



**A United Church of Christ/  
United Methodist Church & a  
LGBTQIA  
Welcoming Congregation**

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

# UCUP



**2021**



October 3rd, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with Rev. Jim Davis preaching and presiding over communion.

Each year we receive a special World Communion Sunday offering that will be split between our two denominations: The United Methodist Church and The United Church of Christ.

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States to support the Council for American Indian Ministry the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

In The United Methodist Church, this offering helps students from around the world reach their full potential through scholarships, training and mentoring. Half goes to scholarships for ethnic minorities in the United States; half goes to the Central Conferences outside the United States to be used for educational purposes.



## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - November 7, 2021**

On Sunday, Nov. 7th, 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 last All Saints' Day. One of the people we will remember this All Saints day is our piper, Seamus Neary, who led our Christmas Eve Celtic Worship service for the past 20 years, along with his wife, Suzanne Wolf.

If you would like a loved one's name included in the service, please let Jenny, our office administrator, know by November 1st. 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 their memory.





## *President's letter*

### *Changing Seasons, Changing Times*

The autumn season has arrived! My birthday often coincides with the first day of fall, so perhaps that's why I'm always more aware of this seasonal transition than any other. There's also often a more noticeable change in the weather in September, and the shortening daylight gets my attention. At any rate, Autumn makes a dramatic entrance, and I like it.


There's something reassuring in the rhythm of the seasons and the freshness of a crisp fall morning. It reminds us that our world is always changing and transforming, and we are changing and traveling through our own seasons of life. September was an appropriate time to consider travel as a spiritual act – whether it is travel to distant places, or journeys through experiences close to home.

In keeping with our pandemic reopening theme of “transformation,” we took another big step in September with hybrid church that included both in-person worship and continued virtual worship on Zoom and Facebook. It was both wondrous and strange to be back in the sanctuary and to experience this new hybrid model. Thanks to the hard work of our technology team (Don Thompson, Don Morgan, Tom Milligan, Dennis Small, Ben Small, and Neva Laurie-Berry) and to our re-invigorated Worship and Fellowship Teams (thanks to Dorothy McCuistion for leading the September team), this big transition went well. A special shout out goes to Pastor Cathy, who looks and sounds great on the big screen! And what a joy to see our music director, Jeff Andersen, at the piano! At this rate, we may be in the running for an Emmy!

We'll take a pause in October while Pastor Cathy is away on renewal leave, and return to the familiar platform of Zoom for our worship services. It will be wonderful to hear from guest speakers and to enjoy some of the “greatest hits” from our library of recorded music. We look forward to returning to the sanctuary and hybrid worship when Pastor Cathy is back with us in November.

Enjoy this season in our continuing journey, friends of United Church in U.P., and may this be a time of renewal for us all.

Your fellow traveler,  
Marilyn Thompson,  
President



## Pastor's letter

## Renewal Leave for Month of October

I will be away on renewal leave for the month of October. I am grateful to the church and for all the leaders who are making it possible for me to step away from my pastoral responsibilities for the church. Worship on zoom is in capable hands (no in-person worship during October ). Your weekly worship bulletin will be emailed from [Office@ucup.org](mailto:Office@ucup.org) on Fridays. It will include the zoom link (which remains the same), the links to our worship recordings, and the worship bulletin.

For those calling ZOOM worship by phone: **253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 928 2558 8478.**

*Please thank the folks listed below for their worship leadership and presence:*

	<b>October 3</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>October 31</b>
<b>Open zoom</b>	Dennis Small	Dennis Small	Tanya Sorenson	Marilyn Thompson	Judy Thierry
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jim Davis	Tanya Sorenson	Tanya Sorenson	Chris Berry	Judy Thierry
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill & Vicki Diamond	Joe Becker & Tanya Sorenson	Joe & Tanya	Stuart Lane	Small Family
<b>Preacher</b>	Jim Davis	Nancy Davis	Laura Giddings & L'arche Community	Chris Berry	District Superintendent Derek Nakano
<b>Zoom Host &amp; screen sharer</b>	Neva Laurie-Berry	Neva	Neva	Neva	Neva
<b>Prayers of the people</b>	Dennis Small	Dennis Small	Tanya Sorenson	Chris Berry	Judy Thierry
<b>Sunday School</b>	Robert Brown	Cheryl Stone	Rosemary Jones	Robert Brown	Cheryl Stone

### PASTORAL CARE

If you have need of a pastor during October, you can email my clergy colleague, Rev. Nancy Feree-Clark at [nancyfc@nancyfc.us](mailto:nancyfc@nancyfc.us) - October 1-19, and Rev. Leslie Ann Knight at [revlaknight@gmail.com](mailto:revlaknight@gmail.com) - October 20-31.

There are also other people in the congregation who are willing to help support you if you find you need a listening ear: Tanya Sorenson, Judy Thierry, Pamela Maddess, and members of Congregational Care - Pat Mail & Joyce Demarest. We are blessed to have a well connected congregation that takes care of one another.

Please email the office if you need help contacting someone. **Jenny Huntsman's office hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9am - 1pm.**

When I return in November I can let you know how the renewal leave unfolded. Thank you again for the gift of this time away.

Blessings,  
Pastor Cathy







## UCUP Apple Tree at Curran Apple Orchard



(UCUP Apple Tree photos by Lacey Bierman 09.02.21)

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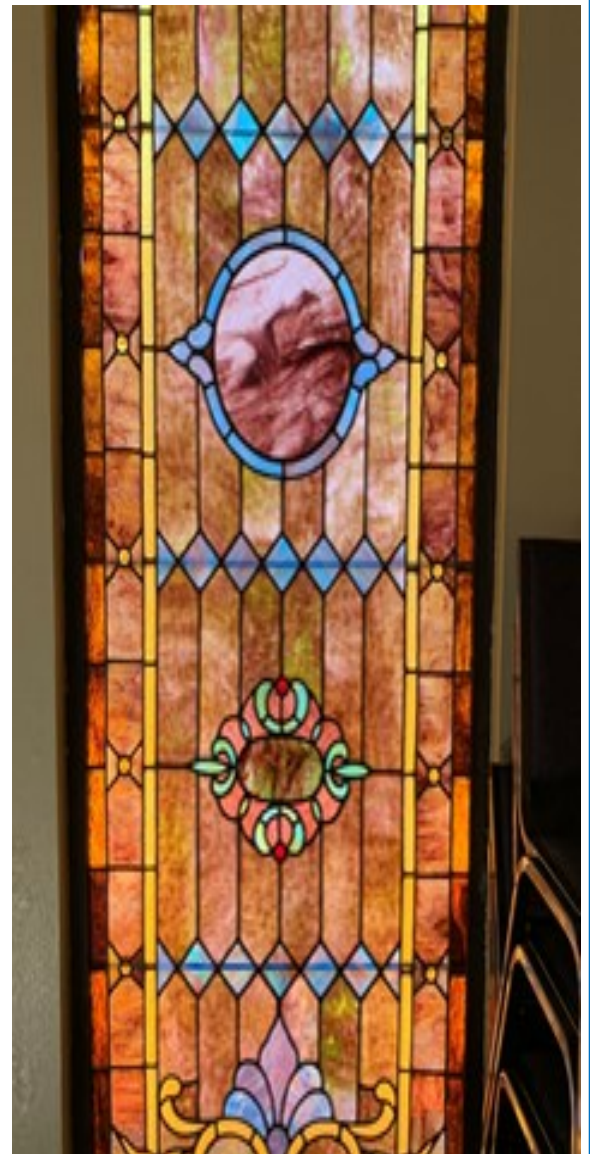
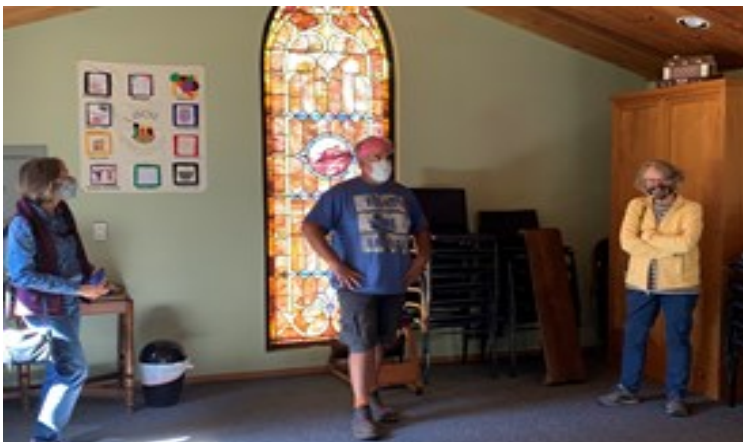


## L'Arche Community Visit

The tour, led by Patrick Touhy, began at L'Arche's welcome (administrative) center wending through adjacent community member homes. We discussed the need for aides and assistants, reflected on history, gatherings at the chapel and state of the art kitchen.



The community has been practicing group home level of COVID standards and to date has weathered the pandemic without an outbreak. Adjustment even on a farm has been vital and vitalizing as outreach to the community has taken on new methods including zoom.



*(L'Arche Community visit photos by Judith Thierry 09.17.21)*

## Joys & Concerns

Submitted by Joyce Demarest

What a joy to walk across 'the bridge' and to be greeted by Judy Thierry as I arrived to attend services on September 12<sup>th</sup>! The count was around 20 for the 'in person service' on September 12<sup>th</sup>. – we missed those of you that weren't there. Hopefully we'll see some of you in November. Allison Milligan was there in her new electric chair.

New to our prayer list is Mary Kay Munn Myers, she recently had surgery at Harbor View for a cancerous tumor on her spine. We hold her in our prayers as she continues treatment. We continue to pray for Cathi Cline and Duncan Foley as they continue their treatment for cancer ..and give thanks for those that see to it that they get to and from those treatments....that Cindi Bodie and the boys will be united,,,,,,for Paul Koppe and Gay Blanche as they deal with her Alzheimer's.....for Margie Lehmann, who recently lost her 14 year old cat, Callie.....for all health care workers.....AND all teachers, students and bus drivers, now that the schools are open.....prayers of thanks for the team that puts United Church's Sunday services to-gether, both the 'in person' and ZOOM. What an age we live in – along ways from the party line phone of my childhood!

We want to wish Pastor Cathy and Angie Wolle a great time off. Pray for safe travels and that sometime in October they'll find time to get some rest.

## October Birthdays

6 Norma Rader

Peter Schilling

8 Peter Burhop

Cameron (14)

10 Sophia (10)

11 Lahra Beesley

Rosa Beth Gibson

Hank Thierry

15 Ron Wicks

21 Kathleen Kenna

25 Angie Wolle

27 Tom Milligan

31 Blanche Beesley







Our 40+ years "downstairs" friends started their 2021/2022 preschool year in September. Those little ones are enjoying the use of our Sunday School space and working hard discovering and learning how to play with others. Mostly while outside weather permitting!



**We are collecting any canned foods!**

**Thanks!**



***We celebrate Kris Schrantz !***

**Kris celebrated her 80th birthday in September.**

***Happy Birthday!***



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**Weekly**

**Sundays**

10am Live ZOOM Worship  
JOIN US!



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

**Monthly**

**1st Sunday of the month**  
Communion during worship

**1st Tuesday of the month**  
1pm Alzheimer's Support  
Group



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