



# *The Gift*

**March 2022**

Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church  
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*Making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world  
through Knowing God, Transforming Lives, Serving Others*

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## **Sunday Worship**

10:30 a.m. in person  
Online on Facebook and/or  
our YouTube Channel  
Elementary Sunday School  
10:45 a.m.

## **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

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## **Ash Wednesday**

**March 2**

**Imposition of Ashes**

**At Sugarman's Corner**

**from 11 am to 1 pm**

**then at Crystal Terrace about 1:30**

## **Lenten Worship Series**

**"Good Enough"**

**From Worship Design Studio**

**Based on the devotional book by Kate  
Bowler and Jessica Richie  
(for information on the study "Good  
Enough" to be held on Wednesdays in  
Lent, see page 4)**

# *Pastor's Note*

*“Are you giving up anything for Lent?”*

Traditionally, the season of Lent has been a time fasting as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. But why give something up? Why fast at all? Does God like you better if you fast from something? Are you more holy? Is God more likely to listen to your prayers if you do not eat chocolate for six weeks?

Fasting is a spiritual discipline which Christians have practiced for the past 2,000 years; however, often people practiced fasting in ways which were unhealthy, both physically and spiritually. No, giving up food does not make God like you more, you are already *good enough*. God is not impressed by our heroic self-discipline, and it does not move God to be more attentive to us.

New Testament scholar Scot McKnight says, “Fasting is a person’s whole body, natural response to life’s sacred moments.”<sup>1</sup> We fast as a response to the things God is doing or has done in our lives. It is a way of bringing our whole self to God. During Lent, we fast so we can attend more fully to the reality of the cross and the glory of resurrection as we prepare for Easter. So, if we give up something, such as food or beverage, social media, or another habit, the purpose is not so much to change that part of our life, as it is to cultivate our awareness of God in this season. We choose for a time to not do something so that we may give our attention to what Christ has done for us in his death and resurrection instead.

Fasting, done right is a type of self-care. If you have medical issues, you should not give up anything, or fast in anyway which would compromise your health. But I would encourage us to explore if there is something we can give up which will help us mark this time as sacred. Is there a food or practice we use habitually as a life-coping mechanism? Perhaps consider giving that one thing up (you can cheat on Sundays) and when you feel a craving towards it, let God’s Spirit call you to prayer. In past Lenten seasons, I have given up meat and used the season to think about our food systems and injustice. This year I plan to give up snacking.

Or consider doing [the Wesley Fast](https://www.methodistprayer.org/wesleyfast).<sup>2</sup> Through Lent. John Wesley would fast weekly, from Thursday after dinner until Friday dinner. Instead of breakfast and lunch on Fridays, Wesley would take the time to devote himself to prayer.

Whatever you choose to give up, or however you chose to mark this season, remember the purpose is to help us pay closer attention. Fasting reveals our hungers and the things we rely on, and it helps us pay attention to Christ’s presence. The God who poured out his life for us in Jesus is with us in this time as always.

*Pastor James*

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<sup>1</sup> Scot McKnight, *Fasting*, (Nashville, Thomas Nelson Press, 2009), xiv.

<sup>2</sup> [The Wesley Fast — Methodist Prayer](https://www.methodistprayer.org/wesleyfast) – <https://www.methodistprayer.org/wesleyfast>



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 - Fred Freeman  
06 - Jason Boese  
07 - Marj Bumala  
14 - Jack Inman  
23 - Nicholas Boese  
30 - Katon Boese

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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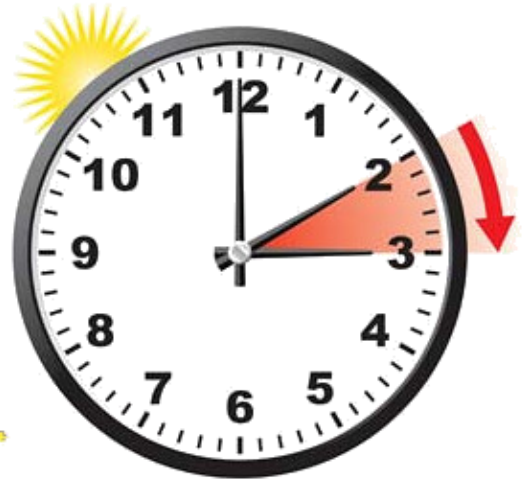
### Directory Updates:

Pastor Al Trachel's email was hacked and it no longer in use. He will let us know when he has a new one.

*Please inform the office when you have a change of address, phone number, or e-mail.*

## Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13 @ 2 am

Turn your clocks **forward** one hour on Saturday, March 12.



# SPRING

## Children's Sunday School Classes



Elementary Sunday School will meet in the blue room upstairs (across from the top of the stairs) at 9:15 on Sunday Mornings. Jeannie Boese and Byron Beach will be teaching the class. The curriculum is "Seasons of the Spirit" and is lectionary based.

Younger Children's Sunday School will be held in the nursery or the fireside room after the Children's Message. This class will resume when Kathy Versteeg is able to return. The location will be determined by Kathy at that time.

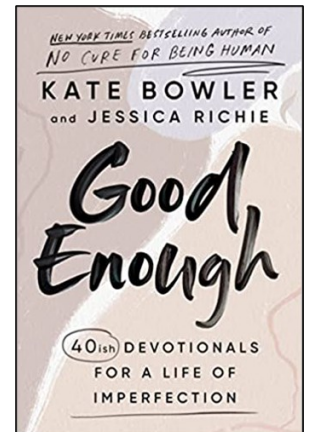
## March Worship

Date	Preacher	Lectionary Scriptures*
March 2 Ash Wednesday	Pastor James	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians :20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
March 6	Pastor James	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
March 13	Jean Freeman	Genesis 1:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
March 20	Pastor James	Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
March 27	David Glidden	Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
*Most preachers will use one or two scriptures from the lectionary.		

## Lenten Study @ Noon on Wednesdays Beginning March 9 (March 16, the study will be on Thursday, March 17, instead)

Our theme this Lent is “Good Enough.” It is based on a devotional with the same name by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. We live in a self-help culture that focuses on progress and personal development. We are constantly being sold a bill of goods about which products, or services, will make our lives better. We get anxious on social media when we perceive that everyone else but us is living their best lives now (eating better food, going more interesting places, doing things that are more fun). We vacillate between striving to reach new heights and feeling like we don’t measure up.

Often, Lent produces a similar feeling from us. We either feel compelled by some grand vision of discipleship, or we bemoan the ways in which we fall short. But what if there were a way to create rhythms in our everyday life which will sustain us in our journeys with Jesus? What if instead of reaching for some impossible ideal, we looked for beauty and truth in what’s possible for us? These are questions we will explore together through this season.



There are three ways we’d love for you to join the conversation:

1. Join us Sundays for worship as we explore these themes in worship.
2. Read *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie throughout this season.
3. Starting March 9<sup>th</sup> join us weekly on Wednesdays at noon for a soup lunch and Bible discussion group. This will be an informal Bible Study, and a chance to discuss what we are reading and learning together.

My prayer is that we will have a *good enough* Lent together, and that we will find a way to thrive in the life that Christ invites us into!

*Pastor James*

# Reaching Out and Helping Others

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

### What is this fund?

- It is a fund used by the pastor to assist people in our community and our congregation with emergency needs not provided by other sources. We often partner with community services such as Klamath Basin Behavioral Health and Lutheran Community Services.
- Checks are made out to the business rather than the person requesting funds; i.e., Avista Utilities.

### How is it funded?

- It is funded through our birthday offerings and special donations, outside of our operating budget.
- If you wish to make a donation to this fund, please mark it "Discretionary Fund" or "Outreach Fund."

Thank you for helping us to be ready to assist people in need!

Between February 1 and 24, we have given:  
7 households 8 bags of food  
4 households some financial assistance

### Food Pantry Needs:

- Crackers (those that come in tubes are best)
- Granola bars

*Please - no opened or unsealed food items*

## PALM Dinners Served

From January 30 to February 22: 589  
Year to Date: 1,181  
Average Meals Served: 74

PALM (Provide A Loving Meal) is a free dinner every Tuesday and Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30. It is located in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, which is the lower level door closest to 9<sup>th</sup> and High Streets.

PALM is a volunteer program. It is funded by your donations. The Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church provides the Fellowship Hall, some maintenance, and utilities.

PALM provides from 85 to 257 plates of food each meal. Families, neighborhood residents, and even people who simply want the social interaction of a meal come in. Most people walk.

Volunteers from the Methodist Church, colleges, other churches, and many others come together to help.

Please come and visit, eat, help in the kitchen, or donate.

On Souper Bowl Sunday we took in 35 cans, boxes, and bags of food and \$76 for our food pantry.





# Financial Report

## MEMBERS and FRIENDS

February, 2022 has closed. All bills and taxes have been paid. The monthly payroll was made. Operating income for the month totaled \$4,677.14 . Operating expenses totaled \$6,502.05 . Income lagged expenses by \$1,824.91. In addition to payroll expenses (\$3,166.16), operating expenses included a budgeted payment of \$1,036.00 for Conference Apportionments. This represents the second of 12 payments toward the 2022 goal of \$12,422.00.

As we enter March 2022, we have an Operating Fund balance of \$131,806.09. However, a portion of these monies are contained in outside or side pocket funds which have nothing to do with budgeted operating monies. As of the first of March, six (6) such funds existed. The funds and their respective balances:

**Youth Group: \$576.86**

**Organ: \$4,348.51**

**PALM dinners: \$9,843.21**

**Camperships: \$150.00**

**Memorial Fund: \$14,505.47**

**Special Needs Fund: \$45,645.20\***

\*Please note the new "SPECIAL NEEDS" FUND. Recently, a long-time member generously contributed over \$45,000.00 to be used for Council approved expenditures. While there are "no strings attached," the fund is intended to be directed toward "special needs" of the church building as well as the community at large.

**After subtracting out the total of the 6 funds (\$75,069.25), there is a carryover to March 2022 of actual OPERATING monies totaling \$56,736.84.** Financially, for the **near term outlook (2-5 years)**, we are in a **weak** position treading water at best. We entered 2022, with a carryover from 2021, totaling \$63,058.60. Because monthly income is anticipated to lag monthly expenses, the carryover will continue to erode. In the first two months, the carryover has eroded by 10%.

As of March, 2022, the Capital (Trustee) Fund Balance is \$6,636.44. For the present, we are no longer using the security service we employed throughout 2021. During the month, there was a bit of activity in this fund: The final payment (\$4,129.00, split evenly between this fund and PALM) was expended to Winema Electric for the installation of the new stove in the downstairs kitchen. Also, \$3,200 was expended for the deposit required by Seasons Change LLC, for the \$6,200.00 installation of two new gas heaters (one for the church office and one for the library. To fund all this, \$500.00 was deposited from the \$1,000.00 sale of the old downstairs stove (split evenly between this fund and PALM). Secondly, we closed out the PMF (Parsonage Maintenance Fund) Fund at KPEFCU (Klamath Public Employees Federal Credit Union) and transferred in the balance to this fund (\$2,435.14). Finally a transfer of \$5,000.00 was made to this fund from the PMF at Edward Jones, leaving a balance of approximately \$90,000.00 there.

Peace & Grace for us all,

*Byron Beach, Treasurer*

### 2022 Operating Snapshot VS Year Ago

February Income: \$4,677.14	(-) \$272.62
2022 YTD Income: \$9,199.33	(-) \$1,685.48
2021 Carryover: \$63,058.60	(-) \$17,584.80
2022 YTD Expenses: \$15,521.09	+ \$2,416.94
Carryover to March: \$56,736.84	(-) \$21,687.22

## NEW STOVE INSTALLED IN DOWNSTAIRS KITCHEN

If you get a chance, drop by and view the beautiful new commercial stove (worth about \$10,000.00) given anonymously to the PALM program several months ago. It required both gas and electric hookups. Consequently, we contracted with Winema Electric to rewire the downstairs so as to carry a separate line dedicated to the stove only. Also, the gas line had to be rerouted to accommodate the installation. The total cost expended for the setup approached \$9,000.00, split nearly evenly between PALM and the Capital (Trustee) account. The anonymous doner is to be graciously thanked. Don Dumbeck is to be thanked for his leadership in carrying out the entire installation as well as finding a buyer and seeing that the old stove was sold for \$1,000.00 (the proceeds split evenly between the PALM Fund and the Capital [Trustee] Fund). Our downstairs kitchen is now capable of many more years of community service.



Byron Beach

February 2022

TO: District Superintendent, John Tucker, Pastor James Matichuk, Church Council President, Chrys Dawes, Council Members; Judy Armstrong, Byron Beach, Dave Glidden, Deanne Inman, Joe Maestas, Marie Maestas, Jean Somerville, and Carol Usher as well as all members and friends of the First United Methodist Church of Klamath Falls, Oregon

FROM: Byron Beach, Church Treasurer

The attached 2021 Fund Balance Report is normally, and according to church policy, prepared by auditors or an auditing committee as charged by our current Book of Discipline. This church has not had its financial records formally audited for at least the last ten years. To go outside the church and hire such an individual is cost prohibitive. Attempts to find such an individual or group within our church has produced no results.

This is all leading up to the fact that I personally prepared the 2021 Fund Balance Report to the best of my non-professional ability (as I have for the last 10 years). While I do not guarantee the report is accurate, I believe it to be so.

In the interest of transparency, this report will be either e-mailed as a part of the March, GIFT, or mailed separately so that, in so doing, all members and friends will have access to the document.

Certainly, if errors are detected or any questions arise, please contact me at: 541-884-2951 or e-mail me at: [bylee2951@aol.com](mailto:bylee2951@aol.com).

Peace and Grace for us all.



# Fund Balance Report

The Committee on Finance is required to make provision for an annual audit of the records of all the financial officers (including the financial secretary or church business manager and treasurers) of the church and all its organizations and shall report to the Charge Conference. Guidelines for handling of an accountability of funds can be found in the 2017-2020 United Methodist Church Financial Records Handbook and in Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation: FINANCE available at <http://www.cokesbury.com>, and The Local Church Audit Guide, available at <http://www.gcfa.org/forms-and-resources/financial-forms/>.

**THIS REPORT IS TO BE COMPLETED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND FEB. 1**  
THIS REPORT SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR OTHER CHARGE CONFERENCE FORMS

*Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent and chairperson of the committee on finance*

Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church

Charge

Crater Lake District

Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference

For the period beginning January 1, 2021

, and ending December 31, 2021

## 1. Receipts, Disbursements, and Balances (Round to the nearest dollar)

LOCAL CHURCH FUNDS (Use those applicable to your church.)		(a) Balance at Beginning of Period	(b) Cash Received and Recorded	*(c) Total Disburse- ments for Period (-)	*(d) Transfers + (-)	(e) Balance End Of Period
General Fund (Operating)		\$80,643	\$72,255	\$89,840	-	\$63,058
Benevolence Fund		0	\$684	\$684	-	0
Building or Improvement Fund (Vision)		\$17,079	\$17	-	-	\$17,096
Board of Trustees' Fund (Capital)		\$5,233	\$171	\$6,438	+\$5,000	\$3,966
United Methodist Women		\$1,052	\$659	\$599	0	\$1,112
United Methodist Youth Fellowship		\$577	-	-	-	\$577
United Methodist Men		n/a	-	-	-	-
Church School		n/a	-	-	-	-
Other Organizations or Funds (enter name):						
Name:	Original Endowment	\$353,946	\$75,134	-	-	\$429,080
	Parsonage Maintenance	\$91,503	\$6,665	-	-\$5,000	\$93,168
	Campership	\$150	-	-	-	\$150
	PALM Dinners	\$10,628	\$7,600	\$5,936	-	\$12,292
	Pastor's Discretionary	\$2,984	\$1,294	\$2,416	-	1,862
	Memorial	\$13,881	\$624	-	-	\$14,505
	Organ Fund	\$1,564	\$2,785	-	-	\$4,349
	Special Needs Fund	-	\$45,645	-	-	\$45,645
Total amount of cash in <i>all treasuries</i> of the church		\$579,240	\$213,533	\$105,913	0	\$686,860



## *Thanks and Prayers*

### **Thank you to...**

David Boese and Chrys Dawes for moving furniture in the Sunday School room and Marie Maestas for deep cleaning the Sunday School room in preparation for our Elementary class.

### **In Our Prayers...**

Vincent Versteeg, son of Vick and Kathy, has severe jaundice and spots on his lungs and colon; it is possible he has cancer.

Billy Simpson is recuperating from his leg amputation at Plum Ridge; his spirits are good and he hopes to go home soon.

Candy Hammond is having cataract surgery on March 3.

**Save the Date!**  
**March 20 After Worship**

**Guest Speaker Merritt Driscoll from The Blue Zones Project**

**We are Invited to Celebrate Neal Baldwin's 90th Birthday**

**Friday, March 25, 2022 @ 5 pm @ 2045 Arthur Street, Klamath Falls, OR**

**RSVP: Linda @ 541-591-0700 or Amanda @ 541-891-4795**



### **FIRST UMC STAFF & INFORMATION**

**Open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors.**

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Donette Scogin

#### **Downstairs Custodian**

Mark Wilson

#### **Outside Custodian**

James Stredwick

#### **Chancel Choir Director**

Judy Neiswender

#### **Bell & Chime Choirs Conductor**

Pat Mathis

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<http://www.facebook.com/KlamathFallsFirstUMC>

# *United Methodist Women's News*

## **Fellowship Gathering**

**March 10 @ Noon**

Bring a sandwich. Salad and dessert will be provided.

**Program: How the Light Gets In**

*If you are able to provide the salad or dessert, please let Jeannie Boese know.*



**This month's  
suggested item for  
Marta's House:  
Craft Items**

## **UMW Nut Sales**

Link to our Terri Lynn Webstore:

<https://klamath-falls-umw.terrilynn.com>.

We also have a few items in our refrigerator upstairs that are for sale \$1 off the marked price.



**United  
Methodist  
Women**  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

## **United Methodist Women's Purpose:**

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the church.


**Charles Charles & Tyler Heitkamp Spring Concert**


**March 27 @ 4:00 pm**

**At Mt. Laki Presbyterian Church**

***Free!***

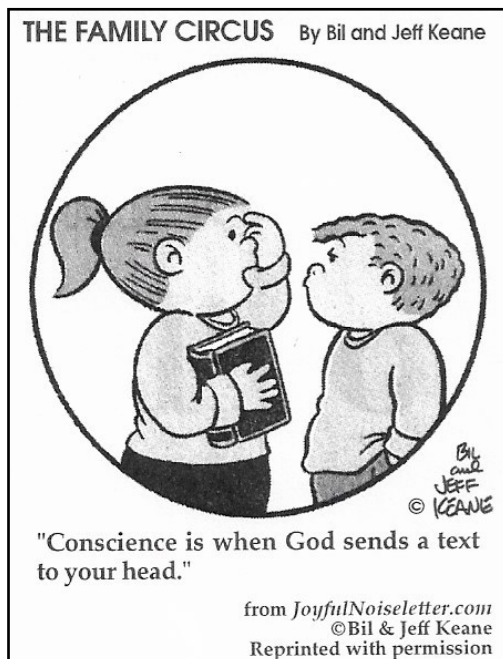
# MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
		<b>1</b> 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>2 Ash Wednesday</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) <b>Imposition of Ashes at Sugarman's Corner</b> 11 am - 1 pm Crystal Terrace 1:30	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Holy Communion</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Preschool Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>9</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Lenten Study Noon Wholly Health check in	<b>10</b> 12:30 UMW Fellowship Gathering	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>SPRING</b>
<b>13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Preschool Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - Sacred Heart Catholic Church	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) 10 am Worship Team Noon Lenten Study Noon Wholly Health check in	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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Spring Break						
<b>27</b> 9:15 Elementary Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Preschool Sunday School <b>4:00 Charles Charles/Tyler Heitkamp Spring Concert</b> 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	<b>30</b> 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon Lenten Study Noon Wholly Health check in <b>NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 April</b>	<b>2</b>  updated 2/28/2022

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*Please come join us!*



### Upcoming Events:

March 2  
Ash Wednesday  
Imposition of Ashes  
11 am to 1 pm

March 6 @ 9:15  
Elementary Sunday School  
Begins

Sunday, March 13  
Daylight Saving Time Begins

### **The Champoege Declaration**

We, the Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church, together with other congregations of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, declare that persons of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic conditions, marital status, mental or physical abilities are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation.