



**First Congregational  
United Church  
of Christ  
Vancouver, WA**

**Temporary Location  
for Worship:**

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# ***THE LINK WEEKLY UPDATE FOR MAY 26, 2017***

**Memorial  
Day**

**Sunday, May 28, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**Worship at the Luepke Center**

**Monday, May 29, 2017**

**Office Closed for Memorial day**

**2:00 PM**

**Special Spirituality Tea**

**At the home of Michele Holden**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**Choir at the WA State School for the Blind**

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**Worship at the Luepke Center**

**3:00**

**Sunday Matinee Choir Concert**

**WA State School for the Blind**



## **Summer Worship on the Labyrinth**

During the months of July and August, we will be worshipping on our beautiful Labyrinth under a pavilion. Plans are being developed for easier access if needed.

**Pray for beautiful weather!**

# SUNDAY MATINEE

JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm

FRIES AUDITORIUM

WA. SCHOOL for the BLIND

presented by FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

CHOIR

ENJOY  
SONGS  
FROM  
FAVORITE  
MOVIES



Hello friends and colleagues,  
LCSNW will hold the next Refugee Community Forum on **June 22nd** from 2-3:30pm. We will be joined this month by the Washington State Refugee Advisory Council and will have an opportunity to review what is happening in the program and around the state. We will also have the opportunity to hear from our partners.

**Please RSVP to me by 6/15** if you plan on attending. We will meet once again at the YWCA across the street from LCSNW, in their Community Room.

### March for Climate Change

A Climate March will be held in Vancouver on April 29. A local group called Humanitarian United Movement and Action Network (HUMAN) has organized a Rally and March that will begin in Marshall Park at 12:30 p.m. Don Steinke and Don Orange are two of the scheduled speakers.



### Vancouver Spring Summit June 4<sup>th</sup> 1 – 3 pm

FAN's advocating faith communities across Washington State come together during our ANNUAL SPRING SUMMITS to talk about the issues we care about and to discuss our advocacy plans for the future. Our congregation has been a member of FAN for 6 years.

**The 2017 Vancouver Spring Summit will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.** There will be speakers, food, a free will offering for a local charity, a chance to network with other social justice congregations, and a chance to vote on the issues you would like FAN to focus on to create lasting change. More details to follow, so save the date!

## Women's Breakfast Group

All women of the church are invited to celebrate sisterhood, fellowship and friendship when the *Women's Breakfast Group* meets at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 10th at the Peachtree on Highway 99.



### Teacher and Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 4

Please make sure you are in church for our annual Teacher Appreciation and Graduate Recognition Sunday. Besides recognizing them during the service, we will have special treats for our coffee hour.

If you have a graduate in your family, please let Kathy in the office know the graduate's name and plans after graduation so we can add him/her to the bulletin that day. You may drop off your announcement in the office until May 31<sup>st</sup> or email it to [kathy@vanucc.org](mailto:kathy@vanucc.org).



**Neighborhood Association Special meeting:  
Regarding NE 68th Street developments and safety concerns**

The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association is hosting a special neighborhood meeting regarding development proposed on NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street (from Highway 99 to St. John's) and concerns citizens have with regard to the safety of walking and biking on this stretch of road. We will have representatives from Clark County, City of Vancouver and interested parties to share information and answer questions about these issues.

**Date:** *June 5, 2017*  
**Time:** *6:00 PM to 8:00 PM*  
**Place:** *Clark County 78<sup>th</sup> Street Operations Center  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street  
Conference/Training Center (Building B2)*

IF you want to learn more about the proposed development and/or issues about NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street please plan on attending this meeting.

Thank you.

Regards,

***Doug Ballou, President  
NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association***

**Excerpt from a Conversation between Doug Ballou and Susan Wilson**

What is the short term and long term plan to mitigate the safety risks along NE 68th Street? The City of Vancouver and Clark County should collaborate on this holistic plan.

Clark County Public Works regularly reviews county roadways for safety issues that arise from crashes involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists during the previous five years. High crash rates prompt us to look for potential improvements. Crashes have been reviewed along this corridor, but this review did not lead to a specific engineering solution. Many crashes were related to driver error or inattentiveness, not specific roadway features. With this type of crash history, a cost-benefit analysis does not indicate that crash rates will improve (number of crashes will be reduced) with road improvements.

Public Works also has a prioritized list for sidewalk improvements, and this segment of sidewalk is on that list. We are currently doing a scoping effort to determine if we should apply for grants for this segment of sidewalk at the end of the month, depending on how high the cost estimates turn out. We will coordinate with the City of Vancouver as needed when projects are planned near jurisdictional borders.

Why are there no continuous sidewalks along NE 68th Street?

When this area initially developed, county road standards did not require sidewalk, curbs and planter strips. More recent development did require the construction of sidewalk and disabled-accessible curb ramps, albeit to what is now an outdated standard. Some sidewalk curb ramps were recently upgraded before this summer's pavement preservation work. This work is in accordance with current ADA standards for ramps and U.S. Department of Justice's requirements.