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**SOJOURNER NEWS**

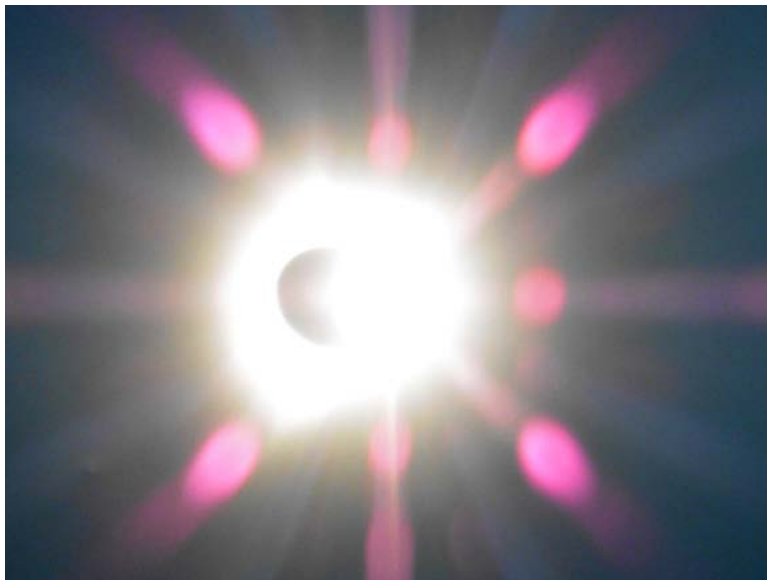
A Central Oregon House Church

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## **MOTHER NATURE’S WONDERS AT HAND**

August 21st brought excitement and awe as much of Oregon turned eyes to the sky to behold a total eclipse of the sun. Eclipse watchers flocked to view the “path of totality” from around the world. Proper eyewear, available far and wide, enabled most viewers to safely appreciate the amazing event. The view at the right, photographed at the moment a sliver of sunlight signalled the end of totality, yielded a remarkable effect—there was no apparent damage to the camera in spite of warnings to the contrary.



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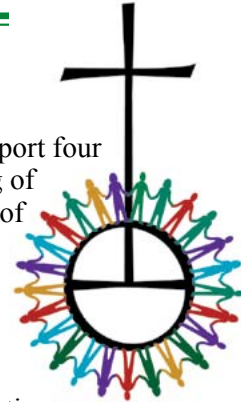
# MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

All People's United Church of Christ (APUCC), like all organizations that take in funds, must meet from time to time to report on how the funds collected are being distributed, and to make decisions about how to spend current and future funds. APUCC held the 2017 annual meeting on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Hardins' "bungalow on the butte."

After brief reports from our treasurer, clerk, newsletter editor, and moderator, we moved on to making some decisions. We learned from our treasurer (Liz) that we have been holding a certificate of deposit (CD) donated to our congregation from another UCC congregation in the amount of \$10,000. That CD will mature in June 2018 and the congregation felt we should use those funds to do some good. The group decided that ideas for spending that money should be submitted to Liz by October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will then be a called meeting to discuss the options submitted and vote on which ideas to support. See the directory, or contact me, for Liz's contact information. You may also wish to bring a written description of your idea or proposal to worship and give it to Liz. Other

spending decisions were to support four delegates to the annual meeting of the Central Pacific Conference of the UCC (CPC) in September; to increase our monthly contribution to CPC and the United Church of Christ from \$10 to \$25; to establish a fund for flowers that our altar-decoration committee can use; to spend money to obtain buttons to pass out at the Festival of Cultures in Redmond on September 23<sup>rd</sup>; and to donate \$200 to the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch.

Our other major action was to establish a committee of Laurie, Nancy, and Pris to develop a plan for succession. Most of the volunteers who keep our organization "organized" have been in their positions for multiple years. The committee will revise job descriptions and try to determine where there are volunteers in the congregation who would either like to help the officers who are elected and appointed or to take on the duties of an office now held by someone wishing to leave their position. Position titles being discussed by the committee are moderator, treasurer, clerk,



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newsletter editor, newspaper publicity, Bible Bookworms leaders. You will hear more as this committee develops their ideas and plans.

Sue provided an update on what Jericho Road has learned about the situation with the homeless camp near Redmond. An undetermined number of essentially homeless people, many of whom dine with us at Jericho Table, are being evicted by Deschutes County from land where they have camped. Jericho Road is trying to find some long term options for homes for these folks. The City of Redmond has discussed the issue but feels it has little to offer in the way of help.

--Nancy Cook

## **VOLUNTEERS SERVING AT JERICHO TABLE**

Sept. 4th Labor Day—Closed  
Sept. 11th Fran Davis & Gloria Olson  
Sept. 18th Laurie Power & Liz Douville  
Sept. 25th Susi Sutton, Gerry Soto &  
Terry Heinen  
Questions? Call Melanie Feilzer  
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A few days later, Hurricane Harvey began mercilessly pounding the Gulf Coast of Texas, spreading destruction and panic among thousands of residents. No death count is yet available but the toll among all victims continues to be staggering.

There undoubtedly will be allusions to God's will and grace applied to both events. Neither the Rapture nor Armageddon seem to have accompanied either the eclipse or the hurricane. We are left to ponder the connection and/or the presence of the hand of God in either event.

Yet, a message from 350.com, an organization devoted to curbing and controlling global warming, claimed that the hurricane was NOT a normal, natural event! Rather, an ordinary, hurricane event was intensified and became a 1,000-year flood due to human actions that have contributed to global warming.

As we ponder our roles in this catastrophe and future ones, the time for personal and global action is here and now. Pray for the wisdom to discern the scope and depth of what we can and must do. ▲

## A RICH DIET OF LOVE AND JUSTICE

This page of the newsletter presents internet news (“url”s) and more local events inviting you to be involved. References that begin with < <http://www.ucc.org/news/>> call for opening your computer browser, entering the url and searching the site for the cited story.

The items below (bulleted “•”) pertain to local events/projects to which you are invited to extend the work of our local congregation.

- Redmond residents from APUCC join the Latino Association in asking the Redmond City Council to **\*declare Redmond a Welcoming City\***. This resolution will be introduced at the City Council meeting on September 12, 6:00pm. City Council Chambers are located in the Redmond City Hall. Parking is at the rear of the building with the council chambers just inside the door. (Thanks, Gloria)
- APUCC’s Bend residents will celebrate **Bend’s Welcoming City status** during Welcoming Week\* <<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/programs/welcoming-week>>, a national event held September 15-24. (Thanks, Becca)

- Requested **link to the Central Oregon Justice Center**— <<http://www.cosjc.org/>>\*

- **Redmond’s Festival of Cultures**—Sept 23, 10–4, at Centennial park. Buttons to give away at APUCC booth will read: “Together We Thrive.” Buttons will attach to a matching card with info about APUCC. (Thanks, Gloria)

- **Central Pacific Conference (CPC) annual meeting** in Pendleton, Sept. 22–24. APUCC’s four delegates, with vote, have been registered and lodging secured. Transportation plans in process. Delegates are: Nancy Cook, Pris Hardin, Laurie Power and Becca Tatum.

### **Below—Internet “URL’s of Importance**

- 1– <[http://www.ucc.org/news\\_boston\\_drowns\\_out\\_racial\\_hatred\\_with\\_faith\\_and\\_love\\_08212017](http://www.ucc.org/news_boston_drowns_out_racial_hatred_with_faith_and_love_08212017)>
- 2– <[http://www.ucc.org/news\\_progressive\\_faith\\_community\\_in\\_arizona\\_readies\\_for\\_trump\\_rally\\_08212017](http://www.ucc.org/news_progressive_faith_community_in_arizona_readies_for_trump_rally_08212017)>
- 3–Preparing for President Trump <[http://www.ucc.org/news\\_progressive\\_faith\\_community\\_in\\_arizona\\_readies\\_for\\_trump\\_rally\\_08212017](http://www.ucc.org/news_progressive_faith_community_in_arizona_readies_for_trump_rally_08212017)>

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- 4-<[http://www.ucc.org/news\\_washington\\_women\\_offer\\_love\\_and\\_listen\\_during\\_ice\\_detention\\_center\\_vigils\\_08162017](http://www.ucc.org/news_washington_women_offer_love_and_listen_during_ice_detention_center_vigils_08162017)>
- 5-<[http://www.ucc.org/news\\_ucc\\_immigration\\_activists\\_take\\_fight\\_for\\_immigrant\\_youth\\_to\\_white\\_house\\_08152017](http://www.ucc.org/news_ucc_immigration_activists_take_fight_for_immigrant_youth_to_white_house_08152017)>
- 6-The new Texas law SB 4 was to take effect September 1. <<https://www.aclutx.org/en/sb4>> and <<https://www.texastribune.org/2017/08/28/houston-mayor-turner-says-put-sb4-shelf-during-rescue-efforts/>>
- Note: A federal court suspended the law on 8.30.17 ! More coming on this issue. ▲

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## MEET THE NEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST LOGO



# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

While incorporating elements of the long-established, red “comma” logo, the new design invites comparisons to other images as well. APUCC’s new “Together We

Thrive” buttons and matching card will use the new logo and color scheme at our booth in the Festival of Cultures in Redmond on September 23rd. ▲

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PLANS

All Peoples UCC normally meets to worship the first and third\* Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. Bible study meets from 10–10:45 a.m. Worship in Terrebonne at Hardin home\* on Sept. 17 (this month only.)

### FINDING ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL IN REDMOND

- **From the north**—From Hwy 97 reroute in Redmond, right on Larch; first left on Canal, right on Kingwood, 3rd right into parking lot.
- **From the south**—coming north on Redmond Hwy 97 reroute, exit left at Glacier, right on 5th all the way north through town to Kingwood, right on Kingwood, go 1.75 blocks, and turn left into the hospital parking lot.
- **From east or west** on Hwy 126, go north on 5th and follow south-side directions.
- **Finding the Juniper Room**—Enter at the main entrance or the next door on the left. Go left to the end of the hall and then right to the first room on left, opposite the rest rooms.



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sept. 3rd**—11 a.m. Worship—David Cook  
10 a.m.—Adult Discussion—topic to be announced

**Sept. 17th**—11 a.m. Worship—Pris Hardin  
10 a.m. Adult Discussion—

topic to be announced  
\*Meeting at Hardin's home

Call 541-504-4723 for directions  
(The Redmond Hospital's Juniper Room will be unavailable on Sept 17th)