

# THE LYNNEWOOD LINES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR LYNNEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Pastor's Letter

Grace and Peace to you in the Name of our Risen and Ever-Rising God,

Happy Easter Season! Easter is more than a Sunday, it is a way of life. We are a resurrected people; called to live into the power of God's life and love each day. The apostle Paul said that all he really wanted was to "know Christ and the power of his resurrection" (Philippians 3:10). What does that mean to us? Maybe it means that we choose hope and faith in God instead of worry over present circumstances? Maybe it means that we work toward God's future of mercy and justice, even though we may not see the results? Maybe it means that we believe change is always possible and we refuse to acquiesce to "the way things are"? Maybe it means that love wins? In this Easter season, I hope we will reflect upon what the power of Christ's resurrection means and ask for that power to fuel our lives. As we pray for God's new beginnings in our own lives, pray that God's same resurrecting Spirit would bring new life to our congregation.

We have much to look forward to...

REOPENING for IN-PERSON WORSHIP on JUNE 27th! This is our target date. After a year of ZOOM worship, I am overjoyed!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Virtual 5K. Walk, run, or bike anytime the weekend of May 21-23 and help raise money to end hunger world-wide!

HONORING OUR GRADUATES - May 30th we will honor our graduates and bless our seniors with scholarships.

Stay tuned for more details on summer children's and youth ministry events, as well!

May the Risen Christ lead us into God's future and empower us with Grace for every step along the way,

Pastor Jenn

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As a reconciling congregation that **dares to question, love, and serve**, we offer wide welcome to all people regardless of age, sex, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, family status, physical or mental ability, or economic or immigration status.

# Announcements

## Worship at Lynnewood UMC - May 2021

May 9 - **Why Christian?** *Reflections on Inclusion (Acts 8: 26-40)*  
Mother's Day Celebration

May 16 - **Why Christian?** *A Conversation on the Importance of our Witness (Luke 24: 44-53)*  
Final Breakout Room discussion on sharing faith

May 23 - **Pentecost** *Spirit Driven Innovation (Acts 2: 1-21)*  
Please wear Red!

May 30 - *Born of Spirit (John 3: 1-17)*  
Honoring our Graduates

## May Interfaith Religion Chat

Dear Interfaith Friends,

You are invited to our next Religion Chat!

**Wednesday, May 12, 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. via Zoom. Zoom room will open at 4:45.**

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87417613345>

**Topic:** In what ways, positive and negative, has the pandemic affected your ability to practice your faith?

Any participants who wish to share a brief response (under 3 minutes) to the topic may do so. Note that we will not be recording this Religion Chat.

If you missed our April Chat with speakers Rev. Ellie Kilpatrick of Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore and Bishop Roger Persson of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, here is a link to the recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiyOf8qFOyc>.

Some of our other Chats are posted on the Videos page of Interfaith Interconnect Facebook.

A reminder will be sent a few days before the meeting.

We look forward to having you join us May 12!

Ruth Gasten and Marcia Elchesen  
Interfaith Interconnect Leadership Committee

MARCH FINANCE UPDATE									
		Amount	% difference from budget						
Operating Budget									
Donations Building Use & Interest (Year To Date)		\$101,811	-9.5%						
Expenses (Year To date)		\$170,738	-4.3%						

If you would like to better understand where our church stands financially or the financial goals of our church, please see any member of the finance committee. We would be happy to discuss our finances with you!

# Bible Studies & Small Group Ministries

## NOURISH AT NOON

Join Pastor Jenn at noon on **Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** for a time of sharing and prayer. Come and nourish at noon through Zoom.

Meeting ID: 842 1052 9685

Participant ID: Just press #

Password: 4444

Mobile: Call (669) 900-6833. Enter the meeting ID and then the password when prompted.

To MUTE or UNMUTE, please press \*6

We will meet again on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details are forthcoming, so please keep an eye on the weekly email!

## TUESDAY ZOOM MEN'S RELIGIOUS STUDY

Join for a time of fellowship and study on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 920 7883 8310

Passcode: 4444

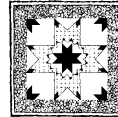
## WEDNESDAY MUSIC MINISTRY GET TOGETHER (ZOOM)

Calling all interested in Music Ministry at Lynnewood—Beginning the first Wednesday in May, we are inviting ANYONE interested in participating in Music Ministry at Lynnewood to join us for our weekly Zoom gathering. Questions? Email Amelia at [amelia@lynnewood.org](mailto:amelia@lynnewood.org)

To Join Meeting [CLICK HERE!](#)

Meeting ID: 878 6882 9810

Passcode: 4444



## PRAYERS & SQUARES

Please remember whenever we have a quilt, it is not finished until you participate by tying a knot or laying your hands on a knot and saying a prayer. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Michele at 447-9141 or [micheleohair@gmail.com](mailto:micheleohair@gmail.com), or Jane at 846-6412.

## MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Join Raeanne Passantino on Mondays at 7 pm for a time of faith, sharing and prayer over a book read together. We discuss one chapter per week.

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 241 9110

Password: 4444

Mobile: Call (669)900-6833. Enter the meeting ID and then the password when prompted.

## KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group is on hiatus at the moment as they await more volunteers. If you know how to knit and would like to join this group, please contact Yvonne Greenlee.

## DREAM GROUP

This group, led by Lisa Rigge, meets the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. During the shelter-in-place order, this group will be meeting by Zoom.

## Seasoned Citizens



The Seasoned Citizens enjoyed another Zoom Meeting together. We are finding that these Zoom meetings really help us get to know each other better.

Our question for the month of April was "If you could live anywhere, where would it be?" Our Lynnewood family is very special to us and we would not want to be far away from them or our own families. We really live in the very best place on earth. If we were to leave we won't go far and not for long. Hawaii, Paris, near a lake, a river or a beach but this is home and near our family. Family is EVERYTHING!

If you are a Seasoned Citizens please join us in May. We always schedule our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. We have a great time catching up.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 ! If you are a Seasoned Citizens, I hope you will join us.



Seasoned Citizens - One of our most popular groups is our seniors' monthly luncheon group. Because of the pandemic we are currently meeting via Zoom. If you are retired, you qualify as a "seasoned citizen"! Call the church for the date with a chance to meet new friends.

# Music Notes



Hello, Lynnewood friends!

Beginning this first Wednesday in May, the previously known Wednesday evening 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Get Together on Zoom will be “rebranded” as Lynnewood Music Ministry Gathering.

**WHO** is invited?

ANYONE interested in participating in Music Ministry at Lynnewood—singers and instrumentalists (bell ringers, woodwind and brass players, percussionists, etc.), and those who are generally interested in supporting our music ministry at Lynnewood.

**WHAT** is involved with Music Ministry at Lynnewood?

Well, that is a question we intend to further explore as we navigate what praise and worship will look like in the foreseeable future at Lynnewood UMC.

**WHY** do we gather?

Ever since we started Zooming, our gathering has been more like a Life Group or Small Group where we come together to chit chat, check in, discuss worship music matters, share life joys and concerns, and best of all (in my opinion) pray together!

Join us this Wednesday at 7:30 PM if the above description speaks to you!

Zoom Meeting ID: 878 6882 9810

Passcode: 4444

Joyfully,

Amelia Han Riegert  
Organist/Pianist and Worship Music Coordinator  
amelia@lynnewood.org

# Lynnewood Outreach

## Bundles of Joy

Bundles of Joy is an on-going joint project with Axis Community Health and several other churches in the Tri-Valley. It is only made possible by the donations we receive each month. We provide 14 bags per month to Axis to be given out to low-income pregnant women. Please help us to continue to reach out to families in need and show them what a caring community we are. Donations from the list below can be given to Noelle Woodward. Contact Noelle at 925-366-0602 or [noelle@wdwrd.net](mailto:noelle@wdwrd.net) with any questions.

Items Needed for the Bundles of Joy Project:

- Diapers (Newborn – Size 1)
- Pacifiers
- Cloth Toys or Stuffed Animals
- Bibs (We usually include 2.)
- Wipes
- Blankets
- Rattles
- Hats (We usually include 2.)
- Baby Wash, Lotion, Powder or Ointment (We include 1 item per bag.)
- Newborn Outfits – Size 0-6 months (We usually include 1 per bag.)
- Pajamas, Size 0-6 months (We usually include 1 per bag.)
- Onesies, Size 0-6 months (We usually include 1-2 per bag.)
- Baby Booties or Socks (We usually include 2-3 pairs.)
- Cash or Gift Cards (Target, etc.)

### How Can We Help Open Heart Kitchen?

Due to the shelter-in-place mandate, Open Heart Kitchen is not operating out of Lynnewood on Sundays. We can still help them though as they work to make sure people are fed despite the current pandemic. If you would like to help, please send in a donation check to Lynnewood and note "Open Heart Kitchen" in the memo line. Thank you.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF EGG CARTONS

In addition to providing egg cartons for Tri Valley Haven, we are now expanding our request for paper/plastic bags and individually wrapped plastic eating utensils. The egg cartons and bags will continue to be delivered to the food pantry. But the individually packaged utensils will be delivered to Open Heart Kitchen. If you are able to save these items, but don't want to make a trip to the church, I will be happy to pick them up. Just email, call or text me and I will let you know when I am driving through your neighborhood on my egg carton "route". Thank you for all the ways you reach out to serve the community. Linda Van Pelt, [lvanpelt3513@att.net](mailto:lvanpelt3513@att.net), 510-376-0483.

# Children and Youth News

Each month with our kids and teens, we'll be focusing on a theme. During the month of April, we're thinking about...

## Creativity

The very first act of the Bible, and the first thing we see God do, is create. I think, in many ways, we're hardwired to create. It may look different for everyone - drawing, music, writing code, engineering, designing a new basketball play. They all can help us tap into God in different ways.

Over the course of the month, we'll explore creativity with our kids and teens, and, of course, actually get creative from time to time. In a season where we could all use something new, creativity might help us find it.

Peace and hope,

Sam

### Pleasanton Schools Partnership

Back in the Fall, our Children's Offering raised money for our Kids Helping Kids Fund, which goes towards the needs of local families as identified by Pleasanton School Social Workers. Since then, those social workers have brought several opportunities before us, and we've been able to respond. Here's how we've helped:

- We bought a family a Christmas tree
- We covered an overdue emergency room bill for a family
- We paid for a family to receive much needed dental care
- We covered the cost of DACA related fees for family
- We purchased Amazon gift cards for summer school teachers
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Your generosity is making an impact. Recently, PUSD staff wrote us this encouraging note:

Lynnewood United Methodist Church,  
We are so grateful to have a community partner like Lynnewood. Your financial support to PUSD makes it possible for us to meet the needs of our students.

Thank you,  
PUSD Social Workers and Parent Liaisons

To get involved with local PUSD students, you can sign up to be a virtual tutor at The Pleasanton PTA Community Volunteer Hub by visiting <https://www.pleasantonpta.org/programs/community-volunteer-hub>. To be an on call volunteer for other opportunities that may arise, email Sam at [sam@lynnewood.org](mailto:sam@lynnewood.org).

### May Youth Schedule

May 9: Off- Mothers' Day  
May 16: Pack Fire Buckets @ 1pm  
May 23: Zoom @ 4pm  
May 30: Off – Memorial Day