

**SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:**

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## Poems For The Pandemic

Here are two poems that speak to the time of pandemic we're living through.

The first is by Elizabeth Bishop, entitled "One Art":

The art of losing isn't hard to master;  
so many things seem filled with the intent  
to be lost that their loss is no disaster.

Lose something every day. Accept the fluster  
of lost door keys, the hour badly spent.  
The art of losing isn't hard to master.

Then practice losing farther, losing faster:  
places, and names, and where it was you meant  
to travel. None of these will bring disaster.

I lost my mother's watch. And look! my last, or  
next-to-last, of three loved houses went.  
The art of losing isn't hard to master.

I lost two cities, lovely ones. And, vaster,  
some realms I owned, two rivers, a continent.  
I miss them, but it wasn't a disaster.

—Even losing you (the joking voice, a gesture  
I love) I shan't have lied. It's evident  
the art of losing's not too hard to master  
though it may look like (*Write it!*) like disaster.

The second is by Marilyn Chin, entitled "Hospital in Oregon":

Shhh, my grandmother is sleeping,  
They doped her up with morphine for her last hours.  
Her eyes are black and vacant like a deer's.  
She says she hears my grandfather calling.  
A deerfly enters through a tear in the screen,  
*Must've escaped from those there sickly Douglas firs.*  
Flits from ankle to elbow, then lands on her ear.  
Together, they listen to the ancient valley.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark

## Newman UMC

The Reconciling Committee will be sending a donation to Pastor Ryan Scott and the congregation of Newman UMC in Grants Pass to be used as they wish in their fight for justice in their community.

Newman Church displays both a pride flag and BLM signs on their property and are clear in their message of welcome and full inclusion. Their slogan is “A place where love works”. Sadly, their flag and signs are often stolen, and recently they have been targeted by protestors who picket 2 -3 times a week with hateful signs. Yet, they are unwavering in their commitment, buoyed by love filled prayers on their answering machine thanking them. We wanted to join those voices.



**Newman UMC in Grants Pass**

As you know, Mt Home has taken significant steps towards becoming a fully inclusive and affirming church. We changed our wedding policy to say that we would gladly host same gender weddings and updated our church profile to indicate that, if the occasion arose, we would happily accept/welcome an LGBTQ+ pastor.

You may also remember that, at the time these changes were made, it was decided that Mt Home should wait until early 2020 to explore and pursue the next step of becoming a Reconciling Congregation. Of course, the pandemic put all of that on hold. However, when we are able to gather together again, the Reconciling Committee plans to pick up where we left off when the world went all pear-shaped. You'll be hearing more.

~ Submitted by the Reconciling Committee

## Willowbrook Food Pantry

February 26, 21

**LOVE** is February's motto. I would like to tell you about our newest volunteer. She is a retired school teacher, efficient and a go-getter. She comes to us with a big heart. She works as a 'stocker' for the pantry and a Tuesday volunteer for clients. A single man came to us for food, but he didn't have a refrigerator so he couldn't take meats, eggs, cheese or milk. She pack several bags which were full of nutritious/filling food, tuna, chicken, peanut butter, milk, crackers, bread, granola bars, cookies, fresh fruit, produce from the shelve stable pantry. He was so grateful, she was tearful. **LOVE** in action.

We are nearly up to our client ratio. (YAY)

Love,

Cherry



## General Conference Postponed

Meeting on February 20, the Commission on the General Conference made the decision to further postpone the 2020 General Conference until August 29 – September 6, 2022 in Minneapolis, Minn. as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the safety of mass gatherings and travel.

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky shared the following...

“The COVID-19 pandemic forced a pause in a process of separating one United Methodist Church into two or more church bodies, based on theology and human sexuality. We cannot wait forever to release the tension that currently dis-

tracts our attention and compromises our effectiveness,” Stanovsky said. “With the shifts in denominational decision-making timelines, it’s crucial that Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences meet this summer to listen to God and to each other as we carry out the important work of our mission and ministry.”

Also, in unrelated news, earlier this year Bishop Stanovsky announced that she will be retiring December 31, 2021.

~ Submitted by Marcia Loney, Lay Leader



### Interrupting Hate in Public Spaces

The vast majority agree that we must ensure the safety of our communities. Yet we are living through a period when public vitriol is skyrocketing, tensions flare at a moment's notice and Oregon leads the nation in hate incidents per capita.

This three-hour workshop provides an opportunity to successfully address this crisis. Using tools and methodologies proven over decades from the foundational text: *Training Active Bystanders* by Dr. Ervin Staub, participants will leave confident of their ability to support and empower targets by:

- Identifying and tapping into skills, experiences and values they already have
- Identifying, understanding and overcoming what inhibits them from actively supporting targets
- Learning and practicing specific tactics for interrupting verbal hate in public, centering the experience of the target and empowering the target to create safety for themselves
- Learning specific tactics for protecting themselves from verbal abuse
- Understanding the risks inherent in any hostile situation
- Discerning what NOT to do to escalate the situation

**Workshop Presenter Rabbi Debra Kolodny** is a veteran of several social justice movements. They have been bringing a spiritual perspective, an activist passion and an intersectional lens to racial and economic justice, women's, peace, environmental and LGBTQ causes since 1981. They have taught this class throughout Oregon to over 1600 people since January 2017, and have taught in hundreds of venues on dozens of other topics for over 30 years. They currently serve as the Executive Director of Portland United Against Hate and as the Rabbi for Portland's UnShul.

**Register For This Workshop Today!!**  
Sunday March 14th from 1pm to 4pm via ZOOM




Recommended donation of \$25 per participant

Register by Email: [officesherwoodumc@gmail.com](mailto:officesherwoodumc@gmail.com)

*It is capped at 24 people on Zoom to ensure the quality of the experience for participants.*

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark

# March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		6				
Women's History Month						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship w/ Communion via Zoom 10am UMCOR Sunday Daylight Savings Starts Trustees Meeting via Zoom 11:15 am			LENTE N STUDY at 6:00 to 6:40pm via Zoom			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship w/ Communion via Zoom 10am Interrupting Hate in Public Spaces at 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM via Zoom			17 St. Patrick's Day LENTE N STUDY at 6:00 to 6:40pm via Zoom			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship w/ Communion via Zoom 10am Church Council Meeting via Zoom			LENTE N STUDY at 6:00 to 6:40pm via Zoom			
28	29	30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3
Worship w/ Communion via Zoom 10am Passion / Palm Sunday	Holy Week	Holy Week	Holy Week LENTE N STUDY at 6:00 to 6:40pm via Zoom	Holy Week	Holy Week	Holy Week Easter Eve Easter Vigil
						



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Do you know someone who is unable to come to church or a shut-in?  
 Contact our congregational care team:  
 Chair Cheryl Barry

## Event Calendar

**Sunday Worship will be via Zoom during the cold weather months, with a few possible special events to be determined. We will have communion during each zoom service at 10:00 AM**

**Sunday, Feb 28th 1pm - What Do We Do About Conspiracy Theories?**

**Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY- LENTEN STUDY at 6:00 to 6:40pm via Zoom, Register by email: [sherwoodburys@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodburys@gmail.com)**

**Sunday, March 7 Daylight Savings Time Starts at 2:00 AM**

**Sunday, March 7 Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 11:15 AM**

**Sunday, March 14 Interrupting Hate in Public Spaces at 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM via Zoom, Register by email: [officesherwoodumc@gmail.com](mailto:officesherwoodumc@gmail.com)**

**Sunday, March 21 Church Council via Zoom Meeting following service**

**Sunday, March 28 Passion/Palm Sunday**

**Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday**

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday**

**Saturday, April 3 Easter Vigil**

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Day**

**Choir Practice , UMW Elizabeth Circle, UMW Lydia Circle, and UMW Men's Breakfast suspended until further notice**

**Send prayer requests to Cheryl for inclusion in our weekly dispatch:**

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