

# Thank you!

Between our congregants, our preschool families and our neighbors, we delivered 666 items and \$650 to Renton Salvation Army Food bank!



The PNW Conference collected more food items than the New England Conference, though the NE Conference raised more financial donations than PNW.

It was a friendly competition between the United Methodist Churches in the Pacific Northwest Conference and the New England Conference. Our congregants, preschool families and neighbors collected 666 items (food and hygiene) and \$650 for the Renton Salvation Army Food Bank (and the Issaquah Food Bank) to help those in need. Thank you so much!

The PNW Conference of The United Methodist Church claimed the win in food collection, gathering an impressive 19,751 items for food-providing ministries, while the New England Conference collected 7,804 items. New England, however, led in financial generosity, raising \$16,379.92 compared to \$10,411 from the Pacific Northwest. In the PNW Conference, 50 churches participated in the food drive, roughly 1/4 of the conference, with a number of churches in each district joining in the fun.

Together, churches in both conferences demonstrated outstanding generosity, good-natured rivalry, and a shared commitment to addressing hunger in their communities. This is a victory worth celebrating for its compassion, collaboration, and the lives it will impact.

# DO YOU HAVE A VINTAGE SUITCASE AND/OR MAKE-UP CASE?



These would be on display as part of our LENTEN THEME.

Contact Carol Colborne for more information.

We'd love for anyone who has a vintage suitcase and/or makeup case to consider sharing it with us for the Lenten season. These pieces will help bring our Lenten theme to life. Contact Carol Colborne for more information.

The graphic features a black and white photograph of a hand sifting dark ash into a pile. A semi-transparent purple rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text. The entire graphic is framed by a thin purple border.

# Ash Wednesday Service

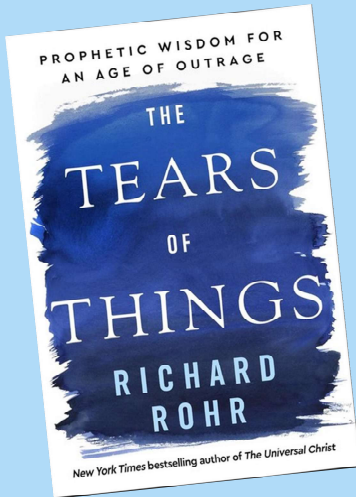
February 18 @ 7PM

Accompanied by the  
Chancel Choir

The Ash Wednesday service, with our Chancel Choir, is scheduled for 7:00 PM on February 18, 2026.

# Lent Book Study

**Join us!**



**Tuesdays**

**February 17 - March 31**

**9:30am - 11:00am**

**@ the Parlor or on Zoom**

**-- OR --**

**Sundays**

**February 22 - March 29**

**11:30am - 12:30pm**

**@ Sanctuary**

**Questions: talk to Pastor Cathy L.**

## LENT BOOK STUDY

The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage by Father Richard Rohr

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30-11:00am from February 17 - March 31

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Sunday mornings - 11:30am-12:30pm from February 22 - March 29

Father Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a crucial path forward today. Drawing on a century of biblical scholarship, The Tears of Things breathes new life into ancient wisdom, paving a path of enlightenment for anyone seeking a way of compassionate living in a hurting world. If you are seeking Hope and Whole-hearted Living in difficult times, join us as we seek to answer these questions. How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel in such an unjust world?

You will need to get a copy of the book from the library or your favorite bookstore. For more information, talk to Pastor Cathy Law.



# Join us today, February 15, after worship



Come after worship  
to Benedict Hall  
for waffles and other food  
as we prepare for the start of  
the Lent season.

Questions? Contact Stephen S.



## **Shrove Sunday Waffle Breakfast – February 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Lent traditionally involved abstaining from rich foods like meat, eggs, butter, and sugar, so Shrove Tuesday became the day to use them up with indulgent dishes, traditionally pancakes. To include more of our church community, we are celebrating with Waffles on Sunday instead.

Join us after worship on Sunday, February 15, for a joyful Shrove Waffle Breakfast in the fellowship hall! This tradition is a chance to gather as a congregation, share a meal, and celebrate community together. Fresh waffles hot off the griddle will be served, along with orange juice to brighten the morning.

It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food and warm fellowship as we prepare for the Lenten season. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to Stephen Spages and family for coordinating this celebration!

# Peacemakers Learning Series – February 15

## *Help us become the church Christ calls us to be!*



**Come to learn...**

- **The nature of conflict**
- **Resolving everyday conflict**
- **How to better communicate**

**Join us today, February 15,  
after worship.**

**Get your Shrove Waffle food first!**

Peacemakers Learning Series – session 1 on Sunday, February 15 after the worship service (about 11:30). Help us to become the church Christ calls us to be!

Come to learn some simple mental models that enable us to think about and improve ourselves while learning a practical set of interpersonal skills.

In our first learning series lesson we will explore the PEAR model, the power of compelling visions and missions, and explicit conflict management techniques and inter-personal skills. It will be an interactive session creating a common language and understanding and specific skills that will position us for the future.

We are called to transform as we follow how and what Christ calls us to be. In our transformation, there will be conflict. We are preparing ourselves to deal with it effectively and lovingly.

Get your Shrove Waffle food first. Feel free to bring it into the sanctuary.

Questions? Contact Jan B-H.