

Ronald United Methodist Church

Connect with God. Connect with yourself. Connect with your neighbor.
Because communing can heal us.

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Pastors: Kate Kilroy & Pat Simpson

We enter the season of Easter on Easter Sunday!

That's right, Easter is not just one wonderful day, but rather a whole season of joyful celebration! It's also been called *The Great 50 Days!* All the way until Pentecost on May 26th, we focus on the lightness of heart we receive when we fully accept the gift of God in the resurrection! For the next several weeks we will lean into a season of celebration.

One of the compelling mysteries of church is how we repeat cycles and ritualize familiar stories and yet sometimes we are blessed to not just remember a story or value, but to experience something new. What a robust tradition we have in following the liturgical church calendar. Thanks be to God for the Holy Spirit who invites us to explore something we already "know" and gifts us with fresh understanding! Through the wisdom we gain with time, life experiences, and additional data, we are able to grow our faith and our awareness of the greatness of God's love over and over! Sometimes these deep, refreshing places of personal growth happen spontaneously. Sometimes we notice our souls are dry and thirsty so we dedicate time and prayer and seek God.


Even John Wesley, the founder of how we gather as a faith community and a faithful practitioner of our shared faith, needed a fresh touch of the Spirit.

- Read more about that here: <https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1701-1800/john-wesleys-heart-strangely-warmed-11630227.html>
- Read it here as Wesley shares this deep refreshing in his own words: <https://www.ccel.org/ccel/wesley/journal.vi.ii.xvi.html>.

May God bless you with a fresh infilling of Joy in these *Great 50 days!* May you have the courage to ask God for the blessing your soul needs! And if you are blessed to notice you do indeed have the joy that accompanies a peaceful assurance of faith, offer God the gift of gratitude! Humbly share your experience — the gift you have freely received that others might know your same peace!

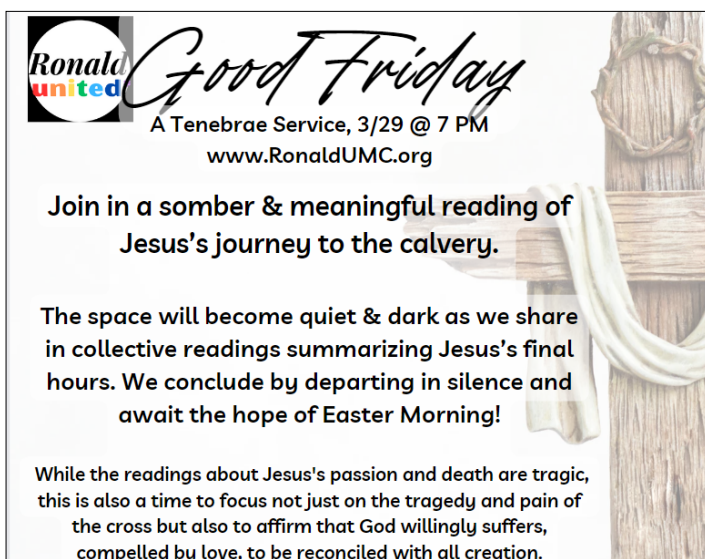
God bless you each, and happy Easter!

~Rev. Kate Kilroy, ICCE, CNA, CD
Your Transitional Ally



Invite your friends!

EXPERIENCE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Family-friendly, interactive way to engage the last few hours of the life of Jesus. Hands-on, self-led, and agenda-free.
Open to the public. More info @ www.ronaldumc.org
Thursday, 3/28, from 1 PM - 7 PM (you are also invited to our weekly, free community meal starting at 5:30 PM and a service beginning at 7 PM)
Friday, 3/29, from 10 AM- 7 PM (you are also welcome to join a Good Friday service starting at 7 PM)



Good Friday
A Tenebrae Service, 3/29 @ 7 PM
www.RonaldUMC.org

Join in a somber & meaningful reading of Jesus's journey to the calvary.

The space will become quiet & dark as we share in collective readings summarizing Jesus's final hours. We conclude by departing in silence and await the hope of Easter Morning!

While the readings about Jesus's passion and death are tragic, this is also a time to focus not just on the tragedy and pain of the cross but also to affirm that God willingly suffers, compelled by love, to be reconciled with all creation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 3/28
Join us in the remembrance of Jesus's last supper with His disciples

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Dine for free at the Ronald Commons Cafe
6:30 PM Go into the sanctuary to engage the Stations of the Cross
7 PM Short service begins: confession, scripture, song, communion



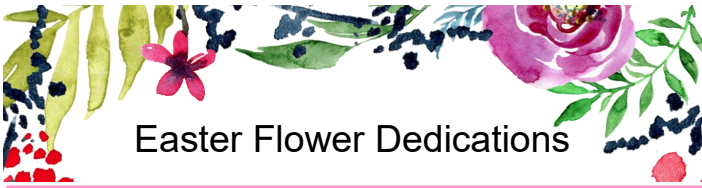
Ronald United is a queer-affirming, intergenerational, and multi-ethnic community offering the progressive Good News of Jesus!
www.ronaldumc.org

EASTER CELEBRATION 3/31 @ 10:45 AM
@ Shoreline's queer-affirming, intergenerational, & multi-ethnic Jesus-loving faith community: **Ronald united!**

Let there be hope!

Let's celebrate our healing together:

- Coffee & refreshments
- Music
- Egg hunt
- Photo booth
- Biodegradable balloons



Easter Flower Dedications



Larry & Arlene Anderson:

- ◆ In memory of our daughters

Michael Brunson:

- ◆ In memory of my parents, Perry Pelham Brunson 1909-1986 the printer, and Hertha Edna Brunson 1914-2008 farmgirl and millhand, later a victim of guardianship.
- ◆ In memory of my maternal grandparents, Edward & Olga, German peasants from Russia.
- ◆ In memory of my paternal grandparents, Wallace Brunson 1874-1963 & Vera Thompson VanBuskirk Brunson.
- ◆ In memory of my great grandfather, Michael Brunson aka Bronson 1839-1917 who served in the Civil War to free the slaves.
- ◆ In memory of Julia Berg Thompson (1946-2015).

Donna Carbonell:

- ◆ In memory of Ruben & Ruth Carbonell
- ◆ In honor of Beth Valbuena, Cecile del Rosario

Debra Cavinta:

- ◆ In memory of David Legg, co-worker's brother
- ◆ In honor of Pastors Kate & Pat, Cecile Del Rosario, Beth Valbuena

Leo & Tal Cuanan:

- ◆ In memory of Alvin Deo Cuanan

Stan & Audrey De Pano:

- ◆ In memory of Christine De Pano

Rolly & Cecile del Rosario:

- ◆ In memory of our parents
- ◆ Please pray for Peace on Earth

The Hogan family:

- ◆ In memory of our parents & grandparents
- ◆ In honor of the RUMC music program

Chita Jesalva:

- ◆ In memory of my parents
- ◆ In honor of Donna Carbonell, my caregiver

Colleen Lee:

- ◆ In memory of Great-great aunt Cora Davis
- ◆ Please pray for Ukraine

Marvin & Shallum Legaspi:

- ◆ In memory of Mrs. Evangelina S. Digan, Pastor Lingkod A. Digan, Mr. Bobby Legaspi
- ◆ In honor of Mario & Beth Valbuena

Flor Nallas:

- ◆ In memory of Jesus Nallas
- ◆ In honor of Mario & Beth Valbuena
- ◆ Please pray for Jessica Nallas & Jefferson Nallas, so they will be here soon in America.

Jenny Roque:

- ◆ In honor of Panza's birthday

Ramon & Fe Roque:

- ◆ In memory of Ning & Ben Roque, Rosauro & Andres Alea
- ◆ In honor of Ramon Roque's Birthday

Mingh Saldaña:

- ◆ In memory of Conrad Saldaña, Sionie Bernardo

Tara Sullivan:

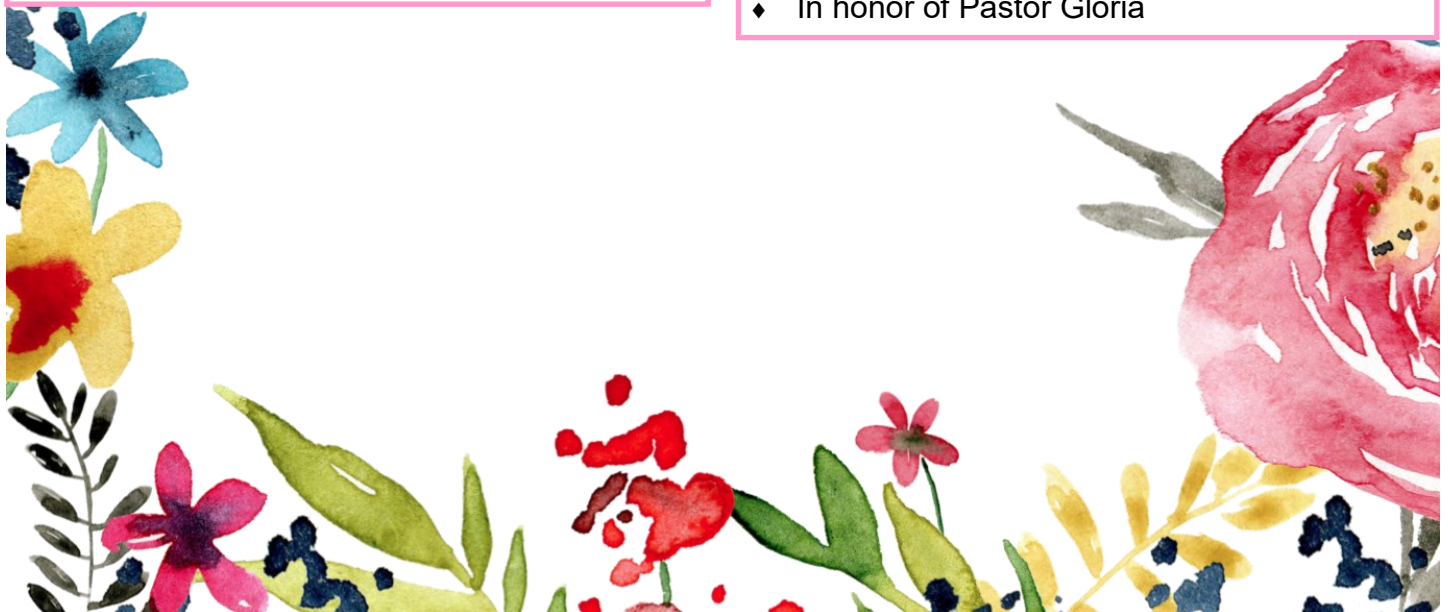
- ◆ In memory of Lori Barrick

Annie B. Thomas:

- ◆ In memory of my son Marcellous, my daughter Sandra

Beth & Bong Valbuena:

- ◆ In memory of Larry Heesacker
- ◆ In honor of Pastor Kate,
- ◆ In honor of Pastor Pat,
- ◆ In honor of Pastor Stan
- ◆ In honor of Pastor Gloria



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

- April 5
 - ◆ Ofelia Pascual
- April 9
 - ◆ Gloria Kymn
- April 11
 - ◆ Gretchen Holtz
- April 21
 - ◆ Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger
- April 28
 - ◆ Dolly Dossen

April Anniversaries

- April 14
Helen & Geronimo Buccat
- April 19
Natalia & Basilio Cuanan
- April 25
Trina & Scott McCarrell

Birthday & Anniversary Donations!

We have a tradition of donating to the church during your birthday and/or anniversary month for the number of years you are celebrating.

- ◆ **Pastor Pat Simpson**
- ◆ **Pastor Stan De Pano**

These donations will all go to support our Emergency Fund.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

As a church and people who believe in the power of prayer, let us lift up our loved ones in the joys and concerns that they are experiencing.

- ◆ Larry Heesacker's daughter Jill contacted us to let us know that Larry died in February from health complications. We also remember his wife, Pauline who died in November 2022. Larry requested his ashes be buried in Spokane after a private family service. Jill did say that Ronald was a huge part of Larry's life, and he really loved it here.

If you would like to have us pray for anyone, please notify us, and we will add them to next month's prayers. Office@ronaldumc.org or 206-542-2484

Donations to RUMC

A feature in our *Ronald Review* is to list the names of those who gave gifts in memory, honor, or thanksgiving along with the honoree or the event.

- ◆ **Shallum Legaspi**
in honor of Mareshah's birthday
in honor of Reign Alivia Legaspi birthday
in honor of Marvin Joshua Legaspi birthday
in memory of Evangelina Digan
- ◆ **Mario & Beth Valbuena**
to honor Rowena's birthday
in honor of Ramon's birthday

These gifts go into the Memorial Fund/Capital Campaign, and are used to purchase items to enhance our worship, facilitate our fellowship, and further our mission.

Safety Officer

~ Sandra Reynolds

Thank you for being so conscientious about leaving the parking places in front of the church open for those who need easier access to the building.

Wearing masks in the building is optional. Hand sanitizers will continue to be provided.

Persons with symptoms of any contagious illness are asked to remain at home.



Hopelink Notes

~ Darol Reynolds

We are looking forward to having the nonfood items you are bringing during Lent to fill up our shelves that have become rather sparse lately.

People who have limited means really need the items you are providing since they are necessities that are not covered by assistance programs.

Sunday Parking

Those who are not disabled, we ask you to please park in the back of the building in any of the parking spots to allow those who are mobility challenged easier access into the building. **The entire back parking lot is free for our use on Sundays! Yay!**

2024 Church Board

- ◆ **Co-chairs:** Gina del Rosario-Martin, Tom Harris
- ◆ **Trustees:** Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger, David Lewis, Brian Henry
- ◆ **Finance:** Stephanie Henry, Gretchen Holt, Trina McCarrell
- ◆ **SPRC:** Tara Sullivan, Shay Lavarias,
- ◆ **Lay Leader:** Marilyn Reid
- ◆ **Lay member to Annual Conference:** Reuben Roque

April Calendar

April 2

- ◆ 6:00 online pastoral care

April 3

- ◆ 10:30 Martha's Circle

April 5

- ◆ 10:00 Shorenorth stroller walk

April 7, Sunday New Members Sunday!

April 8

- ◆ 5:30 Kids check in with Pastor Kate on Zoom

April 9

- ◆ 6:00 online pastoral care

April 13

- ◆ 10:00 Caring Crafts
- ◆ 4:00 RUMC One Board

April 14, Sunday

Native American Ministries Sunday

April 15

- ◆ 5:30 Kids check in with Pastor Kate on Zoom

April 16

- ◆ 1:00—5:00 Covid vaccine event
- ◆ 6:00 online pastoral care

April 19

- ◆ 10:00 Shorenorth stroller walk

April 21, Sunday

April 22, Earth Day

April 22-27 Shoreline Spring Break

April 28, Sunday

April 29

- ◆ 5:30 Kids check in with Pastor Kate on Zoom

Weekly events

SUNDAYS

- ◆ 10:45 worship

WEDNESDAYS

- ◆ 7:00 Antiracism book group on Zoom

THURSDAYS

- ◆ 10:30 Bible Study in Chapel
- ◆ 5:30 Ronald Commons Café
- ◆ 7:00 Beers & Beliefs

Sunday School

~ Sandra Reynolds

The next set of lessons covers the time between the Resurrection and Pentecost. This was a time for Jesus' followers to regroup and attempt to process what had happened. Even children experience times like this, so these lessons may be quite helpful.

Kids check in with Pastor Kate

Monday nights at 5:30pm

Kid's check in will be held any Monday evening when school is in session. :)

I am passionate about helping our kids build relationships with their faith community, develop their sense of ownership, and facilitating discipleship for very young hearts! Join here: greaternw.zoom.us/j/91487734446



Anti-Racism Book Group

Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 on Zoom

~ Tara Sullivan

We continue to read *Biased* by Jennifer Eberhardt at our anti-racism book club and would encourage others to join.

Beers & Beliefs

Thursday nights

~ Tara Sullivan

Beers and Beliefs is a fellowship group of Ronald United Church in Shoreline. We're excited to meet new folks who are looking for some good discussion and connection!

We meet regularly on Thursday evenings at 7pm and a few other events throughout the year.

- The first Thursday of the month we meet at Fremont Brewery (BEERS). Fremont Brewery also has non-Alcoholic options and allows you to bring in outside food.
- The third Thursday we meet at Ronald United church for a faith discussion (BELIEFS) with Pastor Kate.
- In between, we'll post in our Facebook group for our meet-up spot.

Facebook group link here: https://fb.me/g/p_DUsUjED6Gd8GMCMP/htuBbOKR

United Women in Faith, Martha's Circle

April 3 at 10:30

in the Gathering Room

~ Sandra Reynolds

Lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship and an interesting program.

You will be welcomed with no expectation of becoming a member, but new members are always welcome.

We will continue making plans for our *Spring Tea & Silent Auction*, so think about whom you will invite and what roles you will be taking in our first fundraiser in the 2020's.

Caring Crafts

April 13 from 10:00—4:00

Gathering Room

Everyone who loves doing handiwork in cheerful company is invited to bring their current project and a lunch.

Hang out, for a bit or the whole day.

Folks work on knitting, mending, crocheting, scrapbooking, multi-media art, and card-making.

Thursday Bible Study

10:30 in the Chapel

Join us in the Chapel to connect with the Bible and related text in community.

Ronald United COVID-19 COMMUNITY VACCINATION EVENT



Join us at **Ronald United Methodist Church** for a community vaccination event! For people who have insurance, please bring your insurance cards.

COVID-19 vaccines will be available for children and adults who are uninsured. We will have both **COVID-19** vaccines at this event for anyone 6mos and older.

** We are **unable to accept Kaiser Permanente**. If you have Kaiser, please make an appointment with your Kaiser provider.

WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS ONLY

LOCATION: Ronald United Methodist Church

17839 Aurora Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

TIME: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

DATE: April 16, 2024

For more information about safety, side effects and what to expect, visit kingcounty.gov/vaccine. If you have a disability and need accommodations, email publichealthaccommodations@kingcounty.gov or call 206-477-3977 (say your preferred language for interpretation)

Masks and social distancing required.

Public Health
Seattle & King County

New Member Sunday

April 7

We welcome new members to Ronald the first Sunday after Easter.

- ◆ Have you been coming for a while, and want to officially become a member?
- ◆ Have you been here just for a bit, but feel like you have found your church family?

We welcome you!

Contact Pastor Kate to learn more about becoming a member. Pastor@ronaldumc.org

April 14, Native American Ministries Sunday

This Special Sunday is a denomination wide celebration designed to raise awareness and remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. A gap in knowledge exists in The United Methodist Church, in congregations and other United Methodist entities, relative to comprehending concepts of Native American life, cultures, languages, spirit, values, contemporary issues, and such. We affirm the sacredness of indigenous people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world. umc.org/en/content/native-american-ministries-sunday-faq

Volunteer request for Ronald Commons Café

With our Thursday dinners having returned to in-person, sit-down meals... **we need more help.**

If you are interested, please use signup.com/go/XBzkOzo to sign up. It is important for us to know who is coming to manage our staffing.



April 22 is Earth Day

Go Green, Save Money, Save the Earth:
The EPA has resources for your congregation!

In her blog on environmental issues, "Go Green, Save Money, Save the Earth," the Rev. Kim Hornung-Marcy shares a new resource. The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has produced a workbook for how congregations can improve their buildings' energy and water efficiency.

- ◆ [Energy Star action workbook for congregations](#)
- ◆ Kim Hornung-Marcy's [March 3, 2024 blog](#) on the New England Conference of The UMC

LOOKING AHEAD MAY

SAVE THE DATE!

United Women in Faith Spring Tea & Silent Auction Saturday, May 25

~ Sandra Reynolds

Women United in Faith will once again host a Spring Tea and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 25th.

We always keep the ticket price low and the quality of food and auction items high, so that this event is a great one to which church members can invite friends and relatives.

Start contacting potential guests and be looking for items to contribute to the auction.

Donate an item for the auction

You may bring auction items to church on Sunday or at times arranged in advance. We will find storage space.

Popular items are

- homemade foods and craft items
- coupons for professional services
- future items such as work around the house
- special baked goods for future event.

Use your imagination. Many people shop for gifts at this event.

Ronald United Women in Faith Spring Tea & Auction May 25

Starting a 3:00

\$5 requested donation
in support of missions

Reservation required.

Call Marilyn Reid 206-369-3221 by May 23

or the church office 206-542-2484 office@ronaldumc.org



Donated auction items appreciated!

Previous items include

- Giftable items
- Handmade crafts
- Gift baskets
- Gift cards
- Sharing of skill (babysitting, yard work)
- Items you have enjoyed & wish to share

To donate auction items: get in touch with Martha Circle by May 19. Drop off items at church or contact Martha Circle members



As May approaches, we want to be sure to honor our upcoming graduates!

We want to honor our graduates!

If you, or someone you care about, is graduating at the end of this school year, we want to celebrate them!

Email office@ronaldumc.org by May 23 if you have a graduate in your family whom we can celebrate!

Let us know

- ◇ their name
- ◇ where they just completed school & degree if relevant
- ◇ what they plan to do next.
- ◇ include a current & baby picture
- ◇ Oftentimes folks like to list parents & grandparents who supported the graduate.

We will post our congratulations in the June Ronald Review

LOOKING AHEAD SUMMER



Mark your calendar for the church painting party

Saturday, June 30 through Friday, July 5.

All painting materials will be on site already, but *we need help to complete the task in a week.*

~ Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger

jasonmetcalflindenburger@gmail.com

We need help in 2 ways:

1. ALL HANDS ON DECK to paint the accessible parts of the church by hand, such as the courtyard and front of the church. Many hands make light work!

I'm envisioning a situation where children and parents are painting together, and it is a fun and social event.

The best days for this would be Saturday, June 30; Sunday, July 1; Thursday, July 4; and Friday, July 5. Many people are off on July 4 and possibly July 5.

Please consider this act of service as part of your giving to the church. **Our goal is to get people of all ages out helping and working together.**

2. An assistant for the hydraulic lift. We have a hydraulic lift rented for the week to reach high areas. Jason is willing to work all week on this, and he is done teaching school at this time. However, he would love a 2nd person on the lift with him. One person can paint with a sprayer, the other can roll over it with a roller to really get the paint coat into crevices and make it look fantastic. Please contact Jason at 281-229-1336 or jasonmetcalflindenburger@gmail.com if you are able and willing to work on the lift with him on one or more days.

Please think outside the box for this. There may be some working adults whose employers offer PTO for volunteer work. This might qualify for that, as the church is a nonprofit entity.



Pride Sunday June 30, 2024

Save the Date:

50th Annual Seattle Pride Parade
Sunday, June 30.

More details to come.

Summer's coming!

~ Trina McCarrell

Have you or your children experienced the fun of a summer church camp?

Did you know there are family camps of varied lengths with programs for all ages?

My family discovered ecumenical **Seabeck Christian Family Camp**

(seabeckchristianfamilycamp.com) in 1996 and we've gone almost every year since. My teenagers babysat younger kids there and now remain friends as they're all grown and many still coming every year, some with children who look forward to camp as much as their parents did.

What's the draw? At a cost way less than for a family resort, we get a week-long break from daily chores (all meals and bedding provided), spiritual sustenance, lots of laughter, daily naps, and outdoor family activities in a beautiful setting. Plus we have Chicken Football, the world's longest slip-and-slide, and a salmon bake on the beach to wrap up the week.

If you would prefer a **long-weekend camp**, there are three Methodist camps in Washington state. Here's the link: www.umcrm.camp

Please ask me why I can't wait for July 28!

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date

Edmonds UMC is having there VBS

August 5-9 from 9am-noon

Online registration will be up soon

News from Community Partners



BLACK COFFEE NORTHWEST
presents
THE BLACK COFFEE INTERNSHIP
SPRING COHORT.7

For anyone ages 10- 25
Link for application in bio!

Application opens
March 1st - Closes
April 8th

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Questions ?  
Send our directors an email!

Diana -  
diana@blackcoffeenw.com  
Haben -  
haben@blackcoffeenw.com



\*\*\* APRIL 12TH 2023 \*\*\*



**Shorenorth Co-op Preschool is partnering with the Shoreline Walks Program to lead family-friendly, intergenerational walking opportunities!**

**Friday, April 5, 10:00am**

Interurban Trail to Echo Lake  
Family & Stroller Walk

Meet at Shorenorth Cooperative Preschool and enjoy a family friendly 3 mile roundtrip walk along the Interurban Trail up to Echo Lake Park. We'll stop for some playtime on the new playground before heading back to the Preschool. This walk is accessible for strollers and wheelchairs. All ages welcome.

- ◆ Walk: 3 miles / 1.5 hours
- ◆ Walk Rating: Easy (accessible)
- ◆ Meet at: Shorenorth Cooperative Preschool (Park at RUMC)
- ◆ Walk Leader: Shorenorth Co-op Preschool

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We're thrilled to open applications for Cohort 7 of the Black Coffee Northwest Internship for Spring 2024!

**Calling all students aged 10-25** to join us for an immersive experience blending barista skills with social justice training and programming. Get ready for a journey filled with learning, growth, and meaningful connections. We've curated an exciting lineup of activities and projects just for you! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity – spots are limited!

Apply now through the link: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWMLQRwMFvM4thyb7ILvHZYvf0304m8-7yzfxYLjqPwu4Eg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWMLQRwMFvM4thyb7ILvHZYvf0304m8-7yzfxYLjqPwu4Eg/viewform)

## EMPOWERMENT IN ADVOCACY


Find your voice through advocacy and explore ways to create positive change in your community and beyond

**Advocacy: an online workshop**  
April 17, 4:00-6:00pm  
[justiceleadership.org/event/advocacy-workshop](https://justiceleadership.org/event/advocacy-workshop)

Join us for this specialty workshop focusing on advocacy as a way of working toward social and systemic change. This workshop will clearly define advocacy – what it is and what it isn't – and a guide for how to engage in advocacy with real-life examples. This workshop will be online via Zoom. Cost is \$20/person.

This workshop is led by Elizabeth Dickinson, Partnership Coordinator at Faith Action Network, and passionately committed to justice advocacy and community building. Elizabeth has coordinated church social justice and peace ministries and managed an advocacy internship program.

Imagine presents




LYRICS BY TIM RICE  
MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

**Free Admission!**  
Reservations required

April 19, 20, 21 & 26, 27, 28  
Northlake Lutheran Church

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00PM ~ Sundays at 3:00PM

Directed by Tom Frodsham  
Music Direction by Andy Larson  
Choreographed by Candace Larson



More information at [www.ImaginePNW.org](http://www.ImaginePNW.org)



# News & Updates from The UMC

## General Conference April 23—May 3, 2024 Charlotte, North Carolina



The General Conference of The United Methodist Church is a key decision-making body that plays a crucial role in shaping the church's doctrine, policies, and social principles. Think of it as the highest legislative body, akin to a parliament or congress, where representatives from United Methodist congregations around the world gather every four years.

Visit the [General Conference website](#) for up-to-date news articles and resources from the organizers of the event itself.

## Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries: The Basic Course

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
6:30-8:30pm on Zoom



The "Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry: The BASIC Course" is the foundational course for Lay Servant Ministries.

This is the gateway course for those who are called to be Certified Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and Lay Ministers. It can also be part of a person's discipleship plan to acquaint you with their gifts, calling, and responsibilities as followers of Christ.

<https://gnw-reg.brtapp.com/LayServantMinistriesBasicCourse72>



## Electing a new PNW Conference Lay Leader

Members will elect a new Conference Lay Leader during the 2024 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Sessions. This vital position can provide a meaningful lay voice during and in between annual conference sessions as resourcing is offered and decisions are made. The current lay leader, Nancy Tam Davis, will complete her service after two quadrennia.

A page detailing the position's responsibilities and an application have been published on the PNW Annual Conference Sessions website - [pnwumc.org/ac2024/lay-leader-election/](http://pnwumc.org/ac2024/lay-leader-election/).

**Applications filled out by May 1, 2024**, will be published alongside other pre-conference materials. Additional nominations can be made on the floor at annual conference during the laity session where the election will take place.



## Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Quadrennial Event

May 9-11, 2024 | Anchorage, Alaska

Registration open through April 15. Scholarships available. Register at [wjumw.com](http://wjumw.com), where you will find detailed information on the hotel, Alaska Airlines discounts, schedules, and workshop opportunities.

## What to know about General Conference proposals

By Heather Hahn

March 7, 2024 | Nashville, Tenn. (UM News)

Full article at [www.umnews.org/en/news/what-to-know-about-general-conference-proposals](http://www.umnews.org/en/news/what-to-know-about-general-conference-proposals)

After tough years of dealing with disease and departures, United Methodists are about to gather for a General Conference that will chart the denomination's future.

**Regionalization:** The most far-reaching proposals involve regionalization which would restructure the denomination with the goal of putting on equal footing the church in the U.S. and the seven central conferences in Africa, Europe and the Philippines.

**General Book of Discipline:** Adding to the urgency for regionalization is the work the standing committee began in 2012 to determine what in the Book of Discipline's Part VI applies to all regions and what they can adapt.

**Revised Social Principles:** More than 4,000 United Methodists read, reviewed and commented on the first Social Principles draft.

Their feedback contributed to the resulting petitions, which share church teachings on matters of poverty, climate change, immigration, substance abuse and colonialism.

**Acts of Repentance:** Even as they make decisions about the church's future, delegates will have an opportunity to repent of harms from the church's past.

**Amendments for equality:** Both the Status and Role of Women and the Religion and Race commissions have submitted amendments to the denomination's constitution.

**Separations and disaffiliations:** Back when no one had heard of COVID-19 and United Methodists expected to hold General Conference in 2020, the legislative proposals getting all the buzz involved separating the denomination along theological lines.

**Budget:** Even before General Conference's postponement, the General Council on Finance and Administration had planned for a significantly lower denominational budget than what the 2016 General Conference passed.

**Adding African bishops:** The budget proposal coming before delegates reduces the number of U.S. bishops to 32 from the 46 included in the previous budget approved in 2016. The denomination's shrinking financial base also has affected longtime plans to add more bishops in Africa.

**Changes to U.S. clergy benefits:** Wespath, the denomination's pensions and benefits agency, is also adjusting to the denomination's new financial realities.

'Sent in Love' affirms the United Methodist conviction that "the saving love of God 1) empowers a missional community; 2) is meant for all people, not just for a favored few; 3) is transformative; 4) and creates community."

**Closer ties with Episcopalians:** General Conference delegates will have an opportunity to deepen one of those ecumenical partnerships with The Episcopal Church.

**No ordinary meeting:** Even with so many decisions before delegates, Council of Bishops President Bickerton stressed that General Conference is no simple business meeting. Instead, he urged viewers to see this as "a convening of the Body of Christ to discern the will of God for the future of the church we love."

You are invited to worship every Sunday at 10:45.  
Join us in the Sanctuary, from your computer, or by phone.

### Worship in-person:

All are welcome to worship with us in person. You can wear a mask if that helps you feel more comfortable, but they are no longer required.

We do ask you to stay home if you have any symptoms of illness.

### **Keep track of what's happening at RUMC!**

- ◆ Go to our website, [ronaldumc.org](http://ronaldumc.org)
- ◆ And click on the word "[calendar](#)"

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### Worship from home:

**Zoom:** Each week, the link is the same. [greater-nw.zoom.us/j/867526399](https://greater-nw.zoom.us/j/867526399)

**YouTube:** You can watch us live on YouTube, or if you miss us live, catch the recording on our YouTube page [www.youtube.com/@RonaldUMC](http://www.youtube.com/@RonaldUMC)

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Listen in on any phone by dialing one of these numbers:

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## Ronald Commons Café

Thursdays from 5:30-6:30

Free, delicious, high-quality dinners served in our Fellowship Hall

- ◆ Sit-down meals from 5:30 — 6:30.
- ◆ Vegetarian meals available.
- ◆ Take-out meals available starting at 6pm.

### **We need more volunteers.**

To volunteer, please use [signup.com/go/XBZkOzO](http://signup.com/go/XBZkOzO). It is important for us to know who is coming to manage our staffing.

Thank you!  
~ Ronald Commons Café Chefs



April 4

- Beef dip
- Veggie sausage on a roll
- Broccoli salad
- Dessert

April 11

- Chicken tetrazzini
- Vegetarian frittata
- Salad
- Dessert

April 18

- Breaded fish
- Vegetarian nuggets
- Rosemary potatoes
- Salad
- Dessert

April 25

- Turkey & potato casserole
- Vegetarian frittata
- Mixed greens & tomato salad
- dessert

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