

October 2018

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



Safe Church Policy Training October 7th at 11:30am in the Sanctuary

This past year our Staff Parish Relations Committee made a few edits to our Safe Church Policy, and the Board adopted it earlier this year. All are invited to a training on October 7th, following our worship service, so you can read through and become familiar with our policy. We will be viewing a series of short videos through MinistrySafe.com and go through the quiz together. All of these efforts are an endeavor to keep our children, youth, and other vulnerable populations safe. Some of you will be asked to fill out the Washington State Patrol background check on behalf of UCUP if you work with children & youth. A light lunch will be served. Anticipate the training to last 90 minutes.

Super Stewards

Hello fellow church members! We will be kicking off our "Super Stewards" Stewardship Campaign starting October 14th - with three speakers from our church on 10/14, 21, & 28. Consecration Sunday followed by our annual Thankful Dinner will be held on November 11th. This year we will have 5 "cottage" meetings with Pastor Cathy and a member of the Finance team to discuss why the church is important to you, the passions you bring, and what you hope for in our future as the Body of Christ together. I am looking forward to a fun campaign.

Jim Cash—Stewardship Chair

Cottage Meetings will be with your Worship & Fellowship Hour Team. Check with your Team leader for Time & Place for meeting.

Oct. 2 - Robert Brown's Team (evening)

Oct. 14 - Rosemary Jones & Kris Schrantz's Team

Oct. 16 - Janet Wick's Team & Joyce Demarest's Team (evening)

Oct. 17 - Marilyn Thompson's Team (evening)

All Saints Day

On Sunday, Nov. 4th, we will celebrate All Saints' Day in our worship service. We remember those who came before us in the faith. We celebrate their lives, and remember that we are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses".

During the service, we will read aloud the names of all church and family members who have passed away since November 5th.

If you want a loved one's name included in the service, please tell the church office by **Oct. 29th**. During the service, there will be time for you to speak aloud the name of anyone who has impacted your faith, and also light a candle in memory of them.





From Pastor Cathy

October 21st Join us At the Movies in the Fellowship Hall for COCO - 11:30 a.m.



Sometime this past year, Pamela Maddess made a suggestion that to view the movie "Coco" together as a congregation. I had not yet seen the movie that was released fall of 2017, which turned out to be the largest grossing film of all time in Mexico, and won the Oscar for the Best Animated Feature Film in 2018! I finally watched the movie this past summer, and was so enamored by it, I quickly coordinated with Pamela to set a date on the church's calendar to watch the movie together. Pamela offered to put together a simple meal following worship that will lead into the movie. You definitely do not want to miss that.

In the movie, the protagonist, Miguel, a 12-year-old boy, loves music, and is trying to get out from under the shadow of his great-great-grandfather, who left his family to pursue a career as a musician. The family instituted a permanent household ban on music after that. Miguel, with a strong passion for music, teaches himself to play the guitar in secret. *Coco's story begins on Día de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. Miguel's family has devoted an entire room to a shrine where they have perched photos of departed family members, all in preparation for a visitation from their ancestors. The movie depicts Miguel's dream journey crossing over to the Day of the Dead, where people are remembered only if their photo is on display on the ofrendas, the altars that are at the center of every Dia de los Muertos celebration.*

It's a story of a multigenerational matriarchy, a story of conflict and disappointment, sadness and loss, as well as presenting death as a life-affirming inevitability. It's a film that reminds us of our need to remember, even the painful parts we'd prefer to forget. In a fast paced, technological world, Coco provokes some thoughtful questions about the significance of memory. Why should we remember? What do we lose by forgetting? How do we remember the hard, painful things of life without forgetting the beauty in the process?

As we approach the annual remembrance in our liturgical calendar of All Saints' Worship (on November 4th this year; Get names to Lynne before Oct. 29th), the day when we remember and honor in a sacred way all those who have passed from this earthly life into life eternal, I invite you to join me in watching the movie Coco. It is a way of being in solidarity with another culture in their tradition of remembering those who have died. It is also an opportunity to remember our own beloved ones, in preparation to our All Saints Worship, to be surrounded in the knowledge that God is with us in the midst of grief and sadness, that we are not alone.

*For all the saints, who from their labours rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!*



*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*



From Our President



Well, Fall has certainly fallen! As if a switch was flipped, days are cooler, clouds have returned, and the rains have come again. And along with the change in the weather, many of our routines shift, as well. School has started again, though with some unexpected delays in many districts. I am glad to see both this process work, even with some breakdown, and that this provides another opportunity to discuss the twin values of advocacy and compromise, that better solutions may be reached together. Very often, well-meaning people can be passionately committed to the same goals, be they educating or children, caring for our church or managing our country, while differing intensely on how to move toward those goals, or which values to prioritize. As we move into the Autumn, and especially into another election season in our increasingly divisive political atmosphere, I think the example of clearly stating our goals and needs, while also working to listen to each other and find a common ground on which to meet, is an important value to model.

Our community here at UCUP, I believe, can and does help to exemplify those twin values of working for justice and listening to those with whom we differ, or who have different experiences than ours. It is just one of the many things that makes this church special. As we move into October, we have more specific opportunities to grow and support this community. The annual Stewardship Campaign will be kicking off soon, which you will be hearing much more about in the coming weeks. It is an annual ritual that most of us who have been part of this or other church communities are familiar with, much like the NPR fund drive and campaign ads; however, I ask you to take some intentional time as we come into this Stewardship season to consider what you are able and called to give to support the many ministries of UCUP. Certainly our financial contributions are a major piece of this, but so too is our time and talent. UCUP is remarkable in many ways, but one of them is how large a percentage of our membership is engaged in the life of the church. Yet, in the past several years we had many new people join us, and not everyone has found the place to share their abilities. As you consider how to share what you can with this community to help it remain vital, please consider what skills, time, or abilities you have that you could share, as well as what areas you are passionate about engaging with. If you are wondering what the opportunities are, more information will be provided to you soon through the campaign, but you can also always ask me or another member of the Board, or just the person next to you!



Thank you for your passion, your compassion, your time, your talent, and your love in this and every season!

In Peace,
Chris Berry
Board President

New Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) And Training

As you may be aware, UCUP has recently installed a new Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED), which is mounted in the office hallway. For those who may be interested in receiving training to use this and similar devices, the Tacoma Fire Department is providing a FREE CPR & AED training on Sunday Oct. 14 at 2 pm. Participants can sign up online at CPRSunday.net or by calling 253-594-7979.





Joys & Concerns

Your Care & Concerns Committee want to thank everyone that accepted their invitation to share a meal and fellowship after church on Homecoming Sunday, September 16th. It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves and hopefully everyone had enough to eat. Everyone that got to see it, enjoyed the picture of Pamela Maddess' new grandson, born earlier that morning.

Our condolences to Aaron Young, Meredith and Anwen on the death of his mother, the girls grandmother...to the family and friends of Elayne Spangler, who recently passed away...our prayers go to Roger Martin's sister, Kathleen, taking part in a clinical trial for cancer.



Win Bjarke recently moved from her home of over 50 years, on Beech Drive, to join Pat Mail and Doris Larsen at Toby Jones. We wish her well as she settles in there...we're happy to report that Helen Engle is recovering from her broken hip at her daughter's and hoping to return home soon...AND that Pat Rudolph was able to be in church on the 23rd...all the kids, were happy that she brought Bob with her, as were the rest of us!...some of us made it to the showing of Cecilia Schilling's art at the Tacoma Lake Nature Center, we not only got to her art work, we had a chance to visit our former pastor, the Rev. Joanne Brown.



Please pray for Family Housing Network as they discern how to meet the needs of homeless families. Please keep in your prayers: Dorothy Burkhart...Mary Jones (Rosemary's mom)...Doris Larsen...Joan Martin...Billie Jo Morgan (Don's mom)...Michael Marcoe...Yvonne Bege-man...Michelle Wallace...Randi Byrd...Deb Howard.

We celebrate with Wes & Ellen Davis on the recent marriage of their son Mike to his bride Emily in Bend, OR. Also pictured: Sara Davis & Ellen's parent's, Greema & Paco.



October item of the month Is Canned Fruit



October 2018



6 Norma Rader
Peter Schilling
7 Aubrey Elliott
8 Peter Burhop
10 Sophia Whitney – 8yrs
11 Lahra Beesley
Rosa Beth Gibson
Hank Thierry
15 Ron Wicks
18 Meredith Sage

21 Kathleen Kenna
25 Angie Wollie
27 Tom Milligan
31 Blanch Beesley





There are four interesting and important Faith Action Network events coming up. The first on the calendar is a Candidates' Forum. We are working with FAN and other churches in our network to put on this event. We will have the opportunity to question the four candidates who are involved in the legislative district 28's elections. The event is from **7:00-9:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 9.** It will be held at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. Please make plans to come.

The second event is a potluck dinner hosted by Immanuel Presbyterian Church, a relatively new member of FAN. This potluck is for any member of any church that has joined FAN as well as individual FAN members not attached to a church. The main idea of this event is to make connections with others in the general Tacoma area who are members of FAN. So far as I know, there is no formal program, but there may be speakers. I know that Amber Dickson intends to speak up about the other two future events. This potluck is scheduled for **5:00-7:00 P.M. on that Sunday, October 21.** Please include this on your calendar.

The third event is the FAN Cluster gathering. This will be held at Bethany Presbyterian Church from **7:00-9:00 PM on Thursday, November 8.** The purpose of the cluster gathering, which for years has been held in September here, is to meet with our fellow churches to discuss what is going on in our faith communities to support our Faith Action mission. It also serves to discuss issues which we plan to bring forward on our Interfaith Advocacy Day in January or February. At this meeting, we will also be able to discuss political realities, given that it is just two days after the election.

The final of these four events is the Faith Action Network Annual Dinner, which is the primary fundraiser for FAN. This dinner will be held at the Renton Pavilion on **Sunday evening, November 18,** which is the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Typically, there are some very interesting speakers at these meals, and we, as a church, sponsor a table. I hope to do this again this year, so please talk to me about your plans to attend. If you need some financial support, this possibly can be provided. We have done this for several years.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Brown,
your Faith Action Network liaison

October Happenings

Reclaiming Jesus Ecumenical Study

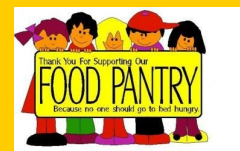
It is not too late for you to attend our ecumenical study on Reclaiming Jesus. We are meeting at a different church each week. See below for schedule. We've been getting 30-40 folks each week from 8 different churches. We meet from 7-8:15pm on Monday evenings.

- 10/1 Mason UMC
- 10/8 St. Andrew's Episcopal
- 10/15 Mt Cross Lutheran
- 10/22 UCUP
- 10/29 Mason UMC
- 11/5 St. Andrew's Episcopal



Bingo, Brats & Brew

- Host: **My Sister's Pantry Food & Clothing Bank**
 - Phone **253-627-1186**
 - When: **Thursday, October 4 at 6:00 PM**
 - Where: **Mountaineers Tacoma Branch 2302 North 30th Street Tacoma, WA. 98403**
- Message From Host**



Join us for our third annual fundraiser. We'll play a few rounds of Bingo, eat some Brats and drink some Brew. Of course we'll have the popular Dessert Dash. There will be a silent auction. Volunteer and Business of the Year awards will be presented.

Come support My Sister's Pantry!

Free Movie Night October 5th

Greening plans on presenting a free Movie Night in the Sanctuary at 7pm on Friday, Oct 5th. We will be featuring a two-hour PBS/NOVA special on the interaction of the various components of weather and climate. This takes the lessons of objective science and invites the viewer to consider how it all applies to what we have recently, and are currently, observing in the way of drought, floods, fires, smoke, and intense storms. It might make the viewer better informed for issues such as I-1631 in the upcoming election.

Thanks,
Roger T



October 27th Volunteer Day at My Sister's Pantry

Sign up and join us from 10am—12:30pm



Brown Baggers Tackle God Is Red

While the Bible is our guide, Native peoples have deep faith and see the world in different ways. Native North American people remind us "that we are a part of nature, not a transcendent species with no responsibilities to the natural world. God is Red by Vine Deloria, Jr. looks at religious life that is independent from Christianity and that reveres the interconnectedness of all living things. Join us from noon to two on Wednesdays as we explore other faith traditions. Books will be available for participants. The Brown Baggers will be reading *Judith from the Apocrypha* first, so *God is Red* will begin around the end of October or early Nov.



Homecoming Lunch

Many thanks for the hospitality from Congregational Care for our Homecoming Lunch on September 16th. Following our All Church Photo (taken by esteemed photographers Joe Becker & Don Thompson) before dodging the impending deluge from the skies above, more than 60 folks enjoyed a lunch of pineapple ham, lovingly prepared by Pamela Maddess, salads, and other yummy food brought by Joyce Demarest, Ardie Herbel, Pat Mail, and Kathy Munn, not to mention Vic Bode's much appreciated leaded coffee.

Pastor Cathy



Conservation Institute of Historic And Artistic Works Award

Emily Hartley has just recently received notice from the International Conservation Institute of Historic and Artistic Works that she has been elected a Fellow "Recognizing your exceptional contribution to the conservation profession and the high regard with which you are held by your peers".

This is really an honor. One has to be elected by one's peers and it is not handed out casually. It is not something that just occurs after a number of years in the profession but one has to be nominated and elected by other members of the AIC, so it is a great honor and means she is thought of very, very highly by her peers. Join me in congratulating her on this accomplishment.

Jenny Hartley

Hurricane & Typhoon Relief

Please consider relief for those who endured Hurricanes on the Atlantic Coast and Typhoon Mangkhut ravaging the Philippines and Northern Mariana Islands. In every natural disaster, lives unravel in ways that take months or years to put back together. Donations to support relief efforts will be split between United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and UCC Disaster Relief. Simply put disaster relief on the memo line of your check. You can give online at www.umcor.org/donate and include church name when you give so it will be recognized. Pray for the people whose lives are disrupted and for those who are responding.



Family Housing Network has suspended operations until at least the end of this year as administrators attempt to unravel the causes of an abrupt decrease in participation in the program, which since the mid-90's has sheltered up to five homeless families at a time in area churches, schools and other facilities.

UCUP was gearing up to take on a week in addition to our long-scheduled Sept. 29-Oct. 6 dates when word came from the agency that the program has been put on hold.

When we sheltered families last, in February of this year, we hosted roughly two dozen people; by the time our partners at Mt. Cross sheltered families over Memorial Day week, there were only 6, and there have been periods during which no families at all were taking part in the program.

But the problem of homelessness in Pierce County has not been solved, and it seems likely that the program could be restarted in some form early next year. UCUP has been a strong supporter of the program since its inception.

Tom Milligan





**Every Sunday—10am Worship Service
10:15am Elementary Sunday School**

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am Needler's Craft Group 7pm Study at Mason	2 10am CC Mtg. 1pm Alz Mtg	3 12pm Brown Baggers Bible Study & Lunch  6:30 Finance	4 6pm My Sisters Pantry Fundraiser 7:30—9:pm Choir Rehearsal	5 7pm Greening Movie in the Sanctuary	6 
7  World Communion 11:30am Safe Church training	8 6:30pm Board Mtg. 7pm Study at St Andrews	9  7pm FAN Candi- dates Forum	10 12pm Brown Baggers Bible Study & Lunch 	11 7:30—9:pm Choir Rehearsal	12 	13 
14  2pm CPR/AED Training Ta- coma Fire dept	15 7pm Study at Mt Cross	16 6:30pm Mens Grp-"Concerns In Our Hearts & Souls"	17 12pm Brown Baggers Bible Study & Lunch 	18 7:30—9:pm Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30pm Play, Boogie & Jam Night	20 10-3pm Days For Girls
21 1:30am Movie Coco 5pm FAN Potluck	22 7pm Study at UCUP	23 	24 12pm Brown Baggers Bible Study & Lunch 	25 7:30—9:pm Choir Rehearsal	26 	27 Pumpkin Carving 10-12:30pm Volunteer -My Sister's Pantry
28  	29 7pm Study at Mason Submit names for All Saints	30 	31 12pm Brown Baggers Bible Study & Lunch Halloween 			



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Weekly

Sundays

10am Worship Service
With Rev. Cathlynn Law

10:15am Elementary Sunday
School (5yrs to 11yrs)

Wednesdays

Noon-2pm Brown Baggers
Luncheon & Bible Study Group

Thursdays

7:30pm-9pm Choir Practice
(Sept—May)

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

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 Tuesday of the month
6:30-8pm Men's Group:
"Concerns in Our Hearts & Souls"

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

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