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**“You have heard of collateral damage.  
Now hear of collateral renewal.  
Every time we act in kindness,  
in mercy, in love:  
the impact of our actions radiates out to  
touch many more lives than the ones in our immediate vicinity.  
Others we do not know will be affected.  
The reverberations of our compassion will circle the world.  
Collateral renewal - healing rippling out, never ending.”**

*STEVEN CHARLESTON, MARCH 2024*

## Pastor's Message

This Easter season, as my newsfeed is filled with anxiety-producing headlines calculated to make me click on one link after another, I am trying to wean myself from that little frisson of dread that comes with each click. Setting aside the mystery of why a frisson of dread should be addicting (I know I'm not the only one), I am trying to let go of the habit and instead lean into the sturdy reality of goodness, and follow every sign and glimmer of collateral renewal.

Because Easter reminds our tired spirits that hope is stronger than despair,  
that love is stronger than hate,  
life is stronger than death,  
and that nothing is impossible with God.

The promise of Easter is that God is with us in every human moment,  
that the story of "God with us" has not ended but is always starting anew.

During worship through these seven weeks of Easter, we will be thinking together about how we hear God calling us as a community to participate in the collateral renewal of Easter. How to use our unique gifts and graces to spread God's love and work for God's justice. You'll be invited to reflect on your own or chat with a neighbor in the sanctuary or on zoom (whichever feels more comfortable to you) and then, if you'd like, to share what came to light in your discussion or reflection.

The first prompt will be to remember a time when you witnessed or participated in the creation of something that had never yet been done in just that way.

Join in worship on April 7 to learn more...

In hope and solidarity,

*Pastor Jeanne*

## Community Life

*Mary Crocker and the Community Life Team*

On Sunday, April 21st, the Green Team will be hosting a special service celebrating Earth Day. We will be hearing from our guest speakers, Teri and Pam, founders of the Milwaukie Environmental Steward Group. They will be talking about their wonderful program during the mission moment and stay to answer questions during coffee hour. We will also have food and music to celebrate and pay tribute to our precious planet, Earth. Come and join us.



## Calendar

Every Sunday  
10:00 am

Worship onsite and on ZOOM

[Zoom Link - Click Here](#)

Meeting ID: 812 1904 4603    Passcode: 842767

Phone (audio only): US (253) 215-8782

Thursday, April 4  
11:30 am

Lunch at Larry's

8081 SE King Rd, Milwaukie OR 97222

Sunday, April 7  
11:30 am

Green Team Meeting in the church office and on Zoom

[Green Team Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 863 0457 6196    Passcode: 452515

Tuesday, April 9  
1:00 pm

Advocacy Team Meeting

[Advocacy Team Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 879 9320 1944    Passcode: 714167

Friday, April 12  
11:00 am

Mission Team Meeting

[Mission Team Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 861 8351 8754    Passcode: 673718

Thursday, April 18

Inspired Creativity in the church library and on Zoom

[Inspired Creativity Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 4746 6786    Passcode: 351663

Sunday, April 21  
11:30 am

Council Meeting in the church office and on Zoom  
[Council Meeting Zoom Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 884 8181 6046    Passcode: 906071

Tuesday, April 21  
6:30 pm

Theology on Tap, at the home of Ethelyn Pankratz

Sunday ,April 28  
11:00 am

Potluck Sunday

## April Birthdays

- April 6 - Russ Martin
- April 7 - Libbi Bough
- April 9 - Linda Ricketts Lloyd
- April 12 - Joyce Stoll
- April 14 - Gail Burroughs
- April 16 - Drew Calhoun
- April 17 - Ellie Nelson
- April 20 - Dave Parker



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## Co-Treasurer's Report

*Pete Rux and Nancy Korloff, Treasurers*

We're almost a quarter of the way through 2024 already!

The church's financial picture looks quite good! Our income is well above our expenses at this point which is very nice, and also typical. We often are ahead in the spring, then fall behind in the summer, then scramble to pull it back together in the fall! We're on that path, and we encourage everyone to remember us during the summer months too!

Cheers!

## Building & Grounds

*by Mark Pavlicek*

This Spring Pete is busy on Thursdays from 10am-12 sprucing up the grounds, and Mark and Russ have volunteered to come and help during those times. We will be having a Grubby Sunday soon, we just don't know when quite yet. We continue to work with Jacobs regarding our furnace. We have decided to perhaps look into installing a remote thermostat that will let us know when the temperature drops beyond a certain point rather than having Mark or Pete run in physically to check it every once in a while. Pete is busy working with Jacobs and we hope to have a resolution soon. Other than these issues, things are running smoothly.

## Invitation to First Thursday Lunch!

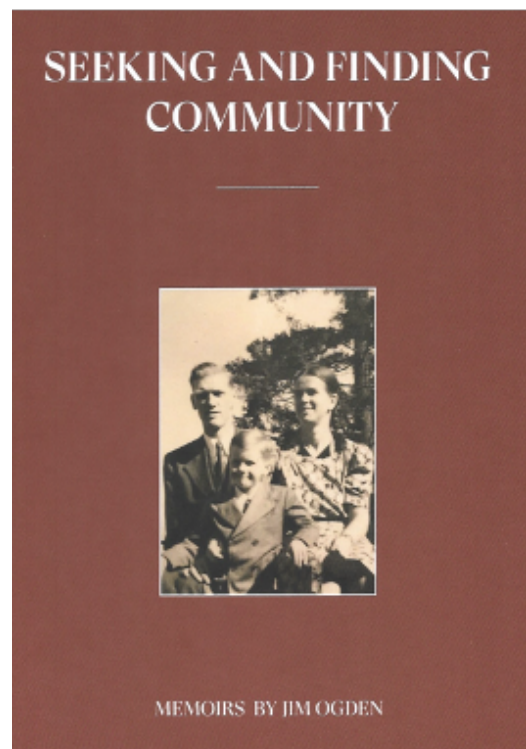
A growing group of folks get together for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at Larry's Restaurant, 8081 SE King Road in Milwaukie.

We invite everyone from our Kairos community to join us - no agenda, jut time to visit. We hope to see you on Thursday, April 4 and May 2 at 11:30AM.

## Seeking and Finding Community

Our own Jim Ogden has published a memoir and has given a copy to our church library. Like anyone with enough years, Jim could be said to have lived several lives, but all have been in service to God and the church. Many readers may be surprised at some of the events depicted here, but everyone who knows Jim will recognize his intellect and the deep thought he has put into practice throughout the life.

The church copy will be available in the Missions room with a signup/signout sheet. Whoever borrows it will sign & date it. Others can add their names, and as each person finishes the book they can pass it on to the next one on the list.



# Holy Week



## All's Well That Ends Well

### The Oregon Memorial Association is offering end-of-life planning workshops three times in the coming months:

Thursday, April 11 - on Zoom

Saturday, May 11 - SE Portland

Tuesday, June 4 – on Zoom

No matter your age, or your health, it is not too soon to learn more about how to plan, what to consider, and how best to make your wishes known to your loved ones. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.omaoregon.org>

“The mission of the church is not to enlarge its membership, not to bring outsiders to accept its terms, but simply to love the world in every possible way – to love the world as God did and does. If we are able to love the world, that will be the demonstration of the truth which the church has been given.”

–Parker Palmer

## Inspired Creativity to meet again April 18

Are you interested in exploring and expanding your creativity? If so, let's meet together in person at the church or remotely for an Inspired Creativity session Thursday, April 18, at 11 a.m. We will send a link in the weekly email before April 18 for those who prefer to participate on Zoom.

Here is our prompt for the upcoming meeting:

Make a simple map of your childhood home or neighborhood and note your favorite places where you liked to daydream and/or be creative in any way. We will share our thoughts.

Feel free to join in whether or not you attended the first Inspired Creativity session in February. Questions? Call Macy at 503-892-3178.

## Missions & Social Action

*Macy Guppy & Missions & Social Action Team*



For many years the Northwest Pilot Project has conducted a Walk-a-Thon as their annual fundraiser, and Kairos-Milwaukie UCC has participated enthusiastically, often being the top-earning team. Whole families turned out to walk the route in the Park Blocks in downtown Portland, and enjoyed the live music, food, and camaraderie. Then came the pandemic, and virtual walk-a-thons just didn't engender the same excitement.

Now they are trying something different: the Hootenanny Virtual Fundraiser event. Throughout the month of April, participants are asked to register individually at Hootenanny 2024 under the Kairos-Milwaukie UCC Team, choose a goal, and report the pledges they have obtained. You will also be asked to make reservations for the event on May 5<sup>th</sup>, when all registered participants and their families are invited to Oaks Park for the Hootenanny. Totals will be announced, and there will be rides, lunch, and prizes.

It's going to be a HOOT!

## Spiritual Life

*Adair Law and the Spiritual Life Team*

Theology on Tap is reading "Everything Good about God is True," by Bruce Reyes-Chow. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 April 23, at Ethelyn Pankratz's home.



# Council Meeting Minutes

## March 17, 2024

**Attended by:** Pastor Jeanne Randall-Bodman, Kathy Walden, Kathy Anderson, Kathy Jones, Pete Rux, Mark Pavlicek, Adair Law, Macy Guppy, Jake Anderson, Ethelyn Pankratz, and Joy Watson

The council voted unanimously for Macy to become vice moderator.

Opening by Pastor Jeanne

Moved by Kathy A, seconded and passed to approve February 18, 2024 minutes

**Pastor report:** Pastor Jeanne talked about the council retreat. She feels that it went well and has been working with Kathy W on how to bring what was discussed and the listening project to the congregation. During the season of Easter, she will offer questions and invite reflection and discussion during worship. The question we ended on at the retreat was "Who do we think our neighbor is?"

There was talk about doing t-shirts or hats or stickers that we could wear or share with the community that lets them know who we are. Discussion on our "branding".

April 27 at 10 am is a neighborhood clean-up at Ball-Michel Park. This will be a chance for our church to reach out to the community.

**Building and Grounds:** Mark has hired a young man to mow the church lawn. The sealant that Mark and Pete put on the roof seems to be working. The furnace started failing again and Pete reached out to Carrier. He has even left a complaint without a response. Jacobs has sent out technicians and are trying to figure out what is going on. They have agreed to extend the warranty for 2 more years.

**Spiritual Life:** Had a great meeting last month for Theology on Tap and they are currently deciding between 2 books for their next read. Adair and Pastor Jeanne have been discussing decorations for Easter Sunday and will be asking for Easter Lillies.

Communications: Jake, Kathy W, Pastor Jeanne, and Joy will be getting together soon to discuss updating Instagram. Jake and Kathy will also work together on updating web page.

**Community Life:** Kathy J states that there will be a pancake breakfast for Palm Sunday and that Mary and Pastor Jeanne have something special planned for Easter Sunday.

**Missions:** Kathy A reported that they met last Friday. One Great Hour of Sharing special offering was held on March 17th. The team would like to do a special offering for Haiti on either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. In the past April has been for NW Pilot Group but they are currently under reorganization and will not be holding their annual walk-a-thon.

Treasurers report: Pete reported that we are doing financially fine for the moment. We are \$10,000 ahead.



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**“The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.”**

*SOREN KIERKEGAARD*