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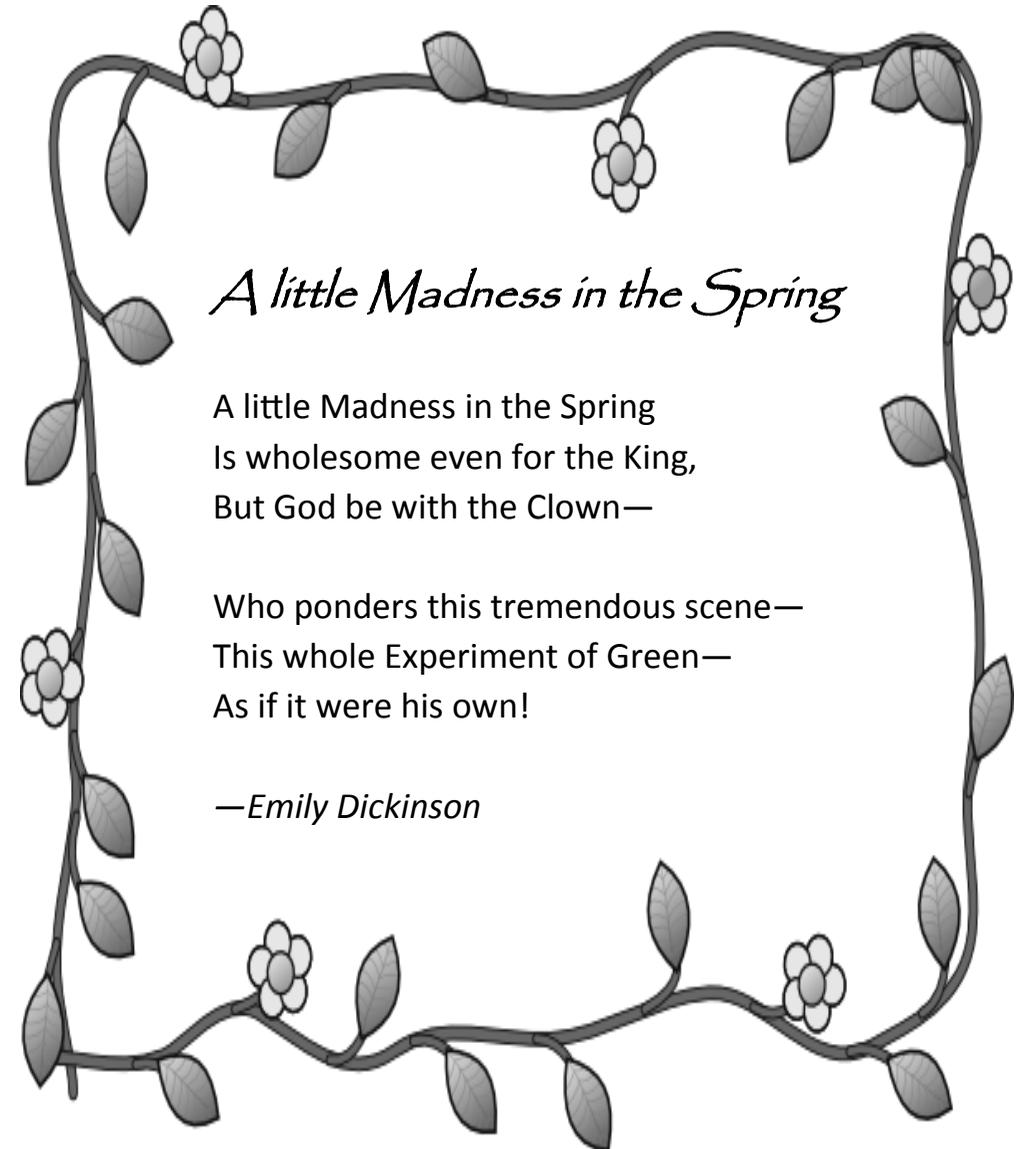
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# The Communicator

All the (Church) News That's Fit to Print  
Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, UCC

May, 2017



## *A little Madness in the Spring*

A little Madness in the Spring  
Is wholesome even for the King,  
But God be with the Clown—

Who ponders this tremendous scene—  
This whole Experiment of Green—  
As if it were his own!

—Emily Dickinson



## God's Resurrection Racket

One of my favorite scenes in the classic movie "The Princess Bride" has Wesley, the hero of the story, being brought back to life after being cruelly tortured by the bad guys. Miracle Max has the power to help him but wants to know if there is a noble reason for doing so. He's not getting a straight answer from Wesley's friends about why he should be revived, so he pumps air into Wesley's lungs with a fireplace bellows, saying he will ask directly. Wesley's friend says he's dead and can't speak for himself; but Miracle Max tells him he's only MOSTLY dead. The words Wesley breathes out are "True Love"—a noble cause indeed. So Miracle Max and his wife cook up a remedy to restore him to life.

This post-Easter season is a good time to reflect on the liveliness of our own lives. While "alive" or "dead" are in one sense binary categories—physically speaking you are either one or the other—

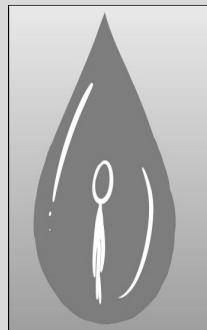
spiritually speaking there are gradations. Where Wesley had a mostly dead body but a living spirit that longed to dwell with his True Love, we might have the opposite issue. We could be walking around with a body fully alive but we could be mostly dead in a spiritual sense. If faith, hope and love have waned, if gratitude has perished, we might be mostly dead.

The Good News is that mostly dead souls can still be revived. Resurrection is not a singular event, not even in the Bible. We know the story of Jesus' resurrection better than the other stories, but looking over the span of the scriptures, we discover quite a few physical resurrections and countless spiritual resurrections. God is in the resurrection racket.

Our Eastertide worship series is titled "From Death to Life." We'll look into some of the lesser-known resurrection stories in scripture, and reflect together on how it's never too late to be revived. (cont. on pg. 3)

### We Want More Living Water Art!

On **Friday, June 2**, we will open our sanctuary doors during the **downtown Winslow Art Walk** so that the public can see the "living water" art on our walls as well as view a slide show of water-inspired photos. To that end, **if you've taken photos you'd like included in the slide show, email them to Jennifer in the office: [office@eagleharborchurch.org](mailto:office@eagleharborchurch.org) Deadline: Friday, May 26.**



## Kathryn Fairweather

**How would you/please describe the evolution of your Christian faith so far.** I would explain it as going from non-existent to slowly learning!

**Why should we pass on the Christian faith/why is Christianity (as you understand and practice it) relevant today?** For me, much of what the Christian faith teaches is to be kind to one another. Looking at the state of the world right now, I see that we need more people who actively choose goodness and to help others. I view every good act as planting the seed for more goodness to grow—over time we will become a world more centered around loving-kindness and less on division. I believe that's what God calls us to do.

**How would/do you describe EHCC to someone who doesn't attend our church?** Fun, loving, kind, accepting, and SO worth the drive!



### Make a Note of It

- **Hungry Readers:** We postponed our April discussion of **Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right** by Alie Russel Hochschild to **Monday, May 8 at 7pm in Dee's office.** Join us!
- **Soup n Such: On Monday, May 22 at noon** we will be joined by a speaker from the City of Bainbridge Island's Water and Quality Flow Monitoring Program. We will learn about the health of Puget Sound. **Suggested lunch donation: \$4/person.**
- **Mary's Place Children's Book Drive:** A group of librarians and community volunteers are helping to develop youth (infant to 18-years-old) libraries in all of the Mary's Place shelter sites. They are looking for books with publication dates from 2014 to 2017, especially those featuring diverse ethnic and socio-economic narrative settings, immigrants, and non-traditional family units, etc. **EHCC will collect book donations throughout May, and/or you can make a monetary donation to the project via <https://funds4books.com/fundraiser?code=702e>.**
- **I would like to thank everyone** who came out for the beautiful and moving Good Friday service, including our EHCC choir and soloists John Eisenhauer, Diane Kurzontkowski, Reed Price, Mark Power, and Marian Silberstain. Now we start preparing for our annual All Music Sunday, coming up soon. **Newcomers always welcome to join us; we practice at 7pm on Thursdays.** —Carol Estes

## Focus on Faith:

**What brought you to church (initially; not specifically to EHCC)?** My husband and I originally starting going to church when we got married, but felt somewhat excluded. When our first daughter, Elyse, was born, we decided to try again, however our second impression was not much better! We instead decided to raise our two daughters, Elyse and Samantha, simply to be good people. When Elyse became involved with the campus ministry The INN, during her time at Western Washington University, we would go to support her. Over time, it seemed that Elyse would have a career centered around church and ministry, so we continued our involvement in the church where she worked in Seattle. This go-around was different! Here we found loving, accepting people who welcomed us with open arms. When we discovered EHCC, the acceptance and positive experience continued!

**Tell us about a specific time when participating in church was especially meaningful (not necessarily at time at EHCC).** Becoming a member at EHCC was a very meaningful experience for me. Not having grown up in the church and not having had positive experiences in the past, it was an incredible feeling to be so warmly accepted into the body of the church—to go up in front of the congregation and decide to become a member, and to have the congregation accept me as part of them, was truly a beautiful experience. I feel that EHCC is a very accepting and loving place to be, and becoming a member was a time I felt like I was on the receiving end of that love and acceptance.

**What makes your on-going relationship with church meaningful or worthwhile/how has participation at EHCC positively affected your life?**

EHCC has literally and figuratively embraced me! I love having the opportunity to participate in the life of the church – as an usher I love being able to welcome people as they come in the door, and I love being able to participate in and provide for coffee hour. I see my relationship with the people at church continue to grow stronger, and in many ways I feel like my family has grown. *(cont. on page 7)*

### Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Leslie Amendt, Benjy Cunningham, Peggy Houck, Pat Johnson, Tom Jorza, Joan Pratt, Marian Rees, Stephen and Noyuri Soderland, Rene Zimmerman

We'll consider how we might share in God's ministry of bringing people back from the brink.

I loved the prayer the youth group shared on Youth Sunday, April 23: *"God of Spring surprises and resurrection moments: We ask that your spirit of love, peace and blessing be upon us in this time of worship. Enter each and every soul gathered here this morning. Empower us and encourage us. Renew our faith in you, in humanity and in our mission. Bind us*

*together in your grace and unconditional love. May we each be touched in this brief hour of worship...and then when leaving this place, be mindful of your call for each of us to be ambassadors of our faith, through all we do and all we say."*

Amen! May the God of Spring surprises and resurrection moments bring us fully to life so that we can live in grace and unconditional love. There's no more noble cause than that!

—Peace, Dee

### Doing Our Part to End Hunger:

### Bread for the World (BFW) Offering of Letters

**On May 21, EHCC will participate with churches across the country to take up an offering not of money but of letters to Congress advocating on behalf of hungry people.** This year our offering is very important because the White House Budget and powerful forces in Congress are pushing to dismantle, or outright cut, funding for many of the programs that help hungry people in our country and worldwide.

Programs threatened with deep cuts include direct help to buy food for infants and families in the U.S. —specifically WIC and SNAP—as well as significant cuts to critical foreign assistance programs. Right now 20 million people in South Sudan, Yemen, Somalia and Nigeria are at risk of starvation due to famine and near-famine conditions; slashing U.S. foreign assistance funding, which represents less than one percent of the federal budget, is the difference between life and death for these people. It is appropriate for us, as Christians, to advocate on behalf of the hungry with our members of Congress. Please join us to do so in church on May 21.

Also, **please be generous with your Caring Coins during our May worship service offerings; they, and any additional contributions you care to make, will go to BFW.**

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

EHCC May, 2017

**1**  
Transfriending Group 7pm S

**2**  
**Bible Study 9:30am**  
**Dee's office**  
Coast Guard 7pm FH

**3**  
**Bible Study 7pm Dee's office**  
AA (men's mtg.) 7pm  
*Mary Forbes*

**4**  
Men's B'fast 7am FH  
Madrona 3:30-5:30pm FH  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
**7pm sanctuary**

**5**

**6**  
OA 9:15am S  
NA 6pm S  
*Jason McCalpin*

**7** 4th Sunday of Easter  
**Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Sanctuary**  
**Worship (Communion)/SS 9:30am**  
Allison Beemer Bridal Shower 3-5pm FH  
**Youth Group 5:30-7pm FH**  
AA (women's mtg.) 7:30pm S

**8**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH  
**Hungry Readers 7pm**  
**Dee's office**  
*Eileen Nicol*

**9**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH  
**Bible Study 9:30am**  
**Dee's office**  
Coast Guard 7pm FH

**10**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH  
**Bible Study 7pm Dee's office**  
Piano Recital 7pm sanctuary  
AA (men's mtg.) 7pm

**11**  
Men's B'fast 7am FH  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
**7pm sanctuary**

**12**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH

**13**  
OA 9:15am S  
NA 6pm S

**14** 5th Sunday of Easter  
**Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Sanctuary**  
**Worship/SS 9:30am**  
**Youth Group 5:30-7pm FH**  
AA (women's mtg.) 7:30pm S

**15**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH

**16**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH  
**Bible Study 9:30am**  
**Dee's office**  
**Mission Council Mtg. 7pm S**

**17**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH  
**Bible Study 7pm Dee's office**  
AA (men's mtg.) 7pm

**18**  
Men's B'fast 7am FH  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
**7pm sanctuary**

**19**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-noon FH  
Madrona play performance 5-9pm FH

**20**  
OA 9:15am S  
Burlingame Memorial Celebration 12-3pm FH  
Piano Recital 6pm sanctuary  
NA 6pm S

**21** 6th Sunday of Easter  
**Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Sanctuary**  
**Worship/SS 9:30am**  
**(Bread for the World Offering of Letters)**  
**Youth Group 5:30-7pm**  
AA (women's mtg.) 7:30pm S

**22**  
**Soup n Such noon FH**  
Madrona play rehearsal 2-3:30pm FH

**23**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9am-1pm FH  
**Bible Study 9:30am**  
**Dee's office**  
**Communicator deadline**

**24**  
Madrona play rehearsal 9-10:30am FH  
**Bible Study 7pm Dee's office**  
AA (men's mtg.) 7pm

**25**  
Men's B'fast 7am FH  
Madrona play rehearsal 9-10:30am FH  
Super Supper 3-7pm FH, K  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
**7pm sanctuary**

**26** Madrona play rehearsal 9-10:30am FH  
Super Supper 3-7pm FH, K  
Madrona play performance 7:30-9pm FH

**27**  
OA 9:15am S  
NA 6pm S

**28** 7th Sunday of Easter  
**Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Sanctuary**  
**Worship/SS 9:30am**  
**Youth Group 5:30-7pm FH**  
AA (women's mtg.) 7:30pm S

**29**  
Super Supper 3-6pm FH

**30**  
Super Supper 3-6pm FH

**31**  
**Bible Study 7pm Dee's office**  
AA (men's mtg.) 7pm

**Abbreviation Key:**  
**FH: Fellowship Hall K: Kitchen S: Singer Room**  
AA: Alcoholics Anonymous NA: Narcotics Anonymous  
OA: Overeaters Anonymous  
**SS: Sunday School Birthdays in italics**  
**Church events in bold**