

Canby United Methodist Church

"The whole life learning place"

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April 7

**Second Sunday
of Easter**
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April 14

**Third Sunday
of Easter**
Acts 9:1-6, 7-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 21

**Fourth Sunday
Of Easter**
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

April 28

**Fifth Sunday
of Easter**
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

From the Pastor:

These are the opening words of the Baptismal Covenant from the United Methodist Hymnal:

*The church is of God,
and will be preserved until the
end of time,
for the conduct of worship
and the due
administration of God's Word
and Sacraments,
the maintenance of Christian fellowship
and discipline,
the edification of believers,
and the conversion of the world.
All of every age and station,
stand in need of the means of grace
which it alone supplies.* UMH, 45.



Pastor Karen

This powerful paragraph from the baptismal welcome to God's family keeps ringing in my head as I have listened to the thoughts and questions and hurts of many people regarding the recent General Conference decision in St. Louis in February.

The church is of God

God is the One who thought of bringing people together in a community to worship. It was in His mind from the time He spoke to Abram, promising to bless all the nations of the world through his children. We are not alone.

and will be preserved until the end of time,

We already know that it won't look like it looked "when we were kids" or "when our kids were growing up." The church has changed and changed and changed again if we look at history and worship practices. God will see His project through.

for the conduct of worship**and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments,**

Worship: people gathered together with upturned faces giving glory to God and heads bowed in prayer and penitence.

Due administration: by those who are called and whose call is affirmed through discernment, introspection, confirmation from others, education, and practice of ministry.

God's Word and Sacraments: through song, Scripture, proclamation, (preaching) and the lived invitation of Jesus to share in baptism and communion.

the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline,**the edification of believers,****and the conversion of the world.**

This part is about how we live from one day to the next. Church isn't just on Sunday. It's every day. It's me, doing my part to stay connected to God. It's you doing that as well. It is us offering encouragement and strength to each other in the mundane details of life and the huge challenges that feel so big we don't know how we will go on.

Then we walk to the places God leads us and we "be" the church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthened by being community together, we live the message out there, with them. With all of them. Or just one of them at a time.

All of every age and station,**stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.**

All is a very big word when you think about it. If all isn't enough, we can lean into "every" and that takes care of any doubt you might have about all.

age and station take it even just a bit further – any living human, from those *in utero* to those making the transition into the next life, anyone, anywhere pedaling a bicycle taxi or flying in a multimillion dollar Leer jet, **all stand in need of grace**.

in need – lives low on courage, love, patience, joy. Lacking faith, hope, peace. In need.

of the means of grace – the "means" are the ways something makes its way to the place where it is intended to go. Communion, baptism, worship in community are some of the means of grace.

grace – mercy, favor, sheltered in the care of God.

which the church alone supplies — God's plan is to reach the world with grace. As members of God's church, we are stewards of this grace, the most powerful gift in the universe.

Are we prepared to be sharers of that grace? Do you know the stories of that grace in your own life? Could you, would you share those stories with others? Even strangers? With people of different ages and stations? If others forget this grace and tell stories that hurt and wound people, what will you do? How will you be?

God will carry on with His mission through the church. Are you with Him? I am.

Pastor Karen



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

UMW

April 13 1 p.m. The United Methodist Women will meet to discuss what was learned at Bob's Red Mill, such as the way they grow organic grains and process them so consumers can eat them to remain healthy. Keeping our soil healthy is important for people wishing to have quality and healthy food. Flooding will also be discussed including the effect they have on people, animals, and the land.

April 27 9 a.m. For all who want to help prepare for Bob Peebles Memorial, which begins at 11 a.m.

(Submitted by Sharon Perez and Deanna Johnson)

Wesleyans

April 11 9 a.m. Wesleyans will meet at the church to carpool to Bob's Red Mill 13521 SE Pheasant Ct. Milwaukie. We need to be at Bob's factory at 10 a.m. for a 75 minute tour. Then, we will go to the restaurant three blocks away at 11:30 a.m. The phone number to the restaurant/store is 503-654-3215. **Don't forget your books.** We hope to see you. If you have questions, call Deanna at 503-592-2792 or 503-951-1274.

Care Team

In March we sent out 40 cards and visited five of our shut-ins. If you would like to be part of our tea, call Deanna (503-951-1247) or Sharon (503-758-7593).

'Grounds for Growth' Community Garden

Interested in a community garden plot? Plots are available.

You may view an application:

- On our website at: www.canbyumc.com

Please print the application form and return it with payment to:

Canby United Methodist Church
1520 N. Holly St., Canby, OR 97013

-or-

- In our office during office hours:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please check with the church office to verify plot numbers.



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 1 Application process opens

April 13 Plots are open for planting

June 1 Deadline to plant your plot. Plots are surrendered if not planted by this time.



Table Talks 3.0 - Canby

WHEN:

Thursday, April 4,
at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
[Add to my calendar](#)

WHERE:

Canby UMC
1520 N. Holly St.
Canby, OR

Table Talks 3.0 are an opportunity to discuss the outcome of the Special General Conference Session Feb. 23-26.

This event will include a time of worship and sharing Holy Communion together, as well as conversation using a covenant in which participants agree to stay curious, be kind, and listen with the same amount of passion with which they want to be heard. [Learn more at greaternw.org/table-talks/](#)

To see all the Table Talk 3.0 opportunities across the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area and to pre-register, [click here](#). We ask that you pre-register so that we can be prepared for your presence. **There is no cost.**

For those of you who receive the Messenger via the internet, the above links should be live, provide you with more information and show you where to register.

Church Council selects projects for summer completion

Church Council met Monday, March 25, with a full agenda of announcements and plans that ranged from building repair, to planning April events and scheduling the crafting of a welcoming/inclusion statement in light of the Special General Conference referenced above.

Building:

- JS TrueView will be contracted to proceed with the repair on the exterior of the church building.
- Carpet selection committee will continue exploring options with a goal of project completion by the end of July.

Programs:

- Judy Zettergren will be a greeter at the April 4 Table Talks event and Shirley Wright will arrange for refreshments.
- Easter Day events will include an Easter egg hunt and coffee hour, following church service.

Projects:

- Sheila Brown reports that she has the kitchen help she needs for the 2019 Fair Pie Booth. The booth is a go for this summer.
- A welcoming/inclusion statement for CUMC will be explored by the Council with input from all church members. Goal is to complete statement by the first week in June prior to Annual Conference.

A Statement from the Mission Cabinet of the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church...

Our response to this moment in the life of our United Methodist Church. The Mission Cabinet of the Western Jurisdiction, composed of the bishops, directors of connectional ministries, and leadership team chairperson, receives and wholeheartedly embraces the statement of the Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team, recognizing in it the shared values of the West, and the longing for the home God calls us to share with all.

Many persons across the theological spectrum are feeling the deep pain of our beloved United Methodist Church. We have found much encouragement and hope in the actions and statements of like-minded United Methodists around the world including progressives, moderates, and conservatives alike, who no longer recognize the church they have long called home.

They are not alone. You are not alone. We are not alone. Inspired by these words and actions, we commit to partnering with others across our global connection in nurturing and developing structures to sustain the new life that is springing forth. Working together, forming diverse coalitions of grace and love, is what it means to be United Methodist.

Continuing our response to the harm of the 2019 General Conference and responding to the shared passion of the leaders gathered in Portland, the Mission Cabinet holds the following statements and commitments in common:

- If found to be constitutional and put into practice, the restrictive, punitive provisions of the legislation passed at General Conference will cause continuing harm to many, especially LGBTQIA+ members of the body. We stand in opposition to this harm because “if one member suffers, all suffer together” (1 Corinthians 12: 26) in the body of Christ. Even across theological divides, many faithful United Methodists understand that the legislation is contrary to our practicing God’s extravagant love and grace. We strive to embody this love and grace and seek to do no more harm.
- We affirm the courage and integrity of our Boards of Ordained Ministry who diligently inquire of our candidates for commissioning or ordination based on their gifts for Christ’s ministry as delineated in ¶335 of the 2016 Book of Discipline. We encourage our Boards to continue to base their examination on their understanding of our Triune God and God’s call rather than on sexual or gender identity of candidates for ministry.
- We affirm that Christ calls people who have different understandings of the Bible and Christian tradition to “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4: 3). We will strive in this moment to be a church, the body of Christ that holds in tension our theological diversity even as we engage in dynamic, life giving and transformational ministry with and for all persons. As the Church has focused on the cries for full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people, urgent concerns of other parts of the body have not received the same attention. We commit to work to become a place where the voices of all segments of the Church who desire to live respectfully and peaceably together will be heard and honored.

• We are committed to provide a Safe Harbor for clergy in our conferences as well as across the connection who face the threat of complaints and/or the loss of credentials because of their sexual orientation, gender identity and/or ministry with and for our LGBTQIA+ siblings.

• We will support those clergy who, after prayerful discernment, choose to conduct same-gender marriages and those congregations who choose to host same-gender weddings.

* We will in our own pastoral ministries to laity and clergy continue to learn and grow in our understanding of the ways in which we have been “reluctant followers of Jesus Christ in his mission to bring all persons into a As We Make Our Way Back Home Page 4 community of love” (Preamble to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church). We commit ourselves to this journey of learning and growing.

• We also affirm that this is a God-inspired kairos moment, and that there may come a time when opposing sides determine in the Spirit of Christ, that they cannot remain together. God may call us, in God’s own time, to create a new form of Methodism for the 21st Century and beyond. This new creation must be rooted in our Wesleyan tradition, embodying grace and founded upon God’s revelation in scripture. We are already listening for God’s voice and considering options in this regard.

• Recognizing that the annual conference is the “basic body” of United Methodism (¶33, Article II of the Constitution of The United Methodist Church), we commit as ministry leaders on a jurisdictional level to working in committed partnership with the leaders of the various Annual Conferences of the Western Jurisdiction. As we prayerfully determine the appropriate next steps in our individual and unique contexts, we will carefully and respectfully listen to those with whom we serve, prayerfully acknowledging that although our pace may vary, we will lead our conferences to walk in the same direction.

As we make our way back home to create the Church where all are truly welcome, we invite you to partner with us. If you share our vision and our hopes, we invite you to join in the conversations that will be convened to listen to many voices and explore the possibilities for the future. Every United Methodist who shares our vision for a Church that truly, and finally, opens its hearts, minds, and doors, offering a home for all God’s people, has a responsibility to do what they can from where they are. We are stronger together! If you would like to engage with what we are doing, visit onechurch4all.org to learn more, send us a message, and stay in touch. At times when we pause to listen intently for God’s word for this moment, we ask for your patience. And as we move in partnership with others and with you, we ask for your prayers, even as we pray without ceasing for you and our beloved Church.

The Mission Cabinet of the Western Jurisdiction

The College of Bishops
Directors of Connectional Ministries
Chairperson of the Leadership Team

For more information see www.westernjurisdictionumc.org



Lenten Activities

Palm Sunday April 14
CUMC Worship

Holy Thursday April 18
Carus UMC 7 p.m.

Good Friday April 19
Clarkes UMC 7 p.m.

Easter April 21
CUMC Worship



Happy Birthday

- 4/5 Janet Groat**
- 4/17 Eric Laitinen**
- 4/19 Geni Pittelkau**

Finance:

Office computers are installed. A new office chair is being sought. Year end reports have been completed. The Audit is due April 30. The contingency fund has been used twice in order to cover payroll.

SPRC:

Wes and Trena will pick up the fourth Sunday that Stephanie used to play. A substitute is available when they desire a day off. Judy and Gary are splitting duties with Gary presiding at SPRC meetings and Judy attending Finance Committee and Church Council.

Welcome Teams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
April 7	Heidi Laitinen Diana Trujillo	Gail Hildreth Sheila Brown
April 14	Gerri Ballas Shirley Wright	Laura & Audrey Oldenkamp Dwight & Bobbie Knapp
April 21	Del & Gail Hildreth	Jill Kahle/Judy Cooley Joe & Sharon Perez
April 28	Jill Kahle Judy Cooley	Peggy Yeats Mark & Laura Oldenkamp

Greeters:

Please arrive 1/2 an hour before service and remember to wear your name badge.

Coffee Hours Hosts:

Please provide: lights snack, coffee, punch and water. Include and label a gluten free snack.

Remember to unplug the coffee maker and take any laundry home.

If you are unable to do the assigned date, please trade.

(Submitted by Sheila Brown)

April 2019 Calendar

Please visit the CUMC website calendar for the latest updates: www.canbyumc.com

Weekly Recurring Events:

Sundays

- * 9 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**, Corner Room
- * 10:15 a.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary
Children's Church, Red Room
- * 11:30 a.m. **Fellowship Hour**, Fellowship Hall
- * 1-4 p.m. Iglesia Apostolica
Sunday School/Fellowship/Worship
Fellowship Hall/ Sanctuary

Mondays

- * 9:30- 11:00 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * **10-1 p.m. Church Office Hours**
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room
- * 5:45-7 p.m. Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays

- * 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * **10-1 p.m. Church Office Hours**
- * 1-2 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**, Julie Chapin's
- * 2-3 p.m. **Tea on Tuesday**, Cutsforth's
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. CoDA, Corner Room
- * 7-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

- * 9:30-11 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 2-3 p.m. Al-Alon, Corner Room
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room

Thursdays

- * 9:30-11 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * **10-1 p.m. Church Office Hours**
(Pastor Karen by appointment)
- * **10-11 a.m Care Team, Welcome Room**
(Third Thursday only)
- * **1-4 p.m. Quilters, Fellowship Hall**
(First & Third Thursdays only)
- * 7:30-9 p.m. Canby Thursday Night, Corner Room

Fridays

- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room
- * 7-9 p.m. Iglesia Apostolica Worship
Sanctuary

Monthly Events and Meetings:

April 4 (Thursday)

- * **Quilters** meet 1:00 p.m.
- * **Table Talk 3** 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
at CUMC

April 11 (Thursday)

- * **UMW** meet at church at 9:00 a.m. for
trip to Bob's Red Mill

April 13 (Saturday)

- * **UMW** meet at 1:00 p.m.

April 14 (Sunday)

- * **Palm Sunday Worship Service**

April 18 (Thursday)

- * **Care Team** meeting 10:00 a.m.
- * **Quilters** meet at 1:00 p.m.
- * Holy Thursday Service at Carus UMC
at 7:00 p.m.

April 19 (Friday)

- * Good Friday Service at Clarkes UMC
at 7:00 p.m.

April 20 (Sunday)

- * **Easter Worship Service**

April 27 (Saturday)

- Bob Peebles' Memorial Service** at
11:00 a.m.

All bold underlined events refer to our Canby United Methodist Church programs.

Please pray for these groups as they use our building.