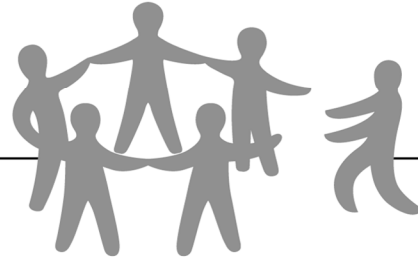


# CHURCH AND HOME

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## What is Your Migration Story?

~ Kris Garratt

*"The Biblical story is a migration story. The Bible is the story of the uprooted People of God seeking safety, sanctuary and refuge and the living God giving directions for welcoming the stranger. From Adam and Eve, to Noah, Abraham, Moses to Jesus, Joseph and Mary, all found themselves on the move, migrating, looking for a better life."* ~ Joan Maruskin

Animals all migrate for the same reasons: for food, for shelter, to avoid predators, a better environment for their offspring. Humans migrate for exactly the same reasons except we say things like, "Better job, lower cost of living, escaping unhealthy relationships, better place to raise my kids."

**What stories of movement have shaped you?** Beginning in September, our worship life will focus on the concept of migration — how it shaped the lives of our spiritual ancestors and how it shapes our lives today. As a visual anchor for our worship space, we plan to suspend mobiles of migrating birds overhead in the sanctuary. The individual birds will be created by you, members and friends of UCUC, and they will tell your own migration story.



Beginning in July, cardboard bird shapes will be available for you to pick up in the church office at any time or in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Decorate this bird to tell your own migration story. What moves have shaped your life or the lives of others in your family? Feel free to decorate the bird in whatever way you wish: photocopies of photographs, drawings, or your written ideas or stories of migration. The sample in the photo accompanying this article tells the

migration story of one family's ancestors from Europe using copies of family photographs. All completed birds need to be returned to Kris Garratt's mailbox in the church office on or before August 27. Questions? Contact Kris Garratt at kgarratt@ucucc.org

### July Calendar

**Wednesday, June 28 - Saturday, July 1**  
Middle school mission trip to N-Sid-Sen

**Saturday, July 1**  
5:00 Mastersingers USA concert

**Tuesday July 4 building closed**  
in observance of Independence day

**Sunday, July 9 - Friday, July 14**  
Seabeck All-Church Camp at Seabeck conference center

**Sunday July 16**  
11:30 discuss stewardship in Covenant  
2:00 Spirit Workshop: urban walk

**Saturday, July 22**  
11:00 Ralph Simonds memorial service

**Sunday, July 23 - Friday, July 28**  
High school mission trip to  
The Campbell Farm in Wapato

**Sunday, July 23**  
11:30 discuss stewardship in Covenant  
2:00 Spirit Workshop: urban walk

**Sunday, July 30**  
1:30 Youth Ministry: paddleboard yoga  
2:00 Spirit Workshop: urban walk

# Deaths

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## Roberta C. Swenson

Born March 16, 1926

Died: May 13, 2017

Roberta passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 13. She joined our church in 1959, and was a gracious and hospitable presence. She enjoyed singing in our choir, teaching Sunday school, and attending church regularly when her health allowed. Roberta was a lifelong Seattle resident and graduate of the University of Washington.

Roberta married Kenneth Swenson in 1954, who also was a member and died in 2001. They had two sons, and David would tell you she was the best Mom a person could have. She was a beloved and devoted mother to them. Roberta was also a volunteer for the Arthritis Foundation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her son David, his wife Nancy, and grandchildren Sarah, Heidi, & Chase. Son Richard, preceded her in death.

Memorial service

Wednesday, June 7 at 2:00pm in the Chapel, reception followed

## Sylvia Tupper

Born: August 6, 1926

Died: June 1, 2017

Recently, Sylvia had a stroke, and died later surrounded in love by family. Sylvia and her husband, Jim (died December 2011) joined the church in November 1959. They both were dedicated and very supportive of this faith community. Sylvia was very involved in Superfluity and served many other ways here.

Sylvia was a local girl. She attended Roosevelt and then the University of Washington. After college, she traveled the US and Canada as a traveling secretary for the Tri-Delta sorority. She and Jim had five children whom she dedicated herself to fully. In retirement, Sylvia loved to travel with Jim and was an avid gardener.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, children Brad, Christy, Kari, and Kathie; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Memorial service

Saturday, June 17 at 1pm in the Chapel, reception followed.

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## Dilys Wagner

Born: June 5, 1920

Died: June 14, 2017

Dilys' memorial service was June 24, 2017 at 1:00 in the chapel, and a reception followed.

A full tribute to the Dilys will be in the August *Church & Home*

## Ralph Simonds

Born: May 11, 1932

Died: June 11, 2017

Ralph's memorial will be Saturday, July 22 at 11:00 in the Chapel with a lunch reception to follow.

A full tribute to Ralph will be in the August *Church & Home*.

# Featured Articles

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

~ Carol Scott Kassner

### Attitudes About Aging

Research on aging shows that how we feel about getting older affects how well we age and how long we live. People who embrace aging as the next stage of their life journey and live with hope and zest, usually live four to six years longer than those who treat aging as a slow, depressing decline to death.

Of course, sometimes people's lives are cut short by an unexpected illness, which cannot be cured by a positive attitude - although how they think about their illness can affect their dying process.

William Martin, author of *The Sage's Tao Te Ching*, writes short and pithy reflections on aging - well worth consideration. Here is one:

#### Goodness, Love, and Joy

There are three advantages to becoming older.

We no longer worry about becoming holy,  
therefore we accept ourselves just as we are.

We no longer worry about public opinion,  
therefore we do what is right according to our own  
hearts.

We no longer worry about loss,  
therefore we are content with whatever happens.

Goodness, love, and joy have always been within us  
waiting to be noticed.

I look back on my life and wonder why

I tried so hard

to be good

to be loved

to be happy.

What wasted effort.

## July Special Offering

Our July Special offering will benefit those who have emergency and ongoing food needs this summer. This is the hardest time of year for many families because their children are not receiving school breakfasts and lunches. Although there are some summer meal programs, many who need this help are not in range of the locales.

**Watch for our letter which will introduce you to the new food bank we will be supporting** now that the Bethany UCC has discontinued service. It is the Lake City Food Bank, which also refers many of our Christmas families to us. This is a reminder that our offering to meet summer food emergencies used to be called Christmas in July. This gift is needed just as much now as during the Winter holidays. Hunger takes no vacation!

## Our Regular Support for Local Outreach: Shepherd's Counseling

In addition to the advocacy and service programs profiled via Special Offering giving, the Love and Justice Ministry receives budgeted income for ongoing support to additional agencies. From time to time we will profile each of them, so that you may know how our annual giving is transformed to provide love and justice in our community.

**First, we wish to highlight our ongoing support of Shepherd's Counseling.** This agency provides counseling to adults who were sexually or otherwise abused in childhood. Victims frequently have a sense of confusion and guilt about what happened to them which is a barrier to normal adulthood.

Our financial support is used for scholarships for those who suffered abuse, but are not able to afford counseling. **One client recently wrote, "You have given my life back to me!"** Because of generous Fall giving, we were able to increase our annual gift by \$500.

# Reformation and Migration

## Along the Way

~ Peter Ilgenfritz

It's mid June — the season of graduation and celebrations, a time of anticipating perhaps some time away or a summer vacation. I leave on Friday for a few weeks of vacation to rest and prepare for some added responsibilities during Catherine's sabbatical from the end of July to the end of October, and also to attend the week-long General Synod of the United Church of Christ in Baltimore. Every two years representatives from regions throughout the country come together to make decisions in that national church setting of our denomination - affirm leadership, hear reports, and vote on a number of resolutions. I am attending as a representative this year due to my role as Moderator of the Pacific Northwest Conference.

### **I have also been working with my colleagues in planning our worship series for the coming year.**

As part of our marking of the 500 year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (remember that bit about Martin Luther's 95 theses nailed to the church door?), we'll be exploring the theme of Spiritual Migration and hosting a lecture series on November 3-5 with the Jesus Seminar on the Road focused on the Reformation. Because challenges and barriers for refugees and immigrants have been at the forefront of the news the past months, we've invited David Vasquez-Levy, President of the Pacific School of Religion, to lecture and preach about migration on November 11 and 12.

**Using the stories of the Exodus, we'll explore what we need to leave so that we can be prepared to leave home, and go where we are being called or compelled to go.** We begin the Fall with Homecoming Sunday on September 17, and the discomfoting reality that for many this is a time of not feeling at home in our country, with realities and challenges in our own lives, families and communities. During Advent and Epiphany we'll use the stories of Jesus life and ministry to explore leaving home. In Lent we'll explore the reality of being in the wilderness or a time of transformation after leaving home. In Eastertide, coming home again but to a home different than the one we left. I am looking forward to exploring this journey of transition, change and challenge together. You will see an invitation to make a "family bird" to tell your

own and/or your family's history of migration. If you would like to get involved or learn more in this year's series, please contact me at [pilgenfritz@ucucc.org](mailto:pilgenfritz@ucucc.org). Wherever your summer journey takes you - far from home or deeper into your own life here, may you know your church carries you in our hearts, hopefulness and prayers. We look forward to connecting with you along the way.

## What's Kirchentag?

~ Rock Moulton

That was my question too. I was unaware of this event until it was suggested to me that I attend and discuss my New 95 Theses project. Kirchentag (church congress) is a biennial meeting/convention/festival for the German reformed church. It's huge. Attendance was estimated at 145,000 not including all the volunteers and staff. The program listing all the events ran over 500 pages. Arriving at the convention center each morning the packed subway train would just empty out. It was like the crowd at a Seahawks game.

I met people from all over northern Europe, several African countries, Korea, India (got a new scarf), and even a few Americans. Someone named Obama dropped by for a chat with Ms. Merkel. Unfortunately, I only saw a small fraction of all the activity. I had a space in the Marketplace of Possibilities (which filled four huge exhibition rooms). I spoke to people about my idea of a new 95 theses, and passed out pamphlets in English & German. My goal was to encourage others to take up a similar project in their own countries.

I also had my cathedral doors which Kris Garratt made for me. I asked people to post their own thesis. See photo.



On Sunday there was a huge open air service at Wittenburg. Special trains had been arranged to transport everyone. People were allowed to sit where they wished. Just like the gospel train – there was no second class. At the service, I got to sing *We Shall Overcome*, and to have communion with tens of thousands of people. I had no idea that something like this was possible. I might go to the next one to see everything else.

# Reformation and Migration

## Biennial UCC General Synod meets June 30-July 4 in Baltimore

~ David Anderson

Every two years, the wider United Church of Christ comes together in a five-day gathering of worship, connection, and work. It's called the **General Synod**. It's like our council meetings or congregational meetings on overdrive: five days of worship, meetings, and other gatherings, with pre- and post-meetings as well. And it's actually a wonderful time of seeing the Holy Spirit alive and at work.

For a number of years, I have been involved in a process that responds to resolutions that are brought before the Synod. What undergirds what I do is trying to have a structure or system in place that invites and encourages articulation and passion, assures that a wide variety of perspectives are heard, is intentional in seeking divergent viewpoints and thoughts, and makes space for the Holy Spirit to move through the gathered people seeking to respond to God's will.

So how do I help do that? Well, here's some either interesting and wonky information, or a dry and tedious recitation – either response is fine! But here's my role... At Synod will be the call to address **resolutions** that are submitted for consideration from a variety of settings. The resolutions can be statements of conviction or action or direction for the national setting of the UCC. **In the UCC, gathered groups such as Synod can only speak for themselves, not others.** So resolutions passed by the Synod are speaking to local churches and other settings of the church, or to the wider world, but not on behalf of local churches or other UCC settings.

**My focus is on the resolutions process and details,** though there will be much more to Synod than that. I'm the volunteer Synod staff to the committee of the UCC board that reviews the resolutions and makes recommendations for process based on standing rules. Most resolutions will go to a committee of the Synod for study, discernment, edits, and recommendation back to the Synod as a whole, also called the plenary. Committees meet in a part of the five-day gathering. I'm the lead for the Committee Process Team, which will train and help some

delegates to chair a committee and consider one or more resolutions. We currently have 21 resolutions submitted, and have created 15 committees to address them. After the committee time, I'll work on feeding the revised resolutions back into the Synod system, and serve on the agenda committee to be sure items are addressed in plenary.

The theme of "Make Glad" will invite delegates, and all gathered, to a time of re-energizing discipleship in service of God's work. In addition to resolutions there will also be an election for the Justice & Witness Executive Minister, budgets, UCC bylaws revisions, some keynote speakers, and amazing and powerful worship services.

### **Delegates from our midst include:**

UCUCC Pastor and Conference Moderator **Peter Ilgenfritz**, and UCUCC Interim Facilities Manager and Conference Vice Moderator **Wendy Blight**: two of the 700 delegates.

Also present will be about 2,500 visitors and others, including **Rock Moulton** who will be attending and presenting information on the New 95 Theses project. Please hold us all in your prayers as this time unfolds.

## **The New 95 Theses**

~ Rock Moulton

*"I heard a voice from heaven saying there is work to do"*

You don't have to wait for the voice from heaven. A voice right here at University UCC is telling you. The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Reformation approaches. It will not go unnoticed. If you wish to participate in making a statement please contact me. I would like someone knowledgeable in environmental justice issues. There are other opportunities as well

Email [moultonr@me.com](mailto:moultonr@me.com)

# What's in a Word? Sanctuary Terminology

As we continue to learn and prepare ourselves to take part in a University District Sanctuary system (also known as a Hub), we find there is new vocabulary to incorporate into our communications. Since many of the following terms also carry legal meaning, it's important to become familiar with them.

**Hub:** The sanctuary movement in our area uses the term “Hub” to describe a congregation that will provide space for those seeking respite from perceived persecution or detention. Other congregations (spokes) in the same district will support this congregation by providing an array of resources and supportive services.

**Sanctuary:** Traditionally used to describe protection of individuals in a place of worship, typically a longer period, up to several months, than *Rapid Response*, although the services offered may be similar. Sanctuary involves providing comfort and assistance to immigrants and their family members at risk of apprehension by federal immigration authorities or mistreatment by others.

**Rapid Response:** Short term refuge and respite. Often provided following local raids, sweeps or communal fear of harassment or hate violence, provided in conjunction with existing community resources. Individuals and families may be provided food, shelter, clothing, translation, legal support, and social services

**Refugee:** Any person living outside his/her country-of-origin who is unable/unwilling to return to his/her country because of persecution, or a well-founded fear of persecution because of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. A refugee may or may not apply for political asylum.

**Immigrant:** A person who migrates to another country, usually for permanent residence. An immigrant may or may not have the documentation required have legal status

**Undocumented:** An immigrant who lacks required documentation to establish a temporary or permanent legal status.

**Political Asylum:** Granted by immigration courts to individuals living outside his/her country of origin *and* unable/unwilling to return to that country *and* has a well-founded fear of persecution because of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

**Sensitive Locations:** Refers to a memo that provides guidance to immigration officers. A 2013 memo reaffirmed decades-long policies treating houses of worship as “sensitive locations”. The memo applies to both ICE and CBP agents, and directs federal immigration enforcement officers to seek prior approval before executing enforcement in such locations. It is unknown whether the current administration will rescind or change this policy.

**Detention:** Immigration detention is the government's practice of incarcerating immigrants as they go through deportation proceedings to determine if they will be deported or allowed to remain in the United States.

**Deportation:** Also referred to as “removal” in legal terms. Deportation occurs when the federal government orders a non-citizen to be removed from the United States.

**Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA):** The DACA program helps undocumented young people (who meet certain requirements) gain temporary immigration protections, including a work permit and protection from deportation

**Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):** According to the ICE website, “*ICE executes its mission through the enforcement of more than 400 federal statutes, and focuses on immigration enforcement, preventing terrorism and combating the illegal movement of people and trade.*”

**Customs and Border Protection (CBP):** According to the CBP website, CBP “*...is one of the world's largest law enforcement organizations and is charged with keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S. while facilitating lawful international travel and trade.*”

# July News & Updates

## Israel Palestine Justice Endorses Occupation-Free Seattle

In 2015, University Congregational UCC, the Pacific Northwest Conference, and the UCC General Synod, passed a resolution that included a boycott of companies that are profiting from Israel's Occupation of Palestinian land, including Hewlett-Packard, Caterpillar, and Motorola Solutions. Recently, Israel Palestine Justice voted to endorse Occupation-Free Seattle, joining other organizations in urging the Seattle City Council to place the above three corporations on the Do-Not-Buy List "*due to their involvement and complicity in the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands.*" Israel Palestine Justice follows in the steps of the Wider Church Ministry of the Central Pacific Conference of the UCC, which supports Occupation-Free Portland. Below is a brief description of the rationale for placing these corporations on the Do-Not-Buy List.

- **Hewlett-Packard** provides identification systems that differentiate by religion and ethnicity between Palestinians and Jewish Israelis. Palestinians are restricted in their movement by their IDs and by H-P monitors at military checkpoints—often preventing them from working, going to school or seeing family members.
- **Caterpillar** sells specially manufactured bulldozers (D9 bulldozers) to the Israeli military. They are equipped with armor and weapons, and are used to demolish Palestinian homes, entire villages and agricultural land. These bulldozers are weapons of warfare. Many of us who live in the Pacific Northwest remember that a Caterpillar bulldozer killed an Evergreen University student, Rachel Corrie, when she attempted to stop a home demolition in occupied Gaza.
- **Motorola Solutions** is profiting from the occupation through providing communication systems to the Israeli military and electronic surveillance systems to the Israeli settlements that are illegally built on Palestinian land.

[Descriptions are from: <https://bdsmovement.net/news/portland-takes-first-step-towards-becoming-occupation-free>]

For additional information, please talk with Carol Ingram or Ed Crouch.

## Social Justice Intern Comes to UCUCC!

This Fall we will welcome a young adult Social Justice Intern to University Congregational! Working through the Justice Leadership Program (JLP), this aspiring leader will intern 5 hours weekly with our church and 32 hours each week organizing and advocating with a community nonprofit dedicated to social justice.

JLP is a program of the United Church of Christ which equips young adults as faith-inspired social justice leaders. Interns devote eleven months of service to a community organization and a UCC congregation, as well as taking classes and engaging in weekly reflection with fellow interns. Living together in intentional community, they explore their values, faith, vocation, and leadership. One of several UCC Young Adult Service Communities, JLP is supported by the Pacific Northwest Conference of the UCC and individual congregations in the Conference.

**Our Social Justice Intern will join us for worship and work primarily with the Love & Justice Ministry.** The Intern will dedicate half her or his time to enhancing Love & Justice communications, and the other half to working with Action Teams of the Intern's choice. S/he/they will join us in "imagining love & justice" in areas such as racial justice, offering sanctuary, global justice, homelessness, environmental sustainability, and engaging youth in social justice action.

As a primary church partner with JLP, UCUCC will be funding work that changes systems and policies in areas of concern to our congregation. Interns this year will be building capacity at 350-Seattle, the Church Council of Greater Seattle, Earth Ministry, the Real Change Homeless Empowerment Project, Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, and SEIU Local 6 (union supporting airport workers, custodians, and more, many of whom are immigrants).

We will introduce our Social Justice Intern in the next issue of *Church and Home*. In the meantime, want to learn more about this internship? Ask former JLP interns Kathryn Murdock or Hillary Coleman!

# Upcoming events in July

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## July 1, Mastersingers USA

The Award-winning Mastersingers USA, including our own church and choir member Bob Andrews, will perform in our Sanctuary on Saturday, July 1 at 5 pm. In celebration of their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary, they will perform a broad range of male choral works including: classical choral works, international folk songs, and American choral music.

The Mastersingers USA are 50 men from 28 states, and 2 foreign countries, who specialize in performing a wide-range of male choral works. They won first place in the Male Choir Competition at the International Music Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales in 2003. In 2005, the group represented the US in the First International Congress of Men's Choirs in Barcelona, Spain.

## Urban Walks into a Land of Hope: A Spirit Workshop

Welcome to Seattle! 3 walks immerse you in the smells and tastes, hopes and challenges of 3 communities who shape our region.

- ◇ **Sunday, July 16**, 2pm – 5pm: Asian Community Experience in the International District
- ◇ **Sunday, July 23**, 2pm – 4pm: details being worked out as of print deadline
- ◇ **Sunday, July 30**, 2pm – 4pm: Seattle's Euro-American Settlers at Lakeview Cemetery, Seattle

Optional readings, book club, conversations, and sacred snacks deepen the experience. Walks are led by members of the community we'll visit. You may sign up for one or all the walks. Limited spaces are available. For more information or to sign up, contact [SpiritWorkshops@ucucc.org](mailto:SpiritWorkshops@ucucc.org) or the office 206-524-2322.

Spirit Workshops are programs to deepen contact with wisdom, and prepare us for work in the world, Please invite others you think might enjoy this kind of programming: casual, hands-on, reflective, applicable to daily life, and embracing of all beliefs.

## July 16, Share the Harvest news

Have you ever been hungry?

Many people in our city make it through each day with little or no food. Our Hunger Outreach Programs reach out to help supplement what food they are able to acquire.

You can be part of this effort by bringing in fruits, veggies, eggs, honey from your bees, or pickles to our weekly Share the Harvest Table beginning July 16.

We would appreciate help in staffing the table and will have a sign-up sheet on those Sundays for you to do your part in helping for an hour or so. You can also contact Gretchen Hull at [gghull@att.net](mailto:gghull@att.net). If you want to be one of the first people to volunteer, you will even receive a prize!

## July News

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### Catherine Foote's Sabbatical

At the end of this month, Catherine Foote will begin her three month sabbatical, following her participation in the High School Mission Trip to The Campbell Farm in Wapato.

The sabbatical begins on July 29. Catherine will be reading, writing, and reflecting on spiritual growth and leadership. One focus of her reflections will be the writing she has done over the last several years on our church's blog, *The Comma*. She will be collecting and editing those reflections into a booklet for distribution to the congregation when she returns. Catherine's sabbatical will conclude on October 28. She will be present at the Leadership Retreat Oct 29, and back in worship on Oct 30.

Thank you to all who have helped "jump start" this sabbatical by filling out the brief sabbatical questionnaire which continues to be available in the Turner Commons on Sundays this month.

### Need help contacting someone?

Want to be a part of an event, but there isn't a mode of communication you are comfortable using (emails listed, but you only have a phone) contact the office (206)524-2322 or [office@ucucc.org](mailto:office@ucucc.org), and we will help.



# July News

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## **Treasurer needed for the Child Care Board**

When asked why he valued our child care programs, a parent said, “This is where my child first learned about being in a community”. We want all the children in our programs to be nurtured, grow and thrive. To do that every day, we must use all our resources—personnel and financial.

The treasurer position takes about two hours a month, and attendance at Child Care Board meetings 5 times a year. It is really an “overseeing” position—to look at and monitor our financials and help us keep “on track” to accomplish our mission. Please consider giving us some of your time and financial talent!

Contact Liz Wells, at [lizwells110@comcast.net](mailto:lizwells110@comcast.net)

## **United Churches Emergency Fund needs you!**

We are looking for a few people who are passionate about preventing homelessness, and willing to make a difference in another person’s life. Despite all that we know, homelessness continues to spiral out of control. Even if we do get people housed, supportive services to keep them there are few, and clients end up back on the streets.

You can help us help others by being a part of our executive board. Our next quarterly meeting is July 19, from 3-5 in the office conference room.

Call Greg Turner, board chair at 206-913-3278 or Jo Gustafson, executive director at 206-524-7885 for more info.

## **Senior Lunch**

~ Sally Pritchard

We had our final Senior Lunch on Monday.

The food was good and our speaker, Bruce Wilson, was wonderful.

Have a great summer everyone, and we will hope to see you back in the Turner Lounge for our Fall opening on October 9.

## **Good News from Superfluity 2017**

Each spring the annual Superfluity sale brings with it hard work and much laughter in the company of avid volunteers who build a sense of community in our church basement. One of the final joys of the sale is the opportunity to help many non-profit organizations in our community.

At our disbursement meeting on June 9, 2017 we voted to distribute \$33,575 to 17 different organizations.

During the meeting we also started a discussion about the long range future of Superfluity. More information about this will be forthcoming in the Fall.

Many thanks to all who participated in the sale.

## **Sanctuary Movement Update**

On May 21, during our Annual Meeting, those who attended voted overwhelmingly in favor of designating our church as a sanctuary congregation. This vote was based on faith, trust, and with the recognition that how our church will participate in the emerging sanctuary movement would unfold over time. Since then, several congregations in the University District have made real progress in their own discernment process, bringing us closer to developing an implementation plan for our area.

In addition, the Hot Line, that routes requests for assistance to appropriate Hubs and other support services, is now up and running, although additional volunteers will be needed to make this referral service fully operational.

## **Curious about our church?**

Inquirers Lunch takes a break over the summer until September 10. If you are interested in sitting down with a member of our Welcome Committee this summer, please contact Welcome Committee Chair Virginia Felton 206-979-7539 or [virginiafelton@gmail.com](mailto:virginiafelton@gmail.com).

## May Church Council Meeting

~ Bob Fleagle, Secretary

The University Congregational United Church of Christ Church Council met on May 15, 2017 in the Library. The meeting began at 7 pm with prayer, declaration of no quorum, and a Circle of Sharing.

We saw a video by John Dorhauer, UCC General Minister and President. The video covered grounding for our work and ministry. There was a presentation and discussion at the Pacific NW Conference about Church Vitality work.

From national UCC we were told:

- Purpose: "To love the Lord our God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourselves."
- Mission: "United by God's grace, inspired by God's spirit, we love all, we welcome all, and we seek justice for all."
- Vision: "A Just World for All".

Greg Turner brought up the addition of a stewardship line to our church covenant. Following a process with the congregation in the next months, the Church Council might vote on a recommendation to test in the Fall, perhaps aiming for a full congregational vote on it at the financial meeting in November.

## Considering a Stewardship Line to our Church Covenant

We are renewing a discussion about what stewardship means, and what elements could be included to our Covenant in a series of discussions through September. Our Church Covenant is a unifying document we say every Sunday to remind us of who we are, and the commitments we make here. To suggest a change would require a very good reason, a process of open discussion, and a Congregational vote.

The hope is that after general consideration, we could arrive at wording for a new covenantal line by the September Church Council meeting, and a Congregational vote at our annual all-church Budget Meeting, Nov. 19. Please feel free to contact Greg with any thoughts you have.

~ Greg Turner, [tgt3842@gmail.com](mailto:tgt3842@gmail.com) Stewardship/ Administration Rep. UCUC Church Council.  
Next discussion groups meet July 16 and 23.

## Sharing the Journey: As Close to Heaven

~ Mary Elizabeth Maltman

*The Requiem* in D Minor by Gabriel Fauré at Bellevue First Congregational Church on Sunday, June 4, 2017, was as close to heaven as possible for those of us who participated and the many of us who attended. Performed to dedicate the new "*sanctuary space for timeless music and progressive thought*," the concert combined the gifts of six local UCCs as organized by Dennis Coleman and Stephen O'Bent, conductors of the host church's music program.

Those participating from our church were Heidi Blythe, conducting the *Pie Jesu*, sung by Amy Roon, and the *Agnus Dei* with the combined choirs and orchestra. Many members of our choir and instrumental music groups were part of this magnificent concert. In the reception area after the concert, the stained glass panels depicting the life of Jesus as created by Bob Anderson a number of years ago, were installed toward the ceiling and back lit from the new sanctuary. It was a magnificent concert with folks spilling out all the doors.

## Invitation to retreat on Guemes Island

Reverend Bob Anderson, our associate pastor for missions and parish care from 1973-81, has a home in Guemes that he is offering as a place of retreat for those needing to get out of the city. His home has served as a retreat, and was designed for people needing to "get away".

There is a private upstairs bedroom and bath, with a great view. Guests can be private or sociable (there is a separate outside entrance, and Bob's space downstairs is also private). Available activities include: seeing the island, walking the beaches and labyrinth, learning a new art form with Bob, or visiting art galleries and area points of interest.

Price: Bob asks only to share any incurred expenses. Folks are able to use the shared kitchen, eat-out at the store (open Wed-Sun), or in town. Cooking can be shared or prepared independently.

If you would like to get out of town, contact Bob at [earthspiritcircle@earthlink.net](mailto:earthspiritcircle@earthlink.net).

# Looking ahead

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## August

### Mary's Place News

Please remember to mark your calendars for our next Mary's Place hosting, beginning the evening of Tuesday, August 22 through the morning of Tuesday, September 5. We will once again locate our hosting in the Choir and Bell Choir Rooms.

We are adapting our training and program to reflect the revised hosting manual Mary's Place recently published for the Rotating Shelter Program (the program we participate in). **Because of these changes, all volunteers (new and experienced) will be required to attend one of the two trainings on August 15 or 16, from 6:30-8:30** (it may end earlier).

Volunteer sign-ups will begin in the narthex on Sunday, July 16 and continue through Sunday, August 20. Those who sign-up early are more likely to get the days/shifts they are most interested in.

We need all kinds of volunteers to help make each hosting a success.

- We need helpers to help-set up before hosting begins and after hosting ends.
- We need people willing to shop for breakfast food, and folks who can prepare and serve dinners.
- We need people who can come in the late afternoon to provide companionship to our guest Moms and play with kids.
- We need people who can spend the night and send out guests off in the morning.
- And more!

Stop by the narthex table to sign-up and ask questions. We look forward to welcoming our guest families, and helping YOU participate as a successful volunteer!

## September 5

### Days for Girls

Join Mary Paananen, and others with varying levels of skill on the sewing machine, to create sanitary packets to send to girls in developing countries who would otherwise be unable to attend school.

This recurring project is scheduled **September 5** from 9-3 in Ostrander Hall.

## September 24

### Beyond the edges of our circles: gracious listening

Series of 3 gatherings to explore and practice how we listen beyond the edges of our comfortable circles. It's critical in this day that we learn to connect across lines of difference, whether the 'other' be family, neighbor or fellow citizen. Developing the capacity to engage in true dialogue with those who hold different views from us takes time. Though we may want a quick fix, truly welcoming diverse opinions with an open heart requires us to examine our own attitudes and sources of judgment.

### Grandmas Against Gun Violence

GAGV works collaboratively with other groups to reduce gun violence. We are an active, enduring, effective organization, and we show up, speak up and stand up for gun sense and responsibility. Our strength is in our numbers and our persistence. We are grassroots with deep roots and, as grandmothers, we seek a safer world for our children and for theirs. Please join us! Concert in our Sanctuary at 6:00 September 24.

## September 29

### Weaving our strengths:

### Church Council of Greater Seattle

A day-long conference of fellowship, inspiration, and skill-building to strengthen local churches' efforts for the common good

# Children's Ministry News

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Contact Leslie Riley for more information on any Children's Ministry activity: (206) 524-2322 or email her at [childrensministry@ucucc.org](mailto:childrensministry@ucucc.org).

## Summer Sunday Activities for Children

Bring the kids to church this summer! Before and after worship every Sunday, kids can enjoy activities in the church lounge. During worship we offer infant care, two preschool classes, and an elementary class. The elementary class will alternate special sermon time on Communion Sundays with lessons, crafts, and multi-week activity sessions.

All children are welcome to remain in worship with their families if they prefer.

## Kids: Lead the Call to Worship

We are scheduling elementary kids for "Call to Worship" on summer Sundays, July 2 – September 4. Having children open and close our worship service every Sunday is significant, as it represents our commitment to children as worship leaders, and gives children the chance to take an active role in the worship service.

This is a unique opportunity for children to speak a few simple lines in front of the congregation (filled with supporters!) and be showered with compliments afterwards! Please contact Leslie Riley, [childrensministry@ucucc.org](mailto:childrensministry@ucucc.org) to sign up today.

## You Are Invited to Teach Sunday School

Live into our covenant "*to encourage each other in the growth of our minds and spirits*" and become a Sunday school teacher or assistant. Your mentoring and care of our youngest members is vital for the continued success of our program. Remember, it takes a village!

Do you miss having children's energy and wonder in your life? This is a great way to find it again. We still need teachers this Summer and Fall for infant, pre-school and elementary age levels. Please contact Leslie Riley, [childrensministry@universityucc.org](mailto:childrensministry@universityucc.org) for more information.

## Food Packing Service Projects, July 23, August 20

After worship on July 23 and August 20, bring the kids to pack grocery bags in the first floor hallway for the Emergency Feeding Program. This is fun, easy way to involve the whole family in serving others. This activity is suitable for preschoolers and older, and it lasts about 30 minutes. This activity is run by Diane and Steve Adam and Lisa and Bart Klingler. Please contact Leslie Riley, [childrensministry@ucucc.org](mailto:childrensministry@ucucc.org) with any questions.

## Family Camping Trip, August 11-13

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 11 through Sunday, August 13. Camping as a group is a great way to deepen connections. From helping set up tents to cooking together, hanging out around a campfire, swimming in the pool and exploring the area's natural beauty, we will have fun building community. It's a workable way for one parent or grandparent to take the kids or grandkids camping, as the "village" helps you out. Please contact Leslie Riley at [childrensministry@ucucc.org](mailto:childrensministry@ucucc.org) to sign up.

# Youth Ministry News

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

*\* 9am Youth Group is on break until September 2017 \**

## **Sunday, July 9 – Friday, July 14: All-Church Family Camp at Seabeck!**

Join us for a fantastic time at Seabeck Summer Camp! The morning program for youth will be a fabulous time of songs, games, discussion, activities and more! Bruce Wilson, David Heritage, Cara Helmer, Rachel Brackett and Ben Jones are set to lead the middle school and high school youth again this year.

The theme for this week is “Spirit of Hope”. The camp speaker, Kate Davies, will share about the 4 habits of hope. Each day we will focus on a habit of hope and explore how ‘hope is a spiritual orientation’. We will do this through songs, games, activities, discussion, reflection and more!

Together we will have fun, Fun, FUN in the Sun!

## **Sunday, July 30: Youth Paddleboard Yoga**

Paddleboard Yoga is exactly that – yoga on a paddleboard! You do NOT have to know how to do yoga (in fact, I’d never done yoga before doing this class). You DO have to be a confident and strong swimmer as you will paddle out towards the locks and be out in the open water (not next to shore).

It’s an amazing opportunity to get out on the water and practice yoga. Sometimes a seal will pop up and say hi. Sometimes a bald eagle will soar overhead. The class begins with a 20 minute paddle. Then, we tie up to a line. Then, our amazing instructor, Hasna, will lead us through our yoga practice, and then we will paddle back.

Margaret will set up an online sign-up soon. Please note that space is limited and we can only take 11 youth.

## **Sunday, July 23 – Friday, July 28: High School Mission Trip**

Please hold our 30 high school youth and their 6 youth leaders in your prayers as they travel to Yakima, WA to stay at Campbell Farms. They will be working in the community at local food banks, shelters/soup kitchens, kids camp and doing yard work for elders in the community.

## **Saturday, August 12: Youth Family Hike**

Hike with friends and family in the beautiful Cascade Mountains. Join us for a moderately strenuous hike 4-6 miles to be sure to feed the soul. Please contact Dan Nelson if you are interested. Parents are welcome especially if you can drive!

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

In keeping with our Seabeck theme, and work on living with hope in a time when we are overwhelmed with dangerous and damaging truths, this Summer we will relive the story of Creation and evolution as a source of wisdom and a force of hope and goodness that can never be stopped. The larger arc of creation calls our attention to the forces of nature that, even as we acknowledge the harm our human presence has caused, have wisdom, beauty, truth and power that is actively growing and adapting...that what is happening to our world is not just a by-product of our own actions but has its own relationship to God.

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July 2, Living Hope: Baptismal Waters  
Communion Sunday  
Scripture: Matt 3:13-17  
Preacher: Amy Roon

July 9, Living Hope: Storms and Placidness  
Seabeck Sunday  
Scripture: Mark 4:35-41  
Preacher: Kate Davies

July 16, Living Hope: Manna and Quail  
Scripture: Exodus 16  
Preacher: Catherine Foote

July 23, Living Hope: Food for All  
Scripture: Mark 6:31-44  
Preacher: Peter Ilgenfritz

July 30, Living Hope: Sabbath for the Land  
Scripture: Lev 25:1-7  
Preacher: Guest preacher