



OUR MISSION IS TO EXPRESS **CHRIST'S LOVE** TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



**March
2019**



March 2 (Sat)	Vision Board Retreat
March 4 (Mon)	Staff Meeting, 11am
March 6 (Wed)	Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 pm - 1st day of Lent
March 10 (Sun)	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13 (Wed)	UMW Friendship Circle, 12Noon
March 16 (Sat)	Serving Day, 10am
March 30 (Sat)	Memorial Service for Delmer Eisert, 11am
March 31 (Sun)	UMCOR Sunday

*******Weekly Events*******

Snow Cap Deliveries	Mondays @ 9:00 am
We Walk Group	Mondays @ 9:30 am
Women's Faith Group	Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm
Parent's Prayer Group	Wednesdays @ 8:30 am
Men's Coffee	Thursdays @ 10:00 am

For details, contact the church office Mon-Thurs 9am to 2pm by phone or email

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Lent Calendar Insert

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!



Vision Board Retreat, March 1-2

It's that time of the year again! Our Vision Board will

"pull back" from the world to regroup, reenergize, and strategize the best actions for our church this year. Stay tuned!!

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Our combined service this night will start at 7 pm. Come and join us as we unite and focus in prayer and repentance.



UMW Friendship Circle

This month, the UMW Friendship Circle will get together on February 13th at 12 Noon in the Gathering Room. See you there!



Serving Saturday, March 16th @ 10am

Bring your heart and hands to help care and keep our sanctuary, church, and property. All are welcome and encouraged! Please dress appropriately if you plan on joining the outside/yard work crew.



Delmer Eisert Memorial Service, March 30th @ 11 am

Please come and join us in remembrance of our dear friend, Delmer. He was a good man to family and friends. Reception will follow at 12 Noon in the Annex.



UMCOR SUNDAY, March 31st

UMCOR is a vital way that we can give generously either by buying an item for one of the kits (health, school or cleaning) or donating money. Make checks out to your church. Mark ADVANCE # 901440 on the memo line. That is UMCOR West Depot's number.

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again— rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

Your Celebrations are important for us to recognize with
our family in Christ

March

Birthdays



Vincent Benedetti-White, 1

Becky Marks, 1

Tom Lohkamp, 3

John & Mia, 5

Souriya Khamvongsa, 7

Christine Khamvongsa, 7

Aiden Schneider, 8

Lois Lee, 9

Larry Regan, 12

Joanne Mattson, 15

Ann Eichelberg, 24

Stan Clarke, 28

Jennifer Khamvongsa, 28

Kacey & yuen Hahn, 29

Grace Go, 30



Please do not be reluctant to let us know if yours is missing on the monthly edition of 'Messenger' by sending a note to: church@taborheightschurch.org



Wedding

Anniversaries

Dennis & Linda Bridges,
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Care Notes

Care Notes are available on the piano in the Fellowship Hall. They are an invaluable resource:

- ⇒ **When you want to say the right words, CARE NOTES can help**
- ⇒ **Am I the only one feeling this way? CARE NOTES can share**
- ⇒ **I need a bit more information. CARE NOTES may have it!**

Have you heard of the THUMC Shawl Ministry?

The Care Team has directed this program since its inception here in 2007. Many people have knitted, crocheted, or woven shawls for others going through serious illness or sadness. These shawls are made in prayers of love and have been wrapped around 93

people in need. Many hands have prayed and created shawls. The Care Team welcomes any suggestions of those who would benefit or volunteers to participate.





Looking for a new idea for Lent?

How about giving up something that will help the environment in addition to challenging you to think about the changes we must make to accomplish something that sounds easy at first. This campaign is to give up the use of plastic for Lent. Plastic is polluting our environment, filling our oceans, and killing fish and other marine animals.

The calendar inserts has a suggestion each day of Lent for eliminating another type of plastic. Some suggestions are easy, some are hard, all will make you think about how we need to restore health to God's world.



From the Vision Board

Known Events are Easter Celebrations, Rose City Rose competition, July Field day, a mix of outdoor activities, Aug/Sep Back to School celebration, October Pumpkin

Carving, December Advent, possible Walk to Bethlehem and Christmas Services. Notable we already had a Wellness Clinic on MLK day Jan 21st and learned some critical lessons to improve how we promote these opportunities.

We agreed to continue the relationship with the YMCA thru Jun 2020, if they wish to. We will be reviewing their interest next month or staying with us.

It was said this was a good mtg and there was high expectations for going forward, without strongly looking back. We need each of you to let us know what you like, what you'd like more of and we will be striving harder to keep you informed. We will be posting the notes on our bulletin boards and urge you to ask any of the Vision Board members your questions or suggestions.

Regards,
Jim Buchanan

From your Lay Leader...

...Joanne Dobrinski

Greetings all.

Hope you all survived or are surviving these last few weeks of snow, ice, and really cold weather.

The big item for our United Methodist Church body was the special session of the General Conference held in February in St. Louis, Mo. This session was called in order to seek a way forward involving inclusion of homosexual and LGBTQIA people. As you probably are aware, the General Conference voted in favor of the Traditional Plan which continues in the manner already in place.

The Western Jurisdiction (of which we are a part) and committee on A Way Forward had proposed a plan called One Church.

Our Bishop Elaine Stanovsky has several articles on her blog addressing this action. You can access her blog thru greaternw.org and clicking on Bishop's Blog.

Also, I would encourage you to watch the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishop's response to the actions of General Conference. You can access it thru the Western Jurisdiction web site www.onechurch4all.org. Up will come a video called A Home for All God's People.

I would encourage you to remain calm and to know that Tabor Heights will continue on the path we have set ***to express Christ's love to ALL God's children.***

Remember those Table Talks held prior to General Conference? Well, two new ones are scheduled for our area of the Columbia District. They are:

March 17, 3-5 p.m. at Portland First UMC

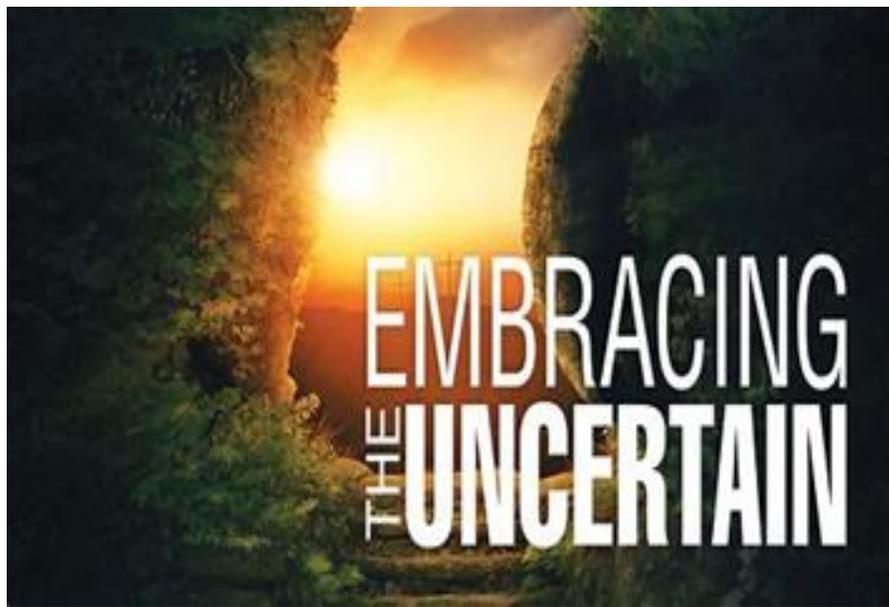
April 7, 3-5 p.m. at Rose City Park UMC

You need to pre-register, so let me know if you wish to attend.

Yes, I will be going!!

From the Pastor...

Just turning on the news, we're simply known and reminded that we are living in uncertain times. Economic instabilities, eruptions of violence, and natural catastrophes can change the lives and landscapes of entire communities. "Our individual lives are often just as unsteady: relationships can break, plans can falter, and confidence can fail." We live in a world that is gripped by fear and hatred. Time seems to be unknown in short supply as jobs, families, and various electronic gizmos compete for our attention. Now more than ever, we need Lent.



During Lent which is especially beginning with Ash Wednesday, we are yearly reminded that we all confront our own mortality and lead us to confession of our sin before God. Uncertainty can definitely be uncomfortable. Many of us prefer stability and a predictable future to an unknown fate. We are wired to want to control our destiny. However, the uncertainty on the other hand, is a tangible evidence we, the mortal and fallen-short beings, are still in our journey of faith, in our transformation of maturity, and in sanctifying grace for 'Christian Perfection.'

The truth is that in our fast-changing, unpredictable world we are called to 'the particularity' in life. It is to be willing to 'embrace uncertainty' and 'make the risky decision to follow Jesus' as "not being conformed by the pattern of this world, but being transformed by the renewing of our mind for God's will which is good, pleasing and perfect."

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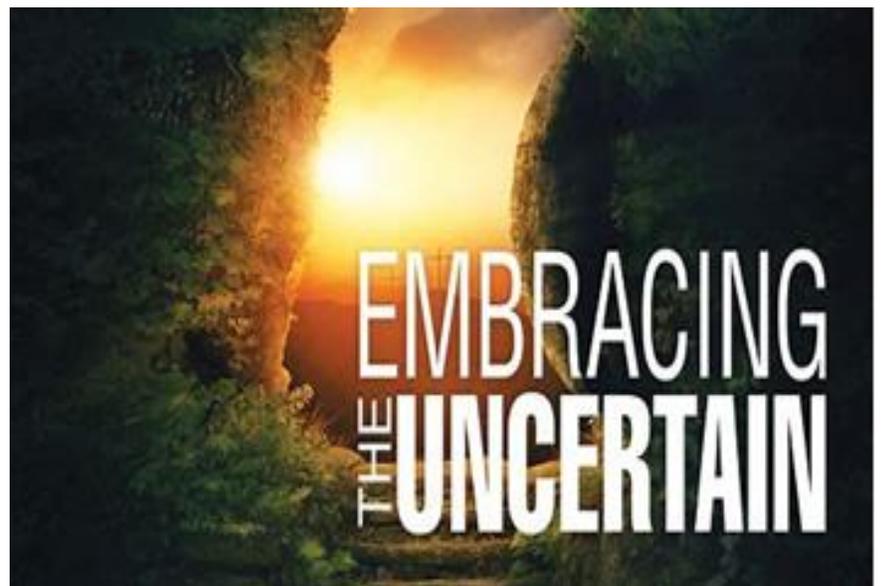
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In a sense, Lent is an invitation to turn away from those things which make us uncomfortable and keep us from following Jesus. It is an opportunity to turn toward God's perfect will which draw us closer to our Lord and savior. Yes, now is the time for us to renounce fear, to reject hatred, and to take the more difficult high road. Now is the time to make space in our lives for prayer, study, and worship. Now is the time to look carefully at our lives and to open up our hearts to change.

All are invited to the 2019 Lenten Study, 'Embrace the Uncertain' which will be held until Easter, on every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Conference room. Let us engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them! The first six chapters focus on six post-Transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels. I hope to see many of you there for this humble journey of Lent in our time of 'Uncertainty' with these inspiring stories.

Lenten blessings,

Pastor John



MARCH 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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WEEK

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			Parents' Prayer, 830am		Vision Board Retreat	Vision Board Retreat

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WEEK

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday School 930am	We Walk, 930 am		Parents' Prayer, 830am	Men's Coffee 10am		
Worship 11am	Staff Meeting, 11am	Book Study 1pm				

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WEEK

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday School 9:30am	We Walk, 930 am		Parents' Prayer, 830am	Men's coffee 10am		Serving Day, 10am
Worship 11am		Book Study 1pm	UMW Friendship Circle, 12 Noon			GGC Fundraiser 3-8pm

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WEEK

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Worship 11am		Book Study 1pm				

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WEEK

24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Worship 11 am UMCOR SUNDAY, 31		Book Study 1pm				