

# **March 2024 Newsletter**

## **Gresham United Methodist Church**



# From the Pastor's Desk...



## JESUS IS RISEN

### Celebrate Our Savior

On Easter morn, we celebrate our Savior;  
Whatever people seek in Him, they find.  
In history, there has never been another  
So holy, sacrificial, good and kind.

His resurrection makes us all immortal;  
In heaven, we'll be together with our King.  
Eternally we'll share in all His blessings;  
Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is everything!

*By Joanna Fuchs*

If you would like someone to pray with you, or pray about a situation, but don't want to put it on the prayer chain, please contact Tina Heal or Terrie Ham. They meet together every week to pray for the needs of the church and for many other concerns.

Please contact the church office to be connected with Terrie Ham, Tina Heal or Sandy Brooks.

Church Office: 503-665-1192 or [office@greshamumc.com](mailto:office@greshamumc.com)



**Communion is available  
for our homebound  
audience the first  
Sunday of the month**

Please contact the  
office to schedule.  
[office@greshamumc.com](mailto:office@greshamumc.com)  
503-665-1192



### Food, Fun & Fellowship

Join us for Fellowship and hospitality after each Sunday service. Light snacks and refreshments are available to enjoy. We are need of volunteers to provide snacks and help with Sunday hospitality. Please contact Kathy Kari directly to sign up and host a Sunday.



## **A CANTATA FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

by Joseph Martin

**GRESHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**6:30 P.M. Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Come join us for GUMC's Good Friday presentation of Joseph Martin's cantata, "A Journey to Hope". This major sacred work is musically inspired by traditional spirituals and tells of the ministry and Passion of our Lord, Jesus, through familiar tunes, narration and scriptures.

# THOUGHTS FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

*Terrie Ham*

“Now, about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.”  
1 Corinthians 12:1

We all become excited when someone presents us with a lovely gift, “Oh, you shouldn’t have,” we tell them as we eagerly unwrap the surprise. We are touched that someone cared enough to pick something out just for us. Our Good God has also planned many gifts for us. 1 Peter 4:10 (New Living Translation) says this, “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

The New Testament has several lists of spiritual gifts, and that’s the homework assignment. Look up Romans 12:6- 8, 1 Corinthians 12:7- 11, and Ephesians 4:11- 13.

The following is from the UMC website: “Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world’s deep needs. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us.”

“There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit, and there are different ministries and the same Lord, and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good.”  
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Discovering and exploring our spiritual gifts is an exciting way to deepen our faith journey. Sandy and I are ready to work with you through the UMC Spiritual Gifts Inventory and then host group discussions to discuss the results, discover your gifts, and find ways to use them for the common good.

Begin your journey. Discover your gifts. The US Army advertises, “Be all you can be,” let’s be all we can be in following Jesus.

If you are interested in the inventory and group discussion, please contact me in person or at [TerrieH123@gmail.com](mailto:TerrieH123@gmail.com) , or speak to Sandy Brooks.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Terrie



# Birthdays & Anniversaries in March

## Anniversaries

Molly & Randy Trautman

Linda & Dennis Bridges

## Birthdays

Rebecca Flynn

Randy Trautman

Pete White

Cliff Daron

Adam Jenkins

Joel Mumford

Jeff Reardon

Julia Wakeham

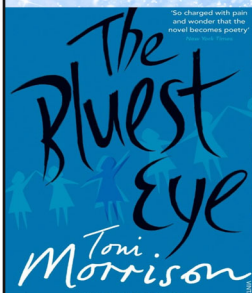
Jeanie Kleen

Linda Harrison

Terrie Bush

## ***Retell Book Club***

***Monday, March 18th at 10:00 am***



***In person in Room 107  
and on Zoom***

***We will be discussing  
"The Blueist Eye"  
by Tony Morrison***

## ***Grief Support***



**Contact Terrie Ham or Sandy Brooks  
if you need to talk.**

## **Knit One, Crochet Too**

**First Monday Each Month  
at 10:30 in the Fireside Room**



## ***Kids Connection***

**The Second Sunday  
of Every Month**

**Please contact  
Sue DeFranco or Terrie  
Ham via the Office,  
503-665-1192 or  
office@greshamumc.com**



***Women's Shelter Potluck  
Fourth Tuesday Each Month***

***There is no potluck  
planned for March.***

**Please contact Kathy Kari for info  
at tklady@aol.com or 630-632-2879**



**SUNDAY  
FRUIT  
DONATION  
IS MARCH 10TH  
THIS MONTH**



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## WOMEN'S NEWS

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Making "The Lord's Prayer" YOUR Prayer!

Monday, March 11th at 1:30 pm

Bring your Bible, any translation, and learn more about this Prayer that you know so well!

**We will be using material from Mission U, come explore with us what the Lord's Prayer says to us today.**

**\*\*What about this prayer makes it important to you?**

**\*\*How can you use this familiar prayer in your everyday prayer life?**

**\*\*Enrich your Lenten season with this Prayer study!**



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### MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

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#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH! - 155 years old!**

155 years ago on March 23, 1869, some Methodist women met together and organized themselves to send women as missionaries abroad for the first time! The story goes like this: On a dark and rainy night, March 23, 1869, only a small group of eight women showed up in a Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston to hear the report from two missionary wives about their experiences of going with their husbands to India. At the end of the meeting the women made a pledge to raise enough money to send two women as missionaries to the oppressed women of India. A year later the women had raised enough money to send Isabella Thoburn and Clara Swain to India to bring education and medical care to Indian women! Their actions inspired many groups of Methodist women to organize to put their faith, hope, and love into action!

Over the years, the many denominations that have made up the United Methodist Church have formed women's groups dedicated to the purpose of bringing services and the Word of God's love to women, children, and youth around the world. These mission organizations have had various names such as Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Women's Missionary Association, Home and Foreign Missionary Society,



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Women's Society of Christian Service, Women's Society of World Service, United Methodist Women, and finally UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH!

Although we have a new name, we are part of the 155 year old legacy of WOMEN UNITED FOR MISSION!

### ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Friday, March 1 World Day of Prayer - Even though March 1st may have passed, you can participate with your own prayer for the world, wherever your heart leads you. Better yet, promise yourself to offer a prayer for the world every day this month! Let us remember the women and children of both Palestine and Israel!
- Monday, March 4 KNIT ONE, CROCHET, TOO - will meet at 10:30 at the church to knit and crochet together.
- Monday, March 11 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING will begin at 1:30. The program will be an overview study of "The Lord's Prayer". Bring your Bible...any translation; details are in the first Women's News article.
- Monday, March 18 RETELL Reading Group - will meet at 10:00 in room #107 to discuss. Toni Morrison's book "The Bluest Eye".
- Saturday, March 23 Day of Giving for United Women in Faith** - See article below.

### HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND?

When United Methodist Women celebrated 150 years of women united for mission in 2019, a new idea was born to ensure that our work of putting our Faith, Hope, and Love in Action would continue for another 150 years! The creation of a Legacy Fund was established whereby a 60 million dollar pot of money would be collected and invested to guarantee the future of our mission work at home and around the world! The idea is that the interest of this invested money would be used to pay the expenses of our national organization so that EVERY DOLLAR of our PLEDGE TO MISSION money would reach the purposes for which it was given...to help those in need know the love of God and have a better life!





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On March 23rd this month...THE DAY WE CELEBRATE OUR "BIRTHDAY"...there will be an opportunity for women all over the country to make a donation to this Endowment Fund. You can make a special donation to our local UWIF group, marked Legacy Fund, or you can sign in to [uwfaith.org/dayofgiving](https://uwfaith.org/dayofgiving) to give on line. Your donation will become part of the \$35,000,000 already given to the Endowment Fund to guarantee our work for the next 150 years!

### GRESHAM WOMEN ARE THANKFUL WOMEN

Do you know a woman, or several women, who have been part of this church or another church group of women organized for mission? Perhaps it was your mother, aunt, neighbor or friend. Thousands of loving, caring women have always been an important part of the churches' mission out-reach to those in need. Here at GUMC do you remember Janice Walters, Dorothy Marshall, Marilyn Grauer? Do you know Nancy Whisler, Mary Kissinger, Carol Reeve? These women kept the spirit and work of Mission alive in Gresham UMC for many years! LET US STOP TODAY AND GIVE THANKS FOR THESE WOMEN... AND THE MANY OTHERS WHO ARE PART OF OUR OWN LEGACY OF WOMEN ORGANIZED FOR MISSION!

Sue Andersen, Roz Collins, Charlotte Freeman, Jean Moore and Carol Potter are the current leadership team for United Women and Faith at GUMC. Anyone who would like to join us for 2024 planning is welcome. Just raise your voice! And now 'feed' your thank offering jar!



Widows are invited to gather for a potluck luncheon at 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 14. We'll meet at the home of Jeanie Kleen, 14112 NE San Rafael St, Portland. Please bring a salad to share.

Do join us for some social time. RSVP Jeanie Kleen 971-219-9428.



# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

## JOIN IN THE STUDY OF THE HEBREW LETTER

Join in an online study of the Letter to the Hebrews from the New Testament beginning Tuesday, March 12th. Posts will be sent out each Wednesday morning for eight weeks.

The Letter to the Hebrews is written in the literary style of a sermon delivered to explain the importance of Christ as high priest of the New Covenant, and to encourage faith in the followers of Jesus. The famous definition of faith is found at Hebrews 11:1.

There is much to ponder, and many instructions for us today in this very old sermon.

Contact Robert Potter at [robpot9@msn.com](mailto:robpot9@msn.com), or the church office. For more info.

## Church Cleanup Event

Save these dates and join  
us to help clean our church.

**We will start at 9 am each day.**

**Monday, March 4th**

**Tuesday, March 5th**

**Wednesday, March 6th**



# Spring forward

Don't forget to set  
clocks ahead  
one hour  
at 2 a.m.  
Sunday.



Please join us for

## Brews & Bible

2nd & 4th Thursdays  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Black Bear Diner  
105 NE Burnside Rd,  
Gresham, OR 97030



Join us for Fun and Fellowship  
Faith Based Fitness Class  
Monday and Thursday  
9:30 to 10:15 am  
Gresham United Methodist Church

A complete workout for body, mind and spirit  
All fitness levels are welcome!

Questions? phone 503-665-1192  
Or email [office@greshamumc.com](mailto:office@greshamumc.com)



Wellness Education Ministry

## SOLVE-IT-SATURDAY MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH



**SnowCap**  
Community Charities

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS  
[www.snowcap.org](http://www.snowcap.org)

Volunteer at the **SnowCap Clothing Closet**

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2 pm

We will be sorting clothing and re-stocking the  
clothing racks.

Contact Linda Bridges at [lindajbridges@comcast.net](mailto:lindajbridges@comcast.net) for more info.

The Clothing Closet is located in Gresham Station at:  
1271 NW Civic Dr, Gresham, OR 97030.  
On the Southwest Corner of Civic Drive and NW 13th Street

## Let's Do Lunch Third Thursdays at Noon

Applebee's  
489 NW Burnside  
Gresham, OR 97080

Please Contact Tina Heal or  
the Office by Tuesday to register.



## Caregiver Support Group 4th Mondays

@ 1 pm Room 107

This group is for past,  
present & future caregivers.

Contact Amy Paynter or  
Terrie Ham with questions

