



University Congregational United Church of Christ Information and Updates – Friday April 13, 2012

Greetings

Greetings to you on this sunny Seattle spring day! Post-Easter, like post-Christmas, can sometimes be a relief or a letdown, after the intensity of reflection, services, musical presentations, contemplative worship, vigil, and glorious Easter worship. It's been a significant season. So we move to the "now what?" time. Now we live into the Easter season, into resurrection and new life. Living as Resurrection people, with grace and hope. On Easter we celebrate the Reign of Love, now we live it. Living and embracing the world not from hate and fear, but from a place of love and hope. And that takes work, determination and inspiration. May God be with us as we live as Easter people.

-David Anderson
Church Administrator

New on *The Comma*, the official blog of UCUCC:

Peter Ilgenfritz has posted: [Daring to Say It: Risking Resurrection](#)

Peter Ilgenfritz has posted: [The Day Nothing Happens](#)

[Click here to read the whole blog.](#) On the blog page, just under each article title, is a link for you to comment. So you are invited to surf over there, read the blog, and add your own comment.

“A History Still Speaking Today”

A Worship Series for the Seasons of Eastertide and Pentecost

This spring we take an opportunity to look at where we have come from, in order that we can better see where we are and where we are going as church and Christians today. We will use the scripture text each week as an occasion to look at part of our church history. Understanding that history, can help us read and understand the Bible more fully.

We will seek to use words to speak of that which is beyond words. As we note in the bulletin each week, *“As Christians we are shaped by the language of our tradition, including its foundation – the Bible. Some of us understand Christian language in literal and factual terms. Others understand it as a language filled with symbolism and metaphor. We all share a common compassion for the more-than-literal meaning of the stories and teachings that guide us.”*

[Click here for more info](#)

Church and Home is available to read!

Now available: the newest edition of "Church and Home," the newsletter from University Congregational United Church of Christ. [Click here for the link](#). This edition goes in the mail today, so now you're ahead! To receive an email notice the day of the mailing, send an email to lmunro@universityucc.org. You can choose to receive email notice only, or email notice and also the hard copy in the mail.

Links of interest...

[UCUCC News for Families, April 12, 2012](#)

[UCUCC Youth Ministry Events, April 15](#)

[UDEP Parish Voice April 2012](#)

[When to Call a UCUCC Pastor](#)

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Second Sunday of Easter

Preacher Amy Roon
Sermon The Last Week: The Longer Ending
Scripture Mark 16:9-20
8:45 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast

- 9:00 a.m.** Preschool-Kindergarten Child Care
 Adult Christian Education
 Discovery Bible Class
 Inviting Silence
 Saving Jesus Redux Video Series: Resurrection
 Youth Group
- 9:10 a.m.** Spiritual Parenting of Youth Circle - NO MEETING TODAY
- 10:00 a.m.** Worship Service
 Infant Care
 Early Childhood Christian Education
 Elementary Christian Education
- 11:15 a.m.** Children's Activity Center & Child Care for the "Last Week" Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m.** The Last Week Bible Study
- 7:02 p.m.** Jesus Study Group

Announcements: Sunday, April 15th, 2012

EVENTS THIS SUNDAY

Earth Bistro in Ostrander Hall Today: Come and join the Sacred Earth Matters group in Ostrander Hall at **11:30 am today** for an informative presentation by Georgina Silby entitled "*Local and Sustainable Biodynamic Farming Practices.*" Georgina is a grain farmer and owner of Whidbey Island Prairie Grains. A light lunch of soup, bread, salad and cookies will be served (donations accepted). Childcare for elementary school-aged children will be provided. For questions contact Mary Ellen Smith at makeba1@earthlink.net.

April Jesus Study Group: Jesus Study Group meets **tonight, Sunday, April 15 at 7:02 pm**. Discussion includes chapters 13 -16 of *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg. New members are always welcome. Contact jsg@universityucc.org or Bob Fitzgerald at (206) 382-3286 for more information.

The 2012 Superfluity Collectibles, Plant and Rummage Sale Is This Week!

Buy Tickets

Get your tickets today (\$3 if purchased in advance or \$5 at the door) for the

Superfluity grand opening on Thursday, April 19 from 7-9 pm

The Sale Continues

Friday, April 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. — lunch available for purchase

Saturday, April 21 for 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. — lots of bargains.

Opportunities to Help With the Sale This Week

We have many opportunities for you to participate during the week of the sale. No experience is necessary as all you need is a willingness to help. We laugh a lot and have a great time. Opportunities include:

Unpacking, arranging and pricing items in all departments on **Tuesday (4/17) and Wednesday (4/18) from 9 am to 7 pm and Thursday(4/19) from 9 am to 2 pm.**

We also need lots of people to help with the selling in the various departments during sale hours listed above.

Invite and Encourage Your Neighbors and Friends to Superfluity

The more the merrier! We have lots of quality items at great prices. Proceeds from the sale benefit local charities.

LOOKING AHEAD

Join UCUCC Drumming Ensemble: UCUCC Sacred Groove drumming ensemble will be starting up again this month, and YOU are welcome! We are a group of people who enjoy drumming and using rhythms to enter into spiritual practice. No experience or music reading is required, and we learn all patterns by rote. The performance will be on **Sunday, May 20 in worship.** Minimum age 12. If interested, e-mail Heidi Blythe at hblythe@universityucc.org, or leave a message at (206) 524-2322 x 3314.

Spring 2012 Schedule Rehearsals:

Monday 4/23	7:00-8:30 pm choir room
Monday 4/30	7:00-8:30 pm choir room
Monday 5/7	7:00-8:30 pm choir room
Monday 5/14	7:00-8:30 pm choir room

Bread for the World Offering of Letters Workshop: Social Action Board invites you to the western Washington Bread for the World Offering of Letters free workshop on **Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at St. Mark's Cathedral Leffler House Living Room, 1245 10th Ave. E., Seattle. This interactive, engaging workshop will give you the tools you need to advocate for hungry people. Also check out the new Offering of Letters campaign materials now available online at www.bread.org/OL. Registration is requested. Call Bread for the World's Regional organizer Matt Ching via phone at 1-888-752-7323 ext. 1 or email at mching@bread.org. Call Sharon D'Amico with any questions at 425-827-8910. We look forward to seeing you there!

Learn More About UCUCC - Consider Membership: A series of two classes will be held **April 29 and May 6** for those interested in becoming more deeply involved with the life of this congregation. Classes are from **11:30 am - 1:30 pm on both Sundays.** A light lunch is provided as is childcare. The classes cover how UCUCC looks at faith and belief, our faith journeys, what it means to be a covenantal congregation and

opportunities for getting involved with groups in the church community. The option to join will be available on

May 20. If you are interested in attending the classes, please email Roberta Hollowell, New Member Board chair. Sign up by **April 22.**

Seabeck Red Wall Display: See the Seabeck red wall display to take a virtual walk through the Seabeck Conference Center. Get ready to register on **Seabeck Sunday, April 29** for our All-Church Summer Camp on July 8-13.

Senior Lunch: The senior lunch that usually meets the second Monday of each month will not meet in April. Please join us on **May 14** for the next senior lunch. Kris Garrett, Ministry Program Coordinator for Worship, Liturgical Art and Christian Formation will speak.

A Conversation About Our Soldier/Sons Gathering on Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm – 9 pm: Join the Rev. Peter Bauer, a UCC minister from San Antonio, Texas, and a Lt. Col. in the Army Reserve. He has been a military chaplain but now his day job is as a social worker for the Veterans Administration as well as the Army Reserve. His special interests are PTSD and traumatic brain injury. He will tell us what kinds of emotions we can expect to see in our soldiers during the last half of their deployment as the war-fighting gets active for them. He can help us be effective listeners and partners as well as give us some first-person descriptions of army life for our 160 young men and two women. For more information, contact Jerry Montgomery, gwmont@mocomm.com.

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY NEWS

Seabeck All-Church Summer Camp: Families with children: please plan to attend Seabeck All-Church Summer Camp on **July 8-13**. Please attend “Seabeck Sunday” in the lounge after worship on **April 29** to learn more or contact Rebecca with questions, rschmidt@ucucc.org. At Seabeck, kids will enjoy making friends while engaging in fun lessons with hands-on indoor and outdoor activities. Children’s fees are subsidized, making Seabeck a bargain for children! We hope to see you and your children there!

Fondue Party for Mothers May 12: In honor of Mother’s Day, all mothers of children (newborn-5th grade) are invited to a special fondue party just for moms on **Saturday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.** This is an annual event hosted by Lynn Schafer at her *new* home in Seattle. She will provide chocolate fondue. Please bring dippers or a beverage to share. Please RSVP to Lynn Schafer at 206-325-1418, lynnrsch@hotmail.com. When you RSVP she will send you her new address and directions to her home.

Lamb Day on May 19: Visit Pastor Catherine’s farm on Whidbey Island from **10 a.m.—2 p.m.; potluck lunch at 1 p.m.** The lambs will be frolicking, the flowers will be blooming and (we hope) the sun will be shining. All ages are welcome; a special invitation is extended to preschoolers and their families. RSVP to Catherine at 524-2322 ext. 3313 or cfoote@universityucc.org. Directions to the farm are available at the church office.

Food Packing Service Project: After worship on **April 22** bring the kids to pack

Wireless Internet Access: Wireless internet access is available in the sanctuary, narthex, lounge, office conference rooms, library, Ostrander Hall and the Pilgrim Room. Network: UCUC5 or UCUC55. Key: Wirel3ss.

Fellowship Breakfasts: Please join us for Sunday fellowship breakfasts in the church lounge from **8:45 - 9:45 a.m. every Sunday** (except for Easter) through May 20. Drop in for nourishing food, creative activities, supervision for children, and the opportunity to connect with your church family.

All Women Extraordinary: All women are invited to dinner on the **fourth Monday of the month from 6-8 pm**. Come share and care for each other. Child care by reservation. For more information, contact Mary Paananen at 206-522-2156.

Christian Education Ministries: To get more involved in decisions and programs that affect families at church, please consider attending a Preschool or Elementary Board meeting (open to all). Meetings take place from **7-9 pm at church on the first Monday of the month during the academic year**.

Parish Care Board: The mission of the Parish Care Board is to care for each other. A new opportunity to seek or provide care is now located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Everyone is invited to fill out the short form that is provided for either requesting or offering assistance. Check the bulletin board opposite the coat rack for more information and the forms on which to write your response.

SPECIAL MINISTRY NOTICES

When to Call a UCUC5 Pastor: Our congregation covenants together every week “to care for and pray for each other in times of joy and in trials of the spirit.” One way we can fulfill that covenant is to let each other know when we are in need. So we, your pastors, ask that you call us. We can be reached at the church by calling **206-524-2322**. A confidential message can be left at any time for us at the following extensions: **Amy Roon – 3312; Catherine Foote – 3313; Peter Ilgenfritz – 3307**

Here are some times when a call might help:

When you are dealing with grief or loss.

When you scheduled for surgery or are hospitalized.

When a child is born.

When you have questions of faith you would like to talk over.

When you want to plan a baptism.

When you want to plan a memorial service.

When you want to plan a wedding.

When you are facing a crisis in your life or in your family.

When you lose your job.

When you are graduating.

When you are moving.

When you want a pastor’s perspective on an issue in your life.

In addition, please know that if you face a **pastoral emergency** (sudden illness, hospitalization or loss), one of your pastors can be reached 24 hours a day by calling the church pager at 206-445-3378.

Taizé Worship Service: The UCUCS Taizé community is centered around a meditative mid-week service of chants, silence, communion and fellowship. Join us **Wednesdays at 6 pm** in the chapel, followed by a soup and bread supper at **6:45 pm**. Please come!

UCC Young Adults: Are you looking for other young adults (20 and 30-somethings) in the congregation to believe, seek, and doubt with? For more information on group events, email youngadults@universityucc.org or call Brian Gregg at 206-372-5951.

Senior Lunch: Please join us for the senior lunch **on the second Monday of each month**. We gather at **11:45 am and eat at noon** in the lounge. There is often a speaker or program, but mostly it is just to share food and conversation.

Fellowship Breakfasts: Please join us for Sunday fellowship breakfasts in the church lounge from **8:45 - 9:45 am** Drop in for nourishing food, creative activities, supervision for children, and the opportunity to connect with your church family. All ages are welcome. Please contact Rebecca Schmidt at rschmidt@universityucc.org or Mary Paananen at mspananen@earthlink.net for more information or to volunteer.

Inviting Silence—An Invitation to the Practice of Silent Prayer and Meditation: We invite you to join us **each Sunday morning from 9-9:45 am** in the chapel for a time of silent prayer and meditation. We hope you will join us!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 15

8:45 am	Fellowship Breakfast	Lounge
9:00 am	Adult Christian Education	
	Discovery Bible Class	339
	Inviting Silence	Chapel
	Saving Jesus Redux Video:(Resurrection)	Ostrander Hall 2
	Preschool- Kindergarten Childcare	239
	Youth Group	Pilgrim Rm 104
9:10 am	Spiritual Parenting of Youth Circle	Not Meeting
10:00 am	Worship (Amy Roon, Preaching)	Sanctuary
	Elementary Christian Education	327,329,333
	Early Childhood Christian Education	239,241,243,240B
11:15 am	Children’s Activity Center	Lounge
	Child Care for the “Last Week” Bible Study	Lounge
11:30 am	“Last Week” Bible Study and Discussion	Chapel
7:02 pm	Jesus Study Group	Lounge

Monday, April 16

7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Lounge
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Tuesday, April 17

10:00 am	Bible Study	Lounge
12:00 pm	Lecture Series	Brides Room
12:30 pm	InterPlay	Chapel
1:00 pm	The Inner Journey of Aging	Lounge
7:00 pm	Seattle Lesbians over 40 Group	Pilgrim Rm
	Homeless Action Team	309
7:30 pm	Bread for the World	Office Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, April 18

1:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group	Lounge
6:00 pm	Worship-Taizé Meditation and Meal	Chapel, Narthex
7:00 pm	Parish Care Board Meeting	Office Conf. Rm.
	New Member Board	Lounge
	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 19

11:30 am	3rd Thursday Men's Fellowship Lunch	Lounge
7:00 pm	SUPERFLUITY SALE	Ostrander Hall, Bell Choir Rm.

Friday, April 20

9:30 am	SUPERFLUITY SALE	Ostrander Hall , Bell Choir Rm.
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Saturday, April 21

9:30 am	Al Anon	Pilgrim Rm, 104
	SUPERFLUITY SALE	Bell Choir, Ostrander Hall

Sunday, April 22

8:45 am	Fellowship Breakfast	Lounge
9:00 am	Adult Christian Education	
	Discovery Bible Class	339
	Inviting Silence	Chapel
	"A History Still Speaking"	Ostrander Hall 1
	Preschool- Kindergarten Childcare	239
	Youth Group	Pilgrim Rm 104
9:10 am	Spiritual Parenting of Youth Circle Not Meeting	
10:00 am	Worship (Peter Ilgenfritz, Preaching)	Sanctuary
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	Food Packing Event	1st Floor Hallway S

Weekly Prayer

Helen Steiner Rice

Read more at:

http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Easter.htm#ixzz1rwKeUjxw

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God, give us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty
in every living thing -
And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power -
And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
lying dormant in our hearts,
And give us ears to hear, dear God,
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than our often empty words
Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair -
'Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in His care.
Amen.