

journeying in Faith growing in Spirit

TOLT UCC

MARCH/APRIL 2026

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Hello Friends

Here we are in Lent and we might be wondering toward what wilderness God is leading us. Are we being pressed toward the cities into streets of indifference to suffering, through buildings that shelter despair, down alleys that deal in rage. We do our best to help all the while knowing that bread alone does not bring everyone out of poverty, not life – warm, crusty, chewy, fragrant life.

Or into the dry desert, the secular world views the wilderness, to which God is prodding. The vast reaches of power; blazing fame; subtle and blatant shifting golden sands of authority shimmer all around us. Where security is found only in wealth and insurance policies, in weapons and armed forces, in control through strength, in connections being broken leaving folks on their own.

The desert wilderness is so beguiling with each oasis gradually turning into a mirage. We ask it, is this all there is? As we question relief and the quenching of thirst to turn to God, and to one another as community for strength. May this turning well up within us. May the Holy Spirit well up in us, clear, cool, stone deep, until we overflow with life-giving joy.

Or is God drawing you down into an inner wilderness where canyons of doubt are crisscrossed with gullies of loss and shame. Where shadow deepen early and stay late and we are no longer sure of what is true or real. Maybe at times we don't recognize ourselves. Fear lurks in the desert's hills and crannies, where we wander lost, or alone, or confused, succumbed worry and dread.

We need to be together on this journey. We need to feel God's presence on our journey. We so wish for some magical prayer, some secret, some mantra that would assure us of our special place in God's heart. Yet, it seems God has retreated into the darkness while the rocks and stones all around us reverberate with a silent, single word, "Trust."

We are here friends, together, on the brink of whatever Lenten wilderness is ours to journey through. We are here together, uneasy, uncertain, maybe a bit unwilling, but here. With God's grace we are here, we are present, we are community. May the Spirit of Christ continue to guide us through our Lenten experience.

UPCOMING LENTEN WORSHIP SEASON

LENT III MAR 8 MEANDERING THROUGH FEAR + VULNERABILITY

LENT IV MAR 15 MEANDERING THROUGH HATE + ANGER

LENT V MAR 22 MEANDERING THROUGH JUDGMENT + FORGIVENESS

LENT VI MAR 29 PALM SUNDAY

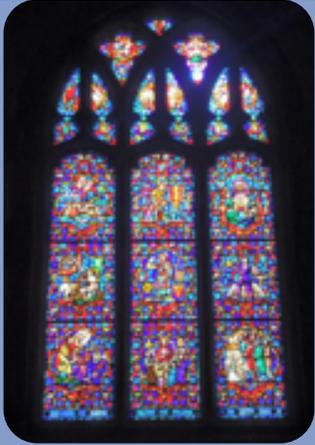
APR 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP + MEDITATION/ LORD'S TABLE

APR 5 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE TOLT MACDONALD PARK

8:00 AM EASTER SERVICE

9:15 AM EASTER EGG HUNT ON THE LAWN

10:00 AM EASTER SERVICE



STAY IN TOUCH

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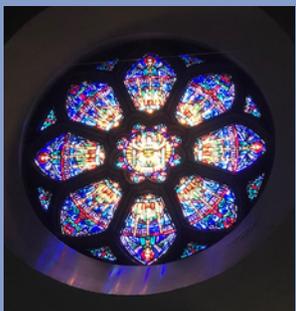
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TOLT STOCK

JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL FOR THIS YEAR'S
 TALENT / NO TALENT SHOW
 SHARE YOUR CREATIVITY 6:30P MARCH 7
 LOOKING FORWARD TO FUN!

PRESCHOOL YARD SALE – NEW DATE



Hey everyone if you have started to notice some items that you no longer need accumulating around the house Tolt UCC Preschool wants to help you out. As a fundraiser for the Preschool, they will be collecting items for their March 14, 2026 Yard Sale. Reach out to Deb Leone or the office for more information.



CHURCH FINANCES - JANUARY 2026

How are we doing?	January	YTD
Pledged Income Budgeted	12,257.67	12,257.67
Pledged Income Actual	11,878.00	11,878.00
Over (Short)	(379.67)	(379.67)
Total Income Budgeted	21,566.00	21,566.00
Over (Short)	(3,326.33)	(3,326.33)
Monthly Expenses Budgeted	23,736.67	23,736.67
Monthly Expenses Actual	25,373.92	25,373.92
Underspent (Overspent)	(1,637.25)	(1,637.25)



FREE MEAL SCHEDULE

- MAR 4 BARB & PASTOR STEPHEN
- MAR 11 BCCC
- MAR 18
- MAR 25
- APR 1 IVERSON
- APR 8 BCCC
- APR 15
- APR 22
- APR 29 ALAINA'S GS TROOP 43137

FREE MEAL TO-GO:

A least 2 Wednesdays a month 4-5:30pm
 Contact: Barb Lewis

FOOD BANK:

Fresh food rescued from local providers,
 Wednesdays 4-5:30pm
 Contact: Dominique Lemaitre

FOOD PANTRY:

Out front for any time access
 Contact: Kaila Russell

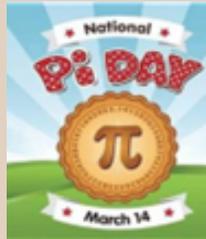


The Conference Annual Meeting is March 13-14 in Seattle!

For more details

[HTTPS://PNCUCC.ORG/ANUAL-MEETING-2026/](https://pncucc.org/annual-meeting-2026/)

The Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting's theme this year is "Come and See." Come and See what the churches in the PNC have been up to. Come and See what the PNC youth of our conference think and want from church. Come and See what the PNC has been up to. You will not want to miss this year's Annual Meeting! COME AND SEE!



Let's Celebrate Pi Day!!!

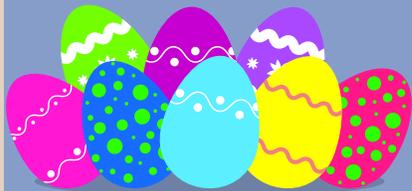
What is the significance of March 14th? Maybe it's your birthday or an anniversary ~ NO, it's National Pi Day, the annual celebration of one of math's most famous constants: the irrational, never-ending number π , pronounced pi 3.14159....

Tolt is having our very own Pi Day Pie Sale again this year. We will have delicious selection of home made pies for your enjoyment. All sales benefit Tolt UCC's Scholarship Fund.

Our delectable pies will be offered online on Toltlist beginning March 10th. Be watching Toltlist on March 10th to put in your order for a pie or pies. Pies will be available for pick up on Saturday, March 14th. All pies are \$30.



Spring Cleaning time! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 21st, for our annual all church work party to spruce up our church buildings and grounds. We'll meet at 9:00 AM. Have jobs for everyone. We'll wash windows, polish pews, weed & prune flower beds, general maintenance. This is a multi generational event, young people to seniors. Men's Fellowship and Women's Fellowship are sponsoring this event. Lunch will be served! See you there.



EASTER EGG-DYING

SESSION 2:15P

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Tolt Church Basement

Contact Sarah Rainwater
for more details



CALENDAR & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAR/APR 2026

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAR						
1 10:00a Worship	2 OFC 9:30-2:30	3 OFC 9:30-2:30 6:30p Women's Spirituality Group	4 Free Meal & Food Bank 4-5:30pm	5 OFC 9:30- 2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	6	7 6:30pm TOLT STOCK
8 10:00a Worship with Faith Formation	9 OFC 9:30-2:30	10 OFC 9:30-2:30 9a Cong Care Mtg TBC <i>Look for Pie Info on Tolt List</i> 5:30pm Council Mtg TBC	11 Food Bank & Free Meal 4-5:30pm	12 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	13 <i>Pick up Pies Tomorrow</i>	14 8:30a MF Café Breakfast TBC 9a Preschool Yard Sale
15 10:00a Worship	16 OFC 9:30-2:30	17 OFC 9:30-2:30 6:30p Women's Spirituality Group	18 Free Meal & Food Bank 4-5:30pm	19 OFC 9:30- 2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	20	21 9a All Church Clean- Up
22 10:00a Worship with Faith Formation	23 OFC 9:30-2:30	24 OFC 9:30-2:30 6p Ukulele Jam	25 Free Meal & Food Bank 4- 5:30pm	26 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	27	28 APR
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