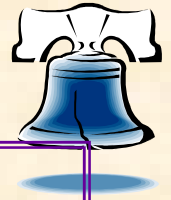


The United Church Of Ferndale Chimes
January 2012



Candlelight Notes

Happy New Year!

*I pray this note finds you welcoming in this New Year with anticipation and hope. Despite the world's challenges, we **can rejoice** that no matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey, we can come together to worship our God, whose love is palatable in this place. Thanks be to God! So let us ponder...if Jesus walked through our doors today, how would he find us?*

*He would find us growing our faith at **8:45 am** on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary. After the hustle and bustle of the holidays he might be looking for a quiet place to center himself in prayer, by experiencing a simple yet profound Lectio Divina Service. Lectio Divina is a practice of listening to three sets of sacred music that leads the group in to a period of silence followed by a piece of music to call us back in to the world. He would then be invited to the course on miracles in the meeting room, or to join the choir warming up for the 10:30 worship service. How else can we be found?*

On Sunday, January 1st we can be found ringing in the New Year as we gather to Share our Faith in an intergenerational worship service at 10:30 in the morning. Bring your enthusiasm and your favorite bell and be filled with infectious joy.

On Sunday, January 8th we can be found celebrating Epiphany, when our children will dress up as angels, shepherds, and Wise Ones offering symbolic gifts to the baby Jesus. The rest of us can be found living our faith that morning by... bringing non-perishable gifts for the Ferndale Food Bank. I have been told by reliable sources that the Food Bank could use macaroni, noodles, and other types of pastas as well as cooking oil. So bring what you are able to share and keep your donations in your pews so our children can collect them from you to bring forward symbolizing the gifts given to the baby Jesus by the Magi. This feel good tradition is a visible act of stewardship and demonstrates how we spread God's love by working together to help those who are hungry in our own community.

On Sundays, January 8th and 15th we can be found growing our faith by inviting friends and visitors to join in the Inquirers Classes, where we explore the historical roots that make United Church of Ferndale a place to call home. We will be receiving new members on January 22nd, so let us know if you are interested in joining.

On January 22nd following the 10:30 worship we can be found gathering in the sanctuary for our Annual Meeting. At this meeting we will take a review of the past year, vote on some constitutional changes, vote on new officers and receive greetings from our guest, the Rev. Daniel Foster who is our PNCUMC District Superintendent.

These are just a few of the ways Jesus might find us. I wonder what else God has in store for us in this bright New Year? Come join us to find out...

*Shalom, Salaam, Peace be with you,
Pastor Bobbi*

SUNDAYS
8:45 a.m. Meditation
9 a.m. Miracles Class
10:30 a.m. Worship

UPCOMING PEACE VIGIL

Wednesday, January 18th, 5:30 pm
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
2600 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham



January Meetings **Congregational Care**

Sunday, January 8th
at 9:30 a.m.

Board Meetings

Thursday, January 12th
at 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday, January 12th
at 7:30 p.m.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 22nd
At 11:45 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS AND INQUIRERS CLASS

Part I of this class will begin Sunday, January 8th at noon following worship. The second session (Part II) will be held Sunday, January 15th, also at noon following worship. The reception of New Members will be Sunday, January 22nd. The new members will then be invited to participate and vote at the Annual Meeting that day following worship.

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 22

On Sunday, Jan. 22nd following worship service, we will hold our annual meeting to elect officers, vote on the budget, and vote on constitutional updates. A copy of the annual report will be available online or in the office after January. All are welcome at the meeting, but only members can vote.



Interfaith Annual Meeting promises inspiration and hope

Please plan to attend Interfaith Coalition's annual meeting with a friend or two on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1110 14th St. in Bellingham. The program will include first-hand accounts of how the homeless housing and health-care services the coalition supports make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Following the program, you'll enjoy refreshments and fellowship with Interfaith friends, and when the evening ends, you'll leave feeling inspired and hopeful.

It was wonderful to have the Three Amigos, Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Imam Jamal Rahman, share their message with us in November. Would you like to join with others to discuss and learn more about their latest book, *Religion Gone Astray What We Found at the Heart of Interfaith?* The Living the Questions Study Group is going to do just that starting **Monday, January 9th, at 1:00 PM in the Meeting Room.** Come join the conversation to learn more about the faith traditions of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Copies of *Religion Gone Astray* are available for purchase in the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Tattershall at 32-2772.

Living the Questions Study Group

New Topic for January

Adult Faith Formation Survey

The Christian Education Board is planning for upcoming Adult Faith Formation classes. We would like to know if you would be interested in attending any of the following classes, and/or facilitating a class. As a facilitator, you do not have to have all the answers, you just need the ability to guide a discussion. We look forward to your input in this planning process. *Please indicate your interest in the classes and their meeting times by checking the boxes below, and please return this form to the church office.*

Course on Miracles

Facilitate	Attend	daytime	evening	Sunday 9 am	Sunday noon
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Getting Acquainted with Your Bible: Bible 101

Facilitate	Attend	daytime	evening	Sunday 9 am	Sunday noon
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Book Study- *Religion Gone Astray: What We Found At the Heart of Interfaith*

Facilitate	Attend	daytime	evening	Sunday 9 am	Sunday noon
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Book Study- *Saving Jesus From the Church* by Rev. Robin Meyers

Facilitate	Attend	daytime	evening	Sunday 9 am	Sunday noon
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Living the Questions (LTQ)

Facilitate	Attend	daytime	evening	Sunday 9 am	Sunday noon
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Topics: _____

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

November Treasurer's Report



We did pretty well in November as the income in the General Fund exceeded the expenditures by \$881.28. The General Fund Equity balance at the end of the month was \$10,610.64 and the checkbook balance was \$16,548.68. A summary of the various funds for November is as follows:

Fund	Income	Expenses	Net
General Fund	\$ 9,136.21	\$ 8,254.93	\$ 881.28
Special Funds	513.25	0.00	513.25
Pass Through Funds	1,394.80	1,466.73	-71.93
Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Improvement Fund	41.50	909.39	-867.89
Investment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>\$11,085.76</u>	<u>\$10,631.05</u>	<u>\$ 454.71</u>

The Special Funds income was \$316.25 to the Kitchen Fund from soup and roll \$8.00 for the Bazaar and \$189.00 for the Seasonal Flowers.

The Pass Through Fund income was \$70.00 for Heart of Interfaith, \$12.00 for Women's Fellowship, \$546.07 for the Three Amigos book, \$327.00 for The Other Bank, \$419.73 for the Ferndale Food Bank, and \$20.00 for Our House. The expenditures were \$600.00 for the Heart of Interfaith, \$427.00 to the Other Bank, \$419.73 to the Ferndale Food Bank and \$20.00 for Our House.

The Capital Improvement Fund income was \$41.50 for the Playground. The expenditures were \$909.39 for the installation.

The Stewardship Committee is working on the pledge drive for next year and there are still a lot of people who have not yet responded. We are experiencing some tough economic times but it is very difficult to plan the budget for next year without a realistic revenue projection. I encourage you to turn in your pledge and to support our church as best you can.

John Ivary, Treasurer



LIBRARY CORNER

Who threw the baby in the well? That's the intriguing question that runs like a thread through the novel, *"The Well and the Mine"* by Gin Phillips, a book donated to our library that I just finished reading. It's a wonderful story that is told in the five voices of the Moore family, living in an Alabama coal-mining town in the 1930's. Though not strictly a "Christian novel" it has a deeply moral message of compassion and family loyalty. It also deals with serious issues like segregation and poverty, though not in a preachy way. I recommend this book for anyone who likes to immerse themselves in another way of life in another time and be left with a warm, hope-filled feeling.

Our library has recently been gifted with the entire library of Christ Lutheran Church, which is being closed due to staffing problems. I hope to spend the month of January going through the many boxes and picking out items for our shelves, so you may see several new books put out in the near future. Happy reading!

Stephanie Belanger

New Year's Day is on a Sunday this year. Bring your favorite bell and let's ring in the New Year at 10:30 a.m.



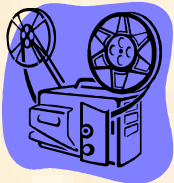
For coffee hour that morning, please bring your extra Christmas cookies to share. Thanks so much!

Epiphany Sunday will be January 8th. Remember a non-perishable item (such as pasta or cooking oil), for the Ferndale Food Bank to be collected by the Wise Ones, the Angels and the Shepherds.



Removal of the Greens

Following church service on Sunday, Jan. 8th, we will take down all the Christmas decorations and put them away for another year. *Many hands make light work so please stay and help if you can.* ☺



Movie Night has returned!

Bring your favorite blanket and pillow for Movie Night on Friday night, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.



SOUP AND ROLLS - The first Soup and Roll Lunch of the new year will be January 15th following worship at 11:45 a.m. A donation for the kitchen fund is appreciated. Hope to see you there!

Cabin Fever NW performs winter benefit for Interfaith Coalition

Enjoy an evening of homegrown music when Cabin Fever NW performs a benefit concert for Interfaith Coalition on Friday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Performing Arts Center, 1314 Harris Ave. in Bellingham. Tickets cost \$20 each and are available at the door. With banjo and guitar, along with their vocal harmonies, Dianne Wood Bochsler and Tara Caldwell Wolfe, who are Cabin Fever NW, blend musical genres that include folk, bluegrass, pop, alt-country, and blues. The duo won the People's Choice Award at the 2008 Winter Folk Festival in Florence, Ore.

A Gift of Time!

In November you were asked to complete your "Sharing the Love" card and have it dedicated at the November 20 worship service. Many thanks to those who prayerfully pledged a financial amount toward the operational budget of our church. If it's still on that "to do" pile, **stewardship** is never really over!

If you have been impacted by current economic situations and just can't make any financial commitment to the United Church, perhaps you would consider a gift of time as your stewardship pledge for 2012.

One or two hours a month will be a great way to "Share the Love" in a non-financial way. You will be surprised at how easy it is! Contact Marta Hand to have a conversation.

Thank you notes



From Interfaith Coalition

Dear Ferndale and Custer friends,

A new family moved into Our House on Friday, December 9th – a father who has disabilities and his 14 year old son who attends middle school in Ferndale. They have been unsheltered and they wish to express their appreciation to all of you for the beautiful home. Thank you!

Laura DeRose Harker, Executive Director



THANK YOU

to everyone who supports the Ferndale Community Meal through your offerings of time, services and monetary donations.



Other Bank News

Thank you so much for your support of the Other Bank. The Thanksgiving offering was a huge boost. Our families appreciate all of the toiletries, diapers, and other products that you give each week. We continue to have large numbers coming in and new families each week. In November we helped 517 individuals. **Supplies needed by The Other Bank: personal hygiene products, diapers, dish soap, laundry soap, hand soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper and hairbrushes.**

Looking ahead.....Save the date!

February 11th, 1:00 p.m.: Interfaith Choir Fest, Assumption Catholic Church in Bellingham

February 14th- Faith Advocacy Day in Olympia

February 25th- Roots and Wings in Edmonds

Marcus Borg Lecture Series: "Speaking Christian: Re-claiming Christian Language"
at the University Congregational United Church of Christ, Seattle

Friday, February 10th, 2012, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11th, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., three lectures

Tickets: Advance sales \$50 for Friday and Saturday

Individual tickets: Friday evening \$15, Saturday \$50; \$60 at the door as space allows.

For ticket info, contact: The Lecture Series, University Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 16th Ave., N.E., Seattle, WA 98105-4201; phone (206) 524-6255, ext 3447 or lectureseries@universityucc.org, www.universityucc.org

Tickets also available at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/211853>



Please pray for:

Health, Healing, Peace and Hope:

Dave Anderson, Ava Baker, Lucille Bailey, Whitney Baumgartner, John Barger, Cody Bennett, Maureen Boekenooogen, Margo and Chuck Cadoret, Iva Mae Campfield, Kathleen Campfield, Kelly Cissell, Virginia Clarenbach, Al & Margaret Denton, Jill DeVries, Irene and Wayne Elledge, Shirley Gardiner, Mike Gnipp, Bernice Graves, , Claude & Mary Henry, Marilyn Horn, Lilla Jacobs, Gail Kleer, Annette Kraft, Patricia Lee, Carol Lehwalder, Verla Maynes, Cora McCallum, Virginia Moi Moi, Erline Nelson, Makayla Nicolaas, Lou Nordby, Candice Nshimba, Amanda Portillo, Larry Roberts, Presley Salas, Eleanor Simonson, Joyce Wyanski

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

For the people of Cairo, Egypt in the midst of turmoil; and for the people of all African nations who are struggling with famine and disease.

Those serving in the military—for mental well-being, safety & return home to their families.

Louisa House

*Priscilla Tanguy
Erline Nelson
Lucille Bailey
Merriel Hawkins*

Parkway Chateau

*Lucille Dougherty
Mary O'Bannon
Dorothy Moles*

Merrill Gardens

Rosalie Hansen

Nursing & Convalescent Homes:

Earl Gibson at St. Francis Health Center

Change of Address

New Address for Dorothy Moles:
2818 Old Fairhaven Parkway, Room #303
Bellingham, WA 98225



January Birthdays

3—Michele Kempinsky

4—Bob Brillowsky

Virginia Clarenbach

Jennifer Ness

5—Carter Plante

Milton Unick

Chuck Cadoret

Tammy Boyd

8—Benjamin Arps

9—Mathew Lathrop

12—Autumn Griffin

13—Jonah Brillowsky

15—Josh Honrud

*Dave & Susan Duncan

19—Kenn Robinson

23—Lucille Bailey

Barbara Gardiner

Jeni Plante

28—Leona King

29—Lynn Williams

*Anniversaries





Thanks to all of you who purchased poinsettias for the altar during the Christmas Season.

In Memory Of:

Keith Donald McKay
Don and Evelyn McKay
(from Don and Charleen McKay)

My Mother
(from Marie K. Benton)

Loralee Nordby
Shirley Phillips
(from Fran and Larry Nordby)

Mel & Ysobel Oberg and
Mildred and Lloyd Shepard
Nancy Steele
(from Anna and Doug Shepard)

Richard Cline and
Paul & Esther Hand
(from Linda Cline and Jim Carr)

Bert Oliver
(from Marion Bremer)

Gordon and Ellen Pendleton;
Doris and Jeffrey
(from Chuck and Sue Stanford)

Frances Amuny
(from Robert and Pat Moreno)

Bob Moles, Sr.
(from Dorothy Moles)

Art Williams
(from Lynn Williams)

James Chapman,
Ken Johnson, Fern Johnson
(from Lawana Chapman)

Dolores and Bud Francois
(from Cleary and Aleen Cone)

Susan Stepanek
(from Red & Margie Nordby)

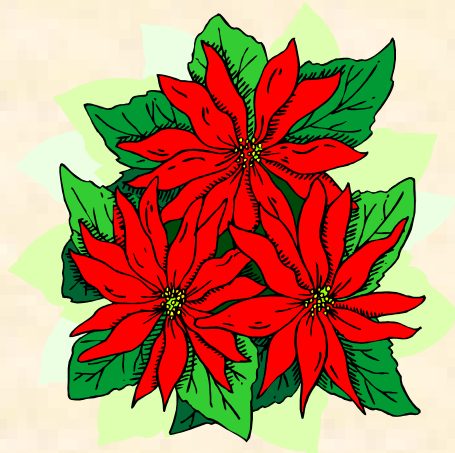
Howard and Edith Kessler
(from Stephanie Belanger)

In Honor of:

My Children: Alan, Jim & Nancy
Hawkins *(from Judyth Rainwalker)*

Gifts to the church:

Bob and Lynda Brillowsky
 Gary and Marta Hand
 Bobbi & Pasi Virta
 Stephanie Belanger



Note of Thanks

Thank you for your sympathy cards and the many hugs and words of condolence on the loss of our son, Gordon.

A special thank you to Pastor Bobbi for the beautiful family gathering service.

~ Red and Margie Nordby

Reminder: Aluminum cans are still being collected for recycling as a fundraiser for our new playground. Cans may be left in the designated containers located in the alcove outside the kitchen.



Christmas Light Recycle Collection

In addition to the aluminum can collection, we are also gathering strings of Christmas lights. Please bring in your used lights and place them in the basket in the coat room (in the narthex). Thank you!



NEEDED FOR THE FERNDALE FOOD BANK:

All types of pasta— especially elbow macaroni, spaghetti, egg noodles, and cooking oil.

ASSISTANTS DURING CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Volunteers are needed to assist in Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings during worship. Kelly Harkleroad plans and leads the Children's worship, however, we need to have two non-related adults or high school students each Sunday to help. This is a requirement of our SAFE-CHURCH Policy. The sign-up sheet is passed around during worship each Sunday on the clipboard, or you may contact the church office to have your name added to the list. We are not looking for people to commit to every Sunday or for an entire month, but if everyone shares a Sunday here and there it would be helpful. This is a great opportunity to worship with the children of our church and see what they have to share. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Bennett, Pastor Bobbi, or Kelly Harkleroad.

Chimes Newsletter Deadline

Please have your articles, pictures or notes into the church office by Wednesday, Feb. 15th.
You can email articles to: office@unitedchurchofferndale.org.

Please Remember

If you would like a hard-copy of the Chimes, 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

Highlights for January 2012



Soup and Rolls
January 15th
11:45 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday
January 8th
10:30 am Worship

Inquirer's/
New Members class
Part I: Sunday,
January 8th at noon
Part II: Sunday,
January 15 at noon

Reception of New Members
and Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 22nd at noon

Interfaith Coalition of
Whatcom County Annual Meeting
Tuesday, January 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

THE UNITED CHURCH CHIMES **The United Church of Ferndale**

United Church of Christ & United Methodist

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Pastor: Rev. Bobbi Virta
Office Manager: Robin Ogmundson
Moderator: Stephanie Belanger Editor: Lynda Brillowsky

Worship Schedule: Meditation Service: 8:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m. Every Sunday
Nursery Available: 10:15-11:30 a.m.



Wheelchair Accessible **Visitors Welcome!!**

