

Outreach

MAY 2017



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to harvest;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to hold back;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to mend;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

– Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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Our Identity *Standing together hopeful, thankful, worshipful* • **Our Mission** *A loving, welcoming Christian community moving closer to God* • **Our Vision** *A Christ-centered, multi-generational family that values: Faith-filled worship, spiritual growth, mission outreach, celebrating individual's gifts*

open hearts, open minds, open doors



A Reconciling Congregation

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Thoughts From Our Pastor

submitted by Reverend Tim Winslea

One of the things I miss most about my days working for the Catholic Archdiocese is the pervasive presence of the liturgical seasons. Yes, we Protestants mark the turning from Advent to Christmas, from Christmas to Ordinary time, from Ordinary to Lent, Lent to Easter, Easter to Pentecost and then back to Ordinary. When the change occurs, we lift our eyes from the normal flow of our worship for about one hymn, or nod politely as a single reference from the pulpit is made. In the past couple of decades, Advent and Lent have come to be a bit more of a draw, but I worry that is only because we clergy force it on you. In the Catholic Church, by contrast, the season holds the attention more deeply, driving the spiritual energy and the disciplines that ordinary people follow to a greater degree.

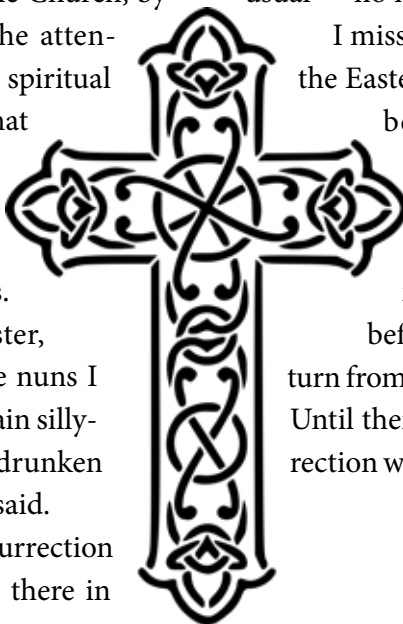
Eastertide at the diocese office was the best of the times.

During the fifty days of Easter, the religious brothers and the nuns I worked alongside were just plain silly-happy — grinning away like “drunken monkeys,” one of my friends said.

During those fifty days, resurrection was ever before them. It was there in

the rising sun and the way the flowers bloomed, of course. But it was also present in the way that the food at the cafeteria was thought to be not quite so terrible, and in how the arc of the water coming out of the water cooler was somehow more “delightful.” Everything was bathed in a golden light, and you couldn’t rile them into an argument like usual — no matter how hard you tried.

I miss those fifty days of bliss. I miss the Easter glow that did not die simply because the dollar store had moved on to the Fourth of July. I miss the untethered glee. We still have some days, my dear brothers and sisters, before the colors in the sanctuary turn from White Easter to Red Pentecost. Until then, sing the simple joy of resurrection whenever and wherever you can.



Blessings,

Tim

Announcements

Apply for the Tim Dunlop Scholarship

Eligible college students and high school seniors are invited to apply for the 2017 Tim Dunlop Scholarship. Applications are due in the Church Office no later than the end of the business day on May 31st, 2017.



Printed copies are available in the hanging file outside the Church office. You may request an electronic application from the office, or by emailing the PEF Committee Chairman, Denny Dolan, at dsdolan2@hotmail.com.

Missing Library Books

Please check your home library for any MUMC books! There are a number of overdue and missing books from the church library. Remember to return your books on time!

Lost & Found

Please check the new Lost & Found box on the table outside the church office. Unclaimed items will be donated on a quarterly basis.

The church office will be closed on
Monday, May 29th
in observance of Memorial Day

Free Concert Tickets Available!

In thanks for the use of our sanctuary as a rehearsal space, the Consonare Chorale reserves 25 tickets to each of its concerts for MUMC members. *The Resplendent Table* on May 20th is the final concert of their 2016-2017 season. If you would like to reserve tickets, please email or call the church office.

MONTAVILLA
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SPRING CLEAN-UP

Fundraising Event

Saturday, May 6th, 2017
9:00am-3:00pm

Montavilla Baptist Church parking lot
9204 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland

Bulky Waste Materials accepted: Scrap metal, and anything NOT curbside recyclable or otherwise potentially hazardous (including painted or treated wood, etc. that may contain asbestos or other chemicals).

Bring garage-sale quality items to the on-site resale/swap event!

Please note that **we CANNOT accept** remodeling debris (like plaster, tiles, old wiring, flooring, etc.)

Please contact Michael Sonnleitner for more information: soulom2u@gmail.com



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MONTAVILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study (12:00pm) Trustees Meeting (7:00pm)	2 Simple Gifts (6:00pm)	3 Mary Circle (10:00am) Mission Committee Meeting (6:30pm)	4 Choir Practice (7:00pm)	5	6
7 Adult Sunday School (9:00am) Worship; Children's Sunday School; Youth Group (10:30am) Church Life Meeting (12:00pm)	8	9	10	11 Choir Practice (7:00pm)	12 XYZ Group (12:00pm)	13
14 Adult Sunday School (9:00am) Worship; Children's Sunday School (10:30am) Second Sunday Lunch (12:00pm)	15	16	17 <i>OUTREACH submission deadline, 10:00am</i> UMW Board Meeting (10:00am) Films, Food & Faith: The Pursuit of Happiness (6:00pm)	18 Choir Practice (7:00pm)	19 Open Hearts Food Pantry (3:00pm-6:00pm)	20 Open Hearts Food Pantry (10:00am-12:00pm)
21 Adult Sunday School (9:00am) Lydia Circle (9:00am) Worship; Children's Sunday School; Youth Group (10:30am) SPRC Meeting (12:00pm)	22	23	24 Church Council Meeting (6:00pm)	25 Choir Practice (7:00pm)	26	27
28 Adult Sunday School (9:00am) Worship; Children's Sunday School (10:30am) Finance Committee Meeting (12:00pm) <i>SCRIP orders due!</i>	29 <i>Church office CLOSED—Happy Memorial Day!</i>	30	31 <i>Tim Dunlop Scholarship deadline, 5:00pm</i>			

Welcome to this place of rest, laughter, and growth.

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We come here because our questions are respected, our insights are encouraged, and our hunger for mission is shared.

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Members of this community — who include people of various ethnic groups, income levels, levels of ability, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, and gender identities — invite you to make this your home.

Please check the church website (www.montavillaumc.org) for the most up-to-date information, as well as event descriptions and locations.

If you would like to add an event to the church calendar, please email montavillaumchurch@gmail.com, or leave an "office note" in the box outside the church office.

UMW Corner

Mother's Day Candle Sale

Purchase a candle in memory or in honor of a special woman in your life for \$3.00, or 2 for \$5.00. Candles will be lit and dedicated at worship on Mother's Day, May 14th. You will also receive a pre-printed note card that you can mail to your honoree.

Book Sale

On June 24th, UMW will host a "Books by the Bag" sale in the MUMC parking lot. This fundraiser for UMW will be open to the public, and will include a



hot dog lunch for purchase. *Please bring book donations to the church after June 1st.*

UMW Book Group

The UMW Book Group's next meeting will be Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 in the church library. We will discuss *The White Umbrella: Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking*, by Mary Francis Bowley. Meetings will continue through fall and winter on the third Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to join us!

Women's Retreat
The Pulse of Compassion
Loving God, Ourselves, & Others

Saturday, May 13, 2017
Montavilla United Methodist Church
Co-sponsors: Oak Grove UMC & Montavilla UMC

Join us at MUMC on Saturday, May 13th, 8:30am–3:30pm
\$15 registration fee includes lunch and supplies
Contact Turella Woods for more information: 503-318-8711

**Register by
May 6th!**

Who or What is XYZ?

submitted by Mary Stapleton

No one seems to know! May I share? On the second Friday in July, 1980, Montavilla UMC seniors and new retirees were invited to lunch by the very active, social singles. Fifty-five of us attended, with birthdates from 1890 to 1925 — possibly the moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas of someone you know!



At that first meeting, Fanchon Smith said, “ABC is the beginning and XYZ is the ending, so we will be XYZ.” After that, XYZ never knew what to expect — with entertainment, sing-alongs (we had a lot of pianists!), trips, and a Christmas turkey potluck with a gift exchange. And there were always the old standbys of door prizes, yummy desserts, lifetime friendships, and cards to send to anyone who needed encouragement, sympathy, or congratulations; this last role soon outgrew XYZ to become the Church Mouse.

The years flew by, and those seniors and retirees have crossed over the river. There is only one survivor of the original XYZ. Guess who!

Our current XYZ membership birthdates range from 1919 to 1941. Our attendance is usually between 10 and 15. Each month we gather to share a brown bag lunch, to enjoy visiting with some laughter, to support those who are not able to be more active, and to reach out to those who are unable to join us by signing and sending cards. Dick Green creates a new game every month. Volunteer hosts provide door prizes and yummy desserts. If you would like to visit with us, please feel free to drop in with a bag lunch, or just for a cup of coffee. XYZ will be happy to share our dessert!

The XYZ group meets at noon on the 2nd Friday of each month at MUMC. If you have questions about the group, please contact our co-chairs, Dick Green (503 287 5401) and Ellen Duffield (503 956 7228).

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Outreach is published monthly from September to June. Please contact the church office to submit an article or announcement. *The deadline for inclusion in the following month's newsletter is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00am.*

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