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March 1, 2018

**First Congregational
United Church of Christ**

Temporary Location for Worship:

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

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SPECIAL CONCERNS

Tim Oppel

Joan Blair

Dorothea Johnson

Ray and Patti Jones

Connie Oppel

Alfried Goldstein

(Cindy McNally's Mother)

Josiah Renner

(Deployed to South Korea)



The Board of Directors of the Central Pacific Conference invite you to participate in - The Starling Project!

The purpose of The Starling Project is for the wider community of the Central Pacific Conference to gather together for connection, to discover the strength of the web that connects us, to be surprised by each other and by the holy. During this interim time, we are centering ourselves in God and asking questions like, what more can we be together? What new shapes might we take?

We want to hear your diverse voices -- What you are longing for and what is possible? What are your pressures, needs, hopes, desires and passions for your church community and for us together as UCC in the Northwest?

Listening Sessions:

SAT. March 3 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Lake Oswego UCC
SAT. March 3 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Boise Wright UCC
SUN. March 4 - 3:00 pm-5:00 pm	Cedar Hills UCC
SUN. March 4 - 3:00 pm-5:00 pm	Eugene UCC
SAT. March 10- 10:00 am-12:00 pm	The Dalles UCC
SUN. March 11 - 3:00 pm-5:00 pm	Ainsworth UCC
SUN. March 11- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm	Lincoln City UCC
SAT. March 17- 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Ashland UCC

Want to know more? Check out the project at StarlingProject.Church.

We believe in the power of gathering together and listening for the work of the Spirit among us.

**Let's be church together,
come and take flight.**





March for Our Lives – Portland 3-24-18

We've had enough. Thoughts and prayers are not enough to honor the victims of gun violence. What we need now is action.

On March 24, 2018, students will rally in Washington D.C and in local communities across the country to demand action from our leaders. Join us in the March For Our Lives, as we fight for an America that is free from gun violence.

In solidarity with the [Washington D.C. march](#) and marches all across the country, Portland rallies to demand that politicians prioritize student lives and safety and bring an end to gun violence and mass shootings in schools.

Saturday, March 24, 2018

10:00 AM—Noon

Tom McCall Waterfront Park

1020 SW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR

www.gofundme.com/march-for-our-lives-student-fund

Meditation Opportunity

I am offering a group meditation every 4th Sunday at 2pm starting this Sunday at Wattle Tree Place [306 E 16th St, Vancouver, Washington](#)

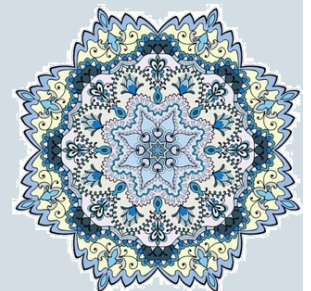
The meditation will be on the main floor which is wheelchair accessible.

\$10 includes the meditation and playing with the ColorCards and Luminaries.

Coffee and tea plus a lunch choice is available through the coffee shop there.

Come join me!

Arlene Arnold





Mary Jo Ebel Circle

Mary Jo Ebel Circle invites all ladies to their monthly meeting Wednesday, March 21st at 1:00 p.m.

Please come and "get to know Jean Beary Stolle" at the home of Ruth Hammer, Meadow Verde Mobile Home Park, 507 NE 99th St. # 4.

If any questions, please call Ruth @ 360-574-7359 or Connie Oppel @ 360-567-5528

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Thursday, March 8th

@ 10:00 a.m. at

Lou Orthmyers

Cascade Inn

11613 SE 7th St,

Vancouver, WA 98683

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, March 10th at the Peachtree on Highway 99.

Building Open House

Sunday, March 18, 1-2 pm

Come see the progress in our building and ask questions of Rick Marye, Belfor's on-site manager.

See you there



To our FCUCC Family.

Thank you so much for your cards and support after the loss of Ray's mom. We appreciate you so much. ~Ray and Patti Jones



Mission & Outreach Special Offering: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Perhaps one of the biggest challenges the church faces today is that we place limitations on what God can do in our church and in our world, with and through us.

But, there is no limit to what God can do in response to our prayers, because God is limitless. As we seek to imagine with God, we can reach beyond the limits we have placed on our own ability to connect, to be strong, and to love.

Our giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is but one concrete way we can show we are willing to reach beyond what we can see. Our contributions become a part of God's abundant blessings to brothers and sisters in need worldwide responding to health, education and agricultural development needs, refugee initiatives, and both international and domestic disaster response

To give: simply make your check out to our church and write "OGHS" in the memo line. You may give any Sunday in March.

Building Update for Week of February 26

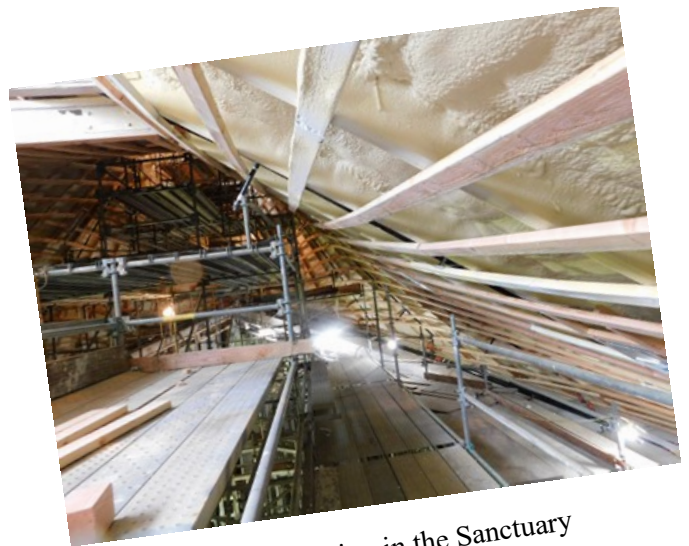
There is a lot of activity in all parts of the building. Framing continues in the Sanctuary (See photo).

Insulation will start next week. After that is complete and inspection of the framing will take place, then wall board can be installed.

HVAC (heating and cooling) installation in the education wing passed the rough inspection. It is expected that house power will be on early next week in the education wing.

HVAC installation has started in the Sanctuary, Bradford Hall and Kitchen area. The transformer is scheduled to be inspected this week.

The first phase of the structural framing in Sanctuary is nearing completion and insulation will start next week. Much still to be done.



Ceiling Framing in the Sanctuary

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Offsite Meetings:			1 1:00 Pastoral Care	2 Office Closed	3
	Worship: Luepke Community Center 1009 E McLoughlin					
	Spirituality: Vancouver Heights UMC 5701 MacArthur Blvd, Vancouver, WA					
	M&O 7210 NE 14th Ct. 98665					
	Mary Jo Ebel Circle: Home of Ruth Hammer 507 NE 99th St. Sp. 4			7:00 Choir		
	Prayer Shawl: Home of Lou Orthmeyer, Cascade Inn 11613 SE 7th St					
	All other meetings are in the church office					
4 10:00 Worship	5 10:30 Spirituality Group	6 7:00 CE	7 10:00 Bible 103 7:00	8 10:00 Prayer Shawl 6:00 Parish Life 7:00 Choir 7:00 M&O	9 Office Closed	10 9:30 Women's Breakfast Group At the Peachtree
11 10:00 Worship 11:00 Lenten Series	12	13 1:00 Membership	14 10:00 Bible 103 12:30 Communica- tions	15 7:00 Choir	16 Office Closed	17
18 10:00 Worship 11:00 Lenten Series	19 10:30 Spirituality Group	20	21 10:00 Bible 103 1:00 Mary Jo Ebel Circle	22 7:00 Choir	23 Office Closed	24 10:00 Choir Dress
25 Palm Sunday 10:00 Worship 11:00 Lenten Series	26	27 7:00 Council	28	29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Choir	30 Office Closed Good Friday	31