



Bo's Blog

Happy Easter!

One of the fun things about Easter is that it matches what's happening in the world around us this time of year. Trees are blossoming and new green leaves are busting out of their buds. Daffodils and tulips are in bloom. The air is warming up enough to have windows open some days, and the smell of the fresh air wafting through the house breaks into that months-of-closed-winter-house air. We start to get outside more, work in our yards more, and bring the outside scents of blossoms and flowers in. Sprinklers get cleaned out and tested. Lawn mowers come out of the garage, and the first mowing of the year occurs. It stays light later, and you see more people, and sometimes their dogs, out for walks. Life feels fresh and new.

New life is stirring in Grandview, as the Rev. Lyda Pierce begins work at the lower valley ministry site for the Annual Conference. It's not yet clear what that life will look like, but there is definite need for United Methodist ministry with life in it for the people of the lower valley. Lyda will spend some time looking at the information that the conference has already gathered, and discerning what ministry is needed. She'll sniff the air. Look for the green shoots. Listen for the sounds of the community. Get a feel for what God is doing in Grandview.

Easter is about new life. New life is exciting! And new life can be a little hard to figure out at times. The disciples experienced that. They had trouble figuring out what happened to Jesus' body at the tomb, and what it meant that he was gone. One had trouble believing the others that Jesus was raised from the dead. New life challenges what we think is going on. It contrasts with our comfort in the status quo. Yet we deal with it all the time—and not just in spring. It happens when we are born into our family of origin. It happens when we move out on our own. It happens when we have kids of our own. It happens when we care for an aging parent. Easter hits us again and again throughout our lives. New life begins again and again, right under our noses, and we deal with it, we enjoy it, we thrive on it.

Because it is in new life that we grow. It is through new life in Christ that God works in our lives. And it is with the new life of the resurrection that new ministry will begin in Grandview.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Shalom,
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