

Mid-May - Mid-June 2017

The Weathervane

The Newsletter of United Christian Church, Renton, WA

Claudia Gillispie, Editor

newsletter@uccrenton.org



Find Direction at
United Christian Church,
An Open and Affirming
Congregation.
No matter where you are on
life's journey, you are
welcome here.



United Christian Church Congregation on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

The First Pentecost

On Pentecost morn they gathered in one place
Believers from every nation, tribe and race
It became a dramatic event
From heaven sent

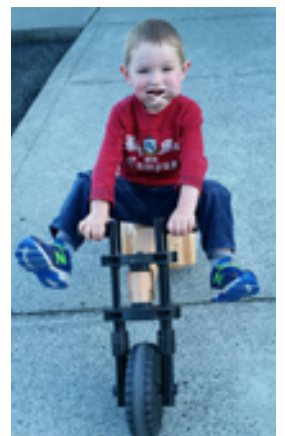
When on a violent wind the Holy Spirit came
Touched each one with tongues of flame
These tongues of fire
Did each one inspire
So they began to speak

In languages from Jew to Greek
Understood by one another
As if they were sister and brother
Some observers said what does this mean
It's just a drunken scene
But many saw the power
Granted to the disciples that hour
By the Holy Spirit that Pentecost morn
Became believers and the Church was born
(by Herb Johnston, former Elder, now deceased)



Thirty Two
Enjoyed the
May 6 Fiesta
See inside.

ActoFaith
Community



Neighborhood Outreach in May

In order to reach out to our local community, the ActoFaith Team will sponsor giving out curb side muffins and coffee on three Sunday mornings, May 14, 21 and 28th from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to participate from the preparation to the doing and clean up. Bring commercially wrapped muffins only to give out. Let's all greet our neighbors.

We will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church, on Sunday, June 4, with cake and ice cream. As part of the celebration bring a gift from the list posted in the narthex and in this issue of *the Weathervane*, to benefit Birthday Dreams, a non-profit organization providing birthday parties to homeless children in Renton.

Gifts for Teens, Girls and Boys ages 4 to 12, Toddlers, and scooters and skateboards for all ages are wanted. Check the list on page 3. They need to be brought by June 11.

Elders I-r:
Randy Chapman,
Pat Archer,
Nancy Osborn,
Mary Kimsey



So many in our congregation have taken on additional responsibilities in the absence of a pastor that we find it hard to single out just a few. But here are a few anyhow. Above are four of our five Elders who have led the Sunday worship services with a guest speaker, or on some Sundays have been the speaker (Randy). Our fifth Elder, **Bill Utterback**, was shown in last month's *Weathervane* when he preached. (Bill graduated from seminary and was ordained by our church a few years back.) We are blessed to have such leaders. Other members who have shared their inspiration include **Chris Copley**, our Music Minister, and **Linda Becker** (who has participated in a Licensed Ministry Program sponsored by the Regional Office), along with other speakers, both lay and clergy, all of whom have given us some new insight to think about.

We also want to mention our **Wonderful Choir** under the direction of Chris. They add inspiration every Sunday and now even include a Choir Quartet. From I-r: **Lannette Sargent, Caroline Bacon, Michael Moser and Linda Becker**. Below the quartet is our *Wonderful Choir* on Easter Sunday.



Photo credit:

The photo of the congregation following Easter services on the front page of this issue, and the photo of the Elders at the top of this page were taken by **Cindy Thomas**, who takes much better photos than your editor. She has volunteered to be the church photographer, whenever possible. Thank you, Cindy.



Moderator's Musing
from Caroline Bacon

We are now in the middle of May yet it feels like we are still in Winter's grasp. Even though my heat is still turned on, evidence of spring is just outside my windows. New life abounds and I rejoice in this evidence of a power greater than myself.

Lots is going on here in our tiny corner of heaven. The ActoFaith committee sponsored a Taco Fiesta Night on the 6th that was huge hit—we combined food, fun, and fellowship with an outreach activity, preparing 34 hygiene kits. Thirty-two grown-ups and kids shared a meal. The children (and grown-ups) went at a piñata with a broom stick and, once the candy was liberated, watching the children (especially Timothy!) scoop it up brought joy to my heart.

The ActoFaith team had coffee, doughnuts and muffins at the ready this morning [14th] to offer to passersby. While there were no takers, there were lots of honks and waves.

Our search for the interim pastor continues and we ask for continued prayers for the church and the search committee as they continue this important work.

Until next month, Caroline



The Word from our Pastor Search Committee is: Hopeful!

"Positive steps are afoot in the Interim Pastor Search Committee, which has continued its diligent and prayerful search for the Interim Pastor to serve our congregation.

Seven pastor profiles from both our parent denominations were thoroughly reviewed in April and May. Thursday evening, May 11, the committee interviewed at length two potential candidates sent to us by the DOC (Disciples of Christ) regional office. We plan a more in-depth look in the next two weeks to determine the "fit" of these candidates with the needs you in the congregation identified.

Your continued prayers will help us find our way to God's will for this church."
 —Interim Pastor Search Committee

From Pat Auten, Outreach Chairman

Food for Thought: Before you can do Outreach, you have to do In reach.

ITEMS TO BRING FOR OTHERS

For May:

We will be collecting baby items which we will donate to Communities in Schools. Needed are:

small blankets,

(It was stressed, small baby blankets.)

diapers, and baby clothes,

baby formula, and baby wipes,

small baby toys (for age 1 to 6 months)

For June: Birthday Dreams Giving List

Bring For the Pentecost Celebration

Teens (age 13 to 18)

Earbuds and headphones

Hair Styling supplies (flat irons, hair ties, barrettes)

Gift cards to Target, GameStop, Barnes & Noble, Ross,

Hot Topic, McDonalds, Starbucks, iTunes and

movies (\$10 to \$25)

Girls (age 4-12)

Baby dolls, Monster High dolls, Princess dolls

Boys (age 4 to 12)

Action Figures, Legos, Nerf Guns, remote control

vehicles, Minecraft, and Pokeman items

Toddlers (age 1-3)

Ride on toys, stand and push toys, Little People,

Vtech Leap Frog

All Ages

Scooters and Skateboards

Consider teaming up with someone else to purchase the higher priced items.

Keep Bringing Cereal

Pat discovered the cereal cupboards at the meal coalition building were empty. She announced it on a Sunday and the following Sunday more cereal than her car would hold had been brought. More has been added since.

Reach announced The Gala in March had raised \$30,000 for programs. The Dollar a Week campaign will begin in May.

OUR CROP WALKERS ON MAY 7TH. We salute you!



Church Volunteers Assisted Hosting Birthday Dreams Party on April 19

Four members of United Christian Church, along with a classmate of Paris, took the items donated by the congregation and hosted a birthday party at YWCA Passage Point. The location provides transitional housing for mothers, along with their children, who have recently been released from prison.

The party, arranged by Birthday Dreams, featured games, face-painting, candy giveaways, as well as an inflatable jumpy house. Thirty people attended including parents. The final activity was having cake and ice cream along with a rousing rendition of *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!* Thank you to everyone who helped make this party happen. ~James Bruner



Above: Getting instructions on what to do with the hygiene items on the table at Fiesta Night.

Below: Filling each kit with a variety of the items.



DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER

Sundays: Adult Sunday School, 9:30-10:20 am, in Office Bldg.

Sundays: Worship, 10:45; Includes Children's Sunday School.

2nd & 4th Mondays: Monday Munchers lunches, 12:30, details below

Wednesdays: Bible Study, 6:45 pm, Conference Room. (On Hold)

Thursdays: Choir practice, 7:00 pm. New singers welcome.

ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out Somewhere), 12:00 noon
(See Carl Kever, Ed Gillispie or another "Old Man" for where.)

Other Groups Use Our Campus

Monday through Friday: Montessori School in Ed. Bldg., 7 am -5 pm

Mondays: Hula Group Practices, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in Narthex

2nd & 4th Fridays: SCA group uses our buildings, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Saturdays: AA meets in the Ed. Bldg. basement.- 10:30 am

Sundays: Sermon on the Mount Study Group, 1:00 PM, AA Rm

May 14, Curbside muffins & coffee served to Neighbors, 9 - 10 am

May 21 Curbside muffins & coffee served to Neighbors, 9 - 10 am

May 22, Monday Munchers, 12:30 @Plum Delicious in Renton

May 28, Curbside muffins & coffee served to Neighbors, 9 - 10 am

May 29, Private Group to use church facilities, 4:00-6:00pm

June 4, PENTECOST Celebration of birthday of The Church

June 5, Act-o-Faith Team meeting, 7:00 pm

June 6, Church Council Meets, 6:30 pm

June 10, Quarterly Community Dinner,

June 12, Monday Munchers, 12:30 @Torero's, Renton Landing

June 15, Email Newsletter sent. Items to Editor by the 14th.

Lectionary Scriptures for the Upcoming Month

May 21, 6th Sunday of Easter: Isaiah 41:17-20 or Acts 17: 22-31,
Psalm 66:8-20, 1Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21.

May 28, 7th Sunday of Easter: Ezekiel 39:21-29 or Acts 1:6-14,
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11.

June 4, Day of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21, 1Corinthians 12:3b-13,
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, John 20:19-23

June 11, Trinity Sunday: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13,
Psalm 8, Matthew 28:16-20

June 18, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost: Exodus 19:2-8a, Romans 5:1-8,
Psalm 100, Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25, 3rd Sun. after Pentecost: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Romans 6:1b-11
Psalm 69:7-10,(11-15) 16-18, Matthew 10:24-39

Outstanding News from Leigh Lacey

In the Puget Sound area, at the end of each bowling season, both the Greater Seattle Bowling Association and the Tacoma Bowling Association choose men's and women's all-star bowling teams. These teams are comprised of bowlers who have had an outstanding season in both league and tournament play. The teams from each city then bowl a "home and home" match against each other to determine who has "bragging rights" for the year.



This year our son **Brian Lacey** was selected for the Greater Seattle All Star Senior team and our grandson **Tommy Harris** was picked to be on the Greater Seattle All Star Regular team. The competition this year will take place on May 16th in Seattle and May 18th in Tacoma. You can be sure **Grandpa/Dad Leigh** will be in the audience for these events.

Anniversaries

May 26, Akan & Mandu Usoro,

June 4, Richard & Pat Archer, 1983

June 5, Ed & Dee Woods,

June 5, Jerry Symonds Ordination, 1960

June 11, United Christian Church

DOC & UCC "Marriage", 1972

June 12, Jerry & Janet Symonds, 1955

June 12, Randy & Barb Chapman, 1976

Among the Congregation

Bill Utterback is adjusting to two new eyes after having cataract surgery this spring.

Mary Kimsey is still multicolored after tripping while carrying a vase of flowers home after Sunday services. The vase broke. Mary was "just" bruised.

Jim and April Woods donated money to install the basketball hoop in memory of Jim's brother, **Brian Woods**, who loved basketball. [The hoop is still waiting on the weather.]



This pink pig showed up in the choir on Easter Sunday. His name is "Curlyfri" and he belongs to **Wes Remer** who has been coming to church with the Sargent family. [Wes sings. I don't know about Curlyfri. cg]

A donation to **CROP WALK** was sent to us from former member, **Marnie Wright**, now living in Vancouver, WA. She wrote, "We used to do it here in Vancouver but no one was willing to take on the responsibilities —so it got dropped!" We want to take this opportunity to thank **Peter Dunn** who has taken on the responsibility for our church's CROPWALK for many years. **Thank you very much, Peter!**



PICTURES FROM THE FIESTA EVENING, MAY 6



Cameron finally broke the piñata and the kids salvaged the candy from the sidewalk. (shown above)