

# The United Church of Ferndale Chimes

## August 2011

*Live our Faith...Share our Faith...Grow our Faith...*

*Frederick Buechner* once wrote "go where your best prayers take you."



## Candlelight Notes

The Lazy Days of Summer...a time to lay in the grass and gaze at the clouds or the stars... a time to rest and reflect on God's abundant love for each of us...I remember those fondly from my childhood... but where are those days now?

We have been giggling around the office that we are celebrating "moments of summer" this year, moments are better than nothing right? Let's not miss those moments to rest and reflect in simple and profound ways so we can pay attention to the subtle God moments.

In fact that is what the great commandment of honoring the Sabbath is all about. Taking the time to rest and reflect on God's gifts of grace and presence in our life. It is as sweet as moments of summer in Ferndale for sure! Jesus taught that the presence of the Holy One is with us when two or three are gathered...and in my experience those moments are powerful when you have two, twenty-two and even more fun when you have 222.

So here is our August invitation. Gather with a couple of your friends this week to pray for the blessings of sharing "moments of summer" together and remember to breathe in the sweet smell of August as you do, then invite

those friends to one of our walk-about & to worship.

In fact let's make a goal of gathering 22 people for our walk-a-bouts (look at the calendar for the exact dates and places). Together we can feel the joy of noticing where we see God's fingerprints in creation right here in the beautiful community of Ferndale.

And then on Sunday, August 14, let us accept the invitation we have received to join our sisters and brothers at the First Congregational Church of Bellingham, UCC to begin that Sabbath morning with them for a shared worship service and potluck following (formerly known as Worship in the Park). That means that we will not have worship here at our church that Sunday. The service will begin at 10:00 am at First Congregational Church 2401 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, 98225. Those interested in car pooling can meet in our church parking lot at 9:15 am and drive into town together. It would be great if you brought a friend or two. It promises to be a beautiful service to praise God for the moments of hospitality that we experience in our lives. Do you think we could gather 222 people that day,

who knows:? It sure is fun to try!

May you have God moments in your summer moments,

Pastor Bobbi



**SUNDAYS**  
9 a.m. Meditation  
9 a.m. Miracles Class  
10-10:20 a.m. Hymn Sing  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**PEACE VIGIL DATES — 5:30 to 6 p.m.**

**AUGUST 18: Assumption Catholic Church**  
2116 Cornwall Avenue,  
Bellingham, WA


**SEPTEMBER 18:**  
**United Church of Ferndale**  
2034 Washington Street,  
Ferndale, WA



*August Meetings*  
**Congregational Care**  
Sunday  
August 7 at 11:45 a.m.

**Board Meeting**  
Thursday  
August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

**Council Meeting**  
Thursday  
August 11 at 7:30 p.m.

**Seedlings Prayer Group**  
Wednesday, the 31st of August

***NEW MEMBERS INQUIRY CLASSES***

We are holding New Members Inquiry Classes on August 21st and 28th, 9:30 a.m. at the church. If you would like to join us and become a member please come to these meetings so we can get to know you and you can get to know us, and what it means to be a member of this vital church. Please RSVP to the church office at 384-3302 or Rich Koss at 319-7139.



**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

***ADULT FAITH FORMATION***

If you are interested in facilitating an Adult Faith Formation class this fall or winter, or maybe you have an idea for a class, please contact one of the Christian Education members, Pastor Bobbi or email Brenda Bennett at [ba.bennett@live.com](mailto:ba.bennett@live.com). CE is planning now for fall classes...Don't be shy!

***ASSISTANTS DURING CHILDREN'S CHAPEL***

Also, Christian Ed is looking for adult high school youth volunteers to be assistants during Children's Chapel this fall with Kelly Harkleroad. Last year, Annie Shepard, Tammy Neely, and Emma Bennett were of great assistance to Gary, however, this year they cannot commit to helping every Sunday. We need two volunteers per week and our Safe-Church Policy requires that they not be related. If you are interested or if you have questions, please talk to Brenda Bennett or Kelly Harkleroad.

***CARE TEAM***

On Monday, August 22nd, Pastor Bobbi will hold two instructional classes for those interested in visiting our house-bound members. The times are 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If you are able to make one these classes please notify Pastor Bobbi or Barb at the church office.



After much discernment, it was decided by the committee to cancel the one day VBS this year.

Please put on your calendar for 2012 the dates of July 9-11 for "Hometown Nazareth " VBS.

## **ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT 10:00 A.M.**

On Sunday, August 14th, we will be having worship service with the congregation of First Congregational Church of Bellingham, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham.

Last year they were at our church and this year we will travel to their church. Worship service is at 10:00 a.m.

Afterwards we will enjoy a pot luck meal. Please bring a dish to share; drinks and table service will be provided.

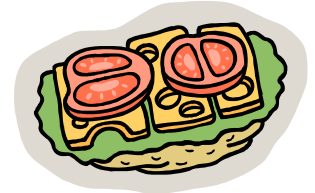
Remember...there will be no worship service at our church this day!



## **SALAD and SANDWICH LUNCHEON**

On August 7th, following worship service, we will be having a Salad and Sandwich Luncheon.

Cost is a donation to Women's Fellowship



## **POT LUCK AND PLAY**

**Each Wednesday in August from  
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

<b>August 3rd</b>	<b>Potato Bar</b>
<b>August 10th</b>	<b>College Food</b>
<b>August 17th</b>	<b>Italian Food</b>
<b>August 24th</b>	<b>Salad Toss</b>
<b>August 31st</b>	<b>Pizza Night</b>

**Come and join in the fun!  
Bring your favorite pot luck dish to  
match the weeks theme.**

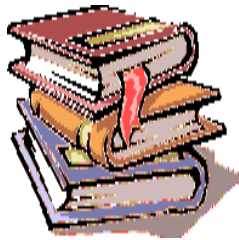
# PICNIC and SHOWER

On August 28th, following worship service, there will be a picnic in the church backyard (weather permitting...if not, in the Fellowship Hall). Congregation Care Board will provide hot dogs and refreshments. The rest is pot-luck, so please bring a dish to share.



After the picnic we will have a Grandma and Grandpa shower for Pastor Bobbi and Pasi in anticipation of their grandchild due in September.

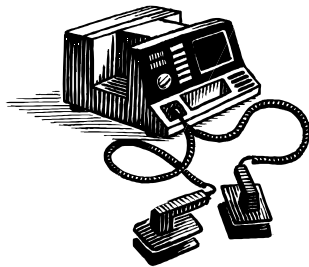
Be sure to mark your calendar for this fun day!



## LIBRARY CORNER

I've just returned from the annual conference of church librarians in Salem, Oregon, and am fired up to encourage reading and using our library. The highlight of the conference for me was a talk by Jane Kirkpatrick, an award-winning author from Oregon who has written more than 15 historical novels, all based on the lives of real women. Her most recent book, *The Daughter's Walk*, is now on our shelf, and I can't wait to

read it myself. It tells the story of Clara Estby, who walked from Spokane to New York City to earn \$10,000 to save the family farm. Another book by Kirkpatrick, *An Absence So Great*, is about her grandmother, a professional photographer in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, when that was a daring departure for a woman to aspire to have her own studio. I'd love to have all her books in our library, so if any of you have a book by Jane Kirkpatrick or would like to buy one, please consider donating it to UCF library when you are done with it. Happy reading!  
*Stephanie Belanger*



## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee has purchased a defibrillator for the church. We would like to hold classes for those interested in how to use one. We will be offering a class in using the defibrillator sometime in September. If you are interested in taking this class please let the office know by mid-August and also if you would prefer an evening or afternoon class.

### Chimes Newsletter Deadline

Please have your articles, pictures or notes into the church office by Monday, August 15 at Noon. You can email articles to: [office@unitedchurchofferndale.org](mailto:office@unitedchurchofferndale.org).

### Please Remember

Please remember to pick up your issue of the Chimes at church so we can save on postage. Your help with this is greatly appreciated. The Chimes is available the last Sunday of each month and may be picked up that day or during office hours in the week.

### Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon & 12:30—3:30 p.m.  
Thursday—Pastor's study & visitation day. Available by appointment  
Friday—Pastor's day of rest

# REBUILD OPPORTUNITY

Do you like to swing a hammer? Play with power tools and get out of town for a weekend? Then, join our mission team that will visit the White Swan Reservation in Yakima on Friday, September 16th thru Sunday, September 18th. This is a "BLITZ BUILD" to repair several homes that were severely damaged from wind storms and fire. (Project through WA I Interfaith Disaster Response Organization or WIDRO). If you are interested, please contact: Theresia Russell at cell 739-7500 or email: [turussell@comcast.net](mailto:turussell@comcast.net)



## Ferndale Food Bank Items Needed:

Sugar <i>(especially needed)</i>	Cream of chicken and mushroom soup	Small bottles of cooking oil
Tuna	Chili	Beef stew



## Maintenance Projects—Looking for Volunteers

Interfaith Coalition relies on volunteers to maintain our nine units of housing, which provide shelter and case-management support to local families who are homeless. There are many opportunities for volunteers to keep our houses in tiptop shape. We're developing a list of volunteers we can call on for **occasional** help. There are opportunities for individuals as well as groups. We also can use assistance with occasional plumbing, electrical, drywall and general carpentry jobs.



Listed below are projects that we're hoping to complete this spring and summer:

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| <b>Painting</b>                     | • Exterior trim, porch and siding painting | • Interior painting projects                                  |
| <b>Plumbing &amp; Electrical</b>    | • Basic plumbing and electrical repairs    |   |
| <b>Light carpentry/maintenance</b>  | • Fence and siding repairs                 | • Gutters cleaned and repaired                                |
|                                     | • Refinishing woodwork                     | • Bathroom remodel  |
| <b>Yard work and transportation</b> | • Weeding the yards at all properties      | • Truck and driver available to pick up and deliver furniture |

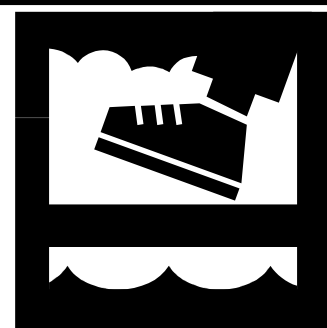
To volunteer or for more information, call **Interfaith Coalition** at 734-3983 or email [info@interfaith-coalition.org](mailto:info@interfaith-coalition.org).

## SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC

Musicians of any age: you can help enhance the worship experience during the summer months by sharing your musical talents with us. Please let Barb Bonsaing ([office@unitedchurchofferndale](mailto:office@unitedchurchofferndale)) or Sunny Jones ([sunnydiane@comcast.net](mailto:sunnydiane@comcast.net)) know what date(s) would work for you. It would be good if you could give a couple of dates in case of overlap and what the title is of your music so that it can be included in the bulletin. We look forward to hearing you!

## SUMMER WALK-ABOUT AUGUST SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | August 6th  | Whatcom Falls Park—meet at Kenoyer parking lot off of Lakeway. |
| Tuesday  | August 9th  | Meet at UCF to walk to Griffith Park                           |
| Saturday | August 20th | Meet at UCF to do a river walk                                 |
| Tuesday  | August 30th | Meet at UCF to walk to Haggens                                 |



## News from the Other Bank

The Other Bank took a little summer break, and would be a wonderful donation. We are also seeking new volunteers to serve on an advisory committee to help with communication and grant writing, and someone to help with the shopping. We will be present at the Ferndale School Supply Drive to register families for the new school year. Thank you for the donations that you have given over the summer. They will help us be ready for August. We will be replacing toothbrushes when families come in, so both adult and child sized brushes

### THANK YOU NOTES...



#### **From Jennifer Kempinsky**

*Thank you so much for your support. I will always know that you will support me in any thing I do. I know I feel more adult! Thank you*

#### **From Priscilla Tanguy**

*Dear Bobbi and all the thoughtful people who sent cards for my 100th birthday! Thank you. I read through all of the beautiful cards...it took a while!! (Around 113 cards!)*

#### **From Tommy Lyons**

*Dear United Church, thank you for supporting the 10U Select baseball team. Our goal this year was like the rest: to win State. And we did! Thank you!*

#### **From Cavan Lyons**

*Dear United Church, thank you for buying car wash tickets earlier in the year. We were able to afford to do lots of baseball tournaments this year. We also got to do the State tournament which we did very well in.*

### NEW ADDRESSES

Erika Barquist has moved to 2612 Ryan Court in Ferndale, WA 98248. We wish Erika happiness in her new home.

Virginia Clarenbach is moving the first week in August to 223 E Bakerview, Apt. #246, Bellingham, WA 98226. We wish Virginia happiness in her new apartment

### 2011 Ferndale School Supply Drive

(Please bring to the church by Aug 7<sup>th</sup>)

#### BACKPACKS

Washable markers (wide or thin)

Glue sticks

Pointed scissors

Pencil pouch

College ruled spiral notebook

College ruled notebook paper

Protractor

3-ring binders

*#2 pencils*

*Crayons*

Two-pocket folders

Erasers

Wide ruled spiral notebooks

Wide ruled notebook paper

Ruler

*Red, blue, black ballpoint pens*

Pencil sharpener

*Colored pencils*

Dry erase markers

Rounded scissors

Pencil box

Compass

Yellow highlighter

Italics = don't need very many

# Sign Up For Camp Now!

We are looking forward to another great summer at camp and we hope to see YOU there!



## UCC

### N-Sid-Sen Camps

Jr. Hi Aqua: Aug 7-13  
 Family Camp 1: July 31-Aug 6  
 Family Camp 2: Aug 14-20

### Pilgrim Firs Camps

Family Camp: Aug 21-25

## UMC

### Indianola

Sr. Hi/Young Adult Kayak Adventure: July 31-August 3

### Ocean Park

Kite Camp: August 18-21

## June Treasurer's Report

We fell behind in June in the General Fund as we took in \$2,787.29 less than was expended. The General Fund Equity balance at the end of June was \$11,334.00 and the checkbook balance was \$14,057.66. A summary of the various funds for June is as follows:

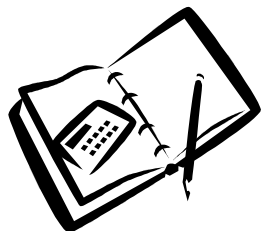
Fund	Income	Expense	Net
General Fund	\$7,394.36	\$10,181.65	-\$2,787.29
Special Fun	\$110.00	\$612.24	-\$502.24
Pass Through Funds	\$90.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Restricted Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$16.45	\$0.00	\$16.45
Investment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<hr/> \$7,610.81	<hr/> \$10,838.89	<hr/> -\$3,228.08

The Special Funds income was \$10.00 for Camping and \$100.00 for the Labyrinth. The expenditures were \$362.61 for Camping, \$32.24 from Pastor's Discretionary Fund for High School Recognition and \$217.39 from the Jr. Youth Group Fund for camping.

The Pass Through Fund income was \$25.00 for Japan Relief from the youth bake sale, \$20.00 for Our House, and \$45.00 Congo Orphanage. The expenditures were \$25.00 to UMCOR for Japan Relief and \$20.00 to Our House.

The Capital Improvement Fund income was \$16.45 for the Playground.

The General Fund is in better shape than the numbers indicate as \$1,375.77 was expended for a defibrillator and the General Fund will be reimbursed by Memorials for this purchase.



John Ivary, Treasurer



*Please pray for:*

**Health, Healing, Peace and Hope:**

*Dave Anderson, Lucille Bailey,  
Whitney Baumgartner,  
John Barger, Lisa Blum,  
Maureen Boekenooen,  
Marion Bremer, Margo and*

*Chuck Cadoret, Iva Mae Campfield, Kelly Cissell,  
Virginia Clarenbach, Lakota Craig, Al & Margaret Denton,  
Jill DeVries, Sheila Gonzaga, Irene and Wayne Elledge,  
Shirley Gardiner, Mike Gnipp, Bernice Graves, Jim Hawley,  
Claude & Mary Henry, Marilyn Horn, Liz Ivary,  
Lilla Jacobs, Gail Kleer, Rich Koss, Annette Kraft,  
Patricia Lee, Helen Leen, Carol Lehwalder, Verla Maynes,  
Cora McCallum, Charleen McKay, Virginia Moi Moi,  
Dorothy Moles, Erline Nelson, Lou Nordby, Penny Norton,  
Candice Nshimba, Jan Pickard, Lori Plante,  
Amanda Portillo, Presley Salas, Joyce Wyanski*

*Our brothers and sisters who are suffering  
throughout our world and those who are homeless,  
hungry or oppressed.*

*Those serving in the military—for safety &  
return home to their families.*

*For the families devastated and those who died from the  
recent storms in the mid-west.*

**Louisa House**

*Priscilla Tanguy  
Erline Nelson*

**Parkway Chateau**

*Lucille Dougherty  
Mary O'Bannon*

**Merrill Gardens**

*Rosalie Hansen*

**Nursing & Convalescent Homes:**

*Earl Gibson at St. Francis Health Center*



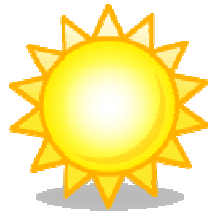
*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our sympathy to:

Annie and Doug Shepard on the death of  
Annie 's sister Nancy Steele.

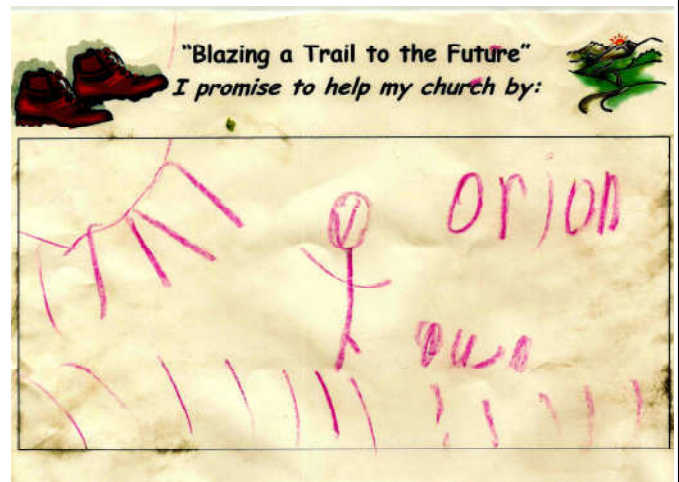
Bill Davis in the death of his wife Suzie

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS  
&  
ANNIVERSARIES**



- 1 Mary O'Bannon  
Madison Williams
- 2 Marie Honrud
- 4 Julia Arps  
Emma Bennett  
Bobby Harkleroad
- 5 Chuck Eichenberger
- 6 \*Marilyn & Gene Horn  
\*Steve & Carolyn Jensen
- 7 Tammy Neely  
\*Jeff & Autumn Griffin
- 8 Dave Duncan
- 9 Joey Harkleroad  
Mikey Harkleroad
- 10 \*Dick & Vi Stone
- 11 Judyth Rain Walker
- 12 Lowell Higley  
Virginia Moi Moi
- 18 \*Lucky & Loretta Tedrow  
\*Ken & Betty Smith
- 22 Gene Horn  
Jenny Honrud  
William Friedson
- 24 \*Bob & Lynda Brillowsky
- 25 Margaret Brunner  
Doug Shepard  
\*Stan & Margaret Brunner
- 26 Casey Russell  
\*Barbara & Allen Gardiner  
\*Mark & Kristi Harting
- 28 Allison Morgan
- 29 Ruth Manos  
\*Grant & MaryLee Nelson
- 31 Carter McKay

# BLAZING A TRAIL TO THE FUTURE PROMISES



**HOW DID YOU  
PROMISE TO HELP?**

# LETTER FROM YOUR UMC GLOBAL MISSIONARY

Dear friends in my supporting churches,

Even in the middle of war, the church has a mission. I just returned from Misrata, the besieged city in western Libya where rebels and civilians are surrounded on three sides by troops loyal to Moammar Gadhafi. I went to Misrata with a demining team from the ACT Alliance, which immediately set to work neutralizing unexploded ordnance that is killing and maiming civilians, especially children. In the coming weeks, that team will be training Libyans to systematically search for dangerous objects as civilians hopefully begin to move back into homes in the ravaged city center that are still habitable. It's not an easy place to work. The United Nations isn't even allowed to send in representatives yet. But I was pleased to accompany a dedicated team that represented you in working for life even as war still rages all around.

Besides traveling to Libya, in recent weeks I've led a workshop in Switzerland and documented the work of mission institutions in Minnesota, Michigan and Mississippi. I'm back in Oregon at the moment, having returned to the U.S. just in time to be present when Lyda preached the ordination sermon at the PNW annual conference.

(<http://vimeo.com/25881301>)

In the coming weeks I'm catching up on some overdue writing and photo editing, then heading off anew to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and trips to Asia and Africa—all to continue to document the church's creative work of mission in hard places.

I write to thank you for your support that makes this work possible. Having your congregation's support not only makes my ministry financially possible. It also links me to the reservoir of prayer and spiritual strength that your congregation offers in your own community, reminding me that mission is inextricably both local and global. Our solidarity must cross all borders if our mission is going to be truly God's mission.

Given that new occasions teach new duties, even for old curmudgeons like me, I'd like to encourage you to stay connected to me using social media. Link to my blog (<http://kairosphotos.com/blog>) from your church's website. Befriend me on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/kairosphotos>) and follow me on Twitter (GlobalLens). Let me know if there are ways I can better keep in touch with you.

One additional request. This is the time of year that new appointments mean changes in clergy. If your congregation has a new pastor, make sure I get their email address so I can better keep in touch.

Once again, thanks for your deep commitment to mission in both the neighborhood where you live as well as in the far corners of our fascinating world.

Blessings,

Paul

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August 6th, 9th, 20th and 30th

Summer Walk-Abouts

August 7th  
Salad and Sandwich Luncheon

August 28th

Picnic & Shower

POTLUCK AND PLAY  
August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

Highlight for August 2011



## THE UNITED CHURCH CHIMES

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Summer Worship Schedule:

Meditation Service: 9:00 a.m.

Hymn Sing: 10—10:20 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. Every Sunday

Children's Summer Faith Formation: 10:45 a.m.

Nursery Available: 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Wheelchair Accessible