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**EMBRACING ELDERHOOD!**

If you are age 65 to 105, we invite you to attend our church's newest (albeit oldest!) group under the theme for our April get together: EMBRACING ELDERHOOD!

**Dr. Megan Lawler of Marylhurst University** will be speaking to us about how the oft common wisdom of aging is simply wrong. She says "your speed lessens, but the other things improve"! This exciting event will be on Tuesday, April 26 beginning at 10 a.m. in the community room of new Food Bank. In addition to hearing Dr. Lawler present some good upbeat ideas on aging, you will also be able to have a tour of the Food Bank to see what great ministry is happening there. Then with some good old 40's and 50's music, we can get better acquainted with our Methodist and Lutheran peers, and enjoy a nice closing luncheon around noon.



You may want to take this opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend to join you. Or if you don't qualify age wise, but want to bring an older parent or neighbor, we welcome that as well. We are suggesting a donation of around \$10 to cover the cost of the speaker and lunch. If you need transportation, please call Audrey Bentz (509-365-3600) or the church office and we will be happy to give you a ride to and from this special day. And be prepared to face this chapter in your life with new light and excitement on the aging process.



Front: Ila Mae, Lil, Naomi, Martha. Back: Nancy, Pat, Blanche, Pat, Carol, Ruth, Gladys, Barbara, Joan, Kris.



This picture was taken at Happy Hands of a quilt made by the women of Happy Hands for Mickey Stubbs. Mickey has been unable to attend HH for several months. The embroidery was done by happy hands people, then the quilt was assembled by Pat Pettit and Nancy Radley. Everyone at HH signed it today, then it was delivered to Mickey, who was delighted with it (she loves hummingbirds)!



Dear Friends,

I have felt such an increased sense of grounding in our church since the adoption of our constitution. It is a great accomplishment, bringing two congregations together. It's been a lot of work, too, and you all deserve to be proud of it.



We're coming up to the next phase of the process. As we're finishing up with our Season of Listening, we'll be moving into the process of discovering a new name for this church. My top priority for the name is that it be something that is clear to folks outside our congregation, something that leads us forward in mission.

As with all change, the prospect of a new name can produce anxiety. Asbury United Methodist Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church have proud histories of mission and ministry in this area. And their histories will continue to be our history. As we take this new step together, we will also be finding ways to remember and honor our past.

We have the great fortune to have a resource person who is an expert in church naming and in the processes of discovering them together. **Jan Wierima from the Oregon Synod office (ELCA)** will be our guide through the journey of naming. During one of the Sundays in April, she will have a brief exercise for us during worship to help us get primed for the conversation. Then on **Saturday May 7th, 9-11:30am**, she will lead us through what should be a fun process of exploring all of the possibilities of what a name might be and mean. That gathering, to which you are all heartily invited, should generate three possible names for us to consider more deeply. After continued conversation, we will hold a congregational meeting, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 5th, to choose our name from among those three.

Like many, I'm a little nervous, but I am mostly excited. We have come so far together, and I really look forward to having a clear way to tell the community who we are and what we are about. We have something really special here, something to be proud of. We are a congregation that is able to reach across denominational boundaries, across state boundaries, across secular-sacred boundaries to share a ministry of transformation with this community, a ministry in which Christ is leading us. I pray this new name will help us to better share that message of transformation in Christ with the world around us.

Your Servant in Christ,

+Pastor David

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## SPRC Updates

SPRC would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who completed the recent Safe Sanctuaries training. Safe Sanctuaries is our way of protecting our children, youth, vulnerable adults, and our volunteers who work with them. Pastor David did a great job of organizing this brief training class (20 minutes, really!) If you missed the training, we hope to make a video version available soon.

## The Story

*The Story* is an abridged, chronological version of the Bible that reads like a novel. Our kids in grades 2-6 are using this book for their class on Sunday morning. This is the second group of our young people to read through *The Story*. It does a good job of building on the Bible stories encountered in the previous Children's Worship and Wonder class. We have committed teachers for the class, but volunteers are always needed to serve as our second adult for the class (a Safe Sanctuaries strategy). This is a very easy way to spend time with our kids and to see what they are learning. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Submitted by *Cigi Siekkinen*



### Laundry Love a Success!

Faith in Action sponsored helping the Warming Shelter of Hood River by staffing a once a month day to meet clients at the laundromat. Several churches participated by choosing a day and a week of the month to be of service, November to March.

An average of 6-8 appreciative clients arrived at the time the team of volunteers chose to be there. Through cash donations and using our budget, we purchased some credit cards, as the average wash load was \$6, the dryer \$3-a lot of quarters!!

Clients were engaging and so thankful to have the opportunity to wash their backpack full of soiled clothing and personal belongings.

Details about how this shelter will continue next November aren't definite at this time. Some of these people were homeless, some had minimum wage jobs, and either couldn't afford to drive back and forth to their home, or stayed in roaming houses.

Reaching out to our neighbors in need is a small way we can live the call to serve as disciples of our Risen Lord!

Thanks you to the people who volunteered to do this service...

Submitted by *Sharon Pantely*





**AORP Youth Group** will be joining other Christian youth from the Gorge on Saturday, April 23rd to help tend God's creation. We'll meet at 10:00 am at Mayer State Park near Rowena to help with cleanup, then head to Riverside UCC for lunch about 12:15. Contact Pastor David with questions.

## [Earth Day Clean Up: Mayer State Park](#)

Celebrate Earth Day by giving back to the river! Join us for a river clean up at Mayer State Park.

**Directions:** From Hood River, Travel East on I-84, Take Exit 76, Turn left at the stop sign, turn right onto Rowena River Road, follow to East Mayer State Park.

**What to bring:** Please bring your own water. Wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Snacks, gloves, bags and tools will be provided.

Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network has generously invited all volunteers to join them for a complimentary lunch at Riverside Community Church following the clean up.

Thank you for helping to keep the river clean and healthy!



Easter Service photo from Roy & Pat Pettit



**Marv**



**Larry**



**Bob G.**



**Myrin**



**Audrey and Craig**

**Men's Fellowship met at the Bentz's home for the annual sausage making.**



**Hungry dogs**



**Myrin, Frank, Marv**



**Bob, Doug, Rick**

**Photos: Sierra Bentz**



**THIS MONTH'S**  
**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Debby Chenoweth	2
Curt Kyger	4
Zach Boris	9
Ethan Fowler	13
Tori Jacobson	16

Ruth Akiyama	20
Esther Harris	22
Dean Kleinsmith	24
Patti Ludwig	28
David King	29

Art & Debby Chenoweth	7
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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 9:00-11:30 W 9:00-2 Th 9:00-2

**Linda Boris** Tues 10-1



**9:00 Service Worship Duties**

April	3 Communion	10	17 Communion	24
	Jennifer Fowler	Debby Chenoweth	Kris White	Kathy Terry
	Rick McBee Vicki Wartalski	Barbara Beardsley Vicki Wartalski	Kris & Bob White	Kathy & Craig Terry
	Shelley Oates Jennifer Fowler Ila Mae S.	Jill Rowland Linda Blashfield Carol Kyger	Gwen Richards Vicki Wartalski Erica Gerald	Larry Denis Craig Terry Jim Siekkinen
	Rose Miller Barbara Beardsley		Rose Miller Barbara Beardsley	
				

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 6pm Youth Group	4 9am Happy Hands	5 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers  6:30 House Meeting @ Della H.	6 9am WELCA Quilting 5pm Bell Choir	7 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	8 St. Lukes Youth Grp from PDX visits	9 St. Lukes Youth Grp from PDX visits
10 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Children's Sunday School 6pm Youth Group	11 9am Happy Hands  10:15 Faith in Action	12 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	13 5pm Bell Choir	14 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	15	16 8am Men's breakfast at Charburger
17 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Children's Sunday School 11:45 SPRC 6pm Youth Group	18 9am Happy Hands	19 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers  2pm WELCA Bible Study	20 9am WELCA Quilting 5pm Bell Choir	21 5:15pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	22	23 <u>Earth Day</u>
24 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 6pm Youth Group  <u>Food on 4th</u>	25 9am Happy Hands	26 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers  10am Embracing Elderhood	27	28	29 <u>OR Synod Assembly</u>	30 <u>OR Synod Assembly</u>
<p>Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 3rd Sunday</p> <p>Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday</p>						



*A Living Bridge*  
*Connecting Community with God's grace*

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