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Pastor's Message

I've been thinking about this Mary Oliver poem a lot lately. A friend quoted it to me a few weeks ago and suddenly I am seeing it quoted everywhere. It could be an internet algorithm thing — click on something once and the internet will feed it — and variations — to you over and over again.

It could be that many people are wondering how to live faithfully and well in a world that is both beautiful and terrible.

Don't Hesitate

*If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy,
don't hesitate. Give in to it. There are plenty
of lives and whole towns destroyed or about
to be. We are not wise, and not very often
kind. And much can never be redeemed.
Still, life has some possibility left. Perhaps this
is its way of fighting back, that sometimes
something happens better than all the riches
or power in the world. It could be anything,
but very likely you notice it in the instant*

when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of its plenty. Joy is not made to be a crumb.

~Mary Oliver~

Here are the other words that are comforting and challenging me this spring:

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and whole.

~Romans 12:2~

This moment in history — this age — will keep us wrapped in fear.

There are real things to be afraid of.

But also, there is the promise of the spirit to lead us into transformation, and there is joy in all its plenty to give in to.

Don't hesitate!

Important Pastoral News

Dear Kairos family,

On April 29 I shared the sad news that our dear friend and pillar of our community, Gary Salyers, had died. A long-time Kairos member, Gary was, among many other things, the founder of the first preschool in our building, organizer of outings, driver of the old church bus, instigator of First Thursday Lunch, and great good friend.

One short week later Gary's beloved wife Jeanie also died. A light of immense kindness has left us.

May their example and memory continue to be a blessing among us.

There will be a memorial service for both Gary and Jeanie at 2pm on Saturday, June 8 in the auditorium at Nelson High School.

Please keep Jeanie, Doug and Lyn, Don and Lori, and Dan and Janice, and the whole Salyers family in your prayers.



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, May 2
11:30 am

First Thursday Lunch at Larry's

8081 SE King Rd Milwaukie OR 97222

Friday, May 17
11:00 am

Mission Team on Zoom

[Mission Team Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 861 8351 8754 Passcode: 673718

Sunday, May 19
11:30 am

Council Meeting in the church office and on Zoom

[Council Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 884 8181 6046 Passcode: 906071

Tuesday, May 21
1:00 pm

Advocacy Team Meeting on Zoom

[Advocacy Team Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 879 9320 1944 Passcode: 714167

Tuesday, May 28
6:30 pm

Theology on Tap

Location to be determined

Sunday, May 16
11:00 am

Potluck Sunday

In the Circle Room

April Birthdays

May 28 Janice Salyers
 May 28 Marc Salyers
 May 29 Colin Shepard
 May 31 Noel Nelson



Photo by [Adi Goldstein on Unsplash](#)

Building & Grounds

by Mark Pavlicek

Hello all. Jacobs is trying to install some fancy way to keep the furnace cool. They will be coming in early May to do this. We haven't had a furnace quit on us in a couple of months. We have also installed a new virtual thermostat that will tell us when the furnace needs to be manually reset. Fingers crossed!

Council Members' Book Recommendations:

In an unscheduled agenda item at their Saturday morning Retreat various members of Church Council offered the names of books they are reading. Take a look and select one just for fun, or get a brief book review from the reader.

- Joy Watson: **Random in Death** by J.D. Robb
- Adair Law: **Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett
- Kathy Jones: **The Future** by Naomi Alderman
- Kathy Walden: **Digging to America** by Ann Tyler
- Jeanne Randall-Bodman: **The Cost of Free Land** by Rebecca Clarren

Community Life

Mary Crocker and the Community Life Team

The Community Life Team has some additions for the Coffee Hour Calendar this month!

- May 5th: sandwiches to stay or go for NWPP fundraisers**
- May 12th: Mothers Day celebration**
- May 26th: Potluck Sunday**

The team appreciates your contributions and your participation!



Member Directory Update

Howard Neal

How long has it been since you have reviewed your contact information in the church directory?

If it's been over a year, I encourage you to review your contact information to confirm that it is current and up-to-date. You can find the Kairos Milwaukie "MEMBER DIRECTORY" by going to Kairos Milwaukie Church Website and clicking on the "Members" tab.

Recently an unauthorized individual attempted to gain access to our church directory. The good news is that their attempt failed. But to be safe, we have changed the password of our member directory. The new password can be obtained by contacting Howard Neal (in person) or by sending an e-mail to directory@kairosucc.org. Your identity will be confirmed before sending the password back to you.

After you have navigated to the location where the member directory is located, click on the "Member Directory". Please note that before you can view the directory, you will be prompted to enter the current password. For any directory changes, send an e-mail with the specific changes notated to directory@kairosucc.org.

Just a reminder: Beware of scammers that may try to fool and trick you into giving them confidential information such as passwords or banking information. Always be mindful and careful when sharing information that could result in unauthorized access to personal information.

PGMC Concert — Our Corner of the Sky — Pride on Broadway

David Johnson

The Portland Gay Men’s Chorus will feature inspiring selections from a wide variety of Broadway musicals Saturday evening, June 22nd, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The performance will include songs from longtime favorites such as The Sound of Music, Porgy and Bess, Pippin, Anything Goes, Sweeney Todd and La Cage aux Folles. Then add in numbers from more recent musicals such as Wicked, Dear Evan Hansen, Newsies, Into the Woods and Avenue Q. Plus numbers yet to be selected by several featured soloists. It should be a fun and uplifting evening.



I have a block of tickets purchased in the first two rows, Orchestra level, at a price of \$40 each. Please let me know if you are interested.

Spiritual Life

Adair Law and the Spiritual Life Team

Theology on Tap is reading **Everything Good about God is True** by Bruce Reyes Chow. They recently met at Ethelyn Pankratz's home either on Tuesday 4/23 or 4/30.

Missions & Social Action

Macy Guppy & Missions & Social Action Team

Clackamas Service Center

Highlights from the Impact Report for Spring 2024

People served in 2024: 35,637

Meals served monthly: 1,830

People showered monthly: 126

Clothing room visits monthly: 183

People housed monthly: 20

Construction is well underway on the long-awaited, beautiful new service building, built on the site of the old Annex. Laundry facilities, an upgraded clothing room, showers, and office space for medical care providers and other non-profit partners will be available.

We are invited to help name this new building.

Visit this link: <https://www.cscoregon.org/name-this-building>

For more information and to donate online: <https://www.cscoregon.org>

Advocacy Corner

The Advocacy Team is regularly highlighting information about causes you may care about and suggestions on how best to advocate for them in this volatile election season. In this age of overwhelm, we are adding this information to The Pace and weekly emails in small bits.



In April we featured:

The Faithful America website: [Resisting Christian Nationalism: FAQ + Resources](#);

A report on the trip Rev. Diane Dulin and other UCC clergy and laypersons made to the West Bank earlier this year: [The Stones Cry Out Solidarity Delegation Report](#)

May's first featured resource

Lift Every Voice Oregon is a group of faith leaders and other people of goodwill who led gun reform Measure 114's passage on the November 2022 ballot. The measure is now law but continues to be challenged in court. Since Dec. 22, 2022 when the law should have gone into effect, there have been 115 shooting deaths in our state.

<https://www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com/>

Lewelling Neighborhood Clean-Up Was a Success!

A big hand of gratitude was given to the six folks who participated in the semi-annual Lewelling Neighborhood Cleanup! The Neighborhood District Association chair Camden Mhone tells me the group doubled the size of the regular cleanup brigade and they were warmly welcomed this spring. He also mentioned that "our large group was able to clean up a large area in good time!"



I also hear there were lovely bucket hats on hand for the event



Contact Kathy Walden or Nancy Koroloff if you would like to pick up one of these stylish hats up!

And if anyone lost a pair of glasses at the clean-up, please let me know. We have those for you!



Inspired Creativity, Continued

Macy Guppy

I wonder if you, like me, would like more creativity in your life, and whether what you do in the creative realm is also part of your spiritual life. Let's share ideas on ways to do that. For example, Johnette and I just shared poems with each other as part of our email exchange about church tasks.

However, it's not always easy to put another meeting into your schedule, so let's try another tact. How about sharing prompts or ways to be creative through good old-fashioned conversation? Feel free to call, email or talk after church about this or any other ideas you have. In the future, maybe we can start an email chain or find another way to share together.

Here is the first prompt for this month's Pace. Feel free to respond to it and/or suggest another one:

Find an older creation of yours and consider what you carried forward to your present creative pieces — whether they are written pieces, drawings or paintings, knitting or crochet, or whatever else you love to do that sparks a bit of creativity. Think to yourself, "What have I discarded as I changed over time? How has my sense of creativity and how I express it evolved?" If you like, write about this or express your thoughts another way.

I look forward to hearing from you. This is all about organically sharing ideas and supporting each other as we grow spiritually and creatively.

Council Meeting April 21, 2024

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

Opening: Kathy W thanked Pete and Russ for all the work being done to the outside of the building and grounds.

Prayer by Pastor Jeanne

Pastors report: Is going to hone in the questions that she will be asking of the congregation during service regarding how the church will move forward while honoring the past ex: how we will serve the community.

Retreat follow-up: Kathy W has designed a logo to be put on hats that church members will be able to purchase for about \$25 and wear at functions and around town.

Coffee hour tables: The new configuration seems to be working and more inviting.

Updating signage: Discussion of adding QR codes and purchasing reader board.

Greetings and greeters: Dave Parker stated that he would gladly greet members and new people to the church prior to the service.

Welcoming activities: Kathy A will look at heading up a committee to do Trunk and Treat for Halloween. Adair and Jake will look at soundbathing for both inside and outside the church. Will check with Mark about rummage sales around the area and maybe planning one around the same time.: Pete states that we are doing financially well at the moment.

Treasurer's Report: Pete states that we are ahead at the moment.

Spiritual Life: Theology on Tap will be meeting this week at Ethelyn's home.

Community Life: Potluck Sunday is on April 28th

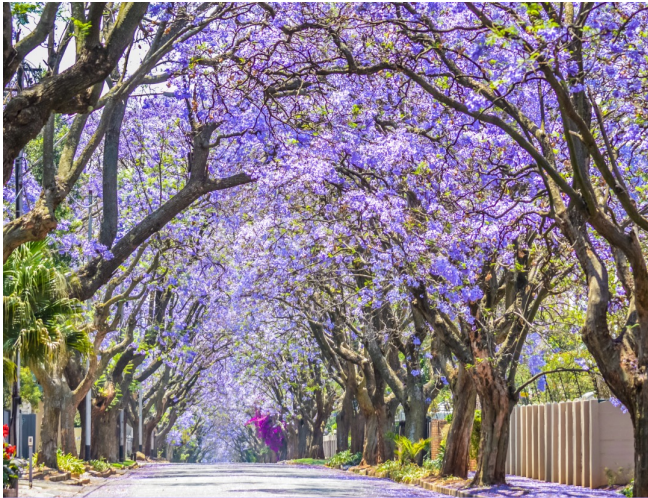
Missions: Kathy A states that there isn't much to report. There is the Hootenanny for the NW Pilot Project. The group hasn't decided on a special offering for May and there might not be one.

Building and grounds: Pete reported that he had installed a smart thermostat for the furnace. He, Mark and Pastor Jeanne will be able to see what the temperature is and turn on the heat from their phones and not have to run to the church really early.

There was a quick discussion of who would monitor the Little Library and Joy said that she would keep tabs on it.

Closing by Kathy W and Pete. Moment of quiet.

Next meeting is May 19, 2024



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**“The human definition of the natural world is
always going to be too small, because the
world’s more diverse and complex than we
can ever know. We’re not going to
comprehend it; it comprehends us.”**

WENDELL BERRY, DIGGING IN