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IS THERE POWER IN THE CROSS?

J. Manny Santiago

*"Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, niéguese a sí mismo, tome su cruz y sígame."
Marcos 8.34b (RVR, 1995)*

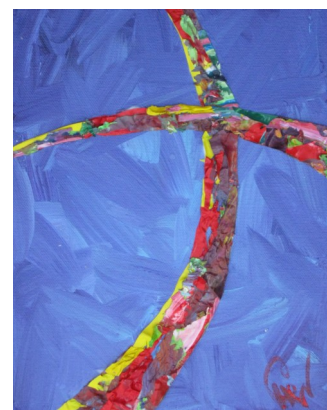
*"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
Mark 8.34b (NRSV)*

The passage quoted above has guided me for several years. Until recently, I had no idea why I was so drawn to this passage, especially given my personal theology of the cross, in which I reject suffering as a way of attaining salvation. (And of course, I am summarizing here. My whole theology of salvation would need more than a short essay to be explained!)

Recently, I came across several writings from Hispanic and African-American theologians who explore the meaning of the cross for our particular ethnic communities. Since we are approaching Holy Week, and with it, the commemoration of Jesus' last days on earth, I thought it appropriate to share with you some of my understandings of the cross and its power.

Theologian Raúl Gómez-Ruiz writes about the use of the cross among the Mozarab community in Spain. The Mozarabs are Christians who lived under the Islamic rule in Spain and the community is still thriving today. Because of their isolation from the rest of the Christians in Europe during the Islamic Caliphate of Al-Andalus, the Mozarabs developed their own traditions and liturgies. Writing about their Holy Week processions and the prominent position of the cross, Gómez-Ruiz says: "Obedience unto death does not represent a morbid exaltation of death but rather a wisdom that recognizes intuitively that the denial of death, or attempts to escape suffering through whatever means, only worsens suffering."¹

Lent, and especially Holy Week, brings us closer to that universal human experience of suffering. During this season, we pause to acknowledge that the world is indeed beautiful even in the midst of suffering, not in spite of it. The Church, by exploring Jesus' death and resurrection during this season, recognizes that we face difficult times in our lives. It is only by doing this that we can accompany each other. Again,



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birthday !!



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Happy Birthday!!!

April

4/1 Rich K.
4/2 Cass N.
4/5 Carol S.
4/10 Michael V.
4/12 Walt F.
4/14 Sheri A.
Enid G.
4/19 Bob T.
Megumi K.
4/21 David B.
4/26 Sadie C.

If your birthday isn't listed here, please contact the office so we

drawing from the Hispanic reality, Gómez-Ruiz tells us that for us, "the cross and resurrection are intimately interrelated."² There is no resurrection without cross. There is no life without knowing the pain of suffering. Again, this does not mean to look for suffering, but to acknowledge its reality and what it does to our lives.

Another Hispanic theologian, Roberto Goizueta, explores this aspect of the cross and the Hispanic community a bit further. In his book *Caminemos con Jesús*, Goizueta tells us that "it is impossible to understand another person simply by analyzing [them]... one must, above all, enter into a *relationship* with the other person..."³ The cross and the image of the crucified Christ are so important to the Hispanic community *because* he understands our suffering. He had chosen to be in relationship with us, not only in his standing against the social realities and institutions that oppressed, but doing so even unto death. Jesus is not "doing us a favor" but rather taking part of the experience and feeling in his own flesh the pain of being oppressed.

Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, a womanist theologian, writes about the experience of slavery and its relationship with the cross. She states that the crucifixion was "the event that most clearly demonstrated to the slaves Jesus' solidarity with them. Through the cross, Jesus' suffering and the slaves' suffering became one."⁴ Moreover, Douglas reminds us that "the slaves sang, 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?', passionately implying that they were there."⁵ The experience of Christ's suffering is that of the black community as well.

Although I have not explored other ethnic communities' experience of the cross, I can't think they will be that different from the two expressed here. What I would like to express, though, is that the cross has power for the oppressed communities because it is the point in which we are empowered to reject suffering. Because Jesus suffered, I do not have to suffer anymore. Because Jesus' body was broken, mine does not have to be subjected to suffering. The cross then becomes the symbol of victory, not the symbol of death. Perhaps this is why I have always been drawn to the passage from Mark, one in which Jesus reminds us that we are not alone in the journey, even when pain and suffering is in front of us. After all, victory is the message of the cross, not death.

In the solidarity of Christ,

Pastor Manny

¹Gómez-Ruiz, Raúl. *Mozarabs, Hispanics and the Cross*. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books) 2007, pp. 176.

²*Ibidem*.

³Goizueta, Roberto. *Caminemos con Jesús: Toward a Hispanic/Latino Theology of Accompaniment*. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books) 1995, pp. 139.

⁴Brown Douglas, Kelly. *The Black Christ*. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books) 1993, pp. 21.

⁵*Ibidem*.

April 6: National Tartan Day

Scottish American Tartan Day is a celebration of Scottish heritage on April 6, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. A one-off event was held in New York City in 1982, but the current format originated in Canada in the mid 1980s. It spread to other communities of the Scottish diaspora in the 1990s. In Australasia the similar International Tartan Day is held on July 1, the anniversary of the repeal of the 1747 Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of tartan. Tartan Days typically have parades of pipe bands, Highland dancing and other Scottish-themed events.

April 12: Vaisakhi (Sikh New Year)

Sikh Vaisakhi (Punjabi:

Hindi *vaisākhi*, also known as *Baisakhi* or *Vasakhi*) is an ancient harvest festival in the Punjab region, which also marks beginning of a new solar year, and new harvest season. Baisakhi is a Sikh religious festival. It falls on the first day of the *Baisakh* month in the solar Nanakshahi calendar, which corresponds to April 13 in the Gregorian calendar. In Sikhism, it is one of the most significant holidays in the Sikh calendar, commemorating the establishment of the Khalsa at Anandpur Sahib in 1699, by the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh.

April 15: Pimai (New Year) - Laotian

Lao New Year is the most widely celebrated festival in Laos. The festival is also celebrated by Laotians in the United States of America, Canada, France, and Australia. When the Lao people first emigrated from southern China, Lao New Year was celebrated according to the Chinese Lunar New Year calendar. Since settling in mainland Southeast Asia, the Lao have adopted the new year's traditions of the Khmer and Mon-Burmese people, based on the calendar and traditions of India. Lao New Year takes place in April, the hottest time of the year in Laos, which is also the start of the monsoon season. Lao New Year takes place at roughly the same time as Songkran in Thailand and Chaul Chnam Thmey in Cambodia.

April 15: National Day of Silence - LGBTQ and Allies

The Day of Silence is the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's (GLSEN) annual day of action to protest the bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students and their supporters. Students take a day-long vow of silence to symbolically represent the silencing of LGBT students and their supporters. The Day of Silence has been held each year in April since 1996.

April 16-23: Holy Week - Christian Holy Week

(Latin: *Hebdomas Sancta* or *Hebdomas Maior*, "Greater Week"; Greek: *Μεγάλη Εβδομάς*, *Megale Hebdomas*) in Christianity is the last week of Lent and the week before Easter. It includes the religious holidays of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) and Good Friday, and lasts from Palm Sunday (or in the Eastern, Lazarus Saturday) until, but not including, Easter Sunday, as Easter Sunday is the first day of the new season of The Great Fifty Days. It commemorates the last week of the earthly life of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Canonical gospels.

April 17: Palm Sunday - Christian/Orthodox

Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that always falls on the Sunday before Easter Sunday. The feast commemorates an event mentioned by all four Canonical Gospels (Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19): the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his Passion. In many Christian churches, Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of palm leaves (often tied into crosses) to the assembled worshipers. The difficulty of procuring palms for that day's ceremonies in unfavorable climates for palms led to the substitution of boughs of box, yew, willow or other native trees. The Sunday was often designated by the names of these trees, as Yew Sunday or by the general term Branch Sunday.

“The April rain, the April rain, comes slanting down in fitful showers, then from the furrow shoots the grain, and banks are fledged with nestling flowers; and in grey shawl and woodland bowers. The cuckoo through the April rain calls once again.”

—Mathilde Blind, *April Rain*

Lent

When I was a little girl, lent was a big deal with the end result being a basket of goodies from the Easter Bunny, a new Easter dress, new white shoes, and fresh new white gloves with a new embroidery hankie to tuck into them. Attending Catholic school meant that you were in attendance at church each day during Lent, abstaining from food (the good things) and confessing all the sins you committed to ensure you were forgiven for. It also meant that on Fridays, we had seafood. Growing up in New Orleans always meant that every restaurant, school, home, and side-walk vendors had food prepared with some type of water creature...my personal favourites are fried shrimp, crawfish, blue-shell crabs and of course.....fried catfish.....yum. No one in New Orleans ever felt they were “suffering” or “forced” to eat seafood on Fridays.

I learned from the nuns that Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before **Easter** in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent was marked by fasting, both from food and festivities. The hardest part living in New Orleans during Lent was the festivals. We always had some food driven festival going on...Mirliton (pear squash or chayote) festival, Crawfish festival, St. Patrick's Day festival, St. Joseph's Day festival, etc. These were family-based events that were part of the core community events of the families growing up in the Irish, French and Italian areas in New Orleans. Of course, Sundays were the day to attend these community events because on Sundays, you were excused from fasting and could joyfully enjoy the festivities. We longed for Sundays.

Whereas Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21st century (and not all do significantly) use it as a time for prayer and penance. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline. Still today, several of my family members still fast and eat seafood on Fridays outside of Lent.

Here are some facts about Lent:

Why are there 40 days in Lent? 40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

“Why is it called Lent?

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

The colour purple

Purple is the symbolic colour used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals. Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

The last week of Lent is called **Holy Week**. There have been many different ways we as a community at UBC have celebrated Holy Week. All of them have been significant to me because it involved the love of my UBC family. I remember washing the feet and hands of my friend, passing soup around to share, lighting candles to remember those who have journey ahead of me for social justice causes, learning that I can make mistakes and be forgiven because I am a gift, hearing the sound of beautiful music being played in the sanctuary and knowing that no matter if it's Lent or Advent, I dwell in the constant love of the people who surround me. May you enjoy the special memories of years gone by and as we gather together for the Easter Brunch, know that we are a big family of special gifts to each other.

Rhonda H.

LENTEN CALENDAR

April 3rd

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 am -- *“Forgive us...”*

April 10th

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30 am -- *“Rescue us...”*

April 17th

Palm Sunday

10:15 am – Gathering for procession with palms

April 21st

Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm – *Sharing the Meal*

April 22nd

Good Friday

7:00 pm – *Tenebrae Service*

April 24th

Easter Sunday

10:30 am – *“Celebrating Life!”*

A Cry for Justice in Hymnody, part 2

From the Minister of Music. . .

Last month I began to tell you about an article I read that came out of this past summer's Hymn Society Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. The conference theme, "Sing of Justice, Sing of Peace" provided a wonderful opportunity to talk about justice in our hymns, past, present, and yet to come. I began with a look at justice for creation and for children. In this month's installment, I will touch on other areas in hymnody where justice should be proclaimed.

JUSTICE FOR THE ELDERLY

In addition to singing hymns of our childhood, there should be hymns about our adult life – hymns that give us courage, comfort, and hope in our last days. Our current hymns talk about dying and going to heaven, but not much about living out our last days with hope. In our New Century Hymnal, we sometimes sing "I was there to hear your borning cry" which outlines the entire course of our lives. Perhaps other hymns will be written using this same basic structure to mark life's changing seasons, reflecting growing older that is positive and not regretful.

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN

Many of our current hymn writers have been moved to write hymns about women after having a profound experience where justice for women was absent. Inclusive language in our hymns is only one aspect of justice. Increasingly, hymns are being written that express inclusiveness, emancipation and expansive language. Merely listing women is not enough. Hymns about women are missing. With more and more women hymn-writers, attention to this matter is bound to bear fruit.

JUSTICE FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDERED PERSONS

There are many hymns on the topics of unity, community, and love for others. Communion hymns, full of references to 'being one,' are often included in the 'unity' section of our hymnals. This is an area in which progress is being made. Again, an 'awakening' in the hearts and minds of today's hymn writers can in turn open the hearts and minds of congregations. Hymnal editors have an opportunity to address this justice issue in their forthcoming collections.

JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Almost no current hymnal addresses this subject. Most of our hymnals focus on healing the person, or fixing the problem, rather than celebrating the gifts. We don't always know how to talk about disabilities with sensitivity. Only recently have we begun to look at the many abilities of people who have a disability. There is still much to do in this arena.

JUSTICE FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED

From its beginnings, the church has sung about justice for the poor and the oppressed. Both the Old and New Testaments have provided the lessons from which have come hymns about the captive, the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Topics such as justice, peace, freedom, and social concern are common in our hymnals, and fall into roughly three groups: 1) hymns that talk about God doing justice, 2) hymns that talk about hunger, freedom, peace, etc., in a spiritual, rather than a physical sense, and 3) hymns that talk about working for justice in a practical way in this world, rather than in heaven. Fortunately, more and more of today's hymn writers are taking a 'hand-on, here and now' approach to human rights issues.



JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITH TRADITIONS
'Ecumenism' is listed in the topical index in several hymnals. Why not 'interfaith'? Our own faith traditions are unique. Can we respect other faith traditions as equal ways to God? Dan Damon is not suggesting that we water down the world's religions until they become one, but rather that we learn to celebrate religion, culture and diversity. Being secure in one's own faith is perhaps the key to celebrating these differences.

CONCLUSION

Dan Damon, who gave the address at the Hymn Society Conference from which this article is taken, offers this challenge:

We have sung of the happy earth. Can we sing of the fragile earth?

We have sung of ideal children. Can we sing of real children?

We have ignored the elderly. Can we include them in our song?

We have sung of women. Can we sing of them more fully?

We have considered the LGBT community, which some congregations consider a problem. Can we foster more understanding?

We have noticed only the disability. Can we learn to celebrate the abilities?

We have sung of the poor and oppressed. Can we live out our songs?

We have claimed to know the only way to God. Can we sing a more humble song?

I realize that this article only begins to scratch the surface of a huge topic. I hope that it has given you pause to think about the songs that we sing in worship, the songs of your youth, and new hymns that are being written today. The cry for justice is sounding in our hymnody. Sometimes the cry is hard to hear, and sometimes it is unmistakable. More importantly, do our lives reflect our words? I hope that in the coming weeks and months, we can discover and learn from the hymns that are coming from the pens of today's hymn writers. I hope to share more with you in the future, and welcome your insights. There may be a third installment!

~Marjie



MISSION FOCUS

The Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Team (formerly the Mission Support, Peace & Justice Team) has created a statement clarifying UBC's mission focus:

University Baptist Church works for peace, justice, and reconciliation both locally and globally. We work within our communities to bring about systemic change and meet basic human needs in the areas of gender, racial, and economic equality.

The PJ&R Team has also distributed a survey, asking the congregation for feedback on the statement and the direction of our mission efforts. The deadline for returning surveys to the church office is April 18th. If you would like a survey mailed or emailed to you, please contact the office ASAP.

Coming to UBC in April. . .

Adalia Gutierrez-Schellinger is a missionary from International Ministries who will be coming to speak to the UBC congregation on **April 14th at 6pm.**



Adalia Gutierrez-Schellinger and her family

Adalia and her husband, Ray, work with the women of the "Dios Con Nosotros" Baptist Convention of Northern Baja California, Mexico. Together with the women of Tijuana, they have begun Deborah's House, a ministry to victims of domestic violence. Deborah's House

brings together a diverse mix of services, including crisis intervention, healthcare, shelter for victims, counseling and education for both victims and abusers in these situations. Ray and Adalia also offer workshops to all churches in the region on alternatives to violence, self-esteem, relationship skills, and communication.

Deborah's House, in Tijuana, Mexico, provides shelter to women and children fleeing severe domestic violence. But when they're ready to leave, they face a harsh economy that pays less than \$1/hour, demands they work 50-60 hours per week, and offers no child care. Deborah's House alumni want to create a sewing business they run themselves. The women will earn a salary three times higher than factory rates which will allow them to spend more time with their young children.

Come hear Adalia speak about the amazing successes she's witnessed in Tijuana.



Deborah's House, pictured here as it neared the end of construction

UBC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING NOTES -- FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Present: Rhonda Hue (Moderator and meeting chair), Eric Brown (Church Clerk and meeting secretary), Mary Clare Benson, Suzan Blais-Wilkerson, Sadie Cunningham, Daniel Hannah, Kathryn Jans, Tom Nielsen, Elizabeth Patrick, Margie Paynton, Brooke Rolston, Mary Rolston, Manny Santiago, Joy Smith, Lori Taylor

Pastor: Manny will host a Thursday evening Bible study during Lent. There will be a Congregational Care Summit on April 2. The Pastoral and Staff Relations Team continues to work on Manny's 6-month review. The search for a new Office Manager is nearing completion; UBC can anticipate the arrival of our new Office Manager by March 29. Manny will participate in Equality Day on March 22 in Olympia. Manny will attend the board meeting of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America in Raleigh, North Carolina May 11-14.

Moderator: Rhonda distributed the "Goals for 2011" from the Stewardship Council Retreat on January 22.

Treasurer: Mary Clare reported that UBC has paid off one of the loans from the Baptist Union. This action was approved at the Stewardship Council meeting on February 9.

Building Team: Elizabeth said that she and Marilee N. will work on a building use policy for UBC.

Coordinator of Volunteers: Mary distributed the officer and team descriptions that she has written/collected/edited. There was some discussion of the "gaps" (outreach to new people, follow-up with people who have been away, staying connected with people who don't use computers/e-mail regularly) and of how these descriptions will be used.

Finance Team: Kathryn reported that the production of the financial reports is a two-month process as the reports must be compiled by the Office Manager, reviewed by the Finance Team, and submitted to the Stewardship Council. Therefore, February's financial reports will be presented at the Stewardship Council meeting in April.

Hospitality Team: There will be a brunch after the Easter Sunday worship service with the traditional Easter Egg Hunt.

Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Team: The Mission Support, Peace and Justice Team has a new name.

Worship Team: Margie is the new Worship Team lead. Margie has a prototype of the new "Our Common Prayer Book" - which will replace the "blue binders" used in worship.

Discussion Items:

- UBC Picnic - Cass N. will make a reservation for a space at Ravenna Park for the annual picnic. The date of the picnic will depend on space availability. Cass and Carol S. will be in charge of the potluck. Brooke and Sadie will be in charge of games.
- Lori reported on our space improvements. Work continues in the downstairs room. New cabinets for the conference room are coming soon. Margie reported that the books from our old building have been unboxed and have been organized on tables and on shelves in the downstairs room. Books will be offered first to the UBC community, then to University Christian Church's books-for-prisoners program, and finally to a book seller.
- Bylaws Review and Revision - Lin C. will be the lead for the group to review and update the bylaws. The group will start its work in April.
- The Stewardship Council discussed how UBC might be able to help with expenses for those attending the American Baptist Churches USA Biennial Convention in San Juan this summer. Manny has provided the council with more information on the proposal to restructure the ABC-USA organization (the major issue expected at the Biennial) and the number of delegates that UBC is permitted to send. Information on the proposed bylaw changes may be found at the Biennial's website (www.celebrate2011.com). There are at least seven UBC members who are planning to join Manny as delegates at the Biennial. The council voted unanimously to reimburse each delegate a set amount to help with registration and lodging expenses. Elizabeth made a suggestion to the Pastoral and Staff Relations Team that Manny be reimbursed for four nights of lodging at the Biennial since he will be going early to work with AWAB and the Hispanic Caucus. Eric suggested a meeting to discuss the issues that will be presented at the Biennial; he further suggested that this meeting be open to everyone at UBC and required for those attending as delegates.

Please note that these notes have not been approved by the Stewardship Council as minutes of the meeting. The Stewardship Council meets regularly on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Our next meeting is on April 13 at 6:30 PM.

Among Ourselves

Congratulations to **Joanne W's** son **John M**, who just graduated from the Culinary Arts program at Seattle Central. To celebrate, **John, Joanne, Annie**, and Joanne's sister-in-law Kathy M. will travel to Paris and San Sebastián, Spain, later this month... And congratulations to **Erika B**, who has finished all her course work in her program at UW and will graduate in early June. Until then, Erika will travel in Europe, visiting dance companies to dance with them and perhaps have an audition. You can follow Erika's travels on her blog, which she has just launched, at <http://dancingacrossborders.blogspot.com>. **Jessica B** also has good news: Of the four colleges she has heard from (UW, Colorado College, Lawrence University, and St. Olaf's), she has been accepted at every one! Now she waits to hear from six more schools... **Eva G** is excited to be playing the violin in Ballard High School's production of *Cabaret*. Later this month Eva will travel to check out two colleges, in California (where she hopes to visit our own **Dr. Sarah R**) and Las Cruces, New Mexico, where she will visit her grandmother... Way to go, **Joy S!** Joy finished her first triathlon on March 20, and then celebrated with a bunch of supportive friends... We send our blessings to **Audrey S**, who is just beginning classes at Evergreen College, Tacoma Branch... **Kathryn J** enjoyed visiting with her niece Loren, who was in town for a conference of arts educators. Kathryn got to sit in on a session led by Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul, and Mary fame), whose "Don't Laugh at Me" music video is the center of an anti-bullying program... **Lynn G** will spend a week on Maui this month, working on a book and getting advice from her marketing mentor... **Bev S** is enjoying time spent with her granddaughter Jordyn, who is just turning one year old... **Daniel H** is pleased to have joined Joyful Noise, a choir whose members include **Gail and Walt F and Bob and Lori T**. Ask any of them about tickets to their performances on Saturday, May 7, at 8 p.m. at Seattle First Baptist Church. Blessings to **Martha B**, who is adjusting to having a new job... Congratulations to **Dan and Shari P**, who just celebrated 59 years of marriage! They each still think they made the right decision... It was a joy to have **Virginia N**, her daughter Debbie, son-in-law Steve, and grandson Tom in worship recently. We continue to pray for Steve's health... We celebrate that **John R** is beginning a new phase of his life. Ask John what kind of work he seeks... God speed to **April R**, who will run in the Boston Marathon, the oldest annual city marathon in the world, on April 18... We pray for former UBC members **Colin and Linda T**, as **Linda** has entered hospice care. We also pray for **Heather S's** sister Mimi, who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. We continue to hold in prayer the family of Marcus Walker, including **Megan** and **Aaron**.

Submitted by Lynn G-J



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Save the date for the Annual Church Picnic: Sunday, August 21st, 8am-2pm

Our date is August 21st and we have the park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The picnic will be at Ravenna Park, 120th NE and NE 58th. In the past it has been a worship service followed with a potluck lunch. I understand the Learning and Play team will be planning some games as well. We have the park reserved from 8:00 a.m to 2:00 pm.

Where's the Pastor?

The new office hours for University Baptist Church are Tuesday to Friday, 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Our Office Manager, Jessica Day, will be available in the office to answer any questions you may have or to coordinate with you the use of any space at UBC.

If you want to schedule a visit or a conversation with Pastor Manny, please make sure that you call the office or email at pastor@ubcseattle.org.



April

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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				- Pastors' Covenant Group - Racial Justice working group	- Cong Care Summit	- Worship
4	5 –	6	7	8	9	10
DAY OFF AWAB Board call	Worship planning mtg - Worship Team mtg	- AWAB comm. mtg - PSRT mtg	- Bible study	- Worker's justice taskforce mtg		-Worship
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
DAY OFF		- Stewardship Council mtg	- Adalia Gutierrez at UBC	- Marcus Borg lecture at SFBC		- Worship PALM SUNDAY!
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
DAY OFF	- MJR Team mtg		-Maundy Thursday Communion gathering	- UDEP Good Friday worship - UBC Good Friday Service		-Worship EASTER!
25	26	27	28	29	30	
DAY OFF - Comm Team mtg				- Together in Ministry Retreat		

April UBC Calendar

- ◆ Sunday, April 3 - Worship
- ◆ Sunday, April 10 - Worship
- ◆ Thursday, April 14 - Adalia Gutierrez-Schellinger Visit
- ◆ Sunday, April 17 - Palm Sunday
- ◆ Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday Service
- ◆ Friday, April 22 - Good Friday Service
- ◆ Sunday, April 24 - Easter
- ◆ Sunday, March 27 - Worship

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We celebrate our diversity in religious background,
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