

# Write a Letter

Dear Representative,  
My name is Katie and I am  
from your district. I am writing  
to you today about bees. This  
is a subject that matters greatly  
to me. I believe that bees are  
important because...



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

PARKROSE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



2025

## Agenda of Belonging with Pastor Giuseppe Amato

Last month, I and 330 people from throughout Oregon joined together to meet with 75 of our state legislators. Many were from organizations we know and have worked with, like Together Lab, Asylum Solidarity Collective, Leaven, and the Youth Solidarity Movement. Others were from the Sacred Organizing Coalition, our state colleges, and Queer Enough. Our main focus was on six different bills that fall under the umbrella we call our “Agenda of Belonging.” Our hope was to affect policies, budgets, and laws that have a direct impact on us and our neighbors. Now, we’re continuing this work of building belonging in Oregon by advocating for a budget that supports these bills. To do so, we need your help. Below is an invitation from Together Lab’s director, Rev. Ron Werner.



—Pastor Giuseppe

### Action Alert: The People's Postcards

Last month, Bend area leaders spent a Saturday writing and sending postcards to our legislators to advocate for our Agenda of Belonging. We had over 300 folks in Salem for Advocacy Day, but it is so essential that we continue to keep our agenda at the forefront as the legislative season continues, just as our friends in Bend did.

**In this next phase of legislative season, we want to invite our coalition to flood the Ways and Means Committee with our Belonging Agenda in a state-wide People's Postcard Campaign throughout May!**

We want to focus our energy here because the Joint Ways & Means Committee makes critical decisions about which bills will make it to the next stage of the legislative process. Committee members need to hear from everyday Oregonians about why Oregon's legislature should align its budget with a



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core value and horizon: an Oregon where all belong.

Not sure where to start? No worries! Just go to the Google Doc below and it will take you to our People's Postcard Action Toolkit!

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**This is an action you can do from home  
OR you can invite your wider  
communities into collective action in a  
postcard writing party (we would love for  
you to send us pics so we can continue  
to highlight and celebrate the work  
happening across the state!).**



**[Editor's Note]**

The church has printed a number of these postcards. Grab one now! Grab a bunch!

If you are printing and sending off you own, there are of simple rules to know when contacting your representative in order to ensure your letter makes it past the mail room volunteers.

- Always send your letter to your representative
- State the town you live in and that you are a constituent
- Explain why this issue matters to you
- Leave a method of contact (sometimes the representative will want to contact you back, and they need a way to do so)
- Don't forget to include your name





# Sacred Organizing Coalition

## Action Alert

### Send Postcards to Salem!

*Tell the Ways & Means Committee why they should support a Belonging Agenda through a Belonging Budget.*

It's a fun, easy and effective way to make our voices count!

**What:** Let's send 1000 postcards to Oregon's Joint Ways & Means Committee members, urging them to support a Belonging Agenda this legislative session.

**When:** Throughout the month of May 2025.

**Why:** The Joint Ways & Means Committee makes critical decisions about which bills will make it to the next stage of the legislative process. Committee members need to hear from everyday Oregonians about why Oregon's legislature should align its budget with a core value and horizon: an Oregon where all belong.

You might also print out a handful of reference sheets so people can easily find the priority bills as they're filling out their postcards.

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**How:** What do I do?

**PRINT** postcards. Pick up cards from the entry hall or the church office. Or print your own!

**GATHER** with people and fill them out. Bring postcards to a place where people in your life who care about building an Oregon where all belong are already gathering.

Encourage people to write about how these bills connect with their own values and personal stories.

**Bonus:** Take a photo of your group at work!

**MAIL** postcards. Find your representative (see chart on the next page) and mail your postcard to them.

Celebrate! **EMAIL** a message to: [admin@togetherlab.org](mailto:admin@togetherlab.org). Let us know how many postcards you mailed and to whom.

Send us a pic if you took one!

[Send the church a copy too!  
[office@parkroseucc.org](mailto:office@parkroseucc.org)]





# Sacred Organizing Coalition

Position	Legislators' Name	District #	Mailing Address
Co-Chair	<b>Sen. Kate Lieber</b>	<i>District 14 - Beaverton &amp; Southwest Portland</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-205, Salem, Oregon 97301
Co-Chair	<b>Rep. Tawna Sanchez</b>	<i>District 43 - North and Northeast Portland</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-273, Salem, Oregon 97301
Co-Vice Chair	<b>Sen. Fred Girod</b>	<i>District 9 - Stayton</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-323, Salem, Oregon 97301
Co-Vice Chair	<b>Rep. David Gomberg</b>	<i>District 10 - Lincoln and Western Benton &amp; Lane Counties</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-480, Salem, Oregon 97301
Co-Vice Chair	<b>Rep. Greg Smith</b>	<i>District 57 - Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler, Wasco, Jefferson, Marion &amp; Clackamas Counties</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-482, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Sen. Dick Anderson</b>	<i>District 5 - Lincoln City - Deputy Leader</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-311, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Sen. Daniel Bonham</b>	<i>District 26 - The Dalles - Minority Leader</i>	900 Court St NE, S-323, Salem, OR, 97301
Member	<b>Sen. Anthony Broadman</b>	<i>District 27 - Bend</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-423, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Sen. Wlinsvey Campos</b>	<i>District 18 - Aloha</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-215, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Sen. Lew Frederick</b>	<i>District 22 - N/NE Portland</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-419, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Sen. James Manning Jr.</b>	<i>District 7 - Bethel, Churchill, Sheldon, Cal Young, Whiteaker, Trainsong, Harlow, Santa Clara, River Road, Elmira and Veneta</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-213, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Sen. Mike McLane</b>	<i>District 30 - Baker, Crook, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur and Parts of Deschutes and Jefferson Counties</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-301, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Sen. David Brock Smith</b>	<i>District 1 - Port Orford - Deputy Leader</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-316, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Sen. Janeen Sollman</b>	<i>District 15 - Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Rock Creek</i>	900 Court St. NE, S-207, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Ben Bowman</b>	<i>District 25 - Tigard</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-295, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson</b>	<i>District 59 - Prineville</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-386, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Jami Cate</b>	<i>District 11 - Lebanon</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-381, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Christine Drazan</b>	<i>District 51 - Oregon City, Canby, Estacada</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-395, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Paul Evans</b>	<i>District 20 - Monmouth</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-471, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Emerson Levy</b>	<i>District 53 - Tumalo, Sisters</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-486, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Mark Owens</b>	<i>District 60 (Baker, Grant, Harney, Lake and Malheur Counties, and parts of Deschutes County)</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-475, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Ricki Ruiz</b>	<i>District 50 - Gresham</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-272, Salem, Oregon 97301
Member	<b>Rep. Andrea Valderrama</b>	<i>District 47 - East Portland</i>	900 Court St. NE, H-286, Salem, Oregon 97301





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**United Church of Christ**

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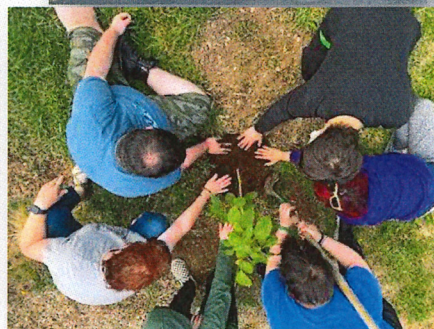


**COMMUNITY**  
**WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!**



**DINNER AND AUCTION**

Proceeds from the auction will help fund our church programs  
that benefit our community!



**MAY 17TH**  
**4-7 PM**

**Silent Auction 4-5 PM**  
**Lots of fun items to**  
**bid on!**

**Food and Fellowship**  
**Lasagna, Salad,**  
**bread and dessert**  
**Yum!**

**Live Auction 6-7 pm**  
**Bid on your favorite**  
**experience!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**No ticket needed-**  
**just come and enjoy.**

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# REPORT FROM THE MODERATOR

BY CLAY OSBURN

Friends, I am amazed with the our participation in the local community we continue to serve. We are such a small church doing big things. Thank you staff and volunteers and those who donate to make this all happen.

A couple things that have been going on you may read elsewhere in the Crier or the weekly update.

The Auction, “We make things better together” theme. That should be the theme for the United States and the whole world. Anyway, the auction is May 17th and I’m thinking we are going to have great turnout. Besides a live and silent auction there’ll be a delicious meal. We haven’t had an auction for a while so I’m excited to see it happening again. Thank you Blair and Lucile for re-starting this tradition.

We are having some outstanding sales on the property that bring attention to Parkrose. We just had the Sparrowhawk people native plant sale set up in the courtyard that brought hundreds of people to our location. Next, the Villa Garden club sale comes right before Mother’s Day each year to support their club.

Portland Fruit Tree Kate Greenblatt along with Erica hosted a mural painting and potluck. May 1st. The mural will be mounted on the Eastside wall of the building north of the hallway door.

May 5th the Red Cross asked people from the community to come to Parkrose and donate their blood to help stock up their blood supply. The Red Cross use Eastminster Hall three times a year for this event.

Wellness Wednesday and the sack lunch Monday, Wednesday and Friday continue to serve the local community.

Look for more events in the Weekly Update that Aaron our Office Manager puts out.

Take care.

Clay



## **The May 17 Church Auction is Coming Soon!**

The theme for the auction this year is Community – We are Better Together!

As we prepare for the Church Auction on **May 17**, we need items for the silent auction in keeping with the theme or that will be attractive to auction attendees. Items can include things like a set of wine glasses, placemats and/or napkins, baskets of coffee, wine, books, or games, candles and/or candlesticks, or a small appliance. Items should be new or only slightly used. Gift cards for the Gift Card Garden are also welcome. Whatever you can provide to make the auction a success will be greatly appreciated.



# News from the Community Life & Youth Ministry

by Erica Martin

What has been happening with our partners and on our church Campus!

Happy Spring &  
Welcome Back Jesus!

**GUESS WHO'S BACK?**



**HAPPY EASTER!**

## Easter Breakfast Fundraiser & Thundereggs plus a Scavenger Hunt!

Thank you all that supported the Youth Fundraising Breakfast! We raised over \$380.00 for programming for Youth (& Families) No Doubt Todd's Lamb Cake was an absolute hit!



Fun was had with Facepainting, a most challenging Scavenger Hunt & Breaking open Thundereggs.



## Mural Painting with

### Portland Fruit Tree Project & Campus Partners



What a wonderful evening with potluck & community building! Organized by Kate from Portland Fruit Tree Project, WeShine villagers, AmeriCorps Members, Parkrose UCC and Darkness to Light Community nearly finished a 4-panel mural. This mural will be installed on the East side of the building where our campus groups can enjoy a nice gathering space.



Stay tuned for updates on this amazing project!



## Grad-itude Sunday, June 15th

Join us for a special moment in the service & Coffee hour to honor the folks in our group who enrich our lives and our community.

**The Dads** We will honor our dads and fathering types in our lives.

**The Grads** Additionally, we'll celebrate the young people who are stretching their beautiful wings and moving on in life -whether it's off to college, or a gap year or working and exploring life. Gamers call this Leveling up!

**The Rads** Lastly, we also want to honor the many who contribute their time to our church and our community-partner's programs.



Looking forward to seeing you all soonly!

-Erica



## FREE services at Parkrose Community UCC Wellness Wednesdays!

Lunches are served Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. All are welcome to a meal. Spring and Summer lunches contain a sandwich, fruit, cookies and water. Fall and Winter lunches contain hot soup, roll, fruit, cookies and water.

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Parkrose Community UCC  
Cultivate Initiatives  
Concordia Nursing College  
Hairstylists for Humanity  
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**Wellness Wednesdays!**  
**Lunch**  
**Showers & Laundry**  
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## TESTIMONIES, NOT TESTS OF THE FAITH

The United Church of Christ embraces a theological heritage that affirms the Bible as the authoritative witness to the Word of God, the creeds of the ecumenical councils, and the confessions of the Reformation. The UCC has roots in the "covenantal" tradition—meaning there is no centralized authority or hierarchy that can impose any doctrine or form of worship on its members. Christ alone is Head of the church. We seek a balance between freedom of conscience and accountability to the apostolic faith. The UCC therefore receives the historic creeds and confessions of our ancestors as testimonies, but not tests of the faith.

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING



In Galatians 3.28 we are reminded that despite our differences we are all "one in Christ Jesus." Therefore, we, the people of Parkrose Community United Church of Christ, declare ourselves to be open and affirming. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, religious, political or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation. This is God's church and no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.