

Notes From The Journey . . .



Something has been happening at church lately. Look around and you will notice some new faces.

People are finding their way to us and they are excited by what they find. I am particularly pleased because the folks who are coming are adding to the rich, diverse tapestry of our

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congregation in unique ways. We are developmentally disabled people, mentally ill people, young folks and

old folks and everything in between - all worshipping together. And what we all experience is a welcoming,

accepting atmosphere where we are encouraged and supported as we seek to be open to God's presence and movement in our lives. What a gift it is to be a part of such a community of faith.

Thank you for the ways in which you make that happen.

- Roger



**Stewardship Commitment Sunday – March 25th**

This year's stewardship theme is *"Putting the Pieces Together."* The Church is a community of faith, and it takes all of us working together to sustain the important work we are called to. You are invited to reflect on your participation in the life of this congregation, including your giving. Stewardship is ultimately a matter of faith. We are empowered to give in response to the gifts we have first received. Truly faithful giving becomes possible through an openness to God's abundance. The decisions we make as we thoughtfully and prayerfully consider how to use our resources impact us, impact the Church and impact a great many people in our community and our world. Our stewardship efforts make a very tangible difference. The various ways in which we strive to make a difference in our community and in our world are affected by our stewardship response. What we give directly affects what we can do.

A mailing was sent last week containing several pieces of information related to this process, including an "Estimate of Giving" card. On Sunday, March 25th, during the morning worship, we will celebrate all of the ways in which we make commitments to God's work, including financial. It is very important for the "Estimate of Giving" cards to be turned in as soon as possible, so that when the Budget Committee meets they will have an accurate picture of our anticipated funds for the coming year. If you want to participate and are unable to be in church on Sunday, please mail it to the church office, marking the envelope "Attention: Financial Secretary." If you did not receive the mailing and would like to participate, please contact Roger Lynn and we will make sure it is sent to you promptly.

Together, as we find faithful and creative ways of "putting the pieces together," we can continue to grow as a vibrant and active community of faith.



## The Common Ministry's Annual Buffet/Auction – Saturday, April 21st

*This Fun and Fund-raising event will begin with a social hour & silent auction at 5:30 p.m.,*

*with dinner & live auction to follow.*

*We've received many wonderful items for both auctions.*

*If you have something you'd like to contribute, please call the K-House 332-2611.*



### – Holy Week / Easter Opportunities –

#### **Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship April 5th – 6:30 p.m. – 1st United Methodist Church**

It is our long-standing tradition to share a simple Maundy Thursday meal with the Presbyterians and the Methodists here in Moscow. This year it is the Methodist's turn to host the event. We are asked to bring plates of fruit. There is a sign-up sheet available on the bulletin board across from the office.



#### **Good Friday Labyrinth – April 6th – 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

You are invited to spend some time walking the labyrinth and reflecting on the ways God is working in your life and the ways God is calling you to live in the world. This ancient spiritual practice has been described as a walking meditation. There will be materials available to guide your experience if you are interested in such assistance, as well as someone to answer your questions. It is a "drop-in" event – come when you can, stay as long as you want. If the weather cooperates the event will be in Friendship Square. In case of inclement weather, the event will be in the basement of First Presbyterian Church (405 S. Van Buren).



#### **Easter Potluck Brunch – April 8th – 9:30 a.m.**

Sharing a meal together is also an ancient spiritual practice. It's also tasty and fun. Join us on Easter morning for a time of food and fellowship. Bring your favorite breakfast treats to share.



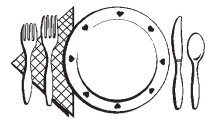
#### **Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 29th**

As prescribed by our by-laws, we will meet as a congregation to vote on the budget for the coming year (May-April) and to elect new officers. A draft of the proposed budget and a slate of officers will be available in the sanctuary no later than Sunday, April 15th.



#### **Potluck Salad Lunch – Sunday, April 29th**

Following the congregational meeting we will gather in the fellowship hall to share a potluck meal of your favorite salads. Plan to stay and eat with us.



#### **New Copier Donated in Memory of Bob Means**

If you are reading this newsletter in printed form (as opposed to the digital version), then you have probably already noticed a significant improvement in the quality of the print. That's because we now have a new copier in the church office, donated by *Barbara Means*, in memory of her husband *Bob*. It has already made a huge difference in both the quality of our printed material and the ease with which they are produced. Thank you Barbara!



If you made a donation to the copier fund in the last few months, please contact us and we will gladly refund your contribution. Or you can choose to redirect how it is used (there are several possibilities we can discuss with you). Just let us know your preference.

## Personal Glimpses

Congratulations to *Oz Garton*, who is this year's recipient of the Arthur S. Einarsen Outstanding Biologist of the Year Award. This award recognizes outstanding service to the wildlife profession by individuals residing in the area encompassed by the NW Section of The Wildlife Society (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alberta, B.C. and Alaska). It is a huge honor to be recognized by your peers in this way!

Please keep the following people in your prayers . . .

- . . . *Lois Bradberry*, as she continues with chemo treatments
- . . . *Iris Manning*, whose father, *Lloyd Wilson*, died recently
- . . . *Karen Davis*, who is scheduled for another spine surgery next month
- . . . *Oz Garton*, whose father, *Edward Garton*, died recently.

## Celebrating Birthdays . . .

. . . *In March*

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st - Clint Westberg   | 19th - Joan Gustaveson |
| 14th - Calvin Macy     | 20th - Donna Francis   |
| 16th - Bret Barber     | 23rd - Elaine Russell  |
| 18th - Heather Leonard | 23rd - Dolores Sanchez |

. . . *In April*

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 5th - Mariah Suquet   | 19th - Tim Garton    |
| 13th - Allene Goforth | 22nd - Donna Spencer |
| 18th - Lois Leonard   | 29th - Larry Francis |

*If we've missed your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records.  
We want to include you.*

## Newest Members

We offer a warm welcome to *Jerry & Tammy Lanting-Leonard*, who recently placed their official membership with our congregation. Jerry grew up in this congregation (he's the son of Bob & Lois Leonard). They recently bought the family farm from Jerry's brother Gene, and are currently doing the "commuter marriage" thing, with Jerry living in Denver and Tammy living here.



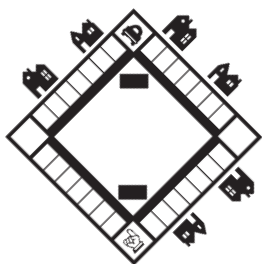
- Welcome -

## Thanks For Meals

During *Christine Suquet's* trip to France (she will be returning home very soon), the church provided assistance to *Vanessa and her children* in the form of preparing evening meals. The list of volunteers was filled quickly and graciously. Thanks to all who helped share love in this very tangible way. A particular thanks to *Tammy Lanting-Leonard*, who coordinated the effort.



## Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities – Plan To Join Us





















- Game Night  
*Saturday, March 24th – 7 p.m.*
- Easter Potluck Brunch  
*Sunday, April 8th – 9:30 a.m.*
- Salad Potluck Lunch  
*Sunday, April 29th – following worship*
- End of the Year Potluck Brunch  
*Sunday, May 27th – 9:30 a.m.*



This community event is designed to bring the Moscow community together.  
 Everyone is invited to gather at Friendship Square.  
 At 1 p.m. the walk will proceed to East City Park.  
 Walkers will be greeted at the park  
 with music, games, beverages, activities for kids, & a potluck supper.  
 Questions? Want to lend your support? [walkingoncommonground@hotmail.com](mailto:walkingoncommonground@hotmail.com)



# March / April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 5th Sunday in Lent Stewardship Commitment Sunday 	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>27</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Lenten Book Study 	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM, Elders/Deacons 	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>1 • April •</b> Fellowship Fund Palm / Passion Sunday 	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM, 4-H 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>3</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Lenten Book Study 	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM, Watercolor 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 6:30 PM, Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship (Methodist Church) 	<b>6</b> Good Friday Labyrinth (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) 	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Easter 9:30 AM, Potluck Brunch 	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 12:00 PM, CancerSupport 2:00 PM, Sunshine Club 7:00 PM, Board Meeting 	<b>12</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>17</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	<b>19</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 PM, K-House Auction & Dinner 
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM, Elders/Deacons 	<b>26</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

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