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WHO NEEDS THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST?

NOVEMBER FIRST IS “FALL BACK” SUNDAY!



Unless you want to arrive extra early at church on Sunday, be sure to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed this Saturday night. When you wake up on Sunday morning, it will seem light one hour early.

Welcome to Pacific Standard Time. ▲

Emphatically, the answer is, “We do!” The Biblical call to serve the needy around the world is only answered by joining together with many other like-minded givers.

With the Neighbors in Need campaign behind us for 2015, the UCC national website reports on aid that our denomination provides to needy folks and people in disaster areas around the world. While Neighbors in Need funds go specifically to service within our national borders, other UCC connections reach all around the globe.

In the month of October alone, the UCC website reports supported causes like:

- Sending relief and workers to assist Mexico repairing damage from hurricane Patricia.

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- Raising money here in the U.S. for the tragic devastation caused by the Nepalese quake.
- Assisting victims of the Cotopax volcano in Ecuador.
- Serving needs in the Carolinas following their recent flooding.
- Addressing the needs of victims of this year's wild fires here in the States.
- Standing ready to help the flood of refugees from north Africa and Syria.
- Delivering food and water to the Sudan where drought and starvation are developing again.

While addressing the most recent and timely needs, UCC funds continue to support reconstruction in the Philippines caused by hurricane Hianyan, the victims of the Fukushima disaster, and many other areas where recovery and development are long term projects.

All Peoples could not dream of becoming so effective in serving far flung global regions. ▲

DORHAUER'S MAP FOR THE UCC'S FUTURE!

The Rev John Dorhauer, new general Minister and President of the UCC is ambitious. Did we expect anything else? (See lead article in Sojourner News, September 2015.)

John Dorhauer outlined 5 goals to the September meeting of the national Board of Directors.

Here are Dorhauer's five initiatives:

1. Launch Still Speaking 2.0.

It is 10 years since the "God is Still Speaking" identity campaign launched. Michael Jordan, CEO and creative director of the advertising agency 31 Lengths is at work gathering data and dreaming up recommendations for a new thrust. The old LGBT rights and Marriage equality initiatives are well behind us. We need a new "edge" on which to unite. The goal will be to devise a "tool kit" for churches to use to tailor the new initiatives to local actions!

2. Year-long Media Campaign

This drive will create 12 events annually that will make our voice heard. "We must say things that not only matter, but have

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the potential to shape the world as we know it!” said Dorhauer. A case in point was the planned anti-Islam protests earlier this month and the call to UCC congregations to stand in solidarity with people of the Muslim faith. One conservative Missouri congregation, St. Martin UCC, was visited by a Pakistani Muslim couple, who thanked the denomination for its solidarity.

3. Deepen the dialogue and partnerships with local churches.

This plan calls for Dorhauer and 31 other national staff leaders to call one UCC church each day to strengthen the contact with our many congregations. By learning “what’s up” around the denomination, the bond between “national” and the folks in the pews should grow stronger and more vital.

4. Dialogue on White Privilege

Dorhauer called for a meaningful, substantive and safe dialogue on the dynamics of white privilege — particularly white male privilege. By September 2016, a curriculum will emerge from National that will open conversation on the effects of white

privilege in the church. Acknowledging that the topic prompts a difficult conversation, Dorhauer intends for the material to launch that conversation.

5. Strategic Planning Initiative.

Pointing out “that collaborative spirit is essential to the United Church of Christ as we move forward,” he said that a task force will examine the UCC needs to inform plans for the next decade. Focus will be on how we can engage people under age 40. Then, in a second stage, the plans will extend to making the church relevant in the next ten years without sacrificing the UCC identity and mission.

While these initiatives sound grand and even daunting, without such leadership and collaboration we will be failing the vision and hard work of our denominational predecessors. At the Pendleton meeting, Rev. Cameron Trimble reminded us that this sort of forward thinking is what the UCC has always been about. We are the chosen ones with the polity to make bold moves happen! Risk-taking, innovation and ingenuity must be a part of our thinking. Praise be to God. ▲

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you for allowing me to be your moderator. All Peoples United Church of Christ is an awesome place because all of you are special people. I look forward to our two worship services every month, especially the diversity of leaders and their styles. Thank you all.

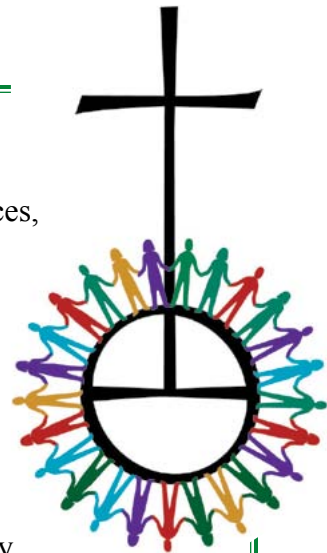
While there is no pressure for any one individual to lead a worship service, all of you are welcome to do so. Just let me or Michael Lovely know if wish to lead the worship on a particular Sunday. Either of us can check on availability of Sundays.

I appreciated that so many volunteered to lead services over the next few months. If any of you are interested or not sure where to go for ideas or information, please let me know. Several of our leaders are willing to consult with you and suggest where to look for liturgies and ideas. I use a combination of books that I may have, combined

with lots of Internet sources, as I know other past and current leaders do. There is no particular order of worship that APUCC follows, although we generally begin with announcements and our mission statement, and we usually share Holy Communion together.

If any of you are interested in leading a worship service, but don't want to do it alone, either ask one of the other current members or contact me for an idea of who might be willing to help with your service. We are a kind and accepting congregation willing to try new things. We just enjoy being together and experiencing the Spirit in our midst as we worship.

Nancy Cook, Moderator



WHO DOTHT PROTEST TOO MUCH?

In spite of our goal of treating people of differing faiths gently and with acceptance, there are times when people's beliefs collide with both equal justice and the laws of the land. Immoral/unjust laws are the first for us to object to but when legal justice lines up with religious injustice, we cannot sit by and accept. That is when the watch-dog Americans United for Separation of Church and State is liable to take action.

Obviously, Justice-of- the-Peace Kim Davis comes to mind but there are others.

Recently Karen Miller, a commissioner from Blount County, Tennessee, proposed a resolution imploring God to spare the county when he unleashes his wrath on the nation for permitting marriage equality. One reporter complained, "I'm tired of God being used as a battering ram. The Bible, over and over, tells us God is the God of love and grace and mercy."

Rob Boston wrote in *Wall of Separation*, "It's easy to joke about stuff like this. What's not funny is that religious extremists continue their crusade to base public policy for all of us on narrow interpretations of the Bible.

They are free to worship a god of wrath, hate and destruction, but millions of other Americans don't care to tremble before that deity. People disagree on these matters. That's why Miller's resolution would be fine if passed by her church, but it's wholly inappropriate for a government entity. The language here is so over the top that not only would Miller's resolution be a significant embarrassment for the county. If it were to pass, it would raise constitutional concerns." ▲

THE UNITING CHURCHES OF CHRIST!



At last it is a reality. On October 17th, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, the United Church of Canada and the United Church of Christ, U.S.A. celebrated full communion! ▲

UNRAVELING BUSH POLICIES REGARDING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

When George W. Bush established the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives the regulations were full of loopholes inviting unconstitutional merging of government and faith. Some hired only staff who belonged to their denomination. Some required all recipients of their services to sit through one of their worship services, participate in Bible study or experience proselytizing in some other form.

President Obama decided to continue the office! However, he set up a “working group” to reevaluate the office’s regulations. The president has acted on the group’s recommendations addressing most misuses of tax-payers dollars except for the exclusive hiring of same-denominational staff. ▲

JERICHO-TABLE VOLUNTEERS:

Nov. 2—Bill Hardin & Gerry Soto

Nov. 9—Rich & Kathi Bumblis

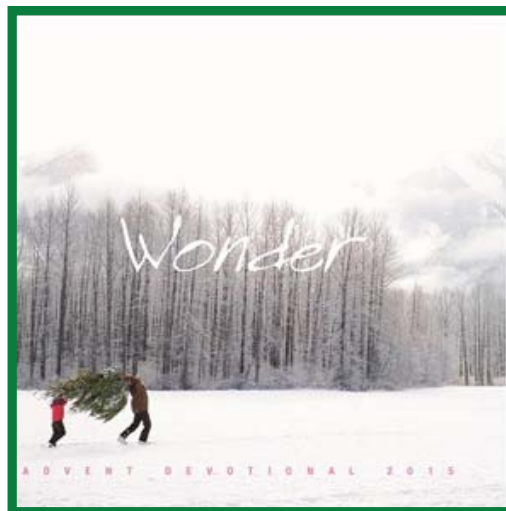
Nov. 16—Laurie Power & Liz Douville

Nov. 23—David & Nancy Cook

Nov. 30—Dean & Sue Flory

ADVENT READINGS COMING

The next study book for the Bible Bookworms discussion hour will be “Wonder,” readings for Advent, written by the UCC Writers Group and published by



the Pilgrim Press. Laurie Power will have 10 copies of the books with her next Sunday. We can share them; couples will only need one. Laurie will lead discussion for that first Sunday. Note: Cooks have purchased them for us... Merry Christmas to us from Nancy and David. ▲

OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

service to our neighbors, the campaign to aid those struggling to recover from the **CountyLine2 fire** (Warm Springs) has received contributions totaling \$240.00.

All Peoples leadership evolves—The transition from Past-Moderator Gloria Olson to new Moderator Nancy Cook is taking shape. Gloria has volunteered to continue to provide liaison between the church and our Last-Monday fellowship meeting places. Thanks, Gloria. All other officers continue to serve again: Liz Douville as Financial Officer and Mike Lovely as Clerk/Treasurer.

The remaining leadership responsibilities fall on all of our members/friends—keeping the church vitally active by contributing skills and talents as you are blessed with them; see I Corinthians 12:27–31 AND the Moderator’s Message on page 2. Parenthetically, there has been no call for speaking in tongues lately but all other talents are needed on a regular basis.

Mission giving from the church treasury for the month of October totaled:

The Bethlehem Inn—\$125 and Jericho

Road—\$50. Donations from individuals: St. Vincent de Paul in Bend (\$60) and in Redmond (\$30), Jericho Road (\$35). ▲

WARM CLOTHING NEEDED:

Recently The Bethlehem Inn posted an urgent request for winter clothing donations in the Bulletin. Nights are chillier than last week and the call for winter clothing comes from both The Bethlehem Inn and The Shepherd’s House.

The Bethlehem Inn offers temporary housing for people in distress in a repurposed motel. Their clients need winter clothing as some arrive with very few belongings. Take donations to the Bethlehem Inn office at 3705 N. Hwy 97, Bend, OR 97701 541-389-2820 • info@bethleheminn.org.

The Shepherd’s House could use warm socks, coats, gloves hats, hooded sweatshirts and blankets. Clients are always in need of toiletries—shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, razors and shaving cream. Camping gear is prized by those who sleep out in icy weather—tents and sleeping bags. Drop off donations at: 20350 Empire Blvd.. Ste. A5 in Bend. Can we help? ▲

NOVEMBER WORSHIP PLANS

All Peoples UCC meets to worship the first and third Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. Bible study meets from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Worship will be in Redmond at St. Charles Hospital's Juniper Room.

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

Nov. 1st—11 a.m. Worship: Bill and Priscilla Hardin with Gerry Soto
10 a.m. Bible Bookworms; Discussing *Wonder*; readings for Advent. Laurie Power will lead.

Nov. 15th—11 a.m. Worship: Sue Flory
10—Bible Bookworms; Discussing *Wonder*; readings for Advent. Led by Nancy Cook

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