a leader laughs at the impossibility that the Messiah will save himself. Finally, in the bottom left, a man offers Jesus sour wine in a moment of deep thirst—physical and spiritual. At the heart of it all is Jesus, tearful, looking at us. His halo shines, revealing the many faces of violence around him. From the foundation of his steady posture grows an olive tree. Its branches extend beyond his clothing, reaching out to embrace those around him.

Through his nonviolent stance, the truth of a violent world is revealed. And in that truth, the good news of peace finds soil in which to take root, to grow, and to flourish. —Rev. Lauren Wright

Pittman

Look

Allow your eyes to follow the olive tree as it weaves through the composition and touches each figure.

What meaning do you glean from the olive tree?

²² This composition is inspired by *Vivir en Comunidad* ("Living in Communion") by Maximino Cerezo Barredo (1932-), a mural in La Paz, Granada, Spain. View the art here: [instagram.com/p/DLEqUWgxx-i/](https://www.instagram.com/p/DLEqUWgxx-i/)

²³ The sword references Judas's backstabbing act of betrayal.



GOOD FRIDAY

revealed through
nonviolence

Meet Me in Galilee

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial

execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture. The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the *euaggelion*, is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors. —Hannah Garrity

Look

Study the figures in the crowd. What postures and expressions do you see? What emotions do you feel?

EASTER

alive in the world

EARTH DAY MARKET

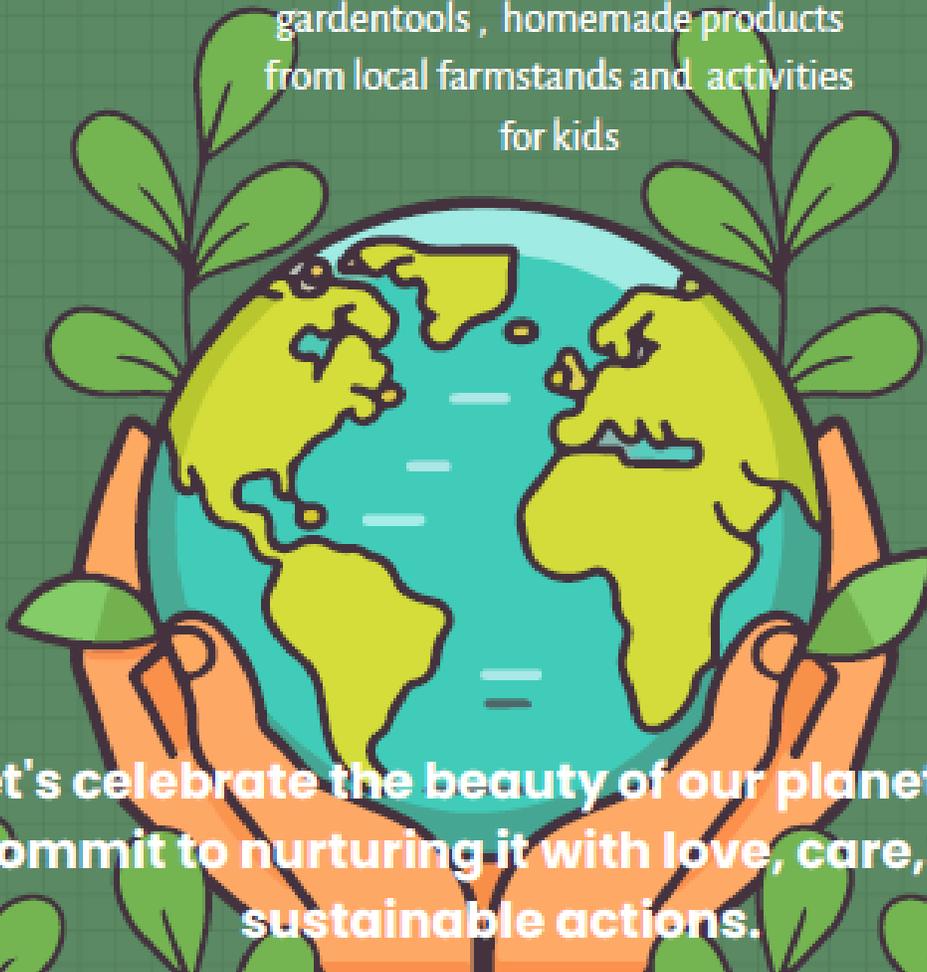
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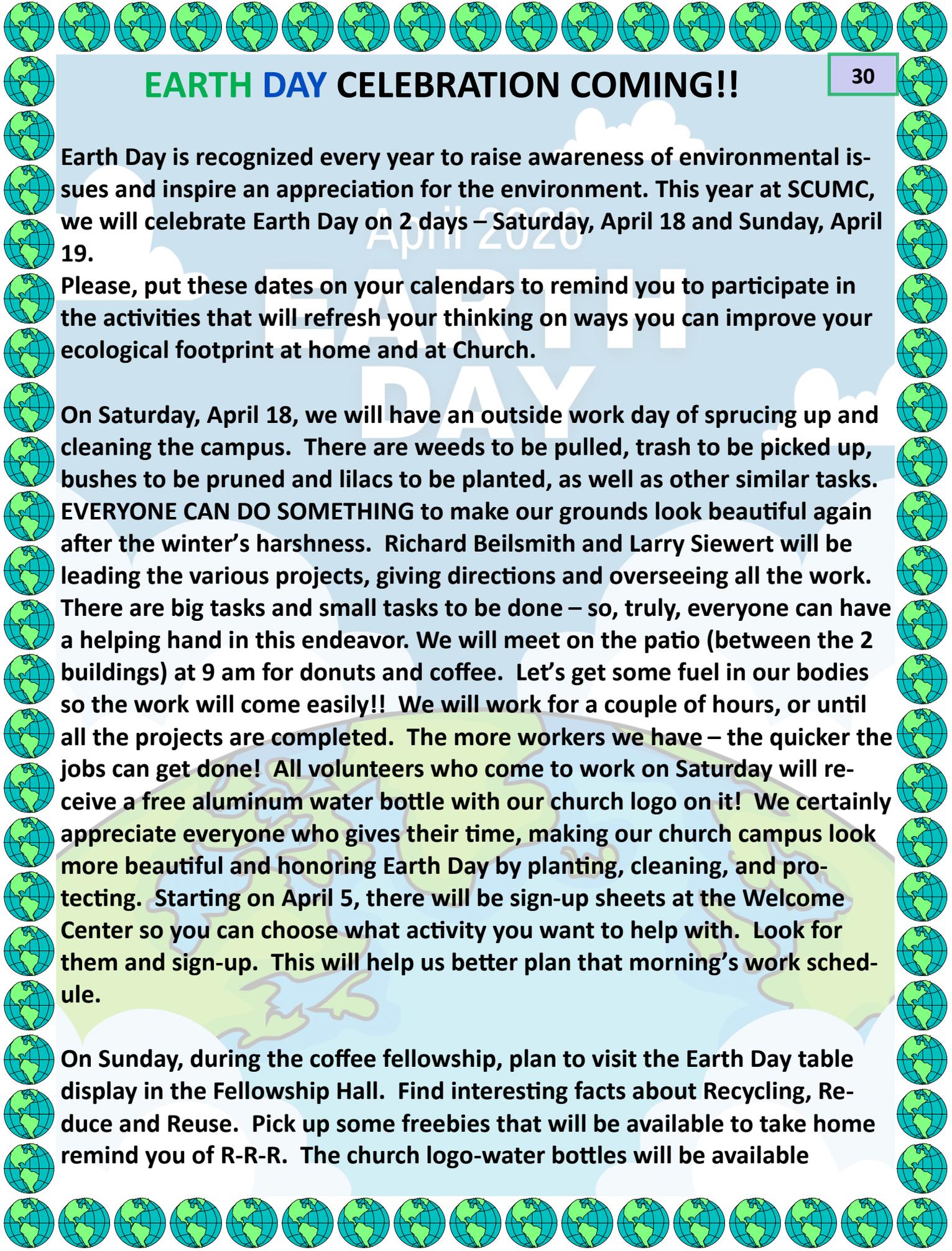
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plants, vegetable starts, yard art,
gardentools , homemade products
from local farmstands and activities
for kids



Let's celebrate the beauty of our planet and
commit to nurturing it with love, care, and
sustainable actions.



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION COMING!!

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Earth Day is recognized every year to raise awareness of environmental issues and inspire an appreciation for the environment. This year at SCUMC, we will celebrate Earth Day on 2 days – Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19.

Please, put these dates on your calendars to remind you to participate in the activities that will refresh your thinking on ways you can improve your ecological footprint at home and at Church.

On Saturday, April 18, we will have an outside work day of sprucing up and cleaning the campus. There are weeds to be pulled, trash to be picked up, bushes to be pruned and lilacs to be planted, as well as other similar tasks. **EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING** to make our grounds look beautiful again after the winter's harshness. Richard Beilsmith and Larry Siewert will be leading the various projects, giving directions and overseeing all the work. There are big tasks and small tasks to be done – so, truly, everyone can have a helping hand in this endeavor. We will meet on the patio (between the 2 buildings) at 9 am for donuts and coffee. Let's get some fuel in our bodies so the work will come easily!! We will work for a couple of hours, or until all the projects are completed. The more workers we have – the quicker the jobs can get done! All volunteers who come to work on Saturday will receive a free aluminum water bottle with our church logo on it! We certainly appreciate everyone who gives their time, making our church campus look more beautiful and honoring Earth Day by planting, cleaning, and protecting. Starting on April 5, there will be sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center so you can choose what activity you want to help with. Look for them and sign-up. This will help us better plan that morning's work schedule.

On Sunday, during the coffee fellowship, plan to visit the Earth Day table display in the Fellowship Hall. Find interesting facts about Recycling, Reduce and Reuse. Pick up some freebies that will be available to take home remind you of R-R-R. The church logo-water bottles will be available

to purchase on that day for \$5. They come in a variety of colors. Purchase one – take it home and reduce the amount of plastic water bottles you may use. Take it everywhere you go. You can even bring it back to church for all your meetings, activities and worship services!

Did you know – Over 300 million tons of plastic are produced annually worldwide, with roughly half used for single-use purposes. Plastic bottles can take around 450 years to decompose. Globally, only about 9% of plastic is successfully recycled. Those are some astounding numbers! What can you do to reduce the number of plastics you use at home? What can we do here at Church to eliminate some plastic use? The Creation Care Taskforce is working on finding some solutions to the plastic crisis. Watch for more information in the future.

Earth Day is coming soon – Plan now to be a part of the celebration. Plan to work outside with a great group of people. Plan to rethink how you can make a difference. When we all come together working united and with purpose, We are GREATER TOGETHER! And SCUMC can make a positive difference for the environment!

For more information, see Lila DeBolt. Watch for more information as the date gets closer!





Sunday, April 26th

Come celebrate our Scouts!

**Our scouts will be helping serve the Missions Benefit
Breakfast after worship on that day.**

Scout Sunday

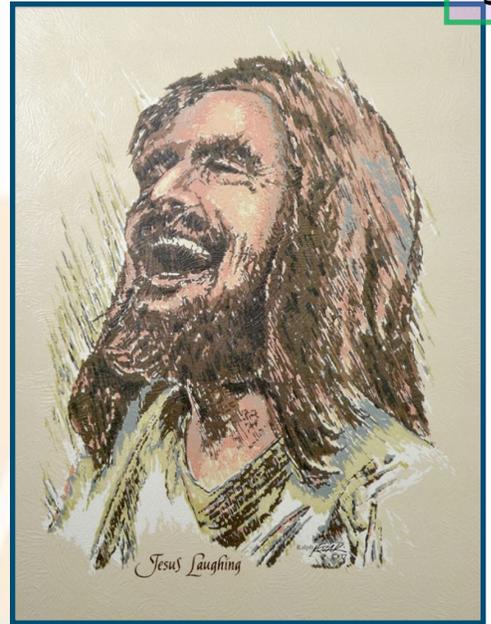
Mission



Sunday, April 26th
Before and after worship
Benefits *Habitat*
for Humanity



Outreach



Thank you to all who served during our 1/25 to 2/1 hosting week!

Next 2026 HOSTING:

April 26—May 6th

August 9—16th

December 6—13th

**Sign up below to serve this 10 day
hosting period:**

[Salmon Creek Family Promise: Copy - Family Promise April-May 2026](#)

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

We have been in touch with Kathy Bryson, who is the ERT Coordinator for the PNW Conference of the UMC. She will contact us when local training is available. If you are interested in joining the team, please let us know.

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CELEBRATING
April
BIRTHDAYS!

Don Hardy—April 4

Diane Grubel—April 10

Wayne Dudley—April 13

Bonnie Jean Brandt—April 14

Mila Ortiz—April 18

Nancy Heup—April 19

Winston Asai—April 22

Kathleen Zimmer—April 24

Peggy Clayton—April 27

Larry Siewert—April 27

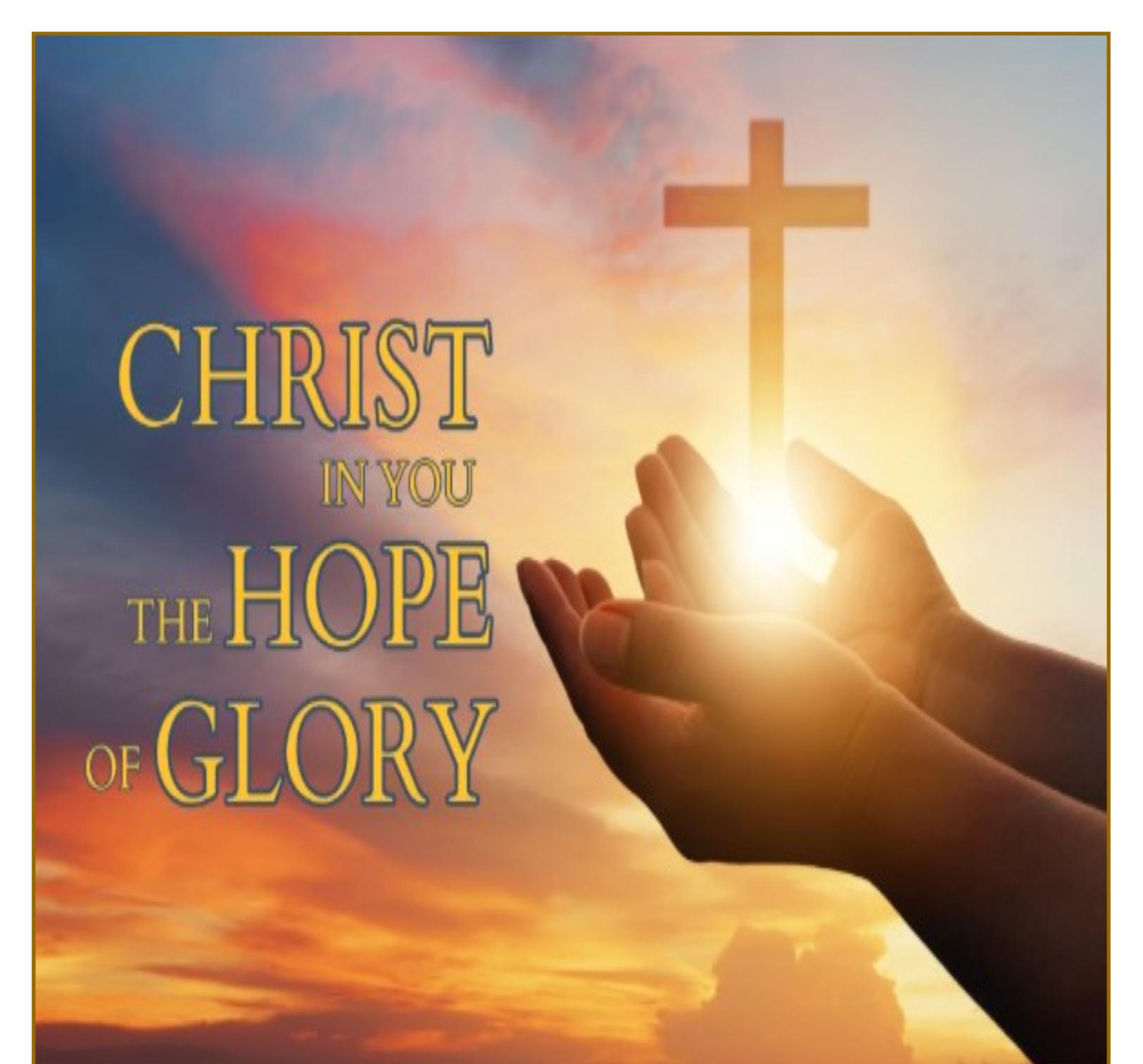
Maggie Mikalatos—April 28

Echo Langley—April 29

Richard Beilsmith—April 30

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