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## Imagine Campaign Giving Period Officially Ends

*Kathy Kripps and Betty Spieth-Croll  
Co-Chairs, Imagine Campaign*

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and joy that we note the formal end of the Imagine Campaign giving period. Over \$2.6 million was pledged to the campaign three years ago, and since then, 92% of pledges have been fulfilled. Additionally, one generous donor gave substantial funds outside of the campaign to ensure the organ and sanctuary renovations were completed as envisioned.

So much has been made possible over the past three years because of your generous support! The Imagine Campaign Implementation Committee (ICIC), chaired by Margaret Stine, has done a masterful job of making real the Campaign’s vision while reconciling the hard realities of project budgets, available funds, and construction and regulatory limitations. As anyone who’s experienced a major renovation knows, adjustments along the way are inevitable. In our case, some projects were modified and at least one, the lounge/kitchen/narthex renovation which turned out to be substantially more expensive than expected, was put on hold until additional funds are identified.

Accomplished, or on track to be completed, are the long desired organ rebuild; sanctuary renovations including a new floor, sound and projection systems; installation of universal access doors at the north 16<sup>th</sup> Street entry; double pane window replacement throughout the main and second floor for comfort and energy savings; improved wayfinding to enhance overall access into and around the building; exterior landscaping, particularly at the corner of NE 45<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. And, even though the full lounge/kitchen/narthex remodel is on hold, some improvements to this high-traffic area are being made including: safety and code upgrades to sinks; improvements to storage rooms and cupboards; a new refrigerator, dishwasher and commercial coffee maker;

new door with stain glass window for the chapel to reduce noise; and narthex dome repairs. And, as envisioned in the Campaign, monies were granted to the Love and Justice Endowment, University Congregational Housing Association (UCHA), a new church start initiative, computer and website upgrades (*see page 9 for website information*), and the building maintenance fund.

As a community of faith, we rely on periodic capital campaigns such as the Imagine Campaign to fund major improvements to our very busy and well-used facility that are simply not possible in the annual budget. In recent years, capital campaigns have taken place about every 10 years, a good period of time to envision possibilities, plan for the campaign, raise funds, complete projects, rest (*ahhh!*), assess and envision anew, beginning the cycle again. Each point in this process engages and involves a multitude of people working faithfully in spirit-filled community. Donors who willingly and generously give of the gifts they’ve been given are at the heart of making it all work. Thank you all!

If you have a questions, please direct them to Church Administrator David Anderson, (206)524-2322 or danderson@universityucc.org. While the campaign is now officially closed, continued payments of pledges and new contributions to complete campaign projects are welcome and gratefully accepted!

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## Upcoming Events in the Church

It's been an honor to serve as the Imagine Campaign co-chairs, and to work with so many of you along the way. We mark the close of the giving period in gratitude, joy and with prayer.

*As we journey this capital campaign together, God, we thank you for the faithful who have gone on before us and have brought us to this moment... Grant us faithful and listening hearts, so we may create a future of extravagant welcome, a stronger connection to You, greater sustainability, and an expansion of love and justice in our community and in our world. Please help us and be with us, Amen*

### Share the Harvest Table

Calling all gardeners, P-Patch pickers, and anyone else with fresh veggies, fruits, herbs and flowers to share the fruits of your labor. The Harvest Table will, once again, be in the Narthex each Sunday through **September 11**. Last year your donations, and help at the table, generated \$900 for Hunger Outreach in our community. Many volunteers helped make this possible. Stop in with your donation to share, or make a monetary donation, and take home fresh-from-the-garden beautiful flowers and organic produce. We also welcome your help at the table! Stop by to sign up for a Sunday, and to take home something delicious! Gretchen Hull (206)729-3725, gghull@att.net

### All Musicians, Any Instrument or Age!

We need at least 6 musicians for Sundays through August 28 to help the congregation make the transition into worship at the Threshold Moment. The piece is 20 seconds long and requires musicians to play exactly one note. The musicians-of-the-day will rehearse at 9:30 on their Sunday. Please sign up with Holly Eckert-Lewis, (206)251-1962 hollytheknitter@gmail.com.

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### Birth Announcement

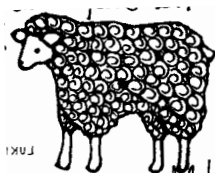
Calvin Marcus Mortstock

Born: July 11, 2016

Welcome to the world Calvin!

Sweet baby boy, Calvin was born at 7:19am, July 11 to proud parents Kim & Geoff Mortstock.

A bundle of joy at 7lbs 6 ounces. Mom and baby are both happy and healthy.



### Interested in membership?

On **August 28**, we will have our next *Joining Sunday* during the Worship Service to welcome new members. If you have been attending with us for a while, and want to explore further what it might mean to become a member, please call (206)524-2322, or email Pastors Catherine Foote cfoote@universityucc.org, or Peter Ilgenfritz pilgenfritz@universityucc.org. Or contact New Member Board Chair Virginia Felton at (206)979-7539, or virginiafelton@gmail.com. Sunday, **August 14** there will be an Inquirer's Lunch in Ostrander Hall 2 directly after worship. You are not required to attend a class in order to join.

### Call for Stories of Taking a Risk

Have you been called off the wharf of your familiar? Are you considering a call to step out of your comfort zone? What's enabled you to say yes to heading off in a new direction? In our second worship series this summer, "Risky Business", we'll be exploring how the reign of God requires us all to take a risk for the work of love and justice. If you have a story about how you are being called out into the new, ***Peter would love to hear your story.*** You can contact him at (206)524-2322 or pilgenfritz@universityucc.org.

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### Death Announcement

Glen Lester Juel

Born: 1920

Died: June 17, 2016



Glen died on June 17 at the age of 96. His beloved wife, Betty, passed away May 3, 2016 just a month apart. Glen and Betty joined our church in 1961, and were long time members here. They had a wonderful life together, and family was important to them. He was generous with his time and talents for family, friends and community. Glen and Betty gifted a 40 acre farm near Redmond which is known as Juel Park. Glen is survived by daughters Karen Kopp and Linda Brain, sons Randy and Brian Juel, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

No information about a service at this time.

## August Special Offering...

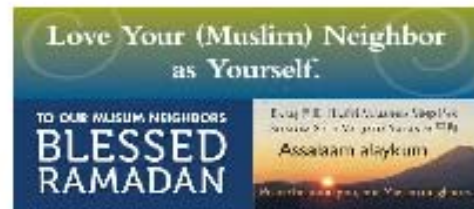
# FAITH ACTION NETWORK

*A Partnership for the Common Good*

Please give generously this August to our Special Offering recipient, the Faith Action Network (FAN)! FAN is an interfaith statewide partnership of faith communities who act and advocate for a more just, peaceful and sustainable world. As part of FAN, UCUCJ joins Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Unitarian, and other Christian congregations as an Advocating Congregation to build community and engage in courageous public action.

### FAN works to build community:

- ❖ In this time of intolerance, FAN helped organize faith communities to publicly wish their Muslim neighbors a Blessed Ramadan.
- ❖ After the shootings in the Jungle, FAN representatives joined with residents to bless the space and honor the lives lost there.
- ❖ In 2017, FAN is planning a series of events to honor indigenous rights.



### FAN engages in courageous public action:

FAN congregations march, vigil, fast, lobby, gather signatures and more to accomplish their goals of reducing wealth inequality, fully funding health and human services, advancing gun control and prison reform, dismantling the culture of violence, and sustaining Washington's environment.

This spring, FAN communities advocated in Olympia alongside other partners to win:



- ❖ \$40 million in new funding for Washington's failing mental health system
- ❖ A voucher system to stabilize homeless students in our public schools
- ❖ Toxic Free Kids and Families Act
- ❖ An expanded definition of human trafficking
- ❖ Establishment of a legislative task force to recommend reforms on the use of deadly force by law enforcement

*"Working together in concert, we can change the whole fabric of our community."*

Rev. Dr. Carey Anderson, First American Methodist Evangelical Church

## Children & Youth Ministry News

### Children's Ministry News

#### Sunday Activities for Children

Come to church this summer! Toddler, preschool and kindergarten Sunday School takes place every Sunday. For elementary children, we have special sermon time and project time during a portion of the worship service. Elementary Sunday School resumes on September 11. Before and after worship, bring the kids to our Children's Activity Center in the church lounge for activities and fun with friends and family.

#### Food Packing Service Projects, August 21

After worship on August 21, bring the kids to pack grocery bags for the hungry in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway. This service work is suitable for young preschoolers and older. It's a fun for the whole family, and lasts about 30 minutes. This activity is run by Diane and Steve Adam. Please contact Rebecca Schmidt, [rschmidt@ucucc.org](mailto:rschmidt@ucucc.org), with any questions.

#### Family Camping Trip, August 12-14

Let's go camping! We have reserved campsites at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island, WA for our annual family tent camping trip on Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14. Contact Rebecca Schmidt for more info, [rschmidt@ucucc.org](mailto:rschmidt@ucucc.org). Camping as a group is great because we deepen friendships as we help each other set up tents, prepare food, and keep an eye on the kids. Most of all, we have a lot of fun!

#### School Supply Drive in August

Once again this year we are participating in Hopelink's "Kids Need School Supplies" drive to benefit local low-income children. This is a great way to get our kids involved in helping other kids. We invite you to bring new school supplies to church throughout the month of August. Place them in the large box in the narthex to the left of the sanctuary doors. Thank you!

#### Everett AquaSox Baseball Game, August 28

Bring the whole family out to the ballpark to enjoy an Everett AquaSox Minor League Baseball Game! Join us on Sunday, August 28<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon when Everett plays Vancouver. The game begins at 4:05 pm. Purchase general admission tickets at the gate, and join us in the bleacher seats on the right field side. So fun, so easy, so summery!

#### Blessing of the Backpacks, September 4

People of all ages who will be students, staff and faculty this Fall (kids, youth and adults — as well as teachers, professors and school staff) are invited to bring their

backpacks to church on Sunday, September 4 for our "Blessing of the Backpacks" ceremony led by Pastor Peter during the first part of the 10:00 worship service. We will call people forward. Please come up front, and if you forget your backpack, that is okay because really we are blessing you, and would love for you to participate!

#### Would you like to volunteer to teach Sunday school, help with a fellowship event or share a new idea?

Talk to Rebecca Schmidt, Children's Ministry Coordinator, [rschmidt@ucucc.org](mailto:rschmidt@ucucc.org), 206 524-2322.

### Youth Ministry News

Contact Margaret Irribarra Swanson for more information on any Youth Ministry activity [mswanson@universityucc.org](mailto:mswanson@universityucc.org) or (206)524-2322.

### Other Fellowship & Fun for Youth

#### Sunday, August 14: Middle School Rock Climbing

After worship - 7 or 8pm. Cost \$60 (includes rock climbing & dinner after). Scholarships are available! We are partnering with Peak 7 Adventures to head out to North Bend for an afternoon of Rock Climbing. Parents, we hope you will help with transportation. Online Sign-ups will be available to reserve your spot!

#### Sunday, August 21: High School Rock Climbing

After worship - 7 or 8pm. Cost \$60 (includes rock climbing & dinner after). Scholarships are available! We are partnering with Peak 7 Adventures to head out to North Bend for an afternoon of Rock Climbing. Parents, we hope you will help with transportation. Online Sign-ups will be available to reserve your spot!

#### Thursday, August 25: Backyard Movie Night - "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

6pm at Carol & Ed Coleman's home  
Both Middle & High School Youth, their families and friends are all invited to a fabulous evening! We will have a BBQ dinner and play some games together. Once the sun sets, we will hunker down in the backyard and watch *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* together! This is a great movie with great lines and laughs! More details to come as we get closer!

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## Christian Education Ministries

### Wednesday, August 31: Teen Feed

5pm - 8:30pm at UCUC

Youth, their friends and family are invited to participate in an important ministry to youth and young adults who are homeless. Sign up to help prepare, cook and serve a warm meal!

### Family MixYups Signups!

#### (The “Y” is for Youth and Children!)

Our Church’s moveable feast for families to get to know each other, for pre-school, elementary, middle-school, and high-school families! When? To be arranged with the other families you are grouped with in September, October, November and December/January. How do you sign up? Check the weekly bulletin (and your email) for updated announcements and a signup link.

If you have questions contact Sean Owens at seanowe@gmail.com, (206)612-4004.

### Earth Bistro:

#### Environmental Activism & the Fall Elections

Don’t miss this very interesting Earth Bistro sponsored by Sacred Earth Matters on Sunday **August 7** at 11:30, right after the worship service, in Ostrander Hall.

The speaker will be Bill Arthur, Northwest Regional Representative for the Sierra Club. Bill will give us an insider’s look at key House and Senate races in Washington state, which will determine the party to have control of our legislature. He will also discuss some important national races, with an emphasis on environmental issues.

Arthur is an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, and has 33 years of experience in the Sierra Club, most recently working on the “Beyond Coal” effort to oppose coal export terminals in Washington and Oregon, and also involved in negotiations to decommission the few remaining coal generating plants in the Pacific Northwest. He has also been involved in every presidential campaign and many state and national Senate and House campaigns since the 1980s.

The presentation will include opportunity for questions and discussion.

A soup and salad lunch (donations appreciated) will be served at 11:30 in Ostrander Hall, with the program to begin soon after.

### October Senior Retreat

~ Alan Klockars

The Pacific Northwest is a lovely part of the nation yet many of us do not get out of the city and enjoy the beauty of the rural areas nearly as much as we should. Church retreats provide that opportunity. Whether it is the Men’s, Women’s, or Senior Retreat, the locale offers a chance to spend time out in the beautiful outdoors. The upcoming Senior Retreat is at Rainbow Lodge which is out of North Bend in the shadow of Mt. Si. Even if it rains, the setting is spectacular.

The Senior Retreat is an opportunity for adults 55+ to gather with others from this broad cohort, and consider issues of importance to us. Meeting and talking with people we have seen but don’t really know is one of the main attractions of the retreat. This year Sharon D’Amico will be leading the program with the working title “Looking Back, Looking Forward”.

Sharon is a noted professional photographer who has gifted us several times with her work shown on the Red Wall. She is a long time member of the church with deep interests in social action issues, and the way in which art in various forms capture those issues. Many of us heard a deeply moving presentation on photos and world events by Sharon at a breakout session at Seabeck last year.

The retreat is October 3 and 4. More of the specifics will be sent to members and active non-members on the church roster whom we believe fall into this category and will be presented in the September *Church and Home* as well as in the weekly church bulletins. Last year, we were completely full and expect to be full this year too, so watch for the registration information and sign up.

## June 2016 Church Council Meeting

*Summary submitted by David Anderson*

Catherine Foote led a session on Grounding Ourselves as a Community of Faith to help us as we look at priorities for the coming year.

**Council received a recommendation** from the Facilities Use Review Committee (FURC). Based on guidelines of facility mission priority, safety and security, FURC recommended to the church council that all of UCUC Child Care programs be located in the North Education Wing on the 2nd and 3rd floors. The poignant reality of this recommendation is that it means the end of the lease relationship with the current tenant of the 3rd floor north wing, the Children's School. In a unanimous vote, and at the request of the Children's School, the council voted to affirm the recommendation, but to delay the ending of the lease until June 2018. (See article on page 10)

**Received and reviewed recommendations** from the budget committee concerning pledging, overall financial support for our ministry, and articulation of all aspects of outreach giving. More discussion and action ahead. Great thanks to Robin Turner, chair of the budget committee, and the committee members for the excellent work.

**Checked in on plans** and goals for the June 25 leadership retreat, focusing on reorganizing our structure.

## Staffing Update

*~David Anderson, Church Administrator*

In implementing the recommendations of the staffing task force, some changes in office staffing have been made. These positions combine some other administrative and program work in order to more effectively and faithfully help our ministry.

**Mikhail Roque** has begun as Office Coordinator. Mikhail will be working with Lay Ministries & Communications Coordinator Erin Lovejoy-Guron. Mikhail will work Sunday mornings and Monday-Thursday. He will handle facility use and scheduling, database administration, and front office greeting and response. He is a recent graduate of UW (congratulations, Mikhail!) and has experience in customer service and database management. His email is [office@universityucc.org](mailto:office@universityucc.org). Email him for facility use scheduling and database changes

**Erin Lovejoy-Guron** continues as Lay Ministries & Communications Coordinator. Erin is point person

for our communication outreach, including the weekly announcements bulletin and email compilation, and monthly *Church and Home* editing. Her email is [communications@universityucc.org](mailto:communications@universityucc.org). This is a new email address. All communications input and questions will continue to go to her.

As part of this transition, Office Assistant Naomi Stenberg is leaving. She chose to not apply to the reworked position. Naomi has been a wonderful and efficient colleague, and we will miss her! We may see her here for Sunday morning worship; she had been worshipping here before she began working here on Sunday mornings. We send with her our blessings and deep gratitude.

## Sunday Morning Hospitality/ Security Ministry

**Companionship Training by Mental Health Chaplaincy Saturday, September 10, 2016, at University Christian Church**

Please consider being a part of a new team to provide a Sunday morning presence for everyone entering our building. This is beyond greeting and welcoming, and could be organized similar to the Openers rotation model. We want to provide training and support for this new group with the good work that the Mental Health Chaplaincy has done with Companionship Training. This will help us continue to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all on Sunday mornings. For more information, please contact Carol Coleman, [parishcaresupport@universityucc.org](mailto:parishcaresupport@universityucc.org), or Peter Ilgenfritz, [pilgenfritz@universityucc.org](mailto:pilgenfritz@universityucc.org) (206)524-2322.

## Event Coordinator

Throughout the year we rent rooms in our building to outside organizations that align with our mission. For these events (concerts, workshops, lectures) we need a point person who is familiar with the church, comfortable in a leadership position, and available weeknights, or weekends to help with the smooth facilitation of these events. Depending on the size or complexity of the event you may recruit your own volunteers to assist, or direct volunteers from the event. There is a stipend for this work. This is a good opportunity for a few people who have flexible hours, and perhaps some experience event planning, or volunteering for past events in our church. Contact Erin Lovejoy-Guron, (206)524-2322 or [communications@universityucc.org](mailto:communications@universityucc.org), if you are interested, or for more details.

# Ministry Update

## Love and Justice Outreach Ministry Update

The Love and Justice Outreach ministry of our church is the outward focused work we do together as people of faith. This summer we are looking at three significant areas of ministry.

First, as people of faith, we are working to create a vision of participating in the advocacy and direct service work of ending homelessness in our community. Secondly, as people of faith, we are looking at ways we can become an antiracist community. And finally, we are, as people of faith, continuing our efforts in the work of recognizing and caring for our sacred planet.

If you would like to be a part of any of those efforts, Pastor Catherine Foote, [cfoote@universityucc](mailto:cfoote@universityucc) or (206) 524-2322, can help connect you with our ongoing work. All of creation sings together. May we as a congregation join that song.

~ Catherine Foote

## UCC General Minister and President Seeks Your Guidance

The United Church of Christ is seeking to declare *a Purpose, a Mission, and a Vision* that is consistent with our historic commitments and our current calling; that is *large enough* to inspire our covenant partners at every level to give themselves fully over to a gospel that changes lives; and that is *particular enough* to answer the question, "Why the United Church of Christ?"

We are all invited to take a survey to gather input from every member of our denomination about the Purpose, Vision, and Mission that he has proposed for the United Church of Christ. Read more and take the survey at [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org). Search for "Why the United Church of Christ?".

Our insights, reactions, and comments will help refine the ongoing Purpose, Mission, and Vision of a denomination the Spirit will need in order to bring God's Shalom to a world so desperately in need of it. The deadline for responding is **August 22**.

## Leadership staff Parish Relations Committee (LPRC) and You

The LPRC exists to advise, nurture and support our pastors and church administrator, and works to continue an open and healthy relationship between them and the congregation. The committee serves as a regular channel of communication between Peter, Catherine, Amy and David, and the congregation. The LPRC also exists as a sounding board where the church leadership can discuss personal matters or issues of pastoral care. The committee not only shares concerns of the congregation with the leadership, but also helps to interpret pastoral needs to the congregation.

We write to let you know, or remind you, of our committee. It was created in 2006 for the purpose of augmenting and enhancing already existing means of healthy communication between our members and leadership. Appointed for rotating terms of six years, this small committee serves at the invitation of the Personnel Board and our pastors. Comprised of six congregants, three pastors and our church administrator, the LPRC meets usually once a month.

If you have a concern you may or may not have discussed with a pastor, you are welcome to bring it to any LPRC member with the promise that the LPRC will address it confidentially, candidly, and sensitively, with an aim toward a reconciling resolution.

**Members of this year's LPRC:** Bill Bailey, Mary Kollar, Jerry Landeen-chair, Bob Perkins, Kay Sneed, David Anderson, Catherine Foote, Peter Ilgenfritz, Amy Roon.

## In Our Larger Community

### Our next Mary's Place Hosting

Our recent sermon series has focused on "making the circle wider". For the past four years, an important way our church has widened its circle is through our hosting ministry, in partnership with University Presbyterian and Ravenna Methodist Churches.

Good news! Our next hosting will be here, at our own church, in the Choir and Bell Choir Rooms, beginning with set-up on Monday, August 22 and with our guests arriving the evening of Tuesday, August 23 and ending two weeks later on Tuesday morning, September 6. As in the past, hosting will be held in our Choir and Bell Choir Rooms. A mandatory training for first time volunteers will be held on Wednesday **August 17** from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Choir Room, although all volunteers are encouraged to attend for brush-ups, new procedures, and helping to train our new volunteers.

We need volunteers for many different tasks: setting up, providing breakfasts or dinners, team leadership (requires past volunteer experience), visiting with moms and kids, staying the night, helping with showers, providing easy-to-do morning custodial tasks, and spending the night with families.

We welcome your participation in our widening circle, whether you have never volunteered before or you are a repeat volunteer.

Sign-ups will continue through Sunday August 14 in the Narthex after worship. Questions? Contact Liz Gilbert at [lisbeth.gilbert@gmail.com](mailto:lisbeth.gilbert@gmail.com) or 206-465-3237. Come join us!

### Guatemala Volunteer Opportunity

The dates for the *Habitat for Humanity* global village trip to Guatemala are confirmed: January 14 - 22, 2017. Once again, if you are interested, please contact Marcia McCracken at (206)910-1919, or [marciamcc@comcast.net](mailto:marciamcc@comcast.net). No experience required, no particular skills required, just a desire to travel and to help people.

### Social Justice Training Opportunity

Elizabeth Dickinson and the other members of our **Peace and Justice Advocates** have done some research into how we as church could better serve our community at large. *Justice Leadership Jubilee* is an organization that creates community with people of faith who want to deepen their faith and social justice work. This program is just getting started, so this is an opportunity to learn some skills, meet like-minded people, and get this organization focused on your area of interest.

The **Justice Leadership Jubilee** commitment is about 15 hours per week for ten months. It's for adults who want to develop their faith, and learn systemic-change skills with a community of their peers. The year includes training, spiritual sojourning, working within a social change agency, and church engagement in justice issues. The cohort will gather for social justice trainings, and for spiritual reflection once a month. Each participant will work to integrate these reflections and learnings into their church community, and their weekly work with a social change agency.

Each season of the year will have a particular focus.

*The Fall* will focus on relationship and analysis building, including deep learning around structural oppression, and forms of social change.

*The Winter* will be a season of advocacy (on the National, State, and Local level), with a focus on understanding power through a Christian lens.

*The Spring* will focus on reflection and action by looking at social movements throughout history, with special attention to nonviolent theory, communication, and action.

**The inaugural year** of the program will begin this Fall 2016. Apply today at:

[www.justiceleadershipjubilee.org](http://www.justiceleadershipjubilee.org) or contact Jenn Hagedorn, [jenniferlin44@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferlin44@gmail.com), or (206)265-2834 for more information.



## For Those Who Cannot Attend Church (And those who can)

### Simplifying

One of the things we are invited to do as we age is to begin to simplify our lives. We realize that at some point we have to let go of the "things" that we've accumulated over the many phases of our lives and release them to the world to begin to create more spaciousness for ongoing growth.

The stimulus for this is often downsizing in preparation for a move or not wanting to burden others to have to go through all of our stuff when we die. Sometimes we come to the point where we realize we don't want to hold on to so much any longer.

Ruth Montgomery recently sent some wonderful reflections reminding us that we can also simplify spiritually. Here are some of those ideas. See what makes sense to you.

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I'm so good at confounding and complicating my life,  
so please, Lord, help me keep it simple...

I'm an expert when it comes to adding fear to all my  
worries, so, help me keep it simple...

I'm tops at over-analyzing all that I decide, so, if you  
would, help me keep it simple...

I'm a whiz at making mountains out of molehills, so  
please Lord, today, help me keep it simple...

Help me see things as they are, Lord:

unravel all my scrambled thoughts,  
resolve the doubts that numb my mind  
relieve me of my overthinking,  
help me trust what my heart knows  
and to follow where it leads...

May it be so.

~ Carol Scott-Kassner, Commissioned Minister  
UCUCC

## Development Team for New Website to Launch this Fall

One of the final pieces of the *Imagine! Campaign* will take shape this Fall when a task force of volunteers led by Kathy Kripps will begin the visioning process to create a new University Congregational UCC website. Kathy was confirmed by the Church Council to assume this role in July. Additional task force members will be confirmed soon.

Virginia Felton will work with the task force as a paid consultant. She will serve as project manager, writer and editor, and will also supervise other consultants involved in the process, such as a web programmer and a photographer. In addition to being involved in the creation of our current church website more than ten years ago, Virginia has worked on several sites in the past year and a half, including the new website for the Church Council of Greater Seattle ([www.thechurchcouncil.org](http://www.thechurchcouncil.org)). Margaret Swanson and David Anderson will coordinate with the project team on behalf of the staff.

The project team hopes to launch the new website in early 2017.

**Here's one concrete way you can help with this project:** find one or several websites of other churches that you particularly like and pass along the links to us, along with a short summary of why you like this site, what appeals to you about it, and what you think might be worth considering for our own site. Forward those recommendations to Virginia at [virginiadfelton@gmail.com](mailto:virginiadfelton@gmail.com). Look for progress updates in subsequent issues of *Church and Home*.

# Facilities Use Resources Committee

## Facilities Use Review Committee Wrapping Up Work; Making Recommendations

~David Anderson, Church Administrator and  
Mary Ellen Smith, Chair of Facilities Use Review  
Committee (FURC)

In June 2014, the Church Council created a committee, the Facilities Use Review Committee (FURC), with the leadership of Mary Ellen Smith. FURC was charged with **1. Identifying the values** that guide the use of UCUC facilities and establish guidelines for prioritizing the use of UCUC facilities. **2. Reviewing/ revising church policies** that relate to the use of the facilities, **3. Looking** at how the UCUC facilities are currently being used, **4. Reviewing contracts/ agreements** with those organizations who use space in our building, and **5. Making recommendations** to the Church Council for next steps.

Previously FURC had reported to the Church Council with a working list of values and guidelines to be used to make decisions about facility use. Their work is almost complete, and a series of reports and recommendations will be coming to council in the next few months. However the committee felt that one recommendation needed to come to council before the full report was complete. At the June 2016 Church Council meeting, FURC made the following recommendation: Based on guidelines of facility mission priority, safety and security, FURC recommended to the church council that all of UCUC Child Care programs be located in the North Education Wing on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Those programs include the weekday Child Learning and Care Center as well as the Trettin Drop-In Preschool. Trettin is currently located on the first floor at the south end of the building. FURC further recommended that UCUC Child Care programs reorganize their space to respond to the increased need for the Preschool for All initiative and increased demands for child care, especially to those on the margins of society. This proposal would put all weekday children's programs behind locked doors with admission only to those whom the staff of those programs admits. This acknowledges that UCUC is in an urban neighborhood in a large city. FURC felt strongly that this was necessary to provide a more secure area for these programs.

The poignant reality of this recommendation is that it means the end of the lease relationship with the current tenant of the 3rd floor north wing, the Children's School. The Children's School was co-

founded by Mary Elizabeth Maltman and Eunice Roselle, both of whom were members of UCUC. It has been providing a Montessori based pre-school program since opening in September 1965. They are currently licensed as an Independent Private School. Many UCUC families have utilized this program and over the years; it has served more than 2,500 families, and the staff and graduates span three generations. Because of this history it was a difficult decision to make the recommendation.

The church council had a thoughtful discussion about this recommendation at their June 2016 meeting. The initial recommendation of FURC was to end the lease in June 2017. In a unanimous vote, and at the request of the Children's School, the council voted to affirm the recommendation, but to delay the ending of the lease until June 2018. UCUC is committed to work with the Children's School, providing transition help and suggestions, as well as a way to honor the work and connection over the years. While not an easy recommendation or decision, council members felt it was the right decision, and voted to move ahead with the recommended changes, incorporating the Children's School request to delay until June 2018. In the meantime, David Anderson will look at additional security measures to implement on an interim basis. In addition, the council will initiate a process to make a recommendation about ways to repurpose the space that Trettin Drop-In Preschool currently uses.

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### Additional Information about UCUC Priorities & Commitments to the UCC Child Care Programs

-Liz Wells, Child Care Board Chair

Thank you to the Facilities Use Review Committee (FURC) and the Church Council for the significant work and action. As important as the licensing and financial aspects of the UCC Child Care Programs are, equally important is why the UCC Child Care Programs are missions of the church.

One way to identify "populations on the margins of society" are those who are financially on the margins.

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# Facilities Use Resources Committee

They need to work, and they need good quality care and schooling for their children while they work. Subsidies for child care/preschool to help pay these costs are available from the state and other sources. For state subsidies, the following applies:

**Licensing:** DSHS subsidies only can be used in licensed facilities. Both CLCC and Trettin are licensed by the state, so we can serve these families.

**Scholarships for the cost “gap”:** Seattle has some of the highest cost child care/preschool in the nation. DSHS subsidies do not cover all the cost, so there is a “gap” between subsidy and tuition. Families with the fewest financial resources must have additional help to pay. Church support with facility use and direct financial contributions enables CLCC and Trettin to give tuition “scholarships” to help cover this gap. Many preschools/child cares do not accept DSHS subsidized students because they do not have additional financial support for the “gap”. Families who receive subsidies from other sources—city of Seattle, UW—also frequently need additional funding for the “gap”. UCC Child Care Programs have provided \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year for the past several years to fund this “gap”.

**Quality and Diversity:** Quality of preschool/child care does make a difference in child learning. Washington State has a quality rating and improvement system that measures quality through specific observable criteria, and provides support to centers for staff development and improvement. The Seattle *Preschool for All* initiative requires centers to participate in this program and to have a rating of 3 or above. Our centers are participating in this “Early Achievers” program, and have a rating of 3. Families who are looking for high quality centers for their children recognize the high quality of the UCUC programs, and so we have a nice mixture of families from high, middle, as well as low financial circumstances. Children learn much from each other, and the best places are diverse economically as well as racially, socially, etc. The UCC Child Care Programs are committed to the ongoing mission that we make possible. We are grateful for the support and partnership with the congregation to carry this out.

## Facilities Use Review Committee (FURC)

~ Mary Ellen Smith, committee chair

About a year ago, the Church Council convened a group of people to take a look at, and understand, how our building is being used, and how that may or may not be fulfilling our mission as a church. One of the things we tasked ourselves with was to interview each of the non-UCUC users/tenants of the building, and provide a summary synopsis of their mission and activities. We have decided to share some basic information in Church and Home. This month we will cover three organizations that use our facility on a regular basis.

### Mindful Recovery

Mindful Recovery is part of the Buddhist Recovery Network that promotes the use of Buddhist teachings and practices to help people recover from the suffering caused by addictive behaviors. This program serves ages ranging from university students age to retirees and is open to people of all backgrounds regardless of chosen recovery path. Mindful Recovery helps individuals acquire meditation skills and uses mindfulness practice to aid in recovery efforts, creating group support, and making healthy lifestyle choices. The Mindful Recovery group meets in the Chapel each Monday evening.

### AM Fresh Start ALANON Family Group

Every Saturday morning a group of 5-10 folks who are affected by someone else’s addictions meet in the Pilgrim Room and provide support and comfort to each other. They share their own experiences, strength and hope as they cope with the dysfunctional behaviors caused by addictions. With the use of the 12 steps of spiritual growth outlined in Alcoholics Anonymous, they seek and utilize a power greater than themselves in order to solve common problems. Newcomers are always welcome.

### Seattle Lesbians over 40

This weekly group has been operating continuously for about 40 years. It is a portal group for newly realized or newly open lesbians. They are primarily a social group that provides support and encouragement through prayer and caring actions during tough times. Although political topics may come up at a meeting they are not an action group.

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## Worship and Preaching Calendar—Sunday worship service—10 am

### Gospel of Risk

“All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them.” - Mark 8: 34-35

If Jesus had lived in our day, the risk assessment folks would surely have rejected his application for life insurance. Time and again, he put himself in positions of risk—saying things that rubbed the rulers the wrong way, eating with people not fit for good company, and putting himself in harm’s way as he rubbed elbows with the sick and unclean. It seems the message was that the reign of God requires a bit of risk taking. Are we willing to take risks for love and justice? What price do we pay by playing it safe? ~ *Peter Ilgenfritz*

**August 7** — Mark 4:1-34  
Preaching: Catherine Foote  
Today we celebrate Nate Barclay’s baptism.

**August 14** — Mark 5:21-43  
Preaching: Amy Roon

**August 21** — Mark 6:1-29  
Preaching: Catherine Foote

**August 28** — Mark 8:27-9:8  
Preaching: Amy Roon  
Today we celebrate Simon Marith’s baptism, and welcome new members.