



Pastor David

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EASTER MOMENTS



Emelia G.



Choir w/Marv T.





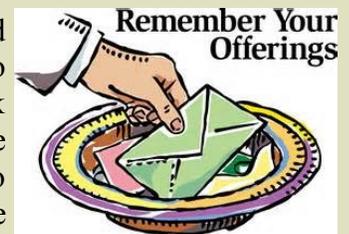
It is hard to believe that it is almost May, in spite of the beautiful and warm spring we have had. We are in the final stages of completion of the FISH Food Bank which will open for business May 4. The **Open House will be June 20**, which will give plenty of time to plan a great celebration. Many people have worked incredibly hard on this especially **Dave Radley, Craig and Kathy Terry, and Bette Lou and Alan Yenne**. Volunteer training will be this week and next and some food is already on the shelves. The kitchen and meeting room may require a little more time for completion after May 4 but it will be well worth it.

Our new garden volunteer coordinator, **Susan Randolph**, has started working on connecting with many in the community to plan and enlist volunteers to work on planting and maintaining the landscape that will support the food bank and the educational activities that will go on in the classroom. She has already enlisted the help of Master Gardeners, Klare House, and the Unitarian Fellowship, with more to come.



The Board and SPRC have received the initial results from the Vitality survey we took last month. We are waiting for some additional analysis and then will plan how we can best share this with the entire congregation. I anticipate that the congregation will have some great in depth discussions about how we can learn from and use this feedback as we move toward the next steps in our covenant process which should be completed by the end of 2015.

- **The budget and finance committee** reviewed the first quarter budget, income and expenses. Congregational giving is currently below budget and so are expenses, so we are still in good shape. With the youth trip and new expenses for the food bank we expect the balance to start to shift. Please continue your support through the spring and summer which is a time donations traditionally drop off. If you plan to travel you can always contribute by mail or sign up for *Simply Giving* through the church office.



We are about to enter a new stage in the life of Asbury Our Redeemer. The opening of the FISH food bank will bring new visitors to our door and new opportunities for mission in our community. Please consider ways you can be an active part in serving your church and God's world.

Debby Chenoweth Chairperson, Board of Directors

Dessert & Discussion

7:00pm May 4th at the Parsonage

This is an opportunity for individuals who are new to our congregation or who missed the earlier Meet & Greet sessions. Come to learn more about Pastor David, our congregation, and our partnership with FISH. Please notify the office or sign up in the Narthex if you would like to attend. *Gigi Siekkinen*

Supplies are now being gathered by Happy Hands
for (UMCOR) disaster relief health kits

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. Our goal is to send out 12 (or 24) completed kits.

Materials needed are:

1 hand towel - 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches - Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

1 washcloth

1 comb - Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long; No pocket combs or picks please; Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.

1 metal nail file or nail clippers. No emery boards, please.

1 bath-size soap - 3 oz. and larger sizes only; No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content; Do not remove from original packaging.

6 adhesive bandages - 3/4 inch to 1 inch-size; Common household Band-Aids.

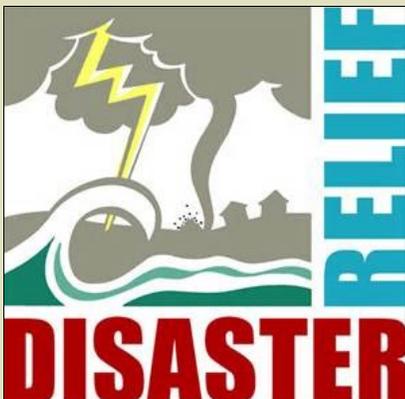
1 plastic bag One-gallon size sealable bag only.

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

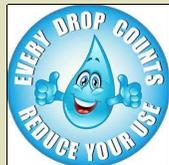
\$1.00 for shipping for each kit

Important Notes - All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used. Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!



Faith In Action

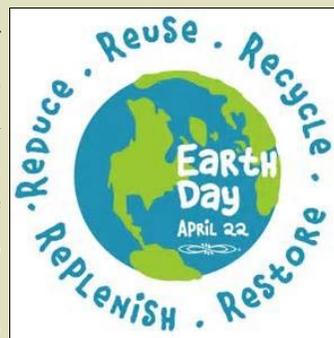


Our Faith in Action committee challenged our congregation to commit to water conservation for an Earth Day celebration. Read the various ways members are promising to do this on the board with the bucket!



Sunday May 3rd we will have Special Giving to help UMCOR and LWR combat World Malaria. We have an important role in working toward saving lives!! We support our global neighbors.

By the time this newsletter is out, we should have our new storage shed for our non-curbside recycling collection. An attractive shed is on order, and will be an easy access in the courtyard. Please continue to collect CLEAN styrofoam, 'clam shells' [clear plastic #1-7 as well as black plastic], and amber rigid pill bottles, labels removed. Wine corks can be taken to Ovino on 13th [across from the Taqueria] where they are repurposed. Used shoes except spike heels and sandals can be taken to any NIKE store-outlet or otherwise, to be repurposed[ground up] for playground surfaces around the world! Recycling questions can be directed to Craig Terry or Sharon Pantely...thank you for participating to keep items out of our landfills!!



Food on the 4th is getting easier for us, as delivering the items will be next door, when the Food Bank site will relocate on May 4th! Many of us have worked for this goal, serving on committees, contributing money and time, helping with fundraising and supporting this effort. All of us can celebrate this accomplishment in our community at the **open house June 20th**.

Our challenging Lenten study was completed the 15th of April. Simultaneously, a Sunday study was also done, with the combined attendees coming away with new ideas for our challenges and understanding of the recorded Bible. In the future, we are hoping to continue a similar series, from the same publishing house.

Our next FIA/Stewardship meeting will be May 18th in the Office building at 10:15am. Please join us if any of these ideas are exciting to you!!

Sharon, Debby, Linda B., Pat P., Vicki and Gigi

Good Neighbor Saturday May 16th

Registration for those in need and volunteers extended to May 3rd.

Volunteers in Action-Providence Community Caregivers program organizes a day to do yard work for seniors or those with long-term health concerns in both Hood River and Klickitat counties. Many in our congregation have participated over the years and have found it very rewarding. Consider volunteering to help as an individual or part of a team. It's lot of fun and an opportunity to make a big difference in someone's life. Bring your whole family!

Thanks for your help! Donna Fitch, congregational coordinator.

Happy Hands has been on a mission!

With the talented leadership of Pat Petit and Nancy Radley, we have been making "Comfort Quilts". Each person takes a fabric square and decorates it any way they wish. Pat and Nancy then finish up the quilt.

The "Comfort Quilt" is given to someone we feel needs some encouragement and prayers. So far we've made ten quilts

.....and counting!



Quilts for Lutheran World Relief through WELCA



Pictured: Carol K., Bessie A.,
Jan D.

Left: Dottie G. tells the story of quilts for Lutheran World Relief; the many, many quilts that are put together the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Quilters include Dottie G., Rose M., Sally H., Bette Y., Roberta S. (always at the sewing machine!) There are also friends and guests who help.



Our church is blessed to have great musical talent !!



Choir.....sing! Bells.....ring!

Easter is here; rejoice!



Trombones, trumpets, and tuba.



I think we were all very proud of our young men and how well their brass group played at both services! Pastor David did a great job organizing the ensemble.



Worship Assignments

MAY	3	10	17	24 <u>Confirmation</u> <u>Day</u>	31
Lector	Kathy Terry	Tom Hart	Debby Chenoweth	Kris White	George Pantely
Greeter/ Usher	Kathy & Craig Terry	Vicki W. Doug Swanson	Vicki Wartalski Doug Swanson	Kris & Bob White	Sharon & George Pantely
Fellowship	Lutheran Men	SPRC/Council	FIA/Quilting	Women's Spiritualty	Youth Group
Altar Care	Kris White		Kris White		
Flowers	Jennifer Fowler			Dottie Gilbertson	Sharon Pantely



Linda & Nathan Boris 25



Ray Ishazaka	7
Becky Rice	9
Linnea Denis, Zelda Stanton	13
Carol Kyger	14
Sharon Pantely	15
Karthik King	16
Erica Gerald	17
Jill McBee	20
Adeline Schull	25
Megan Winans	28
Donna Fitch, Dave Hindahl	29
Carolyn Peyton	30



Fellowship



May 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 3rd Sunday	Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday				1 MEN'S RETREAT in Sisters	2 MEN'S RETREAT in Sisters
3 Special Giving 8am Adult Study 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 6:30 Conf yth grp	4 9am Happy Hands 7pm Dessert and Discussion <u>Food Bank Opens</u>	5 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	6 9am Quilting 4:45 Bell Choir	7 4:30pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	8	9
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24 <u>Confirmation Sunday</u> Food on 4th 10am Service 11am Fellowship 11:45 SPRC meets	25	26 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	27 4:45 Bell Choir	28 4:30pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	29	30
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Office Hours - Closed Fridays

Rev. David King Mon to Thurs 9-Noon; by appointment

Jennifer Fowler M 9:30-2 T 8:30-11:30 W 8:30-2 Th 8:30-2

Linda Boris Tues 10-1

June Newsletter submissions

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