

April 2017

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



Palm Sunday Worship 10a.m. April 9th

We walk the road with Jesus once again as he enters Jerusalem waving palm strips and processing into the sanctuary. We continue to receive and contemplate different ways that we can bring "justice like an ever-flowing stream" into the world. Our choir will be singing the anthem, "Prepare the Royal Highway" that will include

Don Thompson, and flautist Roxanne Hreha.



Palm Sunday

Maundy Holy Thursday 6:30p.m. April 14th

Our Lenten journey heightens in a journey to the waters of baptismal renewal in the dark of night. The earliest Christians saw Holy Week as a holy time for baptisms because this was when Christ died and was raised—just as we die to the old and rise again to new life through baptism. We will travel together as companions in this story, through the last three days or in Latin, Triduum, of Jesus' earthly life. We will start in The Orchard View Room, which symbolizes The Upper Room where we fellowship with one another in a simple symbolic meal of crackers, cheese, dates & nuts. We leave the safety of the Upper Room, as we journey to the Narthex which will symbolize the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus is arrested. We move into the sanctuary, the final act of the Triduum where we pray in solidarity with Jesus as we remember our Baptismal Vows and receive Holy Communion.



Easter Sunrise in the Curran Apple Orchard - April 16 6:30a.m.

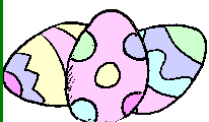
Join us in the Curran Orchard for our annual Easter Sunrise service. We will gather around a sacred fire, and lift our voices in praise that Jesus is Risen!

*He's
Risen!*

Easter Worship Service 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Every Easter morning, churches around the world welcome the beginning of worship with shouts - Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Faithful Christians sing Charles Wesley's hymn "Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia" with organ, trumpet, fanfare, and jubilation. And the congregation is carried by the music that raises our spirits high. Invite your friends and family to join us this Easter as we greet the risen Christ among us. Bring a few new flower blooms to help decorate the empty cross.

Children's Easter Egg Basket Hunt 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall



Kids to meet Ellen at the top of the stairs. She will let you know all the hunt details! Talk to Rosemary if you have questions.
Happy Easter!



IMAM at UCUP

Many thanks to Bob & Pat Rudolph for inviting Imam Ahmad Saleh to spend some time with us following our worship on March 26th and bringing our two communities of faith together. There were at least 70 in attendance including at least a dozen of our neighbors from the Islamic Center of Tacoma.

**4th Sunday Forum
March 26, 2017**



Gifts of the Darkwood Lenten Study

We have been traveling through the Darkwood during Lent with a series written by Eric Elnes. Many thanks to our soup makers, and bread bringers who fed us throughout the Soup Suppers. And a special thanks to some of our clergy (Allison Milligan, Cathi Cline, Leslie Ann Knight, Angie Wolle and Janet Leonard) for helping to lead the series, offering their wisdom of Uncertainty, Emptiness, being Thunderstuck, Getting Lost, and Temptation. There are a few chapters left in the series, so perhaps we will finish them in May if there is enough interest. Talk to Pastor Cathy if you are interested in finishing the study.

Lenten Worship Series: Roll Down Justice



Our Sanctuary is filling up with justice flowing like an everflowing stream. Colorful post-it notes are being placed on the Value Statements lifted up by our Peace & Justice Team; waterfalls are sprouting out of every beam; waterfall "nymphs" Neva Berry & Nancy Moffett (playfully nicknamed by Joe Becker) dance around the sanctuary collecting fabric strips to add to another tributary; beautiful photos taken by our resident photographers Joe Becker & Don Thompson adorn our sanctuary walls. New "dove" paraments reminding us of Baptism & Peace were fashioned by Helen Engle & Nancy Moffett. And our choir has woven beautiful pieces of "water" music to enhance the series with solos by AJ Milleret, Robert Brown, and Neva Berry.



From The Pastor

Every once in awhile I can still be surprised by grace and wonderment. This time it came through an invitation via Angie's boss requesting that she go on a pilgrimage to sacred places in France where the Sisters of St. Joseph began their ministry. Angie's boss, Sister Marion, asked her if her spouse would like to join her on the pilgrimage as well - all expenses paid. With a quick check of the calendar to make sure the pilgrimage didn't land on Easter and an email requesting a blessing from Staff Parish Relations to be gone for two weeks, we said YES!! We leave Easter afternoon for a 3-day adventure in Amsterdam, and then we make our way to the beginning of the pilgrimage in Lourdes, France, 500 miles south of Paris, at the base of the Pyrenees mountains. We will be part of the six million visitors a year to descend on this small village where it is said the Virgin Mary appeared to a 14 year old peasant girl named Bernadette. We plan to immerse ourselves in the icy baths, where healing properties flow, visit the Grotto where the visions are said to have taken place, and join in the evening Torchlight Procession. Angie & I will carry hand-written prayers you would like us to deposit at the Grotto at Lourdes. Please make sure to get them to us before Easter, so we can safely pack them away.

The route we will undertake as pilgrims will include cobblestone traversing, mountain (puy) climbing, and village meandering as we take in 350 years of history and healing ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

- *The 13th century walls of Carcassonne, birthplace of Father Medaille.*
- *The Birthplace of the Sisters of St. Joseph & The Cathedral of Notre Dame in Le Puy.*
- *Lace making of Le Puy.*
- *Fourviere, the Cathedral at Lyon, and the Food Capital of the World.*
- *Small villages dotting the French countryside.*

Angie & I have talked about walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain. This adventure will offer us a small taste of sacred walking. Soren Kierkegaard : "Above all, do not lose your desire to walk: Every day I walk myself into a state of well-being and walk away from every illness; I have walked myself into my best thoughts." From the book, The Art of Pilgrimage, by Phil Cousineau: "According to the dictionary, the word pilgrimage derives from Latin *peligrinnus*, foreigner or wayfarer, the journey of a person who travels to a shrine or holy place. Another older derivation, more poetic, reveals that pilgrim has its roots in the Latin *per agrum*, "through the field." *This ancient image suggests a curious soul who walks beyond known boundaries, crosses fields, touching the earth with a destination in mind and a purpose of heart. This pilgrim is a wayfarer who longs to endure a difficult journey to reach the sacred center.*" In that sense, aren't we all pilgrims on a journey, travelers on a road.

Macrina Wiederkehr wrote a poem inviting us all on the spiritual journey of pilgrimage:

There is a road that runs straight through your heart. Walk on it.

To be a pilgrim means To be on the move, slowly

To notice your luggage becoming lighter

To be seeking for treasures that do not rust

To be comfortable with your heart's questions

To be moving toward the holy ground of home

With empty hands and bare feet.

And yet, you cannot reach that home Until you've loved the pilgrim in your heart.

One must be comfortable with pilgrimage Before one's feet can touch the homeland

Do you want to go home?

There's a road that runs straight through your heart. Walk on it.

Please hold us in your prayers as we travel and come along with us vicariously.

From Our President



The year started with an excellent sermon on New Year's Day, and it seems to get better and better as it proceeds. We have had excellent attendance, one new member, two well-received Fourth Sunday Forum presentations, several Fourth Sunday Forum bookings at least until June, and a very thoughtful Lenten series, both for our Wednesday soup suppers and our Sunday meditations. I am lucky or blessed or both to have the church working so well. Thanks for all you do to make it so.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Brown

AND Speaking of 4th Sunday Forums...Take a look at the upcoming!

Laura Giddings & L'Arche host 4th Sunday Forum April 23rd

At L'Arche:

We are people, with and without intellectual disabilities, sharing life in communities belonging to an international federation. Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our journey together. We celebrate the unique value of every person and recognize our need for one another.

~from the L'Arche Identity and Mission Statement

L'Arche was founded over 50 years ago in France by Jean Vanier, winner of the 2015 Templeton Prize. Many people become acquainted with L'Arche through the writings of Henri Nouwen, who lived in L'Arche Daybreak in Canada. The L'Arche Tahoma Hope community was founded 40 years ago by two priests who invited two men with intellectual disabilities to share their home. Today our community is made up of four group homes, day programming, and L'Arche Farm & Gardens.

Want to know more? Experience L'Arche Tahoma Hope on April 23rd when community members lead our Fourth Sunday Forum. Buy some plants from our farm, enjoy favorite snacks, and hear about daily life. We'll also talk about our capital campaign to build a Welcome Center to connect with more families caring for an adult with intellectual disabilities at home. We hope to see you there!

Laura Giddings
L'Arche Tahoma Hope—Executive Director and Community Leader

Greening Activity Group Will Host 4th Sunday Forum April 30th

In recognition of Earth Sunday, the Greening Activity Group will present a video and discussion following services on April 30th in the Orchard View Room. We hope to show a PBS video on the professional life of Rachel Carson, the author of *Silent Spring* and creator of the *Sea Around Us*. In many ways, Carson was a pioneer in the environmental movement.

However, there is some uncertainty that the Carson DVD will actually arrive. Therefore, a backup plan is to show and discuss *Gasland, Part I*, which we have but have not shown. At an earlier Fourth Sunday Forum, we showed Part II, and some of you will be familiar with the basic subject matter--the impact of fracking on communities where it is done. For further information, see Roger Martin.



Joys & Concerns

Submitted by Joyce Demarest



We want to thank Bob Rudolph for arranging to have Oman Ahmad Saleh, from the Tacoma Islamic Center, come speak to us for the Fourth Sunday forum on March 26. Did you see the picture that was taken at the Islamic Center's open house on March 11? Win Bjarke's in the 2nd row.

We were sorry to hear of Jane Brazell's death on March 8th. Jane was an active member of United Church for a number of years before transferring to Fircrest United Methodist in 2016. Her memorial service was held at Killworth Chapel on the UPS campus, where Jane worked for many years. Our sympathy to her family, especially those that were a part of United Church: niece Becca Brazell, nephews Robert and Chris Flint and sister-in-law Heather Brazell. Our sympathy also goes to her good friend Pat Mail.

If you were lucky you had some of Addy Harding's sugar cookies and/or cup cakes at Fellowship Time on the 19th...the Sunday before that (the 12th) we enjoyed cup cakes to celebrate Jimmy Bodie-Palamidy's 9th birthday AND Girl Scout cookies...on both of those days there was also yummy carrots, cheese and crackers to enjoy! If you would like to share some goodies at a future Fellowship Time see the sign-up sheet on the round table or talk with Kathy Munn or Joyce Demarest.

Thank you Don Thompson, Chris Berry and Jim Cash for rehanging the painting of local artist Larry Anderson...to the leaders of the Wednesday evening Lenten studies...to the soup makers...AND to those that stick around and do the clean up.

Welcome back former member Elizabeth Ohls and son David. Elizabeth recently returned after living many years in California...we were also happy to see Rosemary Jones back with us on Sunday morning...hopefully we have Blanche and Lahra Beesley back soon. We hear that Blanche has the cast off her right arm now. Please continue to keep Rosemary and Blanche in your prayers....along with Kathy Munn, having trouble with her right knee...Shirley Paulson with back problems...Michael Marcoe with a number of health problems...Vic Bode with a hip problem...and those unable to be with us often or not at all: Yvonne Begeman...Dorothy Burkhart...Mollie Chaffee...Billie Jo Morgan...Mildred Seales...Donna Shoe...Betty Smith...Linda & Levi Vanderbilt...Randi Byrd & Michelle Wallace.

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A PICTURE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Submitted by Janet Wicks

GUESS WHO

The Way We Were a long time ago.

Please remember to submit your photo for the "Picture Book" Gallery. Looking forward to covering the walls of the Orchard View Room with pretty portraits and fun snapshots for our *GUESS WHO* contest. Include a little written clue, a hint that might help us identify you.



"Women Building Bridges of Interfaith Unity"

Eight women from UCUP (Ruth Cannon, Cathi Cline, Ardie Herbel, Jennifer Jaqua, Kathleen Kenna, Allison Milligan, Janet Wicks & Pastor Cathy) attended "Women Building Bridges of Interfaith Unity" at Curtis High School on March 4th. It was an event sponsored by Associated Ministries.

The Tacoma News Tribune wrote: "The world needs more compassion". That was the unifying message given to and received by 500 women during an interfaith conference Saturday in University Place. "I think of compassion as an action more than a feeling. It's a way of being in the world," said keynote speaker Cynthia Figge. The talks and workshops at the one-day conference tapped into the natural collaborative spirit of women despite the lines that separate faiths. Stacy Van Wagoner of Tacoma's Temple Beth El said the conference fits in with the Jewish doctrine of instilling Tikkun olam, or "repair of the world."



HUNGER IS HERE IN WASHINGTON

Saturday, May 20, 2017 the Hunger Walk and 5K Run will take place at Fort Steilacoom Park reminding us there is much need and many who care. Mark your calendar. Be a part of the **UCUP Team**.

When: Saturday, May 20

7:30 AM - Registration/Check-In (T-Shirt and Bib Pick-Up)

9:00 AM - Run

9:05 AM - Walk

Where: Fort Steilacoom Park

For more information visit the Hunger Walk & 5K Run website

Peace,
Judy Thierry





With regard to Faith Action Network, our church has been active. You heard in last month's newsletter that ten of our members were at the Interfaith Action Day. Our church provided the plurality of 28th District citizens who visited the offices of our legislators, and we got to see all the legislators instead of their aides. Faith Action Networks sends me, and at least some other church members, a weekly summary of what is going on in the legislature. This summary always includes things from the past week, and things to look forward to in the coming week. I use this list to write to my legislators about things I would like to see happen. If you are interested in receiving the weekly summary, please see me OR go to fanwa.org. Their website will help you through the process of getting on the e-mail list. The summaries end when the sessions end, so you don't have to worry about continuing to get junk e-mail.

In addition, and sort of unrelated to Faith Action Network, several of our members went to Olympia on Tuesday, March 14 to advocate for the environment. That information should be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Brown

Looking for Ushers!

We are looking for volunteer ushers for worship services each Sunday. We prefer a person to sign up for the month but if you are only able to sign up for a couple Sundays, that is fine. You may use the sign up sheet in the narthex, verbally tell me or call me at 253-376-0031. Thanks.

Robert Brown



Debbie Cato from the **Family Housing Network** has a request:
Hygiene supplies needed for Shelter families.

Regular and travel size items for men, women and children:

Toothpaste and toothbrushes	Deodorant
Dental floss & mouth wash	Lotion
Shampoo & conditioner	Razors/shaving cream
Body wash & soap	Q-tips
Combs & brushes	Finger nail clippers/files
Feminine pads (maxi, mini & liners) tampons	Ear plugs
	Shower shoes
	Toilet paper

For the Shelter: Twin fitted and flat sheets with pillow cases (gently used or new), Twin blankets & pillows (new only).

Please bring items to church in designated box and we will deliver weekly as they arrive.

Judy Thierry
on behalf of Peace and Justice



KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE

Dinner & Auction

ANNUAL GALA

Saturday, April 29, 2017

6:00 pm Reception | 7:30 pm Dinner & Auction

FOSS WATERWAY SEAPORT
705 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Reserve your tickets today!

Tickets \$75 per person
associatedministries.org/AMGala

For more information contact Michele
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MINISTRIES

Please RSVP by April 20, 2017

Save the Date!

Tacoma Community House's 107th Annual Luncheon

Hotel Murano Bicentennial Pavilion
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 @ 11:30am – 1pm

We are excited to announce Tacoma Community House's Annual Luncheon in celebration of 107 years of service, **Wednesday, April 19th, 2017** at the Hotel Murano, Bicentennial Pavilion! Join us to celebrate this year's theme, "Embracing the American Promise," and TCH's long history of providing vital resources to our region's immigrants, refugees, and low-income families through Employment, Education, Immigration and Client Advocacy programs!

Cost: This is a free community event. All guests welcome!

Location: The [Hotel Murano](#) is located at 1320 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402. The Luncheon will be held in the Bicentennial Pavilion (access it from the sidewalk on S 13th St. or by going to the hotel's 4th floor and following signs to the right).

Parking & Check-in Time: Check-in will begin at 11:30am (our program will run from 12:00 to 1:00pm). There are [several pay-to-park lots](#) directly surrounding the hotel that cost between \$2-\$8 for two hours.



My Sister's Pantry food bank in Tacoma is a nurturing community, sharing a warm meal, groceries and clothing with our clients. Like you, we have a heart for our neighbors. Will you be our Valentine this year by sharing your heart through a gift that will help those in need?

And our hearts are beating fast right now: In honor of Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, **the Pantry received a \$14,000 matching grant!** Thanks to several generous donors, every dollar of your tax-deductible donation will be matched through April 15.



What makes us different?

Hours: The Pantry is open the first and third Monday evenings and fourth afternoon of each month. These openings mean minimum wage-earning families can access Pantry services without disrupting their work schedules.

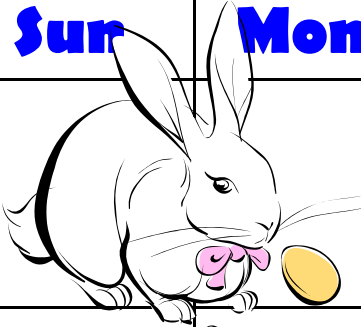










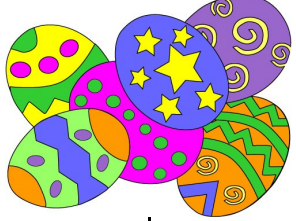

- **Family meals, not fast food:** We provide a substantial hot meal, served on tablecloths with metal cutlery and china. Pantry Patrons are family — not drive-through customers.
- **Organized clothing bank:** Pantry Patrons can select items from organized racks of clothing that are stocked by donations and consignment shop overstock.
- **Pantry Partners:** The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department periodically offers free flu shots and Patrons will find information about additional services from sources such as Habitat for Humanity and Community Health Care.

Ready to play Cupid? Donate online at mysisterspantry.org, call us at 253.627.1186, or mail your donation to: My Sister's Pantry, 621 Tacoma Ave S., Tacoma, WA 98402.

Thank you so much for helping us spread the love across our community!

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

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2 5th Sunday of Lent 11:30am P&J Mtg.	3 10am-3pm Needlers— Orchard View Room 5pm SPR Mtg	4 10am Cong. Care 1pm ALZ Group	5 Noon Brown Bagger 6-8pm Lenten Soup Study	6 7:30-9pm Choir Rehearsal 	7	
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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

Thursdays

7:30pm-9pm Choir Practice
(Sept—May)

Monthly

1st Sunday of the month
Communion during worship

1st Monday of the month
10am-3pm Needler's Craft Group

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***