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# The Boulder Knoll Scroll

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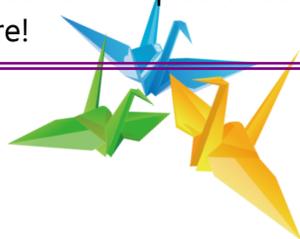
*To see a World in grain of sand, And Heaven in a Wild Flower, Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand And Eternity in an hour. - William Blake*

## EXPLORING THE ART OF ORIGAMI DURING LENT SUNDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> & APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>



Join origami master Gladys Jacobsen on March 13th and April 3rd, and create your own Lenten origami. Your piece will be added to our origami tree in the narthex. This is a great intergenerational activity, and encourages us all to consider: What actions do you want to cultivate during Lent this year, and what actions do you want to weed out.

The classes are held in Boulder Hall from 9:50-10:50, in-between worship services. We hope to see you there!



*"...I place an ordinary piece of square origami paper before me. What do I see? At one level I see no more than a piece of paper, a thin compression of plant fibers. But what else do I see? I see the square of paper twisting and turning itself until the semblance of a bird emerges from the paper to stand before me. And then the bird dissolves again and I am left with my original sheet of paper, now seemingly imprinted with crease lines which form a curious geometrical pattern. Is the bird or its form still residing there in the paper? Was it there before the paper took the shape of the bird? Did it exist as a Platonic Idea? Or do these ideas exist only in my own mind? But surely I did not invent the mathematical patterns. Where did they come from if not from God?"*

—David Lister Grimsby, England



Origami tree in the Narthex





Grace and peace to you friends,

On Sunday, February 27th, 2022 Westminster had her annual meeting. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the logistics and preparations. Over 200 members and friends attended, approximately 160+ onsite and 40+ online. This was the first of its kind, a fully hybrid annual meeting. We honored those who had passed, received the budget information and heard various reports all of which can be found in the 2022 annual report. The church navigated a significant year in 2021. There were staff transitions as well as the second year of covid and related adjustments. Ministry was dynamic and shifting, a reality which can be both exciting and unnerving. During times of transition, we can long for our places of comfort to remain unchanging. It is Christ's presence and love that persists regardless of how unfamiliar the world may seem.

We also voted on a motion which asked the congregation whether or not to dissolve the pastoral call. The church voted in favor of keeping the call in-tact and moving together into our second year of ministry. It is an honor to serve as your pastor and I am humbled by the optimism this congregations sees when it envisions the future. An annual meeting such as this one can have some intensity and processing that needs tending to in the aftermath. I hope you have been able to find some rest over the past two weeks. During any time of conflict we learn, we grow and we add to our collective wisdom. There can also be pain and angst. It can take time for wounds to heal.

Reflection is our next step. This is the time to think about and publicly articulate on how we want to live in covenant. What are the values the church holds most dear when communicating with one another about things that are challenging, personal or extra intense?

- In what ways did we do this well over the past 2 months?
- In what ways might we improve?

To help us further this conversation, look for a series of listening sessions later this spring. In the meantime, the Session always welcomes feedback on the webpage ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJOdiFHjwFnWNNjyzo8LZpmjQdxvpTkW2Zn6vdIm\\_Ekyzlpq/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJOdiFHjwFnWNNjyzo8LZpmjQdxvpTkW2Zn6vdIm_Ekyzlpq/viewform) ).

Finally, it is Lent. Rather than a quiet, penitent Lent, this one feels to me more like a scream-into-the-void, let-your-heart-break-for-Ukraine kind of season. It is a crisis that we will not escape anytime soon and, like the first disciples, we are asked if we can walk with our Ukrainian siblings through the pain without turning away, allowing their injustices (rather than our comfort) to be at the center of the story. This is not an easy task but we will do it. We will both walk with them and with Jesus in these coming weeks, unflinchingly and with all the courage we can muster.

Ever onward,  
Pastor Kelly

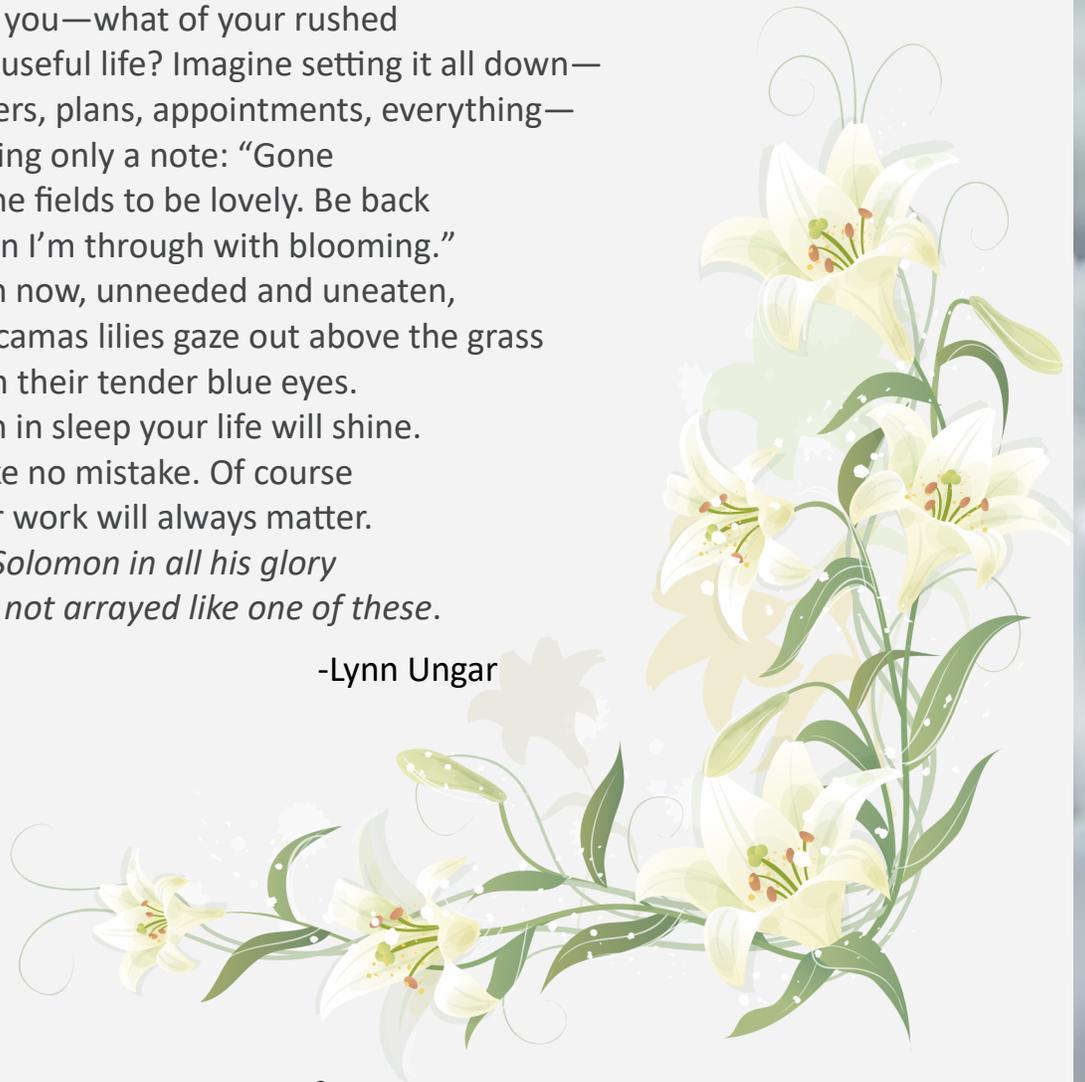
*See the next page for some poetry for your soul this month...*



### **COMMUNION**

*Consider the lilies of the field,  
the blue banks of camas opening  
into acres of sky along the road.  
Would the longing to lie down  
and be washed by that beauty  
abate if you knew their usefulness,  
how the natives ground their bulbs  
for flour, how the settlers' hogs  
uprooted them, grunting in gleeful  
oblivion as the flowers fell?  
And you—what of your rushed  
and useful life? Imagine setting it all down—  
papers, plans, appointments, everything—  
leaving only a note: "Gone  
to the fields to be lovely. Be back  
when I'm through with blooming."  
Even now, unneeded and uneaten,  
the camas lilies gaze out above the grass  
from their tender blue eyes.  
Even in sleep your life will shine.  
Make no mistake. Of course  
your work will always matter.  
*Yet Solomon in all his glory  
was not arrayed like one of these.**

-Lynn Ungar



## SESSION UPDATES

### ***CORE VALUES SURVEY:***

Results of the core values survey are available. Take a look. We'll be discussing them as a church in more detail this spring.

[https://www.salemwestpres.org/files/ugd/12b314\\_f0621f18aebe4f86b4ba407359fb44a7.pdf](https://www.salemwestpres.org/files/ugd/12b314_f0621f18aebe4f86b4ba407359fb44a7.pdf)



### ***SHARE YOUR GIFTS!***

Are you a gifted gardener or do-it-yourselfer? A financial wiz? Maybe networking is your super power. We all have unique gifts, and now is the time to explore how to share them with a team at WestPres. Budget & Finance, Building & Grounds, and Outreach are looking for members and friends to join their teams. This is a chance to meet great people and make a real difference! Give us a call at the office (503) 364-3327, or email Jean at: [jean@salemwestpres.org](mailto:jean@salemwestpres.org). We'll help you connect with your personal Dream Team!!



### ***ATTENTION MUSICIANS***

This is your chance to be part of an exciting ministry of worship and music! Westminster Presbyterian Church is looking for a skilled keyboardist and/or guitarist to help lead our contemporary worship service during April, May, and June. The ideal candidate will also be able to actively lead music during the service along side other volunteer vocalists and instrumentalists. Necessary skills include: ability to play keyboard/piano and/or guitar, collaborate with other paid & volunteer musicians, understanding of lead sheet notation (melody and chords), and comfort with contemporary worship style of playing.

Compensation is \$175 a week, which includes a rehearsal (Wednesday evening) and Sunday morning service (10:30AM).

If interested, please contact our church office [[jean@salemwestpres.org](mailto:jean@salemwestpres.org)] or Jeffrey Larkin [[music@salemwestpres.org](mailto:music@salemwestpres.org)]

### **MASK UPDATE**



### ***STAY TUNED.....***

What's a session to do? With the mask mandate being lifted by Governor Brown on March 12th, Session needs to meet and determine the best path forward for Westminster. Our regularly scheduled meeting is March 16. Between now and then, we will be reviewing the advice of health experts as it applies to our population and situation. Please plan on wearing masks in the church on March 13 and give us a chance to meet for a decision on March 16.

If you grew up in the Presbyterian church, you no doubt have memories of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Banks. If you are young enough, you remember the banks being shaped like fish as they are today. What you may not remember is the purpose of OGHS.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustain-able food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by OGHS all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From

initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work connects to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. In today's world, the words "unstable connection," "weak connection" or worse, "lost connection," are synonymous for an online meeting that has become frozen or dropped off. We humans fundamentally need to connect.

Through our Church, we connect, in whatever way we are able, with one another, and celebrate the many ways God connects with us, in good times and in hard times.

Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to connect with one another, with our neighbors in need, and work for a better world. We join with people whose connections are, too often, unstable; people experiencing poverty, oppression, hunger and disaster. The Church offers gifts of prayer, understanding and support, by participating in ministries of poverty alleviation and natural and human-caused disaster relief, as well as self-development to ensure dignity for all.

This year, the children's calendar is aligned with the Lenten Devotional shared with the congregation by the Adult Education Committee. Those calendars and fish banks are also available to adults if you want to further your connection to the children of WestPres and to connect your OHGS donation to the Lenten Devotional based on Matthew 25, entitled, "Lord when did we see you?"





**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



***"(God) shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."***

**— (Isaiah 2:4)**

The current Russian invasion that started on February 24 follows eight years of conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of people across the country are enduring bombings and assault by Russian military forces; and have lost power, been cut off from water and fuel. As people head toward the western regions, there is a shortage of food and other basic supplies. The reports of displaced persons inside Ukraine continue to rise every day, already in the hundreds of thousands. The UN anticipates that as many as 6.7 million will be displaced internally. Likewise, Ukrainians are fleeing to neighboring countries, primarily to Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, while others have moved to other European countries. Again, current estimates from the UN are that the refugee numbers could also reach several million. These borders have remained open until now even as lines are growing.

Partners are raising particular concern for the women and young children who make up the majority of the refugees as many men are now barred from leaving the country. As part of the international humanitarian community, PDA urges that governments and non-governmental organizations provide assistance without discrimination due to concerns for the Roma and people of other nationalities who have also been displaced by the conflict.

In the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel.

Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. In fact, One Great Hour of Sharing — the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to provide hope, help and relief — was started in response to refugees coming out of Europe.

Our response to the situation in Ukraine will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

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**GIVE:** Gifts can be [made online](#), by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) / P.O. Box 743700 / Pittsburgh, PA 15264

# Lent & Easter 2022

## THE SEASON OF LENT

March 13th - 2nd Sunday of Lent: *Scripture: John 13:1-17*

March 20th - 3rd Sunday of Lent: *Scripture: John 18:12-27*

March 27th - 4th Sunday of Lent: *Scripture: John 18:28-40*

April 3rd - 5th Sunday of Lent: *Scripture: John 19:1-16a*

April 10th - **Palm Sunday**: *Scripture: John 19:16-22/ John 12:12-27*

April 15th - **Good Friday**: *Scripture: John 19:31-42*

7:00PM Good Friday worship service, both in-person and streamed

April 16th - **Easter Egg Hunt!** Saturday morning at 9:00AM



*Easter Sunday*

**9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service**

**10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service**

*With a special Coffee Hour - watch for details*

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

Easter planning is upon us! Be prepared for changes. Assistants are needed for the following dates at both services.

- ◆ April 3
- ◆ April 10 Palm Sunday - there is a need for 4-6 readers at both services. Please let me know soon if you would enjoy participating in this program.
- ◆ April 17
- ◆ April 24
- ◆ May - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

As the services take shape some changes may occur, but feel free to volunteer!

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Contact Mary Snethen / [marysnethen@gmail.com](mailto:marysnethen@gmail.com)

## Congregational Life

Hello Friends,

This is a gentle reminder to register for the webinar, **"It's Greek to Me!"** if you would like to attend. This workshop is offered at no cost through the Presbyterian Foundation on **March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am PT**. The title, "It's Greek to Me!" is a bit tongue and cheek, but the content is important to our ministry. I know for many of us financial reports can be difficult to follow – maybe it feels like 'Greek' to you too! In this workshop Ben Hayden, Presbyterian Foundation Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, will join us to take a deep dive into financial statements, deepening our understanding of these reports that are so vital to ministry.

Feel free to forward this email to your Financial Committee, Trustees, Elders, Treasurers, or anyone that could benefit from attending—all are welcome! RSVP by emailing: [rob.hagan@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:rob.hagan@presbyterianfoundation.org), or by calling (509) 521-5400. Details on how to sign in will email to those registered a few days before the webinar.

It will be great fun and a good conversation; we hope you will join us on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Blessings in Christ,

*Rob*

Rev. Dr. Rob Hagan  
Ministry Relations Officer of the NW  
Presbyterian Foundation, PCUSA

## IT'S GREEK TO ME! READING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Join Rob and Ben for a Webinar

We parse verbs in our Nestle Greek bible. We make sure we know the prefixes and suffixes of many nouns and the syntax. However, when it comes to financial statements, we use the old adage "It's Greek to me!" As a pastor, I was never trained to read financial statements.

The Foundation has a fix for that! We are offering a webinar on how to read financial statements, balance sheets, monthly reports, end-of-the-year reports, etc. We will be watching two or three professional produced videos in the Church Financial Leadership Academy, (CFLA) which the Foundation developed using a Lilly grant.

You can sign-up for the CFLA by visiting [churchfla.com](http://churchfla.com).



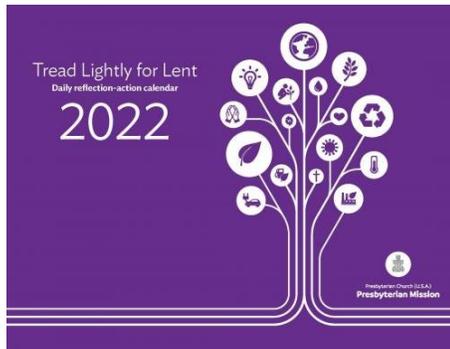
**DATES: May 1, 15, 22  
at 11:45AM**

Interested? Contact the office at  
(503) 362-3327 or  
email: [jean@salemwestpres.org](mailto:jean@salemwestpres.org)



Dick Hughes and Gregor enjoyed Ash Wednesday's "drive-thru ashes" option.

## Congregational Life



### ***TREAD LIGHTLY FOR LENT***

The Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. In Lent, we slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year.

Check out the ideas for each day of Lent and use it also other times of the year. Encourage your friends and family to use it. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/>



### **COME ONE, COME ALL!** **SPRING CLEAN-UP AND PLANTING WILL BE** **SATURDAY, APRIL 9** **9AM-3PM**

Our beautiful campus is in need of some planting and pruning! We'll be getting together for ONE DAY ONLY this year, to beautify our grounds. Here's what needs to be done:

- We need to clean up winter debris (some raking, trimming & tweaking)
- Sweep stairs by the education wing and sidewalks
- Tidy-up the playground area
- Spread bark dust (making sure it stays 2" away from the building)
- AND — we want to add some flowers to our landscape! We need your help with this.
  - ◊ Please bring flower bulbs to perk up our parking lot island
  - ◊ Bring packets of flower seeds for bee-friendly flowers, which will be strewn along the Liberty Road entrance to the parking lot. Flowers such as Cosmos re-seed well, the display should improve every summer, and we'll have happy bees in the neighborhood.

#### **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:**

- Bring your tools (marked with your name,)
- Gloves
- Wheelbarrow if you have one
- And all the people you know!

There will be coffee, water, cookies and wonderful friends to share the work.

***Come when you can,  
Leave when you must!***

## Congregational Life

Greetings all!

I have recently joined the Buildings and Grounds committee as a liaison with the Session.



In February,

- They supervised and reported on the Safe Sleep guests parked at the Winola House since January 13.
- They reported on the project to build a mini house in the small parking area.
- They divided up tasks to investigate the future of Winola House, and will present their findings to the Session for decisions.
- They investigated a COVID testing company which wanted to use our parking lot as a testing site.
- They learned about the damage to the church van, and the steps which have been taken to repair it.
- Some members did a walk-through of the building with our site supervisor to learn what he has noticed that needs to be addressed.

I am in awe of this small group of men!

None of these jobs was physically taxing, and none required a knowledge of blueprints or power tools. They required TIME, and the willingness to help as necessary.

This committee needs more members. CAN YOU HELP? The B&G Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month, in the church, at 7:00 p.m.

Lynnea Lyman



The Outreach Committee is looking for a Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator. Training is available. Westminster sponsors three to four blood drives each year. The next drive will be in May, 2022. Please contact Katie Nelson, 503-581-5261, if interested or to find out more.



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - MONDAY, MARCH 14TH**

TIME: 1:00-6:00PM

Contact Sharon White (503) 930-2561 or Matt Hale (503) 559-3577

**OUR MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY!**

John Dalen, tubist extraordinaire, will perform this Sunday with the Salem Symphonic Winds. It's time to get out and enjoy some culture! Info below.....



**Hannah Penn - Internationally Renowned Singer**

with

Salem Symphonic Winds

John Skelton, Director

Elsinore Theatre

Sunday, March 13, 2022 3:00 'til 5:ish pm

Pre-concert talk with the Director at 2:15 pm



Hannah Penn



**ARIANA RECHER/JEFFREY LARKIN**

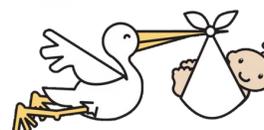
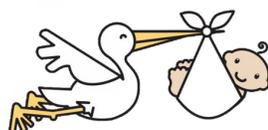
**"OPEN HOUSE" BABY SHOWER—DATE CHANGE!!**

**Saturday, March 19th** from 1-4PM in Boulder Hall

Everyone's Invited!

Baby Registry: <https://www.babylist.com/baby-boy-larkin>

**PS—It's a boy!!!**



**Westminster Book Club, March 23, 2022**

This month the book club has been reading "Great Circle" by Maggie Shipstead. It is a novel that crosses centuries and time zones to deliver an epic story of women whose lives are up in the air!

We plan to meet at the home of Dolores Byrnes, at 10:30 a.m.

For info call Dolores Byrnes 503-364-6646 or "e" at [winbyrn@comcast.net](mailto:winbyrn@comcast.net).



The circle will study Lesson Six of the 2021/2022 PW/Horizons Bible Study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". Lesson Six is the story of Bathsheba, described as wife of Uriah, silent and powerless, but when she finds her voice, Bathsheba exhibits an ability to influence kings. Charity will continue to exchange thoughts by e-mail.

For additional info contact: Rebecca Dusek [dnrdusek@hotmail.com](mailto:dnrusek@hotmail.com) or Dolores Winter-Byrnes [winbyrn@comcast.net](mailto:winbyrn@comcast.net)

## Congregational Life



Over the course of the last 4 months, Salem For Refugees has welcomed 101 Afghan individuals to Salem! These families have experienced a sudden fear for their safety, a quick evacuation, and trauma that is very fresh. All of the families that we have met so far have had experience working with or for the US military in Afghanistan or worked for other non-profits, and by doing so have put their entire family at risk of retaliation from the Taliban. The very first Afghan family to arrive was moved to tears when met at the airport by a welcoming committee of staff and volunteers with balloons and flowers and signs of welcome in their own language. The father shared with our staff that he was immediately put at ease because prior to arriving he shared that they "Didn't know if we'd be wanted." What an honor it is to be a part of a team dedicated to proving to the family that you are wanted! We prepared for you! We have been planning for you!



As families arrive, we've learned that they did not all evacuate together. We've quickly learned of other relatives stuck on different US military bases, overseas in another country on a US military base, or they even left on foot and traveled across the Afghan border to a neighboring country seeking safety. Salem For Refugees has been able to secure some of these relative cases, and bring them to Salem to reunite with the rest of their family that has already arrived. For example, one young man and his newlywed wife were separated from his parents and his 3 sisters. Salem For Refugees was able to bring them to Salem and reunite them with the entire family! Yesterday they moved into their new 1 bedroom apartment, in the same apartment complex as mom and dad. There is so much joy when everyone is reunited safe and sound!

It takes many volunteers to set up a home for a New Neighbor. Just last week our team set up 3 new households, including a house for a family of 11! Each house or apartment requires furniture, multiple beds, and many restart kits. Our team does such a beautiful job of setting up the homes to make it look welcoming and ready for the family. The generosity of your church will touch many families over the next year as we continue to set up homes for new families. If you'd ever like to be a part of a home set up you can contact [jessie@salemforrefugees.org](mailto:jessie@salemforrefugees.org) to get on the team roster and be notified when opportunities arise.

I can't think of a more tangible way to show a family that you are wanted than to prepare a home for them with everything they could possibly need to start their new life. Thank you all for being a part of that powerful welcome!

***Laurel Rightmer***

Director of Operations & Development  
Salem For Refugees  
541-760-0579



Adult Education

**COMING THIS SPRING** - Sunday Evening Study using *Peaceful Practices: A Guide to Healthy Communication in Conflict*. Learn and practice together to gain valuable life skills! The series will be March 13th at 6:00PM.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL** - Please follow this link for a daily Lenten devotional entitled, "Lord, When Did We See you?", which includes daily readings, a weekly video, weekly practice, and weekly recipe. If you would like a hard copy of this, please contact the church office or [krisha@salemwestpres.org](mailto:krisha@salemwestpres.org). <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/2022lent/>

## WESTPRES KIDS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ◆ **April 3rd** - Confirmation class for 7th—8th graders starts at 6PM
- ◆ **April 17th** - New Song chime choir plays, no Sunday School.

### WANTED! CANDY FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

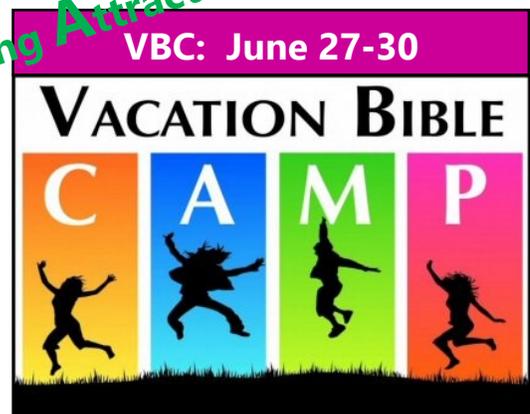
Do you have trouble walking by the candy aisle without buying something? Help Family Ministry fill the Eggs for the Littles in our congregation for our **ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**. Easter is right around the corner this year and we will be filling 500 plastic eggs with individually wrapped Easter candies to be hidden.

**PLEASE BRING BAGS OF CANDY TO THE LABELED BIN IN THE NARTHEX, THRU APRIL 9TH**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Coming Attractions!



**CITY CAMP Will BE AUGUST 21-24, 2022 / REGISTER NOW!**

- ◆ All details and registration can be found here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedRZcjWD3H3K-EWJrMJKhJq9ft77ZCXVwG7-tqtTzKZAQsjA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedRZcjWD3H3K-EWJrMJKhJq9ft77ZCXVwG7-tqtTzKZAQsjA/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- ◆ Payment for camp can be made on the church website under Donate, select city camp from the drop down. <https://onrealm.org/salemwestpres/-/form/give/now> OR you can write a check to Westminster and put city camp on the memo.



**GERANIUMS ARE BACK!**

Vik is busy working out the details with Egans, so watch for updates. You'll want to order early and order many!



**MISSION TRIP**

**MISSION TRIP TO REEDSPORT IS THIS MONTH!**

The Youth Mission Trip to Reedsport is coming up, March 24-27. The following youth will be continuing to build-out the new children's park they started last year!

Peter Crall  
Indira Cook  
Stephanie Romeo  
Rachel Romeo  
Matthew Curtis  
Kassidy Vereide  
Zoe Ditzel  
Zoe Wadsworth  
Parker Heyen



**MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO—UPDATE**

The registrations for Puerto Rico closed on March 1st, with a FULL ROSTER of youth and chaperones signed up for the trip, scheduled for July 31-August 12. The island is recovering from the overwhelming destruction caused by the hurricanes of 2017. They youth will partner with **La Casona de Monteflores** in San Juan this August to serve with God's love and grace, the people of Puerto Rico! To learn more about what the Presbyterians are doing to help Puerto Rico, click here: <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-irma/> and [http://pda.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/pda/pdfs/in\\_the\\_loop.pdf](http://pda.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/pda/pdfs/in_the_loop.pdf)

## **NOTES TO COLLEGE STUDENTS**

It is time to send Notes of Encouragement to our college age young adults! Notecards will be available in the Narthex for the congregation to write notes of encouragement to college age students. We are also collecting \$5 Gift Cards for Starbucks and Dutch Bros to include with the notes. If you'd like to contribute, please drop off Gift Cards and notes to students in Vik's Box at church. Cash contributions can also be made with a note that they are for gift cards for college students. Thank you for supporting our youth alumni as they study, work, and serve! Please turn in all cards by March 31st.

1. Becky Adams (Working)
2. Jackson Bailey (Gap Year)
3. Madison Barnes-Nelson (Colorado State University)
4. Chrysta Friday (Working)
5. Nathaniel Groves (Chemeketa Community College)
6. Peter Hammitt (Working)
7. Colin McLean (Working/Chemeketa Community College)
8. Julia Melting (Western Oregon University)
9. Taylor Monismith (Oregon State University)
10. Raelee Rohan (Boise State University/Working)
11. Meije Smith (University of Oregon)
12. Audra Sproed (Walla Walla University Nursing School)
13. Olivia Sproed (Walla Walla University)
14. Hayley Wargnier (Southern New Hampshire University)
15. Emily Wood (Lower Columbia College/Working)
16. Dakota Morales (Chemeketa Community College/Working)
17. Elaine Sept (Working)
18. Rachel Jimenez (Plumbing Apprenticeship)
19. Josh Nishimura (Oregon State University)
20. Mikayla Whiteley (Oregon State University)
21. Alexie Rowland (Working)
22. Alistair Heringer (U.S. Navy)
23. Torin Mohny (Chemeketa Community College)
24. Peter Wirfs (Chemeketa Community College)
25. Helen Wirfs (Gap Year)
26. Emma Strauch (Gap Year)
27. Grace Melting (Chemeketa Community College)
28. Stuart Heringer (North Idaho/Gonzaga University)
29. Ben Crall (Portland State University)

# JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MARCH 13</b> 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl 11:30AM Mid High Youth 6PM High School Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	<b>MARCH 14</b> <b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b> <b>1PM—6PM</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b> 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study 7PM Yoga Class	<b>MARCH 16</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5PM Handbells 5:30PM Worship Team 6PM Session Mtng. 6:30PM Chancel Choir	<b>MARCH 17</b> 9:30AM Tea w/Jesus 5:30PM MPJE Com. 	<b>MARCH 18</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b> <b>1PM—4PM</b> <b>Ariana &amp; Jeffrey's Baby Show</b> <b>(Open House-Style)</b>
<b>MARCH 20</b> 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl 1:00 PM - Eagle Scout Award Presentation <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	<b>MARCH 21</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b> 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study 1:30PM Charity Circle 7PM Yoga Class	<b>MARCH 23</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 10:30 Westminster Book Club 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 7PM Deacons Mtg.	<b>MARCH 24</b> 5PM Handbells 6:30 PM Chancel Choir <b>YOUTH MISSION TRIP</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b> <b>YOUTH MISSION TRIP</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b> <b>YOUTH MISSION TRIP</b>
<b>MARCH 27</b> 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i> <b>YOUTH MISSION TRIP</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b>	<b>MARCH 29</b> 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study 7PM Yoga Class	<b>MARCH 30</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Tm.	<b>MARCH 31</b> 5PM Handbells 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>
<b>APRIL 3</b> 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl 11:30AM Mid High Youth 6PM High School Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	<b>APRIL 4</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b> 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study 7PM Yoga Class	<b>APRIL 6</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 7PM Family Ministries	<b>APRIL 7</b> 9:30AM Tea w/Jesus 10AM Children's Min. 5PM Handbell Choir 6:30PM Chancel Choir	<b>APRIL 8</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>
<b>APRIL 10</b> 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl 11:30AM Mid High Youth 6PM High School Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	<b>APRIL 11</b>	<b>APRIL 12</b> 9AM Nominating Com 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study 7PM Yoga Class	<b>APRIL 13</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 11AM Outreach Com. 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team	<b>APRIL 14</b> 1:30PM Stephen Min. 2PM Fellowship Com. 3PM Budget & Finance 5PM Handbell Choir 5:30PM Adult Ed Com 6:30PM Chancel Choir 7PM Building & Grnds 7PM Youth Com.	<b>APRIL 15</b> 7PM Good Friday Service 	<b>APRIL 16</b>

# Prayer Requests

## JOYS & BLESSINGS:

Father, I pray that You fill me with the joy of the Lord, that overwhelming joy. Your joy is unlike anything this world has to offer. It brings peace, trust and hope and with that a rest because I know You are in control.

## OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

- Sally Neely is finally home, recovering from a broken leg. Please continue to pray for her as she heals and recovers.
- Continue to remember Grubby Hain as he recovers from a broken leg.
- Rae Gleason let us know her chemo therapy is having a positive effect. She thanks all for their continued prayers.
- Remember Linda Miller and the entire family at the passing of Joe Miller last week.
- Hans Vander Weyden is having hip replacement surgery on Monday. Please lift him & his doctors up in prayers!

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Tim Holsten, Bill Hruska, Duff Kannier, Mather's great-grandson, James Pratt and his parents, Dick Stephens, Cynthia Curran

- ◆ Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom continues to undergo treatment for cancer.
- ◆ Terry Fennell as he deals with ongoing health problem.

PLEASE SEND PRAYER REQUEST UPDATES TO JEAN SEVERSON ([jean@salemwestpres.org](mailto:jean@salemwestpres.org)). We strive to keep the listing as current as possible, and rely on your ongoing assistance to do so. Thank you.

## ***PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE***

**Pray for wisdom, strength, and courage  
for the soldiers who are protecting  
Ukraine.**

Pray for civilians who have been displaced  
and for families who have been separated  
from each other as they have sought safety.

Pray for those still seeking shelter, that God  
would give them clarity and wisdom in  
making hasty decisions.



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