

UNIVERSITY CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 17, 2019

Seabeck Sunday

After Worship in the Turner Lounge

Curious about our annual all-church camp? Today is the official start of registration. Come to the Turner Lounge to see pictures of Seabeck, diagrams of the various housing arrangements, and meet folks who can answer your questions and help you register.

Spirit Workshop at Camp Second Chance

1:00 –4:00 at 9701 Myers Way South

This is one of Seattle's sanctioned encampments for folks living with homelessness. Enjoy food, art, and conversation. Tour their tiny house factory. Hear how they organize their community and support their neighborhood. Celebrate the ways they provide support and stability for each other as they seek permanent housing. The camp needs to be re-approved to stay at this location. This open house is a chance for the rest of us to experience what makes this community such an amazing success — and to add our voice to the calls for re-authorization.

Camp residents are members of Spirit Workshops, so we are excited to support their celebration.

Evening of Celtic Wisdom, Song, Poetry & Dance

6:00 in the Turner Narthex (suggested donation \$10-20)

Celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick (and other Celtic Saints)! Enjoy an evening of spiritual refreshment: dip into the holy well of poetry, song and dance with three beloved artists who share the Celtic soul.

- ◆ **Simon de Voil:** a sacred musician from Scotland who spent years as a musician with the Iona Community.
- ◆ **Christine Valters Paintner:** author, poet, and founder of *Abbey of the Arts*. She lives in Galway, Ireland, and leads pilgrimages to ancient Celtic sites.
- ◆ **Betsey Beckman:** founder of *The Dancing Word*, dances across sanctuaries, mountains and meadows celebrating Celtic ways in body and Spirit.

RSVP: universityucc.org/evening-of-celtic-wisdom-song-poetry-dance/

IN THE TURNER NARTHEX

Superfluity step up now with donations and volunteering

Superfluity is coming up fast — only three weeks away! The final weeks of sorting can be challenging for volunteers. The sooner you bring in your donations, the better.

The last day we can accept donations is Sunday, March 31.

Volunteers for the sale are still needed. Please stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday to sign up. And, buy tickets for the Grand Opening on Thursday, April 4 — \$3 in advance instead of \$5 at the door.

Sacred Earth Matters

People of Faith Working to Combat Climate Change



Last month, Rev. Dr. Jim Antal told us we must grapple with “the most urgent problem humanity has ever faced.” Sacred Earth Matters has a ranked list of priority bills in the state legislature. Everyone is invited to subscribe to its “*Legislative Priority of the Week*” email. You’ll receive a weekly email with information about 1 of 17 environmental issues currently being tracked. Committee and floor vote schedules will determine what’s featured. You can call or email your legislators to express support for that bill and its companion bill in the other chamber. Sign up to participate at the narthex table or email lon_dickerson@yahoo.com.

Sign up for a Mosque Visit/Luncheon, Saturday, April 6.

As a sanctuary church, we are committed to welcoming the stranger and loving our neighbors. As a place working towards inclusion, confessing our lack of knowledge about the everyday racism experienced by others around us, we are engaged in learning and listening.

At the intersection of our immigration justice and anti-racism commitments, join our neighbors for a luncheon at a mosque — including a panel of speakers, mosque tour and prayer observance.

To sign up or for more information, see us in the Narthex after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

Last year, could you have imagined your giving would help with: **Puerto Rico's Recovery from Hurricane Maria.** UCC Disaster Ministries accompanied the survivors from Day One, contributing \$500,000 for support where it was most needed. Another \$250,000 was given to ameliorate hurricane damage to Florida and the Virgin Islands.

Imagine: this year, our giving to One Great Hour of Sharing will meet the needs of those who must face sudden disasters in their lives. Our money, combined with that of the whole UCC church, can provide recovery from such sudden needs.

The process for compiling our annual report

... is under way in anticipation of the UCUC annual meeting.

The annual report helps to acknowledge and celebrate your work, and is an important long-term record of the activities and people in the life of the congregation.

For leaders in this congregation, this is where you to can share about your ministry. Include a narrative of the work, and for committee chairs: list significant committee actions and votes for the 2018 year as this is the official record of those actions.

- ◆ Use Helvetica font, size 11
 - ◆ Email your report by April 1 to annualreport@universityucc.org.
- We invite you to look at last year's report and see what was submitted: universityucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/126th-Annual-Report-FINAL.pdf

Wireless Internet Access:

Available in the Sanctuary, Narthex, Lounge, office conference rooms, Library, Ostrander Hall and the Pilgrim Room.

Network: **UCUC** or **UCUC5**. Key: **Wirel3ss**.

Sunday, 17 March 2019

8:45 AM to 12:55 PM	Childcare & Activity Center (Lounge)	
8:45 AM to 9:45 AM	Fellowship Breakfast	Turner Lounge
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Youth Group	Pilgrim room
9:00 AM to 9:55 AM	Discovery Bible Class	331
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Library Open for Browsing	Library
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Early Childhood CE	237 & 239
10:00 AM to 11:20 AM	Sunday School: Elementary CE	328
10:00 AM to 11:20 AM	WORSHIP/Praeching: Amy Room	Sanctuary
11:30 AM to 12:45 PM	rehearsal/ALL IN	Choir room
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Seabeck presentation (Turner Lounge)	
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Sunday Lent Book Circle	329
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Split Workshop at Second Chance	Office 1
6:45 PM to 8:00 PM	Confirmation class	104
6:45 PM to 8:00 PM	OWL class	Pilgrim room
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Evening of Celtic Wisdom, Song, Poetry, and Dance	Turner Narthex

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

*For more information about our Children's Ministry, please contact
Director of Children's Ministry Betsy Herring at 206-524-2322 or
ChildrensMinistry@ucucc.org.*

Mar 24, Food Packing Service Project

11:30 in the first floor hallway

After worship, bring the kids down to pack grocery bags with nonperishable foods for the hungry.

This is a fun, easy way to involve the whole family in serving others. It is suitable for preschoolers and older, and lasts about 30 minutes. Diane and Steve Adam run this periodic service project. Contact Betsy Herring, childrensministry@ucucc.org or 206-524-2322 with questions.

Save the Dates:

- ♦ **Mar 31**, Children's choir performs in service
- ♦ **Apr 4 - 6**, Superfluity Rummage Sale
- ♦ **Apr 21**, Easter Sunday, with Egg Hunt
- ♦ **May 11**, Fondue Party for Moms
- ♦ **Jul 7 - 12**, Seabeck Whole-Church Camp
- ♦ **Jul 21-24**, Middle school mission trip with graduating 5th graders

EVENTS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

*For more information about our Youth Programs, please contact
Directory of Youth Ministry Margaret Swanson at 206-524-2322 or
MSwanson@ucucc.org.*

Sundays in March, Youth Group & Worship

9am Youth Group

Youth in grades 6 – 12 are invited to join us Sunday mornings for our weekly gathering. Youth group is a place where we talk about things that matter, we do things that matter and we know that we belong. We will have times of discussion, activities and games. All youth are welcome!

10am Worship & Youth Pew

Youth are invited to worship together in the youth pew or with their families.

Mar 20, Junior & Senior Small Group

7-8:30 pm in Pilgrim Room

Youth in grades 11 and 12 in High School are invited to participate in our once a month gatherings. This is an opportunity for these youth to share where they're at, support each other and explore questions of faith and life to help navigate these two years. Please contact Margaret Swanson if you're interested in attending or would like more information.

Mar 22-24 Boys and Girls Retreats

- ◆ **Boys Retreat**, Camp Indianola
Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/BoysRetreat19>
- ◆ **Girls Retreat**, Pilgrim Firs
Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/GirlsRetreat19>

2019 Dates to Anticipate:

- ◆ **Mar 20**, Junior & Senior small group
- ◆ **Mar 22-24**, Boys & Girls Retreats (sign-up open)
- ◆ **May 5**, Confirmation Sunday
- ◆ **May 11**, Fondue Party for Moms
- ◆ **June 2**, Youth Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 19, Bread for the World

7:30-9:00, in the office conference room

Third Tuesdays, join our Peace & Justice Advocates. Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

Mar 25, All Women Extraordinary dinner

6:00 in the Turner Lounge

All extraordinary women are invited to enjoy food and fellowship.

Mar 27: Israel Palestine Justice movie night

7:00 in the Turner Lounge watch:

How are the Children—Palestinian Children in Israeli Military Detention

In 2017, delegates to the UCC General Synod passed a Resolution of Witness calling for an end to the ill-treatment of Palestinian children incarcerated in Israeli military prisons. Discover why the UCC and other faith communities are calling urgently for an end to this systematic abuse of children. Features video testimony from UCC national executive leaders John Dorhauer, Traci Blackmon and James Moos.

Mar 31, All Ages, All Abilities Offertory

Heidi Blythe, our Music Director, invites *everyone* to be a part of the Sunday Offertory song “All In” on March 31.

(YouTube link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aj1HW9LksQ0)

Self-identified singer or not, you are invited to rehearse:

♦ **Sundays 11:30-11:45:** Mar 17, 24.

♦ **Mar 31** at 9:30, or just join your voice with ours during the offertory!

Global Ministries: Pray with Nicaragua on Mar 17, 2019

(Read the full print-out on the Love & Justice section of the Red Wall)

Oh God, you have prepared a place for us to love one another, and live in harmony. However, we confess that sometimes we do not have love in our heart for others. Not trusting keeps us from understanding the power of forgiveness in our relationship with you.

You are God of opportunities who can turn injustice, inequality, unfairness, and hopelessness into justice, equality, fairness, and hopefulness.

All we ask is for the strength to continue the mission of Jesus. In all the earth, we say THANK YOU! Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

"To care for and pray for each other in trials of the spirit and in times of joy..."

Each week we share prayer requests as a congregation, both in prayers led by one of the pastors, and on our pew cards. We list the prayers for each other here as a way to continue to hold one another in prayer.

Prayers Announced March 10, 2019,

Rev. Amy Roon leading

- ✦ Our Church Administrator, David Anderson, led us in prayers of welcome and gratitude for our maintenance staff member Sione Tu'ihalamaka who is now on track to become our facilities manager!
- ✦ We also welcomed our featured Seabeck speaker Ali Mian who was with us in worship this morning.
- ✦ Welcome back to Margaret Irribarra Swanson who has been gone for family leave, has returned, and resumed her duties as Director of Youth Ministries.

We pray for all who are grieving

- ✦ We offer prayers for Evelyn Rucker and family as Evelyn's brother in Edmonton, Canada is seriously ill. Evelyn is with him now.
- ✦ We pray for Susan Cook as her father, Horace Cook, died yesterday.
- ✦ We offer prayers of continued healing for Rose Wakeman who had a mild heart attack while traveling in New Zealand but is doing well in recovery. She has told Catherine she walked five miles yesterday!
- ✦ We also offer prayers for Ruth Warren who suffered a mild concussion in a bicycle accident but is recovering well at home.
- ✦ We offer special prayers for member Thurbon Tukey and her neighbor. Thurbon did a wellness check on her neighbor and discovered the neighbor was in a medical crisis. Thurbon helped her neighbor get to Harborview Medical Center where she is being treated.

From the Prayer Cards

- ✦ From Liz Gilbert: "My prayer of concern is for Susan Cook and her family upon the death of her father, Horace Cook, aged 96 1/2!"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 18 March 2019

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM	TLS presents PSR: Politics, Sexuality & the Bible	Library
8:00 PM to 7:30 PM	Girls Retreat planning	Office Conference Room

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Bible Study	Turner Lounge
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM	Lunch area for choir	Turner Lounge
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM	choir rehearsal	Choir room
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Leadership Staff Meeting	313 conference room
8:00 PM to 8:00 PM	TLS presents PSR: For the Bible Tells Me So?	Library
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	BeFriends Meeting	Turner Lounge
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Bread for the World	Office Conference Room

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Superfluity Genera: Sorting	O Hall 2
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Parish Care meeting	313 conference room
12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Superfluity Book Sorting	O Hall 2
2:00 PM to 2:55 PM	Clergy Meeting	313 conference room
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsals (Bell Choir Room)	
8:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Northwest Community Bail Fund monthly mtg	Turner Lounge
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Church Council Meeting	Library
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Youth: Junior/Senior small group	Pilgrim room

Thursday, 21 March 2019

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	C&H bulk mail folding	Office Conference Room
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Thursday Lent Book Circle	
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Choir Pre-Rehearsal	Choir room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir room

Sunday, 24 March 2019

8:45 AM to 12:55 PM	Childcare & Activity Center (Lounge)	
8:45 AM to 9:45 AM	Fellowship Breakfast	Turner Lounge
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Youth Group	Pilgrim room
9:00 AM to 9:55 AM	Discovery Bible Class	331
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8:00 AM to 9:05 AM	rehearsal: Children's Choir	Choir room
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Early Childhood CE	237 & 239
10:00 AM to 11:20 AM	Sunday School: Elementary CE	O Hall 2
10:00 AM to 11:20 AM	WORSHIP Preaching: Catherine Foote	Sanctuary
11:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Food Packing Project	First Floor Hallway
11:30 AM to 12:45 PM	Rehearsal ALL IN	Chapel
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Sunday Lent Book Circle	320