

July 2016

United Church in University Place Newsletter

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

A United Church of Christ, a United Methodist Church &
an LGBTQIA welcoming Congregation



Come Camping with UCUP Friends! at Dash Point State Park

August 13-14 weekend



Meet at 3 pm Saturday August 13 and wrap up by noon on Sunday August 14. No equipment required. Details to follow.

PLEASE CONTACT WES AND ELLEN DAVIS ASAP at wesellendavis@msn.com if you are interested so we get enough campsites close together, so the bears don't eat us!!! (There are ADA accessible sites still available as well!).

Our 3rd Annual Camp Lite

July 21st - 6-8pm



Join us in the Fellowship Hall & by the campfire! A lite meal will be served along with s'mores, singing songs by the camp fire and our Summer Olympics; interdisciplinary for all abilities and ages!



Our youth and their supervisors will be leaving for a week of MISSION SERVICE on Sunday July 31. In keeping with our tradition, let's send them off in UCUP style with a basket of their favorite goodies! If you can help, please let Ellen Davis or Win Bjarke know.

Youth Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser Success

Thanks to the generous help, support and donations from the congregation, our youth raised over \$1000 to help fund their Youth Mission Trip to Portland in August, and camp scholarships for one of our kids. We even had a few cars from the neighborhood stop through.

A big shout-out to these folks for washing all those cars: Addy & Tanner Harding, Meredith & Anwen Young, Chris & Neva, Wesley & Emma Berry, Robert Brown, Jim Cash, Wes & Ellen Davis, Jim & Soren Fohrman, Pastor Cathy Law, Jennie McQuillan, Rosie Schultz, Angie Wolle, Aaron, Young. Pictures on page 9.





From Pastor Cathy

A few weeks ago, I lamented during worship my disappointment in the General Conference's legislation to:

1) Remove our support from the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice; 2) A lack of will to divest from Fossil Fuels; and 3) The inability to move forward to offer full inclusion. I am profoundly grateful, however, for the oasis & privilege to serve in the PNW. Our United Methodist Annual Conference just finished, and we voted non-concurrence and nonconformity on three vital pieces of legislation out of General Conference.

1. We voted to become members and offer support for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. United Methodists started this organization, along with a couple other denominations, following the Supreme Court Roe V. Wade decision.
2. We plan to divest from Fossil Fuels by 2018, following the lead of the United Church of Christ.
3. Following on the heels of New England, Desert Southwest, Cal-Pacific & Cal-Nevada's Annual Conference statements for full inclusion, we passed an "Action of Nonconformity".

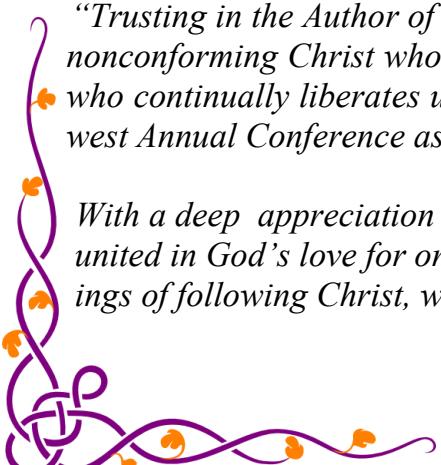
In light of the Orlando Massacre, a vicious hate crime, Bishop Minerva Carcano boldly spoke out and raised the question of how complicit United Methodists have been in fostering such hate: *"Is it possible that we United Methodists with such a negative attitude and position against LGBTQIA persons contribute to such a crime? We cannot just stand-by and allow what happened in Orlando to go by without our deep and prayerful reflection and our repentance and conversion wherever that is necessary in the life of our Church."*

After much debate, legislation received from a task force was approved by the members of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. It passed with an overwhelming 80% of the vote from clergy & lay members.

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*"Trusting in the Author of Life who makes no mistakes when creating her children, inspired by the nonconforming Christ who taught us to defy oppression in all its forms, and led by the Holy Spirit who continually liberates us from our addiction to law and into a life of grace, The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference as a body affirms our commitment to be a radically hospitable church".*

*With a deep appreciation of our common ministry, a desire to practice Biblical obedience, united in God's love for one another, and a commitment to allowing for our many understandings of following Christ, we the People of the Pacific Northwest move together.*



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*The PNWAC will not conform or comply with provisions of the Discipline which discriminate against LGBTQIA+\* persons, including marriage, the incompatibility clause, ordination and appointments, homosexual unions, chargeable offenses pertaining to being “a self avowed practicing homosexual” or to officiating at weddings for couples regardless of the sex of the partners.*

*The PNWAC and its members will not participate in or conduct judicial procedures related to the Discipline’s prohibitions against LGBTQIA+\* persons. The PNWAC will realign its funding to reflect these commitments, using no reserve funds to pay for judicial procedures related to the Book of Discipline’s prohibitions against LGBTQIA+ persons. We ask the Connectional Table to lead and fund efforts in cultural competency, anti-racism, anti-sexism, anti-ageism, anti-homophobia, and anti-oppression training at the conference and district levels, as well as for advocacy and implementation efforts related to the same.*

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On a separate note, I have it on good authority that while I was leading worship at UCUP on June 26th, with Annual Conference still in session Bishop Hagiya & DS Cara Scriven read my appointment to serve as pastor at UCUP for another year. What a privilege and honor it is to serve with and among you all!



**Congratulations to Nancy Davis
who was elected the United Methodist
Lay Leader of the Pacific Northwest
Annual Conference for the
next four years.**



**2016 Youth Bake Sale
They Raised \$136.00**



Congregational Care Cluster

Opportunity – Only 20 left!



Hurry, there's only 20 Sundays left, this year, that you have the opportunity to serve as host for the Fellowship Time that follows each Sunday service. You'll find the sign-up sheet for this (and other opportunities, like ushering, being the liturgist or bringing alter flowers) on the round table in the entryway. Those serving as hosts bring a treat (or 2), maybe flowers for the table, make coffee and heat a pot of water for tea before the service.

Instructions for making coffee are on the wall. The Committee furnishes the coffee, tea, juice and napkins. During the last hymn make the tea and pour the coffee, juice and tea – after the service pour more drinks, as needed and visit with those that come to the table.

If you have questions, talk with one of the following committee members: Sharon Britcher, Joyce Demarest, Ardie Herbel, Pat Mail and Kathy Munn.

Slide Show about Rev. Cathi Cline's work in Africa

On July 25 at 7:00 pm those of us that missed Rev. Cathi Cline's program about her experiences in Africa, Cathi has graciously volunteered to repeat the show for us. This show will be at Helen Engle's home located at 4011 Alameda Avenue.



Please let me know if you plan to come so I can have enough chairs set up.

Email Helen at hengle@iinet.com

Thanks,

Helen Engle



Peace & Justice Cluster

School Is Out!!!

SCHOOL

Did you see the happy smiles on the children's faces last Sunday? Summer Break will go by quickly, as it always does. Then all families will be busy preparing for the new school year. We can help! Once again UCUP will be collecting **Back to School Supplies** for children of Family Housing Network families. We will be gathering donations on four Sundays from **July 17th to August 7th**.



SUPPLIES

In a recent email from Joy McDonald, Family Housing Network, she writes, "I like to think that when we provide new backpacks loaded with school supplies for kids in August, that each one of us has added just a little bit to how other kids receive the homeless child in their midst". What a lovely thought, and how easy for us to be a part of that. Have a Happy Summer!

Peace and Justice Committee
Joan Walston





JOYS AND CONCERNS

Submitted by Joyce Demarest

IT'S TRUE, Danielle Dimmerman and Rosie Schultz's high school days are behind them, they've graduated! Congratulations!...and congratulations to Anwen Young on passing her swim test...to Vic Bode and Leslie Ann Knight, they celebrated their 12th anniversary on June 12th...to Dennis and Diane Small who celebrated their 37th anniversary on June 23rd...to Pat Mail, named 1 of 3 Volunteers of the Year, the Millie Highsmith Award for May at Tobie Jones.

In case you missed it, there was a car wash held on the lower area of the church's parking lot on June 12th to help pay for the Youth Mission trip to Portland later this summer. It truly was a UNITED effort, people of all ages, from Wesley Berry and Soren Fohrman to some of those a little older, pitched in to do the washing. Cars started lining up to be washed shortly after 9, Pastor Cathy's was first in line. It's reported that Emma Berry and Denali watched it all from the bridge, while enjoying a donut.

The Congregational Care Committee would like to thank Meredith Young for designing their new birthday card. We're sure that come your birthday Meredith's design will help you have a 'Happy Birthday'....thank you to Jeff Andersen and the members of the choir for a delicious and enjoyable Strawberry Festival...as usual the choir is taking the summer off, we'll miss them and look forward to their return come September.

Our sympathy to: the family of the Rev. Troy Strong. Rev. Strong, interim minister at United Church from November '88 until July of '89, passed away earlier this month...And to Jim Jr. & Tamaya on the passing of his father Jim Fohram Sr.... Also for Mike Van Zeben on the recent death of his mother...and to Bob and Pat Rudolph on the death of their friend Jan that they have been holding up in prayer the last 2/3 years.

Ending on a happier note, Rob Munn, grandson of Allen and Kathy, will be rowing in the 8 man boat in the Olympics.

Liturgists For Summer

The last two weeks we've had liturgists by the name of TBD. If you would like an opportunity to be the worship leader this summer please let Pastor Cathy know your availability (pastor@ucup.org).

If you've never been the worship leader, summer is a good time to try it out.





Jamaa Letu

Our congregation raised **\$326.42** in coins to help the boys and girls at Jamaa Letu Orphanage in the Congo. The check will be delivered to the Annual Conference being held in Puyallup June 24-26.

Save the Date

Camp-Lite Jul 21st at 6-8pm
 Jul 31-Aug 5 Youth Mission Trip to Portland
 Overnight Camp-Out Aug 13-14
 Aug 21st Blessing of the Animals & Cook-out

PERMISSION GRANTED

Submitted by Pat Mail

Jennifer Bird, a teacher in Portland, OR, asks us to think about things Biblical, such as is found in Genesis 2:24-25. She notes that all English translations, except for the Contemporary English Version, use "the man and his wife" in these two verses, instead of what would be more consistent: the man and his woman. This is a small distinction with very far-reaching implications.

The man, leaving his parents, clings to his "wife", which suggests a marriage has taken place, ordained by God. This is the go-to verse to justify marriage as between a man and a woman, period. However, the Bible contains many other examples of marriage of which we do not approve, such as polygamy, levirate marriage, and laws that state a woman must marry her rapist, among others.

While many people expend a great deal of energy trying to defend their ideal version of marriage and say that sex before marriage is a sin, the Hebrew Bible does not support this. A careful reading would reveal that, having had sex, the two people become married.

Vigil for Orlando Shooting

Submitted by Pastor Cathy

Twenty-five people attended our church-hosted vigil in the aftermath of the Orlando Massacre at Pulse Night Club. We read the 49 names and brief biographies of those who were murdered, and candles were lit in their honor.



Summer Sunday School Signups

Our Summer Sunday School started Sunday, June 19th. We have a VOLUNTEER TEACHER sign up sheet at the round table for volunteers to select ONE SUMMER SUNDAY to teach a multiage group ages 4-11 years (there is still nursery school too). There is a drawer labeled "Summer Sundays" in the library and folders with a whole Sunday School lesson, and volunteers can just pick a lesson of their choosing. Then, sign up on the sheet. If you read over the lesson and want to do an activity or craft, contact Lynne in the office, Ellen Davis or Rosemary Jones, to help you find supplies! The FSG or SPR will contact you about completing our Safe Sanctuary paperwork.. Many thanks for helping teach our UCUP kids!



Strawberry Festival

Over 50 people, including the choir, enjoyed the Annual Strawberry Festival and Choir concert. Many thanks to our hard-working choir, and ever-talented Music Director, Jeff Andersen. It was a great night to enjoy fresh strawberries, good fellowship, and fabulous music!

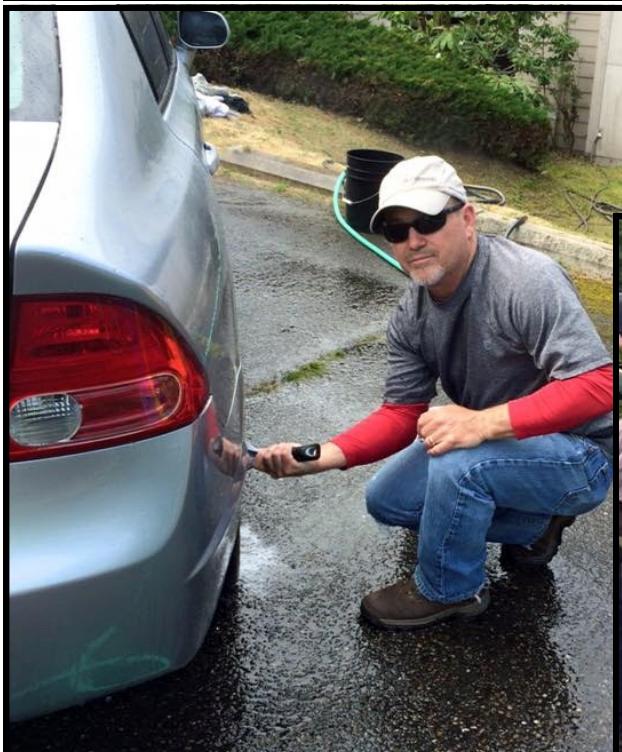




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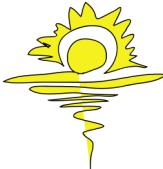


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\$1000+



July 2016

Every Sunday – 10am Worship Service
 10:15am Elementary & Youth Sunday School

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
|  KEEP CALM AND SPARKLE ON | | | Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group  | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 4th of July  | 5 10am Cong. Care 1pm ALZ Group | 6 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group Want to Join US? | 7  DRAWINGSTEP.com | | 9 Pride Fest  |
| 10  | 11 5pm SPR Mtg 6:30pm Board Mtg | 12 6pm FSG Mtg. | 13 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group Want to Join US? | 14 Flag Day  | 15 6:30pm Play, Boogie & Jam Night  | 16 |
| 17 Donate School Supplies Thru Aug. 7th  | 18 | 19 | 20 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group  | 21 6-8pm Camp Lite Nite  | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 7pm Slide Show-Africa adventures at Helen Engles  | 26 | 27 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group Want to Join US? | 28 | 29 | 30  |



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Weekly

Sundays

10am Worship Service
With Rev. Cathlynn Law
10:15am Elementary Sunday
School (4yrs to 11yrs)
10:15am Youth Sunday School
(12yrs & Up)

Wednesdays

Noon-2pm Brown Baggers
Luncheon & Bible Study Group
6-7:30pm Blue Heron Zen
Meditation Community Group
In the Youth Wing

Thursdays

7:30pm Choir Practice
(Sept—May)

Monthly

1st Sunday of the month
Communion during worship

1st Tuesday of the month
1pm Alzheimer's Support Group

3rd Friday of the month
6:30pm P,B & Jam Night
Bring your instruments!

4th Sunday of the month
11:45am 4th Sunday Forum

**We are United with God,
United to Love,
and United to Serve Others**