



# United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW



Celebrating 158 years of faithful service for Christ and the Church

## March 2018

### Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

10:15am Youth Education

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Hours: M-Th 9am-12:30pm

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### ONE GREAT HOUR...

Sharing resources through One Great Hour of Sharing is an invitation to imagination! Through our sharing, we get a taste of the generosity of God, who does **"immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine."** When we look at suffering in the world, we can become discouraged, unable to see past the difficulty. But when we think of the wonders God works, our imaginations go wild! Just imagine how God is bringing transformation. The theologian Gustavo Gutierrez described poverty as *"Death-dealing. {It} denies the basic human right to existence and the reign of life."* Without the burdens of struggle, communities have more time for creativity, learning, and possibilities for life in greater fullness. God is at work doing so much more that we can imagine! And we contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are part of God's work in the world.

**Collection will be March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### SERVERS FOR MARCH/APRIL 1

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
3/11	Nikki	Rosemary	Donna & Lyle
3/18	Nikki	Caroline	Susan & Randy
3/25 Palm Sunday	Nikki	Rosemary	
4/1 Easter	Yvonne	Sue Wilson	

### Celebrate With Floyd...

**The empty tomb and the resurrected Christ proves that God will not let us destroy our own salvation.**



<b>March Birthdays</b>	
<b>Annika Baumgarten</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>John Baumgarten</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Benjamin Deckard</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Sue Peachey</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>John Peachey</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Klea Espy</b>	<b>30</b>

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**March Anniversaries**

<b>Karl &amp; Jean Vercouteren</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Chris &amp; Tama Bolton</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Bill &amp; Vicki Matthew</b>	<b>25</b>



- 8—BSA Roundtable
- 10—10am- Noon Listening project
- 11—Tom Peachey, preaching
- 12—1pm Women's Fellowship
- 13—Rev. Deb in office
- 14—Noon Book study  
3pm Council
- 18—OGHS collection NO Sunday School
- 21—Noon Book study  
3pm Diaconate
- 25—Palm Sunday
- 28—Noon Book study
- 28-Apr 5- Sally out of office
- 29—7pm Maundy Thursday service
- April 1<sup>st</sup>—Easter service 10am
- AA MEETS: Mon-Fri 7-8am**
- Mon & Fri 6-7pm**
- Sat & Sun 5-6pm**
- Tues 5:30-6:30pm**



Meal-in-a-can netted 208 items for the Salvation Army food bank.

March is TUNA MADNESS. Last year 192 cans of tuna were brought in. Let's see if we can break 200! Please bring your donation to the Roberts Room shopping cart.

### **Travelling with the Saints**

From Feb 27-March 12 I will be on a pilgrimage to Italy with the St. James Cathedral Choir from Seattle. The choir will be traveling and giving concerts in Florence, Assisi, Siena, and Rome. They will give a concert for the Pope at the Vatican. I know people in this choir, which is how I got to travel with them. Traveling to Rome with Catholics is going to be an interesting experience, there will be many masses said. While the group is primarily visiting medieval and renaissance sites, we are staying an extra three days to see ancient Roman sites and a trip to Pompeii (a bucket list item). You will be in good hands while I am gone and I'll have a lot to share with you when I return. Ciao. Pastor Deb

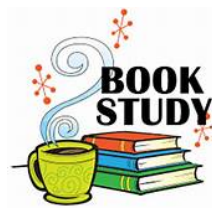
## Women's Fellowship News

Women's Fellowship's March meeting will be on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Isabella Gray Room. Rymmel Lovell will be our Hostess. The Devotional will be given by Caroline Homer. Jean Vercooteren will present the program relating to the "Creed, Covenant, and Guidelines" of the United Church of Christ. A short business meeting will follow. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Last month Rev. Deb shared about the Reformation and an informative discussion followed. The Reformation developed over time and had a number of contributing factors. The main ones Rev. Deb listed on a handout she had prepared for us. They were power, taxes, land control, abuse of forgiveness, works righteousness and the printing press. Notable reformers were Martin Luther, John Calvin-Geneva, Huldrych Zwingli-Basel, Henry the VIII-Great Britain, Thomas Kramner and over 30 others.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> members that can volunteer their time will be involved in the church's Mission Project helping sew up 100 Bean Bags in Tenney Hall that will be used by Colonel Wright Fifth Graders later in the spring.

Joy Krein



**Beginning Wednesday March 14, the Noon book group will begin. For 4 weeks, we will delve into the fashion world of Muslim women with the book "Pious Fashion" by Elizabeth Bucar as she defines modesty in the Islamic world. For more information, please call the church office.**

### Bean Bag Mission Accomplished!



Three sewing machines, 20 pounds of split peas and lots of conversation as we gathered to produce 100 bean bags for Colonel Wright's fifth grade class.

Thanks to Rymmel, Corliss, Lynn, Brenda, Dottie and Joy for the sewing, ironing, weighing and turning to make these little bundles of fun!

Sally Forster

### REMINDER- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL MARCH 18 AND APRIL 1.



**Flowers for Easter to honor a loved one-forms will be in the bulletins in March. No Lilies please.**

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**Please join us in The Dalles on Saturday March 10 at 10AM The CPC Listening Project**

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