

## 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 [Rev. Traci Blackmon](#), Associate General Minister and Vice President, Justice and Local Church Ministries, will speak Friday evening and Saturday. The [Rev. Cheryl Lindsay](#) will be our Process Guide. The business portions of our meeting will be in person only. For updated information please check [here](#).

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 [invitation](#), along with [her bio](#) on the church's website.

Transitions

Board member highlight



### **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 [here](#).



## *UCC Events*

This month there will be two webinars to prepare us for Earth Day. The first one will be on April 12 to help congregations 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*

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 <https://bit.ly/3Qb98At>. The event’s theme, “Making All Things New,” is based on the scripture from Isaiah 43:18-19. ([more](#))



## *April Celebrations*

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

### *Ordinations*

Jamie Kepros	13 years	Lara Crutsinger-Perry	5 years
Deborah Adams	37 years	Daniel Berg	52 years
Courtney Stange-Tregear	10 years	Susan Yarrow Morris	29 years
Michael Haven	5 years	Joanie Henjum	16 years

### *Birthdays*

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

### *Anniversaries*

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