

CHURCH AND HOME

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Nickelsville Is With Us Again!

As you probably know, our church has welcomed Nickelsville on Lot C for three months starting on August 14. Please see the list below for their current needs. Items may be brought right to Nickelsville (entrance on the alley behind the church) or to the church office.

Thank you so much for hosting these folks and for sharing your bounty with them. Questions? Contact Marcia McCracken at marciamcc@comcast.net or Claudia Patton at cpatton50140@yahoo.com.

A List of Nickelsville Needs

- Two gas grills
- Two camp stoves
- Donations for ongoing expenses
- Two tents (approximately 10" x 12")
- Batteries: sizes AA, AAA and D
- Twine
- Paper plates, plastic spoons and forks (no knives)
- Ice
- Underwear for both men and women (all sizes)
- Pants for men (sizes 30-42) and women (all sizes)
- Socks: men's and women's
- Easily prepared foods such as ramen noodles, sandwich makings, canned goods and ready-to-eat meals.

Want to Learn More About UCUC?

A series of three classes will be held on the **Sundays of Sept. 19, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3** about the history of the United Church of Christ and what it means to be a member of this congregation. This "Inquirer's Class" is designed for people interested in membership. If you are interested in attending, please contact Roberta Hollowell at hollowells@msn.com or stop in the church office and let them know.

—Roberta Hollowell, New Member Board Chair



You Are Invited to the Senior Retreat

This year's senior retreat will be on **Sept. 29-30** at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Debra Jarvis will lead us. Each year Margaret and I make sure that the Senior Retreat and Seabeck family camp are on our calendar. Both gatherings have wonderful programs but what draws us back year after year is the community we join at each.

At Seabeck we have a chance to interact intimately with everyone from infants to other senior citizens. We are enriched as the generations mingle more closely than at any other time of the year.

At the Senior Retreat there is a different community. We are all "seniors" but we are not all the same! Beliefs and opinions differ as much as they do in the wider church. Our ages may span as much as 30 years. But this a community in which I am very comfortable because the stories I hear sound much like my story, their goal of learning how to live fully into the last third of their lives, is also mine.

I would like to encourage anyone 55 or older to consider coming to the retreat. For those of you still working, take a couple of days of vacation that you have been hoarding away. You will be rewarded with getting to know a group of your peers who are active, thinking, funny, and fun to be around. They will show you that growing older can be an exciting time of your life. You will enjoy a thought-provoking program in a beautiful setting. You will come away, like we do, making sure that next year's retreat is penciled in on your calendar.

—Alan Klockars

Home Step Offering Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to the July special offering. The congregation donated \$3,203 that was sent to Home-Step to help support families in transitional housing.

—Mission Board

Children and Youth

Preschool and Elementary News

Summer Sunday Activities

Come to church this summer! Nursery, toddler, preschool and kindergarten Sunday school takes place every Sunday. Elementary children remain in worship with the option of attending "special sermon time" with a pastor. This summer schedule will run through **Sept. 12**. After worship bring the kids to visit our children's activity center in the church lounge for cookies, coloring, play and fellowship.

School Supplies Drive a Success

We participated in Hopelink's "Kids Need School Supplies" drive for three Sundays ending on August 22. Families and individuals at church donated numerous supplies to benefit local low-income families and their children. Our giant treasure chest in the narthex was filled to overflowing with brand new pens, pencils, backpacks, notebooks and more. Thank you for your generosity!

Church School Fall Term Begins

We are looking forward to a great church school program this fall, beginning on **Sunday, Sept. 19**. Thank you to our dedicated, capable teachers who have volunteered their time to nurture our children on Sunday mornings. Here is a list of the fall classes and teachers. We still have a few teaching slots open. Please contact Rebecca Schmidt for more information at rschmidt@universityucc.org.

Elementary Church School Classes and Teachers

Year 1 and 2 Tim Croll, Tom George, Chase Morgan and Betty Speith-Croll

Year 3 Liz Gilbert, Lynn Schafer, Kathie Vitz

Year 4 and 5 Diana Louden, Michael Louden, Candi McCoy, Peter Tarczy-Hornoch
**Additional teachers are needed

Elementary Special Sermon Time

(first Sunday of every month)

Pastors rotate Sundays with

Patricia Clarke assisting

Preschool/K Church School Classes and Teachers

Nursery **Additional assistants are needed

Toddler/twos Holly Hendrickson, Marla Murdock
**Additional assistants are needed

Threes/fours/Kindergarten

Eva Bonnema, Mark Bonnema,
Holly Borba, Christy McDanold,
Trent Siegel, and Laura Shireman

Youth News

Aug. 29 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Youth in grades six through 12 are invited to join us in the youth pew. It's on the right side of the sanctuary (as you face the pulpit).

12 p.m.

Bike & Beach

Youth, their families and the youth ministers are invited to an afternoon bike ride to Matthews Beach. Please bring a sack lunch to church. We will have a cooler to put it in and then someone will drive that cooler to the beach to meet us there. Any biking experience is welcome!

Sept. 5 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Youth in grades six through 12 are invited to join us in the youth pew. It's on the right side of the sanctuary (as you face the pulpit).

Sept. 12 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Youth in grades six through 12 are invited to join us in the youth pew. It's on the right side of the sanctuary (as you face the pulpit).

Looking Ahead...

- Youth program kick-off event: **Saturday, Sept. 25 from 6-9 p.m.** Parents and youth are invited!
- Fall session of 9 a.m. youth group starts on **Sunday, Sept. 26**.
- Our next night for cooking and serving at Teen Feed is **Wednesday, Sept. 29**.

Mom's Groups Forming this Fall

Want to join other mothers regularly for conversations about family, faith, spirituality and motherhood? UCUC mom's groups meet monthly and are a way for us to gather, build friendships and support one another. If you are interested in joining a mom's group this fall, please contact Rebecca Schmidt at rschmidt@universityucc.org or Margaret Rose at mrose@universityucc.org.

CHURCH AND HOME

Submissions are due before:

Noon, Monday, Sept. 6 (Sept. 19-26 issue)

Noon, Monday, Sept. 20 (Oct. 3-10 issue)

Place in *Church and Home* box in the church office, fax to 206-524-0602 or e-mail to:

ChurchandHome@universityucc.org

Our Church Family

Come to Annual Men's Retreat!

Join us at the Men's Retreat on **Friday, Sept. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 26** to explore the meaning of "generations living together." Register in the narthex after worship or in the church office. Questions? Contact Earl Hamilton at 206-363-4940, Jack Sukalac at 206-783-3149 or talk with Peter Ilgenfritz at 206-524-2322.

We Remember



Doris (Dori) Elaine Munday

Born : April 25, 1956

Died : July 28, 2010

Dori was born in Seattle, Washington. She graduated from the University of Washington and pursued a highly successful career as an administrator at the University of Arizona and University of Washington. Dori and her family have been a part of the University Congregational UCC community for many years. Following some years away, Dori re-affirmed her membership in 1994. Dori is survived by her former husband, David Munday and their children Alex and Emily. A memorial service was held at University Congregational United Church of Christ on Monday, August 2.



Gretchen Book Smith

Born: February 4, 1955

Died: August 2, 2010

Gretchen Book Smith died August 2, 2010. She lived her life with strong convictions and compassion for family and friends. She was attracted to jobs that involved helping others. She is survived by her husband, Gino Daniels; daughter Kimberly Rhobie Smith Newman; father, Dale E. Smith; and siblings, Laurie Smith, Jerry Smith and Jennifer Vradenburg. A memorial service was held on Friday, August 6.



Elaine Daly Jaques

Born: November 23, 1951

Died: August 7, 2010

Elaine Jaques passed away on August 7, 2010 after a four-year struggle with breast cancer. Elaine was a teacher at The Children's School, enjoyed leading Bible study, teaching young children to read, dogs, cats, gardening and cooking. She joined University Congregational United Church of Christ on Oct. 14, 1990 and was a member for nineteen years. Elaine is survived by her husband, Jeff and her children, Owen and Carolyn. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of: Jeff Jaques, 19735 41st Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98155-1610. A memorial service was held at University Congregational United Church of Christ on August 18.



We Welcome

Amy Shirakawa celebrates the birth of her granddaughter, Emiko Anna born to Ruby and Kurt Lohmann on May 18, 2010.

All-Church Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 19

Our annual all-church homecoming picnic and potluck will be held at Meridian playfield on **Sunday, Sept. 19 from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.** All members and friends are invited to gather following Sunday worship in Wallingford. There will be games, music, and more! *Please plan to bring a salad or dessert.* Lemonade, barbecued meat and meatless options will be provided.

Summer Photos Go Up and Come Down

The photos for the second half of the summer preaching series are on the Red Wall. You are invited to check them out. See if you recognize these images of summer in our region or, since this being the third seasonal exhibit put up by the Sacred Earth Matters Group, recognize a favorite photographer's work. The summer exhibit brings more pictures of humans in the natural environment.

There will be a silent auction of these photographs in the church lounge after worship on **Sept. 12** when the exhibit comes down. The Sacred Earth Matters Group invites you to savor the new pictures, think about whether you have a place at home or office where you would like to put a favorite one, and mark your calendar to be sure not to miss the auction. Our costs for these prints is a lot less than the last batch. Bidding will start at \$10/print.

Day of Concern Volunteer Opportunity

Can you spare two hours and fifteen minutes on **Saturday, Sept. 25**? It's the Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry at local grocery stores. Each year our youth group is at the N.E. 50th Metropolitan Market, bringing in the largest contribution county-wide! With our large church, we could staff additional stores.

Volunteers hand out a most needed food list to customers as they enter the grocery and thank them for their gift as they come out. Teams of two or three staff each shift. If you can help in this way to provide winter food for people in need, please contact Mary E. Maltman at memaltman@aol.com.

A copy of our pastors' weekly schedule is posted in the church office. **For pastoral emergencies**, please call a pastor at **206-541-7984**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **Please call the church office at 206-524-2322 to report any illness, accident, or other situation of concern in our church family that needs pastoral attention.**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Service

10 a.m.

✠ August 29

Preacher: Peter Ilgenfritz

Scriptures: Acts 11:1-8

✠ September 5

Preacher: Peter Ilgenfritz

Scriptures: Luke 3:21

Luke 5:16, 6:12, 9:10,

Luke 9:18, 9:28, 11:1, 22:41

✠ September 12

Preacher: Catherine Foote

Wednesday Service

Taizé-style worship, 6 p.m.

Chapel

Fall schedule starts on Sept. 26



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Sunday, August 29

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: *Finding Life Despite Our Differences*

The apostle Peter is in trouble. He's out mixing with "outsiders" and calling them "insiders." And how can you build a strong, coherent faith movement like this? His higher-ups call him on the carpet for ruining their good name. Like Peter, we too stumble in trying to make sense of how to live as people of integrity in the diversity of faith practices, belief, non-belief that make up our families and relationships. Is there any way to hold all of our differences respectfully, openly together besides naming them as something "we don't talk about?" This Sunday we'll talk about our differences and what might be even bigger than all that seems to separate us.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Robert Walter Paine by his family.



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Sunday, September 5

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: *Finding Life in Making Room*

Communion Sunday

"The findings have surfaced with ominous regularity over the last few years, and with little notice: Members of the clergy now suffer from obesity, hypertension, and depression at rates higher than most Americans..." "A Break from Work is Healthy (Even if It's the Lord's Work)" was a cover story in the *New York Times* on August 2. The way many of our religious leaders and institutions carry duty and responsibility has gotten many of us off track. This Labor Day Sunday, we will try to get back on track by looking at how Jesus carried the overwhelming demands, duties, and concerns in his life by making room.

The chancel flowers are given by Kathy Williams in loving memory of Sarita Mullens-Williams, and Walter and Marie Williams.

Sunday, September 12

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: *Finding Life With Jesus*

How do we follow Jesus? How do we connect with God? As progressive Christians, what is our understanding of God's work in our lives and in the world? Join us this Sunday as we conclude our summer series.

As I See It

Our Covenant and Community

By Kathy Williams

✚ I have been truly blessed by having been a mostly life-long member of this congregation. My parents and my grandparents, too, were long-term members.

Through the years, I have had opportunities to live fully many of the aspects of our Covenant through service and leadership. The aspect that speaks to me most strongly as I reflect back in my years here is, “To care for and pray for each other, in trials of the spirit and in times of joy.” It is through this that we are a community and a true congregation, not just a group learning together, nor a group doing good things for our world together, nor even a group worshipping together. Most have “trials of the spirit” and “times of joy” in our lives, and it is important to be able to share those with and be supported by others who we know care about us.

Many of you know of my “times of joy” and my “trials of the spirit.” The latter includes my loss of loved family members, including my daughter, my divorce, and my health issue. It has been the wonderful support of church members and staff that has helped me through these times, with prayers, touches, cards and notes, and sharing time;



just letting me know you understand and you care.

I am concerned that we aren't always able to share with other members these “trials of the spirit and times of joy” as readily as we would like. We have gone away from having shared prayers in the service (“we don't have time for them”—we have the same amount of time, it's just setting priorities). Members can't share and say thanks for good news (“I've got a job after searching for over a year.”) or sad news (“My special neighbor just died.”). It is still listed in the bulletin as “Prayers of the People,” but we don't make time for these. The only option is filling out a prayer card, which will be seen by the pastors and the prayer chain. There is no way to share it with the rest of the congregation.

Even if the minister announces the news in the prayer time, only those present learn about it. Others may never know of someone's loss or joy. Without knowing, we can't care for and pray for each other. Many other churches have systems for sharing the news through print and internet. Surely, we can do that too so that we can really live the words that we repeat each Sunday.

From the Staff

Goodbye Summer, Hello All

By Amy Roon

✚ The summer is winding down and our attention turns to gearing up for fall. Because of the cooler days, the rain, or perhaps returning to school or work, fall often feels more like the start of a new year than January. I find myself reflecting on what an emotional rollercoaster this summer has been in the life of our church. We began with a BANG! It's not often we get to celebrate the wedding of two church leaders. The pool of collective and community love we got to bathe in that weekend was one to go down in the annals of UCUC history.

We didn't know it then but looking back it felt like it set a tone of how we would be there for each other as in the wake of the joy experienced on that wedding day we entered into a summer of goodbyes. We gathered to say goodbye to many including Jane Kelsey, John Schwager, Ralph Swanson, Bob Prince, Dori Munday, Gretchen Smith, George Shangrow and Elaine Jaques,

When we gathered in worship we commissioned mission trips and said goodbye to seniors headed off to faraway places.

In the midst of all these goodbyes you may have forgotten the hellos! We also welcomed Andre Gedney and Eloise Mallett by baptism. We welcomed Peter Ballmer, Johnny Chamness, Graham Garratt, Dan Hollowell, Steve

Johnson, Raquel MacDicken, Bill Malcomson, Erick Wallen and Sarah Wallen into membership. We welcomed Nickelsville back. We said hello again to Sebeck and Pilgrim Firs and N-Sid-Sen friends. We celebrated the marriage of Doug Mecham and Christina Purdy, and many of you welcomed grandchildren, nieces or nephews into the world.

What a kaleidoscope of joy and pain this summer has been. A swirling, stirring of the spirit amongst us has, at times, swept the paper plates off the picnic table before we could eat. It has swept sand and dust, perhaps our own blowing hair in our eyes. It has been the gentle breeze cooling us on a hot day, blowing away the more obnoxious insects. It has filled our sails and rocked our boats. We have cursed it and we have thanked it.

On summer days we are all the more aware of the wind around us because we are more likely to be out in it. And so, as we begin to turn our attention to fall preparations we say goodbye to a summer exposed to the elements, knowing that fall will add another layer of activity. A different kind of activity and busyness that, like the protection of the indoors, can insulate us from the elements of raw emotion. It's not necessarily a bad thing. As we head “indoors” to the beginning of school or returning to “regular” schedules, we still do so as a community. A community enriched, strengthened and enlarged by our summer experiences, and so we say, “Goodbye summer; Hello, all.”

The Wider Community

We Remember Dr. Ernest Campbell

Word has come to us of the death of Dr. Ernest Campbell, former senior minister of the famed Riverside Church of New York City. Dr. Campbell was our pulpit and worship leader during the last sabbatical of Dr. Dale Turner. His sermons were eloquent and impressive. Following his sermon “Are You a Follower of Jesus or a Believer in Christ?” one of our members was heard to say “My Christian faith will never be the same.”

Bert and Marty Rutan, members of our congregation, and the Campbells have remained in constant contact since their time here and Dr. Campbell, although retired, commented that if he were ever to take another pastorate he'd love for it to be in Seattle. He and his wife Joan thoroughly enjoyed this city and this congregation. A memorial service will be held in New York later this summer.

—Bert Rutan

Jesus Study Group's New Book

Jesus Study Group has selected *Eternal Life: A New Vision* by Bishop John Shelby Spong as their new book. We will read and discuss *Eternal Life* for our **Sept. 12 meetings**. We hope you will join us for our discussion. For information, contact jsg@universityucc.org or Tina Michalak at 206-789-3614.

Learn More About Bishop John Shelby Spong's Lecture Topic This Fall

To prepare for Bishop John Shelby Spong's lecture series on **Oct. 8-9** here at our church, members of Jesus Study Group are offering several opportunities to discuss and learn more about his lecture topic and his new book, *Eternal Life: A New Vision, Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell*.

Sept. 19 Sunday 9 a.m. *Eternal Life: A New Vision: What Do You Think?*

Share your thoughts on John Shelby Spong's book, including book reviews. Vote on an affirmation using scholar's approach and join us as we prepare for a challenging lecture series. (Facilitated by members of Jesus Study Group)

Sept. 26 Sunday 9 a.m. *Eternal Life: A New Vision: "Religion: Where Do We Go from Here?"*

If we move beyond attempting to secure divine favor, beyond a guarantee of eternity, beyond parental language about a deity from whom we can expect help, what are we left with? What would our faith and worship look like? Are we moving beyond religion? (Facilitated by members of Jesus Study Group)

Oct. 3 Sunday 9 a.m. *Eternal Life: A New Vision, "What About Eternal Life?"*

A session that will help to clarify Spong's views from Chapter 17 “I Believe in Life Beyond Death”, share personal views about eternal life and consider serious questions regarding the idea of faith in eternal life. Bring yourself...a friend...an open mind...and a mood of compassion reflecting the Way of Jesus. (Facilitated by Bob Fitzgerald)

Oct. 10 Sunday 7 p.m. Jesus Study Group session

Everyone is invited to join us for this “debrief” of our John Shelby Spong lecture series weekend and a discussion of his book.

Find Out More How the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness is Faring

Interested in how the “Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness” is doing at midpoint? Come to the Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (ITFH) conference titled “5 Years . . . Are We on Track?” at St. Mark's Cathedral on **Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** There will be two informative and inspiring speakers and two workshop sessions, including “Faith Communities: Where to Start? How to Advance?”

The ITFH is headed by Bill Kirlin-Hackett, a UCUC member, and we're hoping that a large contingent from our church can participate in the conference. The work of ITFH and the conference is to generate the political will to end homelessness. Information about registering is available in the church office, in the narthex after church, or at www.itfhomeless.org. Please sign up to come!

—Social Action Board and the
Homes and Housing Action Team

Theology Book Group Selection

The Theology Book Group has selected *After the Death of God* by John D. Caputo and Gianni Vattimo for discussion. Please come to the first meeting of the fall on **Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.** in the church lounge. Contact George Dvorak at 206-524-4985 or grmjdvorak@msn.com to obtain a copy of the book.