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## Members of Congress are urged to support diplomacy

by Darla Carter | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — With the one-year anniversary of Russia’s continued aggression toward Ukraine looming, a webinar was held Thursday, February 23, to discuss the impact of nonviolent resistance against the war and to make recommendations to Congress, including stressing the need for diplomacy.

The webinar was put on by the Peace & Security Working Group of the [Washington Interfaith Staff Community](#) (WISC) and included two main speakers: Andre Kamenshikov, a peacebuilding activist who’s lived in Kyiv, Ukraine for the last 10 years, and Felipe Daza, a scholar and practitioner of nonviolent civil resistance.

The war has resulted in up to 300,000 casualties in the last year, according to media reports, and been denounced by members of the international community, including the United States. This week, the [United Nations General Assembly](#) adopted a resolution calling on Russia to withdraw its forces and for Member States and international organizations to redouble support for diplomatic efforts to achieve “just and lasting peace.”

“For the Ukrainian people, this is a battle for self-determination,” Daza noted during his presentation, adding later, “It is important to develop a comprehensive protection program for nonviolent activists in the occupied territories but also in Russia and Belarus, where the repression is increasing.”



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has spoken out against the war and participates in WISC, which is a network of more than 70 Washington offices of national religious bodies and faith-based organizations that “collaborate on advocacy for U.S. government policies that advance a more just, peaceful and ecologically sustainable world,” according to WISC’s website.

Daza gave an overview of [235](#) Ukrainian non-violent civil resistance actions taken from February 2022 to June 2022. They included mass protests, graffiti, the hanging of flags and ribbons, and systemic non-cooperation actions. Such efforts made a difference, including slowing down the advance of the Russian army, protecting residents, contradicting Russian narratives and building community resilience, according to his research.

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“It was really important, the role of grassroots organizations to daily organize communication actions, solidarity actions towards the people,” he said. “This specific resilience was happening at (the) local level in neighborhoods” and gave “support to the people to maintain and to survive.”

He also spoke about the emergence of self-organized groups making daily decisions on how to provide humanitarian action. This “huge community-organizing process in the whole country is a real school of political empowerment,” he said.

Looking to the future, Kamenshikov suggested trying to win favor with the scores of Russians who have left the country since the 2022 invasion.

“Over a million Russians have left the country after Feb. 24 (of) last year, and each of these people has dozens of acquaintances, friends, relatives and so forth that he can directly communicate with,” Kamenshikov said. “My proposal and my hope is, really, let’s engage these people. Let’s turn them into our allies. ... If we can do that in a significant way, that might have an impact on what’s happening internally, because the regime of Putin must end and every day it exists is a disaster for Ukraine, for Russia itself, and for the whole world.”

Kamenshikov went on to praise President Joe Biden’s [recent speech](#) in Warsaw, Poland. “I would like this message to be strengthened, to be carried out in policy decisions, and to effectively engage in many ways with the people of Russia itself,” he said.

Eli McCarthy of [Georgetown University’s Program on Justice and Peace](#) followed the speakers to summarize policy priorities and recommendations. “Number one, we ask for support and funding for peacebuilding aid and nonviolent resistance action, and number two, we ask for a consistent needs-based diplomacy and negotiations for a just peace,” he said.

Representatives of the U.S. government can help, he said, by encouraging the Ukrainian government to develop a non-cooperation strategy that activists can work with to help resist the occupation and invasion.

Also, members of Congress should make public statements supporting diplomacy and reach out to Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken privately to advocate for diplomacy, he said, adding, “The prevalent logic of waiting for diplomacy until there is military advantage will almost certainly not yield a durable peace.”

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## NOTES FROM THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

*By Rev. Brian Heron,  
Presbyter for Vision and Mission*

“Notes from the Road to Emmaus.”

“Holy Breadcrumbs.”

“A Pilgrim Diary.”

There is an obvious theme here. All of my writing for the presbytery over the last five years was couched in the language of pilgrimage. Thirty-five years ago, when I was first ordained I didn't know a thing about pilgrimages. Success in ministry was all about climbing a “church ladder” of ever-increasing responsibility and influence. But, as I have aged I find that I think little about professional success and more about simple faithfulness and service.



If faithfulness was the driving force five years ago that brought us together, faithfulness is now the driving force behind our going our separate ways. This is not a failure on the presbytery's part, nor on my part. This is simply the reality of trusting God on the pilgrim path.

If you, the presbytery, are to live faithfully into your new Mission and Vision statements, you will need leadership with gifts, abilities and passions different than mine. And, if I am to remain faithful to the calling I feel deep within my soul, I need to be out on the creative edge of ministry where my passions and gifts can take root.

I am grateful to the Presbytery of the Cascades for this time of service. The opportunities and challenges of the position sharpened my character, forced me to deepen my spiritual disciplines, and honed my call such that I am feeling propelled into new playful work.

I am grateful to our congregations for opening their doors to me as I sought to listen to the needs and hopes of our churches as we teased out a new vision. I am grateful that the presbytery trusted me in the anxious moments of COVID-19 as we all pivoted, shifted and adapted to the historic challenge of living through a pandemic. I am grateful for the year working with the Strategic Planning Team on new mission and vision statements as it called on me to dig into both my visioning and consulting toolbox.

Ecclesiastes reminds us that in God's realm there are no seasons of life that are wasted.

It is now time to trust that God is just as present in endings as in beginnings, just as much in separation as in connection.

My prayer for us today is this:

O God of the pilgrim path, the future is unknown and the path is often unclear. Yet, we know that as long as we stay faithful to you, faithful to the moment in front of us, and faithful to each other's deepest desires, we can be confident that every step we take reflects the essential goodness of your divine character. Jesus showed us the way. May we live and pray our way forward in his name and through his life. Amen.

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# Orenco Fellowship Events Bring Neighborhood Folks Together

*By Pat Berger, North East and West Regions  
Reporter*

You will wish you had been at **Orenco, Hillsboro** last Sunday after worship. It was time for Sweetie Pie Sunday (right after Valentine's Day, after all . . .)! About ten of their members had been asked to bring two different pies each with them. There was quite a selection of different kinds of pie. The pies were cut into cubes, several of the cubes were put into numbered paper cups for tasting, and then: everyone who had tasted, voted. During worship on February 26, the top three winners were revealed – Third: Raspberry Pie; Second: Chocolate Oreo Pie; First: Cheesecake with Blueberry/Strawberry toppings! This activity was organized by Orenco's Outreach Coordinator and Children's Ministries Coordinator, Haven Gilbert.



Their next fellowship and outreach activity will be an Easter Egg Hunt, held on the Saturday before Easter. Orenco is fortunate to be neighbors with a member whose property includes a flat field that is about an acre in size -- perfect for a large egg hunt! The owner welcomes the church's use of the property for their large activities, like the egg hunt at which they anticipate up to 1000 participants! In addition to the egg hunt, there will be games and prizes and other fun things. Most of the participants come from the church's extended neighborhood. Haven says that Facebook and other online outreach they have used brings people from greater distances.

At Halloween, they offered a Trunk or Treat event. People decorate their trunks and everyone votes for their favorites. They are very thankful for the traffic control offered by one of their members who works for the Hillsboro Police Department. Last Halloween, not only did he help with traffic (again, over 1000 attendees!), but he also participated in the event with a patrol car and handed stickers out to the kids.

Last summer, the church had its first end-of-summer luau! This event featured a Hawaiian food truck and a shaved ice truck. They had leis for the several hundred visitors. Orenco has an active youth group who were very helpful at this and other church events. Their Youth Director, Jennifer Schatz, and her husband also own a bounce house business and have several water slides and bounce houses which they have made available at events. The church recently purchased a 25' inflatable outdoor movie screen. This screen can also be used indoors in the sanctuary which feels as if people are in a real movie theatre. They hope to use it monthly for family movie nights, both indoors and outdoors.



*Egg Hunting Event*

Much is happening in the Outreach area of Orenco's life, and of course there is more. Worship is again offered in person and still offered online. They will be opening their weekday preschool again in September. Blessings for ALL of your ministries, Orenco!

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# ~ *Transitions* ~

## **Pastoral Changes**

- The Rev. Laurie Jackson has transferred her membership to Northwest Coast Presbytery.
- Sharon Edwards has dissolved her ministry with Corvallis, First PC
- Zane Buxton is now serving part-time at Creswell, First PC

## **Retirements:**

- Peter Blank is honorably retired as of February 1, 2023.

## **Memorium**

- The Rev. Gretchen White Janssen passed away October 30, 2022.



## **Bisbee Grant funds are available for disaster-related projects.**

*By Don Shaw*

Is your church prepared to be transformed into an Emergency Shelter? Are you considering how to be prepared to shelter your members and fellow community members after a major natural disaster?

As the number of natural disasters and other emergencies continues to rise, many churches are looking for ways to help their local communities. One way they can do this is by becoming an emergency shelter.

Start now thinking about how your church building and members will respond during a natural disaster or other emergency. Give consideration to the supplies necessary to accommodate those that will take shelter in your building and how you will care for the people once they are there.

Deadline to submit your grant application is August 15, 2023. See the Presbytery [website](#) for more information.

Here are the steps a church needs to take in order to turn their building into a safe haven for people in need during times of crisis.

1. **Establish a Point of Contact:** The first step is to create a point of contact for the shelter. This should be someone who is knowledgeable about the process and is available to answer questions and coordinate with local emergency management officials.
2. **Gather Necessary Supplies:** The shelter should have a variety of supplies on hand to ensure the safety and comfort of those who use it. This includes items such as blankets, cots, water, food and medical supplies.
3. **Develop an Emergency Plan:** The church should develop a comprehensive emergency plan that outlines how they will respond to different types of emergencies. For an emergency involving the church (such as a fire, active shooter, etc.), this should include evacuation plans, safety procedures and communication plans. For emergencies involving the community and sheltering community members, this should include a list of roles to be filled (registering people coming into the church, food handling and preparation, etc.) and a roster of people in the lead for each role.
4. **Train Volunteers:** Churches should recruit and train volunteers who will be able to help manage the shelter during times of crisis. These volunteers should be knowledgeable about the emergency plan and have the necessary skills to respond to the needs of the people being sheltered by the church.

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# A Warm Ecumenical Moment in the South

By Mike Hubbard, Central/South Regions Reporter

Question: What does a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament, an aspiring fly fisher, and a Benedictine oblate have in common?

Answer: Victoria Bethel, the newly installed pastor at **Tri City United, Myrtle Creek,**

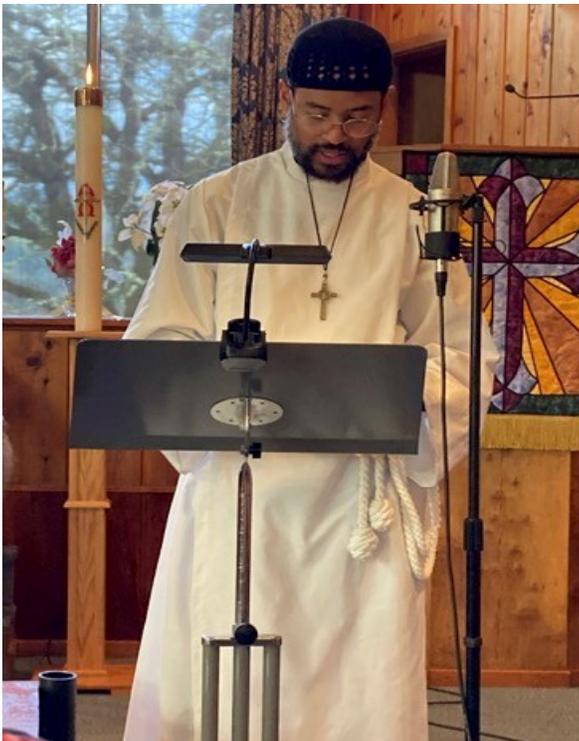
One only had to be present at her traditional Presbyterian installation service to see how these three seemingly unrelated characteristics overlap and shape Victoria's life. The day itself was warm and partially cloudy; the sanctuary's large windows offered a generous view of the surrounding countryside. Behind the chancel, an arched window frames a large oak. Early in the service an inquisitive gray squirrel ventured out on a branch to observe the proceedings.

Naturally, the Administrative Commission (AC) Elders did the traditional things an installation AC does—pray, question and charge. However, Anthony Gaboton, guest speaker and honorary member of the commission, had an unexpected ecumenical treat in store for the congregation. A Licensed Preacher in the National Baptist tradition and candidate for ordination in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, Anthony is also a Benedictine oblate—about as ecumenical as one person can be. His warmth and friendship with Pastor Bethel imparted a personal touch to his meditation.

Where does the aspiring fly fisher appear? It seems that while in Virginia, Victoria took fly fishing lessons and caught the “fishing bug.” That afternoon, during a time of food and fellowship, Bethel's congregation presented her with a beautiful four-piece travel flyrod complete with reel and line. At this writing, tentative plans for a Tri City “Spirituality of Fly Fishing” retreat are in the works.



*Victoria Bethel receives fly-fishing rod at her installation*



*Anthony Gaboton offers Encouragement and advice at the installation*

Victoria has a solid resume in PC(USA) parish ministry. However, that resume's ecumenical content is every bit as solid. Considering just her work at the very inclusive Richmond Hill retreat center, it's easy to see how she is comfortable with a wide range of belief systems and diversity. For the many of us in the Cascades who cherish fond memories of Lectionary and Discovery Retreats hosted by the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel, Bethel's association with that order is a good fit.

Well into her first year at the church-on-a-hill in Myrtle Creek one can sense an easy, comfortable pastor/congregation relationship is forming. Perhaps one day soon, the Tri City congregation will have a beautiful and local retreat venue to offer their neighbors in the South.



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# ViewPoints

## THE Road —Taken

By Doug Anderson, Presbytery Moderator,  
Elder, **First, Trout Lake**



“Two roads diverged in a yellow wood...” you know the Robert Frost poem that is a favorite for many. Well, it has certainly been an inspiration for me, and as I enjoyed my eighty-third birthday on the Nestucca River getting soaking wet with coastal rain, but getting enough action to stay warm, I flashed back to the path that led me to this moment. How did a young Methodist lad from northeast Nebraska get from there to being guided by my son on one of the finest steelhead streams on the Oregon coast? And how in the world did this same lad get to be Presbytery of the Cascades Moderator for goodness sake??

My wife, Janet, believes strongly in “it’s a God Thing” and whether or not you believe in that sort of thing, she has made a believer out of me. Let me tell you why.

Picking up the story in my sophomore year in high school, I was really into sports and really into music. I was clowning around the house, singing away and pretending to direct the group I was singing with, and mother said, “Douglas, you do that very well—maybe you should be a music teacher!” Since I always obeyed my mother, that’s what I became! (God Moment?).

Since my folks went to Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, there also went I, and after graduation, I became the music teacher (band & choir) at two small schools in the western panhandle of Nebraska, Dalton and Gurley, just north of Sydney. I was a trumpet player, so I was OK with the brass, but the woodwinds did not get the attention they deserved so, after two years there, we headed to graduate school.

I was accepted at the University of Oregon and my then-wife was awarded a Teaching Assistantship at Oregon State. We lived in Corvallis, and I drove my little VW Bug to Eugene every day. One evening near the end of the term we were at a Young-Married meeting at Corvallis Methodist and one of the gals told me, “I’m good friends with a guy in McMinnville who is filling in for the choir teacher at McMinnville High School and I don’t think he will be continuing next year. That would be a good job!” (God Moment?).

That was in 1963 and thirty years later I retired and, surprise to me, 250 of my students returned to MHS on a June evening to the gym to salute “Mr. A” (see YouTube “Doug Anderson’s Twilights – 1994 Gala). There was a mass choir of students I had 30 years ago, standing next to a student I had in class yesterday! (A God-And-All-The Angels Moment for sure!) Those 30 years included many jazz choir trophies, but also teaching summer jazz choir workshops for teachers, publishing a book on the subject, a 6-week trip to Europe with 30 students, judging jazz festivals, and directing All-State jazz choirs in Washington, Arizona, and Nebraska and Oregon Teacher of the Year in 1976. (God Moments?)

But those moments were not always kind: The God Moments turned dark when divorce came into our house, and I was asked to leave. God received many “moments” from me asking for help through all this and I pretty much got answers that, summed up, were saying “Hang in there, I have another road for you to take.”

I don’t play the piano very well, so the school paid for an accompanist whose name was Janet Jackman. Janet was an alum of McMinnville High School, trained at Linfield, and had been teaching in Beaverton. But recently she, her husband, Bob, and three sons moved back to McMinnville. She became my accompanist, both at school and at the Methodist Church where I directed the choir for about 40 years. (Rewind this story about three paragraphs and twenty-five years to “a guy in McMinnville who is filling in for the choir director...” that guy was Bob Jackman! (I’ll pause here for an Oh-my-gosh-moment!))

The road taken by Janet and Bob was bumpy and they became single again. (Advance story about two years). The folks at the Methodist Church thought it was a natural that Doug and Janet should be a couple and stood with a cheer on a Sunday morning when I announced from the choir loft that Janet had accepted my proposal!

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Janet's maiden name was "Good" and the "Good Family" had an established tradition of camping out beneath Mt. Adams in Trout Lake, Washington every Labor Day weekend. They came to Trout Lake because Janet's dad and his three brothers had been teenagers here while Janet's grandpa was the pastor at **First, Trout Lake**. One of those September days we were driving by a house with an unobstructed view of Mt. Adams and there was a "For Sale" sign in the lawn. This house became our home for the next 22 years. (God Moments on top of God Moments).

But here is the topper: back up now to 1923 - yep, 100 years ago, when Pastor Good and family were missionaries in SE Alaska at Strawberry Point, now called Gustavus. For a cash crop, the town collectively raised turnips. The harvest of turnips for 1923 was put on a boat to be cashed in Seattle. The boat went down in a storm so no cash for Strawberry Point in 1923. Pastor Good came down to Seattle, to the Presbytery office, to see if there were any churches needing a pastor. He was told there were none—but, while he was in the office the mailman came in and in his bag was a letter from Trout Lake asking for a pastor. (Pause for God Moment).

Janet and I came to Trout Lake the summer of 2001 and have been very active in community and church life here. We were honored in 2019 as the Grand Marshall for the town fair parade. It has been a special joy for Janet to be a pianist in her grandpa's church where his pulpit and big chair are still used every Sunday. A lady in our congregation was a child when Rev. and Mrs. Good served here and can tell Janet about how "your grandmother put on the best Easter egg hunts!"

And that brings us to the final God Moment which is yet to happen. Janet and I have reached age 83 recently and with that has come a considerable drop in energy to keep up with summer chores of yard and garden and winter chores of scooping snow and processing firewood. We are now working on downsizing and deciding what we will take with us to our Senior Living accommodations in Salem, Oregon. We hope to accomplish this in June and July. (The God Moments WILL continue to happen—we just need to watch for them and be thankful when they come).



Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. This special offering is typically received during the season of Lent. Or give through this [website](#) which also offers churches the resources to promote the offering.

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PHOTOS (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT): TERESA BIRDA/CHILDREN, LATHY HALEVIN, ALLIANCE FOR FAIR FOOD

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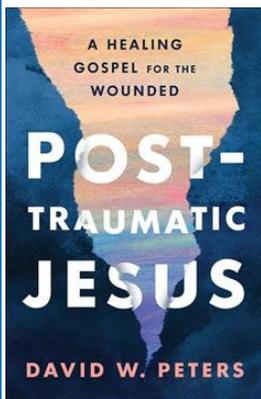
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# Resources help Ministry and Mission

## AZ QUOTES

I was searching for a quote by a favorite author of the person whose life we were celebrating and came across this website. It's very easy to use. One can look up material by the author's name or by the topic. There's a quote for the day, picture quotes and top quotes. To explore the site, click [here](#).

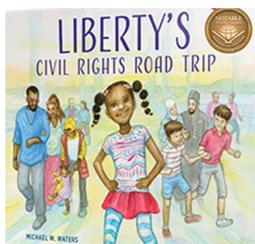


*Post Traumatic Jesus*  
By David W. Peters

**After twenty years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, a global pandemic, protests against racial violence, and frequent shootings, more Americans than ever are living with the effects of trauma.** The good news is that Jesus was born and died in a traumatized world, and his story speaks forever to wounded people worldwide.

Army veteran and Episcopal priest David Peters explores Jesus' life story through the post-traumatic lens with which the Gospel writers first wrote it—as people who had seen their leader executed by the same oppressive government that had already shrouded their whole lives in anxiety and fear. Meeting the post-traumatic Jesus—the only Jesus the world has ever known—can be a balm to the wounds of modern Christians and spiritual seekers.

Perfect for bookclubs. A Reading Group Guide is available. For more information, click [here](#).



*Liberty's Civil Rights Road Trip*  
Written by Michael W. Waters  
Illustrated by Nicole Tadgell

As told through the innocent view of a child, Liberty's Civil Rights Road Trip serves as an early introduction to places,

people, and events that transformed history. The story is inspired by an actual journey led by author Michael W. Waters, bringing together a multigenerational group to witness key locations from the civil rights movement. An author's note and more information about each stop on Liberty's trip offer ways for adults to expand the conversation with young readers.

A portion of the publisher's sales proceeds will be donated to Foot Soldiers Park in Selma, Alabama, a nonprofit dedicated to honoring the history and continued relevance of the Selma movement.

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This app was recommended by Eileen Sheelar - a devotional app...

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**Wednesday, March 1**

John R. Maynard, ordained this day in 1981

Oak Hills Presbyterian Church-Milwaukie - chartered this day, 1963

**Thursday, March 2**

Roberta Schlechter, Certified Christian Educator, serving at East Woods Presbyterian Church, Vancouver

**Friday, March 3**

Sherry Johnston, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1996

**Saturday, March 4**

Glenn C. Edwards, ordained this day in 1990, serving as stated supply pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church, Eugene

**Sunday, March 5**

Charles Webster HR, ordained this day in 1972

**Monday, March 6**

Brian Marsh, installed as pastor of Moreland Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2016

**Tuesday, March 7**

Louis Nieuwenhuizen, ordained this month in 1998

Michael A. Pyburn, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2017

**Wednesday, March 8**

Susan A. Graham, ordained this day in 2015, serving at Lake Grove PC, Lake Oswego

**Thursday, March 9**

William E. Taylor, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2006

**Friday, March 10**

Hubert D. Newton, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2006

**Saturday, March 11**

David C. Hunter, Honorably Retired

Mount Laki Community Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls - chartered this day in 1909

**Sunday, March 12**

The Rev. Sungmin Song, Pastor at Vancouver Korean PC

**Monday, March 13**

Bobbi Neason, Honorably Retired

**Tuesday, March 14**

Bill Eaton, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2014

**Wednesday, March 15**

Phil Brown, ordained in 2008 by Greater Atlanta Presbytery

**Thursday, March 16**

Donald M. Mihaloew, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2005

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**Friday, March 17**

Sarah Lewis, ordained this day in 2002, serving as stated supply pastor of Piedmont United P.C., Portland

**Saturday, March 18**

First Presbyterian Church-Newberg - chartered this day, 1890

Milwaukie Presbyterian Church - chartered this day, 1951

**Sunday, March 19**

Robert C. Groves, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1990

**Monday, March 20**

Kevin Manuel, Pastor at Community PC, Redmond

**Tuesday, March 21**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1954

**Wednesday, March 22**

Robert O. Ellerby, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2012

**Thursday, March 23**

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Cascades - Lynne Martin, Moderator

**Friday, March 24**

Rolland C. "Ron" Carter, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2010

**Saturday, March 25**

Dan Fowler, installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church Ashland, this day in 2017

**Sunday, March 26**

Steven H. Koski, installed as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Bend, this day in 2006

**Monday, March 27**

Benjamin F. Dake, ordained this day in 1977, now Pastor Emeritus, Honorably Retired

**Tuesday, March 28**

First Presbyterian Church, Lebanon - chartered this day in 1881

**Wednesday, March 29**

First Presbyterian Church, Medford - chartered this day in 1885

**Thursday, March 30**

John G. Chatalas, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2002

**Friday, March 31**

Michael Gillespie, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2018

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