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## WELCOME REV. DR. PETER KALUNIAN!

(The Rev.) Dr. Peter Kalunian (prefers Peter not Pete) grew up in the Boston, Massachusetts area, lived in Tucson for ten years, and in the Pacific Northwest to the present. Peter has a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Boston University and a Masters of Divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific

in Berkeley, Calif. Before seminary, he was employed for about 20 years as a school psychologist and as a Special Education Director. Peter was ordained in 1990 and has served multiple Episcopal Churches in Eastern Washington. His focus is empowering church members for ministry. Peter is also passionate about creating liturgy that spiritually touches church worshipers.

He has been married (42 years), has two grown twin daughters and two grandchildren who visit him every school day. Peter is a member of a senior bowling league, enjoys skiing, sailing and doing projects around the house. He and his wife enjoy travel (many times to the UK and Scotland) and 10 Holland America cruises.



Peter is looking forward to assisting the church during this transition time and helping its members to explore new possibilities.

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IS LIVE**

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Note to Secret Santa:

"Please relay to the church how much this gift is appreciated. It will actually make a significant difference in bill paying and Christmas and I love you all more than I can express. Thank you. Thank you again!"

## JANUARY INTERN'S CORNER



### **What is Epiphany?**

Epiphany, or the 12th day of Christmas, falls on January 6 and marks the official end to the festive season for many Christians. The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means to show, referring to Jesus being revealed to the world. The Twelfth Night (Epiphany) marks a visit to the baby Jesus by three Kings, or Wise Men. In the West, Christians began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century, associating it with the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus.

The three men - named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar - followed the star of Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11, they offered symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth- the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality. The three Kings represented Europe, Arabia and Africa respectively. (*excerpts taken from the Telegraph.com*)

Epiphany is also known as the *Manifestation of Christ* to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12).

*Yours in Christ, Rick Donahoe*

## SPECIAL JANUARY DATES & TIMES - 2019

- \* Office Closed for New Year's Day, *January 1st*
- \* "Mary Had a Baby" Advent Study, *January 3rd @ 6:30pm*
- \* Worship Commission, *January 4th @ 9:30am*
- \* Alex Nelson in the Pulpit, *January 6th*
- \* Epiphany, *January 6th*
- \* Stewardship & Finance, *January 9th @ 3:30pm*
- \* Breakfast Bunch, *January 10th @ 7:45am at Denny's*
- \* National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, *January 11th*
- \* Rev. Faye Serene in the Pulpit, *January 13th*
- \* Congregational Profile Meeting, *January 13th after Service*
- \* Baptism of the Lord, *January 13, 2019*
- \* Board Meeting, *January 15th @ 5:30pm*
- \* Elders Meeting, *January 16th @ 9:30am*
- \* Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18th-25th*
- \* Joanna Flaten in the Pulpit, *January 20th*
- \* Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 21st*
- \* Breakfast Bunch, *January 24th @ 7:45am at Denny's*
- \* Rick Donahoe in the Pulpit, *January 27th*
- \* Food 4 Friends, *January 28th @ 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall*

## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

DWM will be taking a winter break and will not meet again until **April 13th, second Saturday at 10 am**. When we get together in April, Candace Rawlings will lead us in a discussion of the book *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. This is a novel based on real life experiences of Lale Sokolov, a Jewish prisoner tasked with tattooing the infamous numbers on Jewish forearms. Local libraries have this book (*often with a wait list, so reserve early*) and we will see about finding used books to loan here at the church. So if you are interested in book discussions come join us on the 13th. At this meeting we'll be choosing the book for May so come help select the next book! As ever, brunch will be provided.





Thank you all who covered the hat and mitten tree with hats and scarves and mittens, many hand made. Many folks will be warmer this year thanks to your generosity. Carolyn and John Lawson will make sure these items get to World Relief.



## [GIFT BOXES FOR WORLD RELIEF](#)

Church members donated 25 plus gift boxes to 25 local World Relief recent refugee youth from several countries, including Burma, Thailand, Iraq, and Central America. All recipients were excited and happy to receive small toys, games, and toiletries. They asked us to pass on to you **many blessings and thanks in several languages and dialects**. Thanks to all for your generosity and caring.



## WHAT IS EPIPHANY SEASON?

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (February 16 in 2019). The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus.





## A LETTER FROM YOUR SEARCH & CALL COMMITTEE

On behalf of the **Search and Call Committee**, I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year! Below is a short status of the Committee's activities as well as an invitation for a **Congregational Workshop after worship this coming Sunday, January 13th.**



As many of you know from announcements over the past month, **Reverend Peter Kalunian** has accepted the church's offer for the **Interim Minister** position. Peter is a retired Episcopalian minister, who came to us through our Regional Minister Sandy Messick. Peter served the Episcopalian church in Kennewick before he and his wife moved to the west side for several years, where he continued his ministry. After retiring, they returned to the Tri-Cities. Peter has remained active in the community and has served as president of the Rotary Club of Tri-Cities. He brings years of experience and a deep devotion to ministry. We are both excited and honored that he will serve as our interim minister while we continue our search for a settled pastor.

**Peter will start as Interim Minister in February.** In late January, he is travelling to Belize as part of a mission group. (He and his family perform this mission annually.) Before they leave on the trip, however, **he will visit with the congregation this Sunday, January 13.** We hope all of you will be able to attend church and introduce yourself.

After service, the **Search Committee will be conducting our second workshop with the congregation.** This workshop, just like the first one that many of you attended in November, will be led by Joanna Flaten and focuses on **who we are / where we are going / what we want to do as a church.** The answers to these questions will help to determine what we are looking for in a settled pastor. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a soup luncheon, meaningful conversation and wonderful fellowship.

And finally...We continue our search for the settled pastor... Your input this Sunday will be compiled into a **written Congregational Profile** that fully describes Northwest United Protestant Church. Once the Congregational Profile is completed, we will work with the Regional Minister to identify candidates for this position. Typically, the **search process takes anywhere from six months to a year.** (If you have any questions about the Committee's process, please reach out to one of our members.)

Thank you again for this sacred trust that you have placed in us.

**MEMBERS OF YOUR HARDWORKING  
SEARCH & CALL COMMITTEE**

Regina Gifford, Chair

**Committee Members:**

Mel Adams

Joanna Flaten

Sue Jewett

Brenton Nundahl

Shirley Wolf

Mike Dodson

Rick Donahoe (*spiritual advisor*)

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!**

A very special thank you to **Stephanie Hall-Mullen** for taking on the responsibility of preparing the computer PowerPoint presentation for our worship services. Stephanie is doing a great job and we are very grateful to her for using her talents to support our worship services. ***Please give Stephanie a big thank you next time you see her.***



**IN THE PULPIT**

January 13th: Rev. Faye Serene

January 20th: Joanna Flaten

January 27th: Rick Donahoe

February 3rd: Interim Minister,  
Rev. Dr. Peter Kalunian begins!

# December 9th, 2018 a big day @ Northwest!

We began the day with a visit from the *Early Bird Dulcimer* group. The congregation was serenaded with a multitude of favorite Christmas carols throughout the service, putting them in the mood for...



## OUR ANNUAL FAMILY ADVENT DINNER

The *Annual Family Advent Dinner* was sponsored by the Hospitality Commission on December 9, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m. with a nice attendance. The dinner was a potluck with the church providing ham and drinks. Our members provided the rest of the dinner including a wonderful array of Christmas desserts.



During the course of the evening, **Joyce Willis** read us a story called "The Last Straw" in which a camel by the name of Hoshmakaka and the three wise ones cataloged their travel to Bethlehem.

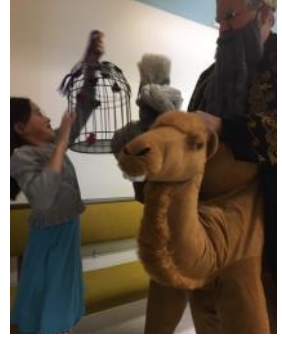
Hoshmakaka had the unpleasant job of carrying all the heavy gifts to the Christ Child and he was quite outspoken about that imposition.



**Rick Donahoe** played the part of a wise one who rode Hoshmakaka, **Sue Jewett** and **Connie Eckard** were most impressive as the two other wise ones.



**Esther Mei**, who are piano students of **Onnie Adams**. Elizabeth and Esther are the daughters of **Chonwei Liu and Fan Mei**. We thank this family for being a part of our Advent Celebration and sharing their talents with us.



who attended, to the *Hospitality Committee* consisting of **Sue Jewett, Shirley Wolf, Candace Rawlings, Onnie Adams, and Anna Kion** for all their efforts in planning, decorating and set up for the dinner.

To all those in attendance who helped with set-up and cleanup after the dinner, we want to thank you for your help as well as any others who I may have missed but who



stepped in so graciously to provide a helping hand. What a great Family Advent Dinner it was and we are thankful for the opportunity to celebrate Advent with our church family.



## DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

We decorated the sanctuary on two occasions during the Advent/Christmas Season. The first decorating was for Advent and consisted of hanging the greens, putting up the tree and dressing it in the Advent purple as well as putting up the banners. Thanks to **Rick Donahoe, Deb Donahoe, Jim Jewett, Sue Jewett, Donna Whiteside, Candace Rawlings, Jim Kion, Onnie Adams** and **Anna Kion** for dressing for the Advent Season.

On December 23rd we redressed the sanctuary for the Wondrous Event, the Birth of Christ on Christmas Eve. We changed out the Christmas tree decorations to red, changed the banners around and put up the rest of the festive Christmas decorations. Again, our wonderful church family stepped in to help. Special thanks go to all who helped including **Joe Popp, Kay Humphrys, Matt O'Hara, Gracelyn O'Hara, Aydia O'Hara, Zaryn O'Hara, Stephanie Hall-Mullen, Donna Whiteside, Candace Rawlings, Sue Jewett, Jim Jewett, Jim Kion, Anna Kion** as well as any others who I may have missed but who so graciously stepped in to provide a helping hand.

## 1/12/19—CHURCH UNDECORATING (PLEASE COME!)

We will be undecorating the church on this coming **Saturday morning, January 12th at 11:00 am**. Lots of hands make quick work of this project. ***Please come and help!***



### DWM CHRISTMAS MISSION.... BOOKS!

*Disciples Women's Ministry* thanks you for generous donations of money and many, many, many books for the *Reading Foundation*. There are going to be some happy readers out there in our community this year thanks to your generous hearts!

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

### @ NORTHWEST CHURCH

Our Christmas Eve service, a time for us to celebrate the birth of our Savior, was a well attended event. It was a beautiful service of carols, scripture, special music by **Jennifer Jacobson**, our choir, and the **NW Women's Quartet** and our pianist, **Onnie Adams**.



The service closed with a celebration of the Lord's Supper, a singing of *Silent Night* and the lighting of the individual Christmas candles. To the following people who planned, organized and participated to make this service another memorable Christmas Eve, we say a very heartfelt thanks, **Onnie Adams, Jennifer**



**Jacobson, Sue Jewett, Shirley Wolf, John Lawson, Anna Kion, Joanna Flaten, Donna Whiteside, Stephanie Hall-Mullen, Jan Brinson-Wagner, Carolyn Lawson** and **Connie Eckard** as well

as any others who I may have missed but who so graciously stepped in to provide a helping hand.

*Thank You  
for making  
the season  
a success*

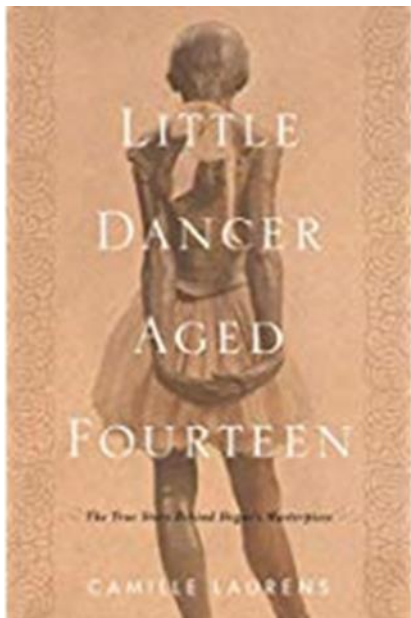


# New Book in the Library

*The church library is on the honor system.*

*Please remember to return the books when you are finished reading them.*

*Thank you. Mel Adams, Librarian*



## **Little Dancer Aged Fourteen**

*by Camille Laurens*

**reviewed by Mel Adams,  
church librarian**

This book is one of the little gems I occasionally find. It is well written and meticulously researched, but it reveals a truth that is somewhat disturbing. The book is about Marie van Goethem, a little girl who was the subject of Degas's famous sculpture titled Little Dancer Aged Fourteen. Marie was a dancer at the Paris Opera in the late 1800's.

Like many of the child dancers in the opera called "rats", Marie was poor and abused by the opera. They were worked day and night in training or in performance. Except for a very few who became stars, the rats were paid very little and were preyed upon by older men who were patrons of the ballet. Many of the "rats" became prostitutes or died early in obscurity.

Marie was also a model for the artist Degas. He was a man of privilege in France. His unusual wax sculpture of Marie is a world famous piece of art as were his many paintings of the young girls in the ballet.

Author Laurens takes us on an in-depth exploration of Marie and Degas including the realities of her life, his motivations and artistic skill. Laurens was able to find out little about Marie, and she remains largely a mystery. Here is what the author said about Marie and Degas, "...he is famous and you are unknown. In reality



...the two of you are, at the same time dead and eternal. You will always be fourteen years old, always three feet tall, like a three-year-old.”

I love this book because it tells us how an artist takes an unknown, poor little girl and gives her a soul that through his art becomes immortal. It reminds me of the Christ story because he also was born in poverty and became immortal.



### 1/28/19—FOOD 4 FRIENDS

*Food 4 Friends* will be meeting on **Monday, January 28th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall** this month. We have a dedicated core group of culinary enthusiasts who show up to help nearly every month, but everyone is welcome! These meals have been a blessing to many families going through difficult times. No talent is necessary, just a pair of helping hands and maybe some fresh fruit or veggies to share. We'd even love a few latecomers to help deliver the goodies!



## Mark your calendars!

Everyone is invited to celebrate the anticipation of our newest little member with a **baby shower for Paul and Kristen Valdez** on Sunday, February 17th right after church. This happy couple wants to be surprised by the gender of their new bundle of love so neutral colors please. Don't miss it!

**When: Sunday, February 17th**

right after Worship Service!

**Where: in the Sanctuary**





# WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

## Sunday, December 2:

Worship: 45  
 Christian Education: 3  
 Nursery: 4

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$ 2,475.00
Capital Campaign	220.00
NA Rent (Friday Night)	50.00
NA Rent (Steps & Trad.)	50.00
NA Rent (Rush Hour)	50.00
Building Fund	25.00
Food Bank	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,880.00</b>

## Sunday, December 9:

Worship: 56  
 Christian Education: 3  
 Nursery: 3

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$ 2,100.00
Capital Campaign	70.00
TOPS Rent	50.00
Food Bank	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,240.00</b>



## Sunday, December 16:

Worship: 44  
 Christian Education: 6  
 Nursery: 4

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$ 3,138.21
Capital Campaign	180.00
DWM (books)	40.00
Food 4 Friends	10.00
Secret Santa	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,373.21</b>

## Sunday, December 23:

Worship: 41  
 Christian Education: 0  
 Nursery: 2

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$ 1,140.00
Capital Campaign	920.00
Special Offering	95.00
DWM (books)	75.00
NA Rent (Free Spirit)	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,280.00</b>

## Sunday, December 30:

Worship: 42  
 Christian Education: 3  
 Nursery: 4

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$ 2,405.00
Capital Campaign	1,030.00
DWM	17.05
Advent Book	12.95
Special Offering	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,470.00</b>

## Christmas Eve

### Monday, December 24th:

Worship: 60  
 Nursery: 2

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$ 303.00
Christmas Offering	30.00
Zephyr Refund	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,333.00</b>

# January Serving Sundays

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
<b>Elder</b>	A. Kion	P. Cahow	M. Dodson	R. Donahoe
<b>Elder #2</b>	M. Dodson	S. Jewett	A. Kion	P. Cahow
<b>Worship Leader</b>	D. Ayres	O. Adams	B. Butherus	M. Dodson
<b>Deacons</b> Bold names are Team Leaders	<b>Team 1- C. Rawlings</b> J. Kion J. Jewett J. Jakes J. Lawson	<b>Team 2- J. Kion</b> B. Nundahl N. Dodson J. Willis J. Jacobson	<b>Team 3- D. Whiteside</b> B. Butherus B. Neslin T. Neslin B. Miller	<b>Team 4- S. Hall-Mullen</b> M., S., G. & A. O'Hara
<b>Song Leader</b>	B. Butherus	K. Humphrys	J. Jacobson	A. Kion
<b>Sound</b>	S. Wolf	J. Brinson-Wagner	S. Wolf	B. Nundahl
<b>Counters</b>	P. Cahow J. Willis	J. Jakes A. Willis	J. Kion S. Hall-Mullen	D. Whiteside S. Jewett
<b>Greeter</b>	J. Jakes	C. Eckard	<b>TBA</b>	O'Haras
<b>Sunday School</b>	P. Cahow Baumgarten	S. Hall-Mullen C. Lawson	J. Lawson <b>TBA</b>	J. Willis <b>TBA</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	K. Leitze Lawsons K. Divine	B. Pohto A. Kion J. Jakes	J. Flaten Neslins S. Hall-Mullen	J. Willis D. Whiteside Valdez



1-Zayues Souriyavongsa  
6-JohnPaul Dudley  
11-Jesse Brinson-Wagner  
24-Deb Donahoe  
29-Holly Cahow  
31-Duncan Burton

January Birthdays  
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