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Letter from Catherine Foote

As I write, we the bicyclists for *CrossWalk America* are huddled in the rain in a campsite on a beach outside of Eureka (except that I am just now huddled in the car writing on Bekah Tinker's laptop.) We are remembering the wonderful blessing and send off that you gave us last Sunday as we started on our journey. Thank you to all who gathered on the steps of our church to wish us well. Your enthusiastic support keeps us going even in the rain and cold.

Today Bekah and I rode from Oregon across the border into California. Jeff Coleman was driving the sag wagon but got out long enough to cross the border with us. The cold, the wind (headwind, sadly) and the rain have been pretty steady, but the views have been wonderful southbound along Highway 101.

We had a rally in Portland and are now headed toward our next rally in Sausalito, California. By the time some of you read this, we will also have been at Palm Sunday worship in Pasadena and in West Hollywood (we are splitting up to cover them both.) And of course our church will have blessed Meighan Pritchard and sent her on to Phoenix to be a core walker for *Crosswalk America*. The walk is scheduled to begin at sunrise on Easter Sunday. By then we will have returned home from this adventure, and will be spending our time praying for Meighan and encouraging all the walkers.

If you would like more details about the ride, or the *Phoenix Affirmations*, or Meighan's walk, the *CrossWalk* website has updates (Crosswalkamerica.org.)

Study the *Phoenix Affirmations*

Would you like to find a way to talk about your faith that celebrates an open, welcoming and progressive Christianity? Join us on Sunday mornings for a three-week series on the *Phoenix Affirmations* starting **Sunday, April 30**. Copies of the *Phoenix Affirmations*, based on the Three Great Loves of Christianity, are available in our church office and online at Crosswalkamerica.org.



Pilgrimage to Iona

Join us for an intergenerational trip to the Island of Iona in Scotland on **June 21-July 1, 2007**. Our journey will be an opportunity to step away from the pace and business of the world, to explore Celtic Christianity, ancient ruins and a new culture. We will travel by plane, train, bus, ferry and by foot. Space is limited. More details will be available soon. For information or to sign up, contact Iona committee members: Tina and Roman Michalak at tinabina54@comcast.net or 206-789-3614, or talk to Helen Bereiter, Bob Fitzgerald, Patricia Clarke, Karen Kennell, or John Stoppels.

Morning on Scotland's Iona Island

Iona. A "thin place" they say, where the veil between the worlds is narrow. The island where ancient Irish saints beached their coracles and built a colony of faith, bringing their new Celtic Christianity to pagan Scottish tribes. Tombs of chiefs and kings fill the church yard, marked by stone effigies, regaled for battle with sward and buckler. A place marked by pilgrims for fifteen centuries, where an early morning walk becomes your own pilgrimage.

Follow your muse: go north along the shore, and discover tiny sand beaches, nestled in the claws of rocky headland. Ramble the peaty hillocks over the spine of the island, till the broad shimmering Atlantic comes into view to the west. Or head south, to St. Columba's Landing, maybe stumble upon a Neolithic hill-fort. Or simply wander the lone street of the village. Hang out on the wharf and watch the ferry churn the channel that moats off the rest of the world. A fishing boat sputters out to sea.

And when your walk is done, enter the warmth of the inn, with its babble of other pilgrim, and have your English breakfast, with cheese on a sideboard and the toast served on little metal racks.

—John Stoppels

Children and Youth

Preschool News

Easter Sunday Schedule for Preschoolers

Preschool Christian Education will be held during the **9 a.m.** worship hour on **Easter Sunday, April 16**. The children will begin as usual in worship, then will be dismissed to their regular classrooms for the remainder of the hour after the choral introit. During the **11 a.m.** worship service, we will offer childcare for preschool children. These children will also attend the beginning of worship, then be dismissed to childcare in room 239 for children two and under. Children three years through kindergarten will be in room 343/345.

Elementary News

Thank You to Elementary Education Leaders

We would like to extend a special thank you to our Elementary Education leaders who helped to make our study of the Eighth and Ninth Commandments a success. They are: Carol and Ed Coleman, Liz Gilbert, Susan Owens, Andrea Voytko, Kathy Kripps and Beth Gatewood. We would also like to thank Lisa Coleman, Peter Munro and Steve Hunt for presenting the commandments in this unit through storytelling and song.

On **Easter Sunday, April 16** we will not be offering Elementary Christian Education. Instead we invite children to attend worship with their families.

Our next intergenerational event which will introduce the Tenth Commandment will take place on **April 23**. Elementary Christian Education will resume on **Sunday, April 30** for the beginning of our two-week reflection on the Tenth Commandment.

Youth News

April 23 4-6 p.m. Confirmation Class

The confirmation class of ninth graders, plus high school students and families, meet at the McDanold home for storytelling and a trip to a graveyard as we consider: "What happens when we die?"

April 23 5:30-8 p.m. High School Gathering

High school youth meet at the Coleman home for supper, discussion and prayer. RSVP to Carol or Ed Coleman at 206-365-4663.

Calling All Adult Youth Ministers

All adult youth ministers and adults interested in our youth ministry program are invited to lunch on **Sunday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the lounge. We will continue to strengthen relationships among our ministry team and plan for the road ahead. Please RSVP to Peter Ilgenfritz at pilgenfritz@universityucc.org or 206-524-2322.



Come See the Lambs

All are invited to visit Catherine Foote's Whidbey Island farm to enjoy fellowship and witness the pure joy of frolicking lambs. The congregation is invited to Catherine Foote's Whidbey Island farm on **Saturday, April 29 from noon to 4 p.m.**

Preschoolers and their families are invited to come as early as 10 a.m. to give the little ones "upfront time" with the lambs. There will be a potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Lambing is in progress so come see the babies. Directions to Catherine's farm are available in the church office. Please sign up in the church office to let us know you'll be attending! See you there!

Pack Food for NW Harvest

High school youth are invited to meet in room 302 on Sunday, **April 23 from 9-9:50 a.m.** to help with emergency food packing. Emergency food packing is a ministry that helps struggling families and people that simply don't have the money to provide themselves or their children with adequate nutrition. Food packing is especially worthwhile when you consider that with enough people, it only takes about an hour to fill eighty bags with food for two people to survive on for a week.

It involves separating out the food (provided by Northwest Harvest) into individual grocery bags for the families. It's very easy to do and doesn't require any intense labor. I love doing this work because it reminds me that not everyone is as lucky as I am, and that I can make a difference in my own community. The food stays right here in Seattle and helps people in need in our own city. Any help with this project would be greatly appreciated! Thanks!

—Anna Greer

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.

CHURCH AND HOME

Submissions are due before:

Noon, Monday, April 17 (April 30-May 7 issue)

Noon, Monday, May 1 (May 14-21 issue)

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

Our Church Family

Seabeck Sunday is Coming!!

Seabeck Sunday will be **April 23** this year in the lounge. It will be a chance to ask questions and register for this year's camp. This year's adult program features our own beloved Bob Scandrett discussing "Hidden Treasures in the Little Black Book", an in-depth survey of the hymn book. This will involve a lot of group singing and other participation. Bob will also discuss the theology of the "new" book, and the place of hymn singing in the worship service.

Please come to visit us in the lounge and hear about all we have to offer your family for a truly one-of-a-kind community-building experience!

Spring Inquirers' Classes

Inquirers' Classes will take place on **April 23** (evening), **April 30**, **May 7** and **June 4** (after worship service). Joining Sunday will be **June 11**.

Inquirers' classes are designed for people who are considering joining this congregation, and for people interested in exploring more fully what they believe as they learn about this church's history, beliefs and ministries. The classes are led by members of the New Members Board, clergy, and lay leaders in our congregation. The classes offer a great opportunity to meet other people in our church community. If you are interested, sign up in the church office or contact Kathy Kripps at 206-522-7847 or kkripps@cbccomputer.com.

Write to Caroline Cutting

Caroline Cutting is now serving in the Peace Corps having served on our church Mission Board, Church Council, and other activities. She is in a village called Aranos in the African country of Namibia. Caroline is teaching sixth and seventh grade mathematics.

If you want to read Caroline's very interesting journal, go to <http://carolinenamibia.livejournal.com>. She would also appreciate mail! Write to Caroline Cutting, P.O. Box 340, Aranos, Namibia, Africa. As she says, "It's so nice to feel love from home when things here look a bit discouraging."

Theology Corner

How to Regard People

We need to learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Young Adult Fireside Easter Event

Easter and springtime are a time of new beginnings. Whether it is baseball or gardens, spring provides plenty of opportunities for renewed excitement, growth and enthusiasm for the future. In keeping with this theme, a brand new opportunity for young adults in our church to connect with the church and with each other is about to get started.

If you are a young adult, please join us **Easter Sunday at 12:30** after service in the lounge for coffee, delicious pastries and youthful conversation! This informal gathering will be a fantastic way to introduce yourself to other young adults, share your connection to our church and hopefully to share ideas for future fellowship opportunities. We are hoping this can be the start of a brand new way to deepen our connections to our church and grow in our faith with one another. We look forward to seeing you Easter Sunday! For more information contact Brian Gregg at brgregg1@gmail.com or Joy Hamilton at joymariehamilton@gmail.com

Seabeck Teachers Needed!

If you want to have a fun week teaching the children and youth of this church family, consider teaching at Seabeck Camp 2006, **July 10 – 15!** To sign up or to ask questions, contact Lisa Coleman at 206-706-8407.

Parent Group Seeking Mentors and Friends

The Parent Group meets the last Sunday of each month at **9 a.m.** at the Burke Café, including **April 30**, **May 28**, **June 25** and **July 30**. The Parent Group strives to be a safe place to share the joys and challenges of parenting a child or youth with physical, developmental, learning, social or emotional differences. The purpose of the group is to provide support and share resources. Research shows that parenting a child with differences can be as stressful as serious illness, divorce or a death in the family.

Currently, a few families in the Parent Group are looking for caring mentors for their son or daughter. There are a range of ages, interests and opportunities to be a friend to someone who will enrich your life. Consider whether you are being called to reach out in friendship to a community member who has extra challenges. For more information on the Parent Group, or to volunteer as a mentor, please call Tina Michalak at 206-789-36143 or tinabina54@comcast.net.

Mark the Date! Senior Retreat

The church's senior retreat will take place on Oct. 10 and 11, 2006 at the Rainbow Lodge.

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Easter Worship Service

9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

V April 16

Preacher: Peter Ilgenfritz
Scriptures: Mark 16:1-8
1 John 3:11, 14

Sunday Worship Service

10 a.m.

V April 23

Preacher: Don Mackenzie
Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35
John 20:19-31

Wednesday Service

Taize-style worship, 6 p.m.
University Congregational
Chapel



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Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday

Sermon: Love is Come Again

What does Easter mean to you? How does the story of the empty tomb speak to the empty and longing places in your life? We come to this most important holy day in the Christian year with much we do not understand. And yet, something we long for draws us back to this day of mystery. We will make room for that place of not-knowing and wonder today. We will sing the old familiar hymns. We will sing and hear excerpts from Handel's Messiah, which has deeply shaped our understanding and experience of this Easter day. We will come in hope to step forth a people renewed, set free and confident of what lasts amidst all that does not.



Sunday, April 23

Second Sunday of Easter

Sermon: Picking Up Where They Left Off

Text: "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul..." Acts 4:32a

Some of the descriptions of life in the early Christian community are shocking, they convey a life so different from ours. They were far more communal and clearly inspired by the life and teachings, the death and resurrection of Jesus. What do we have to do to recover that passion for the gospel and how can we learn from their example? Would our passion, for example, permit us to recognize the risen Christ in our midst. This is a good topic for the Sunday after Easter!

The chancel flowers are given by Aileen and Glenn Pruiksmas, in loving memory of Norman and Patsy Nakamura, and Jeanette Pruiksmas

As I See It

Covenant and Authority

By John Stoppels

V A friend complains that he rarely gets straight answers from his United Church of Christ pastor when he asks questions such as: *Does God exist? Who was Jesus? Am I going to be saved?* He is more likely to hear: *Well, I believe so. What do you believe?* This got me to wondering: what do we stand for, this denomination which claims in its title to be *of Christ*? How does our UCC heritage inform our community of faith? Can we claim to embody something special for those *seekers* and *doubters* who come knocking on our door? What good news are we inspired to shout from the mountain-tops?

These questions engender a word that we good Congregational UCC'ers aren't too comfortable with: *authority*. From whence do we get the authority to proclaim and live our faith? From God? From *the Word* (scripture)? From the *tradition* of the Church? Or from the communal authority of the gathered people of faith? Our Congregational polity and Protestant heritage tends to favor the later. We are a *covenantal* community of believers: enlightened and democratic. Yet through the various denominational strands which make up our *united* heritage, we also claim to be part of that historical and "catholic" *Church Universal*, instituted by Jesus Christ, who charged his disciples to carry on his ministry.



POINTS OF VIEW

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These questions cut especially deep for me as I consider taking up ministry in the UCC. When I preach *the truth of the Gospel* to a wondering congregation, by what authority do I presume to take on such a holy task? If a parishioner is in pain and bereft of hope and faith, by what right do I invoke the love and grace of God? How do I balance my parishioners' beliefs and the radical claims of the Christ whom I represent by virtue of my office?

We aspire to be an inclusive community, inviting people to join in covenantal relationship without demanding that they adhere to creedal formulas. And yet, through our history and tradition, we also claim our Christian identity—that we are called to discipleship by Jesus Christ, with all the rights, powers and responsibilities which that authority bestows.

From the Staff

Understanding our Heritage

By Don Mackenzie

V This column gives me an opportunity to share something that I have been learning through reading and participation in my local pastor/theologian study group. It's a picture of the early Christian church that impresses me very much. New evidence is coming to us through archeology and the improvement of scholarly methods.

There were two things that made our Christian ancestors different from the culture where they were living. They intended to live communally sharing in material goods and granting equal status to women. They were committed to nonviolence and refused to serve in the Roman Army. Their intention was to make the Christian life so attractive that by sheer pressure of attraction, the power of the Roman Empire would be subverted and a new world could be born. These things carry the substance of Jesus' teachings forward dramatically. But they did not get carried forward.

The legalization of Christianity by Constantine had the effect of subverting the Christian message, and nonviolence, communal living and the equal status for women were all lost to the energy it takes to dominate through violence and inequality. All of this makes me wonder how we might try to recover these themes. Sharing materially would be hard for us. We understand the equality issue but we are aware that more work needs to be done. And nonviolence while it may seem much too difficult isn't if we remember that the most powerful tool of nonviolence is the vote (this was Martin Luther King's message.)

I'll be preaching about this on April 23 before I leave for my sabbatical and because we'll be focusing on the Sermon on the Mount next year, these themes will be coming back. In the meantime, we ask you to be thinking about them and what they might mean for you and for us as a community.

The Wider Community

Green and Healthy Aspects of Our Renovation...and Yours

Here's a great opportunity to celebrate Earth Day! Our New Cornerstones renovation enhanced indoor air quality, increased energy efficiency, conserved water, and sought to use safe, sustainable materials. Come learn more about the choices we made as a church and how YOU can incorporate them in your own home and life on **Sunday, April 23, at 11:30-12:30 a.m.** in Ostrander Hall Room 1. Presented by Carol Nelson and sponsored by the Sacred Earth Group. Refreshments and childcare provided.

Taiwanese-American Heritage Events

The events of the annual Taiwanese-American Heritage Week fill the month of May with outstanding and lively cultural activities. Members of the Multicultural Circle and Pacific Islander Asian American Ministries Northwest say: "Don't miss these events!" The Taiwan Night Market, from **6-9 p.m.** on **Saturday, May 6**, will feature Taiwanese foods and cultural performances on the lawn near the University of Washington HUB.

Two major events take place at Benaroya Hall: the Taipei Folk Dance Theater on **Friday, May 12**, and a musical tribute to composer Tyzen Hsiao at **7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 21**. Known as the Rachmaninoff of Taiwan, Hsiao studied and worked in the United States for 18 years before returning to Taiwan. The accomplished performers include pianist Regina Yeh and violinist Pamela Yu. To purchase tickets at discounted, presale prices, call Mark Hong at 206-244-1261 by April 28.

Congregational Hospitality During Ashland Shakespeare Festival

Ashland First Congregational United Church of Christ is offering overnight hospitality including breakfast to guests visiting Ashland for the Shakespeare Festival or for any reason. The rates are \$35 per person for double occupancy, \$50 per person per night for single occupancy, and \$100 for a one-bedroom apartment. Funds raised in this way are used for the mission outreach program of their church. For reservations, call 541-482-1981 or e-mail ucchrist@opendoor.com.

Easter Sunrise Service Change

This year, we will share in an ecumenical sunrise service at University Lutheran Church at **7 a.m.** on **Easter Sunday**. Join us for Easter services in the sanctuary at **9 a.m.** and **11 a.m.** on **Easter Sunday, April 16**.



Join in the Fun of the 2006 Superfluity Plant and Rummage Sale!

This annual sale, coordinated by women of the church, reuses our extras as we simplify our lives, develops community as we work together, offers bargains to the public, and produces earnings to give away. Don't forget to bring those last minute saleable extras to Room 131 across the hall from the Ostrander Hall stage, prepare plants to donate, make and freeze bakery items, and schedule time to participate in the sales event of the church year. All of the proceeds from the sale are used for charitable purposes.

The GRAND OPENING is scheduled for **Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m.** Tickets for Thursday evening cost \$5 at the door, or \$3 if purchased ahead of time in the church office. The sale will continue on **Friday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** On Friday you can purchase a lunch along with snacks and beverages to keep you nourished while you shop.

The last day of the sale is **Saturday, April 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** If you would like to join in the fun of helping at this year's sale, please call Mary Ellen Smith at 206-525-0494.

—Mary Ellen Smith

Volunteers Needed at Homeless Shelter

Make a difference in the lives of homeless young people by volunteering at a local homeless shelter. The ROOTS young adult shelter, located at United Temple Methodist Church, offers emergency shelter to homeless young adults, 18 to 25 years old, every night of the year.

Evening shelter volunteers serve from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Overnight shelter volunteers serve from 8 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Breakfast volunteers serve from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Flexible volunteer times commitments are also available. To volunteer, contact the shelter at 206-632-1635 or e-mail yashelter@yahoo.com.

Middle School Mission Leaders Wanted

A group of middle school youth (current fifth to seventh graders) would like to help others by going on a mission trip this summer from **July 30 to Aug. 4**. We need adult leaders. If you are an adult and interested in being a leader for the trip or if you are a youth interested in attending, please contact Peter Ilgenfritz at pilgenfritz@universityucc.org or 206-524-2322.



The Weekly Tablet

...bring the Word home!



EASTERTIME

Commandment Ten

Be Content



Commandment Ten: Be Content

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Exodus 20: 17

April 16-22

Bible readings: Exodus 20: 17 and Matthew 6: 25-32

Reflection

There is a natural human tendency to feel incomplete. That tendency makes us want to have things that others have and it makes us worry; it makes us anxious. It's that anxiety that we want to focus on this week. The need to be complete and the vision we might have of what it might mean to be complete, can seem to be an impossibility. The gospel reading suggests that God has already given us what we need; that, as people, we are complete as we connect with God, we need not worry.

Affirmations

In God we are complete people fully capable of responding to our unique calling from God.

God always gives us what we need.

Blessings

You are complete as God made you.

Your completeness is beautiful.

April 23-29

Be Content

Bible readings: Exodus 20: 17 and Matthew 6: 34

Reflection

How easy it is to say this verse from the Sermon on the Mount and how hard it is to live by it! So often, we spend our time thinking about the mistakes of the past and also worried about what is to come. Being present in today's moment is becoming increasingly difficult. But this text says very clearly that our job is to be present to the events of today and meet the events of tomorrow when they come. That doesn't mean we shouldn't be planning ahead, but that our contentment should be focused on being present and not obsessing about the past or being anxious about the future.

Affirmations

God helps us to be present to the events of today.

God helps us to be present to God, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Blessings

You can be present to today with God's help.

You can learn from the past and then let go of it.

April 30-May 6

Be Content

Bible readings: Exodus 20: 17 and Luke 4: 14,15

Reflection

The passage from Luke gives us a picture of Jesus coming out of his time of discernment in the wilderness, that is from a place of solitude and with few distractions. It is the image of Jesus, filled with the spirit that needs to be our focus here. Contentment provides a space for God to live within us, a space where love can dwell, a space where we can feel strong and solid as people. During Jesus' time of discernment he was able to decide what was important to him and what was not important to him and those things are conveyed in the previous verses of the fourth chapter of Luke, 1-11. Jesus' ability to consider himself to be a servant of God's purposes is clear here and the power that it takes to stay with that seems to come out of a sense of contentment and resolution regarding a sense of self.

Affirmations

God will fill us with the power we need to do what God wants us to do.

We will feel a sense of contentment and satisfaction when we are filled.

Blessings

You will find contentment.

You will be glad when you find it!



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EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

This Easter Sunday, a group of walkers—including our own Meighan Pritchard—is embarking on a 2600-mile journey across the country, from Phoenix, Arizona, to Washington, D.C. The purpose of this journey, CrossWalk America (CWA), is to publicly witness to the joyous, compassionate, and inclusive message of progressive Christianity that is embodied in the Three Great Loves—love of God, love of neighbor, and love of self. Principles expressing these Loves are set forth in the “Phoenix Affirmations” (see reverse side); they include treating all people as made in God’s image, walking fully in the path of Jesus while affirming the integrity of other faiths, keeping the Sabbath, caring for the earth, standing with the outcast and oppressed, and more.

University Congregational is already deeply involved in CrossWalk America. Catherine Foote gave input on an early draft of the Affirmations; Catherine, Jeff Coleman, and Bekah Tinker bicycled from Seattle to Phoenix to connect us organically with the walkers, and others came along on part of the ride. Still others may join Meighan for a few days of the Walk. Church members have participated in a fund-raising talent show, attended the Michael Stern concert, donated money, and found other creative ways to support Meighan and CWA. CrossWalk America is also endorsed by the UCC “God is Still Speaking” campaign of which we are a part.

You can be involved in still more ways! You can contribute to this special offering to support CrossWalk America. All donations to CWA through Easter will be met one to five (i.e., every \$25 will become \$30) up to \$25,000. Please write your check to UCUC with a memo to “CrossWalk America,” and enclose in the envelope provided.

You can also join in the “Walk Wherever You Are” program, walking prayerfully in our community and logging miles on the CrossWalk America website. So far, people around the country have logged over 1534 miles. There will be a local CWA walk from the Congregational Church of Mercer Island to a downtown Seattle church on Sunday, June 11th, and you are all invited to participate.

This is just the beginning of an emerging progressive Christian movement. Be a part of it!

The Phoenix Affirmations

The public face of Christianity in America today bears little connection to the historic faith of our ancestors. It represents even less our own faith as Christians who continue to celebrate the gifts of our Creator, revealed and embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Heartened by our experience of the transforming presence of Christ's Holy Spirit in our world, we find ourselves in a time and place where we will be no longer silent. We hereby mark an end to our silence by making the following affirmations:

As people who are joyfully and unapologetically Christian, we pledge ourselves completely to the way of Love. We work to express our love, as Jesus teaches us, in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self. (Matt 22:34-40 // Mk 12:28-31 // Luke 10:25-28; Cf. Deut 6:5; Lev. 19:18)

Christian love of God includes:

1. Walking fully in the path of Jesus, without denying the legitimacy of other paths God may provide humanity;
2. Listening for God's Word which comes through daily prayer and meditation, through studying the ancient testimonies which we call Scripture, and through attending to God's present activity in the world;
3. Celebrating the God whose Spirit pervades and whose glory is reflected in all of God's Creation, including the earth and its ecosystems, the sacred and secular, the Christian and non-Christian, the human and non-human;
4. Expressing our love in worship that is as sincere, vibrant, and artful as it is scriptural.

Christian love of neighbor includes:

5. Engaging people authentically, as Jesus did, treating all as creations made in God's very image, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality, or economic class;
6. Standing, as Jesus does, with the outcast and oppressed, the denigrated and afflicted, seeking peace and justice with or without the support of others;
7. Preserving religious freedom and the Church's ability to speak prophetically to government by resisting the commingling of Church and State;
8. Walking humbly with God, acknowledging our own shortcomings while honestly seeking to understand and call forth the best in others, including those who consider us their enemies;

Christian love of self includes:

9. Basing our lives on the faith that, in Christ, all things are made new, and that we, and all people, are loved beyond our wildest imagination – for eternity;
10. Claiming the sacredness of both our minds and our hearts, recognizing that faith and science, doubt and belief serve the pursuit of truth;
11. Caring for our bodies, and insisting on taking time to enjoy the benefits of prayer, reflection, worship and recreation in addition to work;
12. Acting on the faith that we are born with a meaning and purpose; a vocation and ministry that serves to strengthen and extend God's realm of love.

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A Seabeck Day . . .

THE SEABECK COVENANT

Gracious God, we gather together at Seabeck to give thanks for your beautiful creation.

We covenant with you and one another to live our faith through the building of community, the sharing of conversation and the practice of cooperation.

God, let our actions reflect respect and love in all we do and say this week. May your Spirit be with us.

Amen.

- **Breakfast** - sit at a round table for 10 in the spacious, light-filled dining room...
- **Get inspired by the thought-provoking morning program...**
- **Infants, toddlers, elementary & youth join their own loving & lively AM programs...**
- **Lunch** - each meal begins with grace led by a different "cabin" or house...
- **Afternoon tennis? or baseball, frisbee... row a boat, or laze on the beach? Pull up a rocking chair? Join the musicians & singers on the big porch?**
- **Join a discussion group or a healing prayer circle?**
- **Dinner** - isn't it nice not to have to cook, clean or shop for five days?
- **Time for Campfires, Vespers & special times like the Talent Show, Ice Cream Social, & Salmon Bake**
- **Good night**

Seabeck is Beautiful and IMPROVED



Wooded trails • A gentle beach for swimming & row-boating • Stunning bay & mountain views • Big lawns

The New Eliot Outdoor Pavilion will be ready for music, ping-pong, dancing, etc.

Fees & Accommodations

Please see the attached registration form for accommodation prices and program fees. This form is also available at the church.

Scholarships are available - please contact Peter Ilgenfritz at 206-524-2322 or pilgenfritz@universityucc.org.

Donations - Program fees don't cover all our costs! *Please consider adding a donation when you register*, both to support programs and for scholarships.

When and Where

Seabeck is on the Kitsap Peninsula, about 2 ½ hours from Seattle by ferry and car. Campers arrive after 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 9, for welcome, dinner and campfire. Camp ends after lunch on Friday, July 14.

Questions?

Browse our website

ucucc_seabeck.home.comcast.net

Or email us

ucucc_seabeck@comcast.net

Or leave us a phone message

206-524-2322 ext. 3444. We'll call back.



UNIVERSITY CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Seabeck 2006

**Our all ages camp for
members, family & friends in
the UCUC Community**

July 9 - 14

**Please mail in your registration
soon - camp does fill up**

Our Morning Program...



Make a joyful noise: Music in worship; worship in music.

Seabeck 2006 presents a team presentation on the role of music in our worship. Our own Bob Scandrett will discuss "Hidden Treasures in the Little Black Book", - an in-depth survey of the hymn book, including all the worship aids which we seldom use, but will experiment with during the morning adult session. This will involve a lot of group singing and other participation. Bob will also discuss the theology of the "new" book, and the place of hymn singing in the worship service.

Bob has been the UCUC Music Director for many years, following a long tenure on the faculty of Western Washington University. His erudition is displayed in his commentaries about the church service's featured music every week in our bulletin.

Joining Bob will be a surprise companion speaker, to be announced in the weeks to come. They will focus on the theology and liturgical significance of music in the worship service.

Our mornings will be a true delight for the ears ...and the head and heart.



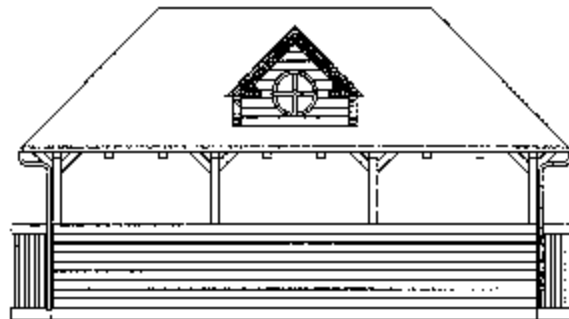
Children's Programs

During the morning program, loving and energetic teachers will provide childcare for infants and toddlers, an array of age-appropriate activities for preschoolers age 2-5, and a curriculum-based program for elementary students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. We will also enjoy outdoor activities in the beautiful natural setting. Through story, song, art and worship we will grow as a community of learners. Parents support the program by volunteering one morning in their child's classroom.

Middle & High School Youth

Exciting and special activities are planned for youth at Seabeck. Each morning, youth who have completed 6-12th grades will meet for discussion and fun - sometimes with the entire group, sometimes in smaller groupings of Middle and High School. On Thursday night, senior high campers will lead Vespers. Youth attending without a family member must register with their sponsor family so they can be placed in the same lodge as their sponsor. No youth may stay in a room alone or with another youth alone.

Questions? Contact Peter Ilgenfritz, Pastor [for Youth and their Families](#), at 206-524-2322 or pilgenfritz@universityucc.org



The New Eliot Pavilion

Music and Community



Carrying through the theme of music in our spiritual lives will be Betsy Rose, who will return to Seabeck as our official 2006 camp musician. Betsy Rose is a singer and writer whose insight, warmth, humor, wit and wisdom, have added a wealth of songs to the world of folk and progressive music for over thirty years. We are very lucky to have her back with our community to connect music with the young - and the young at heart. Betsy will bring back the popular Womansong Circle as well.

Most afternoons there are informal jam sessions - this year at the brand new pavilion next to the Inn. Evenings feature campfires and vespers, as well as a talent show (bring that instrument!)

Sports, Crafts and Discussions

Afternoons are "free time." The beach and boat dock are open from 2 PM to 5 PM (except on arrival and departure days) and volunteers organize informal baseball, volleyball, tennis, ping pong and Frisbee games. There are also crafts, Bible study and adult discussions. Attend as many or as few activities as you like.

Volunteer - it's fun!

Lead a workshop of crafts, music, sports games or learning. Help lead a vespers or campfire. Or simply volunteer to help with some small but important detail.



To volunteer, contact David Rose at 425-867-9189 or rosemary@verizon.net

Seabeck All Church Camp 2006 Fee Schedule

Campers pay a Program Fee and a Camp Fee for the UCUCS Seabeck All Church Camp. Campers are also encouraged to give a tax-deductible contribution to the UCUCS Seabeck All Church Camp.

Program Fee – ALL campers, including teachers, pay the Program Fee when they register for camp. The Program Fees pay for most (**but not all**) of the cost for the camp program. These costs include supplies for classes, snacks, printing, and mailing; additional costs include room, meals, and stipends for the speaker and teachers. The Program Fee is not refundable.

Meal Preferences – Please note any special meal preferences on the registration form. Examples include Vegan, vegetarian, no red meat, and any food allergies.

Camp Fee – The Camp Fees pay room, meal, and facility expenses charged by the Seabeck Christian Conference Center. Statements of Camp Fees due will be mailed to registered campers by May 29 and payments are due by June 16, 2006.

Contributions – Contributions will be used to help pay the cost of the UCUCS All Church Camp Program and to provide Camp Fee Scholarship for a few folks who would not otherwise be able to attend Seabeck. Because the Program Fees do not pay the full cost of the Seabeck Program, contributions are a necessary part of the Seabeck budget.

Scholarships - The Seabeck Committee wants to assure that everyone who wants to go to Seabeck can go, regardless of varying financial situations. If you could use some scholarship assistance to enable you and and/or your family to attend camp, please talk to Catherine Foote @ 206-524-2322, or email Catherine at cfoote@universityucc.org

All payments should be made by check payable to University Congregational United Church of Christ. Mark your payment for Seabeck Program Fee, Camp Fee, and/or Contribution.

Program Fee (due at time of registration)

Adults & Youth (Age 12 & older)	Children (Age 3-11)	Infants (Age 0-2)
\$45	\$35	\$25

Camp Fee (five nights & fifteen meals) (due by June 16, 2006)

<u>Lodging Name</u>	<u>Adults (Age 17 & older)</u>	<u>Youth (Age 12-16)</u>	<u>Children (Age 3-11)</u>	<u>Infants (Age 0-2)</u>
Alder, Cedars, Firs, Hemlock, Madrona, Manzanita, & Tamarack	\$210	\$160	\$109	Free
Maples & Pines	\$230	\$175	\$119	Free
Inn Annex	\$251	----	----	----
Inn & Reeser	\$251	\$190	\$130	Free
Spruce	\$264	\$200	\$136	Free

For further Seabeck information, visit the UCUCS Seabeck website at http://ucucc_seabeck.home.comcast.net/

Or leave a message on the Seabeck voice mail at 206-524-2322 ext 3444.

Registration Form SEABECK ALL CHURCH CAMP July 9-14, 2006

This Form and payment of your Program Fee reserve your room. Housing will be assigned in the order Registration Forms and Program Fees are received after April 23, 2006. Prompt response is recommended.

Family Data (for mailings, etc.)		PLEASE PRINT	Housing Preference - See reverse for Choices	
Name			House	Room(s)
Street			First Choice	
City/State/Zip			Second	
Phone (H/W)			Third	
email			Indicate if you wish to be with another family	
			Family Name	

All Youth (graduating Seniors and younger) and Children must be housed with a Parent or an Adult Sponsor. Nonparent Adults who are sponsoring any Youth or Child indicated on this Registration form must sign below to acknowledge the Sponsorship. **Youth or Children without a Parent or Sponsor will not be registered.**

I am Sponsoring the Youth and Child(ren) indicated on this Registration Form:

PROGRAM FEES ARE DUE WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM AND ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

Program Fees help pay for the UCUCS program at Seabeck. An invoice for Room and Board Fees will be mailed by May 29. All payments are due by June 16, 2006. Room and Board costs are indicated on the reverse side.

Program Fee (based on age on July 9, 2006):	Adults and Youth (age 12 & older)	\$45
	Children (age 3 thru 11 years)	\$35
	Toddlers (age 0 thru 2 years)	\$25

Campers - Print names as you wish them to appear on name tags				
List all campers (include family data name listed above)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) ("Adult" if DOB before 1988)	School Grade in Fall 2006	Special Diet Requirement	Program Fee
Name (First / Last)	/ /			\$
	/ /			\$
	/ /			\$
	/ /			\$
	/ /			\$
	/ /			\$
Total Program Fees for Family				\$

Contributions for UCUCS Seabeck Program and Scholarships

All Campers who are able are encouraged to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the UCUCS Seabeck All Church Camp Program and provide scholarship aid for Campers who could not otherwise attend Seabeck.

Program Fees do not cover the full Program cost.

Contribution Amount \$

Emergency Contact while at Seabeck

Total Contribution and Fees Paid \$

Name		
Street		
City/State/Zip		
Phone (H/W)		
Relationship to Campers		

Note to Registrar:

Return form with payment to University Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 16th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105-4201, Attention: Seabeck Registrar. All checks should be made payable to University Congregational United Church of Christ. Designate amounts as Program Fee and/or Contribution on checks. For information on housing visit our housing website http://ucucc_seabeck.home.comcast.net/