

August 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



Mark Your Calendar
for the Annual
Hunger Walk
October 2nd, 2016
from 12pm—3pm
Join the UCUP Team
and/or
Make a Donation
Which Will Go to
Fight Hunger
in Our Community

Youth Mission Trip July 31st - August 5th

Submitted by Pastor Cathy

Many thanks to the congregation for helping our youth raise enough money to head out to Portland on a mission trip to LAST - which is an acronym for Learning & Serving Together. Rev. Jeff Lowery (a deacon in the UMC) will lead our four youth - Addy, Meredith, Raven and Tanner, along with adult leaders - Jennie McQuillan and Pastor Cathy - through a variety of opportunities to serve in the Portland area. We will explore the root causes of poverty and food insecurity, experience what it feels like to be in a different culture, see new places and meet new people, study the Bible with new eyes, and break out of our comfort zone.

Some of our opportunities to serve may include understanding the food distribution system by digging up potatoes in a community garden, volunteering at a food bank, serving at a soup kitchen, packing frozen vegetables into bags, or reading to kids who are waiting for parents.

During the evenings we will process our experience, relate it to our own lives and try to figure out ways that we can be a part of affecting change in the world.



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!).



Spiritual Direction Opportunities

Submitted by Pastor Cathy

Angie & I enrolled in a Spiritual Direction program called "Listening With Spirit" at St. Placid Priory in Lacey a year ago. In September, we will be starting our second year and will receive a Spiritual Direction certificate at the end of May 2017. This program is where we both met Rosie's mom Sherry, who is the director of Franciscan Hospice Volunteer Services. A large piece of our training this coming year will be working with spiritual direction clients (no fee involved). Angie, Sherry Schultz, and Cathy Raymond (who wrote the article below) are looking for people who might be interested in Spiritual Direction and would be willing to commit once a month for six months October-March. Please let me know if you might be interested.

If there is enough interest in group spiritual direction, I will offer a group for men and one for women once a month. It will be an experiment, but one I am looking forward to. We would begin in October and continue once a month through March.

Spiritual Direction

~ a place to explore Your heart's deepest desire
for Connection and Union with the Divine ~

There is something lovely and brave about exploring your spirituality; and, how rich this experience is when shared with a companion! This fall I will be starting the second year of my training to be a spiritual director/companion. In this second year I will be practicing, learning and honing my skills. I am looking for two or three people who would be willing to commit to 6 monthly 1-hour sessions with me beginning in October. There is no cost.

My name is Cathy Raymond. I am a Certified Lay Minister and I am the Spiritual Formation Facilitator at Tumwater United Methodist Church. If you have always wanted to try Spiritual Direction or are intrigued by the idea, and you are willing to let me practice, this is a great opportunity.

Come! Let's journey together. I can be reached at (360) 412-1404 or email at cgraymond@aol.com.

Joe Becker's New Book—August 28th

Most of us, at some time in our lives, have served (willing or not) as tour guide for friends or relatives. If they want you to show them Seattle, beyond the obvious major attractions, where do you take them? Joe Becker's new book, *Scenic Seattle, Touring and Photographing the Emerald City*, can help. In UCUP's next fourth Sunday forum, on **August 28th**, Joe will be discussing and answering questions about his book, which was published in July 2016 by Schiffer Publishing.

The book covers more than 100 Seattle locations and includes travel and historical information, as well as specific advice for photographers on capturing the best shots. It covers Seattle Center, Pike Place Market, the waterfront, South Lake Union, the University of Washington, and specific spots such as the Space Needle, Pioneer Square, the Great Wheel, Discovery Park, Fishermen's Terminal, the



Hiram Chittenden Locks, Fremont, Volunteer Park, Kubota Garden, Alki Beach, the Museum of Flight, and a dozen viewpoints.

For his presentation, Joe will be showing sample images, both of photographs in the book and some that didn't make the cut, and tell some of the stories behind the pictures. He will discuss the multi-year process by which he started with an idea for a personal photographic project and turned it into a published book while visiting many of the hidden corners of Seattle along the way (with Tanya and big dog in tow). Following the presentation, Joe will have a book signing for anyone who is interested in purchasing the book.



Federal Way United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a screening of the documentary *An Act of Love* on August 14th at 6:30 pm. This powerful film tells the story of Rev. Frank Schaefer, an unwitting advocate in the fight for equal rights within the church. Rev. Schaefer had his ministerial credentials revoked after officiating his son's same-sex wedding.

The screening will be followed by a discussion panel with some local UMC clergy who are knowledgeable on this topic in the church. Free Admission!

Find out more about the film at www.anactoflovefilm.com

Federal Way UMC is located at 29634 51st Ave. S., Auburn, WA, 98001

Questions? Contact the church at office@fwumc.org or [253-839-9220](tel:253-839-9220).



UCUP Does Tacoma Pride

A hearty band of volunteers helped First UMC staff a booth at the Tacoma PRIDE. Members at UCUP baked cookies to give out and My Sister's Pantry donated several cases of water to hand out. Robert Brown was our water man and he managed to give away almost all of the water we had. Rev. Cathy and Rev. Ann Atkinson greeted people who wandered by. Cathi Cline both baked and helped distribute cookies. Pat Mail and Mac, plus Tom Milligan and Christine Long also helped staff the booth. Mac suggested we have a water bowl for other dogs, which we did. Fortunately, this year's PRIDE was not as hot as last year. We spied District Superintendent Cara Scriven and her family checking out the variety of booths and people. The Rainbow Center provided knowledgeable and helpful staff for the event. The cookies were distributed with the phrase "God is sweet on you," which got some smiles and grins from the recipients. And everyone working the booth let participants know that God does not discriminate. Other churches represented included Immanuel Presbyterian and new faith community: Create Commons. Thanks to our cookie bakers: Leon & Janet Leonard, Cathi Cline, Ardie Herbel, Cindy Walston, Meredith Sage, Ruth Cannon, Win Bjarke, Joyce Demarest, and Kathy Munn. We may have missed some one and apologize for the oversight. Many thanks to all who participated, baked and helped out in any way.



Safe Church Policy

UCUP is committed to creating and maintaining a safe atmosphere during all of our gatherings. Part of the responsibility of our Safe Church Policy is ensuring that all staff, elected officers and Youth & Children Volunteers fills out a background check. At the moment, everyone in the above categories needs to fill out the form and turn it in to the church office. We are all out of date since these need to be completed annually per our Safe Church Policy. Make sure to pick up your form at church and get it filled out before the end of August.

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August 21st Blessing of the Animals with Picnic to follow

Our Annual Blessing of the Animals and worship service will be held on August 21st in the Curran Apple Orchard. Bring your pets - large and small to receive a hands-on blessing. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends to gather with us for worship.



A picnic lunch will follow in the church courtyard outside the Fellowship Hall. Bring a picnic food to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.



September 11th Award Presentation during worship service

Associated Ministries' Executive Director Mike Yoder will be with us in worship to present an award to our church for being one of the Top 10 Church Hunger Walk teams. Congratulations to UCUP! Mike will be offering a forum after worship that day to talk with us about the ministries of Associated Ministries.

September 18th - Homecoming Worship & Potluck

Immediately following our 10am worship service we will be having an All Church Potluck. More details to follow.

September 25th—4th Sunday Forum at 11:30am

Join Roger Martin & Robert Brown who will be leading a discussion on Solar Energy.



October 2 - Hunger Walk



Get your feet in gear for the 36th Annual Hunger Walk to support the ministry of Emergency Food Network and Associated Ministries. In 2015, the Pierce County Hunger Walk raised over \$130,000 to combat hunger in our community. Last year, Pat Mail, Ruth Cannon, Robert Brown, Dorothy and John McCuistion, and Pastor Cathy participated in walking at Ft. Steilacoom Park with many others donating to the cause. Let's put together an even larger team this year!

NO MALARIA CAMPAIGN

The United Methodist Church has for several years been collecting money for the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. It has raised over \$68.8 million which has helped over 600,000 health workers. The incidence of malaria in the service area has fallen by 71%. The Pacific Northwest Conference has contributed \$502,708.67 for this campaign as of April 30th, 2016, and the combined Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska churches have collected nearly \$11 million. We should all be proud to have helped in this campaign.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our own Peter Schillings has joined Skeptoid Media, an educational and information company. For more information, google *Skeptoid Media*. Peter is the liaison with public radio. Congratulations, Peter. Sounds like more fun than Boeing!



Blues For Mister Charlie

This is a play that addresses the issue of white privilege showing 4 times at 4 venues in Seattle in early August. Carpooling available. You will find a full page flyer in the narthex detailing the event.

CampLite Olympics

Almost 40 people, along with two dogs enjoyed the third annual CampLite event hosted by the Faith & Spiritual Growth Team. This year sported a pre-Olympics intergenerational event where every team included someone who was under 18 and over 60 years of age. Our age reach spanned from 3-year old Emma to over 90 years old - complete with our very own cheering section. Every team won at least one event and received a medal while the National Anthem played in the background. The event ended with a campfire, roasting s'mores, and singing camp songs led by the Double Down Don-Don band. Many thanks to Win Bjarke, Rosemary Jones, and Ellen Davis for another fun and crazy event; and to Wes Davis who created all of the zany events for us.



CampLite 2016

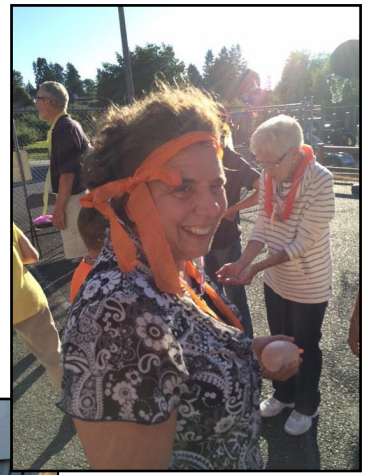


Olympics
Campfire
S'mores
Singing





CampLite



**JULY
2016**

Fun Times at UCUP

CampLite.....CampLite....CampLite....CampLite...CampLite....CampLite...



From The President

I have been gone a lot lately, and it seems as if the church continues on. Our finances are in good health, our relationships with each other are in good health, the building is in good shape and improving along with the church grounds. I hope you all noticed that we had work done to improve the look of the yard along Grandview Drive. The board recently discussed and approved changes in our lighting fixtures wherever we have four-foot fluorescent lights---just to name two improvements.

We are active. The choir had its annual (almost) Strawberry Festival in June, which was well-attended and well-received. Our youth are on a mission trip, returning soon. We have several special events coming as I write: The overnight camping trip at Dash Pont State Park, and the Blessing of the Animals service followed by a potluck lunch. The church is going to host in late September or early October a candidate's forum sponsored, in part, by Faith Action Network involving the candidates for our 28th Legislative District House and Senate. We will also receiving an award for generous giving to the Pierce County Hunger Walk!

I guess we have a lot of people to thank for keeping the church going. Great job, everyone!

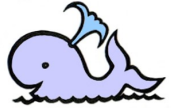
Respectfully submitted,
Robert Brown



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Submitted by Kathy Munn

Vic Bode spoke of a fine visit with the Imam at the Masque on Sixth Ave on a recent walk - and the corner of our church was a gathering spot for the Pokemon Go players recently -- this new weather brings our lots of spontaneous fellowship — and the unexpected surprise - Cathy and Angie spotted whales from their canoe!



Kudos to Tanner Harding who completed a 24 mile hike with his scout troop. And to our "Boys in the Boat"- Rob Munn is in the Men's Eight - who will row in the Rio Olympics.

Cierra Gillard is in New Mexico this summer working on her Masters Degree in teaching - and Elizabeth Scherman is teaching at UC Berkley - Sarah Davis is in the Inner City of Hartford, CT. with *Teach for America*.

Did you see the "Goody Bags" in the foyer waiting to be filled? These are for Tanner, Addy, Meredith, Raven, Jennie & Pastor Cathy, who are leaving soon for a summer service project.

We hope Michelle Wallace will recover quickly from a fractured foot (wheelchair transfer mishap).

We also hold the Schilling family close in our hearts as they miss their mother and grandmother, Marjorie Schilling.



August 2016

7 Jeremiah Bodie-9yrs
7 Joan Walston
8 Meredith Young-14 yrs
10 Cathy Dimmerman
10 Cathy Kline
11 Heidi Adams-16yrs
24 Sylvia Durkee
24 Lou Lehmann
25 Pat Rudolph
29 Pamela Maddess
31 Chris Bjorke

PRAYER IS POWERFUL AND PRAYER WORKS!

Blessings and thanks to all those who have been supporting Aaron, Meredith and Anwen through very difficult times. Many of you have prayed, and some have contributed in substantial ways to assist.







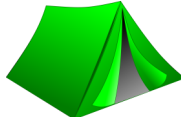





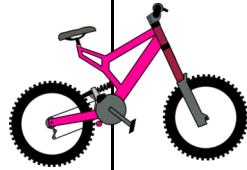


Aaron now has a good, reliable used Subaru which will enable him to work and transport his daughters where they need to be.

To paraphrase the Bible, where two or three are gathered together, good things can happen.

Thanks to all who reached out in one way or another.

August 2016

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5pm SPR Mtg	2 10am Cong. Care Noon P&J 1pm ALZ Group	3 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group 	4 	5 Youth Return from Mission Trip!	6
7 Last day to donate school supplies 	8 6:30pm Board Mtg	9 6pm FSG Mtg.	10 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group 6:30pm Finance Mtg	11 	12	13 UCUP Campout 
14 UCUP Campout 	15	16 	17 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group Want to Join US?	18	19 6:30pm Play, Boogie & Jam Night 	20
21 10am Blessing of the Animals in the Curran Orchard Picnic after	22 	23 	24 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group 	25	26 	27
28 Noon Annual Cider Squeeze 11:30am Joe's New Book!	29 		31 Noon Brown Bagger Bible Study Group Want to Join US?	28 	29	30



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or **where** you are on life's journey, you're
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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***