



First Congregational United Church of Christ

Temporary Location for Worship:

**The Luepke Center
1009 E. McLaughlin
Vancouver, WA**

Office Location:

**1220 NE 68th Street
Vancouver, WA 98665
360-693-1476**

Sunday, January 21

10:00 AM Worship at Luepke Community Center

Monday, January 22

**10:30 AM Spirituality Group at Vancouver Heights
UMC on MacArthur Blvd**

Tuesday, January 23

7:00 PM Council in the church office

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 AM Bible 103 at Salmon Creek UMC

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Thursday, January 25

7:00 PM Choir at the WA State School for the Blind

Sunday, January 28

10:00 AM Worship at Luepke Community Center

11:00 AM CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Tim Oppel
Joan Blair
Sue Rush
Dorothea Johnson
Robert Towns
Ray and Patti Jones
Connie Oppel
The Schnabel Family
Alfried Goldstein
(Cindy McNally's Mother)



Spirituality's next meeting will be on **Monday January 22nd, 2018** at our regular time, 10:30 am and place.

Jan will give a presentation.

For the months of February and March we will be back to normal for dates, time and at the same location:

**Vancouver Heights UMC
5701 NE Macarthur Blvd
98661**



SOME CHANGES HAPPENING

Just a heads-up on a few changes happening in the office for 2018.

The church office will now be **closed on Fridays** and open **10-2 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

Since I will have approximately 7 hours less office time, the cut off day for Link updates, full Link articles and the bulletin will have to be **Tuesday.**

We can make this work!!!



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We will hold our annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28th immediately following worship to vote on the operating budget for 2018. This will be an exciting time for our 'new' church and your input will be greatly appreciated.



Christopher at the Old Church

On **Wednesday, January 24**, Dr. Schindler will present a program of piano music by Schubert, Liszt, Dvořák and Medtner on the Lunchtime Concert Series at the Old Church in downtown Portland. The concert starts at 12:00 noon and admission is free. The Old Church is located at

S.W. 11th Avenue and
Clay St.

(www.theoldchurch.org)

DWIGHT AND OPAL CHAPMAN
6818 NE 110th AVENUE
VANCOUVER, WA 98662



Dear Fellow Nomads:

We are both sure that everyone at Vancouver First Congregational United Church of Christ is more than anxious for a jubilant return to our beloved home on 68th Street. We are also sure that there will be some financial needs that we will be faced with that may not be covered by our insurance. (This is NOT a plea for Stewardship Pledges.) We have been discussing what we personally could do to help meet some of these needs.

Twenty five years ago when the church initiated a building fund for the Centennial Wing (the Christian Education and office area), we decided to engage the talents of our members by collecting their writings and compiling a book which the two of us would complete at our expense and then sell back to the congregation. We named this book SPIRIT. The entire money raised by its sale was donated to the Capital Campaign fund.

The experiment was a resounding success – beyond our expectations! Our little booklet turned out to be 71 pages long. We had 24 poems submitted by our children. 42 poems from adults, and 12 pieces of prose from adults. We had 31 authors.

Now we propose to do the same thing – but we need your help. We can't ask our previous authors to help. Half of them have died, and the children have grown up and are no longer here. We now have only 3 of the original writers in the church – Kaye Kipp, and the two of us.

We are sure that our members today are at least as talented as our predecessors and we welcome your contributions. We are considering some of the following subjects: Poetry and Stories from our children and young people, Prose and Poetry from adults, and we would be especially interested in how our nomadic days have impacted your spiritual life the past year and a half.

We would also like to include a couple of new features such as: Kids Say the Sweetest and Sometimes the Most Outlandish Things (as parents, grandparents and great-grandparents we have had more than a few such experiences); also photographs of anything you want to share, including of your pets doing things you certainly didn't expect them to be doing. We may also include a few special items from the original SPIRIT.

You may give your work either to us at church, by leaving in the church office, by e-mail (dwight&opal@gmail.com), or mail them to the above address.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Dwight and Opal Chapman

Building Update as of January 17

The roof is now 100% from the original estimate. The roof is 60% complete over the eyebrow window and on the flat part in place of the skylight. Weather permitting is expected to be complete by Friday 1/19/18.

Work on the Fire Sprinkler installation has started in the sanctuary and is moving along rapidly.

Framing continues in Bradford and the electrical room now that the conduit is completely installed from the outside.

Framing on the upper level continues, with work being done in the chancel area and on structural beams in the education area.

Wiring has started on the fire sprinkler panel back to the switch gear.

The walls in the education area were inspected the week by the electrical inspector and passed and is okay to insulate. The framing inspector will be out on Monday.

The Re-Imagining Committee for the time being is meeting once a week to resolve any issues and monitor the budget between architect and Belfor Restorations.



Bradford Hall Storage



New Roof over Choir