



# Ten O'Clock Chimes

## Coming Events

- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/18 Earth Festival Activities
- 5/19 Pentecost
- 5/20 Church Council, 6:30 pm
- 5/23 Cemetery Cleanup Party, 6:00 pm
- 5/27 Memorial Day
- 6/16 Father's Day
- 6/19 Juneteenth

## In The Wind

**Women's Fellowship** All women/anyone identifying as female, are welcome to bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner, maybe some discussion on upcoming events and just some good old women's fellowship! Please join us May 6th, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see you there! Theresa 🙏😊👉

**Cemetery Cleanup** Please join the work party on Thursday, May 23, 6:00 pm to help clean up and prepare the church cemetery for Memorial Day weekend. No need to bring special tools other than gloves. Contact Greg (greghet@aol.com or (503) 826-3466) if you have any questions. If the weather is lousy, watch your email for details on re-scheduling. -Greg-

**Men's Breakfast**—Calling all men to join us in casual and sometimes serious conversation over breakfast at Kissin' Kates, 9:00 AM on Saturday, 11th. We never know where the guy-talk will lead, so come loaded with a topic you'd like to explore and we'll give it a chat.

## From the Pastor

Happy May Day!

This month, as we prepare to move into the next season of the Christian Calendar with Pentecost, I am giving thanks for the Breath of God that gives life to all the magnificence that Spring offers us. Warmer weather and sunlight, the colorful blossoms abounding, new life in its many forms flourishing, all speak to the regenerative and sustaining presence of the Source of life. All tell us a unique story of the renewing possibilities enabled by this Source.

In resonance with this sustaining power of regeneration, I would invite everyone to commit to bringing your church before God in prayer and/or in your other spiritual practices. We are now preparing to move toward the meaty part of this Interim time which will need engagement and participation from as many as possible. In collaboration with the Transition Team, we will be preparing to launch into the next step with intentionality, thoughtfulness, and hope. Please pray that the Spirit and Source of life goes before us and prepares us with the energy of peace and patience, and empowers us with the imagination of possibility.

We all live in a fear of being judged by others, while the empty space between us is waiting to be filled by a simple gesture of honest caring. -Kent Nerburn-

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# ***BUCC Earth Fest 2024*** ***Sat May 18***

## ***Tacos! Bingo! Costumes!***



Our Earth Fest 2024 planning team is working hard to bring our third annual Earth Event for Beaver-creek UCC. As an Earthwise congregation, we feel the need to do our part to raise awareness and take ecologically sound action for the Earth.

We are putting out the welcome mat for the entire greater Beaver-creek area and offering a fun filled night of Earth friendly education, taco dinner, Bingo (earth friendly prizes!), Earth Trivia and a costume contest. Come dressed as your favorite Earth Hero or Earth Villain. Prizes for best adult and best child costume. If you need some costume inspiration, contact Carol Koshkarian.

We are again partnering with Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District, which brings a wealth of information about Earthwise practices. Our own Master Recycler, Lee Evans, will have a display on how you can recycle so much! We'll also have a BUCC information table about our Earthwise efforts, the food pantry and Backpack Buddies programs.

Dinner will be tacos with pork donated by Mulino based Campfire Farms, deliciously prepared, sustainably and ethically sourced and produced, as well as vegan options. You can read more about Campfire Farms and their Animal Welfare Approved program here <https://campfirefarms.com/pages/farming-practices>

We have several different groups and activities already committed to having a presence at the event and are working on others. You can find us and more event details at [BeavercreekUCC.org/news](http://BeavercreekUCC.org/news). And also on [Facebook.com/BeavercreekUCC](https://Facebook.com/BeavercreekUCC)

Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District Equal Exchange OSU Master Food Preservers Fun activities for the kids	Master Recycling BUCC Earthwise Congregation Food Pantry and Backpack Buddies Campfire Farms
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To make this all happen we need your help, and there are many ways you can do that:

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| Secure earth friendly prize donations  | Fellowship Hall set-up and decorating on Fri/Sat morning |
| Bingo caller   | Costume contest judges                                   |
| Kitchen help for Greg and Dee Dee  | Cashier for dinner tickets and Bingo cards               |
| Prize collection and organizing  | Set up BUCC info table                                   |
| Donations  |  |
| Run sound system (thank you Tom P for setting up)                                    |  |
| Get the word out: Social media postings, flyer distribution, tell friends and family |  |

...and probably some things that I haven't realized yet! Contact Carol Koshkarian Earth Fest Chair ([carolkosh@gmail.com](mailto:carolkosh@gmail.com)), or one of our team members: Diana Brainerd, Barb Derkacht, Cathy McQueeny, Greg Hettman.

# CELEBRATE THE EARTH

## SAT MAY 18

# *Tacos & Earth Bingo!*



Doors open 5:00

Earthwise information displays

Taco Dinner 5:30, Bingo 6:30

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### **EARTH PRAYERS**

Teach your children what we have taught our children—  
That the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth  
befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.

If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves.

This we know. The earth does not belong to us,  
We belong to the earth.

This we know. All things are connected  
Like the blood which unites one family.  
All things are connected.

Whatever befalls earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.  
We did not weave the web of life. We are merely a strand in it.  
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

—Chief Seattle—

Here we are, God—a planet at prayer. Attune our spirits that we  
may hear your harmonies and bow before your creative power  
that we may face our violent discords and join with your Energy  
to make heard every heart in your hymn of peace.


Here we are, God—a militarized planet. Transform our fears that  
we may transform our war fields into wheatfields, arms into  
handshakes, missiles into messengers of peace.

Here we are, God—a polluted planet. Purify our vision that we  
may perceive ways to purify our beloved lands, cleanse our pre-  
cious water, de-smog our life-giving air.

Here we are—God. An exploited planet. Heal our hearts, that we  
may respect our resources, hold priceless our people, and provide  
for our starving children an abundance of daily bread.

—Joan Metzner—

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: Worship—10:00 AM, live & on-line followed by coffee hour. Sunday School Activities 1st , 2nd & 3rd Sundays			1 Choir, 6:30 PM	2 Expanding Spirit Circle, 7:00 PM	3 Virtual Happy Hour, 6:00 PM	4
5 Worship 10:00 am Communion	6 Women's Fellowship, 5:30 PM		8 Choir, 6:30 PM	9	10 Happy Hour, 6:30 PM	11 Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM
12 Worship 10:00 AM 	13	14	15 Choir, 6:30 PM	16 Expanding Spirit Circle, 7:00 pm	17 Happy Hour, 6:30 PM	18 Earth Festival 5:00 PM 5:30 Tacos 6:30 Bingo
19 Pentecost Worship, 10:00 AM	20 Church Council, 6:30 PM	21 Movie Night 6:30 PM	22 Choir, 6:30 PM	23 Cemetery Cleanup Party, 6:00 PM	24 Happy Hour, 6:30 PM	25
26 Worship, 10:00 AM  Pentecost	27  Memorial Day	28	29 Choir, 6:30 PM	30	31 Happy Hour, 6:30 PM	

## Birthdays

5/9	Caroline Liday
5/18	George Droz
5/18	Chris Ritter
5/19	Grace Yelton
5/20	Robert Olsen
5/22	Becky Albeke
5/22	Bruce Swanson
5/22	Marcella Rogers
5/27	Kim Liday
5/29	Erin Redling (Ritter)

## Anniversaries

5/5	Jane & Jerry Calavan
5/8	Ron Webb & Jan Wallinder



Earth Day painting from 2022 celebration. Artists are Eva & Wiley Stimac (Shelley & Greg's grandkids).

“The climate crisis is both the easiest and the hardest issue we have ever faced. The easiest because we know what we must do. We must stop the emissions of greenhouse gases. The hardest because our current economics are still totally dependent on burning fossil fuels, and thereby destroying ecosystems in order to create everlasting economic growth.”

—Greta Thunberg

## *Ten O'Clock Chimes*

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