

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Grace Happens!

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## New Series Begins this Sunday: "Judas, Come Home, All is Forgiven!"

A few years ago professor Roy Anderson walked into a San Francisco men's room and saw these words printed in black felt tip pen across a mirror:

"Judas, come home, all is forgiven!"

He was struck by the message and wondered who could have written such a thing.

The message got me thinking about God's forgiveness. Can God forgive anything and everything? Was this message only graffiti, or was it gospel or heresy?

Join me for the next three Sundays as we plumb the depths of God's grace.

**Read: Philippians 1:3-11 & Matthew 26:14-25**

## The Sophia Way ~ Outreach Opportunities

**The church  
has left  
the building.**



**A Call to Action....Feeding and Supporting our Guests at AUMC**

Our church has the wonderful opportunity to host ten women from The Sophia Way shelter overnight on the weekends in April and May. The ladies plus one staff member from The Sophia Way will be making Friendship Hall\*\* their temporary home both Friday and Saturday nights (7:00 pm to 7:00 am) for 9 weekends, starting on April 2nd.

Jesus directed us to "Feed my people" and we are asking for volunteers to do just that....help us provide meals for the ladies while

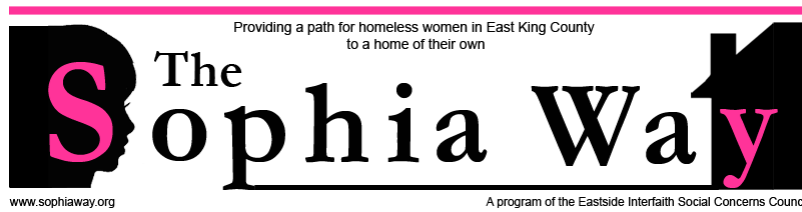
they are staying with us.

We need volunteers to:

- Cook a main entrée for Friday and Saturday of each weekend - Male or Female cooks welcome!
- Donate food items for breakfast and lunch
- Cash donations for those who are willing in spirit but unable to participate at this time.
- Anyone interested in creating events to encourage community with AUMC members and The Sophia Way residents

Interested volunteers please contact Stacy Chilberg at 425-746-0264 or stacych@comcast.net or look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

*\*\*Please note: During the weekend of the youth rummage sale the ladies will sleep in a different area of the church since Friendship Hall will be occupied. Also, this request is in addition to the monthly meal (the 1st Tuesday of each month) that Jean Harris organizes for The Sophia Way.*



## UMW Spring Salad Supper

*April 20th at 6 PM in the Friendship Hall*

### Touch the Gold

All ladies of Aldersgate and their guests\* are invited to attend

#### the UMW Spring Salad Supper

April 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Friendship Hall



Our guest speaker will be **2008 Gold medalist Anna Cummins**, daughter of members Dave and Denise Mickelson.

Please, bring a salad to share and RSVP on the bulletin response form.

An offering for Hopelink will be taken.

\*Gentlemen may join us for the program in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.



### Garage Sale for the Youth Mission Trip

Please help the youth with their mission trip this summer!

The AUMC Youth are holding a garage sale on Earth Day weekend!

#### The Drop off days are:

Thursday, April 22nd, 5-8 PM

Friday, April 23rd, 1-8 PM

**The BIG SALE is:** Saturday, April 24th, 9 AM-3 PM

Your help -- donating sale items or working on drop off or sales day shifts -- is needed! Please contact Gwen Pazan ([gkpazan@hotmail.com](mailto:gkpazan@hotmail.com)), Linda Detering ([ladetering@yahoo.com](mailto:ladetering@yahoo.com)) or Carrie Bland ([youth\\_aumc@msn.com](mailto:youth_aumc@msn.com)).



### Children's Sunday School

#### Sunday School Teachers Needed

##### 10:45 Service:

*4th, 5th grade Class - Need teacher for April 11 (this Sunday), 18, 25*

*1st, 2nd, 3rd grade Class - Need teacher for April 25*

Contact Colleen Flower to help out!! [dolleen@comcast.net](mailto:dolleen@comcast.net) or 425-562-1276

#### Thank You to Our March Sunday School Teachers

Kate Ingalls - Chris & Emily Browder - Sarah Fritze - Alice Rowe - Gloria Backus - Conner Backus - Dave Maybee - Crissandra Fry - Betty Fredeen - Heather Ross - Martie Hoadley - Courtney Lilley - Melinda Lilley - Colleen Olleman - Colleen Flower

**Lost:** We had so much fun opening the Resurrection Eggs and hearing the Benjamin Box story on Easter Sunday. Unfortunately we have misplaced a pale purple plastic egg. If anyone has one to donate, please put it in my box. I want to restore the egg carton back to perfection for next year! Thank you!

#### May & June Sunday School sign-up sheets

are now on the Sunday School/Youth Table in the Narthex! Don't be shy--Share your faith with our Aldersgate kids!!

#### Exciting, new Children's Mission!

Start saving your pennies!!!!

This Sunday, during Children's Time, learn all about our



newest Children's mission project, Pennies for Peace!

Everybody can participate and make a positive impact---one penny at a time! While a penny is virtually worthless in the US, in impoverished countries a penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy.

Beginning Sunday let's fill the jar with pennies and give lasting hope to children half a world away.

## Thank You!



A big thank you to all the volunteers that made coffee (and cookies) for Easter! It was wonderful to see the friendship hall full of kids & adults talking and having fun. The extra treats are being saved for future Sundays.

## Understanding and Helping the Homeless

*April 17th at 7 PM*

Through a dramatic monologue created and performed by actor Dan Niven, learn about the life and reflections of a man living without shelter in the Seattle area. The performance of "View From the Tent" will be held at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church (1121 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish, WA, 98075) at 7 PM on April 17 and followed by audience feedback as well as conversation with Dan Niven and a panel of Tent City residents.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors through Brown Paper Tickets <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/106413>. Everyone is welcome! Light refreshments will be served. Proceeds will benefit Tent City 4. For more info check our website <http://tentcity4.info>

## Emergence Christianity

*Wednesday, April 21 from 4-5:30 PM at St. Andrew's Church in Seattle*

Phyllis Tickle will be giving a public lecture, along with holding a book signing, on Wednesday, April 21st from 4-5:30 PM at St. Andrew's Church (111 NE 80th Street, Seattle, WA 98115).

The topic will be "Emergence Christianity: What is it? Why is it? Where is it going?"

Phyllis Trickle, former religion editor for Publisher's Weekly and widely quoted authority cited by NPR, PBS, the New York Times and others, will address a new movement in Christianity coined the "Emerging Church". Its proponents call it a "conversation" to emphasize its developing and decentralized nature and its vast range of standpoints. Tickle's recent book, "The Great Emergence", captures the essence of this movement and places it in an historical perspective.

Tickets: \$15/\$10 for seniors, students and low income at [https://www.brownpapertickets.com/viewsales.html?e\\_id=101780](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/viewsales.html?e_id=101780). For more information, contact [thecenter@saintandrewsseattle.org](mailto:thecenter@saintandrewsseattle.org) or see St. Andrew's website [www.saintandrewsseattle.org](http://www.saintandrewsseattle.org).

## Energizing Elderhood Conference

*May 13th and 14th*

Registration information for the May 13th and 14th Energizing Elderhood Conference is now available on the Web at <http://www.pnwumc.org> under Conference Events. Registration may be mailed or you can register on-line. There is a \$50.00 registration fee for one person, or a maximum fee of \$100.00 to send a team from your Church. **The registration deadline is April 29, 2010.**

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Richard Gentzler, Director of the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries, GBOD and author of many books on the elder generation. The Conference begins at 8:00 am May 13th at the Des Moines UMC in Des Moines, Washington. Workshops will be led by Dr. Gentzler, and others from the Pacific Northwest Conference and Western Jurisdiction. We hope you will plan to attend! Dr. Raphael Warnock, Senior Pastor of Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, and spiritual home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is speaking at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue on Sunday, April 11th at 7 PM.

## **Jenny Phillips to Lead The Greening of Worship Retreat**

*April 30th and May 1st*

The Jubilate Worship Arts Institute invites you to attend a weekend on "The Greening of Worship".

In Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter we celebrate the life of Christ. In the season of Pentecost we celebrate the Holy Spirit. In the season of Creation, we have an opportunity to celebrate God, the Creator.

In liturgy, we follow the lead of the psalm writers and celebrate with creation - forests, rivers, hills, fields, which praise the Creator in their own way.

We commit ourselves to a ministry of healing Earth, with Christ and creation as our partners.

The keynote speaker for the weekend is Rev. Jenny Phillips. There will also be workshops on preaching, visual arts, scripture presentation, music and multi-media.

The event will be held at Tacoma First United Methodist Church April 30-May 1. We will begin at 6:30 pm on Friday with registration and go until 9:30 pm. On Saturday, we begin at 9 am and go until 5 pm. Cost is \$50 per person or \$100 per church for up to four people or \$25 for Friday night only. We hope to see you there!

Pick up a brochure this Sunday, or get more information at [www.gb-gm-umc.org/jwai.html](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/jwai.html).

## **Annual Habitat Breakfast at Bellevue Hyatt Regency**

*April 28th*



April 28. Save that date. Habitat will be hosting their annual breakfast, and it is our opportunity to find out more about their work. Aldersgate supports Habitat through our TWB efforts in the fall and the church will be making a pledge in our name again this year. There will be more information later or you can contact Darrell Lowe or Dave Sanford.