

June 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



Saturday, June 3, 2017 Fun, food and CARS!!!

[UCUP is officially entered in University Place's Duck Daze Parade!](#)

Event Details: **The Duck Parade 10am-Noon** (27th to 40th)

Car Show 10am-3pm (Market Square)

Fire Station Open House & Hotdogs 10am-2pm



We would love having a large group representing the church at this event. Last year, we learned that some groups throw candy to children along the way, which, of course, the kids love, but it does no good for their health. If anyone can think of something to give out that is not unhealthy and not too expensive, I would welcome your creative ideas!



To participate in the parade, there is a form each person must fill out. It is a hold-harmless agreement for the city. Adults fill it out for themselves AND their children under the age of 18. Forms are available now or from me on Parade day.

Robert Brown



Dinner Groups

Have you signed up for a dinner group yet? Groups will meet once a month for four months (May-August).

Dinners or brunches might be held in people's homes with everyone contributing a part of the meal or they might be coordinated at a no-host restaurant.

Sign-up sheets are available in the entry way.

Join us and enjoy sharing a meal and getting to know new friends or know old friends on a deeper level.

Let's Eat, Drink, and be Merry!





From The Pastor



Memorial Day started cloudy - not quite the clear sunny skies of the weekend - but Angie and I decided to drive to the Southworth Ferry landing and kayak the two miles to Tillicum Village on Blake Island. Tide was high, waters calm, cloudy sky overhead. It was a beautiful, easy paddle to Blake Island - just us and the ferries heading to and from Vashon and Southworth, a dozen or more anchored boats, a few seals, and hundreds of raccoons scurrying from the beach to the woods as we paddled along the coast. I was reminiscing as I paddled - chaperoning a class of 4th graders in 1994 as they learned about Native American history at Tillicum Village and another kayaking to Blake Island to camp overnight in 1997 as a camp counselor at Indianola with a group of teenagers. As we came along the east side of the island, the cloud cover was so thick, we still couldn't see Seattle, or any of the surrounding mountains. We came ashore and wandered around the Island a bit. But decided to head back before the tide shifted. Calm paddling around the north side of the island as we passed boat after boat still anchored to the sea floor. As we came along the west side of the island the gentle waves grew increasingly bigger. It took a bit more paddling strength to get back to Southworth. We passed by one kayak towing another kayak against the current. Turns out that one of them had lost their paddle on Blake Island. We thought what a bummer for them. As we came ashore, we could tell the tide had already gone out a fair bit, and we were still two hours from low tide. I looked for the little dry bag that held my car key, and alas, it was nowhere to be found. That definitely wasn't part of the plan. Talk about a bummer. I then remembered taking the dry bag with the keys into the bathroom on Blake. Drat! We quickly went through our options...1) call someone with a boat to come pick us up, 2) call AAA for a tow, or 3) get back in our kayaks and head back across the channel right before low tide. We opted for the latter. It took us 30 minutes to cross over through the choppy water. We pulled ashore at the campground, and I hiked up to the bathroom. Lo, and behold! Dry bag WITH car key on the counter in the bathroom! We got back in our kayaks enjoying the now sunny view of Seattle, Mt. Rainier, and surrounding Cascades & Olympics, but fighting the current with every stroke. It took 50 minutes to paddle back. The tide was waaaaay out, and we had to carry our kayaks through soggy seaweed, sand and rock up the beach. My Fitbit registered 25,000 paddling steps, and my RunKeeper said we logged over 10 paddling miles. We survived, if a bit exhausted.

The adventure made me think about the mindset of our recent pilgrimage - of going with flow (or against it in this case), being open to getting lost and finding your way again, of being present in the moment, whatever the moment may bring.

This summer, we will enter into a worship series of being on pilgrimage. Using a book written by Christine Valters Paintner, entitled: *The Soul of a Pilgrim: Eight Practices for the Journey Within*. The intention is to cultivate the attentiveness to the divine (God's presence) wherever we are in our journey. From one of the verses of The Servant Song: *We are pilgrims on the journey, We are travelers on the road, We are here to help each other, Walk the mile and bear the load.* The chapters of the book that I will draw on for sermon preparation include: The Practice of Hearing the Call and Responding; Practice of Packing Lightly; Practice of Crossing the Threshold; Practice of Making the Way by Walking; The Practice of Being Uncomfortable; The Practice of Beginning Again; The Practice of Embracing the Unknown; and The Practice of Coming Home.

Let us enter into the spirit of Pilgrimage to embrace the unknown of our lives and embrace the presence of God always in our midst.

From The President



Your church board has had a lot on its plate the past few meetings. We decided to buy the bells brought to us by Pastor Cathy for a total price of \$70 per bell. We are very happy with the purchase, and we hope they are used as much as, or more often than, the chimes.

In our most recent meeting, we supported Rev. Greg Kammann in his quest to gain accreditation with the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ in his work as a counselor with the mentally ill at Western State Hospital. We have successfully completed an automatic door opener on the front door for disabled people. This automatic door opener was one of our 14-month goals set before us in October, 2015. We have also been discussing summer events, and, to that end, we have registered for the Duck Daze Parade on June 3. Additional information on the front cover.

Our Fourth Sunday Forums have been successful and well-attended. Several people gathered to hear about the L'Arche program on April 23rd. Laura Giddings had three of her residents with us, and all of them talked glowingly of the program. Then for a fifth Sunday forum, we had the Greening Committee show a film called Gasland, of which we watched the first part. We had shown Gasland 2 last year, so obviously we are showing these films out of sequence, but that doesn't make any difference. The second part of Gasland will be shown at a later date. This movie is very apropos given our nation's new leadership.

Our finances are healthy. Our members step up when there is a need, and I continue to be grateful for leading such a dynamic and caring church.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Brown



Pentecost Is Coming On June 4th

We will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit through fire & wind. Dress in "fire-y" colors of red, yellow, orange.

Needed: Your fiery flowers for Pentecost!



The regular Pentecost geranium sale is a little different this year. We would like to decorate the sanctuary with red, yellow, and orange flowers and foliage from your gardens.

We will also have a limited supply of potted geraniums for sale on Pentecost Sunday for \$2.00 each.

If you have Pentecost-colored flowers to donate for Sunday, June 4, please sign up at church or e-mail the office ASAP. Worship and Adornment members will arrange to pick up your flowers Friday, June 2, or you may bring them to the church. Silk flowers will be welcomed, too!

Due to the allergies of some, please DO NOT bring **highly-scented flowers**.





PNC UCC Annual Meeting

On Saturday, April 29, Neil Rader, Norma Rader, Cathi Cline, Aubrey Elliott, Greg Kammann, Robert Brown and I attended the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ.

We approved our budget with some difficulty basically because some churches are losing membership and are not sending in as much funding as they have in the past. We listened in one partial session to our new Minister of Church Vitality, who presented to us what she does. It made me think that this new position is going to help with increasing our church membership over time. I believe she has worked with several churches that have benefitted from her service. We approved a resolution entitled, "A call to Become Immigrant and Refugee Welcoming as a Conference and in Congregations." Cathi Cline has already introduced this resolution to our Peace and Justice Committee, and they are studying it and working on how to put it into practice in our congregation. She also presented it to the board at our last meeting.

Dee Eisenhauer, our former pastor, was the chair of the Nominations Committee, and she managed to fill almost all the slots with willing volunteers, who then were approved by the body of delegates.

Among the most positive messages we heard was that both camps are doing well financially and are putting on conferences, weddings, and other events that don't have a direct tie to the churches of the conference but help with the conference's bottom line. As other conferences are giving up their campgrounds, it is good to know that this is one vital part of our conference's mission.

Our next event is in late September for the second part of the annual meeting. This event will be held at our other camp, N-Sid-Sen Camp & Retreat Center, which is located on Coeur d'Alene Lake in Idaho.

Talk to one of the other attendees to find what stuck out to them as important.

Respectfully,
Robert Brown



Nel's Bells and Win's Chimes

Our congregation has been the beneficiary of beautiful music from not only our choir, but from the chimes we break out for special occasions. Recently, we were treated to another source of sonorous pleasure: a bell concert. These bells were made available to us by a church that is closing. The Board voted to purchase the bells, and because we have Win's chimes, we called these "Nel's Bells."

To replace the funds expended on the bells, we will undertake a fund raiser, selling each bell for \$70. The three octave set will cost \$2500. Buy one or more, knowing you are expanding our ability to "make a pleasant sound unto the Lord."

Soon you will see a tally chart go up showing our progress toward acquisition of the bells. And if you are interested in being a bell ringer, see Cathy, to volunteer. God is still speaking through music.



Joys & Concerns

Our sympathy to Aaron and his daughters Meredith and Anwen on the recent death of their father/grandfather. We pray that they have good memories to comfort them.



Not wanting to cry over the news that Ellen and Wes Davis will be moving back to Virginia some time this summer and that Carol Shogreen has already moved to Bothell and will be moving to Scottsdale, Arizona at the end of the summer, I have decided to count our blessings instead. In Carol's case it comes to 42 plus. That's the number of years that Carol has been a member of United Church. Some of you may not know that Carol holds the record for being employed by United Church longer than anyone else, she was our church secretary from mid '76 until she retired in '99! She also found time to be a member of the Membership Committee (known these days as Congregational Care) and The Brown Baggers Bible Study Group..... Wes and Ellen Davis have been active since their arrival in '98, working with the Church School, the Youth and serving on the Church Board, working at the sound system and, and, and. What can we say but THANK YOU and God Bless.



On Sunday, the 20th, we said 'good-bye' to Claire McCarthy, our nursery attendant. Staff Parish Relations had a 'thank you' card and a very pretty (delicious) cake for her farewell. Unfortunately Claire wasn't able to be there due to Volleyball Captain responsibilities. Pastor Cathy delivered a piece of cake to her later that day. Claire graduates from Bellarmine High School this weekend. We wish her well.

Congratulations to Sam Smith who medaled in his age group for the 5K run at the Hunger Walk on May 19thKathleen Kenna and Hadi have sold their house in DuPont and are moving to Olympia. Not to worry, Kathleen assures us that we are still her church.....Good news, Michael Marcoe has been able to make it to Brown Baggers..... our sympathy to Neil and Norma Rader on losing their dog Shadowfax.....Thanks to Hank Theirry the front doors to the Church look 'new' again. They sure look new with the windows in them and they sure work different!

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers: Donna Shoe, Dorothy Burkhart, Mollie Chaffee, Billie Jo Morgan, Yvonne Begeman, Betty Smith, Mildred Seales, Randi Byrd and Michelle Wallace.

****DRIED CEREAL IS THE ITEM OF THE MONTH FOR MY SISTER'S PANTRY!****

1	Ruth Cannon	22	Don Morgan
8	Wesley Berry - 7yrs.	22	Kay Shaben
14	Mary Jones	24	Laura Giddings
18	Shirley Paulson	30	Cindi Bodie
22	Fran Cash		Phyllis Dickson

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May 21st Sunday Forum—Tacoma Community House

107 years of serving immigrant families under the Biblical imperative to "welcome the stranger" UMC's Tacoma Community House, one of UCUP's benevolences was showcased at our May 21st 4th Sunday Forum.

Over 3000 encounters of immigrants are served in southwestern WA at the "House" considered an "immigrant sensitive" location by preserving space and sourcing a protective environment as individuals and families seek education, safety from domestic violence, employment, naturalization, and English as a second language skills. TCH has broad diversified private and public support and is entering a Capital funds campaign to expand on its existing property in the Hilltop community. Waiting lists for classes, need for talk-time volunteers, school based read-to-me first through third grade volunteering among other opportunities call us. Audra Hudson a UMC commissioned justice oriented scholar engaged at TCH in her 2 year internship engaged us during worship service and the forum. <http://www.tacomacommunityhouse.org/>



Audra Hudson

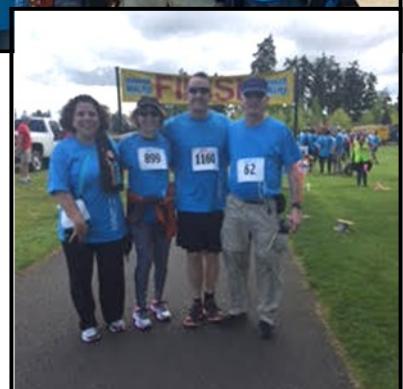


**Mission Fellow Intern at the
Tacoma Community House**



The **2017 Hunger Walk** featured a gorgeous sunny day at Fort Steilacoom. We had ten walkers representing UCUP, with others donating to the cause. Walkers included Ruth Cannon & Cathy Cannon, Cathi Cline, Pastor Cathy Law, Pat Mail, Sam Smith, Judy Thierry, Marilyn & Don

Thompson, and Aaron Young.





Days for Girls Sewing Party



May 21, 2017

The Fourth Sunday Forum in May brought together over 25 people to hear about the global need and response to supporting girls and women as they negotiate schooling and menstruation with and without proper sanitary pads.

Days for Girls Tacoma Chapter leader Callie Ochsner spoke.

Saturday was the Days For Girls Sewing Party with the UP Chapter lead by Teri Mattsen and Lori Macdonald in the Orchard Room sewing kits with Cathi Cline and Pat Rudolph.



Baptism

On May 7, 2017, we welcomed our newest baptized member into UCUP's family. Maddison Ann Wicks was baptized on her father Brendan Wicks' birthday, who just happened to be baptized his mother's birthday (a few decades ago), our very own Janet Wicks. What a beautiful family tradition. Maddison was quite taken with the baptismal waters in the baptismal font. All she wanted to do was play in the water. There is some good theology in that image.

Parents: Rachel & Brendan Wicks



Grandparents: Janet & Ron Wicks



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Please stop by **Peace and Justice bulletin board** and



learn about local and global issues. It is in the hallway to the Orchard View Room.

  
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Pastor Cathy visited Dawn Foreman's office at Catholic Community Services while attending another meeting in the building. Dawn was meeting with a family, but her colleague pointed out ALL the items people from UCUP have

generously donated for her **Foster Care Home Visits**.

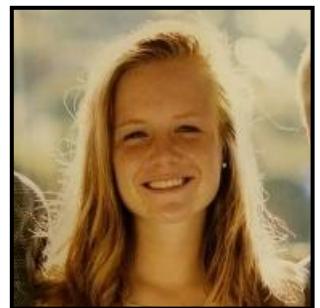

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After the Hunger Walk, Pat Mail, Pastor Cathy & Marilyn Thompson stopped by Carol Shogreen's house to bid her farewell and send her with our love and a blessing. The only furniture left in

the house was the kitchen table where we sat to visit. Carol is moving with her son and family to Scottsdale, Arizona this summer. Call the church office for her contact information. Carol was UCUP's office manager for over 20 years, and continued to offer a warm welcome and hospitality to every person who entered the church doors.



Happy Graduation and good wishes to our Nursery Attendant, **Claire McCarthy**. Claire has been with us for the past nine months providing loving care to our littlest ones. She has a full-time job this summer and heads off to Whitman in Walla Walla. If you know of anyone who would like a position in our nursery, talk to Nancy Moffett, SPRC.



# June 2017

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

| Sun                                                                                                        | Mon                                                           | Tue                                                                                       | Wed                                                                                                                                    | Thu                                                                                                                        | Fri                                                                                         | Sat                                                |
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|                                                                                                            |                                                               |                                                                                           |                                                       | 1<br>7:30-9pm<br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br> | 2                                                                                           | 3<br>10am-3pm<br>Duck Daze<br>Parade &<br>Car Show |
|                           |                                                               |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                             |                                                    |
| 4<br><b>Pentecost</b><br> | 5<br>10am-3pm<br>Needlers—<br>Orchard<br>View Room<br>5pm SPR | 6<br>10am Cong.<br>Care Mtg.<br>1pm ALZ<br>Support<br>Group                               | 7<br>Noon Brown<br>Bagger Bible<br>Study Group<br>2pm Bells<br>6:30pm<br>Finance Mtg.                                                  | 8<br>7:30-9pm<br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br> | 9<br>    | 10<br>10am-2pm<br>Sewing:<br>Days For<br>Girls     |
|                          | 12<br>6:30pm<br>Board Mtg.                                    | 13<br>  | 14<br>Noon Brown<br>Bagger Bible<br>Study Group<br>PNW UMC<br>Annual Mtg.                                                              | 15<br>7:30-9pm<br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>> > > > >                                                                          | 16<br>6:30pm<br>Play,<br>Boogie &<br>Jam Night<br>> > > >                                   | 17<br>Strawberry<br>Festival                       |
| 18                                                                                                         | 19<br><b>HAPPY<br/>FATHER'S<br/>DAY!</b>                      | 20<br> | 21<br>Noon Brown<br>Bagger Bible<br>Study Group<br> | 22<br>                                | 24                                                                                          |                                                    |
| 25<br>4th Sunday<br>Forum<br>Topic:<br>Homelessness                                                        | 26                                                            | 27<br> | 28<br>Noon Brown<br>Bagger Bible<br>Study Group<br> | 29                                                                                                                         | 30<br> |                                                    |



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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  
  
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United to Love,  
and United to Serve Others**