

Federated Findings

the newsletter of the waterville federated church

Ramblings from the Reverend

A full newsletter means that we are doubly blessed: we are an active congregation after Jesus' own heart and there is far less room for me to ramble! Amen! May you and your family have blessed Lenten and Easter seasons!



Good Friday Experience

This year for our Holy Week worship we will be doing something new! We will be having a Good Friday Experience on Friday, April 19 from 6:00-8:00pm. We will journey through seven different stations throughout the church to guide us in the events and spiritual lessons that Good Friday has to teach us. You will join a small group of fellow journeyers to make your way along the path and spend as much or as little time as you would like at each station (you will probably spend 30-45 minutes on your experience). Registering will be necessary and space is limited. Look to the welcome table to sign-up!

Church Beautification Day

We have been blessed by wonderful buildings and grounds to use for God's glory and the blessing of our community. We will get together **when the snow melts** to care for these wonderful blessings! We will work indoors and outdoors and your stewardship help is appreciated!

The Women's Guild will be organizing this work and will set a time soon.

Also, if there are students in your life who need community service hours, this is a great way for them to get some hours in!

New Doors

One day soon you'll notice that we will have new doors at our main entrance. We are looking forward to having doors with glass which will lighten up our entrance and enhance safety, doors which are more accessible for people with mobility issues, and doors that don't break down when the weather changes! Interestingly, it is also cheaper to get new doors than replace the hardware in the old doors—go figure. The estimated cost for the doors is \$3,517 from Community Glass of Wenatchee and any extra support you can provide for this needed replacement is appreciated.

Everyday Jesus Spirituality

Spirituality is about attending to the movements of the Holy Spirit in your life and community in order to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed into greater Christ-likeness. Often we associate spirituality with practices such as prayer, fasting, worship, solitude, and silence. These are wonderful, ancient spiritual practices. But spiritual practices aren't only these activities, they include "whatever you do" (Colossians 3:23) and indeed, before God everything we do, say, feel, and think happen in the presence of God, under the authority of God, and to the glory of God. During Lent, we will look at some "everyday" spiritual practices and see how we can see the spiritual in the ordinary.

- March 10** **The Spiritual Discipline of Getting Lost**
- March 17** **The Spiritual Discipline of Being Grounded**
- March 24** **The Spiritual Discipline of Physical Labor**
- March 31** **The Spiritual Discipline of Saying "No" - Carol McNabb, preaching**
- April 7** **The Spiritual Discipline of Pronouncing Blessing**
- April 14** **The Spiritual Discipline of Waking Up to God**

Easter at the Federated Church

The Easter season can be an emotional roller coaster... if you do it right. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace, a new kind of ruler for the weak and powerless who will triumph not over foreign invaders but over the powers of sin and death. A triumphal entry is certainly something to rejoice over and celebrate!

Then we head to the mysterious events of Maundy Thursday. We celebrate the Lord's Supper with joy and thanksgiving today, but it must have been very peculiar to the disciples—sharing a meal intended to commemorate God's past actions but hearing that one is about to betray Jesus to the point of death but that they should repeat this meal to remember Jesus by. And then we have Jesus suffering, crucifixion, and death on Good Friday. "Good" because of what the result means for us.

And then up from the grave Jesus arose! Victorious over death and separation from God! We celebrate Jesus' ultimate triumph for our sakes on Easter Sunday!

Holy Week Worship Schedule

- Palm Sunday** **April 14** **11:00am**
- Good Friday** **April 19** **6:00-8:00pm**
- Easter Sunday** **April 21**

Breakfast at 9:00; Worship at 10:00

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.—John 3:16

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Free Lunch Fridays

Our Friday Free Lunch program is building a strong community of kids and adults gathering around the table to enjoy food and friendship together. It is a wonderful thing to behold! If you would like to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of our local kids, make plans to be a part of our Friday lunch program. Lunch is served each Friday from 11:30-12:30. We could always use help with meal preparation, serving, hanging out with kids, and cleaning up. This is a great way to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community! To learn more or to serve, contact the office or Pastor Seth.

Ash Wednesday March 6

"Ashes have a long history in biblical and church traditions. In Scripture ashes (dust) symbolize frailty or death (Genesis 18:27), sadness or mourning (Esther 4:3), judgment (Lamentations 3:16), and repentance (Jonah 3:6). Some traditions also have considered ash a purifying or cleansing agent" (Harry Boonstra).

Our Ash Wednesday worship will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm. Our worship gathering this year is called "From Dust to Life" and will include song, scripture, prayer, an opportunity for repentance, healing, and the imposition of ashes.

Come see how rich God's love for you is!

Good Friday Supplies

We are doing something new for our Holy Week worship this year (look to the other side of the newsletter for details) and we need some supplies to make it awesome. If you can contribute any of the supplies listed below, please let Pastor Seth know. We will need these items by Tuesday, April 16.

- 4 aluminum cans (28oz size or bigger)
- 3 hammers
- 2 sections of purple tulle or curtain, approximately 5'x8' each
- River stones (or similar rocks)
- 40 strips of linen, approx. 5" x 5" each
- 40 twisty ties
- 3-5 lbs of natural decorative sand

AA

A reminder that Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the conference room each Friday at 7:00pm. If you or someone you know would benefit from being a part of their group, new people are always welcome. Let us continue to pray for the changed lives and recovery that happens with AA in Waterville!

Men's Breakfasts

Great food, fellowship, and a devotional are here! We will be having breakfasts at 8:00am at the Federated Church fellowship hall on Saturday, March 9 and Saturday, April 13. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

Women's Bible Study

Faithful women meet each Monday at 10:00 am at Carol McNabb's house, 418 S. Marion. You are invited to join them for a time of Bible Study and fellowship.

Board of Elders Update

The Board of Elders meets the second Monday of every month to discern God's will and act to further Christ's mission in our midst by seeking new possibilities, thinking of how to implement ministry, and stewarding the resources which have been given.

In February, we sadly accepted Deborah Johnson's resignation from the Board as she and Joe intend to move to Arizona full-time. Deb was the Methodist representative to the Board, the Methodists will meet March 10 to elect a new representative.

The Board also revised and updated our building use policy to make it more relevant to today's needs.

The Board elected members of the Finance Committee for 2019: Jill Thompson, Joyce Huber, Scott Shriner, Cathy Peirola, and Pastor Seth.

We continue to celebrate our vibrant women's bible study, faithful Sunday School, and growing men's breakfast ministries.

Please pray for our Board of Elders that they would faithfully continue to seek God's will for our congregation and community.

Deacons

At the congregational meeting in January, we elected Phyllis Browning, Bobby Ann Willms, Bob Jones, Betty Jones, Carol McNabb, Patsy Ludeman, Cathy Peirola, and Scott Shriner as deacons for 2019. We have plans to vitalize the ministry of our deacons this year. In addition to preparing and serving communion at Sunday worship, our deacons will be taking on greater responsibility for congregational care and visitation. We are launching our journey by receiving training on serving communion to those who are unable to join us in Sunday worship and will then be branching out to be active in visiting members, friends, visitors, and community members.

If you or someone you know would be blessed by receiving communion at their home, hospital, or care facility, please contact Pastor Seth. Pray for our deacons as they prepare for this new ministry!

Church Mice

