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UCUP

November Newsletter

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

All Saints Day & Planting Daffodils

in loving memory of those who have died - Sunday, November 3



After our All Saints' Worship and communion service, we will be planting daffodils in loving memory of those who have gone before us. There is rich symbolism in planting now in the darkness of fall and waiting for God's surprise in the spring.

We have secured 300 bulbs (generously paid for by a member of UCUP) to plant on our church grounds following worship. There will be an opportunity for anyone who desires to be part of the "planting party". Simply wear appropriate clothing for potential inclement weather.

Interfaith

Celebration of
Gratitude
AT THANKSGIVING

November 26

7pm-8:30pm

St. Patrick Catholic Church

1001 N. "J" Street, Tacoma

free

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS on
Sunday, November 3rd.**



Fall Back!

Remember to move
your clocks
back one
hour.



"I love turning the clocks back
so it gets dark by 4pm"
Said no one ever.

From Pastor Cathy

Prophecy & Pottery: Journey with Jeremiah Worship Series reflections

We spent six weeks in worship journeying with Jeremiah from before and after the exile in Babylon. Symbols of clay and pottery were woven throughout the series. Many thanks to Dorothy and John McQuiston for the use of their banding wheel and various pieces of pottery. When Nancy Moffett found out we needed a cracked pot to use as a broken cistern from Jeremiah 2, she found an exquisite broken pot from Helen Engle's yard and pieced it together with electrical tape. Pamela Maddess offered the first "*From the Potter's House*" monologue to set the tone for our series. Neva Laurie-Berry continued the poignant monologues the next 5 weeks. The choir offered impassioned music throughout, including "We are not Alone", (solo by AJ); "Okwagalakwe (There is Love); and music and reading of Psalm 137. During worship on September 29th, we grieved with Jeremiah about all that is broken in the world. Congregants were given broken pottery shards and a sharpie to write down where they experience the broken places in our world. They came forward with the broken shards to place them in the broken cistern. These are some of the responses now held in the cracked cistern:



- A loss of neighborliness. The isolation of caring for the sick and loved ones.
- People lonely and starved for true intimacy and connection live in emotional pain, we need true community building as we are lonely.
- So many broken consciences in our government, all through our society, huge increase in child abuse, God help us.
- I pray for more people to acknowledge our changing environment and hope to find unity of what is humane and right

- Poor support for single parent households, broken families - broken systems, no cure for the widows and orphans.
- Our nation, our world, shattered due to fear of the other, due to the love of money and power, we break God into pieces.
- No courage where courage is needed.
- For the turning away of social justice. Not pushing myself enough to do good in life.
- Immigration & Refugee policies: Cruelty to Foreigners, deportation. Families separated at the border. Children at the border crying, separated from their families. (10 responses)
- Climate change denial. The need to heal our ailing planet and care for the Environment. (5)
- That we have homeless people who suffer. (4)
- All who need health care. (4)
- Political tribalism. Washington D.C. The President. The government. Conflict. Deceit. Rage. Family tension due to political differences. Our world is broken by greed. (6)
- Senseless violence, Gun violence. Forgive all of us. (3)
- Mental illness awareness and treatment. (2)
- Lies. Depression. Hunger. Murder. Arrogance. Not listening. Fear. Anger. Closing off. Hate. Division. Self-centered busyness. Lack of compassion. Profit over people. Spiritual poverty.

We concluded the worship series with Jeremiah 32 when Jeremiah bought ancestral property from his destitute relative, thereby showing signs of hope of God's presence for the future. He placed the deed in an earthenware jar to hold it for future generations. We also wrote our words of hope for future generations, rolled them up like a scroll and placed them in an earthenware jar.

- I pray this day great grandchildren may group in democracy, appreciate diversity and experience safety, 2 but above all, love and compassion.

- The nations will be healed, the scars of pain and sorrow will be healed, and all will be filled with the joy of God's love.
- That this country will come together in unity to love and care for each other.
- That greed and anger will no longer be in our hearts, we will all have peace, not only in the US but in other countries also.
- Replace the current regime in DC with someone to restore constitutional democracy.
- The Constitution survives Trump.
- End of polarization in our country. Affordable health care for all Americans.
- People guard this eco-household, preventing climate catastrophe by actions to save the earth. A holy balance endures. Species are saved. All creation rejoices. (6)
- There will be rebuilding of trust within our nation and throughout the world.
- I hope for the restoration of democracy in America.
- Unity of nations, starting with people at all levels.
- A world at peace - no war, no refugees, living in peace as one world.
- Hope for a world of peace and justice, where all humankind help and love each other and our Earth home. Peace and harmony throughout the world and other places. Absence of war. (6)
- Where everyone is accepted for who they are without discrimination, hatred or anger-all races, creeds, sexes, ages, and cultures. Amen.
- To work towards a community and world to have civil dialogue between all people to resolve and respect differences.
- Love for others and desire for change being stronger than the inertia of complacency.
- Understanding replacing ignorance. Compassion overcoming fear.
- Hope for all people to be equal and get along without hurting each other and know that the world will be a better place if we all take care of each other.
- Connected people in love that transcend geography, ideology and culture.
- That more people would know the Lord and work to know His love and peace.
- No hunger. The end of AIDS. Reconciliation between Shia and Sunni. Love for our children.
- The time is now – not tomorrow, there is no “wait and see”.
- Equality, love, support and opportunity for everyone with special attention to the most vulnerable.
- A world where children do not have to be afraid.
- Places of belonging (home, community for all, especially disenfranchised)
- Always have hope that life will be better, and we can overcome disappointments and never give up. Our Lord will always be with us.
- Stop Swift Airlines from participating with ICE, in the deportation of the children of God.
- Refugees treated with love and dignity.
- Let freedom with all people ring loud and true. Let those who think they must be in power realize that the power is in their belief in God.
- People will love more people than those they know or have met.
- Speak out for unity, acceptance and respect.
- Light over darkness, kindness overall.
- Universal health care. Medicine for all. Single payer health care is enacted. (3)



Stewardstock

Celebrates Community of UCUP

Far out! It's stewardship time at United Church in University Place! Stewardship embraces the many ways in which we support our church community and the work we do in the community at large. Our church will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020, so this year's stewardship campaign invites us to look back and remember another significant gathering of people in community that took place 50 years ago -- Woodstock!

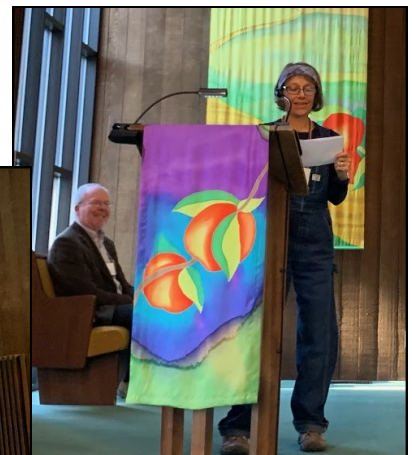


We may have moved beyond the hippie attire (some of the rock and roll music still sounds pretty good!), but the call to come together in peace, love, and unity resonates as strongly today as it did 50 years ago in the farmer's field in rural New York.

Stewardship packets will be sent to church members in the next week. As you consider your pledge for the coming year, please reflect on the role you play in our faith community. Your commitments of time, talents, and financial resources enable United Church in University Place to be a vibrant and effective presence as we work together to further the work of Christ in the world today.

We'll collect pledges and celebrate our church community with a thankful dinner following worship on **Sunday, November 24**. Mark your calendars now!

Peace and love, brothers and sisters!



Thankful Dinner

Sunday, November 24th - 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate our stewardship pledges
for the coming year.

Main dish will be provided.

Please bring a salad, dessert, or side dish to share.

My Sister's Pantry Volunteers

Many thanks to Ruth Cannon for assembling a great crew to serve at My Sister's Pantry last Saturday. It turns out Lou is a great kale salesman (or kale pusher). Team UCUP included: Sharon Britcher, Ruth Cannon, Jim Cash, Dave & Sheila Higby, Leslie Ann Knight, Lou & Marge Lehmann, and Pastor Cathy.



Peace and Justice hosted a Forum on HIV AIDS with Erick Seelbach, Executive Director of Pierce County Aids Foundation (PCAF). Thank you to those who were able to attend part or all of the discussion on advocacy, HIV AIDS research, global issues and local forces at work to address the still prevalent disease and acknowledged "plague" of the 20th century with over 700,000 deaths in the US alone. Drugs for both viral suppression and prevention of transmission while not cures and while expensive, have changed the picture of this epidemic from one of horrendous death to increasing hope.

Advocacy needs to remain

unwavering as people with HIV AIDS age, as public awareness dwindles and access to care must surmount pharmacy costs, while the ever present stigma and severe inequity in prison populations and in rural areas fan the "slow burn" of this epidemic. PCAF is one UCUP's benevolences.

FAN and professional membership organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics visit Olympia and can reinforce the need for decriminalizing and updating the State of Washington laws on HIV AIDS this coming winter.





Joys & Concerns

We're sad to report that Billie Morgan died on October 15th, our sympathy to her daughter, Ruth and sons, Don and John, and her extended family. Billie (known to some as Billie Jo) was a charter member of United Church and until about 3 years ago, also a member of the choir. A memorial service for her will be held at United Church on November 9th at 2p.m.

Both Rosemary Jones and Jimmy Bodie came up against a curb recently and fell. Rosemary received a broken nose and right arm, plus bruises to show for it, and Jimmy is wearing a cast on his right hand, because of a broken thumb. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they heal.

On Sunday, the 13th, we helped Sophia Whitney and her mom, Susan Kelly, celebrate Sophia's 9th birthday, by eating the birthday cake that they had made and brought to share. Thank you—it was delicious!...About 35 of us also enjoyed the evening of pumpkin carving. There was lots to enjoy, most of all the fellowship/visiting that went on. There was lots of food to be 'enjoyed' and thanks to Kay Shaben - candy. Some of us are very serious carvers and some not so much. Think this was the first year I saw a carved pumpkin with 'worry' lines on its forehead. Thanks to Neva Laurie-Berry and Pastor Cathy, all the pumpkins received an award...and a big THANKS to those that worked at My Sister's Pantry on Saturday, the 26th. Thank you to Ruth Cannon who works to get a team to volunteer their time there.

As always your Care & Concerns Committee asks you to keep in prayer those unable to be with us most Sundays or not at all: Randi Byrd...Michelle Wallace...Mary Jones...Doris Larsen...Michael Marcoe...Donna Shoe...Win Bjarke...Laura & Blanche Beesley...Deb Howard...Yvonne Begeman...Mollie Chaffee...Linda Vanderbilt (due to work).

November's item of the month for MY Sister's Pantry: SPAM

November Birthdays

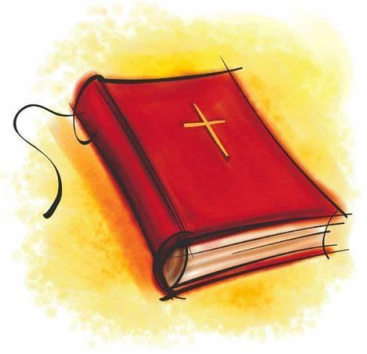


4 Dawn Foreman
Leslie Ann Knight
5 Joe Becker
7 Tanya Sorenson
9 Rosemary Jones
10 Stephen McQuillan
11 Chris Berry
14 Allen Munn
18 Sharon Britcher
20 Nancy Moffett
30 Addy Harding



All the donations to go off to My Sister's Pantry and Family Housing Network. What a generous congregation!





We celebrate with Sophia as she celebrated her 9th birthday and received her 3rd grade bible from UCUP.



am ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES

You Care About Our Community. So Do We.

Homelessness is a crisis in Pierce County. We are committed to making it a thing of the past. Join us to learn how you can help end homelessness and provide hope. The breakfast is a perfect opportunity to learn about the difference Associated Ministries makes in the lives of families experiencing homelessness and in our community everyday. There is no cost to attend the breakfast. You will have an opportunity to make a gift in support of their work during the event.

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

McGavick Conference Center in Lakewood.

Breakfast will be available at 7am, program 7:30am-8:30am.



Please register: <https://associatedministries.org/get-involved/breakfast/>

PUMPKIN CARVING & TIE DYE



It takes a village to create a fun night of pumpkin carving. Many thanks to Rosemary & Kris for prepping food and set-up; Nancy & Nora, our tie-dye experts; Neva for creating clever pumpkin awards, Cindi for decorations and clean-up; Kay for creating goodie treat bags; Robert, Jim, Don and Marilyn, for putting the church back together again. You made this year's pumpkin carving event with a tie-dye twist a great night.



Weaving Together to Win



Progressing from Value Statements to Concrete Action

The Fall gathering of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ met on October 18th and 19th at Shalom UCC in Richland, WA. Attending from UCUP were Norma and Neil Rader, Robert Brown, and Cathi Cline. The purpose of the gathering was to take the Conference from passing resolutions and programming on social justice issues to

finding concrete ways to take actions that would help to alleviate the injustices. To accomplish this the community organizing method of moving from naming problems that affect the attendees to identifying actionable issues and on to planning possible actions.

From this process, five actionable issues were identified and teams were formed of those who expressed interest in working on each of these action plans. The dismantling racism team will be working on a method of making reparations to those negatively impacted by systemic racism. The healthcare team will be working tackling inequities in the availability of health care and health insurance. The environmental team will be finding ways to promote and advocate for a bill that will support more environmentally sound farming practices. The team focusing on homelessness will also be advocating for a bill to support those who are disabled and in danger of losing or have lost their housing due to disability benefits that are inadequate to cover the cost of rent. The refugee and immigration team will be exploring an action to stop a charter airline from participating with ICE in deporting people from the King County and Yakima airports. If you are interested in participating on any of these teams, please, let me know. I am working on the immigration team, but I will be happy to connect you with one of the others. Be sure that I will be asking some of you for any help you can give. I will especially be asking for your prayers as these important actions progress.

Submitted by Rev. Cathi Cline

God is still speaking,

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Just a friendly reminder...

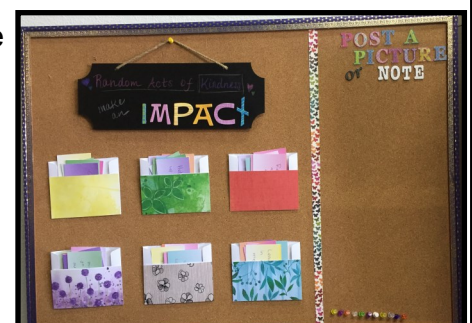
For those of you with keys to the church, please double check that all doors are secure and locked upon leaving. Thank you!

If we all do
one random act of
kindness daily, we just
might set the world in
the right direction.

Martin Kornfeld

My daughter, our exchange student and I did a little project together this summer/fall. It's a "Random Act of Kindness" board. We have made cards, each written with a different "act of kindness" on them. For example, leave a note on someone's car, put grocery carts away in the parking lot, let someone go ahead of you in line, make care packages or bake your neighbor a treat. We tried to come up with a variety that things so that both kids and adults could participate. Some cost money and some are totally free. Feel free to pick through to find something that speaks to you. You are also welcome to post a note or picture on the bulletin board about your kindness experience!

-Kelly, your office administrator





Two members from Tacoma350.org joined 11 members of UCUP and a guest to the October 27th service for a Fourth Sunday Forum hosted by our Greening Activity Group. The 350.org movement was begun by Bill McKibben and a group from Middlebury College to inform and energize people about the consequences of global warming, or what has become more recently known as *climate change*. Seattle and Tacoma each have their own 350.org entities, and 350Tacoma.org offered to talk with us about the status of the effort to build a liquified natural gas (LNG) production, storage, and delivery facility on the Tacoma Tideflats.

Members of the Greening Activity Group have attended past hearings dealing first with the now-canceled effort to build a methanol plant, as well as public hearings on the proposed LNG facility still being planned by a group of Australian investors known as Puget Sound Energy (PSE). The LNG effort has made considerable headway, including submission of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and two Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (SEIS). Under a provision of Washington State law (State Environmental Policy Act [SEPA]), the authority to authorize construction of the LNG facility has been delegated by the State Department of Ecology to the Puget Sound Clean Air Authority (PSCAA).

This Forum provided attendees with information on the historic background of the LNG plant's effort, the present state of the approval process, and what avenues are still available to voice comment on the project's future.

The LNG facility is in the process of seeking final approval to finish the project, despite objections from the Puyallup Tribe and 16 other tribal units, and objections from numerous other environmental organizations, as well as the office of the Governor and the office of the Attorney General. Several lawsuits are pending, should the final permits be granted. There is also an upcoming meeting of the Tacoma City Council where another round of arguments for and against regulations over development of the Tidelands will be presented. Some attendees at the Forum expect to attend this upcoming meeting in November. The formal comment period to Tacoma City Council has ended, and at least one member of the Greening Activity Group submitted a comment.

350Tacoma.org suggests that further comments on the project be directed to the Washington Department of Ecology, the Washington State Attorney General, and the Governor's office. Comments might be on such subjects as whether or not the SEPA delegation of approval should be pulled back from PSCAA and given back to Washington State. There are some handouts with a phone number for the Governor's office for those who would like to call. The handouts are hanging on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.





For anybody interested in attending the upcoming meeting of the Tacoma City Council and/or possibly speaking there, please contact Roger Martin. If there is enough interest in attending, we might try to put together a carpool. The meeting is scheduled for November 12, at 5pm. The last item on the agenda is a six-month extension of the regulations on construction on the Tideflats. As it certainly will be the most contentious item on the agenda, the meeting might go quite late, so please take that into consideration if you wish to attend the Council meeting.



Billie Jo Morgan
Saturday, November 9th -
2pm

November

Every Sunday—10am Worship Service
10:15am Elementary/Youth
Sunday School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 10am Greening mtg after service	4	5 10am Congregational Care 1pm Alzheimer's	6 12pm Brown Baggers 3:30 P&J 5:30 Finance	7 7:30 am FAN breakfast 7:30—9pm Choir	8	9 2pm Billie Jo Morgan memorial
10 Worship 10am 5:30pm FAN dinner	11 6:30pm Board Mtg	12 	13 12pm Brown Baggers	14 7:30—9:pm Choir	15	16
17 Worship 10am	18	19 6:30pm Men's Group	20 12pm Brown Baggers	21 7:30—9pm Choir	22 	23
24 Worship 10am	25	26 6:30pm SPRC	27 12pm Brown Baggers	28 	29	30

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Weekly

Sundays

10am Worship Service

10:15am Elementary/Youth
Sunday School

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

3rd Tuesday of the month
6:30-8pm Men's Group:
"Concerns in Our Hearts & Souls"

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

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