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Meetings and Events

Quote: The Martyrdom of Children ~ *R. Steiner*

Calendar

TWO POEMS* BY CHRISTY MACKAYE BARNES

FOR A NEWBORN BABY

May the sun within your heart
fill your days with golden rays
and in countless starry ways
with love's own bright and sacred art
teach tongue and fingers how to praise!

SPRING POEM FOR CHILDREN

Out in the glistening air
small birds are singing;
down in the valley there
church bells are ringing,
echoing everywhere,
sounding and swinging.
Where the brown fields lay bare
green plants are springing;
where men grow cold with care
wonder is winging

*from *Imagination's Music: From Youth to Old Age*. Ghent, NY: Adonis Press, 2004.



DEAR READERS,

Another issue of your Branch newsletter and calendar of events is nearing completion. The end of the month comes so quickly! Those planning events for the summer, please take note: just as last year, *next month's newsletter* (May) will be the ninth and final edition of this volume.

We will begin the 26th year of *Chanticleer* in September.

A gracious *THANK YOU* to all the members and friends who have responded to our annual appeal for donations. This is your Branch, your newsletter. Thank you as well for the opportunity you give me to contribute to the work of the Anthroposophical Society by keeping *Chanticleer* going.

Thanks also to those who help with the newsletter in various ways each and every month: Ella Lapointe for her wonderful illustrations that continue to lift the quality of this humble publication; Rich Lumma, whose highly valuable assistance with the events calendar relieves me of just the right amount of tedious work; Michael Lapointe, for maintaining our lists of contacts and managing our finances with such care; and to Katie Lince, who has graciously helped with all the physical mailings of the newsletter since September. (While I'm at it, I should also thank and mention *Johhny's Ideal Printing* on Warren Street in Hudson for their share of the work: printing, collating, folding, and stapling each newsletter that we mail; and they are glad to do it!)

I would also like to thank everyone who responded to the letter I wrote on the Martin Luther King Holiday for the February *Chanticleer*. The feedback I got from that one piece exceeded the cumulative feedback I've gotten in the nearly five years I have edited this newsletter.

Thanks for the encouraging words!

~JSL

APRIL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

First Class Study

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm

At Windy Hill. Call Hanna, [325-3648](tel:325-3648) or John, [325-1113](tel:325-1113).

The Branch Coordinating Group

Friday, April 3 & 17, 3:00 pm

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at Windy Hill Studio. All are invited who wish to take an active part in the life of our Branch of the Anthroposophical Society. For information call the editor at 392-0214.

Good Friday, April 3, 3:00 PM at The Christian

Community, 10 Green River Lane, Hillsdale

Marking the time of the crucifixion with music and the Seven Last Words of Christ, spoken from the Altar

Curative Education Study Group

No study this month.

The Festival Study Group

Good Friday, April 3, 8:00 pm - Lecture 9

Easter Sunday, April 5, 10:00 am breakfast,

11:00 am - Lecture 10

We will complete our discussions of Rudolf Steiner's lectures *From Jesus to Christ* during the Easter season At the home of Gloria Kemp (518-672-4844) and Margaret Rosenthaler (518-672-4253).

60 Paintings— recent and not so recent work

An Exhibit by Laura Summer

Opening reception: Saturday, April 4, 4:00-7:00 pm

Gallery talk: 5:00 pm

Showing until April 19. Hours-Sat. and Sun. 2-5. Free Columbia Space on Main, 84 Main Street, Philmont.

Easter Festival for Children and Families offered by The Christian Community

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 AM at the residence of Ann-Elizabeth Barnes and Richard Meyers, 138A Jug End Rd. South Egremont. The story of Odilia will prepare us for a silent walk to a spring, where we can tast the fresh Easter water, rinse our faces and eyes. The Sunday Service for Children will be held outdoors in that location. For information and to let us know you would like to come call 518-325-6749

EASTER CELEBRATION

Easter Sunday, April 5th at 4:00pm

Hawthorne Valley School Assembly Hall

Eurythmy: **Another to Echo**, a poem by W. S. Merwin and **Sarabande** by Claude Debussy. Music by Mendelssohn and others, including a choral piece by J. Schrieffer. Speaker: John Barnes. Children are welcome.

Sponsored by the Berkshire-Taconic Branch of the Anthroposophical Society

Free Columbia Spring Break Camp for Children

Monday, April 6-Friday, April 10 9:00 am-12:30pm

Located at the Philmont Community Center on Summit Lake This is a special opportunity for children to have a travel experience without leaving Columbia County. Each day they will visit an individual country on a new continent: learning about its location and geography, the stories associated with it, preparing and eating special food, and creating arts and crafts unique to its location. Children and youth ages 5-12 are encouraged to apply and must pre-register. Suggested donation is \$0 - \$300. Located at the Philmont Community Center on Summit Lake. For more information or to register contact Susannah White: (716) 464 - 0931 or email carapace-farm@gmail.com.

An Introduction to Projective Geometry

Monday, April 6, 9:00 am-10:30 am

A workshop in eight sessions with Henrike Holdrege at The Nature Institute. This workshop will continue in the fall. Sliding fee: \$40 - \$120. Please register by calling 518-672-0116 or email info@natureinstitute.org. Nature Spirits Study Group

Bee Study Group

Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 pm

This study group will begin with Lecture Five of Steiner's *Bee Course* and will be held at the home of Charlie Doheny, 78 Summit Street, Philmont. Summit Street begins on the opposite side of Main St. from Key Bank. This study group usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. For information or directions call Charlie at 518 672 5270 or Dr. Basil Williams, 518 672 4332.

Branch Study Group Meeting

Friday, April 10, 7:30 pm

Takes place at Camphill Ghent, in the MAGNOLIA HOUSE (second building on the service road). Park at the red administration barn at the bottom of the hill, unless you need to minimize walking. We will work on the fifth and sixth lecture from Steiner's *The Spiri-*

tual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and in the Kingdoms of Nature GA136 (Helsinki April 7th and 8th 1912) A report and summary of the talk will precede a conversation. If no paper copy of these talks is available to you, they can be found on the web at this address: http://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA136/English/SBC1981/SpiBei_index.html At this meeting, the group also will make a space for members who want to study some aspect of the Theme of the Year. Everyone is asked to help create a listening mood so that each participant is able to speak. Call Nick Franceschelli at 518 392 1014 for more.

Concert at The Christian Community

Friday, April 10, 7:30 PM

10 Green River Lane. Hillsdale NY. With Dan Shulman, piano, Kaori Washiyama, violin and Jonah Thomas, cello. Suggested Donation \$30 - 10

Mathematics Alive!

Friday, April 10 6:00–8:00 pm

Saturday, April 11 9:00 am–5:00 pm

Sunday, April 12, from 9:00 pm – noon

A Geometry Workshop for Middle School Teachers with Henrike Holdrege and Marisha Plotnik at The Nature Institute. The focus this year will be to explore the geometry of the five platonic solids and its relevance for the adolescent student. Please register by email info@natureinstitute.org or call 518-672-0116. Sliding scale fee: \$150 - \$250.

First Class Lesson 9

Sunday, April 12, 3:15 pm

The lessons are at Camphill Ghent in Orion North, the residence of Brian and Anna Ree. If you have any questions please contact Anna at 518-721-8508.

THE ACTORS ENSEMBLE PRESENTS:

“Music In The Air: The Life and Music of George Frederick Root”

Sunday, April 12, 3:00 pm

Ann-Elizabeth Barnes, great-great grand-daughter of George Frederick Root, along with Graham and Barbara Dean, guitar and voice, and Larry Wallach, piano, will take you on a multi-media journey through the Civil War in narrative, song and slide presentation to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The function of music in the 1800's is difficult for us to imagine today. People communicated through song, expressed their emotions and sang of their joys

and sorrows. Civil War songs reinforced loyalty to the cause, as well as expressed the grief of those left behind. Come join us as we remember the history we all share. Spencertown Academy, Route 203 Spencertown, NY, Suggested Donation \$10

The Staying Connected Study Group

Tuesday, April 14, 8:00 pm - Lecture 5

The gatherings will move from Mondays to the Second Tuesdays of the month from now on. We are studying Rudolf Steiner's Karmic Relationships III. The remaining meetings for the year (**May 12-Lecture 6; June 9-Lecture 7**) will take place at the home of Margaret Rosenthaler and Gloria Kemp 518-672-4253/518-672-4844

Nature Spirits Study Group

Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00pm

We will continue with lecture 12 from Steiner's book *Harmony of the Creative Word* at the home of Christiana and Dr. Basil Williams of 83-7 May Hill Rd. near Harlemlville. For information and directions call 518 672 4332 or Charles Dohney 518 672 5270

First Class Reading Recapitulation Lesson 6

Thursday April 16, 7:45 pm

This lesson is at Camphill Village, Copake. Questions contact Webster Beal: webster@camphillvillage.org

Initiation of the I

Friday, April 17 to Sunday, April 19

Takes place Friday from 6:30-8:30pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 10am-3pm at Triform Camphill Community. Once the body has grown the soul begins to develop either in relationship to the body which is limited and transient or within its own capacities where the soul develops through sentient experience to intellectual reasoning and finally towards full consciousness. It is during this development of capacities taken on through individual effort that the I may begin its initiation. The path of initiation leads us towards transformation of the soul's capacities into organs of spiritual perception and a living relationship with the spiritual world. The participation in the truth that is traced out in the spiritual world becomes the source of our giving towards the outer life and transforms the outer world in which we all participate. Even before we are called upon the path of initiation we can prepare ourselves by understanding the way and the truth of the unfolding schooling we shall take. Cost: \$300 for 3 days; includes

two lunches (some reduced fees and payment plans are available for those in need). Please send a \$100 check deposit (or full payment) for each workshop for which you are registering as soon as possible to secure your spot. Checks can be made out to "Sarah Hearn" and sent to Sarah Hearn at 475 Milan Hill Road, Red

Celebration of the Easter Festival and Honoring the Spiritual Beings in Nature

Saturday, April 18, 4:30-6.00pm Pot Luck Supper begins at 6:00pm

We in our community will gather together (Rain or Shine) to prepare healing substances for the good Earth, celebrate the Easter Festival, and recognize the Spiritual Beings in Nature who work on our behalf. Songs, poetry, an Easter Talk of the season by Christiana Williams, music, eurythmy, spacial dynamics, preparing together the healing substances, and then the spreading the substances on the Spring Earth. At 6:00pm our potluck supper will begin and we will all join together to give thanks for this Easter festival with socialization and warm conversation. Children and adults alike are invited to participate.

Camphill Ghent Concert Series

Upcoming concerts in the series:

April 18 will bring us the Dvorak Piano Quintet.

May 16: Students from Bard college will be playing chamber pieces by Brahmas and Mozart.

Concerts begin at 3:00 PM (seating by 2:45 PM) at the Culture Hall at Camphill Ghent, 2542 Rte. 66 in Chatham. Tickets: adults \$25; seniors \$20; students \$5. Advance reservations are available at 518-392-2760 or at www.camphillghent.org.

First Class Free Rendering Lesson VIII

Saturday, April 18, 7:00 pm

At Windy Hill Call Hanna [325-3648](tel:325-3648) or John, 325-1113.

First Class Reading Lesson VIII

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 am

At Windy Hill Call Hanna [325-3648](tel:325-3648) or John, 325-1113.

Monday Nights with the Stars

Mondays, April 20 & 27, 8:00 pm

Two evenings in the spring with Henrike Holdrege at The Nature Institute. *Learn to orient yourself in the night sky!* Donations welcome, please pre-register by calling 518-672-0116 or email info@natureinstitute.org

Soul Voice: Exploring inner truth and how it meets the outer world

Wed., April 22-Sat. April 25 10:00 am-12:30 pm

A 4 morning course with Matt Matre Sawaya How do we connect with our own truth? How do we identify what is true in us, and learn to trust and express it? In this course we will explore a practice of listening to our "soul voice", finding in ourselves a source of essential information about our lives and tasks, and the next steps we're ready to take. Using creative writing and intentional listening as tools, we will practice welcoming, expressing and hosting this presence, and we will look at how it informs our individual becoming, how it meets the outer world, and its potential to help heal and transform both. All of the work at Free Columbia is based on an understanding of the importance of creating a free cultural space, therefore there are no set tuitions. At Free Columbia Space on Main 84 Main Street Philmont NY We offer suggested donation amounts based on what it costs to run courses. If you prefer it is possible to make a monthly pledge to support Free Columbia rather than making a one time donation. Suggested donation for this course \$0-150

UNPRECEDENTED EDUCATION GATHERING

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY

Hosted by the Avalon Initiative. Please join us at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY, for an unprecedented gathering of students and faculty from local universities together with educators, administrators, parents, and high school students from public, private, and home schools.

In response to the push for market-based, high-stakes testing and common core learning standards, we will gather to share what we know to be true based on our experiences in school and home. Starting with the premise that it is essential for teachers to play a pivotal role in determining meaningful and age-appropriate assessments, we will explore the need for a self-governing, educator-led, professional accountability system, and how to develop it.

The event will include panel presentations and discussion, small group conversations, student performed humoresque and poetry about high-stakes testing, and the unveiling of a new peer-reviewed research study on Waldorf assessment methods. Current list of Presenters and Conversation Facilitators: Heinz Dieter Myer, PhD: Associate Professor of Education Administration and

Policy Studies, SUNY Albany. Carol Ann Bärtges: High School Humanities teacher, Rudolf Steiner School in New York City. Katie Zahedi, PhD: Assistant Professor of Education Administration, SUNY New Paltz. Patrice Maynard: Director of Publications and Development at the Research Institute for Waldorf Education. Gary Lamb: Co-Director, Hawthorne Valley Center for Social Research. Plus presentations by high school students. This event is hosted by the Avalon Initiative (www.edrenewal.org), a collaborative project of the Hawthorne Valley Center for Social Research (www.thecenterforsocialresearch.org) and the Research Institute for Waldorf Education (www.waldorfresearchinstitute.org). For more information, please visit www.edrenewal.org, or contact Gary Lamb at glamb@thecenterforsocialresearch.org or 518-672-4465, ext. 223

German Study Group

Saturday, April 25, 3pm (*call to confirm*)

We generally meet the fourth Saturday of the month at 3 pm, to read and discuss Rudolf Steiner's writings in German., but call to verify. You would be welcome even if your German is rusty or if you are still just getting a feel for the language. Contact Christiane Marks, 518-329-5377 or christiane.marks@gmail.com. 17 Miles Road, Copake Falls, four miles south of the intersection of Highways 23 and 22, at the Hillsdale light.

First Class Conversation

Thursday, April 30, 3:45 pm

This lessons is at Camphill Ghent in Orion North, the residence of Brian and Anna Ree. If you have any questions please contact Anna at [518-721-8508](tel:518-721-8508).

Conversation on Recapitulation Lesson 6

Thursday, April 30, 7:45 pm

This lesson is at Camphill Village, Copake. Questions contact Webster Beal: webster@camphillvillage.org

LOOKING AHEAD

First Class Conversation on Recapitulation Lesson 6

Friday, May 1, 8:00 am

This lesson is at Camphill Village, Copake. Questions contact Webster Beal: webster@camphillvillage.org

The Art and Science of Composting and Ehrenfried Pfeiffer's Chromatography

Friday, 6:30 pm, May 1st, to Sunday, noon, May 3

A weekend workshop with Bruno Follador at The Nature Institute.

During this workshop we will engage in a phenomenological approach to the Art of Composting. We will explore not only all the practical and technical details of composting, but most importantly we will focus on how we can develop a qualitative understanding of the dynamic processes in the compost pile and consider the significance of compost in the whole farm organism. Please pre-register by calling [518-672-0116](tel:518-672-0116) or email info@natureinstitute.org.

Sliding fee: \$150 - \$250. Partial scholarships for this workshop may be available through the Biodynamic Scholarship Fund. Please visit www.biodynamics.com/scholarship for information and to apply.

Evolving Consciousness:

Gender & Sexuality in the Light of Esoteric Development

Friday, May 1 to Sunday May 3

Takes place Friday from 6:30-8:30pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10am-3pm at Triform Camphill Community. "Without sense-born love, nothing material would exist in the world; without spiritual love, nothing

spiritual can arise in evolution.” Rudolf Steiner. This course will follow on from the many sexuality and gender courses Lisa has provided in the USA that explore what it means to be a man or woman at this stage of evolution. It will further explore human relationships and spiritual development to deepen the esoteric understanding of the spiritual forces with which we need to establish a clearer relationship. By understanding sexuality through the inner work we transform its capacity into higher activity of serving the spiritual world. Cost: \$300 for 3 days; includes two lunches (some reduced fees and payment plans are available for those in need). Please send a \$100 check deposit (or full payment) for each workshop for which you are registering as soon as possible to secure your spot. Checks can be made out to “Sarah Hearn” and sent to Sarah Hearn at 475 Milan Hill Road, Red Hook, NY 12571.

Health and Healing through Inner Activity Friday, May 15 to Sunday, May 17

Takes place Friday from 6:30-8:30pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10am-3pm at Triform Camphill Community. Through the lens of the inner work we will enter into the study of the healing conversation. Looking at what we can do and what role we may hold in the healing path of another. When we understand our task we may also understand the activity of the healing forces working towards wholeness through the illness process. Anthroposophy places human freedom as the guiding principle in all its healing modalities therefore we must also understand what brings un-freedom and how to meet that as supporters in the healthy life of others and in our own health needs of both body and soul. Cost: \$300 for 3 days; includes two lunches (some reduced fees and payment plans are available for those in need). Please send a \$100 check deposit (or full payment) for each workshop for which you are registering as soon as possible to secure your spot. Checks can be made out to “Sarah Hearn” and sent to Sarah Hearn at 475 Milan Hill Road, Red Hook, NY 12571.

The Holy Spirit, the Sacrament of the Self & the Role of Shame in Spiritual Transformation

May 23-24, 2015

With Michael Lipson, Laura Geilen and Revs. Hesse and Marcato

Pentecost Festival Conference at The Christian Community, 10 Green River Lane Hillsdale NY
Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (lunch included)

Sunday 11:45 AM – 3:00 PM (potluck lunch) Sunday preceded by the Religious Service at 10:30 AM
Contributions \$45 – 15 (individual talks \$15)

Awakening to Nature’s Open Secrets: Pathways in Science and Art

Sunday, June 21, 6:30pm to Friday, June 26, 5:30pm

A collaboration of The Nature Institute (Henrike Holdrege and Craig Holdrege) and the faculty of the Alkion Center on living approaches to education. The course will take as its starting point experiential learning in the study of nature in the mornings and continue with artistic activities in the afternoons. Please register by June 1 through the Alkion Center website www.alkioncenter.org/summer-intensives. Information is also available on <http://natureinstitute.org>.

Miracles of Light & Color

Thurs., July 9, 7:00pm to Tuesday, July 14, 4:00pm

In this course we will connect Goethean scientific practice, led by Henrike Holdrege, with artistic activity, led by Jennifer Thomson. Please visit our website <http://natureinstitute.org/educ/summer/> to find a registration form and also scholarship forms. Registration deadline is June 15.

Free Columbia Summer 9 day Intensive July 18 - 26

Working with Color - An exploration of Rudolf Steiner’s Sketches for Painters

In this 9 day workshop with Laura Summer we will explore the color relationships in the first 3 of Rudolf Steiner’s 9 Sketches for Painters. We will work in many media with many approaches to find out what are the essential qualities of each sketch.

SUGGESTED DONATION \$0-850. All of the work at Free Columbia is based on an understanding of the importance of creating a free cultural space, therefore there are no set tuitions.. If you prefer it is possible to make a monthly pledge to support Free Columbia rather than making a one time donation. laurasummer@taconic.net. 518 672 7302.

Two Arteum Summer Painting Workshops at Windy Hill in Harlemville

July 25 - 30 with Gail McManus

Painting with Children in Waldorf Schools

An intensive six-day course for Waldorf teachers and parents. Gail specializes in helping teachers and parents create a meaningful painting curriculum to be

used throughout the grades. Gail presently teaches in California and can be reached by e-mail: gail@gailmcmanus.com or by telephone: (518) 653-2957.

August 3 - 8 with Hans Schumm

The Creative Power of Color

In this course we shall take a fresh approach working with Rudolf Steiner's "training sketches for painters." These enigmatic, timeless and humble images may reveal their secrets when we explore the inner nature of color and how colors relate to one another. While practicing with specific color sequences, our exercises will lead toward different, often surprising motifs. The course includes eurythmy, and two evening presentations by Hans. For further details contact Hans Schumm: (518) 672-5746 or gerardwagnerfdn@yahoo.com

ALKION CENTER AT HAWTHORNE VALLEY - SUMMER INTENSIVES 2015

Awakening to Nature's Open Secrets: A Living Approach to Education

A Collaboration with the Nature Institute, June 21 to 26

Leading with Spirit: The Art of Administration and Leadership in Waldorf Schools – Session II

June 28 to July 3

Arts and Crafts Immersions, June 28 to July 3

Visit www.alkioncenter.org for Course Descriptions, Registration and More!

THE MARTYRDOM OF CHILDREN

“**F**or one who is initiated into the mysteries of the spirit there is nothing that can fill him with such wonder and delight as to observe a little child. In so doing one learns not of the earth, but of heaven; and this not only in the so-called ‘good children.’

In their case, as a rule, the bodies have already become heavy, even in infancy. The spirit cannot properly take hold of the body; such children are quiet; they do not scream and rush about, they sit still and make no noise. The spirit is not active within them, because their bodies offer such resistance. It is very often the case that the bodies of the so-called good children offer resistance to the spirit. In the less well-behaved children who make a great deal of healthy noise, who shout properly, and give a lot of trouble, the spirit is active, though of course in a clumsy way, for it has been transported from heaven to earth; but the spirit is active within them. It is making use of the body. We may even regard the wild screams of a child as most enthralling, simply because we thereby experience the martyrdom the spirit has to endure when it descends into a child-body.

Yes, my dear friends, it is easy to be a grown-up person—easy for the spirit, I mean, for the body has then been made ready, it no longer offers the same resistance. It is quite easy to be a full-grown person but extremely difficult to be a child.”

from *The Kingdom of Childhood*, Lecture 1, given August, 12 1924. London: Rudolf Steiner Press, 1982.

Note: Peter Selg, in his excellent seminar last month in New York City, put on by SteinerBooks and dealing with the early life of Rudolf Steiner, mentioned this quote in reference to Steiner's own early life. Thanks to him, and to Michael Ronall for finding it in English.



April 2015

(Please see the Events and/or Announcements Section for details)

SU	M	Tu	W	TH	F	SA
			1 1ST CLASS STUDY	2	3 BRANCH COORDINATING GROUP FESTIVAL STUDY	4 ART OPENING- LAURA SUMMER
5 EASTER SUNDAY BRANCH FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL FESTIVAL STUDY	6 FC Spring Break camp Projective Geometry	7	8 BEES	9	10 BRANCH STUDY CONCERT AT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MATH ALIVE	11
12 1ST CLASS Life and Music of George Frederick Root	13	14 Staying Connected	15 NATURE SPIRITS	16 1ST CLASS	17 1ST CLASS BRANCH COORDINATING GROUP LISA ROMERO	18 1ST CLASS Easter Festival CAMPHILL GHENT CONCERT SERIES
19 1ST CLASS	20 Stars	21	22 Soul Voice with MC Matre	23	24	25 GERMAN STUDY
26	27 Stars	28	29	30 1ST CLASS		

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ANTHROPOSOPHY was once described by its founder, Rudolf Steiner, as follows:

It is a path of knowledge, to guide the Spiritual in the human being to the Spiritual in the universe.

It arises in human beings as a need of the heart, of the life of feeling; and it can be justified only inasmuch as it can satisfy this inner need.

We WELCOME original articles, poetry, reports, commentary, and images that have a relationship to the Anthroposophical work in our region.

Deadline for submissions, including Calendar items, is the 15th of the month prior to the next month of publication.

Submissions may be sent via email to berkshiretaconicbranch@gmail.com.

Calendar items should be sent to **both** the branch email **and** Rich Lumma, richlumma@gmail.com.

No email? Please call the editor.

Items selected for publication may be edited for style, content, and/or length.

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COORDINATING GROUP MEETINGS ARE LISTED IN THE CALENDAR AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE LIFE OF OUR BRANCH IS WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

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