



## Major milestones

The Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership has had a banner month. In mid February the FISH Food Bank building campaign achieved its fundraising goal and is now ready to start the contracting process to build! On February 13 the Collins Foundation announced a grant award of \$75,000. With the previous award from the Meyer Memorial Trust of \$125,000 and a private donation of \$50,000 we have received over \$1,000,000 to build. If the contract bids come in as projected, construction can start this spring.

The only unfinished fund raising is for the addition of solar panels which the children of the congregation have started. To date \$5,000 has been raised for this effort and a grant for \$11,000 has been awarded. We anticipate the total cost for solar panels to be approximately \$30,000, so we are over half way there.

The second major milestone is the announcement of our new pastor, Rev. David D.M. King. Rev. King is currently a full time doctoral student at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. He and his wife Melissa have a seven year old son, Karthik. Bishop Grant Hagiya of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference will appoint Rev. David King as our pastor effective July 1, 2014. David previously served as pastor at First UMC in Coos Bay, OR and currently serves as a part time pastor in Hudson, Colorado. David met with the Board and Staff Parish Relations committee on Monday 17 February. We were all impressed with his intelligence, energy and enthusiasm to serve our partnership. We are all looking forward to welcoming David and his family to Hood River and our partnership.

Debby Chenoweth

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### APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2/25/14

The **Rev. David King** to the Asbury United Methodist, Our Redeemer Lutheran Partnership in Hood River, Oregon. King is currently appointed to attend school as a full-time doctoral student in New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology. He also serves as a part-time United Methodist pastor at James Memorial UMC in Hudson, Colorado.



Dear Members and Friends,

He said he would meet me in the parking lot of McDonalds. I would know though I'd not seen him in twenty years. "I'm a look-alike of Nicolas Cage" (laughter). Geoff's ready laugh was still there as it was in the beginning. I came to know him in my youth group in the early 80's. Now a young missionary with his wife and daughter in Bogota, Geoff passed through town on a flight East, calling to look me up on his way.

I learned from him that both the church and our relationships had carried him through those years when family life was hard at home. Now he affirmed me in that gift given, said he had the honor these days of passing it on.

As you meander through March in the hope of longer, warmer days, think of the formation of your character, of God's hand on your shoulder. Let the secular cultural activities of the month give place to your walk within the Story of the Holy One of Nazareth. This season of Lent may yet bring blessing and stir you, shape you with the story of Jesus. Ash Wednesday and the temptation story make us mindful we are creatures with little room to boast. Yet this is a fertile ground in which the Spirit works in our hearts.

Be careful if you venture out among fellow Christians at worship this month. Seed we sow now comes to grow years later in acts of love and lives of service.

I recently had conversation with friends around the question: Who comes to mind in your past that shaped you as a person of faith today? Lent is a good time for us to reflect on this. Remember. Give thanks for them, and pass it on!

Pastor Jim

## FASTING AND FEASTING

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on Truth.

Fast from gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from worry; Feast on faith.

# Quick Notes



John Jacobson, Frank Moore	1
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## OFFICE NEWS

There is a light at the end of our Website “black-hole” ! To make a very long story very short, as the domain comes to be managed by our office, we can direct followers from the original separate ORLC and AUMC websites to the combined Partnership site. This has not gone through entirely, but it is coming together !! Thanks to Andy Wade for working on this.

### Office Hours change for the week of spring break,

March 24th : Closed Mon 24th and Wed 26th.

Open Tues 25th 10-1 and Thurs 27th 10-12, with Pastor Jim in until 2pm.

**\*\*Check out Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership at Hood River Church on Facebook !**

*Jennifer Fowler*



## Nice family Olympics news

David Wise won an Olympic Gold Medal in the men's Freeski Halfpipe during the 2014 Olympics. David is Roy Pettit's first cousin's son. Roy's children and David both have the same great-grandfather.

David might have grown up riding his grandfather's Champ-Cycle that is now in the WAAAM Museum. His mom (Kathy) grew up riding the rope tow powered by the 1924 Hupmobile also in the museum. Kathy's parents (Roy's aunt and uncle) developed and ran the “Little Alps” ski lodge near Anthony Lakes in the Elkhorn Mountains. So David comes by his ski talents honestly!



# Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation

## *Lent Series on Wholeness & Healing begins Wednesday March 12th*

Members and Friends of Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership are welcome to come for soup and bread/rolls at 5:30pm, followed by sessions led by Pastor Jim, 6:15 to 7:30pm, including brief closings seasonal for Lent. Sessions for March are the 12th, 19th(tba) , and 26th .These Wholeness and Healing sessions will explore themes of:

- Navigating Forgiveness, Bible and Human Health Perspectives
- Healthy Congregations, tapping into learnings from Dr. Peter Steinke
- Time with Bishop David Brauer-Rieke (March 26th) Living Gracefully with Matthew 18.
- Church Present and Future, moving beyond techno-fixes, leadership with a new generation.

March 19th is presently open with no session planed. We anticipate soup and bread. Watch for details for that evening.

Pastor Jim will lead sessions with presentations and time for discussion each evening. Bishop David Brauer-Rieke, Oregon Synod, ELCA, will lead March 26th.

Pastor Jim



Ash Wednesday Service  
March 5th at 6:30pm

### **Fat Tuesday is Back!**

This Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30pm, an all-you-can-eat pancake supper; suggested \$5/person or \$10/family. This will include pancakes, juice, and coffee. Any extras will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. This fundraiser will support local School Teacher Grants.



### **NEXT YOUNG AT HEART SERVICE**

Come to the Celebration (10:30) service on March 9th for our next Young@Heart service. We will be doing some "Spring Cleaning" of our souls on this first Sunday in Lent.

## **Faith in Action**

This idea laden, hard working committee met Feb. 18, after a delay due to snow the previous week. We worked on finalizing plans for the Fat Tuesday pancake supper March 4, a fundraising event to help support local schools and teachers. Everyone is looking forward to a memorable evening of fun!

A video will be shown March 2 during services to demonstrate examples of what the funds raised can accomplish.

Our recycling effort is going well, and being utilized by membership. We talked about a re-emphasis associated with Earth Day activities. Hopefully, there will be a broadening of information and knowledge. Look for this right after Easter!

**March 30 is our designated giving Sunday this quarter**, with emphasis on One Great Hour of Sharing and the ELCA Campaign. More information on this will be available in brochures, but each of them raise funds to be dispersed to the many programs that our respective parent churches do in outreach regionally, nationally and globally. There is so much power through our organized churches! Be certain to specify designation on written checks in memo line.

We reviewed the new list of recipes for cleaning agents we can make with items found in our cupboards. These will be made available to everyone in the next month.

Food on the 4th continues, with the wonderful support of our children in the education hour, who sort and re-bag the donated food items.

Plans for the rest of the year are being made for the remaining three quarters of designated giving Sundays.

**Our committee also wants to help emphasize the need for the completion of funding for the solar panels on the FISH food distribution building, and will support that effort.**

See you at the pancake supper March 4! Our next meeting will be March 3 at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by

Sharon Pantely

### **Volunteers needed**

With the onset of construction of the food bank, Craig Terry and Dave Radley will be extremely busy. Craig and Dave have done much of the work on the building and grounds to keep our church in good condition. We need several volunteers to be on the church building and grounds committee to schedule lawn care, do minor repairs, and other maintenance. ***See Debby Chenoweth or Pastor Jim if you are willing to help out.***

Asbury Our Redeemer Church is a member of Gorge Ecumenical Ministries which has been the parent organization for FISH and the warming shelter and sponsor of previous Vacation Bible Schools. Meetings are held monthly from 11-1 at Riverside Church on the first Thursday of the month. ***If you would be willing to attend to represent our congregation please contact Debby or Pastor Jim.***

*Lent calls to me again . . .  
To do what?  
Like Martha, I tend towards doing  
Doing is something I understand  
    Chairing a committee  
    Taking food to the sick  
    Reading the Bible*

# *Lent Calls*



*Lent calls to me again . . .  
He wants more of me than I've ever given  
    More than Lenten study  
    More than giving up dessert  
    More than extra church services*

*Lent calls to me again . . .  
He wants more of me and I'm frightened  
    Frightened of losing control  
    Frightened of letting go  
    Frightened of what He might ask me to do if I really listened*

*Lent calls to me again . . .  
I feel a yearning, a tugging towards something more  
    Whispers of a love unimaginable  
    Glimpses of a relationship unshakable  
    Tastes of a water so clear and sweet that my thirst is slaked forever*

*Lent calls to me again . . .  
A step is all I can manage, Lord  
    A hand extended  
    A head bowed  
    A conscious placing of myself on your Potter's wheel*

*Lent calls to me again . . .  
Help me with the hard part, Lord  
    Help me surrender  
    Help me abandon myself to you  
    Help me reconcile myself to you*

*Lent calls to me again . . .  
    Here I am, Lord*

*Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell  
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# March 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 4th Sunday	Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday					1 <b>9am Women's Spirituality</b>
2 <b>9am Worship</b> <b>10 Coffee Hour</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Celebration</b> <b>Worship</b>	3 <b>9am Happy Hands</b> <b>10:15 FIA Meeting</b>  <u><b>11:30 Pancake</b></u> <u><b>Dinner set up.</b></u>	4 <b>10am</b> <b>Men's Coffee</b> <b>@ Rosauers</b>  <u><b>5:30 Fat Tuesday</b></u> <u><b>Pancake Dinner</b></u>	5 <b>9am WELCA</b> <b>Quilting</b>  <b>6:30pm Ash Wed</b> <b>Service</b>	6 <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Celebration</b> <b>Service practice</b>  <b>6pm Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>	7 <b>4:30pm Bell</b> <b>Practice</b>	8  <b>Spring ahead</b> Set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed tonight. Daylight-saving time starts tomorrow.  <small>AP</small>
9 <u><b>Healing</b></u> <u><b>Services</b></u> <b>9am Worship</b> <b>10am Fellowship</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Celebration</b>	10 <b>9am Happy Hands</b>	11 <b>10am</b> <b>Men's Coffee</b> <b>@ Rosauers</b>  <b>5:15pm Ukulele</b> <b>class</b> <b>6:15pm Bell Choir</b>	12 <b>Lenten Study</b> <b>5:30 soup supper</b> <b>6:15 study</b>	13 <b>12:15pm</b> <b>Celebration</b> <b>Service Planning</b>  <b>6pm Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>	14	15 <b>8am Men's</b> <b>Breakfast @</b> <b>Charburger</b>
16 <b>9amWorship</b> <b>10am Fellowship</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Celebration</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>1:15 Card Class</b>	17  <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>  <b>9am Happy Hands</b>	18 <b>10am</b> <b>Men's Coffee</b> <b>@ Rosauers</b>  <b>5:15pm Ukulele</b> <b>class</b> <b>6:15pm Bell Choir</b>	19 <b>9am WELCA</b> <b>Quilting</b>  <b>Lenten Study</b> <b>5:30 soup supper</b> <b>6:15 study</b>	20 <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Celebration</b> <b>Service practice</b>  <b>6pm Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>  <b>SPRING</b> <b>BEGINS</b>	21 <b>Newsletter</b> <b>items due</b> <b>for April</b>	22
23 <u><b>Food on the 4th</b></u> <b>9am Worship</b> <b>10am Fellowship</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Celebration</b> <b>Worship</b>	24 <b><u>OFFICE</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>  <b>9am Happy Hands</b>  <b>Oregon</b> <b>Spring Break</b> <b>begins</b>	25 <u><b>Office Hrs</b></u> <u><b>10am to 1:00</b></u>  <b>10am Men's Coffee</b> <b>@ Rosauers</b> <b>2pm WELCA Bible</b> <b>Study</b> <b>5:15pm Ukulele</b> <b>class</b> <b>6:15pm Bell Choir</b>	26 <b><u>OFFICE</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>  <b>Lenten Study</b> <b>5:30 soup supper</b> <b>6:15 study</b>	27 <u><b>Office Hrs</b></u> <u><b>10am to 12:00</b></u>  <b>4:30pm Celebr.</b> <b>Service practice</b>  <b>6pm Choir Prac.</b>	28	29
30	31 <b>FISH</b> <b>9am Happy Hands</b>  <b>WA Spring</b> <b>Break begins</b>	1	2 <b>FISH</b>	3	4 <b>FISH</b>  <b>Mt. Angel</b> <b>Women's</b> <b>Retreat</b>	5  <b>Mt. Angel</b> <b>Women's</b> <b>Retreat</b>



**April Newsletter submissions**

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