

The Communicator

EAGLE HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Mark Travis & Rev. Dr. Dee Eisenhauer, Pastors

November

i thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth
day of life and love and wings;and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any-lifted from the no
of all nothing-human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

– ee cummings



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From Pastor Mark

Dear Friends,

Peace to you in the love and joy of Christ who brings new life into every moment of the day. I have started settling into my new role among you by meeting with the worship team, interviewing candidates for our beloved office manager position, vacuumed and steam cleaned my office, washed the walls and put a new coat of paint on them. I am now able and excited to begin scheduling visitations with you all. To help get to know you and your family, I will be asking a series of questions: please tell me about your spiritual journey, what drew you to the church, what keeps you here. What do you see as the strengths and challenges of the church, how do you see your role in the life of our church and how can I best serve you. I will be scheduling visits on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays after church. The best way to contact me is via my cell phone leaving a voice mail or sending a text and I will respond within 24 hours.

I am also excited in exploring how we can nourish and continue to grow our Christian Education to youth and families on the island and beyond. Supporting and participating in present outreach programs as well as exploring new ones. I am working with some folk on transforming/updating other parts of our building such as the back parking lot area, bathrooms, Dovetail room, fellowship hall and the narthex.

November is going to be a busy month of stewardship exploration/invitation and Thanksgiving celebrations for Pastor Dee, John and Pastor Jessica.

Stewardship, I invite you to see the next four weeks as a time to explore your covenant/relationship with your faith, your spiritual practices and your commitment to supporting the church in ways that enrich your soul and brings joy to your heart. On Sunday November 30th, the first day of Advent when we light the candle of Hope, we will bring forth our stewardship pledges. You are also invited to bring forward your thoughts and/or your sketches on ways to transform the memorial garden and the labyrinth. At the moment, sky is the limit on your imagination, and a budget will finalize what we can do. Once we have received people's thoughts, the mission council and I will work on ways to finalize and move forward.

November is also the month of giving thanks to Pastor Dee, John and Pastor Jessica for their ministry of welcome, love, support, tech support, laughter and joy among you all. If you have not already, please take a moment to let them know how much their ministry has meant to you, this church and the wider community.

So, my friends, here we go.

Let the wild rumpus start.

Pastor Mark



Prayers, Gratitude & Good Wishes



WE SEND OUR PRAYERS TO

Heather Burke, Marlys Burnett, Grant Clowery, Teresa Curts, Don Fox, Anne Hopkins,
Lexi Lovejoy, Leona MacKay, Christine Perkins, Geri Parker, Teita Reveley,
Cathy Tusler, Mary Waterson, Sherri, Ailish & Mei Wilson,
and all those suffering loneliness, starvation, addiction, war, oppression and genocide.

In need of prayer? Contact the prayer team: prayers@eagleharborchurch.org

WE SEND OUR GRATITUDE TO

A HUGE THANK YOU to Gerri Harrington and her stalwart volunteers. Halloween was awesome!

Pastor Mark, Pastor Dee, Ann Lovejoy, Roy Wallace, Rita Riley, Frances Atherton, Mary Cliver,
Charlie Kratzer, Elissa Kratzer, Sheila Curwen, Ferne Hayes, Rosalind Renouard, Dianne Speers,
Ian Forbes, Ellen Johnson, Ernie Williams, Dave Beemer, Lori Dreier, Shelly Huffman, Jim Tusler,
Karen Teal, Loanna Day, and Joan Ducceschi.

And thank you to everyone who has helped plan all of the goodbye celebrations this month.
It's hard to say goodbye but its so fun to rejoice in our friendship.



11/1, James Curts
11/2, Alex Perkins
11/2, Wasiq Bokhari
11/4, Maggie MacKay
11/8, Sheri Comfort
11/11, David Beemer
11/11, Joan Ducceschi
11/12, Gil Parsons



11/13, Steve Hjerrild
11/15, Leona MacKay
11/17, Janet Emery
11/18, Jennie Greiter
11/19, Ann Lovejoy
11/19, Jim Herkelrath
11/23, Elissa Kratzer
11/29, Geri Parker

Let's Celebrate!



Classy, Classic Potluck Supper

to celebrate Pastor Dee

Saturday, November 22

5-8 p.m.

Join us at Eagle Harbor Congregational United Church of Christ on Saturday, November 22 as we celebrate the 26+ year long ministry of the Reverend Dr. Dee Eisenhower. We are planning a simple 'potluck' meal, and need ready to serve dishes to share. We would like an estimate of how many will attend so we can have enough tables, chairs, etc. We also need volunteers to set up and decorate, (Friday afternoon) organize food as it arrives (Saturday afternoon), serve from the buffet tables, serve beverages, clear and clean-up, deal with trash, and leave Fellowship ready for Coffee Hour the next day. There will be several teams for each function so that everyone will have an opportunity to sit, eat and socialize, as well as help.

Mary Cliver is coordinating this event, so if you could let her know what you plan to bring and how many will be in your group, it will help. Contact Mary at mary.cliver49@gmail.com or call 206-451-4050. Let her know if you would like to volunteer. It would be nice to have a variety of main dishes, veggies, salads, breads, and desserts. Please: no nuts or peppers in anything, It would be lovely to have some gluten free, lactose free, and vegetarian choices. It would be a huge help if any such items could be labeled. Also, please put your name on your dish/container so it can go home with you. We also need donations of beverages -- wine, soft drinks and juices.

If anyone would like to provide special music, let Mary know.



Cake & Coffee Hour

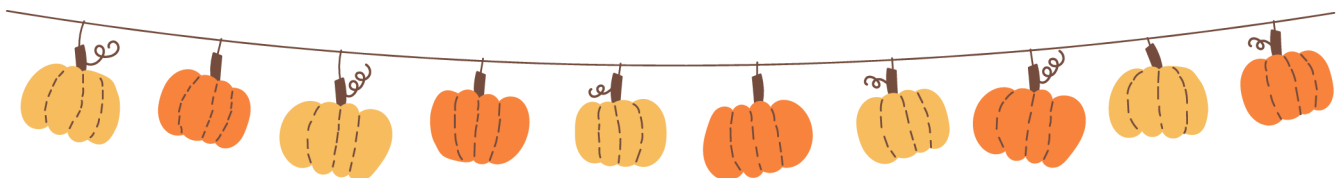


At the Sunday November 9 coffee hour

we'll be celebrating **John Eisenhauer** and all he has done for this church over the past many years.

At the Sunday November 16 coffee hour

we'll be celebrating **Jessica Star Rockers** as she moves on from being our "minister in the office."





HYMNS, THE MUSICAL SERMON

The forward in the *New Century Hymnal*, the black book that you find in the pew at EHCC, starts with this testimony:

“The praise of God proclaimed through music begins in scripture with the song of Miriam and Moses at the Exodus and culminates in a reprise of their anthem by an apocalyptic choir of the saints at the close of history. For Jews and Christians, the faithful people of God at worship are predominantly a community of song.”

And, wow! Have we been singing lately with pieces like “The Magic Penny,” “Go Now in Peace,” “Abundance,” “Doxology”, three different hymns every week, and many more! We are a singing congregation! The purpose? To help us enter into the spirit of worship, express praise for God, Christ and the church, experience our accord with one another, and witness concepts that we can sing more readily than speak.

(I have my favorite hymns (“In the Bulb There is A Flower” (#433), “God’s Eye Is On The Sparrow” (#475). “Bring Many Names” (#11), just to name a few! And, I’m sure you could name many of your faves too! In addition to using the *New Century Hymnal*, we frequently sing songs from a UCC updated book called *Sing, Prayer and Praise*---songs like “Part of the Family” and “Draw The Circle Wide”.

Going forward, we will be using those resources, but now, with our new Pastor, Rev. Mark, on board, we will be adding hymns and songs from a hymnal he is familiar with, the United Church of Canada Hymnal, titled *More Voices*. The description of this hymnal says this, “Suited for today's contemporary worship, it has something for everyone.”

The choir is preparing a list of their favorite hymns. Why don’t you do the same and send it to me at alicetaw@aol.com. In this time of change, it will be comforting to sing some of the “old chestnuts” that you all love!

Alice





November Caring Coins

KC HELP



Knights Community Hospital Equipment Lend Program

Should you experience a planned surgery, an injury, or an illness that requires bed rest, you can turn to KC HELP for hospital equipment to use in your home. KC HELP, a non-profit organization, provides services to all of the Kitsap Peninsula with inventory storage locations on Bainbridge Island and Bremerton.

The storage locations have hospital beds, lift chairs, wheelchairs, walkers, bath and shower chairs, over the bed tables, portable bathroom equipment and more. There is no cost to you for use of the equipment just return it when there is no longer the need.

Should you own hospital equipment you no longer need, they accept donations of equipment for their inventory. All their inventory came from generous members of our community and the volunteers consider it their job to distribute it to anyone who needs it.

There is currently a Capital Campaign in progress for a new storage facility in Bremerton.

KC HELP is a real treasure for the Kitsap Peninsula. Their volunteers are friendly, helpful, and go out of their way to satisfy your medical equipment need....another great example of neighbors helping neighbors.

Your Caring Coin donations can be made via check or cash (marked KC HELP on the check or envelope) or by putting your loose change in the basket on Sunday. You can also donate via the QR code!



Gathering in Community

Men's Coffee & Tea

Every Monday, 10am, Social Hall

Join Bill Comfort and others.

All who identify as men are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monthly on the second Monday

10am, in the Dovetail Room

Can't knit? We'll teach you!

Hungry Readers

Wednesday, Nov 19 at 11:30am

in the Social Hall.

All are welcome!

(whether you've read the book or not.)



Hungry Readers

Wednesday, Nov 19 at 11:30am

Facing Apocalypse: Climate, Democracy, and Other Last Chances, by Catherine Keller

“When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”
(Revelation 8:1)

John's Apocalypse, otherwise known as Revelation, is the final book of the Christian Bible and has retained over the centuries its climactic position in the Christian canon. Now our age is threatening its own distinctively “apocalyptic” climax: climate havoc. The synchronicity of the ancient imaginary with our own time gives one pause. But as Catherine Keller notes, the meaning of “apocalypse” is not disaster but “unveiling.”

In John's first-century text she finds not a foretelling of future events, but an inspired “dreamreading” of fatal human patterns that offers a lens to understand our present reality—and perhaps inspire an ecological and social response that could alter self-fulfilling prophecies of doom.

Women's Weekly Coffee & Tea

Every Tuesday, 1pm, Social Hall

Bring your snack, your handwork,
or pictures of the grandkids.

Drop in for a moment or stay for a while!

We also meet monthly on the last Friday, 10am,
at the Coffee Oasis in Poulsbo.

All who identify as women are welcome.

Tuesday Bible Study

Every Tuesday, 9:30am via Zoom.

Wednesday Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 7pm, over Zoom.

Please email the office for the Zoom links.

FROM PILGRIM TO PEACE PAGODA

An evening program on the Bainbridge Island Nipponzan Myohoji's path of peace.



For the past forty years, the Nipponzan Myohoji of Bainbridge Island, a Japanese Buddhist order, has worked to build a traditional peace pagoda next to Bangor's Nuclear Sub Base - location of the biggest stockpile of deployed nuclear weapons in the world.

Thanks to the generous donations of Japanese monks and nuns, and thousands of hours of volunteer labor, the project is nearly complete. The pagoda will stand for generations as a monument to the understanding that peace is possible, a place to gather in community for the betterment of our world.

Now more than ever, we must value peace.

You're invited to join an evening program hosted by the Friends of the Pacific Northwest Peace Pagoda.

Clarence Moriwaki, civic leader, will emcee an inspiring program, sharing the history and ongoing story of the path of peace created by members and friends of the Nipponzan Myohoji of Bainbridge Island.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13, 2025

7:00 - 8:00 PM

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Seating Limited - All Seats Reserved

Please **RSVP**: at pnwpagodafriends@gmail.com or call 360-649-8162.

Donations for completion of the project humbly accepted but not required.

Tax deductible donations can be made at <https://bit.ly/peacepagoda> or scan the QR code.

