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WELCOMING THE THREE GREAT LOVES INITIATIVE

“What is ‘3 Great Loves’? It is a call to the love of CHILDREN, to the love of NEIGHBOR, and to the love of CREATION.

During the next biennium, we want to discover what an entire denomination committed to Three Great Loves can do to change the world.”

Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President, UCC



CLOCKS FALL BACK!



Arriving at church a full hour early is not a sin... it's just inconvenient. So set your clocks back one hour Saturday night or first thing Sunday morning.

Between now and 2019, the United Church of Christ, through its many “settings of ministry,” is called to share stories of the ways that our congregations and related UCC groups are lifting up these three great loves through actions and events. We will, collectively, be able to see the work of our denomination in the world.

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MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

David and I just returned from a trip to the awesome Yosemite National Park where we hiked for five days with a group of sixteen other Road Scholars. During one of the hikes, I discovered the current condition of a beautiful tree I had seen photos of for many years. Ansel Adams photographed many of the massive natural features of Yosemite, but one that I have loved for years is much smaller. He photographed a Jeffrey Pine surviving atop Sentinel Dome in the park. Here is a link to the photo, which you will likely recognize: https://shop.anseladams.com/Jeffrey_Pine_Sentinel_Dome_p/5010114-u.htm

I photographed the Jeffrey Pine atop Sentinel Dome as it appears today.
(Below)

The photo left me thinking about how all of us have changed as we have aged. I hesitate to call us “worse for the wear,” as I might say of the Jeffrey Pine on Sentinel Dome. Certainly, the result of our aging may cause us to seem “worse for the wear.” I, for one, though, realize and likely most of you will realize, that we are not “worse,” but only changed. I like the changes that

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age has wrought in me and wish that some of them had happened earlier: realizing that what is most needed in our world is love for all people, and love and respect for the world in which we live; understanding that health, not wealth, is the most important element of life to seek; knowing that making ethical choices will best satisfy us emotionally; and seeking our own “thin places” will comfort us spiritually. ▲

Nancy Cook, Moderator

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Dorhauer calls us to sift through our various projects to share what we do in support of love of neighbor, love of children and love of creation. ▲

VOLUNTEERS SERVING AT JERICHO TABLE

Nov. 6th Bill & Pris Hardin
Nov. 13th Liz Douville & Laurie Power
Nov. 20th Gerry Soto & Suzi Sutton
Nov. 27th David & Nancy Cook
Questions? Call Melanie Feilzer
503-330-3164

CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM ALERT

On September 30th, the national children’s health program expired. It is up to Congress to act but, still no Children’s Health Insurance Program. The Republican Congress was stalled; word has finally come down that the program will be reauthorized about the time that this newsletter goes out. Watch for reporting on the progress of the refunding; will congress cut the wording or budget for this valuable program? While very busy with talk of tax cuts for rich people, one wonders if the Congress is holding children’s health hostage.

The Children’s Health Insurance Program, covers 12 percent of the nation’s children. Seventy-five percent of Americans—majorities across parties—say it’s “extremely” or “very” important to reauthorize the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

Research in Oregon has shown that immigrant mothers who accessed the pre- and post-natal care available through the program have babies with a 30% better health record than those for whom the mothers failed to connect with the program. Watch for details soon. ▲

REDMOND'S WELCOMING CITY PROCLAMATION

The October 2017 issue of Sojourner News told of the drive to ask the Redmond City Council to declare Redmond a welcoming city and join the group Welcoming America. I emailed the Redmond City Manager, Keith Witcosky, expressing the support of All Peoples United Church of Christ for the city council to adopt the proclamation. Mr. Witcosky replied that he would make the council members aware of our support. On October 24 the Redmond City Council voted to accept a much modified form of the proclamation; the council also voted not to join Welcoming America. The proclamation **now** reads: "A proclamation designating Redmond as a community where all people feel welcome," replacing the words "its immigrant and refugee residents" with "all residents." Read the complete document at: <http://www.ci.redmond.or.us/government/city-council/council-meeting-info/meeting-documents>. Choose the Agenda link next to the October 24 meeting, and then Exhibit 5 under section "VI. Proclamations." Redmond Plus Community Advocates which has a Facebook group page at [https://www.](https://www.facebook.com/groups/692356467598408/)

[facebook.com/groups/692356467598408/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/692356467598408/) is hosting a meeting on 2 November to plan next steps toward make Redmond more welcoming. The meeting is "Letter Writing: Help Educate Our City Council About Diversity." It's at 6:00 pm at Redpoint Climbers Supply, 8222 U.S. Highway 97, Terrebonne. Tanya Beard, invites us all. Coffee, tea, beer, and kombucha. It is a short drive into Terrebonne on the right off of Hwy 97.

I'd like to craft a letter to the City Council in response to the 10/17 public recording of their work meeting. I'd also like to formally submit support of Brad Porterfield's suggestion to consider an Advisory and/or Community Oversight Committee in that letter.

Gloria and I will try to keep All Peoples UCC informed as the group works to make Redmond a welcoming place to live. ▲

. –Nancy Cook, Moderator

Jericho Road has a new mailing address:
Jericho Road
PO Box 1623
Redmond, Oregon 97756

STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND—EVEN AT HOME

Two APUCC members recently attended an excellent workshop at the Bend United Methodist Church. Presented by three pastors and two lay people, the meeting held up compassion and hope as the framework supporting social justice work.

The workshop offered six area of work in which we can all act. The resulting handout contains the themes and suggestions for putting into action each topic. In brief, they are:

Compassion— Extending and receiving love and understanding to the lonely, the angry, those in despair—all with hope as the underlying trait.

Social Justice—Taking immediate action in response to human need...recognizing the needs and taking action to offer hospitality to those in need.

Creation—Recognizing that we, too, are part of God's creation means caring and sharing, extending and embracing.

Bend UMC Homeless Outreach—At Wednesday morning breakfasts, the goal

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is to empower rather than to enable. Services available include showers, medical help, laundry fouchers, getting IDs, mailbox, personal hygiene and more.

Surviving Being the Only One...—Seeking justice and peace around issues long term. Mercy is direct action among locals.

Local Government & Social Justice—Tips on meaningful communication with local officials and departments.

Copies of the detailed handout that Evelyn Doherty and Kathi Bumbulis brought back will be available on the information table at worship throughout November. ▲

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

When Sue Flory found the excellent banner (*right*) on the web, she suggested that we use it in the Sojourner News. A quick email for permission to use the image went to the Rev. Bradley Laurvick of the Highlands UMC.

“Sure,” said the Rev. Brad. “Feel free to use it. I’m glad that social media did it’s job.” He then explained that the idea for the banner and it’s wording came from a Dallas UCC church! What goes around DOES come around.

The Highlands UMC website reveals that Rev. Brad’s church near Denver has joined the growing number of reconciling Methodist groups that declare themselves open and affirming, too. ▲



NOVEMBER WORSHIP PLANS

All Peoples UCC normally meets to worship the first and third Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. Study/discussion group meets from 10–10:45 a.m. Refreshments available beginning at 9:45.

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. 5th—11 a.m. Worship—Fran Davis
10 a.m.—Adult Discussion—Concluding
“Equality for All” discussion

Nov. 19th—11 a.m. Worship—Gloria Olson
10 a.m. Adult Discussion—Don’t miss ...
out on the first of our Advent
devotional discussions.

BRING YOUR OWN MUG for drinks during refreshments