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The Weathervane

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

PIE SOCIAL INTRODUCES NEW INTERIM PASTOR



Pastor Dick Talley began his Interim Pastorate on the first of September, and to help him and the congregation become better acquainted, a Pie and Ice Cream Social was held on September 10 following worship. As can be seen from these photos, the weather cooperated.



See page 5 for information about Pastor Dick's office hours, etc.

The congregation is encouraged to wear their name badges to help Pastor Dick learn our names. If yours is lost, talk to Claudia Gillispie.



We sadly announce the death of our friend and member of our congregation, **Linda Hendry**, who died early on the morning of September 13. Arrangements are pending.

We thank **Cindy Thomas** who made a great effort to be in church on the 10th to take these photos, following her hip replacement surgery.



TALLEY'S TOPICS

For almost 50 years of my ministry and several more of my father's ministry, the title of the Pastor's Column in the newsletter was TALLEY'S TOPICS, so I will continue to do so in The Weathervane.

In each edition I will have an article that lifts up some of my thoughts, ideas and issues which are in my thinking. This month I want to share with you how I am excited about being your Interim and what a warm welcome that I have received the first couple of weeks with you.

I have been very impressed with everyone being so willing to be of help, give me information, and I think a genuine warm welcome. As I have said before I don't think that I have ever received such a warm welcome!

I want to thank Jean, Nancy and Brian for all their hard work as the Interim Pastor Search Committee; Chris, Mary, Randy, Caroline, the Council members for all being so helpful. Thanks for the Welcome.

My job, as Interim, is to prepare the congregation for a new Settled Pastor. This will be a process that we will go through, together. As I have said before, I will guide and help you in the process, I will not do it for you. You will make the decisions. Caroline, current Moderator, and Pat, Moderator-Nominee, will nominate people representative of the congregation, to be approved by the Council as a Search Committee. The Search Committee will be formed in the next week or so.

They will work with our Regional and Conference Ministers. The process is a process that cannot be rushed and could take a year or more. One of their responsibilities will be to keep the congregation informed on their progress. It will be a fun journey together. More from time to time. See you Sunday

Dealing with it, Dick, Interim Pastor



Free Coffee Ministry

Caroline mentions Randy's comments in her column at the right. On Thursday mornings Elder Randy gives out free coffee, waves, (and prayers by request) to those passing by the church. He invites others to join him at 5:45 (to

make the coffee and heat the water) to keep him company. He says he knows he gets more enjoyment out of the waving than the many folks who wave and cheer him in passing, as well talking to those who stop to pick up some coffee.



Moderator's Musing from Caroline Bacon

Hallelujah!

The smoke from all the wildfires has dissipated and those of us with respiratory problems are able to breathe again.

Thank God! that the temperatures are falling back down to a reasonable level, so that those of us without air conditioning can live/sleep comfortably in our homes.

Yet, while our tiny corner of heaven is having some respite, the rest of the globe is not— hurricanes such as we have never seen, flooding on three different continents, and earthquakes remind us that we are smaller than a gnat when compared to the forces of nature.

Let's not forget wars, famines, pestilence and plague. There's a lot going on around the world. So much of it bad, that it makes you want to crawl back into bed and pull the covers over our heads.

What can WE do to counter all the the terrible things that are happening?

First: We can remember that we are children of God and every action we take for good creates a small ripple that spreads out. Randy [Chapman] said it perfectly in church last week:

"One of the guys that stops for coffee on Thursday mornings has instituted a Friday morning free coffee at HIS church, and he told me this past Thursday that someone who stopped at HIS on Friday will be doing free coffee at HIS church——" ripples in a pond.

We have no idea how our actions impact the rest of the world. I choose to believe that my small acts of kindness are going out into the universe and creating positive change where they are felt.

Our new Pastor, Dick Talley is on hand and we are looking forward to the changes that await us.

Peace,

Caroline

Grounded in faith.
Working for justice.



August 18, 2017

Dear Friends at United Christian Church,

You and your congregation play a vital role in our community. Individuals and communities alike are yearning for connection, for relationship, for spiritual grounding, for action, and for opportunities to come together. In these times, how can church members build on our own gifts, develop tools for ministry and social engagement, and transform the public square?

I'm honored to invite your community to attend the [Weaving Our Strengths](#) Conference, a day-long conference of fellowship, inspiration, and skill-building to strengthen local churches' efforts for the common good. We would be blessed to have your community participate, sharing their wisdom, learning from others, and making connections. [It will be at University Congregational Church, Seattle 98105 ~Claudia G.]

Weaving our Strengths Conference:

For Such a Time as This

Saturday, September 30, 2017

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Randy Chapman on Facebook: *Here is a quote from a blog written by Tim Carson, pastor of Broadway Christian Church in Missouri. I believe we all should affirm this openly in our lives and in our places of worship:*

We affirm God's delight in all creation, prophets who reject oppression, Jesus who valued all persons regardless of their identity, and the Spirit which renews and reveals God's equal love for all humanity.

We proclaim that if speech and actions do not reflect this love, they are not of God. Hate and violence are stark contradictions to God's will. True faith is fulfilled in lives full of love, justice and mercy.

We denounce evil and stand with those who resist oppression, bigotry, racism, and supremacy anywhere and anytime.

We confess that we have often failed to attain this high calling of love and have perpetuated the same offenses we deplore in our own communities of faith.

We invite all people of good will and deep faith to join in this vision of unity and peace through prayer, speech and action.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OTHERS

From Pat Auten, Outreach Chair

For September and October

The weather is still warm and mostly comfortable but we need to start thinking about keeping those heads and hands warm at the bus stop. Also, there are many families that will be sleeping outside.

We will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for any size family member.

I am sure there will be some great sales as the weather cools, and if you knit or crochet we welcome handmade items.

Keep Bringing Breakfast Cereal

We will continue to collect breakfast cereal. **But no Grape-Nuts or granola-style cereal though.** Many of the men have few teeth, and sore mouths are a common complaint.

AMAZON SMILE FOUNDATION

Did you know that our church can receive funds from Amazon when you do your on-line Amazon purchases through the Amazonsmile foundation?

If you go into Amazon through Amazon Smile, 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases will be donated to United Christian Church. We are a registered non-profit organization with Amazon Smile and will receive donations on a quarterly basis. The next donation will be in November, and we already have over \$16.00 ready to be sent our way from the Amazon Foundation.

How do you sign up so Amazon Smile makes a donation to the church? When you are making a purchase from Amazon, you can either go to AmazonSmile and select United Christian Church as your organization of choice, or you can enter through our specific amazon smile link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6190339>, and it will take you directly to our UCC account. Then you complete your on-line purchase just like you would from Amazon. If you have questions, you can contact **Linda Becker**.

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

Tuesdays: Sermon On Mount Grp.; 7-8 pm, starting Sept. 26.

Thursdays: Choir Practice, 7pm. New members welcome.

ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out Somewhere), 12:00 noon

(See Carl Kever, Ed Gillispie or Terry Kimsey for location.)

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

Sep. 25, Monday Munchers, 12:30 @ Little Peking, Renton

Oct. 2. Pastor Relations Com. Mtg, 6:30pm (1st Monday)

Oct. 3, Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Conference Rm (1st Tues.)

Oct. 9, Monday Munchers, 12:30 @ Mitzel's, Kent

Oct. 9, Elders Mtg, 6:30 pm (2nd Monday)

Oct. 15, Email Newsletter sent. Items to Editor before 14th.

Oct. 23, Monday Munchers, 12:30 @ Paolo's, Kent

Pastor Dick asks that all committee and church meetings be put on the church calendar in the Office.

Lectionary Scriptures for the Upcoming Month

Sep 17, 14th Sun. after Pentecost: Psalm 114 or Psalm 103:(1-7)8-13,

Exodus 14: 19-31, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18: 21-35

Sep 24, 15th Sun. after Pentecost: Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45, or Psalm 145:1-8,

Exodus 16:2-15, Phillipians 1:21-30, Matthew 20: 1-16.

Oct 1, 16th Sun. after Pentecost: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 or Psalm 25:1-9,

Exodus 17:1-7, Phillipians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32.

Oct 8, 17th Sun. after Pentecost: Psalm 19 or Psalm 80:7-15,

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Phillipians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Oct 15, 18th Sun. after Pentecost: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, or Psalm 23,

Exodus 32:1-14, or Isaiah 25:1-9, Phillipians 4:1-9, Matt: 22:1-14

Oct 22, 19th Sun. after Pentecost: Psalm 99, or Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

Exodus 33:12-23 or Isaiah 45:1-7, 1Thessa: 1:1-10, Matt: 22:15-22

Oct 29, 20th Sun. after Pentecost: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 or Psalm 1,

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, 1Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46



Mary and Phil Johnson, with Nancy Osborn enjoyed lunch with the Monday Munchers recently. Phil has health problems that limit his ability to attend many church functions.

Historian's Occasional Column

Have you wondered who are the ROMEO'S?

This is a group of men who began meeting for lunch in 1990 to discuss church property issues. It didn't take them long to realize they had friends who wanted to join them, and it was opened up to any man who wished to come and discuss any topic.

They meet at a different restaurant every Thursday at 12 noon, but *their list is known only to them!!* Talk to **Terry Kimsey, Ed Gillispie, or Carl Kever** to learn where the next lunch will be.

Have you wondered who are the Monday Munchers?

This is a group that began in 1976 as an outreach project to shut in seniors in a nearby low income housing complex. Again, others wanted to join them for lunch and it is open to anyone on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. They vote on a list of restaurants for the entire year, and the places for each month are printed in The Weathervane. They meet between 12:00 and 12:30 to visit and order about 12:30.

Have you wondered what the other buildings on our campus are for?

The larger building next to the sidewalk was our first temporary church, built in 1963, which was to be converted to a parsonage when the permanent church was built. It took longer than hoped, times changed, and today the Phoenix Montessori Preschool uses it year around. By prior arrangement, the church uses it for parties and dinners. The children's Sunday School has a room in the basement, as do AA groups, and the Montessori School.

The smaller building is the Church Office. It holds the office equipment, a larger room for group meetings around a table (called the Conference Room), and the Pastor's private office.

From Claudia Gillispie, Historian

Anniversaries

No anniversaries are known for this month.

Odds 'n' Ends Around the Church

The New Sign committee, **Terry Kimsey**, **Tom Reimer** and **Linda Becker**, met and have obtained preliminary information from City Hall and six companies. They expect to do a monument style electronic message board with no animation. They will keep us updated.

New carpet replacement following the baptistry flood was scheduled and members recruited to be on hand, when it was discovered due to a glitch in ordering, the carpet would not be available to install until September 20th.

A new refrigerator and cookstove have been purchased and will be delivered when Phoenix Montessori School has finished replacing the kitchen floor covering. **Lisa Razzore**, owner of the school, is paying the costs. The new appliances were made possible from the legacy donation from Bellevue Christian Church earlier this summer. [God is Good!]

Bill Bowman's group discussing Emmet Fox, *Sermon on the Mount*, will now meet on Tuesday nights, from 7 -8 PM, beginning Sept. 26. "Each week we read from where we ended the week before and participants share their experiences as we go." It is NOT an AA meeting and is NOT restricted to AA members. See Bill for more info.

Volunteers to clean the church buildings are still needed. Several members have signed up recently, but more are needed for later this year.

Sharing Vacation Photos

Carl and Donna Kever visited their son and daughter-in-law in Japan this summer. They were taken to see many places. Below: They stayed one night "At an almost traditional Japanese inn. The robes were furnished by the inn for use in their communal baths." (Kever used the European style bathroom and showers.)



At the right: "This is a huge structure four stories tall called a Neputa. They are made from paper over wood and wire frames and then painted. These are pulled in parades by approximately 100 people." (This one was stored.)

More From Pastor Dick Talley



Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Dick is planning to be in Renton on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from about 10:30 on (depending on traffic) for the rest of the day. Evening meetings, appointments, and other obligations will determine the exact amount of time I'll be in the office.

I plan to be in the office at 10:30-12:00 each of the three days. Then in the afternoon, depending on my schedule, I will be around making visits, attending other meetings, or be in the office. I am also available at other times during the week.

If you would like to meet with me for an appointment or in an emergency please call my cell: 310-387-8854.

If you need to get me information about someone having surgery, in the hospital or other situation, my e-mail is tcudick@aol.com.

I would like to hear information three or four times rather than not at all. I live in Lynnwood so I am about 45 minutes away. My home phone is 425-743-7062.

[Kimseys have volunteered a guest room if Pastor Dick needs to stay in Renton in an emergency.]

