



## April 2024 Newsletter

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

Springtime is such a beautiful time in Oregon and the Northwest. The many-colored flowers and budding trees, coupled with the feeling of warm sunshine on my shoulders is exhilarating! Summer is just around the corner. I was fortunate to grow up when summertime meant playing outdoors, mostly unsupervised for hours and hours. One of our favorite games was, “Cowboys and Indians,” mirroring the many western shows playing on television at the time. As one of the youngest players on either street or at family gatherings I noticed something early on: the cowboys always won, and as one of the youngest players I was always forced to be an Indian. It never seemed fair. It wasn’t fair, but I had no choice in the matter if I wanted to play.

As an adult I understand how my childhood experience reflected unspoken cultural values and messages about different kinds of people at that time, in this case, Native Americans

and the Caucasian descendants of early immigrants to the Americas. As an adult I also grew to understand how those lands were taken by force and the displacement and upheaval of life and culture native peoples faced over the ensuing generations. I am grateful this part of our state and United States history is being reexamined in the light of the costs to everyone involved and the cost to the environment itself.

When I returned to Oregon from New England two and a half years ago, I began to explore which native American communities were already settled in this area before Caucasians moved here. Our conference website, [umoi.org](http://umoi.org), has a helpful resource under the heading, "Circle of Indigenous Ministries." From that site and others, I learned that the Portland, Oregon area, and Rose City Park United Methodist Church rests upon the traditional village sites of the Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, and several other tribes who built their communities along the Columbia River.

A common perspective and shared value of these tribes is that they saw themselves as stewards rather than as owners of the land. Because of this perspective, they cared for the land and understood the importance of taking care of the land for future generations. We who are here at Rose City Park UMC today owe much gratitude to the many people who stewarded this land before us. May we express our gratitude when we gather and practice good stewardship of this land for those who follow us.

In Gratitude,  
Pastor David

## All Church Gathering

Our First quarter all-church gathering will be **April 7<sup>th</sup>** after the service from **11:30-1:00 pm**, in the Parlor. We will be having a potluck so bring your favorite dish to share. This quarter's topic is: Looking Forward. We will be discussing where the church is going, what initiatives we have in the works and how you can get more involved. Please join us for fellowship, food, and church updates.



## April Shower(s)!

April marks Spring cleaning time, and we have embarked on a total kitchen clean out. We had the kitchen professionally cleaned and retired or repurposed old kitchen utensils. Many of our Collective partners utilize our kitchen and we want to provide the best possible facilities for everyone to use. Now we are in need of refreshing our stock of items. Please see the list of needed items posted on the bulletin board and consider donating a new or gently used item or money to purchase new items. The kitchen shower will run from April 7<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup>.

For more information contact Marchelle Paholsky 503-866-5193  
or [marchellepaholsky@gmail.com](mailto:marchellepaholsky@gmail.com)

## Women in Faith

Women in Faith (formally UMW) will have a gathering at the home of Joanne Schilling on April 18 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.

## Coffee, Cookies, Cupcakes, Galore We Need One Helper More and We're Out the Door!



Rose City Park UMC is blessed with many good bakers, who share their talents with us during coffee hour. We have already asked those who provided the treats to help with the clean-up. It would be helpful if those who don't have the urge to bake would also sign up to assist with clean up and put away. You will now see a line on the coffee hour sheet for just that purpose. Please give it some thought, so it doesn't fall on the

same 3 or 4 people Sunday after Sunday.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Clean-up Help</u>
Jane Smith	4/07/24	Judy Brown

Thank you very much!

## News From the Board

As we look forward to the month of April, there are many interesting activities in which we hope you will choose to participate.

April 6 - A church work party will occur from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. There are tasks that are applicable for all skill levels. Come and enjoy socializing with other members of the congregation while helping with the beautification of our church.

April 6 – Rose City Neighborhood Preschool Open House. Our excellent preschool staff invites you to visit and view their enriching environment. If you know anyone with preschool aged children, please invite them.

April 7 - After church service we will have our first quarterly congregational gathering of the year to plan for the future. This will also be a potluck event. Enjoy good food and share your ideas on our future plans.

April 7-28 - Kitchen Utensil Shower. Our kitchen utensils have outlived their usefulness. It's time to replace them. A list of needed utensils will be published. Select an item and bring it to the church anytime in April.

April 14 - Our church service will be a hymn sing. This popular service will feature favorite hymns with information as to their origins.

April 20 - Memorial Service for Tom Beckham. Tom was a long-time member of our church and shared his gifts helping us maintain financial stability.

April 20 - Preschool Auction. Information on auction items will be available shortly. (See below for more details.) Support our Collective member preschool by donating items and/or participating in the event.

May 4 - Taco Bar Fundraiser for Collective member, Collective Roots. Collective Roots is a family-centered recovery organization that supports teens as they heal from the effects of substance abuse.

Board members are always available to listen to your concerns. Your Board Members are:

David Weekly-Pastor

Chris Anderson-Co Chair

Sheryl Shake-Co Chair

Kay Pettygrove-Lay Leader

Kathy Green-Collective Liaison

Todd Graham-Facilities

Andy Ruff-Facilities

Marchelle Paholsky-Ministry

Brooke Bolster-Ministry

Harriet Jackson-Personnel

Joan Williamson-Personnel

## **Rose City Neighborhood Preschool Auction**

Greetings from your building neighbors - Rose City Neighborhood Preschool (RCNP)!

We are hosting our annual online auction, starting Saturday, April 20th at 5pm, with bidding closing at 8pm on Sunday, April 28. There is a fabulous selection of goods and services with a little something for everyone: from local restaurants, gift cards to popular bookstores and other retail, tickets to sporting and arts and theater events, even vacation destinations and attractions. Please visit the site and place a bid! Our non-profit preschool has proudly served Portland for over 50 years at consistently affordable rates. No small feat in our growing city! Every dollar earned from the sales of this auction plays a vital role in keeping tuition low while also providing our hardworking teachers a fair and livable wage. We thank you for supporting the education of our city's next generation!

Remember, the bidding doesn't start until 5pm on April 20. Use this link: <https://rcnp.betterworld.org/auctions/rcnp-spring-auction-2024>

## **Greater Good Opens**

## **a New Kitchen**

Twelve members of Rose City Park UMC were pleased to donate \$130.08 worth of spices to get the GGNW kitchen off to a good start. Located on Sandy Boulevard, the new kitchen will prepare meals to be served at their shelters. If you were not in church when Kathy Green, liaison to the Rose City Community Collective, asked for assistance, feel free to give her a donation and she will pass it on to them. Greater Good NW has been a member of the RCCC for many years.



In addition to spices for their kitchen, we collect food items rich in protein, cereals, chewy fruit bars, canned fruits and vegetables with pop-top lids, fruit cups, and dried fruits and nuts. These items will be distributed to people in need.

## Upcoming Events

- April 6, 9:30-11:30am, Preschool open house
- April 6, noon - 3:00, Church work party
- April 6, 4pm, Portland Outdoor Explorers First Year Fundraiser, Youngson Hall, \$10 Adult, \$5 kids, 5 and under free. Join for crafts, games, food and more while supporting this awesome afterschool program that meets in the building.
- April 6, 7:07pm, Blueprint Arts Concert, Sanctuary, Age of Aquarius theme, more info [HERE](#)
- April 7, directly after church, Congregational Potluck Gathering (see article)
- April 7-28, Kitchen Utensil Shower (see article)
- April 14, Hymn Sing
- April 20, Tom Beckham Memorial
- April 20-28, Preschool on-line Auction (see article)
- May 2, National Day of Prayer
- May 4, Taco Bar Fundraiser for Collective Roots



## Congregation News

If you have any joys or concerns you want shared, or a birthday you want included, please contact Patricia Holman at:

[p holman1025@gmail.com](mailto:p holman1025@gmail.com)

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We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays in April:

4/4 **Alex Allen**

4/10 **Harriet Jackson**

4/16 **Todd Graham**

4/18 **Dawn Nilsen**

4/22 **John Green**

4/29 **Chris Anderson**



## **New Trees Planted**

Thank you, Jeanine, and crew, for all of your hard work organizing, procuring and planting the new East side parsonage trees! They look fantastic! Many thanks to David Ball and David Whitaker for removing the gnarly tree roots and big rocks ahead of time, making planting so much easier!

Congratulations to everyone on a job well done and thank you in advance for your dedication and

commitment to watering and caring for all of the new trees while they become established.



## **Helpful Resources**

### **Pictorial Directory**

If you have any changes to your contact information, please contact Patricia Holman at [p holman1025@gmail.com](mailto:p holman1025@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**

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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