

The Messenger



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From the Pastor's Desk...

LIFE is tender and tough at the same time

We have been soberly reminded recently about life's fragile quality as we grieve with the Greer family at the death of Marissa. At the other end of the spectrum, we look toward the celebration of a life that has lasted 100 years as Frances Crim celebrates 100 years of life on February 26. As Frances says "Life is not for sissies."

At some level we all connect with the pain and the joy in each of these human circumstances: too short, too long, not enough time, interminable waiting. In each case eyes and hearts bright with anticipation and maybe a little fear about what comes next.

Our study of Romans so far has underscored for me God's specific interest in each one of us - His calling and gifting for us to touch the world for him in a particular way. I've also seen the importance of connection - we do not live this life alone. We are connected with one another each day for help, for support, for encouragement. We need each other to talk through the myriad of life's questions; we need one another to be silent together in the midst of life's grief and sorrow. For all of life.

And while we certainly need one another for support, it is crucial to truly open our hearts and minds and lives to God's direction too. Not to simply say "I believe God is there" but to live like we believe

it. That takes an openness to listening for God's voice, to walking out a real relationship with a living Being who is present in our lives. It's a challenging concept with an invisible God. But while He is not seen in the conventional way, He is more present in other ways than any other living being we have ever encountered.

I am privileged to be with my grandchildren, 3-year-old, Antonia, and 7-month-old Theodore for a few days. The lines from one of their books caught my heart and made me think about my own relationship to God:

I am your parent; you are my child.

I am your quiet place; you are my wild.

I am your water wings; you are my deep.

I am your open arms; you are my running leap.

I am your way home; you are my new path....

I am your finish line; you are my race....

I am your praying hands; you are my saying grace.

I am your favorite book; you are my new lines.

These are simple thoughts and yet very deep when one takes time to think about them. I sense the steady presence of God as we move through life with the

unsteady gait of a child learning to walk. I hear the joy of God as He allows us, His children, to discover new things, new life, new ways of being. It's worth pondering.

God, in this crazy, fragile life where I feel both alone and connected to others, give me grace to sense your strength and your patience when I feel weak or without direction. Let me live into the reality of your joy and let me be aware of the depth of your passion for the world. Continue to write your story in my heart and enliven my soul that I might share your story with those you place in my life. Thank you. Amen.

Seeking connection with this amazing God and you all,

Pastor Karen

Scriptures and Sermons February 2016

Lectionary

February 7, 2016

Transfiguration Sunday

"His Passion, Our Pleasure"

Romans 1:18-36

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

Service at 7 pm

Joel 21:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

February 14, 2016

First Sunday in Lent

"Gaining God's Approval-Really?"

Romans 1:28-2:16

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday in Lent

Guest preacher

Romans 2:17-29

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

February 28, 2016

Third Sunday in Lent

"Watch What You're Thinking"

Romans 3:1-8

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1Corinthians 10:1-13

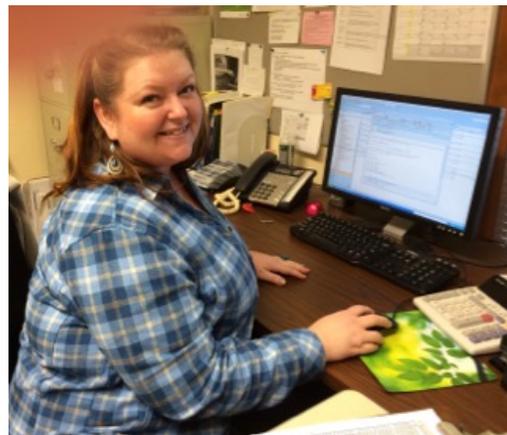
Luke 13:1-9

To read along with Pastor Karen, the link for February's Daily Readings is

<http://image.s7.exacttarget.com/lib/fe9613727464077b73/m/1/Daily+Reading+Plan.pdf>

SPRC

Meet Michelle Melton, our new Administrative Assistant. Michelle has written an article about herself to help you get to know her...



Hi everyone. It's been a very quick and jam-packed 2.5 months since I've joined Canby United Methodist Church as your Secretary. I knew I was going to love it here when I interviewed, and time has proven me right. Thank you to all who have stopped in to introduce yourselves. I look forward to meeting and getting to know more of you as time goes on.

I am a transplant from the "deep South" having lived in each of the 8 states. My family moved often and I attended 11 different schools before graduating high school. My sister and I are very close and I followed her and her family to Oregon in 2004. I am the proud aunt of three beautiful nieces, Toria, Zoe', and Mahayla. In 2008 my sister moved with her three girls back home to be near our mom. I decided to stay in Oregon and continue with my career in human resources.

I have worked in the administrative field for over 25 years and enjoy it because of my natural interest in helping people. Currently, I have begun the process of putting myself through college. Working part time at CUMC is just the perfect amount of time to meet my responsibilities here as well as allowing time for my academic pursuits. Once I've completed my prerequisites at PCC, I will be applying for the Art Therapy Masters program at Marylhurst University in which I will learn to help others through art.

I look forward to serving CUMC however I can.

*Peace and love,
Michelle*

Welcome back to Renna Marcus in the position of church Treasurer. Renna should be a familiar face to you since she served as our Administrative Assistant/Treasurer for almost 3 years. And she has also been training our new Administrative Assistants over the past months of transition with our staff changes. Renna's position is also part time and she will have a flexible schedule as she takes care of the accounting duties in our office.



We feel so very fortunate to have these two talented ladies on board at CUMC to assist our very valued pastor in leading our church in its mission.

Finance

The 2016 budget has been approved by Church Council. As has been the case for the past several years, we project total income from all sources to be lower than the full budgeted expenses. Typically we underspend our budget in some areas and whatever shortage of income still exists reduces what we are able to send to the Conference and to the District. The good news is that for 2015 we were able to pay 79% of our Conference Apportionments. This is the highest % paid in recent years.

Income for January was good and we are able to send \$1,250 toward our 2016 apportionments.

We have Church Council approval to move the 2015 Contingency fund to the Roof Project Fund. This is \$5,000 toward a project that requires about \$35,000 dollars. Extra contributions toward the roof project are welcome and encouraged.

We have Church Council approval to create a new 2016 Contingency Fund of \$5,000 from the Fair fund. This is the same as we have been doing for the past several years.

2015 giving statements were prepared and distributed to all contributors of record. If you did not get yours, please contact the church office.

Recycling

I turned in \$80 from bottle and can recycling in December. These funds are going into our Volunteer in Mission (VIM) account which has been supporting the Mexico mission team project. Keep them coming. I have green bags for the program that you can get from me and fill and return so I can take them in for refunding. These are special bags from the Bottle Drop program with account coded stickers that link to our account. Everything we recycle goes into these green bags which I stuff very full. We can mix cans, plastic bottles and glass bottles (subject to weight) all in the same bags.

Mark Oldenkamp

UMW

Feb. 4 General UMW MEETING,
10:00 a.m. All women are

welcomed to come and join in fellowship.

Feb. 7 Chili Sale (after the worship service) Preorder your 1 quart container of chili at \$7.00 and be ready for Super Bowl Sunday.

Feb. 11 Wesleyan Circle
At Julie Chapin's home
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 25 UMW Board Meeting at the church at 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 4 World Day Of Prayer

March 13 Potato Bake (After the worship service)

March 27 - EASTER SUNDAY

Bits & Pieces

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class is currently studying "Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings" by Pastor Chuck Aaron of the First United Methodist Church of Terrell, Texas. This is the winter session of study which follows a weekly lesson accompanied by Biblical references to enhance the study. The lessons are well written, easy to read, and always create a lively discussion in our class. When this study is completed on Feb. 28, we will be using the spring study, "The Gift of Faith" by Jack Gilbert which uses the book of Mark for its biblical text. We meet at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Corner Room. Please join us.

February Birthdays

2nd Betty Langdon
8th Sheila Brown
9th Bernice Fisher
11th Gordon Leigh
12th Bjorn Laitinen
16th MaryAnn Brown
24th Alice Messer
26th Francis Crim **100 YEARS!**



Greeters for February

Feb. 7 Ken & Deanna Johnson
Feb. 14 Phil & Sarah Seale
Feb. 21 Dennis & Judy Elvey
Feb. 28 Tim & Kristie VandeKamp

Coffee Hour for February

Feb. 7 Heidi Laitinen
Mary Ann Brown
Joe & Sharon Perez
Feb. 14 Lori Baker-Cunningham
Shirley Wright
Jan Whitcomb
Feb. 21 Phil & Sarah Seale
Jill Kahle
Amy Ackerman
Feb. 28 Leta Bunnell
Jason Padden
Gail Hildreth
Gordon Leigh

In Remembrance...

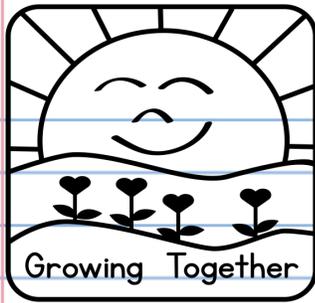
Please keep two Canby families in your prayers who have lost children in the past few weeks:

The Greer family at the loss of daughter Marissa, and

The Schlatter family at the loss of son A. J.

May God bring them peace and comfort in their time of loss.

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Marissa

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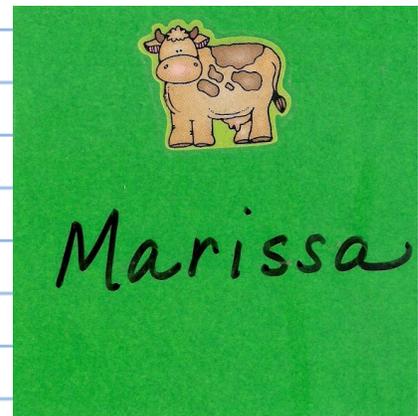
REMEMBERING MARISSA

We are remembering Marissa Greer as a very intelligent, beautiful little girl who was so full of life. She loved school, gymnastics, and dance. When she entered a room, she truly lit up the space. Marissa had a special way of sharing her brightness with her peers, as well as impacting the adults in her life. There was a contagious flare about her that left an impression on those around her.

Marissa was quick-witted and clever. She was starting to master writing her name and would write it everywhere. Marissa could also write Mom, Dad, Trent, and her dear friend Paige's name. She was very proud of this and would spend a lot of time writing. When she had something important to say, Marissa would say, "Excuse me, can I tell you something?" Then she would wait patiently for you to listen. There was something special about Marissa's keen sense of awareness.

As Marissa's class talked about her and shared thoughts, her classmates decided they would see her again in Heaven. One child quietly commented, "I have heard that Heaven is a very nice place." We are all trying to remember the beautiful moments we had with our friend, Marissa.

My first artwork of the year!



February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship Service Guest Speaker Gary Burgin Fifth Sunday Potluck	Pastor Karen Out of office →			UMW Gen. Mtg. 10 am		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
GR: K. & D. Johnson CH: H. Laitinen, M.S. Brown, J. & S. Perez UMW Chili Sale		Tea at the White Rabbit Bakery, Aurora, 2-3 pm	Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	Wesleyans @ J. Chapin's, 1 pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
GR: P. & S. Seale CH: : L. Baker- Cunningham, S. Wright, J. Whitcomb 	Trustees 7 pm Presidents' Day	Tea at the White Rabbit Bakery, Aurora, 2-3 pm Pastor Karen out of office Alton Collins →		Care Team, 10 am at church	Pastor Karen to Salt Lake City, new grandchild →	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
GR: D. & J. Elvey CH: P. & S. Seale, J.Kahle, A. Ackerman	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Tea at the White Rabbit Bakery, Aurora, 2-3 pm Newsletter Deadline		UMW Board 11 am		
28	29					
GR: T. & K. VandeKamp CH: L. Bunnell, J. Padden, G. Hildreth, G. Leigh						

Canby F.O.T.S. AA Meetings, M-F, 5:30 pm
Co-Dependency Group Meeting, Wednesdays, 7 pm
Prayer Meeting @ Amy Ackerman's, Tues. 1 pm
Venture Crew, Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Youth Rm

Stepping Up Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays, 1-3 pm
Girl Scouts, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:45 pm
Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm

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Albertson's & Sav On	4%	\$50		Eco Car Wash	1 car wash	26%	\$6	Olive Garden/Red Lobster/Yard House	8%	\$10		ACE Hardware	4%	\$25	
		\$100		Jiffy Lube *		15%	\$30	Oswego Grill / Copper River	8%	\$25		Amazon.com	4%	\$25	
		\$10		Kaady Car Wash	1 car wash	26%	\$6	Outback Steakhouse	8%	\$25				\$100	
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Fred Meyer /QFC/Kroger	4%	\$25		Washman Auto Spa*	1 car wash	26%	\$6	Panera Bread & Cafe	8%	\$10		Backyard Bird Shop	8%	\$25	
		\$50		RESTAURANTS					Papa John's Pizza* OR & SW WA	10%	\$5		Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10
		\$100		Applebee's		8%	\$10	Papa Murphy's Pizza	8%	\$10		Bath & Body Works	7%	\$10	
Natural Grocers	4%	\$50		Baja Fresh		8%	\$10	Pastini Pastaria	8%	\$20		Best Buy	2%	\$50	
		\$50		Bellaio's Pizza		5%	\$20	Pizza Caboose*	8%	\$10		Big 5 Sporting Goods	8%	\$25	
New Seasons	4%	\$100		Big Town Hero*		8%	\$5	Pizzicato Gourmet Pizza *	8%	\$10		Build A Bear Workshop	8%	\$25	
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Safeway	4%	\$50		Burger King		4%	\$5	Pizza Schmittza*/Pub House OR & SW WA	10%	\$5		Cold Stone Creamery	8%	\$5	
		\$100		Burgerville		8%	\$10	Portland City Grill	8%	\$10		Craft Warehouse	8%	\$10	
Thriftway only for OR and SW WA.	4%	\$25		Carl's Jr. / Green Burrito		5%	\$10	Red Lobster	8%	\$15		Home Depot	2%	\$50	
Whole Foods Market	3%	\$50		Chevy's		8%	\$15	Red Robin	9%	\$10		ITunes Internet music & more	3%	\$25	
		\$100		Chipotle		9%	\$10	Red Robin	8%	\$25		Joann Fabrics	5%	\$25	
RETAIL / DEPARTMENT															
Bed, Bath, & Beyond	5%	\$10		Cruck E Cheese's - Oregon only		8%	\$25	Roundtable Pizza* OR & SW WA	12%	\$10		Krispy Kreme * 1 dozen glazed	41%	\$10	
Bridgeport Village All stores, kiosks restaurants, theater, Tips deducted & rebated.	4%	\$25		Claim Jumper		See Landry's to order		Ruby Tuesday	8%	\$10		Learning Palace -teacher	8%	\$10	
		\$25		Davidson's* - Tigard - No change		8%	\$10	Shari's Restaurant	8%	\$20		Lowe's	4%	\$50	
Cabela's	8%	\$25		Denny's Restaurant		5%	\$10	Sonic Drive-In	8%	\$10		Michaels Crafts	3%	\$25	
		\$50		Domino's Pizza * OR and WA only		12%	\$10	Stanford's /Portland Seafood / Manzana	8%	\$25		Peet's Coffee Use Fred Meyer cards at all FM Peet's	8%	\$20	
Columbia Sportswear Retail outlets, employee stores for those w/ access.	12%	\$50		Elmer's Pancake House*		8%	\$5	Henry's Tavern, Portland City Grill, Palomino, Billy Heartbeats, Newport Seafood Grill, Kincalids	8%	\$15		Petco	8%	\$25	
Dicks Sporting Goods	8%	\$25		Famous Daves BBQ		10%	\$25	Subway	6%	\$15		Pier 1 Imports	8%	\$25	
GAP	See Old Navy to order			Godfather's Pizza* Med Special or Lun 2 top		27%	\$14	Sweet Tomatoes	8%	\$25		Pottery Barn-Williams	7%	\$25	
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JC Penney	4%	\$25		Izzy's Pizza		8%	\$20	Taco Time OR and SW Wash.	10%	\$15		See's Candy* 1 lb. certificate Retail Price per pound is \$18.50	7%	\$17	
Kohl's Also payment on acct. in store	4%	\$25		John's Incredible Pizza Co		8%	\$25	Tom's Pancake House* No Change back	8%	\$10		Staples Office Supplies	4%	\$25	
Macy's	10%	\$25		Landry's Restaurants - Claim Jumper, Morton's Steak, Jake's Grill & Crawfish, Bubba Gump		8%	\$25	Veggie Grill	9%	\$15		Starbucks Coffee	6%	\$5	
Marshall's-T.J. Maxx/ HomeGoods	6%	\$25		McCormick's & Schmick's, Chart House, Harborside, Portland Heathman Restaurant		8%	\$10	Yard House	9%	\$15		Ultra	3%	\$25	
Nike, Inc. Nike Town, Online, Outlets, Employee store for those with access	12%	\$50		McCormick's and Schmick's		See Landry's to order		Cinemark* - Century Theaters	7%	\$9.00		Chinook App* Android or iPhone	50%	\$15	
Old Navy GAP GAP AIDS - Outlet Stores One Card for All	12%	\$25		McGrath's Fish House		7%	\$10	Family Fun Center & Bullwinkle's Games, cars, golf, and food Wilsonville Only	15%	\$25		Chinook Book*	50%	\$22	
Payless Shoe Source	12%	\$25		McMenamins / Ruby's Spa For any Restaurant, Brew Pub, Spa, Hotel, Theater, Gift Shop, Hair Salon		12%	\$25	Family Theaters* Tigard and Oak Grove	16%	\$10		TOTAL all columns =	\$		
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Ross Dress for Less	8%	\$25		Old Spaghetti Factory*		8%	\$10	Regal Cinemas* Paper Ticket Adult prime time ticket is less than door price	7%	\$9.50					
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Target	2.5%	\$25													
The Children's Place	12%	\$25													
Walgreens	4%	\$25													
Walmart	1.5%	\$25													

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