



# Englewood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April 2022

## FROM DAVE'S DEN

I am always amazed at the things that happen around the church building in the middle of the week. Most of us don't see these things because we are not regularly at the building during the week. But the things that happen here are a reflection of what this church is all about. Therefore, I would like to give you a glimpse of some of the happenings around our building in just one week's time.

Start with the young woman who approached one of the Montessori teachers as she arrived early one morning. The woman was distraught and seeking help because she had been raped and did not know where to turn. Why did that young woman turn to someone in our church parking lot? Because she had the idea that the church was a safe place where help would be offered. Thanks to that teacher, she was not wrong.

On Tuesday afternoon, because of a shooting at Eisenhower High School, our building was on lock down for the safety of our Montessori students. Because our Arts and Crafts students were arriving, we posted a greeter at the locked door who lovingly and calmly greeted the kids who were coming in out of a violent and dangerous world. On that day calmness and love was stronger than hatred and pain in our building.

On Thursday morning, there was a confused elderly woman who had wandered away from the nursing home across from our building. She was walking around with her dog on the playground behind our building. She was safely inside the fence that encircles our property. There she was found safe and

sound (the dog was also safe and sound) by personnel from the facility.

The building is, of course, not the church. The church is the people. But the building reflected the caring values of this congregation. The building reflected the concern of the congregation whose giving makes the building possible. The building helped us to practice the values of the Christ we worship.

Your friend and interim minister,  
**Dave**

### Mission Moment for April

3rd - Pastor Dave/ Worship Ministry  
10th- Kathy Helseth/Stewardship  
17th- Herb Schmidt/ Men's Breakfast  
24th- Larry Scholl / Building Maintenance

### Cluster Duty For April

Cluster 1, Chair Nancy Thompson, will be hosting for April.

### Camp Hope Dinner

Camp Hope dinner will be served on  
Tuesday, April 19th

### April 16, Men's Breakfast

Come and join the Men on Saturday morning, 8 am. for some warm pancakes.

### Second Sunday Series Update

We were hoping to present harpist, Sophie Baird-Daniel, for our April concert, but unfortunately she is unable to perform. We can look forward to her performing next season. We have the May concert planned for May 8th, which is the second Sunday and it is also Mother's Day.

Julie Finch, soprano, and Carol Hartoon, pianist, will be the artists. So put the date on your calendar in order to enjoy a concert on Mother's Day.

**Roger and Jane Finch**



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

KATHY HELSETH

We are all concerned about the active conflict in Ukraine. The news is filled with pictures of people fleeing their country and their homes. Let me share with you what Week of Compassion has posted on their website.

“Week of Compassion is in close contact with our ecumenical partners, especially through ACT Alliance. These partners serving in Ukraine and in bordering nations, continue to respond to emergent and immediate needs. Right now, our ecumenical partners are managing logistics and response centers on both sides of their borders. As Ukrainians arrive for assistance, either waiting to travel further, or to connect with other family, they receive safe transport and food, hygiene supplies and medication. Transitional shelters have been established, including in many local churches. Experienced staff are leading countless volunteers in providing warehousing for supplies, distributions to support centers, information for displaced families, and immediate provisions for people who are literally waiting in line.

“A large sector of this humanitarian effort is the church-led response. Week of Compassion is responding, as always, through our ecumenical partners, in these early days, and in the days ahead. And we are grateful that you give. Contributions can be made to Week of Compassion. When designated for International Emergency Response, 100% of your gift will go to people who are impacted by this crisis.”

You may place your gift in the offering or send to the church with the designation for International Emergency Response. Dawn will send it on to Week of Compassion.

**Thank you for your gifts to Disciples Week of Compassion offering.  
Englewood's Contribution to date: \$3,975.00**

Pledge Giving	20, 579.00
Other Income	14, 309.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34, 888.00</b>

<b>Total March Expenses</b>	<b>38, 588.00</b>
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Additional Income	\$26,794.00
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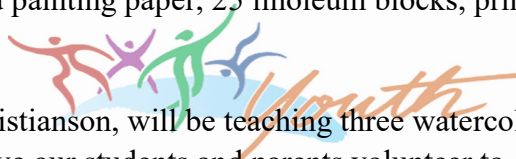
### March Financials

Please note, the \$26,794 was a one time payment from IRS

## AFTER SCHOOL ARTS

We spent the month of March learning about different printing techniques in After School Arts. Kids made their own stamps and linoleum block prints and even tried printing with paper bags. It was a fun and messy month. After School Arts would like to extend a special thanks to artist Janice LaVern-Baker who donated over \$300 in high quality printing and painting paper, 25 linoleum blocks, printing ink, carving tools, and rollers.

After School Arts student Ava, and her mom Melissa Christianson, will be teaching three watercolor classes during the month of April. We are so happy to have our students and parents volunteer to teach!



There will be no After School Arts for Spring break on April 5th. Sunday School continues through Lent to focus on the life of Jesus with stories, hands-on crafts, and activities. For Easter Sunday the kids will be constructing Easter baskets for children at the Union Gospel Mission. If you would like to donate Easter baskets and Easter grass, you can leave them in the office anytime before Easter Sunday.

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## PEACE & UNITY BANNER

Installation artist Amirra Malak will be creating a backdrop in the chancel of the Fellowship Hall for the World Dance and Rhythm Camp this summer. We have a tiny budget as part of the grant for this project, so the backdrop will be small and temporary. I am proposing to make this project a more permanent art installation here at Englewood Christian Church exploring peace, unity and inclusiveness. Our world is faced with war abroad, hatred and intolerance here at home. It would be a good time to re-establish our mission here at Englewood as we did in 2007 when we erected the Peace Pole. As well as being a beautiful statement for peace and unity, the backdrop would also help hide some of the clutter that sits in the chancel.

Amirra Malak is an Egyptian American artist living in Oregon who inhabits the space between cultures, countries, geographies, and identities. She is interested in using light, pattern, movement, time, sound, and visual sensation to create meditative healing experiences. She is currently exploring bridging past and future through the combination of ancient craft and modern technologies in textile installations, inspired by Egyptian Khayamiya tent applique. Amirra shows often at Maryhill Museum, and the Portland Art Gallery. She has designed theater backdrops for Tony award winning Director Rachel Harry, in a play exploring religion and culture in America. Amirra is part of the Prayer, Movement, and Meditation group here at Englewood, where she participates on-line from her home in Oregon.

The cost of an installation will be \$2,000. If you would like to donate to this project you can do so online at our webpage. Click on the giving button and scroll to "Peace & Unity Banner" You may also bring your gift to the office. Donations need to be submitted by April 8. To see Amirra's work follow the link:

<https://www.amirramalak.com/#/khayamiya-iterations/>

Submitted by: Carolyn Hamilton

## EASTER THEME: THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL STORY

### Here are the sermon themes for Lent and Easter

- April 3- The Compelling Power of a Midnight Prayer-Matthew 26:30-46
- April 10- The Threatening Power of a Parade- Luke 19:29-40 (Palm Sunday)
- April 14- Maundy Thursday, we will be lead in a quiet service commemorating the Last Supper.  
The service will be held at 7:00 PM.
- April 17- The Magnetic Power of a Great Invitation- Matthew 28:1-7 (Easter Sunday)

## OUR BEST WISHES TO BART RODERICK

Our best wishes to Bart Roderick as he begins a new music position with Central Lutheran Church. Bart will maintain his membership at Englewood.

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on April 10 & 17, 2022, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.





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### Join us for Worship

Join us each Sunday for worship at 10:45 am. Masks are optional, but highly recommended. YouTube live stream is now available for those unable to attend church in person..

Find us on our YouTube channel. Search for Englewood Christian Church on the YouTube page. Click on "your videos" and then click on "live"

Happy  
Birthday



Pam	Schmidt	April 10
Donna	Lewis	April 12
Paul	Brunn	April 13
Roger	Finch	April 13
Barbara	Decker	April 13
Liz	Irons	April 15
Bob	Scott	April 15
Royal	Keith	April 21
Doyle	Hardy	April 21
Dawn	Gaulke	April 21
Richard	Cowin	April 24
Diana	Turner	April 27
Ronald	Jacobs	April 29
Larry	Lohnes	April 29

### Adult Sunday School

Adult study group with Pastor Dave, meets at 9:30 AM in the church library. All are welcome.



- Adult Study, Wednesdays, at 10:30 am.

*"Choose This Day"*

(Leader: David Helseth)

**Topics:**

- Empire of Caesar vs. the Empire of God
- We are family
- The Tale of Two Parades
- From A Movement to an Institution
- The Doctrine of Discovery
- Slavery and Racism
- Relationship of Church and State

