



April 28, 2024

The Wallingford Page

This Week at Wallingford

Sunday, April 28	9:00 a.m..... Adult Education 10:00a.m.Worship 11:00a.m.Children Of Gaza Art Display. 7:00 p.m.....Men’s Group
Monday, April 29	9:30a.m.Circle Of Trust
Wednesday, May 1	7:00 a.m.Circle of Trust 7:00p.m.NA
Thursday, May 2	7:00 p.m.AA 7:30pm.Choir Rehearsal

Board Game Gathering

May 19th 11am to 1pm

Let’s play games after church! On May 19th bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share if you like. Drinks provided. We’ll gather together downstairs in Taylor Hall after Sunday worship till 1pm.

All are invited! Bring a snack and a game.

Asset Mapping- Questionnaire

Please take a moment to fill out this short questionnaire.

Either print, fill out and return or pick up a paper copy at church.

We are working to get to know you better outside the context of the church. What do or did you do for a living? What organizations do you support? Our most valuable asset is the wisdom and experience of our people, but without some basic information it can be hard to know who might be able to help us when situations arise. This isn’t a commitment to do anything, but instead is a willingness to listen when and if a situation arises where your talents might assist with a vital need. The form can be found on our website.



Children of Gaza ART

On Display in Narthex - Sunday, April 28
(following worship)

DONATIONS ACCEPTED - cash only.

There are still many children still stranded with little to eat and an ever decreasing supply of canned food, their situation grows ever more dire by the day. All money collected will be brought directly back to Cairo for the purpose of getting more people out or for living expenses of those currently harbored in Cairo.

WHAT YOU WILL BE SEEING:

A series of paintings done this PAST February by displaced children of Gaza ranging in age from 4 to 14, who have recently crossed into Egypt & some who are still living in tents in Rafah (southernmost city in Gaza) and desperately waiting to get out.

HOW DID THIS ART GET HERE:

This art was given to Seattle Jewish women who made a journey to Cairo with the sole purpose of getting as many Palestinians out of harm's way as possible. She will be returning and will carry the donations with her to use.

* Project sponsored by Sally Buckley, Floris Mikkelsen, Kris Melroe and Diana Pearce

Donate gift cards To El Dios

Our sister Church El Dios Viviente is currently assisting 23 immigrants (13 are children and 10 are adults) in their community, to find shelter, food and supplies while they seek asylum and employment. WUMC has been helping them financially through prior donations from our congregation. Rev. Guzman says our contributions have been essential to the needs right now. We have raised \$5000 so far, 2/3's which has been distributed to them already, the remainder is going to them soon. There will still be an ongoing need for funds to support these families in low-cost hotels when they arrive. Due to the capacity having been reached at Riverton Park UMC many of these families have been referred from Riverton and they are still arriving. Donations for this cause can be made on the WUMC website.

In addition, El Dios is launching a program called “Empowering Refugee Families” for which they are seeking grant money and private donations with a goal of \$15,000. From Gerardo: *this project directly benefits refugee families, particularly children, by providing essential support such as clothing, school supplies, meals, and emergency lodging and transportation fostering their integration and stability within the community. El Dios serves as a hub for outreach and coordination.*

What can we do right now?

- 1. Make a cash donation on the website for WUMC to support crisis motel housing for newly arriving families.**
- 2. Donate Gift Cards from Fred Meyer or cash to help these families buy groceries and supplies. Please give these to either Jon Howe or Karen Hansen or leave them in the designated basket in the narthex.** We will also be launching a regular event to prepare and help serve food to families and recent arrivals at El Dios and join them for some community meals. Stay tuned for more details. Your help is deeply appreciated.

Follow-Up ‘Let’s Talk Church’ Session 2

We had a great meeting Sunday working on two vital pieces:

- 1) Who are we? How do we see ourselves?
- 2) What projects that we talked about in Session 1 are priorities for us.

The results can be found on our website, titled small projects.

Contact the office if you are willing to join one or more work groups that are focusing on the items we prioritized.

Save This Date for the All-Church Picnic! Saturday, June 1 - Carkeek Park

Games for All Ages – Beach Walks – Food and Beverages
Maybe even S’mores and Singing

More information to come.

For now, if you’d like to help plan this WUMC community gathering, please contact Sue Sherbrooke at ssherbrooke@outlook.com

Essential Information

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Monday All Church Email

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If you'd like to include an event on the *Wallingford Page Online*, please send your post to office@wallingfordumc.org by Friday the week before.

When you send it, the post should be "ready to go," written up with the wording you hope to see in the newsletter. Please keep short & sweet.

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Volunteers Needed

Sign up in the narthex to assist with worship.
Worship leaders and Scripture readers are needed.