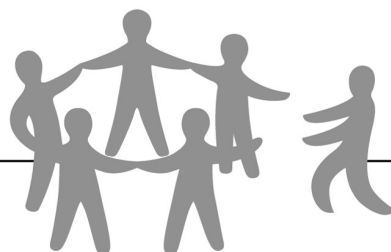
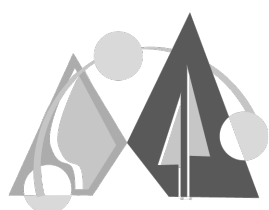


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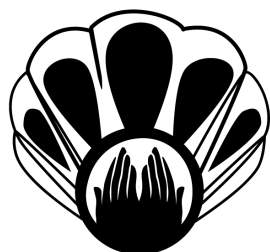
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Calling & Engagement

Rev. Michael Ellick—Pastoral Candidate

In November, 2021, the Pastor Search Committee began the task of seeking a candidate for the Minister of Worship and Care. After rewriting our Church Profile and posting the position on the UCC national website, the committee reviewed 42 submissions and chose 10 candidates to interview. On May 8 at a special meeting of council, we were happy to submit Michael Ellick as our candidate to call.

Rev. Ellick spent much of the past 15 years engaged in social justice actions, teaching centering prayer and spiritual practice. He was also a Senior Minister of First Congressional of Portland, Or. His ties to this area are deep, as he was raised in Washington and attended UW before he attended seminary on the east coast. While at the UW, he also attended UCUC for a time. (A link to a short biographical video is available through the office.)

The committee selected Rev Ellick for a variety of reasons, both measurable and intangible. Viewing past sermons gave us an appreciation for his preaching style. His references all mentioned that he has a collaborative approach to ministry and fosters good teamwork. He has demonstrated a passion for dismantling racism in his work with Common Table of Oregon and Reckoning with Racist Legacy. There were many personal traits in Rev Ellick that we found compelling, including a deep spirituality, a desire to reach out and meet folks where they are, integrity, intelligence and kindness. In his cover letter to the PSC, Michael expressed his desire to return to where he finds his heart—in pastoral care, spiritual guidance and contemplative instruction.

You are invited to attend forums to meet and get to know Rev Ellick. All forums will be hybrid. Please note that while the first 2 forums have specific ministry focus, everyone is invited to attend any forum.

Thursday, June 1, 6-8pm O Hall 1 Worship and Music Ministry

Friday, June 2, 6-8pm O Hall1 Calling, Engagement & Community Ministry

Saturday, June 3, 4-6 pm O Hall Whole congregation

On Sunday, June 4, Rev Ellick will give the sermon during worship (10:00 am).

Following the service, all members are requested to attend and vote in a congregational meeting. Please note, calling a settled pastor is one of the most important things we do as members of UCUC, and our bylaws require 20% of all members to make a quorum for this vital vote. Please do your best to attend in person or online. The Zoom link will be sent in the weekly email.

You can find a printed bio and a video about Rev. Ellick as well as more details on the forums on our website —go to “What’s up now? For the latest articles.

~Margaret Stine, for the Pastor Search Committee

Summer Worship Themes



Worship and Music

This summer our all our worship series lean into some of the rhythms and patterns of warmer weather, shifting schedules, and the ways God leads us on our spiritual paths.

June begins with the excitement of welcoming Rev. Michael Ellick for a Candidating Sunday. This is the culmination of four days of visiting and connecting with specific ministries and the whole congregation. We continue the following week with our annual *Choir Sunday*, an opportunity to celebrate our Chancel Choir ministry.

June 18 kicks off a 3-week sermon series called “*Sorting Out*,” a theological reflection on trash, recycling, and composting. This includes AC Churchill, the executive director of Earth Ministries as a guest preacher and our first summer intergenerational worship.

On July 9th, we get ready for our annual week of all-church camp as we welcome our Seabeck speaker Michael Dowd and our Seabeck musician Betsy Rose. July finishes up with three weeks on “*Sabbath Keeping*” and August brings us a month focused on “*Bread for the Journey*.”

Sorting Out: June 18, June 26, July 2

Every day we stand before our bins and have to decide: what gets composted, what gets recycled, what gets put in the trash? Sometimes we are very mindful in this task, discerning which plastics can be recycled in the mixed stream and which cannot. We consider how to minimize our ecological impact, what can be reused, and how to best practice *The Earth is Sacred - Not Ours to Wreck*.

This series invites us into the same mindful practice with our spirituality—asking what parts of our faith need nourishing, need transformation, or need to be tossed out. These texts show how God is present in the process of feeding and changing and how God gives permission and blesses the act of tossing out that which does not benefit our life of faith.

Sabbath Keeping: July 16, 23, 30

One of the quietest, most radical, unconventional, spiritual practices you can do is not just to take a sabbath day but *keep* the sabbath. In this series we will explore three different ways we can understand and practice keeping sabbath, making room for rest. We will notice what about this practice maintains room for the sacred. We will explore how keeping sabbath goes beyond our bodies and extends to the land and resources around us. And we will notice how keeping sabbath is a gift from God, the gift of rest.

Spiritual Practice: Dedicating a whole day to rest, let others rest (try not to do things that require others to work), and allows the land and resources you use to rest; may be hard for some of us. But take a few moments to decide what you can do and how and when you plan to take that rest and see if you can make a habit of it.

Like all practices, this may be easier if done with a friend or a small group, or at the very least by sharing your intentions with someone you trust.

June and July Music in Worship

In the month of June, music is being shared by our Chancel Choir and by Rainbow City Performing Arts. The Chancel Choir is sharing “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” by Alice Parker and “Myr Zaraz” by Joan Szymko on June 4th for our Candidate Sunday. To celebrate our wonderful choir, on June 11 we will be treated to “Love Has Broken Down the Wall” by Mark Miller, “Ad Astra” by Jacob Narverud, and “For All That is.” Rainbow City Performing Arts will be sharing music on June 18 and June 25, and will include music from their Flutrange Flute Choir.

During the month of July, we are having music shared by guest musicians, including Jeannie Rak, Betsy Rose, and Devin Foster. Jeannie Rak is returning to UCUC for their last time on July 2nd before they move to Chicago. Last Hope-coming service, she sang hits by Alicia Keys, Etta James, and Bob Marley. Betsy Rose is our guest musician for Seabeck Camp, and will be sharing music in our service on July 9th. Devin Foster is a graduate student studying tuba performance at the University of Washington-Seattle, and will be sharing music at our service later in July.

Upcoming Events at UCUC

Zoom links are available in your weekly email or by emailing zoom@universityucc.org.

Weekly opportunities

Bible Study—Tuesdays at 10:00 am (Zoom)

Prayer Circle—Wednesdays 10:00-10:30 am (Zoom)

Gathering Ground Event: Big Tree Gathering

On Saturday, June 3, from 11am – 12:30pm, join into an informal community potluck and chat in a little-known corner of the Arboretum. The community provides beverages, napkins, & plates. If you'd like, bring finger food to share and something to sit on. East Lynn Street and 26th Avenue East, Seattle (searchable as "Montlake Tot Lot"). More info is available at www.gatheringground.org.

Men's Supper

Tuesday, June 6, 6:15 pm, Turner Lounge

Please join the men in our community for a simple soup supper every first Tuesday of the month. All those identifying as male are welcome. They will be taking a break in July and August and reconvene in the fall.

Seabeck Book Club

Meetings are **Monday nights, 7-8 pm** on zoom during June. And on hiatus in July and August. We are revisiting *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer this month—one essay per week. All are welcome to join our discussions! For more information contact beth.bartholomew.208@gmail.com or zoom@universityucc.org.

Quarterly Christian Formation Meeting

June 7, 7:00pm on Zoom

One of the gifts and challenges of our Christian Formation ministry is that *lots* of groups within the congregation engage in educational opportunities. In order to facilitate strategic planning and communication, we will be holding quarterly meetings for Christian Formation. The first one is scheduled for June 7, at 7pm on [Zoom](#). Anyone interested in sharing ideas for education opportunities or representing a group planning an Christian Formation event are welcome to attend.

Racial Justice Book Club

Tuesday, June 20, 12:30-1:45pm on Zoom

South to America: A Journey below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the South of a Nation by Imani Perry is our book for the summer. It book is like traveling with an interesting companion who gives you so many different ideas you take notes so you can keep track of all the things you want to think about. In June we will be focusing on the section called Origin Stories where she visits Harpers Ferry, WV, Lexington, VA, Louisville, KY, Annapolis MD, and Washington DC. Join us in exploring where this takes your thinking and ours. For information on the RJ Book Club contact beth.bartholomew.208@gmail.com or info@universityucc.org. For an interview of the author Fresh Air go to <https://www.npr.org/2022/01/25/1075316109/imani-perry-south-to-america>.



Calling & Engagement

Caring Ministries Celebration

Saturday, June 10, 9:30-11:30am, Turner Lounge

We have shifted the time for those that may want to attend Carolyn Stark's memorial service at 1pm Horizon House. Please know this is planned to be a nourishing time for those that gather.

You might be a part of the caring ministry at UCUCU if you answer YES to any of the following:

- ♦ Are you on the Parish Care, Connections, or Welcoming Committee?
- ♦ Do you attend the Prayer Circle on Wednesdays or commit to pray for others through the Prayer Chain?
- ♦ Do you write cards, bring meals or assemble and deliver care packages to members of this community experiencing a threshold moment in life?
- ♦ Do you help to welcome visitors and thoughtfully prepare our various spaces with newcomers in mind?
- ♦ Do you host "coffee hour" after worship?
- ♦ Are you or have you been a part of the phone outreach to members?
- ♦ Do you host and welcome visitors online?
- ♦ Do you wonder how you might add your skills to the ministry of care in our church family?

... then YOU are a part of the caring ministry of this church family. We would like to honor your work, share in your learning, and boost you up with some encouragement. Please join other members on June 10th. There will be a little reflection, some refreshments, nurture, and the goodness of being together with others who share in this work at the heart of this congregation.

Please say you'll come? Look for an RSVP link in your weekly church email (to help with planning). Questions contact Carol Coleman parishcaresupport@universityucc.org or Jennifer Butner yukonsallydaily@gmail.com

South Pacific at the How Sweet It Is Cafe

June 10, 6:30pm in Ostrander Hall

Please join us as we renew a longstanding tradition of community gatherings at UCUCU called "How Sweet It Is Café." Each Café has a theme that is carried throughout the program. This time, we will be listening to the story of and singing along to the music from Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific. (A small chorus and soloists will have rehearsed the music ahead of time to help the rest of us sing along—no musical ability is necessary!)

South Pacific, as well as other Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, is a remarkable work that directly confronts societal problems. The characters in the musical are nice people in a society that is permeated with racial bigotry. That bigotry seeks to destroy the love between characters who are "different". The material is as germane today as it was when written in 1948.

Everyone is welcome! Bring the whole family and enjoy a yummy potluck dessert. If you are willing to provide a dessert to share, please let me know by an email to Klockars@uw.edu. (We do not need every person contributing desserts so do not feel you need to bring anything.) Your presence and enjoyment of the evening, is what we hope for as we examine, once again, the impact of societal bias and racism (This is the Saturday of Graduation at the UW but hopefully traffic will have cleared out by 6:30.)

Let Freedom Ring! A Juneteenth Celebration

Friday, June 16, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Please come to a concert celebrating Juneteenth, where several small ensembles of the Rainbow City Performing Arts will perform music by African American composers. You can purchase tickets and find more information on the Rainbow City Performing Arts webpage. <http://www.rainbowcityband.com/events/let-freedom-ring/>

Father's Day Celebration

Saturday, June 17 - 5pm at the home of Dave Colescott

All dads of UCUC children, youth, and young adults are invited to our gathering just for dads on Saturday, June 17th at 5pm at Dave Colescott's home. Dave will supply grilled chicken and hamburgers, buns and condiments. Folks can bring sides and drinks. More details and an RSVP to come.

Gathering Ground Event: Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk

Join a playful outdoor event celebrating the longest day of the year with this ancient practice to reflect and center. **Wednesday, June 21, 7pm – 9pm**, Saint Mark's Cathedral 1245 10th Avenue East, Seattle, 98105. Free to attend. Contributions welcome when you RSVP online at www.gatheringground.org or at the event.

Connect with earth's cycles on this longest day of the year! Walk a labyrinth (we'll have 6 set up), draw chalk art. Family friendly activities offered. The event will be open-house style: drop in when it works for you. Please plan to mask while walking labyrinths or waiting in line.

Accessibility: A walker-friendly labyrinth will be offered. All labyrinths available without steps. Please contact us for other needs.

It takes a village! We need 13 volunteers to safely host this event. If you would like to volunteer email Faith at GatherinGround.Seattle@gmail.com or call 206-880-3641. *This program is offered with the permission of Saint Mark's Cathedral and support from the Western Washington Labyrinth Network.*

The choirs of First Congregational Church, Bellevue & University Congregational UCC present: CONSIDERING MATTHEW SHEPARD: A CHORAL SUITE

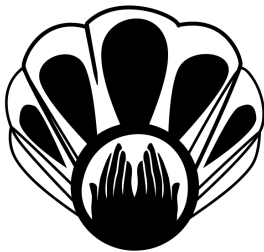
Saturday, June 24th, 7pm, First Congregational Church, Bellevue
11061 NE 2nd St, Bellevue, WA 98004

This concert is free and open to the public. Free parking is available and the church is a short walk from the Bellevue Transit Center

In October of 1998, Matthew Shepard, a young, gay student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie was kidnapped, severely beaten, tied to a fence and left to die in a lonely field under a blanket of stars. Five days later, when Matt passed away, the world was watching. Approaching the eve of the 20th anniversary, composer Craig Hella Johnson responded with his first concert-length work, *Considering Matthew Shepard*.

The profound work *Considering Matthew Shepard* has been moving audiences around the world with its compelling message of love and acceptance. An abbreviated version of the larger work, this 25-minute choral suite uses the healing power of music to create a memorable experience for all who hear the piece.

Co-conducted by Stephen O'Bent (FCCB) and Benjamin Rogers (UCUC), this performance features the combined choirs of FCCB and UCUC and soloists Sheila Houlahan, Virginia Plata, Michael Sederquist, Bryan Watson, and Heidi Wyllis Blythe, accompanied by a chamber orchestra.



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Racial Justice

Let's Celebrate Galactic Love!

Sunday June 25, 10:00am-4:00pm (parade begins at 11:00 am; meetup 10-10:45 am)

Our church is spearheading the participation of our Pacific Northwest Conference of the UCC in this year's PRIDE PARADE, themed Galactic Love! We're hoping a large and loud contingent from UCUC will show up for authenticity, love and equity. Sign up in the narthex in June or with Br. Stephan Gerhardt:

gerhardt_stephan@yahoo.com or 206-781-4560 (More details including safety plans when you sign up)

There will also be a potluck and sign-making party on Sunday, June 17 at 11:30 in the church Lounge. Markers and poster board will be provided.

Our presence and support are needed more than ever at the Parade! In the face of more than 400 anti-LGBTQ laws introduced in different states this year, we need to be together and to share God's love for each and all of us. And to say, Yes! There really are churches that will welcome, love, and support you.

~Your Love & Justice Committee

Seabeck All-church camp—Don't miss out!

July 9-14, Seabeck Conference Center

Are you wondering why the Seabeck committee chose another speaker on ecology for Seabeck this summer, albeit from a theological point of view? Here are observations from those who have seen him in person:

"When Michael Dowd spoke to the UCUC men's gathering a few years ago I found his eco-theology message to be thought provoking, but more importantly it was a message of hope in these troubling times. This was different than just hearing the news about global warming, it provided a framework to find hope through faith. His program at Seabeck will be focused on "REALizing Faith: Living Beyond Hope and Fear" will be an expanded version of the fantastic program he gave us for just a few hours at the men's gathering." *~Tom Jacobi*

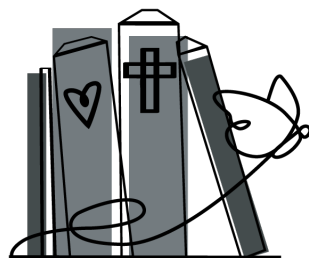
"I had the experience, several years ago, of Michael Dowd as a presenter at UCUC men's retreat. I found him to be not only a warm and engaging human being, but an exceptionally perceptive commentator. His focus is on the faith dimension of ecology and protecting the environment. He is able to illuminate the underside of his subject in unexpected ways that can throw a whole new light on it. I recall him talking about real estate values in the context of rising sea levels in Florida, for instance. The examples he uses to bolster his case are unusually pithy and concrete. And he can venture into territory seemingly far afield—such as the attraction of boys and young men to internet pornography—but end up relating it to care for the earth in a way that is surprising but right on target.

I am very much looking forward to Michael Dowd as our Seabeck presenter this summer. I encourage others to join me in appreciating what I know will be a meaty and thought-provoking adult program." *~Monty Wiley*

"Michael Dowd is a dynamic speaker, good at the intersection of faith and science. He was much appreciated when he spoke at Prospect UCC." *~Rev. Meighen Pritchard*

There is still time to sign up! To get information and register in person, see our volunteers at the Seabeck table on Sunday or download the forms from the Seabeck page on our website at universityucc.org/grow/seabeck.

Can't come all week? Ask about coming part time. Is money an issue? Ask about scholarships. Just email Seabeck@universityucc.org and a member of the committee will get back to you within a day or two.



Christian Formation

Save the Date: Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 10

Put the date in your calendar for our annual “return” to fall activities at our church. If you’d like to participate in the planning for this wonderful event, please email office@universityucc.com and we’ll be in contact!

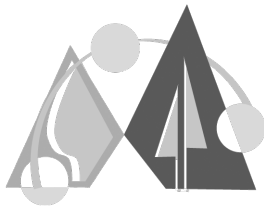
Announcements

A birth in our Community

Austin Williams Johnson

Born: May 17, 2023

Welcome to the world Austin! Congratulations to new parents, Erin Williams and Matt Johnson, on the birth of their baby! Little Austin was born on Wednesday, May 17th at 5:37pm. He weighed 7lbs 3.8 ounces and is 20” long. Both mama and baby are doing well! Blessings and joy as the new family gets to know each other.



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Deaths in our Community

Mary Grafious

Born: July 11, 1916

Died: April 24, 2023

Mary died peacefully with family surrounding her in love and care. She was our oldest member, 106-1/2 years old. Lived on her own until 104. Mary joined UCUC in 1980 and shared her time and wisdom with us until getting to church became difficult. Mary was passionate about justice issues which fit well with some of the values here. She also was a leader during the ONA (Open and Affirming) process, very supportive of University Congregational Housing Association (UCHA), and working with Teen Feed. Mary cared about all ages of people, was curious, and a supporter for rights for all.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 20th in our sanctuary.

Please hold Mary’s children, Phil and Judith, along with their families in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

Carolyn Stark

Born: December 27, 1927

Died: May 2, 2023

Carolyn died peacefully surrounded in love and care. She and her husband Bill (predeceased 2022) joined UCUC in 1978 and both had a strong faith. They both were thoughtful and supportive members for many years. Carolyn served as one of our moderators providing great guidance during her term. She had deep appreciation for the arts and really enjoyed seeing the development and use of the liturgical arts here. A warm and caring person, she always liked knowing what was going on in the life of church and sharing her wisdom and insight.

A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, June 10th 1:00pm at Horizon House.

Please hold Carolyn and Bill’s children, David and Christine, and their families in your prayers.



Sally Hill

Born: 1935

Died: May 8, 2023

We recently learned that Sally Hill passed away on Monday, May 8th. Gene and Sally have been a part of the UCUC community for over 40 years. Sally was an art instructor and administrative assistant in the Seattle Public Schools. Her warmth and kindness will be missed here and by those in the communities she was a part of. Please hold her husband Gene and their children, grandchildren, and family in your prayers.

There will be a private family celebration of life.

Donations can be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in memory of Sally Hill.



Love and Justice

Land Acknowledgement Action: June

We gather as guests of the Duwamish people on their traditional land that touches the shared waters of other Coast Salish tribes. We understand that their identity and richness of culture are deeply connected with the mountains, valleys, waterways and shorelines that surround us all.

We commit to learning about the Duwamish, other indigenous cultures, and historical and ongoing oppression of indigenous peoples. We strive to nurture our relationship with indigenous peoples, especially our neighbors, by joining their efforts to work for social justice and to care for this land.

A land acknowledgement is a gesture of respect and awareness of the land and its history. It becomes meaningful when coupled with informed action that builds relationships.

This month, walk over to the Burke Museum after church or any other day and have a bite to eat at **Off the Rez Café**. We can show our support by spending our dollars at this Native American-owned café. (And by the way, it's delicious!)

June 2023 Special Offering: Seattle Student Union

The Youth Group is grateful to the Love and Justice Committee for the chance to choose the special offering for June. The group looked at a few organizations for the special offering and wanted to share the others that we considered:

March For Our Lives (<https://marchforourlives.com>)

Lavender Rights Project (<https://www.lavenderrightsproject.org>)

Seattle Student Union is a student run organization based here in Seattle that fights for gun control and other student rights. The Youth Group chose this because it is local and fights for a lot of the things that the youth group fights for.

Here is more info from their website: *"We fight for student needs, uniting the south end and north ends of Seattle to win real change by organizing students towards collective direct action. We stand up for abortion rights, climate justice, Covid safety, mental health support, Black Lives Matter, Gun Control and any other progressive cause. Founded in January of 2022, we've led countless walkouts and rallies and won N95 masks for everyone in the district, \$4 million for school mental health counselors and a statewide assault weapons ban among other control measures."* You can read more about their work at <https://www.seattlestudentunion.org>.





Love and Justice

July 2023 Special Offering

UCUCC Hunger Outreach programs

The July Special Offering will support UCUCC Hunger Outreach. For over forty years, our congregation has generously supported organizations that address the needs of families and individuals facing food insecurity. With increasing prices and cuts to pandemic support funds, these needs most certainly continue.

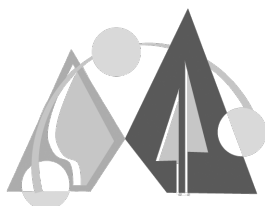
Key findings from a recent survey out of the University of Washington School of Public Health include:

- ◆ Food insecurity was higher in households of BIPOC respondents, households with children, households with low incomes, and renters.
- ◆ Food assistance use was high across WA, with more than half of respondents using at least one type of food assistance in the past month.
- ◆ Food price increases were felt by everyone, but households with food insecurity reported greater worry about price increases, as well as worse overall financial outlooks and more financial stress.
- ◆ For food insecure households, groceries were reported as the most challenging bill to afford.

Your UCUCC Hunger Outreach action team partners with organizations like the Emergency Feeding Program of King County and North Helpline to help address critical needs.

In addition to supporting EFP and North Helpline, the Hunger Outreach team is collaborating with the UCUCC Children's Ministry team to launch a new pilot program to provide nutritious sack lunches for 40 folks in low-income housing, distributed in partnership with the YMCA. We hope that this hands-on service opportunity will become a bimonthly event.

Thank you for your support of this important work. Send checks to University Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 16th Avenue Northeast, Seattle, WA 98105 and designate the [fill in month]-Special Offering in the memo, or go to the church's website (www.universityucc.org) to donate online.



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Plan Ahead for Share the Harvest

Sundays, July 23 through September 10

Hello Gardeners! As you plant your flowers and vegetables for summer, please add a row or several plants for the Share the Harvest Table. Your green thumbs will bring freshly grown items to our apartment dwellers and others!

The proceeds will fund emergency and food bank nourishment for families and people alone who need it so much. Thank you for planting to make this possible!

Contact Joy Sumner at sumnereugene@gmail.com to help staff the Narthex table, or with questions.

UCUCC Church Health Survey open now!

Tell us what's important for you - help guide our path forward! Please participate by completing the UCUCC Church Health Survey. We want to hear your voice, and all UCUCC voices. The survey will ask you to reflect on various aspects of our church life together, and will take you about 15 minutes to complete. [A link to the survey is here](#) and we ask that you complete the survey by **May 31st**. We will have printed versions in the office and in the Narthex for those for whom completing on-line is difficult. The Church Health Task Force has worked to create this survey with input from many church leaders. It will guide us in where we need to focus next. Further discussions are planned with our congregation. If you have questions you can contact Jan von Lehe or Mary Sue Galvin.



Calling & Engagement

Wonderful community!

As your pledge campaign chair, I would love your help! We've not had a robust committee for the past few years due to COVID but we would love to be back up to full participation going forward.

We are in the beginning stages of our 2023 pledge campaign and need your help.

Would you join the committee? We are planning to meet roughly twice monthly between now and mid-September.

Specific tasks include:

- ◆ Pledge Campaign Goal setting
- ◆ Theme selection
- ◆ Writing weekly emails and monthly updates,
- ◆ Designing and installing/updating the red wall,
- ◆ Speaking during stewardship moments
- ◆ Assisting with pledge packet contents
- ◆ Writing follow-up thank you cards
- ◆ Future plans!

We would love your energy for this essential work in supporting the church.

Please reach out to Kyna kshilling@universityucc.org or Cristin Miller cristinmiller@me.com if you feel called to this work!



Stewardship

Asset Enhancement Task Force (AETF) update

During March and April 2023, the AETF has been focused on coming to consensus on options for UCUC's financial assets. They presented five AIR forms for council's consideration on April 21, 2023. Each articulates the immediate next steps needed to move forward with the following:

- Creating a 5+ year strategic financial outlook, to be submitted to council prior to the 2024 pledge campaign and budget process.
- Researching actionable options for our UCUC property assets of Lin House, Gold House, Lot C and Lot A.
- Taking steps towards planning a UCUC capital campaign, including a feasibility study and case statement, and presenting a plan to Council.
- With the UCUC Finance Committee, increasing our emphasis on planned giving by providing members with information, education, encouragement, and support around their planned giving decisions..
- Undergoing a UCUC programming and staffing analysis, in coordination with the Personnel Committee, which can inform the 2025 budget process.

After a discussion of each AIR form, the UCUC Church Council approved all five with unanimous votes.

As we move from inquiry to action, it is essential that we stay connected and in covenant with each other. One goal of AETF is to share what we've learned with the congregation, so we can walk alongside each other with a set of shared assumptions. We invite you all to take a look at the Assets Inventory Report – it is comprehensive look at our people assets, relationship assets, property assets, and financial assets, and provides the foundation for any next steps we take to meet our current and future needs. You can find the complete AETF Inventory Report here:

www.universityucc.org/resources.

Mwanzo news: A healthier, more climate-friendly kitchen

Wood smoke is bad for people and the environment and for people who have to breathe it, and burning wood contributes to deforestation. So Mwanzo has been keen to replace the wood stoves in our kitchen. We had hoped we could use the so-



lar power for an electric stove, but that was not practicable, especially since there have been long periods of cloudy weather, with insufficient power for the batteries. LP gas is much cleaner than wood, and more feasible for us than electric. After many meetings and collaboration with organizations in Kenya, a 1-ton cylinder of LP gas was installed, the kitchen upgraded, and we are now cooking with gas!

The kitchen staff are thrilled. They don't have to work in a smoky environment any more, and they feel better, with less coughing and eye irritation since the conversion. We are so pleased to provide a healthier workplace for them, and reduce our carbon footprint at the same time.

Annual Report availability

Paper copies of the Annual report are now available in the church office. On our website, under Resources, you will find a downloadable pdf. If you need a paper copy mailed to you, please email Charlene at office@universityucc.org.

News for Children, Youth and Families

Events for All Families:

Spring - Summer 2023 - Children's & Youth Ministry Calendar:

June 25 - Popsicles in the Park, after church

July 9 - 14 - Seabeck All Church Summer Camp! (reg now open!)

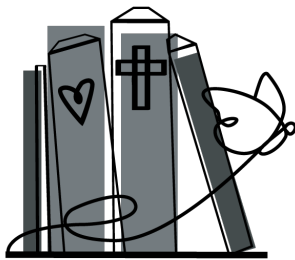
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July 25 - 28 - M.S. Service Trip

July 30 - Aug. 4 - H.S. Service Trip

August 12 - Family BBQ hosted by the Marshall family

August 27 - Popsicles in the Park, after church



Christian Formation

Sunday June 4th – Youth Group, 5th Grade Move-Up, Parent Gathering

9am – 10am Youth Room & Room 102 (near youth room)

5th Grade Youth are invited to join the Youth Group in the youth room for a moving-up event. Doughnuts will be included.

Parents of 5th – 12 grade youth are invited to a gathering in room 102 (near the youth room) for some doughnuts and coffee.

Sunday June 4th – Family Pool Party

3:30pm – 4:30pm at Lynwood Pool

UCUCC Children's Ministry has rented out the Lynwood Pool on Sunday, June 4th!

We are excited to invite families to join us for a fun time to swim! We may gather for some pizza afterwards, details still coming together. Please know that friends are ALWAYS welcome! Register at: <https://bit.ly/UCUCCSwim23>

Saturday, June 17 - Father's Day Celebration Event

5pm at the home of Dave Colescott

All dads of UCUCC children, youth, and young adults are invited to our gathering just for dads on Saturday, June 17th at 5pm at Dave Colescott's home. Dave will supply grilled chicken and hamburgers, buns and condiments. Folks can bring sides and drinks. Please RSVP to Tim Johnson at grimb.templar@yahoo.com.

Sunday, June 25th – PRIDE Parade – Families invited!

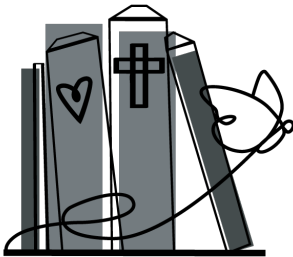
Around 10/11am - 4pm

University Congregational UCC and Plymouth UCC are co-sponsoring a parade entry on behalf of the PNW UCC Conference for the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday June 25th, starting around 11:00 am. Bring your signs and your friends for a day of celebrating and supporting our LGBTQIA+ siblings! We aim to celebrate all that we

have won and march in solidarity for the lack of equality that still exists especially among our Trans and BIPOC siblings. You can sign up in the narthex the 3 Sundays prior to Pride. More details to come. For questions and specifics, email Br. Stephan at gerhardt_stephan@yahoo.com or call 206-781-4560.

Sunday, July 9 – Friday, July 14 – All Church Camp at Seabeck!

We are so excited for camp together! We have some fun activities planned for children, youth and adults!



Christian Formation

Children's Ministry News

Sunday Morning Program & Care for Children:

June 4 – Chapel & Communion Sunday: K-5th grade in chapel, Infant – 4's childcare in the classroom. Children will return for communion on this Sunday.

Summer program begins for children:

June 11, 18, & 25: K-5th grade together in a classroom, Infant – 4's childcare in a classroom

July 2: Intergenerational Sunday – all children in worship with their families for an intergenerational worship experience.

July 9, 16, 23, 30: K-5th grade together in a classroom, Infant – 4's childcare in a classroom

4th Sundays June, July & August - Popsicles in the Park

At a local park from 12pm-2pm

Join us at following church on the fourth Sunday of the month in June, July and August for some summer fun! Bring a picnic lunch for your family and a blanket or chairs to sit on. Kids will have fun climbing on the playground, digging in the sand, or running and playing games in the grass! We will provide popsicles as a fun treat. Bring friends!

June 25 – Ravenna Park - Droze family hosting

July 23 – Magnuson Park - Johnson family hosting

August 27 – Cowen Park - Bracket family hosting

Still trying to figure out our RSVP plan for this

August Save the Dates:

August 12 – Family BBQ Gathering

Families are invited to join together for a BBQ at the Marshall's house. More details to come in the weekly children's ministry emails and in the August Church & Home.

Youth Ministry News

Sunday Morning Youth Group Schedule:

June 4th – Youth Group (5th grade move-up event)

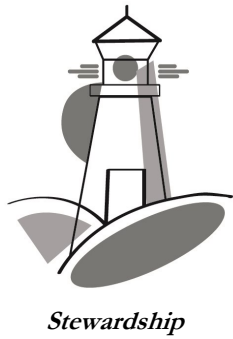
June 11th – Last 9am Youth Group before we break for summer

June 11 – End Of Year Party

5:30pm – 7:30pm in the Narthex at UCUC

Youth and their families are invited to our end of year party to celebrate the year! We will thank our leaders and our committee members! We will celebrate our OWL, Confirmation Participants and Seniors! We will eat dinner together and be in fellowship with one another! We'll end the night with our annual slideshow! It's been a WONDERFUL year and it will be good to be together to celebrate! Please register for this event so we can plan for food: <https://bit.ly/EndOfYearParty23>

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2023-2024 Council and Committees

Approved by the congregation on May 21, 2023.

(Names in italics are those who have joined since the prior Annual Meeting in 2022, or who are joining as of this Annual Meeting)

UCUCC Church Council:

Moderator; Ed Coleman '24

Assistant Moderator; open position

Treasurer; David Glick

Secretary; Mary Sue Galvin

At Large Representative; Virginia Felton '25

At Large Representative; Kathryn Robinson '26

Racial Justice Rep; Ginger Warfield '24

Christian Formation Ministry Liaison;

Eleanor Jerbi

Calling, Engagement, and Community

Ministry Liaison; George Vestal

Love & Justice Ministry Liaison;

Carol Nelson

Worship & Music Ministry Liaison;

Margaret Stine

Stewardship & Administration Ministry

Liaison; Kathy Williams

Calling, Engagement and Community Ministry: Parish Care Committee

Star Leonard Fleckman

Lisbeth Gilbert

Gail Hanson

Erin Johnson

Ellen Naden

Claudia Patton

Marie Morgan Riss

Tricia Tiano

Gay Zwisler

Calling, Engagement and Community Ministry: Connections Committee

Patrice Tabor, co-chair

Jan von Lehe co-chair

Vicki Farmer

Mary Sue Galvin

Pat Palmer

George Vestal

Calling, Engagement and Community Ministry: Welcome Committee

Pat Palmer, chair

Bart Klingler

Lisa Klingler

Margaret Klockars

George Vestal

Christian Formation Ministry: Youth Committee

Chris deMaagd

Betsy George

Allison Hastings

Emily Locke

Miranda Meyer

Sarah Wallen

Christian Formation Ministry: Children's Ministry Committee

Tim Johnson, chair

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Sarah Marshall

Gina Massoni

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Linda Scott

Christian Formation Ministry: Seabeck

Xavier Moore, chair

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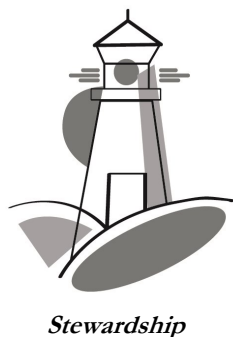
Johnathon Fitzpatrick, registrar

Tom Jacobi, treasurer

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Rockwell Moulton

Gene Sumner



2023-2024 Council and Committees

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Love & Justice Ministry Committee

Carol Nelson, chair
Susan Cook
Michael Crowley
Elizabeth Dickinson
Stephan Gerhardt
Mark Peterson
Linda Scott
Liz Wells

Stewardship & Administration Ministry: Personnel Committee

Virginia Felton, co-chair
Joyce Jackson, co-chair
Pamela Bezona
Tim Croll
Fred Heidrich
Emily Morishima
Kathryn Murdock
John Worthington

Stewardship & Administration Ministry: Finance Committee

Jeff Hancock, chair
John Coleman
Gareth Emanuel
Don Guthrie
Marcia McCracken
Cristin Miller
Kathy Williams

Stewardship & Administration Ministry: Facilities & Equipment

Bill Ewing
Doug Howlett
Dennis Noson
Vince Santo Pietro
Margaret Stine
Bill Vanderwilt

Worship & Music Ministry Committee

Margaret Stine, co-chair
Sarah Turner, co-chair
Joan Davis
Angela Garner
Pricilla Grundy
Royce Morrison
Kay Murakami
Marne Parry
Nadine Santo-Pietro
Betty Spieth-Croll
Patrice Tabor
George Vestal
Erik Wallen
John Worthington

In addition to those serving in lay leadership roles, who were affirmed by vote at the annual meeting, the following lay leaders participate in standing committees of the UCUC Church Council (whose members are nominated and do not require a vote of the congregation):

Leadership Parish Relations Committee (LPRC),

David Ovens (chair), Rachel Teigen-Brackett, Tom George, *Becca McMullen*, Gini Stimpson, Amy Roon, Steve Jerbi

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC),

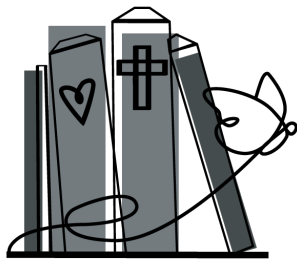
Anna Van Pelt, Anya Peterson, Ed Coleman, Ellen Naden, Emily Morishima, Kathryn Robinson, Margaret Stine, Mike Zevenbergen, Nadine Santo-Pietro, Roberta Hollowell (co-chair), and Royce Morrison (co-chair)

Pledge Committee,

chaired by Cristin Miller. Currently recruiting for the 2024 Pledge Campaign!

Investment Committee,

Don Guthrie (chair), Jerry Landeen, Kathy Williams



Christian Formation

July 25 - July 28 - M.S. Service Trip

Youth currently in 5th, 6th and 7th grade are invited to join us for a fun summer trip filled with service, learning, connections, fun, faith and friends! We will work two days at the Giving Garden - a community garden. Then we will work one morning with Sharent Food Bank. It's an important way to be in service and to create connections in community! Registration link will be available in the weekly youth emails.

July 30 - August 4 - H.S. Service Learning Trip

Youth currently in 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade are invited to join us for the High School Service Trip! We are headed out to Nature Bridge on Lake Crescent in the Olympic National Park! Youth will have the "opportunity to engage in inclusive, hands-on learning experiences in the foothills of the Pacific Northwest's majestic Olympic mountains. Students explore an old growth forest, the Elwha River, and pristine Lake Crescent, while challenging themselves physically, building meaningful relationships, and discovering a caring relationship with the natural world." (from their website). We will also experience this through our lens as people of faith. What is our call as Christians to connect with and care for the earth and this beautiful place we call home. Registration link will be available in the weekly youth emails.

Church building updates and office hours

Church office hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm,
Sundays 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Staff Holidays: Monday, June 19—Juneteenth

Tuesday, July 4—Independence Day

Limited staff during Seabeck—July 9-14

The office staff and program staff and pastors continue to work on a hybrid schedule—some days at home, some days at the church or elsewhere. To access the building, please contact the custodian on duty at 206-612-2144.

Contact a pastor in an emergency A pastor is always available for pastoral emergencies. Please call or text 206-445-3378, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am for worship in-person or via live stream. (Check homepage of website for links to Zoom livestream), or connect with our online worship service on Facebook or YouTube streaming anytime throughout the week after 5:00pm Sundays .

All articles in this printed newsletter can be found on our website. Go to: www.universityucc.org/whats-up-now/

The deadline for submission for **next month's** issue is the 15th of **this month**.

Email submissions to Churchandhome@universityucc.org.

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Worship and Preaching schedule

Please see page 2 for information about our summer worship series.

June 4

The Road to Emmaus

Rev. Michael Ellick, preaching
(candidate Sunday)

Luke 24:13-35

June 25

Sorting Out: Compost

Rev. Amy Roon, preaching
Luke 13:6-9

July 16

Sabbath Keeping: Keep it Holy

Rev. Amy Roon, preaching
Exodus 20:8-11

June 11

Choir Sunday

Rev. Amy Roon, homily
Acts 2:43-47

July 2

Sorting Out: Trash

Rev. Steve Jerbi, preaching
Matthew 5:12-13

*This Sunday is intentionally inter-
generational and children will stay
in the sanctuary the whole time*

July 23

Sabbath Keeping: For the Land

Rev. Steve Jerbi
Exodus 23:10-11

June 18

Sorting Out: Recycling

Rev. AC Churchill, executive di-
rector of Earth Ministries
Psalm 30

July 11

Seabeck Sunday:

Living Beyond Hope and Fear
Michael Dowd, Seabeck
speaker

July 30

Sabbath Keeping: Give You Rest

Rev. Amy Roon
Exodus 33:12-14