

THE LINK WEEKLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

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

**Temporary Location
for Worship:**

**Luepke Community Center
1009 E McLoughlin Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98663
www.vanucc.org**

**Office Location:
1220 NE 68th Street
Vancouver, WA 98665
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SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Joan Blair
Cordelia McBride
Pam Sander
Dorothea Johnson**

Saturday, November 11, 2017

9:30 AM

**Women's Breakfast Group
At the Peachtree, Hwy. 99**

Sunday, November 12, 2017

10:00 AM

Worship at the Luepke Center

11:00 AM

Congregational Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2017

7:00 PM

CE in the office

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

1:00 PM

Membership in the office

7:00 PM

Deacons in the office

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

10:00 AM

Bible 103 at Salmon Creek UMC

1:00 PM

Mary Jo Ebel Circle

At the home of Ruth Hammer

7:00 PM

Property and Finance in the office

7:00 PM

Bible 103 at Salmon Creek UMC

Thursday, November 16, 2017

7:00 PM

Choir at WSSB

Sunday, November 19, 2017

10:00 AM

Worship at the Luepke Center



The Mission and Outreach Ministry team is again offering you an opportunity to provide Thanksgiving baskets for members of our church community. A table will be set up with sign up lists for items for each of the baskets beginning Sunday, November 5th.

All items are due on Sunday, November 19th. Please note: do NOT bring your items earlier because we have no storage space. The baskets will be prepared & delivered to the recipients on the 19th. Thank you for your generous support of our community members.

Youth Group:

Sunday, Nov. 19, 11:30-12:30

Bible Journaling—

Turn Your Bible into a work of art!



Bring your Bible with you—either the gift Bible you received from Pastor Jennifer or another one. WE'RE GOING TO DRAW RIGHT in the BIBLE so make sure it's one that you are ok drawing in.

See you on Sunday, November 19 right after worship.

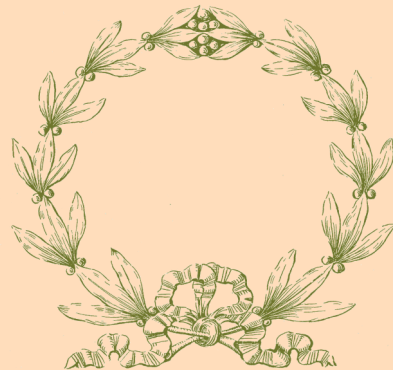
Vacation Time for Kathy

I will be taking the week of November 20 –24 off as vacation time. It's actually a 3 day week as the office is closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

If you could come in for a few hours the 20th, 21st Or 22nd to man the phones please call the office and leave a message. I almost have the bulletin done for the 26th and hopefully it will be completed before I leave.



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, November 11th at the Peachtree on Highway 99.



Mary Jo Ebel Circle

The Mary Jo Ebel Women's Circle will meet **Wednesday, November 15th, 1:00 PM at the home of Ruth Hammer, 507 NE 99th St. sp. 4, on November 15th at 1:00 pm.** Guest speaker will be Arlene Arnold to update us on the Re-Imagining of our church. All women of the church are invited

All women are welcome!

See you there!!!

Congregation will Vote on Mortgage Plan Changes This Sunday

In 2009, we undertook an ambitious plan of maintenance of our church building, which involved taking out a mortgage, to be paid by engaging in 4 capital campaigns spread over 12 years. We are currently more than two-thirds of the way through the fulfillment period for the third capital campaign.

In 2012, we adopted a plan to efficiently pay off the mortgage. The 2012 plan calls for us to undertake a fourth capital campaign next spring. However, a proposal to change that plan was approved by the Property & Finance Committee and by the Council in October. It will be presented to the congregation for adoption at the Congregational Meeting on November 12th.

In a nutshell, the proposed change to the 2012 plan will:

- eliminate the need for the fourth Capital Campaign in 2018**
- call for a year-end drive to secure \$36,000 in contributions from the congregation for principal reduction while using \$36,000 in matching funds from the "Surplus from Operations" fund**
- changes the mortgage end-game from rapid & efficient payoff (using funds from a 4th campaign) to a 30-year mortgage using \$18,000/year from the operating budget to make mortgage payments.**


As we prepare to move back into our building, this is the right time to make this change. In February we must renegotiate our loan from the Cornerstone Fund. The 2012 plan has brought us to the point where the Operating Budget in 2018 will be able to cover a \$1,500 per month mortgage payment. We are very close to being able to reduce the outstanding balance on the loan to a level where our refinanced loan payment can be reduced to \$1,500 per month or less.

The plan we adopted in 2012 has achieved remarkable efficiency from the dollars contributed toward the mortgage! To put in perspective what we have achieved so far, to date we have paid off more than 50% of the original \$776,000 balance of the first mortgage. We have made payments totaling \$586,690; \$388,090 was applied to principal (66%) and \$198,600 was paid in interest (34%). The outstanding balance on 10/13/17 was \$360,796.



Start Your Christmas Season Right

You are invited to listen to a free Christmas Concert presented by the Dickens Carolers including our own Sterling Roberts. It is a truly amazing performance that you will not want to miss. There are two performances on Sunday, November 26th. The first is at 1:30 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 SE Market St, Portland, OR 97216

	PERMIT Commercial Building Permit COM2017-00255	File No: 00034845 Fire District: 8 Received: 6/20/2017 Notified: 11/3/2017 Issued: 11/7/2017 Expires: 11/7/2019 Finalized: Status: APR
P.O. Box 9810 Vancouver, WA 98666-0810 1300 Franklin Street Phone: 360-397-2375		
INSPECTION REQUEST LINE: Bldg. 360-397-2477 Fire - 360-397-2186 ext 3395		
Applicant: MICHAEL MILAKOVICH 3835 SW KELLY AVE PORTLAND OR 97239		Phone: 503-381-0627
Owner: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 1220 NE 68TH ST VANCOUVER WA 98665		Phone: 970-930-0160
Financing Lender: Bonding Firm:		
Team: PRSRV	Inspector 1: 20	Inspector 2:
Parcel #: 1480250000	Project Name: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	Project #: 00034845
Site Address: 1220 NE 68TH ST VAN 98665	Review Type:	Cross Reference: COM2017-00024
Scope of Work: REP		
Object Description: EPAIR DUE TO FIRE DAMAGE - WORSHIP AREA - INSULATION, SHEET ROCK, WINDOWS, (STRUCTURAL OM2017-24) MOVE KITCHEN - ADD 875' DECK/STAIRS- ADA UPGRADES - SEP PLB/MEC PERMITS REQ		
Contractor:	License Type: License #:	Expire Date: Phone:

Building Update Progress Report 11/8/17 Good News this week,

we have building permit in our possession!.

- The fire sprinkler underground line is installed, inspected and back-filled. I'll keep you posted on landscaping.
- The scaffolding in the Sanctuary was started last Friday and will be green tagged for use Friday 11/10/17.
- Demo and framing on the existing skylight on the east end will begin next week 11/13/17.
- Insulation is expected to start on the ceilings in the classroom areas on Monday 11/13/17.