

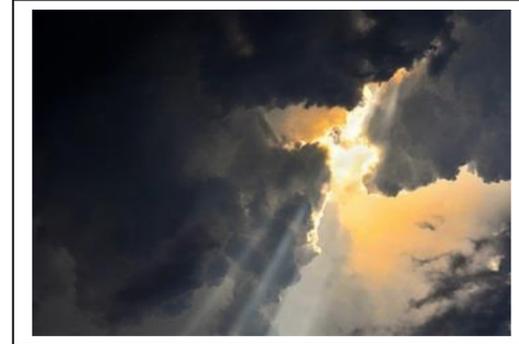
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GROWING TOGETHER

INSPIRING OURSELVES AND OTHERS IN GROWING TOWARD GOD

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As we Spring into April and Easter

We'll be focusing on Renewal and the joy of life by supporting our Youth and Christian Education Ministries with fundraisers and fun. We will welcome the leadership of our youth by supporting the projects and causes close to their hearts.

We will celebrate love as Christ taught us by joining in fellowship together at our Easter Brunch and joining in the fun of Youth Game Night. In the spirit of that love we will be uplifting conversation on hard topics like human sexuality, immigration, gun law reform and the actions needed to keep the vulnerable in our community safe.

We will gather with open hearts and minds to decide together on the growth of our community with an All Church Meeting on April 29th. We will welcome Spring and our Y.A.H.O.O. volunteers who's blessings and love flowed into their good works in Mexico. We will welcome spring in our Community Garden, our Youth and Children and our hearts.

We wish you all blessings and fruitful renewal in the Easter Season!

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THE DEATH OF DEATH

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

★★★★★★★★★★

This poem is one of my favorites by John Donne. Donne spent much of his life, to coin a phrase, in “dissolute living,” which you will discover if you read his other poetry. But later in life he became a priest, though still very much a poet, and one of the best England produced.

This poem is from a collection of Holy Sonnets, which are meditations on everything from love, to death and illness, and the passion and tension of the spiritual life. The tenth sonnet is of course about death and resurrection, and recalls a passage from 1 Corinthians that is often read at Easter: *25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 1 Corinthians 15.25-26*

John Donne (1572–1631)
Death Be Not Proud (Holy Sonnet X)

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou are not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.
Thou'art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy'or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

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GROW!

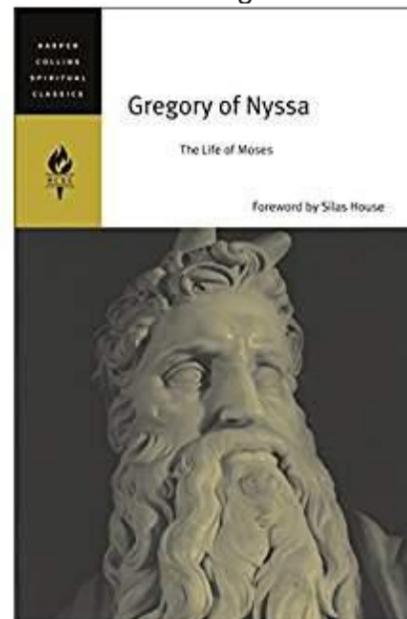
Theology Book Club

Someone once said: "Theology is a bit like eating, we all do it, but most of us worry more about what we are sticking in our mouths than what we are sticking in our souls."

If you want to dive more deeply into how we think, believe, and feel about God, consider joining us for the new Theological Book Club. We'll be reading all kinds of theology from all kinds of thinkers: early Christian writers, Reformation theologians, feminist theology, liberation theology, and whatever else you might be interested in reading.

Our first meeting is April 25 at 6PM at McMenamins in the library.

Our first book is by 4th cent. writer Gregory of Nyssa: *The Life of Moses* which explores everything from incarnation and spirituality to Biblical interpretation. You can get it from Amazon. We'll be reading the one with this cover:



Need more information or have questions?

Contact Pastor Brennen: maccoopastor@gmail.com

MAC Reads:

"The Distance Between Us" by Reyna Grande

Novelist and inspirational speaker, Reyna Grande, is a master at telling stories of survival and struggle that mirror the lives that Latino youth and their families often endure in search of the American dream. Her memoir provides a way for people of faith to explore and grapple with immigration issues that are relevant for many of our neighbors in Yamhill County.

Read the book

Choose your night & join us:

Thursday, April 12 7:00 - 8:30 PM
McMinnville Covenant Church
2155 NW 2nd Street, McMinnville

or

Tuesday, April 17 7:00 - 8:30 PM
First Presbyterian Church
390 NE 2nd Street, McMinnville

Bilingual Poetry Night

Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00pm
Ten Oaks Gallery, 801 SW Baker St., McMinnville

McMinnville Public Library Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00pm
McMinnville Public Library's Carnegie Room

Oregon Humanities Conversation Project

The Space Between Us
Sunday, April 22nd at 2:00pm
McMinnville Public Library's Carnegie Room

Conversation with Reyna Grande

Thursday, April 26th at 3:00pm
Linfield College's Nicholson Library

Reyna Grande Presentation

Thursday, April 26th at 7:00pm
Linfield College's Ice Auditorium

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN ED!

Reconciling Education Goes On:

The Christian Education Team invites you to continue your education about human sexuality and what that means for godly people with two upcoming events:

Sunday, April 8 at 2pm in the Great Room

Join us for a showing of "The Bible Tells Me So" An exploration of the intersection between religion and homosexuality in the U.S. and how the religious right has used its interpretation of the Bible to stigmatize the gay community. Find the movie here: ["The Bible Tells Me So"](#)

Sunday, April 15 at Fellowship Times

Bring your questions and join United Methodist District Superintendent, Tim Overton- Harris, in conversation about why becoming Reconciling is so important in the Methodist Church and in the church at large today.

Don't forget! All Church Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 12pm in the Great Room!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS:

One in the Spirit, Women's Book Study	Mondays at 7pm in the Library
Foundations (K-8 Youth Group)	Tuesdays at 5:30 in the Great Room
Foundations (High School Youth Group)	Thursdays at 5:30 in the Great Room
"The Bible Tells Me So" Screening	Sunday, April 8 at 2pm in the Great Room
Table Talks with Reverend Tim	Sunday, April 15 during Fellowship
Youth Game Night!	Sunday, April 15 4-7pm in the Great Room
Safe Sanctuaries Training	Sunday, April 22 at 12pm in the Great Room

April is Christian Education Month- Look for more info on Special Happenings coming soon!

COMING EVENTS

March in Portland April 4 to remember MLK's Legacy

People are invited to participate in a march in Portland to remember the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr., on the 50th anniversary of his death.

Sponsored by the Albina Ministerial Alliance, the Beloved Community of Oregon, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "The Movement Isn't Over: March and rally commemorating the 50th anniversary of King's assassination" will begin April 4 at 5 p.m. at the Japanese-American Historical Plaza (westside waterfront at Davis Street).

The goal of the march is simple: "calling on all people of faith in the common good to gather, march and re-dedicate themselves to the unfinished work of the original Civil Rights Movement and Poor People's Campaign. Let us remember that the movement isn't over, and there is still much to be done in order to make King's dream of a true Beloved Community possible"

Starting at 5:30 p.m. the group will march its way across the Steel Bridge to the MLK Statue (at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and NE Holladay Street). A rally will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. at the statue.

For more information contact Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon at [\(503\) 221-1054](tel:5032211054).

Lutheran Synod Happenings

April 4th

"The Movement Isn't Over: March commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination." 5:00 p.m. at Japanese-American Historical Plaza.

Deadline April 20th

Position Open: Executive Director, Luther Heights Bible Camp

SAVE THE DATE: April 15, 2018

Emergency Preparedness Festival at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Beaverton, Oregon - Details to come!

SAVE THE DATE: April 25, 2018

Synod Boundary Workshop for Clergy, Spouses, and Youth Workers

May 4th and May 5th

The spring 2018 Lutheran World Relief Ingathering at St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

May 16th

EMO Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction fund ministry to those in need.

May Youth Weekends at Holden Village

May 18-20(Full), May 25-27(Full), May 27-29 (100%Open)

SAVE THE DATE: June 21st

Portico Benefits Services Pre-Retirement Seminar in Kennewick, WA at First Lutheran Church. More information to come.

SAVE THE DATE: October 8, 9, and 10

Bishop's Convocation. Aqate Beach Inn

Invitation from the UMC Bishop

Friends in the Greater Northwest,

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky is encouraging United Methodist clergy and laypersons across the Greater Northwest Area to attend 'Table Talk' conversations about human sexuality, and about the future of the Church we love. In the Cascadia District, Table Talks are scheduled for:

Sunday, April 22 from 2-5 p.m. at **Madras UMC**, **Sunday, May 6** from 2-5 p.m. at **Hillsboro First UMC**, **Tuesday, May 22** from 6:30-9 p.m. at the **MICAH Building in Salem**



What, the Flock?!

Have you ever looked around your yard and thought, "This is nice, but what it could really use is half a dozen flamingos."? Or better yet, have you ever looked at your (neighbor/friend/aunt/uncle/child/veterinarian/etc)'s yard and thought - "They need a dozen flamingos, stat!"?

Well, whether you have or you haven't, you're in luck! It's about to become WAY easier to get flamingos delivered to yards. The Children and Youth Ministries of the Co-op are happy to announce their April Fundraiser - Flamingo Flocking!

Here's how it works - after church on April 8, 15, 22, and 29, the youth will be positioned at two tables. At one table, children, youth and adults will be selling Flockings. There, for the low, low price of \$5 for 6 flamingos or \$10 for 12 flamingos, you can purchase a Flocking to be delivered to the house of your choice. Sometime during the week, the Children and Youth will deliver the Flocking to the house, along with a sign. The sign will read:

You've been flocked by the Youth Group of
McMinnville Cooperative Ministries.

This fine flock of flamingos has been lovingly ordered by a
dear (unnamed) friend of yours. But don't worry, the flock will move on
by this date: _____

If you want to your flock to be relocated to the yard of your dear friend who flocked you first, please call Bobby at [971-444-0281](tel:971-444-0281). We'll be happy to move your flock along for the low, low price of \$10.

This is a fundraiser for the Children and Youth Ministries of McMinnville Cooperative Ministries. All proceeds go to helping send kids to summer camp.

The second table will sell Flamingo Insurance. For \$30, you can ensure that your yard will remain free of any flamingo flocks.

I hope you will join me in welcoming our fine, fun flamingo flocks who will help our children and youth fund-raise their way to summer camp.

Peace (and feathers),

Bobby

APRIL EVENTS

4/2- OFFICES CLOSED

4/8- 2pm in the Great Room
Screening of "The Bible Tells Me So"

4/12- 5pm in the Great Room
Piecing Community Together

4/15- During Fellowship Times
Table Talks with D.S. Tim Overton-Harris

After Celebration Service in Rm(s) 103/105
Church Council Meeting

4pm-7pm in the Great Room
Youth Game Night

4/22- 12pm in the Great Room
Safe Sanctuaries Training

4/29- 12pm in the Great Room
All Church Meeting

On-Going Events

Crafters every Monday at 9:00am in Basement Crafter's Room
Contact Alice Howell (503.472.8522) for info.

One in the Spirit (Women's Book Study) Mondays 7pm in the Library.
Contact Susan Dehm for more info at 503-857-7584

Day Center Ministry every Tuesday and Thursday at 9am in the Social Hall

Foundations: K-8 Youth Group every Tuesday at 5:30 in the Great Room
Contact Bobby Langhorne at maccoopkidsministry@gmail.com for info

Adult Bell Choir every Wednesday night at 7pm in Room(s) 103/105.
Contact Bill Wood at 503.434.0558 for more info

Men's Book Study every Thursday at 7pm in the Library

Holden Evening Prayer Services Thursdays in the Sanctuary through 3/22

Foundations: High School Youth Group every Thursday at 5:30 in the Great Room
Contact Bobby Langhorne at maccoopkidsministry@gmail.com for info



COUNCIL UPDATE

The beginning of spring has so many meanings, it is easy to see the connection to our Easter holiday. I find that early spring is an important time to get out into nature. Recently I have been visiting Miller Woods Park, it is not too far away from home and it gives you the impression of getting away for a moment. However, you don't have to travel very far to see the rebirth of nature, as you look out your window you can see flowers blooming from bulbs that were dormant. Raspberry plants that seemed to have died off in the fall now have new leaves in preparation for fruit. It is evident that nothing ever dies. Energy simply gets transformed into something else.

Last year I spent a lot of time in the vegetable garden, admiring it's beauty, adding a little compost here, thinning, trimming parts of plants there and using them to cover the ground to keep the soil moist. The garden allowed me to have a lot of deep conversations with my son Adrian, who was 6 last summer. We talked about death and resurrection, we talked about life and fruitfulness we talked about how nothing goes to waste and about life. Truly, God is the gardener and we are the soil and the plants. God tends to his garden every day. What to an outside observer might seem as dead part of a plant God sees as fertilizer for another. What to an outside observer might seem like a bare plot God sees as bulbs that are about to sprout back into existence after being dormant for winter.

Take a moment every day to fully enjoy Easter and Spring,

Efrain Arredondo
Council Chair

The next church council meeting will be held Sunday, April 15th after church. Please remember that church council meetings are open to the public and your presence is always encouraged. Full reports and agendas can be found at <http://bit.ly/2rMPuhK>.

And don't forget the **All Church Meeting on April 29th** to vote on some very important issues for our church: Section 9 of the new constitution, Reconciling in Christ for our Methodist side and more.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations!
Wishing you Many More Years of Happiness!

Anniversaries:

4/11- George and Carolyn Statsny
4/21- Maryann and Rich Olhausen
4/22- Rick and Sue Meyer

Happy Birthday!
We're Glad You're in the World!

Birthdays:

4/1- Brian Bixler
4/1- John Bixler
4/1- John Cramer
4/1- George Statsny
4/5- Diane Ellingson
4/5- Austin Ewing
4/6- Deb Martian
4/6- Doris White
4/9- Sharon Jackson
4/10- Johannes Goddik
4/11- Gale Johnson
4/12- Elaine Rohse
4/13- Matt Dehm
4/13- Patsy Dye
4/13- Delia Hammond
4/13- Nancy Rice
4/14- Doug Cruikshank
4/14- Tracy Ewing
4/14- Lucile Kuhn
4/16- Win Martinson
4/17- Michelle Guillory
4/18- Silas Patrick
4/19- Janet Hanson
4/19- Eleanor Plamondon
4/20- Jim Dayton
4/21- Sue Meyer
4/25- Don Anderson
4/26- Taylor Ames
4/26- Mark Brewer
4/26- Elaine Burke
4/27- Joyce Harmon
4/27- Beth Rankin
4/29- Vesper Blankenship
4/30- Brennen Guillory

UPDATES

ELCA Oregon Synod Supports New Legislation

"As for the new gun proposal, it would ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines in Oregon starting in 2019. Military and law enforcement employees who are required to carry firearms would be exempt, as would retailers and manufacturers who sell the weapons to those agencies. For others, possession of the weapons would be a Class B felony . . . People who already own these weapons would be allowed to keep them, if they register them and pass a criminal background check."

Rep. Bill Post calls the proposed legislation a "gun confiscation" ballot measure. This would seem to be a misreading. Please read it for yourself at <http://oregonvotes.org/irr/2018/043text.pdf>. And thank you to those religious leaders who are bringing this consideration to Oregon, including our own Pr. Mark Knutson.

I am distressed that any Oregon legislator would think that doxing religious leaders - or anybody - is ethical behavior. Please give thanks for the great majority of our state leaders who make decisions of greater personal integrity. - Bp. Dave

(This post was taken from the Oregon Synod Facebook Page. You can view it [here](https://www.facebook.com/oregonsynod/): <https://www.facebook.com/oregonsynod/>.)

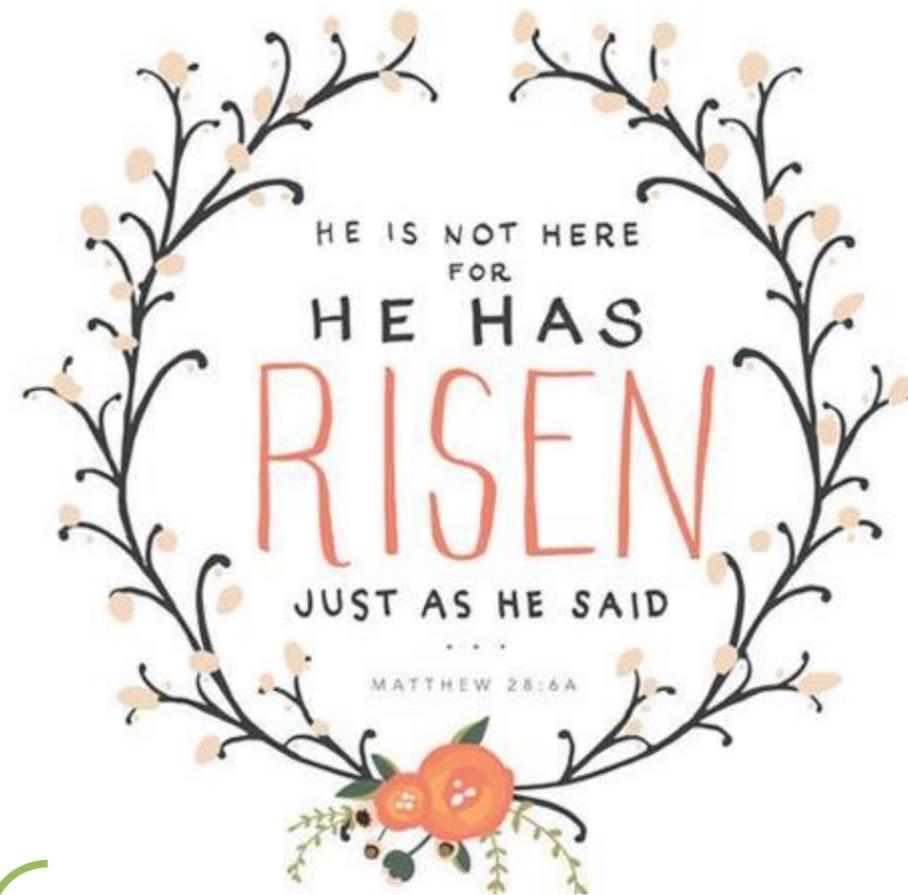
UMC Bishop Stansovsky responds to critical post with open letter

Last month, Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky announced her intention to appoint the Rev. Kathleen Weber to serve as the Superintendent of the new Crest to Coast Missional District in the Pacific Northwest Conference. Also in February, the Bishop approved the hiring of Rev. Brett Webb-Mitchell as the part-time LGBTQ advocacy coordinator for the Oregon-Idaho Conference, a new position fully funded by a grant from The Collins Foundation. Both leaders will support the work of their respective conferences, and also local churches as they call and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Last Friday, Rev. Tom Lambrecht, who is also a member of the global church's Commission on a Way Forward, sent a message to Good News email subscribers harshly criticizing Bishop Stanovsky for the hiring/appointing of Weber and Webb-Mitchell grounded solely in his understanding of the church's current doctrine related to human sexuality. He wrote his piece, subsequently published online (which you can find here: <https://goodnewsmag.org/2018/03/northwest-united-methodist-defiance/>), without seeking conversation or comment from the bishop.

Please take a minute today to read Bishop Elaine's open letter response (find it here: <http://greaternw.org/an-open-letter-to-rev-tom-lambrecht-member-of-the-commission-on-a-way-forward/>) to Rev. Lambrecht. In it, she uses some of the practices embraced by the Commission on a Way Forward in its work, offering a thoughtful, prayerful, response the church can learn from. You'll be able to experience for yourself the Anatomy of Peace principles she references if you participate in one of the many Table Talks planned in the area.

GIVING BACK



Hospitality Helpers

The Hospitality Team is looking for people to make up 3-4 dozen cookies that could be put in the freezer to help with refreshments after the Celebration Service.

The Welcome Team is looking for someone to decorate the two bulletin boards in the Great Room and Ministry Center lobby. May need to change monthly or quarterly as activities/holidays change.

Please contact Dorene Gleason or [Amber](#) at the office if you can help.

A Note from the Treasurer

To our retired members who are receiving distributions from their IRA accounts:

Do you want to save money on your taxes? Are you now receiving your IRA distribution, depositing it in your personal checking account, and then writing a check to the church for your offering?

You can save taxes by having a portion of your IRA withdrawal sent directly by check to the church instead of to you. By paying your pledge this way you do not have to report the IRA withdrawal as income on your tax return. This, coupled with the new higher itemized deduction beginning in 2018, could save a significant amount on your income taxes. Please consult your tax preparer for more information.

[My liability insurance company requires me to state that you cannot rely on this information for income tax planning and you should seek the council of a qualified tax preparer.]

Bill Wood
CoOp Treasurer