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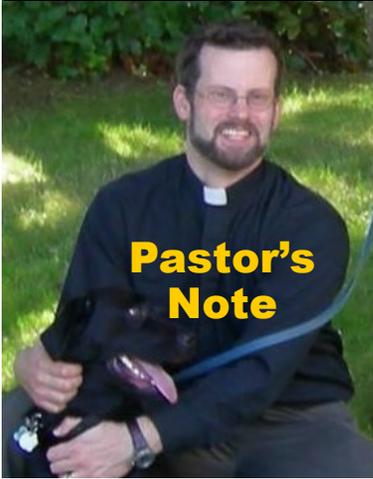
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May 2017



April 27, 2017

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

The post-Easter glow of resurrection is still fresh and present as I write this article. It's not just "a church thing" – you can see it in Creation itself. There are signs of a respite from our soggy spring (and water-logged winter) – I even managed to mow the lawn for the first time in weeks – or was it months? The yard was pretty bad...

In Easter, we celebrate the new life found in the resurrected Christ – God's promise that death does not have the last word. It is a central part of our identity as Christians; and yet, while we willingly embrace that reality on a Sunday morning, we sometimes struggle to recognize it in our own daily lives. As a congregation, we experienced a tremendous example of God's faithfulness (and ability to work outside our understanding) through our transition from our previous physical site to our current one. It was a very tangible and unique form of resurrection. Now – a year after the move – we find ourselves preparing again for God's promises of growth and life to emerge.

As I've written about before – and as some of you have experienced firsthand – for several months your Council leaders and I have been meeting with a consultant focused on helping Bethel discern "what next?" After nearly a year of post-move recovery and relative quietness, the time had come late last fall to take a deliberate look at our ministry and how to reinvigorate it via the opportunities and resources found here. Recently, that conversation led to the decision to reform the staffing committee – a council function which had been temporarily set aside in the face of more pressing practical matters. The decision was made to install the Council's Executive Team (i.e. president, vice president, secretary, treasurer) as the core of the new committee along with the pastor.

No specific changes are planned just yet, but we are taking this opportunity to ask ourselves: "If we were starting from scratch, what kind of staffing structure would we want? What kinds of skills and passions does Bethel need from its staff? How does our current model help us and/or hold us back from achieving our ministerial goals?" At our current rate, I anticipate a preliminary report from the committee to be ready for our May Council meeting. Then, I would expect that we will take some time to revise and polish before bringing any proposals to the full congregation for discussion and feedback.

It is an exciting time to be Bethel: much as the caterpillar goes to its cocoon before emerging as a beautiful butterfly (which also happens to be a traditional Christian metaphor for the resurrection!), so we are preparing ourselves for the future of Bethel's ministry. As always, please feel free to reach out to me or to your Council with any questions or ideas you might have.

Peace to you as we strive to discern God's Will for us,
Pastor Chris

OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Daily Prayer List

- 1 - Liz Terrey
- 2 - Evie Nanninga
- 3 - John Johns
- 4 - Chuck Vollbrecht
- 5 - Ruth Locke
- 6 - Donna Sjoquist
- 7 - Anna Sjong
- 8 - Tavin Ode
- 9 - Rebecca Antonich
- 10 - Judy Bashaw
- 11 - Karen Bauer
- 12 - Diana Holeman
- 13 - Michael Vollbrecht
- 14 - Harold Crawford
- 15 - Lorna Neumann
- 16 - Virgil Baarstad
- 17 - Elizabeth Pickrell
- 18 - Trina Bradford
- 19 - Bruce Smith
- 20 - Joanne Brock
- 21 - Dorothy Brown
- 22 - David Salmon
- 23 - Scott DeLap
- 24 - Joan Martinell
- 25 - Judy Goulet
- 26 - Norma Grigsby
- 27 - Lynlee Ritchie
- 28 - Paul Grigsby
- 29 - Darlene Hilling
- 30 - Chris Ode
- 31 - Olive Kohanik

Those coping with health problems

Don Brown
Mona Drake
John Johns
Olive Kohanik
Kathy Moll
Irene Olsen
Elia Smith

Those in Assisted Living or Care Facilities

Vera Anderson
Donnamae Gfeller
Dick Hinea
Joan Martinell
Shirley Pishaw
Dick Scansen
John Terrey
Dela VanHoy



Celebrate May Anniversaries

- 2 - Diana Holeman & Dave Switzer
21 - Bruce & Elia Smith
22 - John & Liz Terrey
29 - Chris & Sarah Ode



- 6 - Joshua DeLap
18 - Ellen Bergesen
24 - Nick Rudnick



New Assistant to the Bishop Named



Following a discernment process and interviews with highly talented candidates, it is with great joy & gratitude that we share that the **Rev. Shelley M. Bryan Wee** has agreed to

serve as Assistant to the Bishop! Pastor Bryan Wee will begin the first week of June, pending the official letter of call from the synod council. Welcome and may God bless this new ministry partnership!

A brief introduction:

During her more than twenty-three years of ministry as an ordained pastor in the ELCA, Shelley has served in Montana and Washington in various capacities, including as an associate pastor, lead pastor, and college campus pastor.

Pastor Wee has demonstrated strong commitments to life in community, vocational ministry, listening, and being available for those facing difficult decisions and those asking challenging questions. In times of rancor and disagreement, Pastor Wee is experienced serving as a mediator, someone who strives to create a calm and secure environment so that resolutions to vexing issues can be achieved. Shelley has a deep passion in grappling with questions about what it means to be a Christian church today - in this time, in this place, in this moment. She has enjoyed the challenges and opportunities of working with our ecumenical partners and other faith traditions in a spirit of partnership and mutual respect.

Pastor Wee has made efforts to serve in the church and within the larger community, including work as a board member for Camp Lutherhaven, Lutheran Community Services, West Valley School District Foundation, and Cheney Outreach. Shelley earned her Master of Divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary (St. Paul, MN) and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, WA).

Pastor Shelley is the proud mom of two wonderful, adult children, Katie and Daniel. She enjoys reading, walking her two dogs, practicing yoga, listening to podcasts, and occasionally watching Buffy the Vampire Slayer and The Walking Dead. She also knows that Harry Potter quotes scripture.

Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee is looking forward to working with the churches and ministries in the Northwest Washington Synod as Assistant to the Bishop.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Mother's Day May 14

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join with Bethel Seniors for our monthly "First Monday" fellowship and lunch.

Monday, May 1
Shoreline-Lake Forest Park
Senior Center
18560 1st Ave NE
(South wing of Shoreline School District
Center)
(206) 365-1536

10:45 AM - Coffee/fellowship with
Bethel-lites in Room G-133
11:45 AM - Full lunch with dessert for \$3

A mother's prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen



Because of the Brave Concert

Support Military Children at "Because of the Brave" Concert Event

CRISTA Ministries & CRISTA Camps invite you to a special patriotic concert, featuring the renowned, 80-person *Mosaic Choir & Orchestra*, honoring our military families through powerful music and engaging performances!

Admission is FREE! A Freewill Offering will be taken to benefit the CRISTA Camps scholarship fund, which provides incredible camp experiences to military children.

Details:

Mosaic Choir & Orchestra
Saturday, May 20, 6:00 p.m.
Chapel Hill Presbyterian
7700 Skansie Ave,
Gig Harbor, 98335



Our annual spring luncheon is coming up on Saturday, May 6. If you have not been able to sign up on our Sunday morning sign-ups and would like to come, we would love to have you. Please call the church office right away at 206/362-4334 to reserve your spot. (We need to know the number of people by May 3 for food preparation)

Cost: Adult \$10
Child (5-10) \$5
Child (under 5) free

Art + Faith + Community at the Grunewald Guild

Summer at the Grunewald Guild is a time to express your creative spirit, explore your sacred journey, and engage in nurturing community. The Guild is offering a rich variety of classes this year, taught by world-class faculty with an average class size of just seven students. Communal meal times and ecumenical worship add to the intimate and inclusive community that makes the Guild so unique. More information on our classes here: www.grunewaldguild.com/content/summer-

Okay! Now I've got it worked out....



"My memory really sucks Mildred, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect"

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE



Hello to everyone! I hope this email finds you well as we enter the spring months. I've been busy this school year with around 85 subbing days in various K-6th grade classrooms so far! It's been immensely enjoyable and fulfilling work for me and I've made plenty of contacts along the way. Who knows what it'll lead into but for now, I'm enjoying this highly in demand opportunity.

The Green Baffoons are excited to participate in Relay for Life again for the 6th year in a row and hitting the track for a straight 21 hours. Thanks to the support and donation efforts of many, we've raised over \$10,000 through the years. I'm asking again for your support this year. Cancer has touched too many lives and it's something that most of us have some connection too, whether through a friend, loved one, or dealt with it ourselves. One of the many things I like about the American Cancer Society is that they do so much more than just fund re-



search. They provide various patient services (a 24 hr hotline, rides, lodging, counseling, etc), they provide prevention and awareness education, and they work with the detection and treatment aspect of it too. Please consider donating any amount you're able to.

This is also an invitation to come out for the Relay itself. It is a public event and will happen on Saturday June 3rd from Noon to 9am the next morning. It'll be at

McCollum Park in Everett.

Our team fundraiser this year will be another Pancake Breakfast at Lynnwood Applebee's on Saturday May 6th from 8-10am. \$10 per ticket. I truly appreciate your love and support to me and my family over the years. We lost Julie 11 years ago and it's still hard to believe and deal with sometimes.



UPDATE FROM TOM AND MARY HOLMAN

April 19, 2017

Thank you for praying for our trip to Ghana. Tom and I have our tickets and our visas in hand! We'll be there for three weeks. Most of the time we'll be working in Tamale, where we lived for ten years, and we'll spend the last week visiting our friends in Chereponi so we can visit Anufo friends. I haven't done translation checking with the Anufo for four years, so **please pray** that it would go well, and that our visits would be a blessing.

Tom's mother has reservations to stay in a respite care unit at a wonderful assisted living facility again. **Pray** that her health would be good while she's there.

Many thanks for your prayers,
Mary
Mary and Tom Holman

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The Spirit

May 2016



Let Anyone with Ears Listen! by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

What does it mean to hear?

During seminary, my New Testament Professor Harry Mumm tried to impress upon us the importance of being able to hear God's word. He shared a story about his grandson Ivan, who he and Mrs. Mumm were raising. When dinner time came around Mrs. Mumm would call out with a loud voice, "Ivan, it is dinner time!" Ivan would ignore her call.

A second time she would call out. "Ivan, come to the table - dinner is on." "Yes, grandma, I'm coming." But no Ivan. By the third or fourth time the appeal was more urgent, "Ivan, if you are going to get any dinner, you need to come to the table now."

Dr. Mumm went on to explain that Ivan had not heard his grandmother, until he appeared at the table. Luther had a similar understanding of God's word. For Luther, God's word was a dead word - until it addressed one's life in a way that demanded a response.

One of the precious gifts of serving the Office of Bishop is I frequently find myself in various houses of worship. Week in and week out, I watch people recite the liturgy, sing hymns, enter into prayer, and attend to the sermon. The words are powerful - proclaiming God's love, calling us to seek justice, encouraging us to be peacemakers, inviting us to be about forgiveness, and to become agents of reconciliation - there is even an invitation to come to the table.

The question I am pondering is, "Have we heard the word?"

Are these words just noise in the background that annoy us and otherwise interrupt our own personal desires? Like Ivan do we say yes and then carry on as if no word has been spoken? Like Ivan do we plan to eventually respond but not until we have to? Has the word in our time just become ritual? Has it become a word for Sunday only? Or does it still have the power to disturb us and inspire us.

The cornerstone of the Synod's Living Local movement is learning how to listen to God's word that we might hear it. Dwelling in the word is the discipline that teaches listening. We commit to reading the same text over a long time span always listening for what we haven't heard before. We become like little children who want to hear the same story read over and over again. In our household, it was Good Night, Moon. Kim and I knew it so well we would try on occasion to leave out a page. Believe me, we didn't get away with it.

The practice of learning to hear God's word is, in turn, applied to listening for God in the community by engaging our neighbors. This is so important because we never want to miss out on God's invitation to join in - in what God is already up to.

Grandma Mumm did not call Ivan to the table just to make his life miserable. Grandma Mumm called Ivan to the table that he might share in all that she had prepared for him. Not just the meat and potatoes, but the deep love of knowing that he was the apple of their eye.

Friends, join me in learning to hear the word of God. A word that continues to invite all of us to the table.

Bethel Beam

Special dates in May

National Day of Prayer	5
Spring Luncheon	6
Mothers Day	14
Memorial Day	29

“There never was a good war or a bad peace.”
- Benjamin Franklin



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Office Hours
Tuesday-Wednesday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday
8:00 AM - noon

Worship Schedule
9:30 AM

Bible Study
11:00 AM Sunday
6:00 PM Wednesday
1:15 PM Thursday

Communion
Every Sunday

Memorial Day May 29 Peace will come when.....

*Peace will come when people live
In friendship, side by side,
And cherish understanding
More than hatred, greed and pride.*

*Peace will come when people see
All people as the same,
And no one has to live in fear,
In ignorance, or shame.*

*Peace will come when people
Who are needy can reach out
For shelter, food, or love,
And no has to do without.*

*Peace will come when people
Learn to listen and to care
About the rights and dignity
Of people everywhere.*

*Peace will come when love and trust
And kindness know rebirth,
And on that day all people
Will rejoice in peace on earth.*

Thank you to those men and women who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces so we can live in freedom.

Sunday

Monday

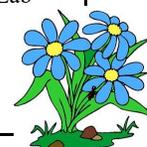
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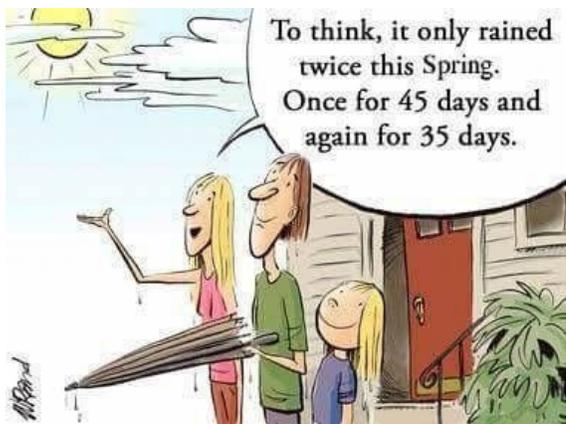
Saturday

<p>Happy Mothers Day</p>  <p>MAY 14</p>	<p>1 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 10:45 AM Membership Fellowship 7:00 PM CA (Blind Benders)*</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 6:00 PM EECS 7:00 PM MA*</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 9:00 AM Bethel Quilters 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Maker Lab</p> 	<p>5 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 9:30 AM AA 6:00 PM AA*</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM AA4U* 11:30 AM Spring Luncheon 8:00 PM AA (Jaywalkers)</p>
<p>7 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM <u>Reborn Church</u> 11:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 11:00 AM Confirmation 3:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 6:00 PM Girl Scout Council* 7:00 PM CA (Blind Benders)*</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 6:00 PM EECS 7:00 PM MA*</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica*</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 9:30 AM AA 6:00 PM AA* 6:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM AA4U* 1:00 PM Maker Lab* 8:00 PM AA (Jaywalkers)</p>
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<p>21 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Annual Meeting 10:45 AM Reborn Church 11:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 11:00 AM Confirmation 12:00 PM Pacific NW Shell Club 3:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 7:00 PM CA (Blind Benders)*</p> 	<p>23 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 6:00 PM EECS 7:00 PM MA*</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 9:00 AM Bethel Quilters 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica*</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 1:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Aaron's Place* 9:00 AM Preschool* 9:30 AM AA 6:00 PM AA* 6:00 PM Iglesia Evangelica</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM AA4U* 1:00 PM Maker Lab* 8:00 PM AA (Jaywalkers)</p> 
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THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

(Please call the church if the date you are unable to serve on the date listed)

	7	14	21	28
Altar Guild	Judy & Carol	Marlys	Sue & Joanne	Judy & Carol
Worship Assistants	Liz Terrey	Joe Himple	Elia Smith	Craig Fjarlie
Kids Time	Pastor Chris	Kathy Carrow	Pastor Chris	Marlys Pickrell
Communion				
Bread	Sue Logen	Mary Himple	Carol Hovick	Sue Logen
Wine	Mary Himple	Marlys Pickrell	Judy Goulet	Mary Himple
Glasses	Judy Goulet Carol Hovick	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Bruce Smith Elia Smith	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Flowers	PLEASE NOTE - IF YOU ARE BRINGING FLOWERS AND WANT TO HAVE A NOTICE IN THE BULLETIN YOU NEED TO SIGN UP ON THE FLOWER CHART OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CALL THE OFFICE (206.362.4334)			
Ushers	Bruce Smith	Chuck Vollbrecht	Sue Logen	
Reading	Luke 24:44-47	Luke 2:29-32	Luke 18:9-14)	Luke 1:68-79
Preaching Text	Acts 8:26-39	Acts 15:1-18	Galatians 1:13-17,2:11-21	Galatians 3:1-9,23-29



- 5 - Karen Anshell
- 5 - Mary Himple
- 18 - Shirley Pishaw
- 19 - Lee Maxwell
- 21 - Frank Nyland
- 21 - Kelly Urdahl
- 23 - Bruce Smith
- 24 - Craig Fjarlie
- 29 - Riley Kimble
- 29 - Sue Logen
- 31 - Alice Maxwell