

# *The Link*

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## **Hello there First Congregational UCC – Vancouver!**



I am looking forward to joining you for worship this coming Sunday, November 1, and the weeks and months to come. I am excited to have the opportunity to work, play, pray, rejoice, weep and worship with you as your intentional interim minister.

We will have many opportunities to get to know one another in the days ahead, but I thought it might help to get to know a bit about me. My husband (Jeff), teen son (Elijah) and I live with our silly little dog Max and a foster pup Stan in Beaverton. Jeff and Elijah are currently attending Cedar Hills UCC, although you might see their faces from time to time. Jeff, a graphic designer at Amazon.com, was born with muscular dystrophy and uses a wheelchair for mobility. Elijah is an eighth grader who plays clarinet and loves to act in plays.

I was born into a long line of ministers and missionaries, was confirmed in the UCC in Duluth MN in the 1980's, and (after some thrashing around in my 20's) attended Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry. I most recently served at Hillsdale UCC in SW Portland as the senior pastor there. My particular interests in ministry are pastoral care, creative worship, interfaith prayer and full inclusion in church life for children and people with disabilities. When I'm not at church, I enjoy yoga, writing, swimming, watching sci-fi re-runs, reading just about anything and eating bananas. Seriously, I eat so many bananas. You can find a lot more about me by checking out my webpage: <http://46thpsalm.blogspot.com> or by friending me on Facebook.



With joyful anticipation,

Jennifer Garrison Brownell

## WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

### November 1, 2015 Remembering Our Saints And Communion

10 a.m. Worship Service. Infant and Toddler Care available. 10:20 a.m.: Youth Group meets at 11:15 a.m. in the Triangle Room

#### **Worship Volunteers:**

Greeters:

Worship Leader: Rory Martindale

Ushers: Trent Corey, Rory Martindale  
Wayne and Doris Fletcher

### **Welcome Reception for the Brownell Family following worship.**

### November 8, 2015

10 a.m. Worship Service. Rev. Jennifer Brownell , preaching. Infant and Toddler Care available. 10:20 a.m.: Christian Education for children 3 yrs. - Grade 7.

#### **Worship Volunteers:**

Greeters:

Worship Leader: Harriet Anani

Ushers: Carol Pendergraft, Dwight Chapman  
Darrell and Shirley Brandenburg

### November 15, 2015

10 a.m. Worship Service. Rev. Jennifer Brownell , preaching.. Infant and Toddler Care available. 10:20 a.m.: Christian Education for children 3 yrs. - Grade 7. Youth Group meets at 11:15 a.m. in the Triangle Room

#### **Worship Volunteers:**

Greeters:

Worship Leader: David Harrington

Ushers: Ken Rowe and Cory Saum-Blystone  
Ray Jones

### November 22, 2015

10 a.m. Worship Service. Rev. Jennifer Brownell , preaching.. Infant and Toddler Care available. 10:20 a.m.: Christian Education for children 3 yrs. - Grade 7.

### **Stewardship Thanksgiving Dinner following worship.**

#### **Worship Volunteers:**

Greeters:

Worship Leader: Jerry Mathis

Ushers: David Harrington and David Macko  
Susan Rush

### November 29, First Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship Service. Rev. Jennifer Brownell , preaching.. Infant and Toddler Care available. 10:20 a.m.: Christian Education for children 3 yrs. - Grade 7.

#### **Worship Volunteers:**

Greeters:

Worship Leader: Dwight Chapman

Ushers: John Hannon and John Bradley

## REMEMBERING OUR FAMILY IN PRAYER

Prayer requests for:

**Our sons and daughters overseas, and the  
people of the Middle East;**

### CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:

Joan Blair  
Ken Kerr  
Betty Ferner  
Dorothy Mathews  
Nita Calvert  
Irma Slocum  
Cordelia Rush  
John Priel

## UPCOMING PUBLICATION DATES FOR “*The Link*”

### Link Deadline

**November 8, 2015**

### Link Mailed

**November 10, 2015**

## Birthdays in November

November 04	Daryl DeSilva
November 09	Nancy Herr
November 16	Joanie Nelson
November 17	Kelsey Ramberg
November 18	Opal Chapman
November 20	Shirley Brandenburg
November 27	Charlotte Warren
November 29	David Harrington
November 29	Casey Besaw
November 30	Patrick Ramberg



## Honor Garden

We are making progress on the Honor Garden and front entrance landscaping. Thanks to John Greenauer and his team including Ken Rowe, Scott Jones, Tom Renner, and Ed Martin the patio and brick lined walk will be completed soon. We still need the following landscaping items to be donated. Each of these items can be given in honor or in memory of someone.

- Three benches: \$500 each. \$600 with engraving.
- Water feature: \$500. \$550 with engraved plaque.
- Two ornamental trees: \$100 each. \$150 with engraved plaque.
- Garden entry arbor: \$300. \$350 with engraved plaque.

We also need funds for general landscaping and maintenance of the garden. You may donate any amount for this, or if you wish to make it in honor or memory of someone, a gift of \$150 or more will include an engraved walkway brick.

Please see Ed Martin if you wish to donate one of the above items.

## Name Tag November

Contributed by the Membership Ministry

We are officially making the month of November name tag month because our new interim minister wants to know us by our first names. The membership ministry has made an effort to organize the name tags and make new ones for those that were missing. If we have mistakenly overlooked yours please let Joan Blair or Kathy in the office know and we'll make you one immediately. Let's all join in to get to know each other better and have Rev. Brownell call us by our names. Walk in, put on your name tag and wear it proudly!!

## Ready for Rev. Brownell!

Contributed by the Interiors Committee

Stop by the pastor's study and take a peek at the new look. Thanks to Laurie Parafinczuk, who purchased 2 new comfortable chairs, two new tables, an office chair, new wall decor and a new clock. The interior's committee, Laurie, Nancy Fite, Joan Blair, Marilyn Jones and Carole Greenauer painted the walls a clean color and now it is ready to welcome Rev. Jennifer Brownell on November 1st. We plan to have a bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates to greet her on her first day also.

If you like what you see, give a hug, high five or hand shake to any of the committee. Be looking closely for our next project!!!

## Women's Breakfast Group

We're going to gather one extra time for Saturday Breakfast together.

The Quay will close their dining room for good at noon on October 31<sup>st</sup> and they have invited our group to come for the final breakfast. I made reservations for us and any interested gals to show up at 9:30 as usual. Hope to see you.

Questions? Call Connie at 360-573-8997.

p.s. This does **not** replace our regular second Saturday in November – location pending.

## Dr. Schindler in Recital

On Sunday, November 15, Christopher will perform a piano recital at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. His program will feature the solo version of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue". There will also be music by Bach, Chopin, Debussy and Janáček.

Admission is \$ 10 at the door or \$ 5 plus non-perishable food item.

## To My Church Family

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards and good wishes for my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The cake was provided with love and gratitude for my wonderful Church family.

Virginia Ebersole



## Stewardship Campaign 2015-2016

Contributed by John Greenauer

This year's Stewardship Campaign features a Family Album to present our many Programs and ministries. We encourage you to support our church with a pledge for support in 2016. Forwarding the album to the next family on the list until the album has reached every family assures that over 90% of our pledge commitments will be collected on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> for dedication and celebration. A Family Thanksgiving Dinner and Celebration will follow worship that day. The celebration will include entertainment after dinner. Please save the date and plan to attend our Family Thanksgiving Dinner.

**A pledge is a good faith estimate of your support and will not be legally binding or used in any way other than to calculate our estimated income from pledges. Approximately 75-80% of our total income is received from pledges made. If you need to change the amount pledged at any time, kindly notify John Fite our Financial Secretary.**

The Stewardship Committee Team wishes to thank the delivery route managers who will follow the progress of the albums and answer any questions that you may have. Your route manager will be contacting you to let you know that you are on their route. Route managers include: *John and Ellie Bradley, Jeff and Cindy Schnabel, John and Nancy Fite, Jeff and Pam Osborne, Richard Trefren, Ed and Ruby Frank, John Greenauer, Joan and Claude Blair, Darrell and Shirley Brandenburg and Tom Renner.*

*"Give thanks for unknown blessings  
already on their way."*

*~Native American Proverb*

## New Pinochle Social Group

A new pinochle group is being formed. We need 3-4 players to have enough for two tables. and we have people available to instruct anyone who would like to learn to play. The group will determine when and how often to play. Normally, the members of the group would take turns hosting ensuing meetings. Substitutes are available for the times when conflicts arise.. This can be a lot of fun, so give some thought to getting involved.

If you are interested in playing call Darrell Brandenburg at 360 693 7981.

## All In Giving Thanks!

Contributed by Leslie Chapman

On Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating our church and the conclusion of our 2016 Stewardship Drive. We will gather together after church in Bradford Hall and have a church family dinner. We will provide the turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy and bread. We are asking you to bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert. There will be entertainment, fun and great fellowship, so you won't want to miss it.

## Search Committee Forming for Seated Pastor Position

The Personnel Committee is still seeking nine interested members for the Search Committee to fill the pastor role in our congregation. If you are interested in being on the search committee, please complete the ½ page informational sheet found in the Narthex and give this information sheet to any Personnel Committee member: John Fite, Bert Martin, Kristin Martindale, Arlene Arnold, Shirl Zent, Leslie Chapman or Ken Rowe (Moderator) or you may leave your sheet in the basket on the Information Table.



# November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS 10:00 Worship BRD 11:00 Reception PLY 11 & 1 MCC  4:30 Fireside PLY	<b>2</b> 6:30 VANUSA BRD 7:00 Spirituality NFL 7:30 Fireside PLY	<b>3</b> 9:00 WW BRD 9:30 Bib. Study PLY  5:30 Conservation PLY 6:30 Sierra Board PLY	<b>4</b> 10:00 Bible 101 PLY 10:45 Staff  4:00 WW BRD 7:00 Choir SAN 7:00 Bible 101 PLY	<b>5</b> 1:30 Woodwkg PLY 4:00 Pantry 6:00 Planned Pthd NFL 7:30 Fireside PLY	<b>6</b> 11:00 Pantry	<b>7</b> 8:30 CCMTA Fest SAN
<b>8</b> 10:00 Worship Rev. Jennifer Brownell  11 & 1 MCC PLY 1:00 Baroque Fest SAN 4:30 Fireside PLY	<b>9</b> 1:00 Membership PLY  6:30 VANUSA 7:30 Fireside PLY	<b>10</b> 9:00 WW BRD 9:30 Bib. Study PLY  6:30 CE CL2 6:30 Parish Life NFL	<b>11 Office Closed</b> 10:00 Bible 101 PLY 10:45 Staff 11:45 Sierra data PLY 4:00 WW BRD 7:00 Choir SAN 7:00 Bible 101 PLY	<b>12</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl NFL  4:00 Pantry 6:00 M&O NFL 7:30 Fireside PLY	<b>13</b> 11:00 Pantry	<b>14</b> 8:00 Samoan Adv.SAN/ BRD 9:30 Women's Bkfst Group
<b>15</b> 10:00 Worship SAN 11:15 MAZI TRI 11 & 1 MCC PLY 3:00 Dr. Schindler Rec. SAN 4:30 Fireside PLY	<b>16</b> 6:30 VANUSA BRD 7:00 Communications 9:30 Bib. Study PLs 7:00 Spirituality NFL 7:30 Fireside PLY	<b>17</b> 9:00 WW BRD 9:30 Bib. Study PLY	<b>18</b> 10:00 Bible 101 10:30 Ebel Circle 1:00 Mediation CL2 4:00 WW BRD 6:00 P&F PLY 7:00 Choir SAN	<b>19</b> 9:00 Mediation CL2 10:00 Memorials PLY 4:00 Pantry 7:00 Council CL2 7:30 Fireside PLY	<b>20</b> 11:00 Pantry	<b>21</b> 8:00 Samoan Adv.SAN/ BRD
<b>22</b> 10:00 Worship SAN 11:30 Stewardship Dinner BRD 11 & 1 MCC PLY 4:30 Fireside PLY	<b>23</b> 6:30 VANUSA BRD 7:30 Fireside PLY	<b>24</b> 9:00 WW BRD 9:30 Bib. Study PLY <b>7:00 Choir SAN</b>	<b>25</b> 10:45 Staff 4:00 WW BRD	<b>26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b> 4:00 Pantry 7:30 Fireside PLY	<b>27</b> 11:00 Pantry	<b>28</b> 8:00 Samoan Adv.SAN/ BRD
<b>29 1st Advent</b> 10:00 Worship SAN 11:00 Cong. Mtg SAN 11 & 1 MCC PLY 4:30 Fireside PLY	6:30 VANUSA BRD 7:30 Fireside PLY					