



# The Good News

A Newsletter for Friends and Members  
of Kirkland Congregational United Church of Christ  
April 2019



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***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!***

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## From our Pastor:

Dear Church,

The beginning of Spring has come and I have been rejoicing that it has started with a few days of bright and warm weather. Of course, the weather forecast promises rain in the near future, reminding me that Spring will include many rain-filled days. However, as we wander through this season of Lent, peering eagerly toward Easter, I am always grateful for sun-filled days which announce the promise of new life and seem to set the table for Easter.

And I must admit that I need these reminders. I need them because often about now whatever Lenten discipline I have set for myself begins to feel rather weighty. Add that to the work of household spring cleaning that is calling my name and the journey of Holy Week activities that are just on the horizon, and suddenly my own Lenten invitation to “examine and expand my relationship with God” feels too heavy and too close to the heart. I suspect I am not alone in saying that part way through Lent I often find myself ‘done’ with the season. However, I must trek along through the season with sunlight and random inspiration leading my way.

This year a quote by the Franciscan priest and spiritual contemplative Richard Rohr has been particularly instructive and has, thus far, kept me from my normal mid-Lent crash. Rohr writes:

“Most of us were taught that God would love us **if and when we change.** (*emphasis mine*) In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change.”

Rohr’s words have powerfully landed on my heart and I have heard them as an invitation, of sorts. I often enter Lent wanting to explore and pick at the places of doubt, fear, and discomfort that creep up in my faith life, hoping that if I can identify them, that I will somehow know myself and God more completely. Yet, Rohr’s words feel like they are calling me to identify the places where I can see and experience love and thus, I might know how to grow and change. Certainly, self-examination is an important component of our faith work, but I wonder if I (we) don’t often forget that our Lenten journey does not have to be marked by solitude. In fact, it might be more fruitful if we are looking up and out, rather than solely looking inside of ourselves!

Blessings on your Lenten journey,

*Ryan*

## After Church - Adult Education

### 5th Sunday of Lent ~

Sunday, April 7: Soup Sunday

3 Homemade soups,  
bread, and beverage  
served in the Lounge  
following worship



### 6th Sunday of Lent ~

Sunday, April 14:

Adult Education Podcast  
Helliwell Room—12:05pm



The Table  
Fellowship Hall —  
5:30pm



### Easter Sunday ~

Sunday, April 21:

Easter Worship  
Service

10:30am



Easter Egg Hunt ~  
Following 10:30am  
worship service.



### 4th Sunday of Month ~

Sunday, April 28:

Adult Education Podcast  
Helliwell Room—12:05pm



### Kirkland Food Boxes — Spring Break 2019

We were unable to deliver the School Break Food Boxes for the students in the Lake Washington School District due to the snow storms and schools being closed. The Food Box program was cancelled.

We saved all of the items that you generously donated and will be filling 4 School Break Food Boxes for the upcoming Spring Break.

We will use the items you donated in February along with money donated to the Common Cents Fund to fill in with any missing items and to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables.

The drop-off date is Thursday, April 4. This is the last school break of this school year. Extra cans of food will be kept for next fall for the Thanksgiving School break. Other items will be donated to Hopelink.

**Thank you for your support for this project and for all of the Mission Projects through out the year.**



# HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Sunday, April 14 ~~

**Palm Sunday**

Celebrating the entry of  
Jesus into Jerusalem  
with Palms.



Thursday, April 18 ~~

**Maundy Thursday and  
Tenebrae Service:**

Simple Dinner at 6:30pm  
Worship service including the  
stripping of the Sanctuary—  
7:30pm

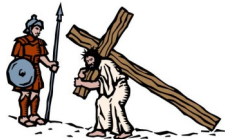


Friday, April 19 ~~

**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross Walk  
11:30 am service begins at St.  
John's Episcopal Church followed  
by Stations of the Cross Walk  
through Kirkland to Marina  
Park Pavilion.

This community event is  
sponsored by GKEP (the Greater  
Kirkland Ecumenical Parish)



Sunday, April 21 ~~

**Easter Sunday**

Worship at 10:30am in  
Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt following  
worship service



You are Invited  
to an

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Easter Sunday,  
April 21st**



Following 10:30 AM  
Worship Service

All children are welcome:  
Ages toddler through 6th grade



**There will be no Adult Education  
Class or Sunday School on Easter  
Sunday.**

There will be nursery care  
available for infants and  
toddlers through age 5. All  
other children are encouraged to  
attend worship with their families.







**Lent  
to  
Easter**



## **LENTEN SNAPSHOTS/ REFLECTIONS 2019**

### **A New Lenten Journey Experience for 2019 continuing:**

You are invited to participate in a daily Lenten Photo or Inspirational Reflection Experience Project.

**How to Participate:** \*Each of the days during the Lenten season has been given a special word that relates to the biblical text for the day. You may take a photo or find an inspirational quote, a poem, drawing, picture, graphic or cartoon that represents what that word of the day means to you.

\*Submit your items each day by email to Gale or Ryan or bring them to church on Sundays during Lent (March 6-April 21).

\*We will create a special page for each word of the day and post them on our KCC website, as well as on the bulletin board near the lounge.

\*Be creative and have fun!

### **Here are the words for each day:**

#### **#LentenSnapshots2019**

March 6 - Busy  
March 7 - Hurry  
March 8 - Impatient  
March 9 - Productive  
March 10 - Tempo  
March 11 - Fast  
March 12 - Slow  
March 13 - Fit  
March 14 - Style  
March 15 - Burden  
March 16 - Heavy  
March 17 - Prepare  
March 18 - Table  
March 19 - Enemy  
March 20 - Presence  
March 21 - Still

March 22 - Sit  
March 23 - Another  
March 24 - Tune  
March 25 - Still  
March 26 - Connect  
March 27 - Notice  
March 28 - Dwell  
March 29 - Nourish  
March 30 - Welcome  
March 31 - Lighten  
April 1 - Stop  
April 2 - Serenity  
April 3 - Space  
April 4 - Flourish  
April 5 - Give  
April 6 - Make

April 7 - Time  
April 8 - Season  
April 9 - Rhythms  
April 10 - Lines  
April 11 - Blurred  
April 12 - Cost  
April 13 - Limits  
April 14 - Rest  
April 15 - Remember  
April 16 - Weary  
April 17 - Silent  
April 18 - Love  
April 19 - Stillness  
April 20 - Holy  
April 21 - Life

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## **Lenten Project #2**

**Our Mission Project  
for the Lenten Season**



**What:** We will be having Work Parties to make 4 “No Sew Blankets” which will be donated to a service organization within our community. These are extremely easy to make.

**No experience required!**

**Who:** All ages and genders are invited to join in the work, fun and fellowship.

**When:** Wednesday afternoons, **1:00pm**  
**April 10, 17, 2019**

**Where:** Lounge, KCCUCC

**Snacks and Beverages Provided**



### **The Table**

**Sunday, April 14th  
5:30pm**

**Worship, Soup and Salad Dinner,  
Music, Community**

**106 5th Ave – Kirkland**



### **Committee Meetings Christian Education Committee**

Next meeting date is:

**Monday, April 15, 2019**

Helliwell Room at 7:00pm

### **Church Council Meeting**

**Monday, April 22, 2019**

Helliwell Room at 7:00pm



**Faith Uncorked** is a ministry of Kirkland Congregational Church, which gives us an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas about our faith in a different venue, and also an opportunity to help others who might not normally connect with church to come find out what a Progressive Christian community is like!

Where: At the home of the L's  
 When: Tuesday, April 9th, 7pm  
 Bring: Favorite bottle of wine or non-alcoholic beverage and an hors d'oeuvre to share.

**Don't keep it bottled up  
 — Uncork your Faith!!**



**Tuesday  
 April 30, 2019**

We will be cooking dinner for the Women's Emergency

Shelter which is currently being housed at the Lakeside Community Church, just up the street from KCCUCC.

Please plan to come help with the preparation work and delivering the meal to the shelter later that evening.

**Stay tuned for details!**



## N-Sid-Sen Camp and Conference Center 2019



Women's Retreat -  
 May 17—19  
 Emerging Adult Camp— July 19-21  
 (ages 19-35)  
 Work Camp (Free/all ages) - June 10-15  
 Intermediate Camp - July 7-13  
 (going into grades 5-6)  
 Junior High Aqua Camp - July 7-13  
 (going into grades 7-9)  
 Kid's Camp - July 14-17  
 (going into grades 2-4)  
 Senior High Aqua Camp - July 14-20  
 (going into 10th grade-entering college)  
 Rainbow Retreat—July 20—22  
 (age 18+)  
 Family Camp #1 - July 28—August 3  
 Family Camp #2 - Aug 4-10  
 For information, call 208-689-3489 or  
 visit [n-sid-sen.org](http://n-sid-sen.org).

## Pilgrim Firs Camp & Retreat Season 2019

Women's Retreat—May 10-12

Service/Mission Camps  
 June 23-28



For information:  
 call 360-876-2031  
 or visit [pilgrimfirs.org](http://pilgrimfirs.org)







# *Living the Season Of Lent*



**The Season of Lent** can be a time of transformation and growth. In our busy world, there are few opportunities to slow down and rest in God's love. Lent can provide the opportunity to catch our breath and be still in God's presence. It is a deepening time when we reflect on our relationship with God and the awareness of our hope in Christ.

**April 7, 2019 ~ 5th Sunday of  
Lent**

## *The Fragrance of Life*

Acts 5:27–32

Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4–8

**John 20:19–31**



### **Something to think about, talk about or do**

Some things are worth giving all that we have and all that we are. Six days before the Passover, Jesus and his disciples visit the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Mary takes expensive perfume, pours it on Jesus' feet and wipes them with her hair. Mary's act is extravagant and beautiful. Mary ministers to Jesus in a way that mirrors the way he has ministered to her and her loved ones, but also to what he will do for all in his extravagant, self-giving love.

### **Together**

**\*\*Identify someone in your community that might be feeling tired or discouraged. Pack a gift bag with a small gift and a beautiful card signed by each person in your household.**

**\*\*Light some scented candles or oil, and let the fragrance fill the room.**

**\*\*How might we respond to the extravagant self-giving love of Jesus?**

**\*\*In what ways might we minister to Jesus, today?**

**\*\*How can our actions fill the world with the fragrance of God's love?**

**April 14, 2019 ~ Palm /Passion  
Sunday**

### **Liturgy of the Palms**

**Luke 19:28–40**

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

### **Liturgy of the Passion**

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5–11

**Luke 22:14—23:56**

**or Luke 23:1–19**



Palm Sunday

### **Something to think about, talk about or do**

This week, we watch as Jesus enters Jerusalem. The excited crowd shouts, "Blessed is the one that comes in the name of God!" If the people stop their proclamations, then even the stones will cry out.

However, we know that later in this Holy Week, Jesus will be put to death. Those who cannot bear the message of God's love will try to put an end to it. But death is not the final answer. Jesus came to proclaim a message that cannot be silenced. Next week, a stone rolled away from an empty tomb will cry that God's love is greater than anything else in the world.

### **Together**

**\*\*Think about things that people might cry out in hope today or things that people might cry out in praise. Write these words on sticky notes and attach them to stones.**

**\*\*Collect symbols of Holy Week such as a palm frond or fern frond, silver coins, bread,**

wine, cross, thorns, linen cloth. Use the symbols to retell the stories of Jesus' last days in Jerusalem.

**\*\*Provide drawing and writing materials for family members to express their feelings if they wish.**

**\*\*Plan to attend Holy Week services at your church or another church in your community.**

## *Easter*

On Easter morning, we are reminded that violence, destruction, and death do not have the last say. The empty tomb is the first witness that God has done a new thing and the season erupts with joyful alleluias.

The Season of Easter is fifty days long and leads to Pentecost Day when the church celebrates the gift of God's spirit.

Throughout the Easter season, we will meet witnesses of God's new way.

### **April 21, 2019 ~ Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34–43 or

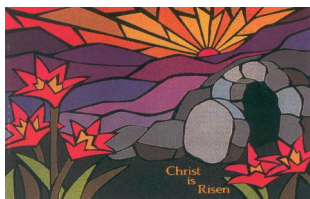
Isaiah 65:17–25

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

or Acts 10:34–43

**John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12**



### **Something to think about, talk about or do**

Mary visits the tomb of Jesus and sees that the stone has been removed, so she runs to get Simon Peter and another disciple. Peter and the other disciple run to the tomb and discover that Jesus' body is missing. They do not entirely understand what happened, and they return home. But Mary is sad and confused. She stays outside the tomb crying and has a conversation with someone she thinks is the gardener. But, when he says her name, Mary realizes it is her special teacher, Jesus. Mary leaves the tomb to spread the news: Jesus is alive in a new way.

### **Together**

**\*\*Make some shakers by placing small glass beads, small stones, and seeds in plastic eggs. Seal eggs with strong tape. Use your shakers to accompany you as you sing joyful Easter songs.**

**\*\*Look for signs of new life in your household and world. Use the shakers to give praise each time something is mentioned.**

**\*\*Making an Easter tree is an old European custom. Put a bare branch in a pot. Decorate with symbols of new life such as butterflies, flowers, and eggs.**

### **Prayer**

Look for signs of new life in your household, your community, and in Creation.

Name the signs one at a time and respond with the words, ***"We praise you, O God!"*** as you sound the shakers.



### **April 28, 2019 ~Love's Disruptive Witness**

**Acts 5:27–32**

Psalms 118:14–29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4–8

John 20:19–31



### **Something to think about, talk about or do**

The stories of Jesus now turn to the stories of the community of Jesus' followers. This unfolding story does not come without conflict. Today we read of a hostile episode involving the authorities of the day. The apostles are asked to account for their disobedience to an earlier edict banning teaching in the name of Jesus. Peter defends the apostles' witness on the basis of "obeying" God. Obedience is simply a matter of priority. Faithful obedience puts first things first. In the midst of their unfolding experiences of God, the community answers the call of the Spirit to witness to God's life-giving, and disruptive ways.

### **Together**

**\*\*Be witnesses to Jesus' love. Use pavement**



chalk to announce the good news. Write Easter messages and draw pictures of new life.

**\*\*Light a candle to symbolize the message of good news. Tell about a time you heard the story of Jesus. Where are the places where sharing the story of Jesus may be hard?**

***Prayer***

***O God, we are thankful for Jesus who taught us how to live in loving ways.***

***May we be witnesses to this love so others will know this love, too. Amen.***



**Pacific Northwest  
Conference, UCC  
Annual Meeting 2019**

**to be held at First Congregational  
Church, Bellevue**

The Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ will hold our Annual Meeting on April 27, 2019. The one-day meeting will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. followed by Gathering and opening at 9:00 a.m. The day's schedule includes worship, business, presentations, song, more.

## **Lenten Project #2 Progress**



For our Lenten Journey...

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) was born in Spain and as an eighteen year-old woman she entered a Carmelite convent. There she earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer who experienced visions of the divine and ministered to many. Later she founded a convent and wrote *The Way of Perfection* as a guide for her nuns. Her *Autobiography* and *The Interior Castle* remain beloved spiritual guidebooks.

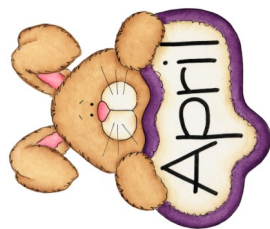
*Christ Has No Body* is probably her most famous writing as it speaks powerfully of our own unique calls in service of the gospel. I think it also serves as a pick-me-up whenever our faith is battered or beleaguered.

-Ryan

### *Christ Has No Body*





Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.





# April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cheyenne G 	2	3	4 A/C 	5	6
7 Worship at 10:30am Soup after worship 	8	9 Porky At the L's 7pm 	10 Blanket Making Party - Lounge 1pm	11 Ben B 	12	13
14 Worship at 10:30am Palm Sunday The Table at 5:30pm 	15 CE Mtg 7pm 	16	17 Blanket Making Party - Lounge 1pm	18 Howard S Maundy Thursday 6:30pm 	19	20
21 Worship at 10:30am Easter Sunday 	22 KCC Council Mtg 7pm 	23	24 Jade H 	25	26	27
28 Worship at 10:30am	29	30				





## Kirkland Congregational Church Prayer List



In your time with God this week, please lift up the following people in prayer:

Sunni S  
Jesse A  
Dorris K  
Judy H

Nancy L  
Jerry R  
Ruth W  
Philip V  
Barbara D

Lisa G  
Sarah J  
Barbara L

Victims of abuse

Victims of crimes and violence

Residents of Camp Unity

Victims of natural disasters

Residents of Tent City4

Please contact the church office to add someone to the prayer list or to have a name removed; call 425.822.3811 or email [kccucc.office@gmail.com](mailto:kccucc.office@gmail.com).



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