

Ten O'Clock Chimes

Beavercreek United Church of Christ

September 2018

Coming Events

9/2 Pastor's Wedding Reception, 2-4pm
9/3 Labor Day
9/9 Sunday School Begins
9/22-24 CPC Annual Meeting, Pendleton
9/23 Peace Sunday
10/13 Fall Bazaar

www.beavercreekucc.org Do check out our lovely website! Stay tuned for frequent updates and check out the church calendar, Chimes issues and past sermons.

Correspondence Dessert Club meets Tuesday, September 6th at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. Please join the fun as we chat and pen a few cards to help keep our church family connected.

Peace Sunday, September 23rd

Join us for a focus on peace this forth Sunday in September. We'll have a blessing of our soon-to-be installed Peace Pole and, like all good churches, have a potluck after worship. Check in for details, though, as this potluck may have a meatless focus.

Women's Fellowship meeting will meet at Mary Lewallen's home Monday, September 10th at 5:30pm for meeting and potluck dinner. All women in the church are invited. Bring a dish of your choice to share.

Scrip order dates for September will be **Sundays the 2nd and 16th**. Buy scrip for birthday, wedding, anniversary and any other kind of gifts. Remember to buy scrip cards for back to school shopping and your everyday shopping as well.

Invitation to Sing! Calling all choir members to put on your schedule Thursday, September 6 as the first choir rehearsal of the new choir year. If you have not sung with us before you are still welcome. We always welcome new people. On September 9 we will be singing our first anthem for church.

Barbara Specht

Please join Pastor Jennifer during her Tuesday, **Singer Hill Café office hours**, 11:30-1:00, on the 18th and 25th this month. Sometimes it's just her, and sometimes there are several. It's a nice spot to sit and have coffee or lunch and visit.



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From the Pastor, Rev. Jennifer Seach

NURTURING UCC IDENTITY

- Acknowledging Jesus Christ as the sole Head of the Church.
- Communicating passion for the oneness of the Body of Christ (John 17:21).
- Holding active membership in a Local Church of the United Church of Christ.
- Participating in the various settings of the United Church of Christ, including local churches, associations, conferences, General Synod, and global ministries.
- Knowing and appreciating UCC history, polity, and theology.
- Exhibiting a commitment to the core values of the United Church of Christ: continuing testament, extravagant welcome, and changing lives.

For the last few Chimes, I have been writing about the UCC Marks of Ministry, an attempt to describe the hallmarks of UCC ministerial leadership, to help broaden our ideas of what it means to be pastor in changing times with changing needs, and to promote excellence in ministry. Again, this is not a checklist or a report card. No pastor is going to be perfect at all these (or perhaps any of them, since perfection can not be the bar by which we judge). It is instead meant to be a lens for viewing gifts and for considering growth throughout ministry.

One of these marks of ministry is nurturing UCC identity. This means a UCC pastor should be deeply committed to the UCC. This makes sense, of course.

Part of being UCC is Jesus. It means deep respect and love for those who walk other roads, but that we journey with Jesus. We look to Jesus as our model, as teacher, as brother, as friend. We don't have a creed. We don't all agree on who Jesus was or what it means to be the Son of God or what happened at Easter. That's okay. We agree that he was someone extraordinary. And we look to him, with his emphasis on love and caring for our neighbors, not to the national UCC president and general minister or our conference minister or a bishop or anyone else to lead the church. Our polity means that each church governs itself, taking seriously the idea of the Priesthood of All Believers. This structure is a direct outgrowth of what we believe it means to be the church. God calls every person to ministry, not just the pastor.

Also essential is an understanding of our UCC history, our roots in ancient Christianity, the Reformation history that led to this country, the contributions of our Congregational ancestors, and how the UCC formed with the merging of four denominations. This history makes us the first to ordain a woman, an African-American, and an openly gay minister. We have been the first because individual churches within the UCC have been brave, helping us be prophetic together.

A UCC pastor must be active in a local church and also must participate in the UCC at other levels. Our beloved church is part of a conference, part of a national church, and part of the world. We all covenant together. We are stronger together. Our wonderful little church in Beavercreek can do more effective ministry working together with other churches around our conference, when we march together at Pride, support each other and offer ideas. We are better when we are connected to our national church, together speaking for the voiceless and discerning the moving of the spirit. I am part of the conference Local Church Ministry Team, which works to connect and support local churches. This includes praying for other churches in our conference, supporting the Easter clergy retreat and Annual Meeting in Pendleton. Another current project is compiling best practices and sample documents for things like church bylaws, pastoral and congregational mutual evaluation, child safety policies and more. I've also been active in reorganizing local clergy circles to be more relational. These conference activities are not to take away from our church but to make me a better pastor to our church. Part of the covenant that a church pastor makes at installation is to contribute to the conference and national church.

Though we do not have a creed, we do have this shared history and common values. We know that God is still speaking and so we must be listening always to the signs of the times and the voices of the voiceless. We are open to the continuing movement of the Spirit, for she is life and movement and dynamism. The UCC are committed to extravagant welcome: particularly of the stranger, the refugee, the immigrant, those who have been rejected. Jesus modeled this for us. He ate with sinners, tax collectors and prostitutes. He spoke with women and Samaritans. He valued those whom culture and empire said didn't matter, and he warned the wealthy and arrogant that God was unimpressed by their stuff. God cares how we treat others. Jesus' love and his preaching the kingdom of God touched people. We walk with him, so this is what it means to be UCC. Not just for the pastor, but for all our church.

SEPTEMBER 2
HOSTS: _____/_____
USHER: LEE EVANS

SEPTEMBER 9
HOSTS: _____/_____
USHER: SUE STARK

SEPTEMBER 16
HOSTS:
CYNDI A / SUE STARK
USHER:- _____

SEPTEMBER 23
HOSTS:
MARY & DON LEWALLEN
USHER: _____

SEPTEMBER 30
HOSTS: _____/_____
USHER: _____

Sunday School and Childcare starts September 9th

The Board of Christian Ed invites all children 1st through 5th grade to attend Sunday School the 2nd through 5th Sundays with a great crew of teachers: Bonnie C, Shari, Marie and Shawn Karns and Skipper. The 1st Sunday of each month is a planned intergenerational service with all of us together in the church. Students 6th grade and older will stay in church each Sunday, joining us all with some specific learning, sharing and leadership experiences. Children ages 1 through Kindergarten may join Olivia in the childcare room. We have worked hard this summer to develop some new and fun activities for our children and are excited to get them all back to learning in our church community.

Hello My Church Family - I'm so excited to share this letter from the Oregon Food Bank. Sue Stark

Congratulations

Beavercreek United Church of Christ has qualified to become an LGBTQ Affirming Agency! As an LGBTQ Affirming Agency, Beavercreek United Church of Christ is committed to supporting, encouraging, embracing, and honoring people regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Your agency maintains a safe space for your community members and will interrupt discrimination and harassment when it occurs.

Oregon Food Bank will be releasing the list of LGBTQ Affirming Agencies to LGBTQ Resource Centers around the tri-metro area for their community members to use.

Inside of this packet you will find helpful LGBTQ information and resources for your agency. Keep your eye out for Oregon Food Bank LGBTQ trainings and resources

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Jewelry Donations Needed

The church Jewelry Resale Table was a busy spot at last year's Bazaar! Help us create excitement again by donating your excess bling! Shelley will bag and organize items, so please get them to her soon.



If you want to feel rich, just count all the things that money can't buy.

Friendship fills up all those little ruts in life's road.

Be happy with what you have and who you are, be generous with both, and you won't have to hunt for happiness.

All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.

Some people give and forgive...others get and forget.

Fun is like life insurance...the older you get, the more it costs.

Answers that sound good aren't necessarily good answers

Wisdom from Norma's Aunt Violet

Experience is the hardest kind of teacher...it gives you the test first and the lesson afterward.

Thinking will not overcome fear, but action will.

BRAVERCREEK CHURCH FALL BAZAAR! Saturday, October 13, 9 AM—4 PM

GET READY FOR OUR TWENTIETH YEAR OF CELEBRATING CREATIVITY!

Our Bazaar is known as one of the **BEST** creative events in the Portland Metro area!

The news gets out and the fresh faces appear, hoping for a space. They **LOVE** us!!!!

The vendors are lining up! Registrations are filling the Taylor mailbox!

SO, SPREAD THE WORD! Our talented, creative artisans work hard all year to prepare for this event and count on US to share date/time information with friends and family, neighbors and local businesses by handing out fliers and sending emails.

The key is attracting **LOTS** of shoppers, which means happy vendors and a successful bazaar!

There's no denying it! We are an energetic and crafty bunch! Do you bake?

Are you thinning plants from your garden?

How about a few jars of your yummy preserves, pickled beets or salsa?

Small themed baskets or bags would be a nice addition to the raffle table!

In the coming weeks, please think about that special creative gift

you have to share to support this important fund-raising event!

We have a limited number of vendor spaces to rent, so **YOUR** donations to the church and raffle tables **REALLY** help our fundraising effort!

If you don't have much time, **dollar donations are gratefully accepted** for raffle gift cards, advertising expenses, etc. **There will be plenty to do this month and especially during the week of the actual event**—pre-event - space/table set-up; greeting and directing customers; setting up the raffle table and selling raffle tickets; preparing and serving lunch; and of course, post-event clean up. **Volunteer sign up poster is in the Fellowship Hall.**

Let's get every space filled!

And the LUNCH! Oh YUM! People come from every direction to enjoy that delicious homemade soup, sandwiches and pie! As always, The Women's Fellowship Angels go above and beyond the call of duty to make it all happen. If you would like to pitch in a few dollars to offset the cost of the lunch ingredients, you can **BET** they'd appreciate it!

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE BAZAAR!

- **RECRUIT!** When you see talented artisans, invite them to join us!
- **SPREAD THE WORD!** Invite friends, family members and neighbors!
- **POST FLIERS** in local businesses
- **CREATE** and donate quality craft items
- **DONATE MONEY** to help with basket, craft, lunch & bazaar expenses
- **BAKE OR CONTRIBUTE BREAKFAST GOODIES** to serve in the morning to our hungry early bird shoppers.
- **DONATE ITEMS** to sell or raffle off: gift baskets, baked goods, sweets, jams, jellies, preserves, plants
- **SET UP** and arrange vendor tables the Sunday prior to the bazaar
- **WELCOME** and assist vendors during vendor set up time
- **PREPARE** and set up roadside signs
- Be a **FESTIVAL HOST**—Welcome shoppers and provide assistance/information
- **WORK OUR RAFFLE**—push ticket sales
- **DONATE LUNCH INGREDIENTS** or money for lunch items
- **PREPARE** and serve lunch
- **TAKE DOWN** tables and help with clean up at close of event

THANKS in advance for your participation! Every little bit **HELPS!** **TOGETHER** we **MAKE** it **HAPPEN!** **This is an IMPORTANT community outreach event!** **YOUR energy is needed and appreciated as our bazaar grows bigger and better every year!**

Vacation Bible School Bonnie Cochise

A great thank you to all who participated, prayed, and played with us at this summer's Vacation Bible School! Especially Pastor Jennifer, who was there throughout, but also:

- Bonnie Taylor who helped us garden for the church and for the food pantry and who also shared her personal story with many artifacts and art;
- Becky Albeke who came every day and taught us the Lord's Prayer through sacred dance;
- Tammy Kronberg who brought her Dad, Otto Brombach--to share his invention that makes "WAPI"s, a handmade gadget that helps many third world families and villages have safe water;
- Sue Stark for donating amazing bubble makers;
- Teresa Reynolds and DeeDee Frias for putting up and taking down the canopies that gave shade on hot days, and for root beer floats and wooden bird cage kits that each child made;
- Meredith Hopper for bringing in her police friend to share his trained dogs;
- Barabra Derkacht for donating special Godly Play materials;
- Barbara Droz for giving the youth a tour of our church windows and also for sharing her personal journey with the older youth;
- Shelley Hettman for reading stories to the younger children and for Greg Hettman, for working with the older youth to wash the church sign—not to mention working with the whole group to remake and stain the beautiful pegged coat rack now by the fellowship hall;
- Marcus Essig for passing out to each family the booklet about our church windows;
- Olivia Transmeier who did a special art project with the older youth and who worked through the week to motivate the kids;
- Sky OCallahan for spending Friday morning sharing his music;
- Marie Karns who did "Love Rocks" with the kids;
- Shawn Karns who played frisbee and ball outdoors with the kids, and to both of them who together helped plan, monitor and set up the week;
- Everyone who brought snacks and for all who sent their children and grandchildren.
- And for the young people themselves, for sharing their energy and ideas.

It takes a village to raise a child, and we are Christ's village—set on a hill, shining like a lamp for all to see.

Come out and support a most amazing camp. Camp UKANDU, a camp for kids dealing with cancer. On Tuesday September 18th from 6:00 to 11:00. Oregon City Brewing will be donating a \$1.00 from the sale of one of their pints to camp. We will also have a raffle happening with cool prizes. If you would like more info on camp you can always talk to me or check out our website.campukandu.org



Thank you my church family. Sue Stark

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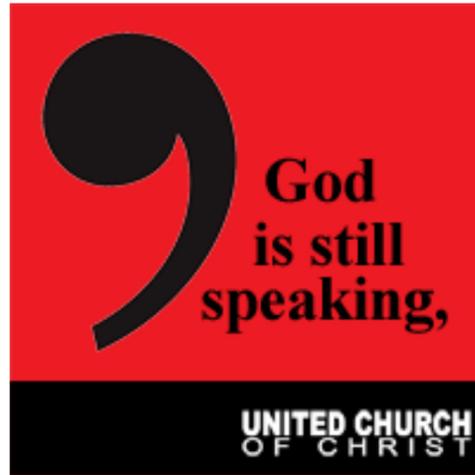
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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
31	Sunday School and child care provided during worship beginning September 9th.					1
2 Communion Rev Bruce Swanson in pulpit. Pastor Jennifer wedding reception potluck, 2-4pm	3 LABOR DAY	4 Correspondence Dessert Club, 1:00 pm Deacons, 2 PM	5	6 7 Choir 7pm	7	8
9 Sunday School season begins Helen Liere in pulpit	10 Mission, 6pm	11	12	13 Choir 7pm	14	15
16 Church Council	17	18 Singer Hill, 11:30-1:00	19 Reiki, 6:00 pm	20 Choir 7pm	21	22
23 Peace Sunday CPC Annual Conference	24	25 Singer Hill, 11:30-1:00	26	27 Choir 7pm	28	29
					CPC Annual Conference In Pendleton	

Birthdays

9/1 Anna Claire Reid
9/1 Cynthia Andrews
9/2 Peter Fallaw
9/2 Lyn Wilson
9/4 Mike Lowrie
9/5 Emma Dahl
9/6 Joanie Howe Fallaw



9/14 Lee Barney
9/16 Mary Lewallen
9/24 Hannah Dahl
9/27 Jerry Calavan

Anniversaries

9/7 Barbara & Jose Alanso Gonzalez
9/8 Lee & Josie Evans
9/9 Doug & Becky Albeke
9/18 Shari Lane & Justin Jones
9/21 Kim Liday & Meredith Hopper

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