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WORLD MISSION OFFERING 2019



This year's *World Mission Offering* is themed around Jesus' words to the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14, NIV)

The World Mission Offering resources from ABC International Ministries provide inspiring stories of hope. Each shows how Christ is working in the world through IM global servants and our partners – to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

Like water, the most essential ingredient for life, the life-changing love of Christ is flowing and moving throughout the world, satisfying the thirst of those who seek him.

Our church's gifts through the IM World Mission Offering bring our congregation into partnership in God's mission with IM's global servants and partners worldwide.

Each of us has an essential role, and none can be considered insignificant. We will be amazed at how much is accomplished when we work together in God's mission.

Information and offering envelopes for this offering are available in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	Oct 13
Saturday	Oct 19
Sunday	Oct 20
Tuesday	Oct 22
Thursday	Oct. 31

Potluck

Movie Night

Food Packaging at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church

Lunch Bunch at Wedgwood Broiler

Cider Booth on 35th Avenue Northeast

12:30 PM

6:00 PM

12:00 PM

11:45 AM

5:00 PM

PASTOR SEAN'S ARTICLE



What is the connection between freedom and fellowship? The opposite of freedom is captivity. When someone is in captivity, two things happen. One, their captivity prevents them from fully flourishing. Perhaps they are in bondage to an addiction, clinical depression, or financial debt. Perhaps they are physically captive, being imprisoned, enslaved, or too impoverished to move so as to improve their prospects. Or perhaps they are in emotional captivity, like being trapped in an abusive relationship or crushed by cumulative experiences of being excluded and told they were not welcomed or worthy. While captive, their creativity, talents, personality, intellect, and will are seriously inhibited. Put simply, their very humanity is being robbed. Secondly, when someone is in captivity, having no other options or ways to act for themselves, they grow highly dependent on those who show them the smallest favor or kindness. Furthermore, they wait and wait for a savior to help them break their chains.

Being inhibited and overly dependent mars one's capacity for ideal fellowship because while in this unfortunate state almost all of one's thoughts, words, and actions come from a mindset and are done for the purposes of survival and/or coping. Tragically, and due to forces greater than themselves, captives' lives fall woefully short from what God intended for them. Ideal fellowship happens when people freely choose to be in community with one another, bringing their true and full selves, warts and all, and interacting with one another around a shared interest or goal. Out of their freedom, they *choose* to fellowship and interact with others in whatever distinct way is germane to the shared interest or goal. For those who are captive this is more difficult. They are a shell of their true and full selves due to their *lack* of freedom.

God calls the Church to continue Jesus' ministry of preaching the good news to the poor, proclaiming freedom to the prisoners, releasing the oppressed, and proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19). This means doing what we can to help break the chains of captivity, no matter what forms they take in people's lives. To successfully break those chains requires us to understand the nature of those chains better. I strongly encourage all of us to register for and attend the Evergreen Association's annual meeting on October 11-12. The focus this year will be on experiences of captivity. There will be workshops and table discussions centered on this theme, and the two worship services during this event will also focus on captivity. As we begin a new chapter in Wedgwood Community Church's history, one that highlights fellowship, it will serve us well to have a deeper appreciation for what captivity looks like. In so doing, we can go on to play our humble part in the global church's mission of bringing freedom to captives so as to empower people for true fellowship, the very trait we are emphasizing here at WCC.

Pastor Sean

You Can Help!



Hello, Wedgwood family. I'd like talk to you about a couple of things that you can be involved in that do not take much time or exertion on your part. Let me explain.

FOOD BANK

The first thing you can help with is a food barrel donation. Are you aware that the pickup points are determined by zip code? We are in the 98115 zone so have been assigned to the University Food Bank for many years. People who come to this bank are comprised of university students, young families, retired people, and low-income residents, as well as kids living on the streets, who, for the most part, because of circumstances cannot live with their families. Most of these kids are attending school and receiving other services that the University facility can provide for them. They provide bunks, although there are not enough for everyone, every night, showers, etc. Our pickup date, done by a volunteer, is the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Items other than food are also very much needed; so check the list in this *Wedgletter*. One item from you will make a difference for someone less fortunate than we. I'm sure they would not turn down your offer to volunteer, either.

COFFEE HOUR

We all enjoy our time of visiting during the coffee hour after church Sunday mornings. In order to make this a continued experience, we need volunteers to provide a small snack to go with our coffee/tea. If you are not a baker, or do not have the ability, bought items are just great.

Whatever you can supply, big or small, is totally appropriate. We are not there for lunch, unless of course it's potluck Sunday. If you would like to participate but are unable to shop, I will take money donations and buy in your name. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me about it.

Thanks for your help!

Marilyn Potts

LLS LIGHT THE NIGHT

Join me in bringing light to the darkness of cancer! I am forming a fundraising walk team for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) *Light The Night*. Register today to join our Wedgwood Walkers team or make a donation and help fund cancer cures by visiting our online fundraising page

<https://pages.lightthenight.org/wa/SeattleL19/wedgwoodwalkers>

Your impact is real! In 2018, LLS helped advance 19 of 21 approved blood cancer therapies. Locally, LLS is currently funding \$2.8 million in research at Fred Hutch and last year provided over \$1.1 million in financial assistance to patients right here in Washington and Alaska. On October 26 at Seattle Center, we will be joining other teams and approximately 2,000 individuals in our community to celebrate and walk in support, honor, and remembrance of those touched by cancer. For more information about this year's local walk, visit

<https://www.lightthenight.org/washington-alaska#>.

If you have any questions, please contact victoria.wenick@lls.org or call 206-957-4597.

Thank you.

Victoria Wenick



RECENT LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



Preschool Contract – Miss Tara has signed the contract and paid for the first month.

Budget – With planning to begin in early November, the LLT determined that October 27 would be the deadline for individual budgets to be submitted and November 3 the deadline for pledge cards to be submitted. Sunday, October 20, and Sunday, October 27, will be stewardship sermon emphases. A new pledge card will be used this year. The year-to-date income vs expenses numbers will be posted each month on the bulletin board by the porch door.

Gift Card – The LLT decided to purchase a Daniel’s Broiler \$300 gift card to present to the attorney who did not charge us for drawing up Miss Tara’s contract. The money will be donated by members of the Board. Colleen will look into purchasing it at Costco.

Building and Property

Larry will contact the gardener to have him determine how much **bark** we need for the front of the church, order it, and spread it. Pastor Sean will run the dimensions by Chelsea of the **new banner** to be purchased for the corner of 30th Avenue Northeast and NE 82nd Street.

Retreat and Kickoff Sunday

- The Retreat members decided the theme for the church year will be “All for One and One for All,” based on Colossians 3:14 (and the rally cry of the Three Musketeers), with a covenanting opportunity provided at the close of the Sunday service on September 15.
- In aligning with the “One in the Spirit” theme and the church’s decision to pursue fellowship as its primary spiritual discipline, three field trips will be scheduled for 2019-2020 and in-home small groups will be formed again.
- A wellness walk through the neighborhood will be scheduled (more details to follow from Pastor Sean).
- The PR Committee has suggested we explore social media options to further promote online exposure for our church.
- There will be no Harvest Festival this year due to a Girl Scout leadership change and the need to establish a rapport with them for it to be successful.

Calendar

October 12 – Evergreen Association Annual Meeting
 October 19 – Movie Night
 October 20 – Food Packaging at Wedgwood Presbyterian
 October 31 – Cider Booth on 35th Avenue Northeast

Milt Brown

FOOD PACKING WITH OTHER CHURCHES



On Sunday, October 20, we will begin the worship service at 10:30 AM rather than our usual 11:00 AM. The purpose for this is so that immediately after our worship service those of us who are interested can join with other churches at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church to help package food for North Helpline. We will be joined by Wedgwood Presbyterian, Maple Leaf Lutheran, and Sand Point Community United Methodist to assist in the packaging of thousands of pounds of foodstuff like rice, coffee, and sugar. In order to make this happen, we also need to raise money to purchase the foodstuff that we will be packaging. Please consider making a financial contribution so that we can help those less fortunate in our neighborhood. If you are paying with check, please make the check out to Wedgwood Presbyterian Church and either drop it in the offering plate or deliver it to pastor Sean by Sunday, October 13.

Thank you.

Pastor Sean

EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

2019 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

October 11-12, 2019

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Avenue, Seattle, WA

Host Pastor: Rev. James O. Stallings, Interim Minister

Theme: FREE THE CAPTIVES (Luke 4:18)

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Priscilla E. Eppinger, Executive Director, American Baptist Historical Society

Please see Pastor Sean Brown for registration material and information.

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Be sure to read *Evergreen Notes*, the monthly newsletter of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches. You can find it online at

<http://www.ea-abc.org/medianewsletter.html>

Wedgwood Happenings



Pauline Kokolo is still convalescing in Dallas, Texas, with her daughter. Let's remember to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Gregg Romberger, the longest-attending member at Wedgwood, has moved to a retirement community in Olympia. He will be near **Rod and Sandy Romberger**, who live in Lacey. WCC had a farewell party for Gregg and people shared nice remembrances of him. Gregg will be missed. His new address is 3730 – 14th AVE SE, APT 221, Olympia, WA 98501. Gregg's phone number remains 206-523-5018.

Linea Croly and **Janet Fowler** have moved to Overlake Terrace and are settling in. Their beloved dog, **Barney**, passed away recently and they miss him greatly. Barney was our "church mascot" and his loss is felt at church, too. Linea and Janet's new address is 2956 – 152nd Avenue Northeast, Apt. 267, Redmond, WA 98052. Their phone number is 425-284-0837.

Katie, Rose, and **Gerry Zelaya** were in El Salvador for several weeks this summer visiting **Gerardo's** family and now they and Gerardo are visiting Katie's folks in Yorba Linda, California.

Our young people are busy with work and schooling. I spoke recently with Daniele Hansen and she said **Tess** works in New York City for Michael Kors Fashion House on the editorial team and "is in her element." **Lily** is now a Junior at the University of Washington double majoring in Political Science and Journalism. She is finishing a 6-month internship at *Seattle Metropolitan Magazine*. She published several articles both online and in the magazine. **Mason Klein** has returned to Rapid City School of Mines and Technology and **Abbie Wenick** to Western Washington to continue their education. And **Aidan Klein** and **Kiera Wenick** are back in school.

If you have any news of yourself or family to share, please contact Ellen or Marilyn.

Ellen Brown



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Copies of the current edition of both *The Secret Place* and *Our Daily Bread* are available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one or both of these devotional booklets for an inspirational read.

The **Wedgletter** has been posted for people to access online at:

<http://www.wedgwoodchurch.org/wedgletters.html>.
To hear sermons, click on the **Sermons** link.



MOVIE NIGHT

Our next Movie Night will be on Saturday, October 19. The film, *Yesterday*, is a British romantic comedy. We gather at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall and the show starts at 6:30. Please bring a snack to share. Guests are welcome to enjoy the evening with us.

October

- 11 - Gerardo Zelaya
- 15 - Candace Sagor
- 16 - Marie Sillence
- 16 - Colleen Williams
- 19 - Barbara Johnson
- 21 - David Jenner
- 22 - Michelle Francone
- 24 - Sandy Romberger
- 25 - Marilyn Potts
- 28 - Norma Jenner
- 30 - Brian Heerdt

November

- 2 - Kim McCormick
- 4 - Toshi Moberg
- 6 - Nicole Dormer
- 8 - April Wallace
- 12 - Luke Wallace
- 14 - Belinda Tapsoba
- 16 - Ron Sillence
- 28 - Pauline Kokolo

CHURCH HUMOR




BULLETIN BOARD

Opportunities to Support our Greater Community



Just a reminder that used eyeglasses are still being accepted at Woodlawn Optical located at 8032 - 35th Avenue NE. Glenn will then forward them for use by those in need, both in mission areas here in the states, as well as out of the country.

Please continue to “feed” our food barrel. Pickup is the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Check the list below for other things needed besides food. At every pickup, much thankfulness is expressed for our kindness.

Marilyn Potts

Wedgletter Contribution

If you have a personal experience for *Journey Talk*, a book review, or an article you would like to share with us, please let Ellen Brown know by the 15th of the month and submit it to her by the 23rd.



**University
District
Food Bank**

Items Needed

Food

Canned fruit, canned chicken and tuna and salmon, soups, stews, peanut or other nut butters (especially crunchy), shelf-stable milk, and milk alternatives, cereal

Other Items

Toiletries, pet food, fresh produce, reusable shopping bags