



## January 2023 Newsletter

### **A Word from Pastor David**

Dear Rose City Park Church Community,

Happy New Year! May 2023 bring many fulfilled visions and dreams of peace, prosperity, and wellbeing to you and to our world as we recognize one year's ending and another year's beginning. If you are thinking of making New Year's Resolutions, or already have, I would like to invite you to add this one, shared by a friend:

"all laws worth following, and all human wisdom are summed up in the instruction to devote ourselves to love, and to love your neighbor as yourself; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to not do to others what we would not want done to us."

As my friend noted, this type of love and work is not superficial, sentimental, or weak. And

while such phrases as "love your neighbor" and "do unto others" may sound outdated because we first heard them in childhood, there is no more recent idea that improves on these teachings. Maybe this is because such teachings come from thousands of years and billions of people who discovered them to be the only answer to some of the greatest suffering humans have ever known. As another friend reminded me, some of the most courageous people, in the most dangerous or painful circumstances, are also some of the kindest. So I invite you to be kind to yourself as you step into this new year. Rather than counting last year's failures, fearing 2023's "unknowns", or setting new impossibly complex goals, perhaps begin by simply asking yourself, "Who would I be this year, for myself, for others, for the world, for Jesus- if I treated myself and others as I truly want to be treated?" And then, just do it!

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor David

## **Board Update**

We are happy to introduce the 2023 Board to you:

Co-Chairs: Chris Anderson and Kay Pettygrove  
Personnel: Julie Fleming and Harriet Jackson  
Finance: Ruthanne Bennett and Sheryl Shake  
Facilities: Todd Graham and Patricia Holman  
Ministry: Marchelle Paholsky and Kay Pettygrove  
Liaison to the Collective: Kathy Green  
Pastor: David Weekley

This year, the Board will be focus on completing the updates to the Parlor, Youngson Hall, the downstairs bathrooms, the Sunday School room and the Sharrard Children's Library.

Developing new and fun ways to reach out to the Collective and the neighborhood will also be a top priority

We are excited to work together with you this year and hope that each of you will find a place to participate. If you have ideas for ministry, please feel free to reach out to any Board member and we will make sure that we address your ideas.

## **United Women of Faith (formerly UMW)**

United Women in Faith (formally UMW) will have a gathering at the home of Joanne Schilling on January 19, at 10:30 am. All are welcome to join us for discussion/sharing and treats. For questions or comments please contact Chris Dole, 503-287-8972, or text 503-964-1371.

## **Bell Choir Openings**

Have you ever thought about joining the bell choir? I have openings and would love to talk with you about it. We meet weekly and my goal is for us to share in worship every other month. Thank you!

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## **"All About Love"**

The Sirens, a women's vocal quartet, will present a concert of love songs on Sunday, February 12 at 3pm in the Sanctuary. The concert features love songs from the 1920s to the 1970s. A free-will offering will be received to benefit The Snowman Foundation. More information in the February newsletter.

## **Rose City Community Collective Update**

After a few year's hiatus, the Collective Advisory Team was able to meet again for the first time at church on January 4th. Re-building those connections and making new ones is a great way to start off the New Year! These monthly meetings will be a great way to further connect the church with the Collective members and find ways to foster those connections together as we support each other's programs. In this meeting alone, we found multiple ways where we can support each other in tangible ways. You can expect to see more posts about that and future Collective events at church if you follow the Collective Facebook page: [Collective FB Page HERE!](#)

Each organization who we share space with serves the community as an extension of the church's mission and values in different and important ways. As Collective members shared what they do and how our building helps them, I was struck by how we are serving so many community members both in the building and out in the community by sharing space with such great organizations. Through them we help serve hundreds of people, from infants to the aging and everywhere in between. Kathy Green shared in the meeting that the church has the intention to share space and make an impact in the community, just as it always has over the years. She ended the meeting by sharing the church's mission which highlighted how RCPUMC, as it partners with the Collective members, "is a grounded place where real needs are met in real ways by showing grace and being the hands and feet of Jesus to each other and our community." This may look different than in the days of thousands of people packing the Sanctuary on an Easter Sunday, but it is happening in a new and real way. I'm excited to see how that continues and develops in 2023!

Elsa Johnson, Building Manager  
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## **Breakfast with Santa A Huge Success**



Our first annual Breakfast with Santa, held on December 17, was a huge success. Families from our congregation and all over the neighborhood attended. They enjoyed a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit and pastries prepared by Andy Pettygrove, Travis Beal, and chef Jeff Hamilton and, of course, some special time with Santa Claus himself. Youngson Hall was filled with smiling children, appreciative parents, and the spirit of Christmas. We were fortunate that even Mrs. Claus was able to spend a little time with the children. The Board would like to thank Kay Pettygrove for all the work she put into this event. It was wonderful!



## Congregation News

If you have any joys or concerns you want shared, or a birthday you want included, please contact Patricia Holman at: [plholman1025@gmail.com](mailto:plholman1025@gmail.com)

We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays in January:

1/7 **Ernesto Quilban**

1/11 **Edie Bennett**

1/14 **David Weekley**

1/20 **Todd Grobey**

1/21 **Clint Moran**

1/23 **Star Studonivic**

1/26 **Sherri Whitaker**

## JOYS

Thank you **to the musicians, directors John Green and Jennifer Holman, and Rev. Weekley** for the lovely Vespers Service. It was well-attended, and the music was beautiful.

Thank you to all who contributed ornaments for the **Family Christmas Tree**. It was heartwarming to see all the names of Rose City Park UMC family and friends, both past and present. If you missed the opportunity to add an ornament, the tree will be back next year!

Thank you to **Jennifer Holman** and **Tim Uecker** for the beautiful music they shared at the January 1<sup>st</sup> worship service.

## CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

**LeAnn, Ernesto, Steve, Tom, James, Karen and family**



### Sock It to Me!

As the cold, rainy weather continues throughout January, it is the perfect time to gather clean socks for Greater Good Northwest. These socks will be distributed to individuals who are struggling to keep warm and dry in the inclement weather. The socks may be placed in the GGNW barrels in the narthex and in the front lobby. We have asked members of Rose City Park Collective to join us in this project. In addition, we will continue our year-round collection of food that will be distributed to people in need. They are looking for the following items:

Canned/Packaged meat (tuna, chicken, spam, Vienna sausage)

Fruit cups

Canned vegetables, beans, chili, pasta

Grab and go soup

Box Cereal and chewy cereal bars

Applesauce and fruit snacks

Crackers

Peanut butter and jelly mixed jars

Dried fruit and nuts

We are truly blessed to be able to share our bounty with others.

## Reconciliation Ministry Network

We are so grateful for the 100,000 subscriptions to RMN's social media outlets and email

list. And, we have a request for you in this new year:

**The ministry of Reconciliation is a group project.** We survive on the generosity of Reconciling people alone, and LGBTQ+ people in the Church deserve our best efforts.

So, we're asking our email subscribers to help RMN start the year strong. If 16,000 email recipients gave \$5, then we would be \$80,000 closer to the next big thing at RMN: our LGBTQ+ affirming VBS curriculum, our organizing efforts across the connection, our free educational events for advocates, and much more.

If just 8,000 of our email subscribers gave \$20, that would bring us \$160,000 closer to our goals. **Every donation of every size matters in our pursuit of LGBTQ+ justice**, and change of this magnitude takes all of us.

If you'd like to join the community of recurring donors in RMN's Wellspring community to sustain our change-making well into the future, [you can do that here](#) and select the frequency with which you'd like to invest in RMN.

Thank you for your consideration!

## **An Introduction to Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth**

Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth sat down for an interview after his election at the Western Jurisdictional Conference, Nov. 2-5, in Salt Lake City, Utah. In this interview he talks about his hopes to bring skills of collaboration, outreach, pastoral care, communication, clergy coaching and more to his role as the episcopal leader for the Greater Northwest Area. | Watch [the video here](#).

[The video link is <https://vimeo.com/784668057/8ca518f59e>. It runs about 9 fast minutes.

## **Helpful Resources**

### **Pictorial Directory**

If you have any changes to your contact information, please contact Patricia Holman at [plholman1025@gmail.com](mailto:plholman1025@gmail.com). Copies of the directory can be emailed to you by contacting Patricia, or a printed copy is available in the Narthex.

### **E-mail Version of the Sermon**

Would you like to receive an email version of the sermon? If so, please contact Deborah Weekley at [axismundi.dw@gmail.com](mailto:axismundi.dw@gmail.com). We are also planning to provide printed copies available at church on Sunday morning soon.

### **Prayer Chain**

Just as a reminder, the prayer chain is available to those that would like to request prayers. Also, if someone would like to join the prayer chain all they need to do is send a request to

be added to the email address below. [rcpumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:rcpumcprayer@gmail.com)

### **Newsletter Deadline**

All newsletter submissions are due on the first of every month. Please email your articles to Patricia Holman at [plholman1025@gmail.com](mailto:plholman1025@gmail.com).

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