

**Vancouver UCC  
Congregational**  
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# ***THE LINK***

## **FOR**

### **August 1, 2018**

#### ***SPECIAL CONCERNS***

**Joan Blair**  
**Dorothea Johnson**  
**Alfried Goldstein**  
**(Cindy McNally's Mother)**  
**Josiah Renner**  
**(Deployed to South Korea)**  
**Brian Chan**  
**Ken Boydston and Family**  
**Trixie Stowell**

#### **Sunday, August 5**

10:00 AM

Worship at 1220 NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **Monday, August 6**

10:30 AM

Spirituality Group

TBD

#### **Tuesday, August 7**

7:00 PM

CE

at 11007 NW 18th Ave

#### **Wednesday, August 8**

12:30 PM

Communications

TBD

#### **Thursday, August 9**

6:00 PM

Parish Life

TBD

7:00 PM

Mission and Outreach

TBD

#### **Saturday, August 11**

9:30 AM

Women's Breakfast Group

At the Peachtree, Hwy 99

#### **Sunday, August 12**

10:00 AM

Worship at 1220 NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street



## FROM OUR PASTOR



As I'm writing this, the building is buzzing with activity. It looks like the deck is nearly finished, the scaffolding has been removed from the sanctuary, the kitchen is getting unpacked. We are narrowing in on a date when the contractors will be done and we can apply for our occupancy permits to return to our building. So much has been uncertain during these last 27 months, and the final move in date is one more uncertainty, but it seems we are circling closer and closer to finally being home.

Please join me in thanking the members of the Re-Imagining team when you see them around the building the next new weeks. Since just a few days after the fire, they have tirelessly kept before themselves (and the rest of us in the congregation) the vision of a building that would reflect our vision of ourselves as an inclusive, Christ-following community, both now and into the future. Arlene Arnold, Joan Blair, Leslie Chapman, Karen Kulm, Brenda Gaston, John Greenauer, Karen Kulm, Sharie Lewis, Bert Martin, Ken Rowe, Greg Saum and Richard Trefren, you have given tirelessly, and often sacrificially, to envision this project and to see it through to completion. Thank you!

Now all the hard work is paying off! All the walls are freshly painted and (except for Plymouth Room) every single floor has new coverings. The sweeping ceiling of the sanctuary looks somehow both grander and cozier than it did before. A rose window from our first church downtown enjoys a place of prominence on the conference room wall. A new entrance makes visible our mission to welcome all. A mix of old and new furniture is arriving both in deliveries from the Belfor warehouse and in exciting looking boxes marked "some assembly required."

Whether old or new, as we move back in, most rooms will seem shiny and unfamiliar. It'll take some time to acclimate ourselves. We may want to caution our children (or ourselves) to "not touch!". But this is God's house – not a museum a mausoleum. Our building is a sacred space that is also meant for us, and the community, to inhabit to its fullest. I'm already giving thanks for the first coffee spill on the carpet, for the first crayon marks on a table, for the first fingerprints on the glass of the new doors. And I give thanks too for those who will come behind and clean those little oops-es up. These are all signs of a building that is well-loved and well-inhabited.

By the grace of God (and the county permit office) my next letter to the Link will be written from the beautiful new pastor's office! In the meantime,

See you in church,  
Jennifer

**MARTHA'S PANTRY  
IS  
COMING HOME!**

Martha's Pantry is moving, too! Come cement our partnership by helping with the move. Shifts available the weekend of August 9, 10 and 11. Sign up sheet available in worship, or [email vickijeanie@aol.com](mailto:vickijeanie@aol.com) for more information.



August 02	Doris Fletcher
August 06	Pat Sutherland
August 10	Rachel Corey
August 10	Scott Jones
August 24	Marilynn Jones

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**MEETING**

**Congregational Meeting Scheduled**

On Sunday, August 26, there will be a congregational meeting to elect our representatives to our conference annual meeting and to offer a building update.

*Women's*  
Fellowship

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, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Peachtree on Highway 99.



## FOR 8-01 Link

### Construction Update for Week of July 22

- Counter top installation is complete in the kitchen and coffee bar.
- Stainless sinks plumbed and installed.
- New Dishwasher installed.
- All grid ceilings are now inspected and passed.
- Windows at Eyebrow windows are installed except for one which was measured correctly and cut at the manufacturer wrong. It was expected to be delivered next week but will be on site Friday.
- Sound panels in the Sanctuary are complete and made a huge difference.
- The rest of the scaffolding is coming down starting tomorrow morning.
- The new deck pavers install began last Thursday. The attached photo was taken at today's end.
- Painting continues on the Sanctuary walls.
- The ceiling grid in Bradford Hall is complete with some patching of concrete and paint touch up taking place.
- Flooring of Centennial hall is complete with the rubber base being installed
- Plumbing trim out continues with just a few items left.
- Work on the kitchen hood continues.
- Railings are in production.
- We've begun moving items into the Centennial wing and Classroom areas. Final clean on the kitchen has begun with thanks to church volunteers. We've also begun to move in a few of the instruments to get them acclimated. Grand piano and baby grand piano on schedule to be delivered next week.

The Re-Imaging Committee Meeting is scheduled for tonight.

New Deck Pavers



Eyebrow Glass Installed





This autumn we will be rolling out *Godly Play*, a new curriculum for our children's Sunday school, grades 1-5. Godly Play teaches that "children have an innate sense of the presence of God. Through story, wonder and play, the Montessori-based curriculum teaches children to develop and enhance their curiosity about Biblical stories, religious language and their own God-given creativity.

Godly Play is more like worship for children than a traditional classroom. Each Sunday there are two adults with the children –

a **storyteller** who memorizes and shares a Bible story using a script and props; and a **guide**, or threshold keeper, who welcomes the children and provides a supportive presence for storytelling and creative time. The tools of Godly Play are simple and beautiful, and we look forward to sharing this experience with our children and families.

If you are a parent or guardian interested in learning more about Godly Play, or would like to be a storyteller or guide, you are warmly invited to a Godly Play training on Sunday, August 26 from 12:00-2:00 (Location TBA).

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**WELCOME  
HOME**

### **Save the date...**

...and invite your family members and neighbors to our Building Rededication on **September 23 at 4:00**. Following a short service of blessing at 4:00, the building will be open for food, music and fellowship.

From August 14 until our building rededication on September 23, you are invited to enter into Draw The Circle Wide: 40 Days of Prayer. Each day, you will be offered a prompt and scripture reading to guide you, as we surround our renewed partnership with Martha's Pantry in prayers. Watch for the guide in worship and on the church's Facebook Page.

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 12:30 Funeral for Bev Boydston Evergreen Me- morial Gardens	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:00 Worship 1220 NE 68th St	<b>6</b> 10:30 Spirituality Group	<b>7</b> 7:00 CE 11007 NW 18th Ave	<b>8</b> 12:30 Communica- tions TBD	<b>9</b> 6:00 Parish Life TBD 7:00 M&O TBD	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 Women's Breakfast Grp. At the Peachtree
<b>12</b> 10:00 Worship 1220 NE 68th St	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 Membership TBD	<b>15</b> 5:30 P&F TBD 7:00 Deacons TBD	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:00 Worship 1220 NE 68th St	<b>20</b> 10:30 Spirituality Group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00 Memorials TBD	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:00 Worship 1220 NE 68th St	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 Council TBD	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	