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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CWU MISSION:**  
**Celebrating unity in diversity  
and empowering women  
to work towards peace and justice**

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**JUNE 3RD FORUM  
WHITEBIRD & CAHOOTS**

Jose-Sato Gates, our speaker for our June Forum, has worked within many spaces and programs at White Bird including CAHOOTS. So he will have a lot to tell us and can answer many questions that you might have about the many ways they serve the people in need.

And we have a bonus! Jose has invited the CAHOOTS coordinator, Arlo Silver, to be with us as well.

We look forward to seeing you there.

9:00 for socializing., The forum starts at 9:30.

**TO JOIN:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88239545095>

Meeting ID: 882 3954 5095

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US (Tacoma)

**Dial by your location** +1 253 215 8782 US  
(Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 882 3954 5095

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88239545095>

Anne's cell 541-554-2646

**LOOKING FORWARD TO  
OUR SEPTEMBER FORUM**

The September Forum will be featuring a speaker on Indigenous Peoples. We do not yet know if this will be only on Zoom or in person depending on the situation regarding Covid.

**NEW RULE:**  
**IF YOU BAN ABORTION  
 BEFORE YOU BAN  
 MILITARY-STYLE ASSAULT  
 RIFLES THAT MASSACRE  
 CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS,  
 YOU'VE LOST YOUR RIGHT TO  
 CALL YOURSELF "PRO-LIFE."**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Anne O'Brien**

Marilyn La Riviere, past National CWU president sends out a daily email message.

Today she talked about how we need to recharge ourselves. How do you recharge yourself?

Marilyn and I agree. While some need peace and quiet to recharge I always say, I thrive on interaction and even a bit of chaos. I also need some quiet time. Reading scriptures and daily meditations from several books I enjoy brings me peace. It is a good time to pray for the causes and people on my prayer list.

Exercise is also a great relaxer for me. I like to walk and go to the Y now that it is open again. Marilyn says she needs to keep moving so she doesn't "rust." That is a good way to look at it. Mental exercise is important too. There are word exercises in the paper or online and also I find that being involved in community keeps my mind active.

So we pray: This is also from Marilyn.

Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes.

Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~

By [Debbie McDaniel](#)

## **CREATING PEACE IN A DISRUPTIVE ENVIRONMENT**

**Chris Cunningham**

**541-674-8451**

It's no surprise that local as well as national meetings are become increasingly volatile. In response, the CWU Civility Task Force is considering useful ways to become a constructive public presence, applying the principles of Braver Angels, a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to reduce the growing divisiveness in our country. One of Braver Angels' central ideas is to never "win" an argument, but to listen in order to understand.

Toward that end, the four-member task force has identified the next 4J school board meeting as an opportunity for CWU members to show their support for the board and to promote civility—as a counterpoint to last week's meeting, where several agitated audience members spoke intimidating words during the recess related to gun use.

At the board meeting on June 22, board members will deliberate on how to implement SB 554, under which each Oregon school district can forbid firearms brought in by those with a concealed carry permit. The Civility Task Force intends to establish itself as a calm but powerful presence while the board discusses the implementation of a policy intended to curb violence in local schools.

After examining models that promote respectful communications in public forums, the Civility Task Force believes it has become better equipped to steer discussion in more productive ways, even without assuming a role as official mediators.

Ultimately, CWU aims to play a role in reversing the political divide that continues to widen within political parties, communities, and churches.

The Zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 7 p.m.

School board meetings are open to the public via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/97396578668?pwd=LzBReEpgZ0JxRzVpaVdlQ3h5UFVzdz09>,

on live audio stream at [www.4j.lane.edu/stream](http://www.4j.lane.edu/stream), and live radio broadcast on KRVM 1280 AM and 98.7 FM.

**MAY 2022 FRIENDSHIP DAY,  
A PART OF NW REGION ASSEMBLY**

**Charlotte Maloney**

On Saturday May 7, we conducted our annual May Friendship Day celebration as the last part of the two day North West Region Assembly on Zoom. Celebrations Chair, Susannah Lustica, Nancy Vrijmoet, and I organized the program based upon the CWU national planner guide.

In addition to being part of the region assembly, it was special because our national president, Mira Washington, was able to attend part of the time. Also, Reverend Lillie and several CWU members from all sections of the US attended, one of the few advantages of Zoom meetings!

After welcoming everyone, Anne read a prayer for the Ukraine people before reading a history of CWU Friendship Day.

Susannah read about the theme of the worship service "Called to Serve." Barbara Sumner read the Opening Prayer. Then, we tried to share a video of the song "Here I am Lord," but technical difficulties blocked everyone from seeing and hearing the song.

Then Susannah read the Litany, "A Call to Serve." Anne then read the CWU Third Quaddrennial Priority "Social and Racial Justice," before introducing our speaker, Tanasia Michelle McLaurin who lives in Brooklyn, New York. She is a member of Friendship Baptist Church and Young CWU. Tanasia's presentation was deeply interesting and interactive. It was about the social and racial injustice of health care disparities of elders of color. At the end, we met in small groups in separate "rooms" on Zoom to brainstorm ways we as units and as individuals could lessen disparities in our communities. These ideas are on the agenda of CWU of LC board meetings.

Next our treasurer, Nancy Vrijmoet, explained how offerings will be divided between our state chapter and our unit, Then she read the Offering Prayer. If you would like to donate an offering to the state unit split with our unit, please send your check to Nancy at 42091 McKenzie Hwy, Springfield, OR 97478.

First, Phyllis Hockley explained our unit is collecting donations for the 2022 Summer Fun Fund, so disadvantaged children can experience some special experiences in their summer programs. This has been a project of our unit over 15 years. Last year we donated \$700 to 8 programs! This was followed by other announcements including our next Forum on June 3, which is described elsewhere in this issue.

Diane Beuermann then read the history of Fellowship of the Least Coin and the Fellowship of the Least Coin Prayer. If you would like to donate to the Fellowship of the Least Coin for the months we've been meeting on Zoom, please send a check for your contribution to Nancy Vrijmoet, as described above..

Barbara Sumner then read the Sending Forth Prayer before our Regional Chairperson, April Avery, reviewed the American Sign Language signing she taught us the previous day for "Peace Be With You," which we each signed to our whole group.

To adjourn, Roz Collins, president of Oregon CWU, (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> try) showed a powerful music video, "The World Blessing." You can view by copying this link and entering in your web browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d48-qbcovVY>

A recording of this event is available on the Church Women United Of Lane County website at <http://www.cwulanecounty.org/>.



**SUMMER FUN FUND  
Phyllis Hockley**

Our CWU Summer Fun Fund project has begun! The 8 organizations that work with homeless and at-risk kids are planning safe creative fun for the kids and we will help make it happen. You want to be part of the fun of making it happen? Make out your check to CWU with SFF in the memo line and send it to Phyllis Hockley, 220 N Adams #2, Eugene, OR. 97402. I'll send it on and the smiles will begin. And I'll be smiling too!

## **ENDING THE PUSH TO PRIVATIZE MEDICARE** **Charlotte Maloney**

Members of CWU of Lane County email list have received a message forwarded by Anne from Physicians for a National Health Plan recently about Direct Contracting Entities (DCEs) and ACO REACH Medicare plans. DCEs begun during the Trump administration were to interject insurance companies and private equity firms in administering Medicare funds. It allows these “entities” to keep a maximum of 40% of funds for their profit, for “managing” the funds. (Medicare Advantage is limited to 15% maximum.)

There are many documented cases of care being delayed, made more expensive, and in some cases achieve worse outcome for the patient due to their “management.” Fact sheet at [https://protectmedicare.net/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/OnePager\\_DirectContractingREACH.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=6f0afcc8-00de-4f40-94b6-722f49c29612](https://protectmedicare.net/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/OnePager_DirectContractingREACH.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=6f0afcc8-00de-4f40-94b6-722f49c29612)

One of the most egregious parts of these plans is people are assigned to them. If they want to change back to traditional Medicare, they’re unable to keep same primary care provider. Most of us know from personal experience or that of a family member how difficult it is to find a PCP accepting new Medicare patients.

The Biden administration has allowed the Secretary of Health and Human Services to modify these DCEs and REACH plans. PNHP and 30 other public interest groups are asking Biden to issue an executive order to stop these. You can join the work to prevent the privatization of Medicare by:

1/ Call or email DeFazio, Wyden, and Merkley to ask Biden to immediately end REACH plans. Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 between 9:00am and 5:00pm Eastern, Monday through Friday.

2/ Call Biden’s office to demand the immediate end of the plans with an executive order. Call (202) 456-1111 between 11:00am -3:00pm Eastern Time, Tuesdays through Thursdays only. Sample script at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KEqjgB7KgpQYl15v1jjNgKH3PjV3I8cezlv8lmgS00/edit?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=8654bf2a-dc7f-40bb-a3e6-48df0bf67d36>

3/ Sign the petition to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to end the REACH plans at <https://pnhp.salsalabs.org/DCEpetitionSeptember2021/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=6f0afcc8-00de-4f40-94b6-722f49c29612>

4/ Share this information with family, friends, neighbors, and faith community. Urge everyone to sign the petition.

A similar effort to privatize Medicare and Social Security was made during the George W. Bush administration. It failed due to public outcry. Please do your part to achieve that again.

## **BRIEF UPDATES**

**Charlotte Maloney**

**City of Eugene Renter Protection Ordinance Phase 1** is scheduled for a public hearing June 21 at 7:30.

**Divest Oregon Coalition** continues to rally outside the Investment Commission’s meetings and to prepare for the 2023 Legislative session. The local media in Portland have covered the coalition’s demands.

Also, the coalition encouraged members to thank the Chair of the Oregon Investment Council for her leadership in addressing the topics the Coalition is bringing to the Council. These needed to be submitted by 5 PM, May 25. The coalition continues to meet via Zoom monthly.

**EUGENE SCHOOL BOARD  
SET TO REVISE POLICY  
TO STOP VISITORS ENTERING SCHOOLS  
WITH WEAPONS  
Your Help is Needed  
Nancy Vrijmoet**

Should visitors be allowed to carry concealed firearms into our schools? Eugene School District 4j will review its protocols this month. According to District 4j policy, while staff members, contractors, and volunteers are prohibited from possessing, handling, or transmitting weapons on campus or at school-sponsored activities off school property, Oregon law allows visitors holding concealed carry permits an exemption. Why would a visitor, such as a student's parent, brother, or sister, need a gun on campus?

Do guns on campus make schools safer? Sifting data, we find that as you increase firearms in a school setting, you put teachers, students, and staff at a greater risk. Do you agree? If so, Oregon lawmakers stand with you. Senate Bill 554, signed into law on June 1, 2021 by Governor Kate Brown, specifies that each school district serving students grade Kindergarten through community college has the authority to put in place a policy for weapons on campus. You may review that bill here: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/sb554/Enrolled>. In brief, this bill partners a secure storage requirement for firearms with an adjustment to Oregon's concealed carry permit policy, forbidding all weapons at the Capitol and at Portland International Airport. Schools, through to policies set district-by-district by each school board, may also choose to limit carrying of weapons to law enforcement and designated school safety officers.

At the conclusion of school year 2021-22, a number of Oregon school districts had set policies in place. Eugene School District 4j is next. The district will finalize its decision at the school board meeting scheduled for June 22 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Read 4j's proposed **Policy KGBB**, below. We encourage you to consider the impact of this decision, and take steps to make your voice heard.

Here are some options to make your voice heard::

- Add your name to the list of those supporting this policy. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, with partner Everytown for Gun Safety, makes that easy to do.
- **Sign the community letter calling for a "yes" vote on Policy KGBB:** <https://forms.everytown.org/a/sign-school-district-letters-oregon-moms-and-students-demand-action?emci=5f34a15e-48bf-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&emdi=7ed7e5e2-4cc2-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&ceid=242406> or, if you are not able to go online, call Nancy at (541) 345-5554. We'll add you to that letter's signature list.
- **Write a letter to each 4j school board member, recommending they vote to adopt Policy KGBB.**

**Address each letter as follows:**  
Board Member (insert name here)  
Eugene School District 4j  
200 N. Monroe St.  
Eugene, Oregon 97402

Alternately, include "Policy KGBB" in your subject line, and email each school board member:

Judy Newman, board chair, [newman\\_j@4j.lane.edu](mailto:newman_j@4j.lane.edu)  
Maya Rabasa, board vice chair, [rabasa\\_m@4j.lane.edu](mailto:rabasa_m@4j.lane.edu)  
Keertji Hasija Kaufman, [hasijakauffman\\_k@4j.lane.edu](mailto:hasijakauffman_k@4j.lane.edu)  
Alicia Hays, [hays\\_a@4j.lane.edu](mailto:hays_a@4j.lane.edu)  
Michelle Hsu, [hsu\\_mi@4j.lane.edu](mailto:hsu_mi@4j.lane.edu)  
Gordon Lafer, [lafer\\_g@4j.lane.edu](mailto:lafer_g@4j.lane.edu)  
Laural O'Rourke, [orourke\\_l@4j.lane.edu](mailto:orourke_l@4j.lane.edu)

If sending seven emails is too much, send one to the entire board: [board@4j.lane.edu](mailto:board@4j.lane.edu)

**Attend the school board meeting on June 22** or, better yet, sign up to provide testimony. Find instructions at this link: <http://www.4j.lane.edu/board/publiccomment/>. Information about attending the June 22 school board meeting can be found here: <https://mail.4j.lane.edu/home/4jcalendar@4j.lane.edu/Calendar.html?view=month&date=20220625&action=view&invId=4380bec0-ddcc-41bc-a614-f3d3d1fda7dc%3A8142-8141&pstat=AC&instStartTime=1655949600000&instDuration=7200000>.

- Can't tune in online? No problem. **Listen live on radio station KRVM** at 1280 AM or 98.7 FM. You'll catch the school board's discussion, the public comment session, and the board's vote.

Gain background knowledge on individuals carrying firearms onto school locations:

- From Ceasefire Oregon: <https://www.ceasefireoregon.org/bills/schools-portland-airport-public-buildings-allowed-to-prohibit-guns/>
- From Ceasefire Oregon's blog, as submitted by Penny Okamoto on May 25, 2022: <https://www.ceasefireoregon.org/blog/the-hour-is-late-the-country-is-awash-in-guns-and-our-kids-are-headed-off-to-school-again-in-the-morning/>
- From Oregon Public Broadcasting: <https://www.opb.org/article/2021/05/05/oregon-lawmakers-pass-the-states-first-gun-control-legislation-in-years/>
- From Everytown for Gun Safety, state-by-state statistics and trends here: <https://everystat.org/>

Rely on your Church Women United community for help, if you'd like letter-writing assistance. Call Nancy at (541) 345-5554 or email [n.vrijmoet@gmail.com](mailto:n.vrijmoet@gmail.com). Others available to coach you include Civility Task Force Members Sarita Lief, Chris Cunningham, and Charlotte Maloney. Happy to assist!

There is no higher priority than ensuring school children are safe while away from their families. Your effort advising the school board will be time well spent. Watch this space in September as Springfield and Bethel school districts take action on this crucial issue.

### ***Eugene School District 4j's Proposed Policy KGBB: Firearms on School Grounds***

*No person on grounds of the schools controlled by the board (including in school buildings) will possess any firearm,<sup>1</sup> except when said firearm is possessed by a person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing the firearm, and is unloaded and locked in a motor vehicle. The exception provided in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 166.370(3)(g) for concealed carry licensees (see ORS 166.291) does not apply to the possession of firearms on grounds of the schools controlled by the board.<sup>2</sup> Firearms under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted. The superintendent may authorize other persons to possess weapons for courses, programs and activities when in compliance with law and board policy.*

*Any person violating or threatening to violate the above rules, as determined by the district, may be issued a trespass citation, ejected from the premises and referred to law enforcement officials.<sup>3</sup>*

*The district will post clearly visible sign(s) at all normal points of entry to the school grounds subject to this policy indicating that the affirmative defense described in ORS 166.370(3)(g) does not apply. The district will post on the district's web pages designated for school board operations, identifying designated school grounds that are subject to this policy.*

#### **Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> "Firearm" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210, except that it does not include a firearm that has been rendered permanently inoperable.

<sup>2</sup> See Senate Bill 554 (2021).

<sup>3</sup> ORS 339.315 requires any district employee with reasonable cause to believe that a person is in possession of a firearm within a school or has possessed a firearm within a school in violation of Oregon law in the previous 120 days report such information to an administrator or law enforcement. A district employee with reasonable cause to believe that a person is in possession of a firearm within a school or has possessed a firearm within a school in the previous 120 days in violation of Oregon law, may report such information to law enforcement.

### **MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA**

This year, we're going to have a table at the Eugene Saturday Market. Please drop by to talk with our volunteers and take action to prevent violence in our community, state, and nation. We'll be giving away free gun locks while supplies last, to promote secure gun storage.

#### **EUGENE SATURDAY MARKET TABLE**

June 4th, 10am - 4pm

[126 E 8th Ave, Eugene](#)

On "Wear Orange" weekend we join volunteers nationwide, honoring survivors of firearm violence and advocating for legislation to promote gun safety.



**Helen Riddell**  
**Obituary**

Helen was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon on August 24, 1923 to Mary Helmick Wiest and William Wiest, Sr. She lived most of her childhood in Portland, Oregon and then at Helmick House in Monmouth, Oregon. She graduated from Monmouth High School and then Oregon College of Education in Monmouth in 1944. She was student body president in 1943-44.

She taught lower elementary school in Clatskanie and Coos Bay in Oregon and in New Jersey and Delaware. She finished up her public school teaching career in the Bethel School District in Eugene. Later in her life, she had a preschool in her church, in Eugene, St. Mark Catholic Church. She loved working with children. Helen married Clarence Kern of New Jersey in 1946. He passed away in 1965. She married Robert Dow Riddell in 1967. He is also deceased as are her three siblings; Marie Daniels, William Wiest Jr. and Marion Brisbane.

Helen's children are Anne Kern (Jim Craft), Tomi Ray and Robert Riddell, Jr. She has four grandchildren; Sean Kern-Craft (Natasha Boykin), Kelly Kern-Craft, Kyle Jeffers (Serena) and Samantha Riddell. A stepson, Jeff Riddell is deceased.

Helen has two great-grandsons; Kellen Boykin and Dylan Kern-Craft.

She also has many nieces and nephews from the Kerns, Wiests, and Brisbanes.

She was a state appointed ombudsman for 8 years watching over nursing homes in the area. She was a member of St. Mark Catholic Church for more than 50 years. And she was a past member of the Carmelite Auxiliary and Church Women United. She enjoyed birding, was an Audubon member and went on a birding trip to Costa Rica as well as several trips in Oregon and other states. She traveled to ten countries and one of her favorite trips was on the Queen Mary transatlantic trip with her daughter, Anne.

Applause came late to Helen when she performed with the One Niters and Encore Theatre, both directed by her good and dear friend, Eliza RoaringSprings. She was a recent member of Readers Theatre. A highlight of those years was when she took tap dancing lessons at 80 years old!

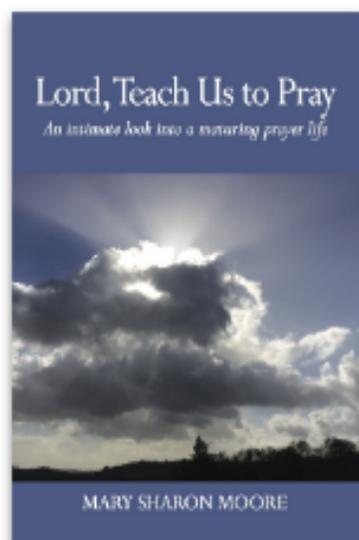
Helen was aware and thankful for a lovely, fulfilling life. A gathering to celebrate her life took place on Saturday, May 21 at Musgrove Mortuaries, 225 South Danebo Ave. Eugene Oregon (off West 11th) from 1 pm to 3 pm.

And a big thank you to  
all our many members  
who have passed on.

Our gratitude is  
Flowing.

# Lord, teach us to pray!

Small-group conversations with Mary Sharon Moore  
*based on her book of the same title*



**Small groups begin**

**Tuesday, June 7, and Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

**Tuesday evenings: 7:00 to 8:30 pm.**

**Wednesday mornings: 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

At Mary Sharon's Springfield "prayer nest"  
3667 Main Street, #38, Springfield 97478

*Ideal for women and men who follow Jesus,  
or who want to discover and draw close to him!*

## Details

- **This series will go until it ends**, based on the pace of our conversation
  - **Your signed copy** of *Lord, Teach Us to Pray* (\$15.00) available at the first session\*
  - **Bring your Bible**, notepad or journal, and beverage of choice
  - **And please contribute** to Mary Sharon's Life Support Jar!
- \*Online book purchases (e.g., amazon) enrich the retailer, not the author. *Please, purchase direct!*

**Please call 541.687.2046 or email [marysharonmoore@gmail.com](mailto:marysharonmoore@gmail.com)**  
**to reserve your space (it's limited) and your**  
**signed copy of *Lord, Teach Us to Pray***

## Links to learn more

- **Read sample pages** of this or any of Mary Sharon's books on her website [Store](#) page
- **View her teachings** on prayer, spiritual life, spiritual elderhood, and much more on her [YouTube channel](#)
- **Sign up** at her [website](#) for news and new postings, where you'll also find her [blog](#)

**If you have a church group, prayer pod, or book group of 12 or more,  
reach out to see if Mary Sharon can bring this series to you!**



**TEND THE GARDEN OF ACTION  
WE GROW TOGETHER  
SUPPORT CHURCH WOMEN UNITED  
Nancy Vrijmoet**

Does June bring time in your garden? Whether you grow vegetables and flowers, or enjoy gardens found in your neighborhood, consider other ways to celebrate this season of growth.

Perhaps your spiritual garden is on your mind. If so, join friends near and far, by supporting all that Church Women United is growing. Consider the good work of our partners, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Health Care for All Oregon, Oregon Housing Alliance, and Rural Organizing Project. Your contribution makes possible our group's yearly contribution to each. Our first contribution of 2022 went to the Springfield/Eugene unit of Showing Up for Racial Justice. We took joy in the coming Spring when spiritual guide Mary Sharon Moore challenged us to prayer-directed action at World Day of Prayer.

As June wraps up, three more organizations received our contribution. In May we were honored to host Tanasia McLaurin, representing Young Church Women United, a dynamic nationwide collaboration preparing to carry the torch in years to come.

Growing this garden is on your list of priorities. Send your contribution in the form of a check written to Church Women United, to 42091 McKenzie Highway, Springfield, Oregon 97478, or to P.O. Box 5824, Eugene, Oregon 97405. Many of us use fifty dollars as a starting point, but please go up or down, according to your budget.

Just like the vegetables and flowers springing up in the garden, the seeds you plant now will complete a circle of sustenance for important work in the months to come. Enjoy your summer. Find some peace in each day. Let's celebrate together what this beautiful green Earth presents to us. A gift from God.

**TIPS FOR REDUCING PLASTIC**

**Sarita Lief**

1. Buy Salsa in 16 OZ glass wide mouth jars with metal covers. At Fred Meyers: both Kroger and Newmans very tasty. Jars great for reuse.
2. Adams Peanut Butter in large wide mouth glass jars with metal covers. Great for storing large batches of soup and pantry items.
3. Send more tips to [saritalief@comcast.net](mailto:saritalief@comcast.net)



**Katharine Hunt**

**350 Eugene** is hosting a virtual **Eugene Green Home tour** on June 4th. From 9 - noon. We're all trying to solve the climate crisis and live more sustainably. There are so many ways!

Learn what Eugene area neighbors are doing with their homes and yards to combat climate change, improve air quality, generate clean energy, and move towards a safer, healthier, greener future. Register with this link. [eugene-greenhomes.org](https://eugene-greenhomes.org)

The Green Home Tour will take a virtual visit to 7 homes and gardens in Eugene and Springfield. We'll show and tell you about their heat pump heating and cooling systems, heat pump water heaters, heat pump dryer, induction cooktops, natural plasters, solar panels, electric cars, organic gardens, rainwater catchment, backyard bees, ducks, and more. Free and bilingual (English/Spanish).

Also included are short presentations by experts and live Q&A about solar panels, hazards of gas stoves, and electric cars. <https://eugenegreenhomes.org/program/>

**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**



**Save the Date! Thursday, June 16, 4:00 – 6:30 pm**

- Make a refugee relief kit in honor of World Refugee Day!
- First United Methodist Church parking lot (1376 Olive Street).
- Make a \$25 cash or check donation; all supplies provided.
- Kits will go to refugees in need around the world.

If you can't attend the event but would like to donate, please send a check made out to Eugene Mennonite Church (with "relief kits" in the memo line) to Eugene Mennonite Church, 3590 W. 18<sup>th</sup>, Eugene OR 97402. Receipts for tax-deductible donations will be provided on request.