

#### Preface to the Spring Pilgrim from the Pastor

Dear members and friends, this issue of the Pilgrim newsletter was compiled before the fast-moving development of the Coronavirus pandemic reached its current point. For this reason, the articles below do not reflect the latest state of play in terms of decisions made about cancellation of events and services. Nor does it reflect the kind of pastoral response to the pandemic that we will be offering. Please stay tuned to your email, our church website and Facebook page for the latest news and developments regarding church activities and the Coronavirus. If you do not have access to a computer, the outgoing greeting on the church office voicemail will include essential updates.

I invite you to read this issue of the Pilgrim as a reminder of "normal life" in our church, and a promise that normal life will resume again when we make it through this turbulent and trying time. You all have my prayers for health, safety and peace.

#### **Springing into Lent!**

This issue of the Pilgrim is coming out just after "Spring Forward" weekend, when we set our clocks an hour ahead and extended daylight farther into the evening. I hate losing that one hour in the wee hours of Sunday morning, especially when I have to preach the next day! But I love, love, love gaining that extra hour of daylight for the next thirty four weeks. The deliciously longer days, with their promise of spring and summer to come, are completely worth the sacrifice of that one painful hour of sleep lost.

In an odd sort of way, the Christian season of Lent is kind of like Spring Forward weekend. Did you know that the word for Lent means "springtime" or "lengthening of the days?" As the introduction to *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter* explains:



"Lent should never be morose—an annual ordeal during which we begrudgingly forgo a handful of pleasures. Instead, we ought to approach Lent as an opportunity, not a requirement. After all, it is meant to be the church's springtime, a time when, out of the darkness of sin's winter, a repentant, empowered people emerges. No wonder one liturgy refers to it as 'this joyful season.' Put another way, Lent is the season in which we ought to be surprised by joy. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless, by laying aside this or that desire, we are able to focus on our heart's deepest longing: unity with Christ. In him—in his suffering and death, his resurrection and triumph—we find our truest joy."

For "unity with Christ" as your deepest longing, you may wish to substitute union with God, or your Higher Power, or Mystery, or Source of Life, or however you describe That Which Is Too Awesome to Be Named. This is the One of whom Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until we rest in Thee."

Using the season of Lent for more self-reflection, more prayer and meditation, for some healthy withdrawal from activities or behaviors which are unhealthy for us or the planet, for some frugality which enables more generosity towards others, is like giving up one hour and getting thirty four weeks in return. The benefits are so much greater than the cost!

The same is true of our congregational life. Now that the search committee is elected (praise God!), they will be entering a prayerful and reflective search for your new settled Senior Minister. They have some hard spadework ahead of them, and they need your prayers and support. But the result will be the blossoming of your ministry here under new and inspired leadership.

In the meantime, if you are inspired to join others who are using Lent to help heal our climate, please join the interfaith Drawdown for Creation—Journey to Earth Day. It's a journey to raise awareness about some little and some bigger actions that we can all take to care for the earth and each other. Each day contains three parts: a wisdom reading, a reflection on climate grief and an action for the day. All you need is 3 to 5 minutes each day.

The readings in this practice are a way for you to access spiritual power. Daily actions allow you to explore different ways to reduce your carbon footprint with small changes ... which hopefully inspire you to bigger changes! You can access the day's entry via the website <a href="http://drawdown4creation.org">http://drawdown4creation.org</a>. You can also download a PDF from the site for the entire calendar, which can be printed out. Sign up on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to discuss your journey with others who are taking part in the Drawdown for Creation at FCUCC!

Spring is coming—can you feel it? What will you do now to prepare your hearts to receive with joy the new thing God is going to do in your midst? How will you allow the story of Jesus' willing assumption of sacrifice for the sake of Life for All, and Jesus' victory over the forces that maim and kill, to sink deep into your soul and bear fruit? Seize the hour, and see what comes!

Rev. Dr. Janet Parker



Happy 2020, everyone! It's a new year, a new decade, and here I am, your new Moderator, hoping to do my best to serve you in the months ahead.

The notion of fresh starts has particularly been at the front of my mind lately because the new year has brought with it my first child, Dante Albertsen Russo, who was born on January 19th. I also found myself at the same time having to look for a new company to employ me, so along with Moderator and father that'll be three new jobs for me this year.

I'm very grateful to our Past Moderator, Anne Sullivan, and our new Assistant Moderator, Margaret Baldwin, for helping me get through my duty to the church during everything else that's been going on. Also, thanks to the wonders of technology I was able to attend the January Church Council meeting from the hospital as my wife, Joanne, was still recovering from her C-section.

And speaking of the Church Council, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members—



Daniel, Joanne and Dante

Ed Eggleston, Phil Owen, and Kathy Sheibley—and thank them for volunteering this year.

We all had a great Church Council retreat in February at the graciously supplied home of Frank and Margaret Baldwin, where we got to know each other better and plan for the rest of the year. The experience really reminded me that, even amid all of the other changes in my life, church still has the power to make people feel connected to each other—all with their own challenges that they're working through—in pursuit of a common good.

A big unknown about that pursuit right now is a new settled pastor. As many of you may know, we're in the process of handing off responsibilities from the Transition Team, which put together an excellent, thorough Church Profile for us, to the Pastoral Search Committee, which will review and narrow down the candidates who respond to that profile. While there's no definite timeline, the hope is that their efforts will help us to welcome a new Senior Minister by the end of the year who'll be with us for many years to come.

On Sunday, March 8th, the Congregation met up after church to officially approve our nominees for the Search Committee. Thank you to Margaret Baldwin (who'll serve as an alternate), Ron Clevenger, Ted Heid, Linnea Roy, Lesley Septetoski, Gary Vaughan, Sarah Vazquez, and Nan Wagner for volunteering your time! Also I'd like to thank the Transition Team Again, for all of their hard work. Finally, yet more thanks are in order for Debb Chapman and Mary Lasswell, who are going to be our new Nominating Committee after getting approved at the same meeting. A blessing on all of your efforts: may they bear us much fruit in the months to come.

## Developing Coronavirus Outbreak

We want you to know that Rev. Parker, lay leaders and staff at FCUCC are taking the Coronavirus outbreak seriously. We are keeping calm and washing hands, BOTH practices in which we urge you to join us! We are also holding some meetings online, using Zoom technology.

Your Church Safety Team has already met to identify our risks, response, and resources we, as a congregation, may need during this time. The Church Safety Team has created a Coronavirus Task Force comprised of Safety Team Chair Sarah Vazquez, Business Manager Cara Rothe, Moderator Daniel Russo, and two members with extensive medical backgrounds, Al Horn and Linnea Roy. The task force has already met once and discussed contingency plans, our church's resources, and the potential to share a role in helping the broader community and our neighbors on the street. We will be meeting regularly with Rev. Janet Parker as we move through the different phases of this outbreak.

We have been sending emails about disease prevention as well as the church's current actions. If you are not on the listserv and would like to

be, please contact our office by email at first@ uccportland.org or call the office at (503) 228-7219.

Join us in prayer for most vulnerable people in our midst, those in fear, those already infected, and the families of those who have died from this illness. May we lift up our medical professionals, and all those who are caring for the sick. Please check on your friends and congregation members who may be isolated and need help making sure they have enough supplies at home in case of a quarantine. And let us know if there are ways the church can help.

Thanks for you for listening and may we be ever mindful of the needs of others!

Please stay tuned to your email for announcements regarding worship and other church activities, and if you have questions about what our church is doing in response to Coronavirus, please continue to check your email. You may also call the church office for information and we will get back to you at our earliest convenience.

#### **OUR LOCAL CHURCH PROFILE IS DONE!**



After six months of intensive research, writing, editing and formatting, the Transition Team presented a new Local Church Profile to our Church Council. Following Council review and a round of last-minute reviewing and rewriting, the Profile was forwarded to Central Pacific Conference Minister Tyler Conoley for final verification and validation. With these final steps completed, our Profile has been posted on the public "Ministry Opportunities" page of the United Church of Christ website, www.ucc.org, as well as on our own website, <a href="http://www.uccportland.org/members">http://www.uccportland.org/members</a>, with the password "belltower." The Profile will be the principal recruiting instrument in a nationwide search process leading to the calling of our next Senior Minister.

In form, a UCC Local Church Profile is visionary, technical, aspirational and revelatory. The characteristics and qualities of our church that we've been asked to reflect on and describe to potential ministerial candidates include congregational and community demographics, history and finances, governance and worship, communication and conflict, faith and

demographics, history and finances, governance and worship, communication and conflict, faith and outreach, strengths and weaknesses, challenges and opportunities, hopes and expectations. Always in the background have been the three over-arching questions that we have all returned to frequently during these interim months: "Who is our Neighbor?", "Who are we now?", and "Who is God calling us to become?" Not surprisingly, the Portland First Congregational UCC document runs to fully 48 pages including narratives, statistics, charts, pictures, and references.

A Pastoral Search Committee was elected and commissioned at the Congregational Meeting on March 8th. It will be their task to carry our search process forward to its eventual conclusion in the calling of a superbly experienced, capable, and winsome new Senior Minister. While this search is underway, the Transition Team will seek to continue and expand the dialogue that we have so enjoyed and benefited from among the faithful and resourceful people of First Church Portland.

Transition Team: Joanne Albertsen, Frank Baldwin, Julie Blanchard, Bill Cunitz, and Ted Heid

# Community Core Ministry

#### COMMUNITY UPDATE

by Nan Wager

Y'all know me. I'm Nan Wagner. That's Tucson with me in the photo. I've been coming to First Congregational since January of 2010 when I wandered in on the Open and Affirming Celebration Sunday. I heard the choir and thought, "Maybe this is the place for me". I heard the message from the pulpit and realized this was a church where I would never have to cross my fingers or keep my beliefs about God to myself. Until

now I've mostly participated through singing but since my retirement last year from 35 years as a Respiratory

Therapist I can finally give a bit more time to my church community. So... Community Core Ministry Facilitator. That's a big mouthful which I think means I'm here to support the wonderful people who give their time and energy to head the various community ministries.

Currently those are...

Called to Care--Ann Laskey

Choir--Grant Edwards

Eve's Circle-- Jessica Denniston and Alice Forsythe

Godly Play and Sunday School--Anne Sullivan

Youth Group--Denise Denniston

Spiritual Path Group--Patty Bonney

Prayer Chain--Susan Adcock

Sunday Morning Ushers and Greeters--Julie Blanchard

UCC Ukes--Mary Louise Sevetson

Adult Spiritual Exploration--Rev. Janet Parker

When governance was restructured a few years ago one of the intentions was to make it easier to form groups with specific needs or interests in mind. Is there a group you've been longing to participate in but it just doesn't seem to exist? Is there a community need going unaddressed? Did I hear someone whisper "Bookclub"? Let's talk.

Have patience with me as I learn my new role.

Nan



#### CALLED TO CARE: PLAYING WITH PRAYER

by Avena Ward

Eve's Circle and Called to Care offered an open workshop this past February on prayer. Playing with Prayer was designed by Revs. Parker and Ward in response to requests from members of our community who want to be able to pray for one another. With the growing concern about our country's political divisions, the continued degradation of our environment, and now the threat of the coronavirus pandemic, many are feeling the need to communicate with God on their own and for others.

The event was held on Saturday, February 22 at the church, and was attended by more than 25 people. It was designed to be both an education about prayer and an experience of prayer.

As we began, we referenced Anne Lamott's recent book, where she condensed everything she knows about prayer into three words: help, thanks, wow! These three prayers – asking for assistance from a higher power, appreciating what we have that is good, and feeling awe at the world around us – are something that most of us are familiar with. They are forms of prayer we practice everyday.

For the sake of our discussion we looked a little more closely at two types of prayer — silent and out loud. Silent prayer includes contemplation and meditation. Out loud or spoken prayer involves words. There are many fine distinctions within those two broad categories and we're going to touch on some of those. Whether we pray silently or out loud, there are four or more categories of prayer — thanksgiving, intercession, petition, and confession and contemplation. There is a lot of overlap between these categories.

Bottom line, all prayer is a communication with God, the divine, a higher power or mysterious energy. Whether silently or out loud, speaking or listening, through prayer we open to something mysterious, something beyond ourselves.

There are five types of prayer we covered using the acronym TIPCC. Then we played with several types of prayer practices that took us deeper into relationship with God and one another. We experienced Lectio Divina, which moved us in and out of contemplation and active sharing of several types of prayers spoken aloud for others.

Lectio Divina means "sacred word" in Latin. It's not Bible study that focuses on cognitive learning or sharing ideas and opinions about Scripture. It's not analyzing or accumulating or offering intellectual knowledge. Lectio is an ancient practice of contemplative reading that engages us in a sacred text searching for divine meaning or inspiration. It's a personal activity that can be done alone or in a group. There are four movements in Lectio including reading, meditation, contemplation and prayer.

We used excerpts from Psalm 80 as our focus text for Lectio practice.

At the end of the two hours people were moved by what they had felt and said and done. A small group of members want to continue to offer this experience on an ongoing basis. Rev. Avena will be working with that group to set up a regular meeting time. Contact her at nobleoat@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

#### EVE'S CIRCLE: CALLING ALL FIRST CHURCH WOMAN

by Judy Bishop

#### SAVE THESE DATES FOR OUR 10TH ANNUAL EVE'S CIRCLE RETREAT

Friday, May 15th to Sunday May 17th

Eve's Circle is in the midst of planning its TENTH annual retreat at CAMP ADAMS. If you would like to join the planning committee please contact Judy Bishop judybnorthwest@gmail.com. Our theme for the weekend and schedule will be forthcoming. This weekend is a great way to connect with other women, make new friends, play, and enjoy the beauty of our Central Pacific Conference's own camp. All who identify as women are welcome.



#### MORE EVE'S CIRCLE



Twenty five people joined us Saturday, February 22 for Playing With Prayer. Thank you Rev. Janet and Rev. Avena for leading us in a very meaningful morning. They opened by lifting up types of prayer: thanksgiving, intercession, petition, confession and contemplation. Anne Lamott's simple prayer "Help, Thanks, Wow!" is great when words fail. In small groups we practiced silent prayer and praying out loud. "The bottom line, all prayer is a communication. In prayer we are communicating with God, the divine, a higher power or mysterious energy." Thanks to everyone who brought food — especially Jessica's chili. It was a really great brunch.

#### UNDIES THE TREE

Our annual Undies the Tree drive, sponsored by Eve's Circle collected 356 pairs of new underwear and gloves, and warm weather gear and donations of \$200 to support people in need. They will be delivered to Portland Public Schools Clothing Center, the Portland Homeless Family Shelter and DO GOOD Portland, an organization that supports homeless Veterans in February. Thank you for your generous support, once again.

Eve's Circle is open to all female-identifying members and friends of First Congregational UCC. For more information contact Jessica Denniston, Alice Forsythe or email eves@uccportland.org.



## Hospitality Core Ministry

#### HOSPITALITY UPDATE

by Karen Hurst

HOSPITALITY CORE MINISTRIES is still looking for someone to take on the role as the core facilitator.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM AND THE STAIRWELL POSTERS

Our church photography team takes pictures whenever and wherever. You see their results in the Pilgrim, on our web-site, and in the weekly e-blast. And you see the results in the photos that are now hanging in the stairways that go up to our worship area. These pictures remind us of what we are about as a church community and they give those who are visitors to our building a visual sense of what matters to us. New posters will be hung soon; be sure to check both sets of stairs in order to see them all!

#### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

What makes food at Fellowship Hour happen is the good will and generosity of those in our church family who buy/make/prepare and organize the putting our of items each Sunday morning. This is a Sunday morning gift that all can receive and all can give. If you've never been asked to participate, leave a note in the offering plate that you'd like to take part and you will be contacted! If you are looking for a way to contribute a bit more of your time and energy to the life of our church, perhaps you will consider being in charge of a team for one month of the year. And if you would like to learn how the whole thing happens with the possibility of taking on oversight, see Karen Hurst, who would be glad for a co-leader/leader-intraining. Anyone who wants to volunteer or ask some questions can e-mail hospitality@uccportland.org.

#### NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

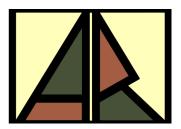


#### THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ BY HEATHER MORRIS

This book isn't lyrically written like *All the Light We Cannot See*, but is told simply and touchingly. While it is called a work of fiction, it closely aligns with the story of a survivor, Lale Sokolov. Lale shared his experience with the author shortly before his death in 2006. It is a tale of survival and love; love found in the most unlikely of places: Auschwitz- Birkenau. Lale accepted the job of tattooist at Auschwitz as a method of survival, but also felt some guilt about it the rest of his life. Like all Holocaust stories, the cruelty endured is unbearable at times, but there are also many moments of heroism by ordinary people, some who were close to Lale and Gita and some who were practically strangers. It's a love story that deserved to be told.

#### ARTREACH GALLERY AND ARTS LIBRARY

by Dr. Sheldon Hurst, Curator



2020 opened with two exhibitions. The main gallery recognized the group HIGH FIBER DIET with their art that included 30 pieces by 25 artists: No Shrinking Violets. On Saturday, February 18 about 50 people gathered for the Curator's Event as we discussed the art and the processes of creating such fascinating pieces.

The chapel gallery showed the drawings by ANCA HARITON called Metamorp *Hora*. The emphasis on the creation story in Genesis 1 gave us the opportunity to have a five week education program on the Creation Stories in various religious traditions, including Hebrew, Hindu, Taoism, Native American and the way science tells the story today. Our Curator's Event included 30 people looking at the drawings/paintings, and sharing the visual interpretation of specific parts of the story. We also danced a Hora during this event, gaining a better idea of how to interpret the story.



#### Future exhibitions:

March 1 - April 26: LINEAR / NONLINEAR by Drawings by John Hampshire

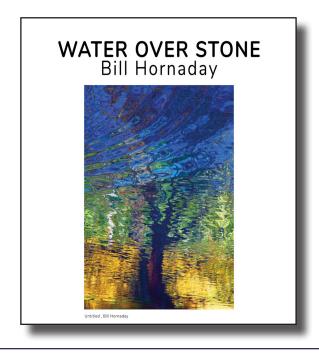
Curator's Event will be Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

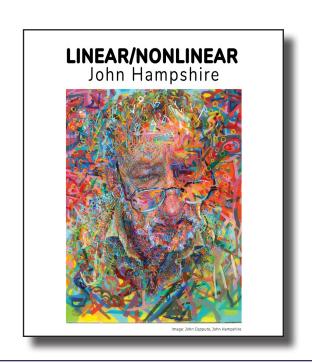
March 1 - April 26: WATER OVER STONE Photographs by Bill Hornaday

Curator's Event will be Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

May 3 - June 28: THE TAOIST WORK Art by Diana LoMeiHing

Curator's Even will be Saturday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. - Noon





# Peacemaking Core Ministry

#### PEACEMAKING UPDATE

by Carter Latendresse

Carter Latendresse is a husband, father, gardener, and beekeeper who has taught middle school English for 25 years. He enjoys cooking with his family, hiking with his dog, reading, and writing, and he is delighted to serve as Peacemaking Core Ministry Facilitator.



#### IMMIGRANT WELCOMING CONGREGATION GROUP



The potluck and movie night was attended by about 40 people, many of whom brought delicious food. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all, followed up by a showing of Undeterred, which is an intimate and unique portrait of how residents in the rural border town of Arivaca, Arizona, mobilized to demand humane treatment of its own residents as well as aid the injured and often times dying people crossing the desert. This 2018 Award-winning film was made by Eva Lewis, a resident of Arivaca and long time member of People Helping People (PHP) in the border zone.



Many were involved in arranging the night: Jane Brolsma, Rev. Janet, Andre and Cara in the office, Steve the Facilities Manager, Mpagi with set up and clean up, and especially Bruce and Judy Bishop, who arranged the potluck, movie, and the discussion after the movie. A big thank you to everyone, especially to Bruce and Judy and all the volunteers here tonight who have helped with food, set up, clean up, and all the other necessary work.

Bruce Bishop led the post-movie discussion. Congregation members present, along with the Peacemaking ministry, decided to donate the next Spare Change offering to buy Lifestraws and donate them to Samaritans.

If you are interested in getting involved with this group, please contact Bruce Bishop at babishopdx@me.com

#### POTLUCK IN THE PARK

Every Sunday afternoon, from about 1:00 - 5:00 PM, our church provides beverages like hot chocolate and coffee to about 300 to 700 hungry and thirsty people in downtown Portland. We buy, prepare, deliver, and serve the beverages, and then we return to the church to clean out the containers and store them for the next week. Most of those we serve are currently houseless. We have four teams – each team has the responsibility once a month. One of our teams has an opening for at least two people with a car to help on the third Sunday.

If you are interested in getting involved with this group, please contact Ron and Cheryl Clevenger at clevenger2508@comcast.net

#### TRANSITIONS PROJECTS

For over 50 years, Transition Projects has delivered life-saving and life-changing assistance to some of Portland's most vulnerable residents. Whether by helping a homeless veteran and her family find housing, sheltering hundreds of people each night with nowhere else to turn, or opening new pathways to employment, Transition Projects represents an invaluable part of Portland's social fabric. Teams of volunteers from UCC buy, prepare, and serve a delicious, hot meal to 60+ men on the third Saturday of every month.

If you are interested in getting involved with this group, please contact Tim Pollard at timothyraypollard@gmail.com

### GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION SABBATH AND THE SOUL BOX PROJECT

On January 19 we commemorated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with our first Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath. Our choir moved us with appropriate music and we were joined by Laurie Palmer, CEO/founder of Go Get Your Child Community Violence Prevention Coalition. Laurie founded GGYC in 2015, after her son was the victim of a shooting. She shared her story and stayed to fold Soul Boxes with us during Fellowship Hour as we renewed our commitment to The Soul Box Project. Together we have already folded over 500 Soul Boxes since that Sunday.

The Soul Box Project raises awareness of the U.S. gunfire epidemic by counting and honoring victims, offering healing participation to those seeking solace, and providing dramatic visual support for all initiatives working for a safer, more civil society. Each origami Soul Box represents one person killed or injured by gunfire. Our UCC Soul Boxes join others from around the country to create large-scale displays of tens of thousands of Soul Boxes in public spaces that move the U.S. population and leaders to understand the magnitude of the gunfire problem.





The second Sunday of each month has been designated as Soul Box Sunday, with supplies and Soul Box folding during Fellowship Hour. Please contact at Nanci Tangeman (nanci@nancitangeman.com) or Cheryl Clevenger (clevenger2508@comcast.net) for more information.

#### **PRIDE**

Every year a group of congregants proudly march in the Portland Pride Parade. This year's parade will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, June 14, bringing together tens of thousands of LGBTQ+ and allied people to celebrate, be visible, and to demonstrate the strength of our community.

If you would like to be involved in coordinating this event or if you have an interest in promoting LGBTQ+ causes, please contact Cara Rothe, Business Manager, at cara@uccportland.org

#### SPARE CHANGE

Every Sunday people put spare change in the offering plate, which goes to support a variety of community organizations such as PPOP, whom we are currently collecting for. PPOP provides clean syringes, Naloxone (Narcan), and other harm reduction supplies directly to users. Unlike many needle exchanges, PPOP is need-based, not 1-for-1, meaning our users do NOT have to dispose of dirty syringes in order to receive new ones. PPOP distributes supplies by means of a bicycle outreach on Friday evenings and at a fixed site in St. Johns on Saturday afternoon.

Find more information on PPOP at https://www.portlandpeoplesoutreach.org/ Contact Carter Latendresee at peacemaking@uccportland.org if you would like to get involved.

### Behind the Desk of the Business Manager

by Cara Rothe

The first quarter of 2020 has been very busy. Our building repairs after the basement flood are complete. We now have new carpet and paint in the basement and in the choir hall behind the chancel. Our insurance company was very helpful in getting all of our bills covered. Our insurance company has also assisted us in getting our chapel windows repaired after some vandalism left several panes broken.

We have a new dishwasher! Steve Eggers, our facilities manager oversaw the entire project. We are very excited to pass our health inspections in February.

Conversations continued in March with the Oregon Women's

History Consortium regarding the historical marker to commemorate the National American Woman Suffrage Association Convention in 1905. We are currently discussing the timing of the installation and the possibility of a celebration. We may partner with the Oregon Historical society in this effort.

During the Church Council Retreat, we did some brainstorming on the strengths and opportunities

of the church. I am using the information gathered to better leverage our church assets and strengths to help the church with its mission in the community.

I have been working with Andre Cordes, our Communications Coordinator to roll-out our new logo that was voted on at the end of 2019. This is a long process, but we are excited to see our bright and colorful logo show-up on more printed materials and on our website.

We have several big events coming to the church in the next few months. Keep on the lookout for information on a Children's Storytelling event and Portland Poetry Slam in April, In May, we will again host Steve Egger's Bluegrass Festival, as well as two theatrical performances, Future Prairie's, The Harvest and Real Change: Legislative Theatre Around Issues of Houselessness.

Our Annex offices are available again after being occupied for most of last year by the roofers who worked on the Performing Arts Center. If you know someone who is looking for office space, send them our way. Our office is a fun place to work!

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