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MAY NEWSLETTER  
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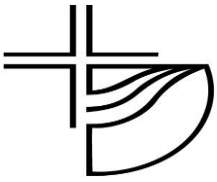
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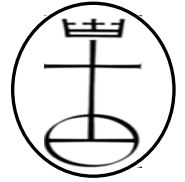
***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO HEALTH REASONS.***



***~NIGERIAN GIRLS~  
Please pray for the girls abducted on  
April 14, 2014 from a school in Nigeria.***



# REFLECTIONS



## BE OF GOOD CHEER

We've heard it again and again: Change is inevitable.

Small changes creep up on us. (Thirty years later, I realize that the 90's haircut I thought was lovely and "forever" is long-since gone, that glasses now live permanently on my nose, that I probably never will pick up violin-playing again ... )

Big changes can "throw us for a loop" and are more difficult to handle: the shock of divorce, the loneliness of empty nest, the pain of health issues, the sorrow of death, devastating natural disasters, the responsibility of human-caused disasters...

In the life of our congregation, changes are here:

In the last six months, a few of us have interviewed and hired two different custodians, and three different office assistants. The investment in time and training has been significant, **but we have moved into a good and supportive working environment and feel blessed to be in this place.**

Our pastor, Debbie Roberts, who (like many of the rest of us) has chosen to move towards retirement, and so leaves us permanently at the end of April. We say a BIG thank-you to Debbie (and Steve) for being a grace-filled leader in our midst. Your scholarship, compassion, and fun-loving spirits will be missed!

At our Sunrise service on April 21, pastors Debbie Roberts (Sunnyslope) and David Morrow (Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church), reflected that one of the clear messages of the resurrection narrative is that *nothing is ever final*. In spite of the very worst thing the disciples could imagine happening (Jesus' crucifixion), Easter morning came, and the light of God shined back into their lives.

We experience this, too! - We are in a period of transition in the life of the Sunnyslope Church, but we know these changes are not the final event; we know God's light is with us:

- ★ Volunteers have seen us through staffing needs. (THANK YOU!)
- ★ New and wonderful staff are in place and are serving us well.
- ★ A search committee has been called and is beginning early work.
- ★ Our worship remains strong and answers many needs.
- ★ A congregational meeting (May 5) invites us to openly share our wants, needs and hopes for future leadership

May we listen to the many Biblical voices that tell us to "be of good cheer." May we face into our changes with grace, joyful anticipation, and courage, knowing God's light continues to shine among us.

Carol Bowman  
Moderator

# SUNNYSLOPE CHURCH

## MAY 2019

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1 Quilters in Hall 4-11PM	2 Breakfast at Smitty's 8-9AM AA Meeting in Hall 6:30-8:30PM	3 AA Meeting in Hall 5-7PM	4 Spring of Life Music 9AM-12PM	5 Leadership Team 8:15 Worship Service 10:25AM- 11:25AM <b>Food for Packing Friendship Congregational Meeting</b> 11:45 Spring of Life 1-3PM
6	7 Spring of Life 7-9PM	8 Quilters in Hall 4-11PM	9 Breakfast at Smitty's 8-9AM AA Meeting in Hall 6:30-8:30PM	10 AA Meeting in Hall 5-7PM	11 Spring of Life Music 9AM-12PM	12 Worship Service 10:25AM- 11:25AM Spring of Life 1-3PM
13	14 Spring of Life 7-9PM	15 Quilters in Hall 4-11PM Nigerian Prayer Vigil Library 7-8PM	16 Breakfast at Smitty's 8-9AM AA Meeting in Hall 6:30-8:30PM	17 AA Meeting in Hall 5-7PM	18 Spring of Life Music 9AM-12PM	19 Worship Service 10:25AM- 11:25AM <b>Friendship Bags 11:30AM- 12:30PM</b> Spring of Life 1-3PM
20	21 Spring of Life 7-9PM	22 Quilters in Hall 4-11PM	23 Breakfast at Smitty's 8-9AM AA Meeting in Hall 6:30-8:30PM	24 AA Meeting in Hall 5-7PM	25 Spring of Life Music 9AM-12PM	26 Worship Service 10:25AM- 11:25AM Spring of Life 1-3PM
27	28 Spring of Life 7-9PM	29	30 Breakfast at Smitty's 8-9AM AA Meeting in Hall 6:30-8:30PM	31 AA Meeting in Hall 5-7PM		

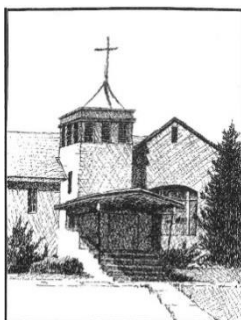
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**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
10:25 AM

**COME AS YOU ARE**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



## CHURCH OFFICE ASSISTANT HOURS

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### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Laurie Preston	8th
Mike & Merry Titus	12th
Galen & Wanda Miller	28th

### RECENT OFFERINGS ATTENDANCE

04.07.19	\$1542.00	31
04.14.19	\$1271.00	40
04.21.19	\$1331.00	54
04.28.19	\$3710.00	19

*Happy Birthday*

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Katherine Deen	2nd
Mckensie Bruton	3rd
Kevin Hall	5th
June Hampton	6th
Steve Gregory	9th
Debbie Deardorff	9th
Pat Liley	11th
Piper Gillin	11th
Lynn Stutzman	12th
Perry Auvil	14th
John Braun	17th
Nicole Harmon	17th
Grace Tangen	18th
David Brown	27th
Betsey Stutzman	28th
Kelli Wright	30th
Marsha Neher	31st
Ryan Douglass	31st

## FUN FACTS

- In 1631, a publishing company published a Bible with the typo “Thou Shalt Commit Adultery.” Only 9 of these Bibles, known as the “Sinners’ Bible” exist today.
- Acacius of Amida, a 4<sup>th</sup>-century bishop, sold the sacred vessels of his church to free, clothe and feed 7000 Persian POWs: "Our God needs neither dishes nor cups; for He neither eats nor drinks." This made the Sassanid Emperor end the persecution of Christians, and hostilities ceased between the two empires.

We would like to welcome our newest office assistant, Tanya Morgan. She brings over 20 years of accounting and office experience to Sunnyslope. Stop by and say hello!

# HAPPENINGS IN MAY

## THE SUNNYSLOPE CHURCH

### PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 5<sup>th</sup> Jane Sorenson  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Carol Bowman  
May 19<sup>th</sup> Steve Gregory  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Colleen Michael

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER FOR MAY 5TH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following morning worship, the Leadership Team will host a time for all of us to discuss needs, desires and directions regarding future pastoral leadership. Your presence and participation will be important! Three “simple” questions will be the basis for our conversations:

1. Name 2 or 3 things that you must have with a half-time Pastor (your non-negotiables).
2. What would you like to discuss that has not been addressed?
3. What should our next steps be for ‘interim’ leadership?

We sincerely hope you will be present to share your thoughts with all of us!

### MAY SPECIAL OFFERING

This month’s special offering is for Camperships for the following summer camps:

Camp Koinonia  
850 Camp Koinonia Lane  
Cle Elum, WA 98922  
509.304.9541  
<https://campkoinonia.org>

For day and overnight campers 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade. Camp dates are June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Limited registration with scholarships available. Costs are \$200.00 per person or \$100.00 per day camper. Please register online or call for more information.

Camp N-Sid-Sen  
36395 S Hwy 97  
Harrison, ID 83833  
208.689.3489  
<http://www.n-sid-sen.org>

Summer camp kicks off July 7<sup>th</sup> with weekly sessions for various age groups. Please see website or call for more information.

The UCC Pilgrim Firs Camp and Conference Center (Port Orchard, WA) closes registration on May 1.  
360.876.2031

Our camps are an extension of the Christian Education programs of our and other congregations, both Brethren and UCC. The campers learn about living in a Christian community with other young people as well as Christian Education classes...and, oh yes, they do have fun! *Please support our youth by giving generously.*

# Packing Friendship – May 2019

We are coming to the **END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!** But our partnership with students at Sunnyslope School continues! We are now providing 7 students with bags of food to take home with them every Friday. The intent is that the food helps to keep calories in the kids over the weekend.

## May 5 – Bring Food for Packing Friendship

### May 12– Pack Bags

**HERE IS SOME OF WHAT WE NEED:**



**PUDDING CUPS**



**FRUIT JUICE BOXES**



**CANNED CHICKEN OR TUNA**



**RAISINS**



**MAC AND CHEESE**



**TOP RAMEN**