

Canby United Methodist Church

"The whole life learning place"

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March 3

Transfiguration

Scriptures: Exodus

34:29-35

Psalm 99

II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43a

March 10

First Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Deuteronomy

26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Second Sunday in Lent

**Scriptures: Genesis 15:1-12,
17-18**

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 24

Third Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

From the Pastor:

As I write this, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church is still meeting. The decision will be made today about a Way Forward. The presenting issue has to do with inclusion of members of the LGBT+ community. Honestly the Book of Discipline gives conflicting messages about how the UM church wants to welcome people both for inclusion in the worshiping community and recognition as persons entitled to the rights and liberties given to all human beings.



Pastor Karen

In the same Book of Discipline there are limits to this inclusion and these rights. For a summary of these statements, see this document created by the United Methodist Church (<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/human-sexuality-background>).

I have watched and listened as my friends and colleagues have processed this confusing, emotionally charged topic for the entire length of time my husband and I have been serving in this denomination. Brian started with a church in 1987. God has led me on a process of discovery of my own points of judgment and bias, as well as places of acceptance and empathy for people on all sides of this conversation.

I've walked through intense theological study of reliable scholarship from both sides of the issue, as well as experiences of relationship with people from the LGBT+ community and experiences of relationship with people who do not know how to accept an idea of sexual identity that is different from what they consider "normal."

There is no easy way to comprehend even what all the "problems" or "issues" are, let alone find a way to solve them. Two of the most interesting, broad, and in my opinion, least helpful, answers in this conversation are "The answer is clear from the Bible" and "We just need to love people with God's love."

Those two statements are indeed true but getting a sense of how to move forward with either of those viewpoints is not so cut and dried. How do we reconcile two practically opposing theological viewpoints put forth by equally reputable and qualified scholars? And how do we hold a call to love in our conflicted hearts?

Some people wear rainbow colors, some wear black, some hold signs, others hold their tongues. Some point fingers, others point out mistakes; many just want their opinion to be the point. Where do we go from here? How do we proceed when the way forward for some seems to others like taking a jump down a slippery slope?

As you think about what is taking place right now in the global United Methodist Church and about your connection to that church, I invite you to consider these points of action:

- Consider your own life, your story, your places of bias, your fears.
- Find a person whose life choices are somehow different from yours and intentionally become a learner of that person. Listen carefully, compassionately, fully and deeply to the life and heart of that other person. Without judging or offering a way of fixing. Step back and look again at your life, your story, your bias, your fears. What have you learned? About yourself? About relationship? About God? About grace?
- This kind of process is in the Bible. And it is Love in action. And it can bring about healing and hope.

One word, one conversation at a time. These are challenging times for the people called Methodist. Above all, I ask you to stay connected with God, follow the direction of the Holy Spirit, and to walk humbly past the mirror every day.

I will be doing the same.
Pastor Karen

Practicing Lent Across the Connection

This year for Lent, we will be joining with Methodist churches in the area for the touch point services of Lent. This idea is the result of five local UM pastors gathering together each month beginning in September to get acquainted with each other and with the work and personality of each church. The group includes Pastor Rand Sargent at Carus and Marquam UMCs, Kevin and Carol Seckel who pastor Molalla UMC, Karen Shimer at Canby UMC, and Tom Truby at Clarkes UMC.

As a group we decided to each host one of the main Lenten services and open the invitation to all in each church to attend and share in the practice of Lent together.

Mark your calendar for these special events coming up in March and April

March 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	4-7 p.m. Molalla UMC
March 6	Ash Wednesday Service (Music by Wes and Trena Nutter) Community Choir practice	7 p.m. Canby UMC 6 p.m.
March 6 through March 17	Lenten Breakfasts	7:30-8:30 a.m. each Wednesday of Lent Marquam UMC
April 18	Maundy Thursday	7 p.m. Carus UMC
April 19	Good Friday	7 p.m. Clarkes UMC

We will celebrate Christ's Resurrection in each place on April 21 with a fresh understanding of our connection with others in the Body of Christ! Alleluia!

Brochures are available in the narthex that give more details about each event. Please take one or a few and invite others to join us for these special times of worship.

Pastor Karen



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UMW

March 29 a.m.-3 p.m. The Cascade District United Methodist Women will meet for an Every Member Enrichment Event at CUMC. Gloria Markle, who works at the Washington County jail will be speaking about mass incarceration.

CUMC UMW helpers please be at the church at 8 a.m.

March 7 11 a.m. UMW will be going to the Pregnancy care center for a presentation about the center. We will meet at the center, 149 N. Holly St., Canby, 503-266-2673. Lunch at the Golden Dragon will follow

March 9 at 1 p.m. UMW will meet to discuss the trip we took to the Pregnancy Center. We will also plan the baked potato coffee hour.

March 17 UMW will be doing the coffee hour after church with baked potatoes along with all the trimmings.

Wesleyans

March 14 at noon We will meet at the Canby Adult Center for lunch and to discuss our new book "Implicit Bias".

(Submitted by Sharon Perez)

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The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) met for the first time this year last Sunday. Our first order of business is to change the way we do Business. Historically, the Head of the committee has led SPRC meetings, gone to Church Council meetings, and also represented the SPRC at finance meetings. We spent some time splitting up responsibilities.

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Co-Chair, Judy C will be at both Council and Finance meetings for us. Sharron will be keeping the Safe Sanctuaries record keeping up-to-date as well as leading the team to keep certifications and re-certifications up-to-date. GB Burgin will be keeper of the minutes and agendas as well as run the meetings. He will also be available for more urgent matters that pop up.

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We were so blessed to have Roger Wilhite as our substitute piano player last Sunday. What beautiful music!

Notes

As you have need to communicate about SPRC matters, feel free to send them directly to GB Burgin. His email is GBurgincanby@gmail.com.

Our District Superintendent Rev. Tim Overton-Harris sent out this letter on the evening of the close of General Conference. At the end of his letter, I have included a brief paragraph from a longer letter sent by our district administrative assistant on Wednesday, Feb. 27. She gave several good suggestions for follow-up, but these words caught me and I wanted to share them with you.

Praying, Pastor Karen



"But now, says the Lord – the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel; don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched, and the flame won't burn you. I am the Lord your God...Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you."

-- Isaiah 43: 1-4 – CEB

Feb. 26, 2019

To the beloved of God in the Cascadia District and beyond, peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

General Conference 2019 is over. A decision has been made. Now comes the reality that decision has created. Tomorrow the Bishops and other leaders of the Western Jurisdiction will meet to discuss what has been decided and how they will respond. Tonight, we pray -- all of us who care for our LBGTQI brothers and sisters and their families and friends -- we pray for God's guidance and comfort for them and for us and for our churches and their members and friends. On Friday the Greater Northwest Area cabinet will have a Zoom call to discuss what has happened and what our area response might be.

Tonight, I cannot give you any specific answers to any of your questions about what this decision means for you personally, for your pastor, for your congregation and for our area. I know my head is swirling with just these kinds of questions. I anticipate over the next few weeks some of our questions will be answered or at least possible answers will emerge. Right now, we must live in this space of uncertainty.

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I want to ask you to remain calm, to breathe. I ask that you do not make any quick or hasty decisions about what you will do in response to this decision. For the near future nothing really will change. I ask that you continue to support your local church in every way you can. The time to make more permanent decisions lays in the future; you may want to choose a different path than than you would choose now.

As things become clearer over the next few days and weeks, I will reach out again. But for tonight, for now, breathe. For now, allow the words at the top of this page from the prophet Isaiah to comfort you. For tonight, know that God holds you and us all close to God's breast and whispers in our ears, "You are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you."

In partnership with God and Christ, your servant and companion on the road we make together by walking,

Rev. Timothy L. Overton-Harris
District Superintendent

Additional thoughts from the District Administrative Assistant

"In the days, weeks, months, and even years ahead, we will be living into what comes out of these few days in St. Louis. But, of course, these days came out of all that came before. God is at work in us and through us. It is clear that the leadership of the Western Jurisdiction is committed to following the Spirit's lead down the paths of inclusion and loving witness on which we have already embarked."

Linda Grund-Clampit
Cascadia District Administrative Assistant

Finance Committee sees similarities, need for consistent giving

The February financial summary is similar to February a year ago. Income was below average and with our higher budgeted expenses, we needed to use \$1,200 of the contingency fund to cover the bills. February is a short month and utility expenses are higher during the winter season. Our insurance costs seems to have increased more than expected, so we will need to look into that further.

Our consistent giving is very important, even more so with our budget for 2019.

I turned in about \$159 in recycling money. The two new computers are up and running thanks to the expertise of Jill Kahle. Recognition is due to Marilyn for getting us newer Microsoft Office software through a non-profit donation program.

(submitted by Mark Oldenkamp)

Table Talks 3.0 *an opportunity to discuss the outcome of the Special General Conference Session*

These events 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. **The offerings in the Cascadia District are below. To see all the offerings across the Episcopal area, and to pre-register, [click here](#).**

There may be others offered outside our district but which are more convenient for you by location or date. Consider where you might like to participate and save the date. We do ask that you pre-register at least a week before the event so that we can be prepared for your presence. There is no fee.

- **Sunday** **March 24** **2-5 p.m.** **Forest Grove UMC**
- **Tuesday.** **March 25** **6:30-9:30 p.m.** **Salem FUMC,
MICAH Building**
- **Saturday** **March 30** **1-4 p.m.** **Madras UMC**
- **Thursday** **April 4** **6:30 – 9:30 p.m.** **Canby UMC**
- **Sunday** **April 7** **2-5 p.m.** **Nehalem Bay UMC**



Happy Birthday

- 3/1 Julene Koenig**
- 3/5 Heidi Laitinen**
- 3/7 Heidi Oldenkamp**
- 3/9 Dena Kersting**
- 3/13 Karen Joy**
- 3/14 Jan Whitcomb**
- 3/17 Audrey
Oldenkamp**
- 3/27 Curtis Cooley**
- 3/28 Phil Neale**

Welcome Teams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
March 3	Shirley Wright Peggy Yeats	Sheila Brown, Jill Kahle, Judy Cooley
March 10	Mark & Laura Oldenkamp	Leta Bunnell, Phyllis Thompson, Gary Burgin
March 17	Joe & Sharon Perez	UMW Potato Bake
March 24	Julie Chapin Jan Whitcomb	Geni Pittelkau, Karen Joy Gail Hildreth
March 31	Tom & Janet Groat	Sheila B., Bob Cambra Lacie McCormick

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.

(Submitted by Sheila Brown)

March 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

*Please pray for these groups
as they use our building.*

Monthly Events and Meetings:

March 2 (Saturday)

- * **Cascadia District UMW meeting**
9-3 p.m.

March 5 (Tuesday)

- * **Shrove Tuesday at Molalla UMC**
4-7 p.m.

March 6 (Wednesday)

- * **Ash Wednesday Service** 7 p.m.
- * **Choir Rehearsal** 6 p.m.

March 7 (Thursday)

- * **UMW will meet at the Pregnancy Center** at 11 a.m.
- * **Quilters meet** at 1 p.m.

March 9 (Saturday)

- * **UMW meeting** at 1 p.m.

March 14 (Thursday)

- * **The Wesleyan Circle will meet at the Canby Adult Center** for lunch

March 16 (Saturday)

- * **Barbara Lanning's Memorial Service**
12 p.m.

March 17 (Sunday)

- * **Potato Bake Fellowship Hour**

March 18 (Monday)

- * **Finance Committee Meeting** 7 p.m.

March 21 (Thursday)

- * **Care Team meets** 10 a.m.
- * **Quilters meet** 1 p.m.

March 24 (Sunday)

- * **SPRC meeting** after church

March 25 (Monday)

- * **Church Council meeting** 6 p.m.

March 28 (Thursday)

- * Aurora Colony Handspinnners. 5:30 pm

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