April Monthly Packet

The Pacific Northwest Conference **Annual Meeting** will be held at the First Congregational Church in Bellingham, April 28 and 29, with closing worship on the morning of April 30. The <u>Rev. Traci</u> <u>Blackmon</u>, Associate General Minister and Vice President, Justice and Local Church Ministries, will speak Friday evening and Saturday. The <u>Rev. Cheryl Lindsay</u> will be our Process Guide. The business portions of our meeting will be in person only. For updated information please check <u>here</u>.

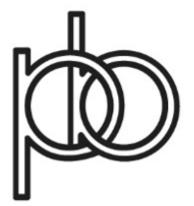
To read the Monthly Packet on our website, click here.

Installation Invitation

The Rev. Jennifer Castle will be installed at the Congregational Church on Mercer Island (UCC) on April 23rd at 2:00pm. The Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown will be preaching. Clergy are invited to robe and process. For more information see the <u>Invitation</u>, along with <u>her bio</u> on the church's website.

Transitions

Board member hightlight



Pension Boards' Heath Benefit Plans

As a covenant partner and affiliated ministry of the United Church of Christ, the Pension Boards exists to serve the wellness and financial security needs of authorized ministers and lay employees. They have written a letter to describe aspects of the Medicare Advantage Plan. Read the Letter <u>here</u>.



This month there will be two webinars to prepare us for Earth Day. The first on will be on April 12 to help congregational get ready for Earth Sunday. (more info)

The second one will be on April 22nd. The theme is "What's Possible?: Earth Day Stories of Hope. (more info)



General Synod registration opens on January 23, 2023. The biennial gathering is taking place June 30-July 4 at the Indiana Convention Center. For more information, go to <u>https://bit.ly/3Qb98At</u> The event's theme, "Making All Things New," is based on the scripture from Isaiah 43:18-19. (<u>more</u>)

April Celebrations Best wishes to our clergy and their partners on their special days.

Ordinations

Jamie Kepros Deborah Adams Courtney Stange-Tregear Michael Haven 13 years 37 years 10 years 5 years Lara Crutsinger-Perry Daniel Berg Susan Yarrow Morris Joanie Henjum

Birthdays

Shannon Thomas Lara Crutsinger-Perry Ed Evans Barbara Bennett Amy Hitchens Nancy Edquist Kristine Zakarison Jeannette Solimine Michael Tomberg Lorraine Leist Janna Born Larsen Randy Crowe Davi Weasley Donald Mayer John Rogers Michael Haven Janet Symonds Katy Lloyd Amy Johnson Penny Matthews Kathleen Morgan Robert Jackson Jeananne Oliphant Hollis Bredeweg

5 years

52 years

29 years

16 years

Anniversaries

Larry & Mary Ann Winters Linda & Randy Crowe Esther & Josh Sanders