



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.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 6, 2022

On Sunday, Nov. 6th, 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.

We will honor and remember these beloved members who died in the past year: Yvonne Begeman, Win Bjarke, Mary Jones, Donna Shoe. 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.



COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

Your Ad Hoc COVID Reopening Committee (Marilyn Thompson, Judy Thierry, Chris Berry, David Higby, Pastor Cathy, and Tanya Sorenson) has been monitoring the use of COVID protocols throughout the pandemic. The Board, under the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Reopening Committee, has voted to remove all COVID protocols as of November 1st in line with the State. We encourage you to continue wearing a mask or taking other safety precautions that are best for you.



SOUP for STEWARDS ~Thankful Stewardship Luncheon ~



Gathering together, once again, in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 20th following Worship

The Stewardship Team will be providing *hot homemade soups*.

Fellow Stewards are asked to bring finger foods or dessert.

Please contact Janet Wicks if you are able to bring soup.



November 20th is Pledge Sunday ~ Let's Celebrate Together !

President's letter ~



Friends in Christ,

November is a lively time in our church and our country. There are many things to do. The first thing you can do is vote, and do so for the common good. It is also a time of increasing darkness, cold and wet (rain is lashing at my window as I write this), and now is the time for taking that minute to pen, text, email, or call someone just to say "Hello; I care." Perhaps there is someone here in church you haven't spoken to in a while. Perhaps you have a neighbor or friend you might contact. As we want to huddle in nice warm homes in November, warm someone else's heart when you can.

As always, your church Board is active on your behalf. Right now, we are busy getting together a proposed budget for next year. We are looking for volunteers to bring their ideas and decision making to next year's Board. This is good time for the Board to have your help by praying for us for wisdom in all decisions.

A big thanks to these people who volunteered for next year:

President: Judy Theirry

Vice President: Vicki Diamond

Treasurer: Don Thompson

Financial Secretary: Paul Koppe

Chair of SPRC: Rev. Leslie Ann Knight

Trustees: Pat Mail, Nancy Tam Davis, Pamela Maddess

UMC Lay Members: Pat Mail, Rosemary Jones UCC Delegates: Robert Brown, Paul Koppe

Finance Chair: Joe Becker

Facilities Chair: David Higby

Chair of Worship -- you?

Assistant Financial Secretary – you?

We have an outstanding church! November is a good time to invite your friends!

Thank you for all you do to support our church through your finances (please pledge later this month), your time and gifts (please complete the time and talent sheet later this month).

When you say yes, others feel empowered to say yes, too.

In Christ,

Tanya Sorenson, President of the Board



Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving on November 27. For those who are able to stay after worship, we will start decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

This Advent and Christmas season, we will be following the theme "From Generation to Generation", using worship resources from "A Sanctified Art". A line from Mary's song of protest and praise from Luke 1:48-50 will lay the foundation for this theme:

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, Holy is God's name. God's mercy is for those who are in awe of God from generation to generation.

The stories, scriptures, and traditions of Advent and Christmas have been passed down to us throughout the generations. The root word of "generation" is "gen" meaning "origin" or "birth." What is longing to be birthed in us? The theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have our ancestors and those who have come before us passed on for us to continue? Who are the spiritual elders in our community who planted the seeds for the things that are now blooming? *From Generation to Generation...* reminds us of the ways our lives, are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. Therefore, the promise is meant to be lived out and passed on from generation to generation.

STEWARSHIP SKIT from October 23, 2022

For those who weren't able to be in church on October 23rd, here is the stewardship skit between Robert and Janet. (Written by Janet Wicks. Photos are from Stewardship Skit on 10/30.)



Opening— *Name Tag Song (To the tune of "Streets of Laredo")*
“I see by your name tag that You are a STEWARD.”
“I see by your name tag that You’re a STEWARD too.”
(Together) “We see by our name tags that we are both STEWARDS.”
“If you get a name tag YOU can be a STEWARD too !”

Janet: So, where did you get that name tag? Robert: Right here at United Church.
Janet: Me too, me too! Robert: What a coincidence.

Janet: What do you think it means?
Robert: I think it probably has something to do with STEWARDSHIP.



Janet: Oh sure, that makes sense. Do you think there are others?
Robert: Other name tags or other Stewards?

Janet: Other people named STEWARD.
Robert: This isn't a person's name, it just identifies a person's commitment to service: caring for something.

Janet: So do you think Stewart can also be Steward?
Robert: YES, Stewart is a Steward. He sings in the choir & performs solos. He serves as a Liturgist & takes part in worship dramas. He's an active Church member.

Janet: WOW - Thanks Stewart. Way to Go!! Robert: Yes, and he's one of many Stewards.

Janet: Do you think we'll need a lot of Steward name tags for people in our Church?
Robert: Absolutely.. lots & lots! We have many devoted & active Stewards in UCUP

Janet: That's GOOD. We need them to support and sustain our ministry.
Robert: Now you've got it

**“WE SEE BY OUR NAME TAGS THAT WE ARE BOTH STEWARDS —
IF YOU GET A NAME TAG YOU CAN BE A STEWARD TOO!”**

Janet: “This is exciting, we are going to have so many STEWARDS!”
Robert: “Yes, and ALL with different names.”



(Stewardship packets will be emailed and mailed out later this week)



Faith Action Network's Annual Dinner

Sunday November 20, 2022.

Faith Action Network 2022 Annual Dinner — Sunday, November 20 (in-person at Renton Pavilion & Spokane Thrive Center, and online) Social Hour begins at 4:30 PM, Dinner and Program at 5:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE
FAN ANNUAL DINNER
SUNDAY EVENING | NOVEMBER 20



The Faith Action Network's annual dinner and fundraiser event will be held live in Renton (at the Renton Pavilion) for the first time since 2019. There will options to attend on-line.

Should you choose to attend in person, Robert Brown is reserving an eight-person table. The cost for the table is \$650, so each person's share is \$81.25. You may remember that the old price per person was \$70.00, so this is one way that inflation affects us. There is still room for four additional people at the table.

Another option is to attend from your at-home computer, for which you are charged \$25. With this option, you get to stay in the comfort of your home, and you will have opportunities to contribute further using your device. A third option is to meet with a few friends at the church and attend using the OWL device. I know that Pamela Maddess would love to do this. The charge for such would also be \$25/person, and we would likely need at least four people to do this to make it viable.

Now, I applaud whichever way you wish to attend, but I need to know by this Sunday whether you are planning to attend in person, or in other ways. I expect to reserve a table, and if you are coming in person, please do not register on your own. I will do it for you, and you can reimburse me. If, on the other hand, you are attending from home or the church, please go to www.fanwa.org to register. I would still like to know that you are attending, so that I have a count, but that is less important. Call or text me at 253-376-0031 to let me know how you wish to attend.

I haven't kept you informed of the Faith Action Network's legislative action plan. Please look up in www.fanwa.org all the issues we are planning to work on. The date for our Lobby Day will be revealed at the dinner as well. Respectfully submitted, Robert Brown.

Associated Ministries



November 3: Lead the Way Home Breakfast

AM's annual **Lead the Way Home** breakfast is a great opportunity to be inspired by the difference we are making together every day in the lives of vulnerable families and individuals... and this year we are returning to an IN PERSON event! Go to associatedministries.org to register for this free and inspiring gathering, and invite members of your congregation to join you! Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the McGavick Center at Clover Park Technical College, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd., Lakewood.

November 22: 34th Annual Interfaith Celebration of Gratitude

Please join us as we come together as people of faith during the season of Thanksgiving. AM's annual **Interfaith Celebration of Gratitude** is one of the most inspiring and unique gatherings in our local faith community; this year it will once again be held IN PERSON on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 pm and hosted by Mason United Methodist Church, 2710 N. Mason St., Tacoma. For decades this annual service has brought together people of many faith traditions to be inspired by being together in grateful community. A fellowship time will follow the service. For more information email Sandy Windley at sandyw@associatedministries.org. Information and programs from previous years' gatherings can be found at associatedministries.org.

Joys & Concerns



GOOD NEWS, starting November 6th we can leave our masks at home! Or if you're more comfortable, you can continue to wear them while in church.

MORE GOOD NEWS, Norma Rader is home following surgery to replace a heart valve – before that she had oral surgery. Because of the oral surgery her diet is limited to soft food. Please keep Norma in your prayers.....along with Bob Rudolph, who had surgery for a melanoma on his left shoulder on October 26...and Pat Rudolph who is having surgery on November 8th.....Kathleen Kenna's sister Grace with heart problems.....and for Ardie Herbel and her niece Stacy. Ardie will be watching Stacy's 2 energetic dogs while Stacy, is recovering from surgery.

Give thanks for that the doors of United Church are open on Sundays for members that feel comfortable coming...and visitors.....for Pastor Cathy's message...Jeff's music...the return of some of the choir members...those that work the sound and video...Rosemary Jones, Cheryl Stone and Robert Brown for teaching church school AND a big THANK YOU to Joe Becker for chairing the stewardship campaign. Don't know about you, but I want one of those 'steward' name tags like Robert and Janet have.
(Update: Janet passed out 'steward' nametags to everyone that came to worship service on 10/30/2022)

Peace & Justice

We will support Family Housing Network families with Christmas gift cards. Expect about 12 individuals or two families from UCUP. Sometimes we purchase gift cards for veterans also. If you plan to donate please write a check to UCUP by the first of December.

Note in item line: FHN Gift card.



November Birthdays

- 4 Dawn Foreman
- Leslie Ann Knight
- 5 Joe Becker
- 7 Tanya Sorenson
- 9 Rosemary Jones
- 10 Stephen McQuillan
- 11 Chris Berry
- 18 Sharon Britcher
- Jenny Huntsman
- 28 Nancy Moffitt
- 30 Addy Harding



Thank-You!

Kay Shaben wanted to give a big **THANK-YOU** to everyone that donated candy for this year's "Halloween on the Hilltop" put on by Tacoma Community Housing. They served over 900 Trick or Treaters in 2021 and plan to host an even bigger event in 2022.



Wall Art

A walk about the UCUP sanctuary (clockwise)



During October and November our sanctuary walls are warming up our space with textiles and art from around the world. Take time to read about these pieces, and to view them when you are in the sanctuary. Thank you to Judy Thierry for creating this exhibit.

1. A doll's dress or infant's? The embroidery is fine – look closely. This wall hanging is for all the little ones. Even the hanger is wrapped with yarn. "Something old, something new."
2. Felt picture cards on the window sills. Felting wool processes uses to advantage the long fibers of wet or dry wool, which twine and tangle. Dryer balls are an example. A felt hat. Felt squares for crafting. These felt pictures were made by women using scraps of fabric and alpaca wool and the loving attention to both whimsy and endearing storytelling are evident.
3. Two woven belts. The black and white striped belt probably on a hand loom and then embroidered with flowers – a Central American shaman's prayer belt.
4. Iron age weaving (the earliest weaving) used cards or tablets. 15 cards/tablets are placed in a stack, then threaded with the warp. Each card has four holes. The weft yarn is passed across the warp. Check out the Braid Society for an explanation of tablet weaving.
5. Above the framed art is "like a diamond in the sky," a Hmong reverse appliquéd in blue, black and white. It is listening as you say your evening prayers.
6. A quiet but stately Navajo rug or tapestry in natural fiber and some plant dyes with 4 red accents. The subdued natural browns and grays make this likely a *Crystal* from an area on the Navajo reservation called Crystal. Notice, here the central two toned cross.
7. Molas – "they eyes have it!" a green and black bird motif framed at the bottom and above.
8. An older cloth repurposed for a stunning mix of colors and highlighted eyes of two surreal twinning birds with upper beaks like spoons. The Guna (Kuna) Indian women of Columbia and another island tribe in Panama painted their bodies. Later this art form transferred to a reverse appliquéd process and decorated blouses or *mola*. The layers of colors reveal the artists design.
9. This table runner has an ekat type look. Ekat process uses a thread that itself is wrapped and dyed and unwrapped and used in weaving. The mastery is to weave the weft in such a way that the desired design lines up. The warp threads are the stronger long vertical threads.
10. "Days for Girls" menstrual shield and flannel insert keeps girls in school and lasts 3-4 years.
11. This happy alpaca wool tapestry came from Ecuador. Butterflies and geese are favored in a warm mustard background. Touch me!
11. Yes, a computer mouse rug exhibits a West African Bogolanfini pattern. The black and white four panels with borders offers a desktop meditation.
12. The Indigo dyed 7-panel cloth you see was purchased from an African shop in Tacoma. Indigo has a meditative quality like late evening. The plant *Tinctoria Indigo* is thought to be native to Asia or northern Africa, and has been in cultivation since at least 4,000 BCE. Cloth found in the Egyptian pyramids had this hue. This was a cash crop in the American South in Colonial times, The leaves of this evergreen shrub are fermented, not the flowers. Lye is added making it alkaline releasing the blue hue that upon repeated dipping deepens the color. Notice the crosses at the bottom. A tie dye technique has been employed.

Wall Art (con't) . . .

13. The Himalayas get cold and a hat can help hold the heat as well as be decorative. The designs which are specific to areas are hand woven. Sometimes a sprig of flowers will be inserted into the cap. Here is a green Shimla hat and one from another local community in the Himachal Pradesh or State of Himalayas in northern India.
14. A kata or blessing scarf, usually white, signifies respect and compassion. Here it is placed between two blue katas with pali script of the Sanskrit words "om mani padme hum" along with traditional Buddhist iconography. This may be draped over the shoulders as a welcome.
15. A quiet medallion floats in this woven tapestry a surface for prayer.
16. A Thangka is a painting on cotton this one set in embroidered cloth and given a drapery cover. A mandala for meditation. *Thang means cotton and ka is a word for deity.*
17. Sari pieces joined in a tapestry. Women rescued from traffickers in India made this one.



From November 2-5, the 2022 Western Jurisdiction Conference of the United Methodist Church will gather at Christ UMC in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Three new bishops will be elected and consecrated. On Saturday, we will find out who the new bishop of the Greater Northwest Episcopal area will be. The new bishops will begin serving January 1, 2023.

Please be in prayer for the discernment of our delegates, including Nancy Tam Davis, Lay Leader of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference.

Anyone can reach a crisis point. We're here to help.



Our remaining distribution dates for 2022 are:

November 7 & 21 (closed on the 4th Saturday)

December 5 & 19 (closed on the 4th Saturday)

Drop off your canned food
donations in the box in the foyer.

Our location:

My Sister's Pantry is located at 621 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma, WA 98402. We are one block west (uphill) from Corina Bakery. Our phone number is (253) 627-1186.



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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
3rd Tuesday of the month
6:30pm Men's Discussion Group
on Zoom



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