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JUNE!

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Tim Oppel

Joan Blair

Dorothea Johnson

**Alfried Goldstein
(Cindy McNally's Mother)**

**Josiah Renner
(Deployed to South Korea)**

Shirley Brandenburg

Chris Skyke

Kaye Kipp



**FROM
OUR
PASTOR**



I am still glowing and floating from all the joy of the installation service on May 20th. Thank you so very much to the many of you who had a part in creating such a hospitable and beautiful day. I'm particularly thankful for the gifts from the congregation. Of course, your many kind notes were most appreciated. Jeff and I are scheming about a beach getaway, probably in the fall, using the extremely generous gift cards. My previous robe was getting a bit worn, and it will be so fitting to wear a shiny new robe into our new space. Finally, you may have noticed I'm already wearing a new gift stole. This beautiful stole of many colors came with a note, saying that it was sewn by volunteers in Nampa, Idaho who sell the stoles on their Etsy site, with all the proceeds from the sales going to The House Next Door. According to the information that arrived with the stole, "The mission of the House Next Door is to accompany and assist single mothers and their children as the mothers pursue appropriate educational degrees, in part, by providing rent-free housing." The House Next Door can house four families at a time. I love this story, and am glad every time I don the robe to remember that this gift had a small part in supporting education for young mothers, as well as beautifying our worship space. It's an example of how the love we show to each other in this congregation ripples out and affects and inspires others. Again, thank you very much for all your generosity and care! I'm grateful to be official as your settled pastor, and look forward to what the future holds.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



MISSION & OUTREACH JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING UCC STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be “church” in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that “God is still speaking.”

Please make your check out to our church and put “Strengthen the church” in the memo line. You can also place your check in the special offering envelopes. Your offerings are directed to our Central Pacific Conference, Local Church Ministries, and to national new programs.



Sign up now: Portland Pride June 16 & 17

All churches of the Central Pacific Conference will march in the Parade on Sunday, June 17th. We also invite you to help staff our Conference booth at the Festival on the 16th and 17th.

Sign up today for our booth. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/GwLKgtW>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like. Be sure to save & confirm your sign up spot.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Our presence at the festival means so much to so many who have been harmed by organized religion. Share our UCC Extravagant Welcome and demonstrate that love conquers hate!

We have registered to have 1 vehicle in the parade for folks unable to walk the route. Would you like to drive your vehicle in the parade? Do you have great ideas for costumes or decorations for our marchers? If so, please contact Karen Kulm at lk.kulm@gmail.com. Start making your pride plans now!



And We Shall Rise

2018 Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, June 28, 2018 8:00-10:00 AM

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
5607 NE Gher Road
Vancouver, Washington 98662



Interfaith Coalition of Southwest Washington

Thank You!

I can't begin to thank our church family enough for all the prayers, love, phone calls and cards we received during Darrell's illness and passing. I am truly overwhelmed!

Now we look forward to celebrating his beautiful life in our church in July or August.

God Bless You All, Shirley Brandenburg and Family

Youth and Families Update

The youth group, as well as families of all ages are welcome to join your church family in celebrating families of all kinds by participating in the Portland Pride Parade on Sunday, June 17. Immediately following worship, we will carpool into Portland where we will march with others from our conference. Bring a bag lunch in a backpack including a water bottle, clothes for the weather and comfortable walking shoes. It's fun to dress up for the parade! I have a couple of rainbow wigs to borrow - feel free to bring anything sparkly and rainbow of your own. Let me or Karen Kulm know you are attending so we can pull together car pools. Love is love is love is love is love! -Pastor Jennifer

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E Hele Mai I Ka Wai
Come to the water

W R Y E
2018
HONOLULU, HI

On Sunday, June 24th, the church will bless Milo McTigue, Boean Marquardt and myself in preparation for our trip to the Western Regional Youth Event (WRYE) held in Honolulu, Hawai'i from June 25-29th. We will be traveling with two other youth, Duke and Brenda Charpentier's granddaughter Hailey, and a young lady from The Dalles UCC, Annika. In addition, the youth group and pastor from the 1st Congregational UCC in Mt. Home, Idaho will also be traveling with us.

All in all, 62 youth and adults from the Central Pacific Conference will be traveling to WRYE to spend five days fully immersed in the spiritual life and culture of the Hawaiian people. Our speakers and performers are all native Hawaiians, and our service projects will take place at Hawaiian farms that use ancestral farming practices. The planning team tells us to bring clothes that can get very muddy or even just thrown away. I envision a smelly drive back to our dorms after that!

Our trip will be packed with worship, service projects, and immersion into Hawai'ian cultural events. We will, however, have a few hours on Friday afternoon to play in the ocean and relax before our morning flight back home on Saturday.

Please hold these children in your hearts and prayers as we travel to Hawai'i. It is my final act as the former youth director here at Vancouver UCC and an opportunity I am so thankful to have. Milo and Boean are wonderful representatives of the love and generosity of Vancouver UCC and they will surely give an extravagant welcome to both the Hawaiians and the young ladies we are traveling with to Hawai'i.

GRADUATE AND TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY JUNE 10, 2018

Each year, we honor and recognize our Graduates and CE Instructors.
Our Graduates this year include:

Leslie Wu, daughter of Karen Kulm and Michael Wu will graduate from the University of WA with her Juris Doctor (JD) degree in this month.
She is currently working as a graduate student at the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and will take her Bar Exam in July.

Isaac Martin, son of Bert and Kristina Martin, is graduating with honors as an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate from Columbia River High School. He will be attending Reed College in Portland, OR in the fall, studying Mathematics and Computer Science.

Lauren Marie Kersavage, granddaughter of JoAnn and the late Loren Kersavage is graduating with honors from Columbia River High School and will continue her education in nursing.

Zachary Kersavage, is graduating from Columbia River High School and will be entering The Gate Program. Zachary is the grandson of JoAnn and the late Loren Kersavage.

Holly Chan, daughter of Sidney Chan will graduate from Hockinson High School on June 15th with a 4.0 GPA and will continue her education at Whitman College.

AND

Many thanks to our intrepid CE instructors:

Rachel Corey

Jerry Mathis

Janet Melton

Claudia Martin

And Our Faithful Nursery Attendants

Hayley Larsen

Tatum Eversole



**You are invited to share in the celebration of the
60th anniversary of**

Dwight and Opal Chapman

Saturday June 16th

5:00pm on the church grounds

They will be renewing their vows at the party

Dress is casual

Please, no gifts. Your presence is the best present

Please RSVP by June 9th by

calling 360-260-2604



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR JUNE 1

- The ceiling inspection of the HVAC defusers passed on Wednesday. The electrical inspection is pending more exit signs. Expect to get the inspection scheduled for Friday 6/1/18.
- Rick Marye received an email yesterday from Interface Flooring. The ship date for the Sanctuary carpet has been move out to June 8th, which means a week in transit, expected arrival probably June 13.
- The grid ceiling in Bradford Hall and the ceiling that was spec'd out is supposed to be delivered on Friday.
- The light fixtures in the kitchen have been installed and they look great. The photo doesn't do them justice.
- The form for the walkway to the upper parking areas is near completion.
- The concrete landings were poured on Friday 6/1/18.
- The framing of the Eyebrow windows continues.

Waiting for railing contractor to visit site to conduct field measurements for outside stairway.

New bark dust was delivered and spread on berm near road and the bank between the upper and lower parking lot. Martin Curry has been helping grounds committee rank and weed in those areas.

Jan & Chuck Foulke have been devoting time (a lot of time) to the community garden, including adding fencing to keep a certain black rabbit from eating all the vegetables.

Re-Imaging Committee did not meet last week but will meet on Wednesday June 6th.



New walkway to the entrance



New light fixtures in the kitchen

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2
3 Worship 1220 NE 68th St.	4 10:30 AM Spirituality Group	5 6:00 PM CE at the home of Carole Greenauer	6	7	8 Office Closed	9 9:30 AM Women's Breakfast Group at the Peachtree
10 Worship 1220 NE 68th St.	11	12 1:00 PM Membership TBA	13 12:30 PM Communica- tions TBA	14 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl TBA 6:00 PM Parish Life 7:00 M&O	15 Office Closed	16
17 Father's Day Worship 1220 NE 68th St.	18 10:30 AM Spirituality Group	19	20 5:30 PM P&F TBA 7:00 PM Deacons	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 Worship 1220 NE 68th St.	25 Kristina at WYRE	26	27 7:00 PM Council TBA	28	29 Office Closed	30 →