

The United Church Of Ferndale Chimes



July 2011

SUNDAYS

9 a.m. Meditation

9 a.m. Miracles Class

10-10:20 a.m. Hymn
Sing

10:30 a.m. Worship

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*

July Meetings

Congregational Care

Sunday

July 3 at 11:45 a.m.

Outreach Board

Wednesday

July 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

Thursday

July 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday

July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Congregational Care

Sunday

July 3 at 11:45

Candlelight Notes



[Frederick Buechner](#) once wrote "go where your best prayers take you."

I bring you greetings from Pilgrim Firs and from the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ where I spent a weekend recently engaging in a visioning process with both clergy and lay leaders of our conference. We were graced with the presence and inspired with the enthusiasm of Rev. Felix Carrion, who is the Stillspeaking Coordinator at the national office of the UCC in Cleveland, Ohio and Jennifer Castle, who is Facilitator of Community Ministries at Plymouth UCC in Seattle.

Felix invited us into a process to help us identify and celebrate God's ability to be relevant in our lives today. How? By reflecting on our relationships with one another, through scripture, and in our successful responses to the needs of the world. Felix taught us about creating a BHAG...a *what* we asked? A BHAG...a Big Holy Audacious Goal. How do we make a BHAG? We listen together, we dream together, and we discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us to act together. Much like the *God is Stillspeaking campaign* that identifies the UCC. Can we make a BHAG on our own? Yes, if you want to make one for your personal life you can. No, if the intent is to make one for the conference or for our local church, because we need one another's gifts, dreams, and perspective to hear God's leadings in order to create a collective BHAG. Besides it is more fun to brainstorm with groups of people. How long will it take us to complete our BHAG once we have identified it? It could take 10-30 years or it could take forever...because the gift of a BHAG is that it affords us a big enough vision that can carry enough enthusiasm so that each step toward the goal is exciting all by itself.

Jennifer introduced us to Appreciative Inquiry. Her favorite definition of Appreciative Inquiry is that "it is a tool for connecting to the transformational power of the positive core. It involves systematic discovery of what gives life to a living system when it is most alive, most effective and most capable." Wow! What does that mean? It means we need a clear idea of where we are currently so we can celebrate how we got here, and then we need a clear idea of where we feel called to go from here. Much like the disciples who gathered to celebrate the festival of Pentecost; they were ready to celebrate the ministry they had lived into with Jesus so they could courageously enter into the ministry the Holy Spirit was empowering them to take on.

If there is one thing I have learned in my life time...it is that life is not stagnant, we are constantly changing and so is the world around us. The life we share at United Church of Ferndale, like our individual lives, is full of vitality and vigor and our Stillspeaking God is calling us to discover our BHAG so that we can join those before us by living with enthusiasm and courage as we move toward the future. Here is my invitation for you to contemplate this summer:

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." — [Frederick Buechner](#) ([Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC](#))

Where is that place for us here at United Church of Ferndale? Let's be in conversation so we can discover our BHAG!

Gratefully,

Pastor Bobbi

I think, therefore I am? Nonsense! I love, therefore I am. -*William Sloane Coffin*



**One Day VBS on August 13th at
Christ Lutheran — 5904 Vista Drive**

12-5:00 p.m. followed by a BBQ

Look for registrations and volunteer opportunities
in the Narthex

Book Club has been rescheduled for July 18th and will be discussing “Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand”, which was not discussed in June due to a cancelled meeting. A copy has been put in our church library for anyone who needs one.



Will hold their quarterly meeting on July 20th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or so), at the home of Sherry Cline. They will be having a potluck luncheon.

(Sheila Kelly will be a guest and bring information from United Methodist Women. All are welcome.)

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

(Please see flyer on top of food bank box for a complete list.)



Way to Go Girls!

Congratulations to Pastor Bobbi on walking the full Seattle Rock and Roll Marathon (26.2 miles) with team in training benefitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on June 25th.

Congratulations also to Marta Hand, Kristi Harting and Ann Quiggle for doing the half marathon (13.1 miles).

Chimes Newsletter Deadline

Please have your articles, pictures or notes into the church office by

****Sunday, July 15 at Noon****

You can email to:

office@unitedchurchofferndale.org

Thanks a bunch!

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:

Painting

- Exterior trim, porch and siding painting
- Interior painting projects

Plumbing & Electrical

- Basic plumbing and electrical repairs

Light carpentry/maintenance

- Fence and siding repairs
- Gutters cleaned and repaired
- Refinishing woodwork
- Bathroom remodel

Yard work and transportation

- Weeding the yards at all properties
- Truck and driver available to pick up and deliver

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.org) or Sunny Jones (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!

ELECTIONS

On May 29, 2011, we elected new members to the various boards and the Assistant Financial Secretary.

We thank those for serving and we thank those who have served before them.

Your work in the church is so important. The list of Boards members is located on the kiosk in the Narthex

Movie Night

Back by popular demand...it 's Movie Night at the United Church of Ferndale.

Come join us on Friday,
July 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the
Fireplace Room.

We will watch the Disney
movie "Tangled". Pop-
corn and juice provided.



SUMMER WALK-ABOUT

Here is the schedule for our July Walk-Abouts:

Saturday, 9th of July—10 a.m.—Boulevard Park

Tuesday, 12th of July— 6:30 p.m. Lake Padden

Sunday, 17th of July—Bring a sack lunch and eat at Semi-ahmoo Park then go for a walk on the beach at 1:00 p.m. led by Sherry Cline.

Saturday, 23rd of July—10 a.m. Zuanich Point Park



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

Intermediate: July 10-16
 Jr. Hi Aqua: Aug 7-13
 Sr. Hi Aqua: July 17-23
 Family Camp 1: July 31-Aug 6
 Family Camp 2: Aug 14-20
 Work Camp: June 12-18

Pilgrim Firs Camps

Kids: July 24-27
 Intermediate: July 17-23 (Pastor Bobbi is co-director)
 Jr. Hi: July 10-16
 Sr. Hi: July 3-9
 Young Adult: June 24-26
 Family Camp: Aug 21-25
 Spiritual Renewal GLBTQ: June 3-5

UMC

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Sr. Hi: June 27-July 2
 Family Camp: July 2-5
 Jr. Hi: July 18-23
 Music/Drama: July 18-12
 Younger Elementary: July 25-28
 Older Elementary: July 25-30
 Young Adult Mini-Camp Weekend: July 29-13
 Sr. Hi/Young Adult Kayak Adventure: July 31-August 3

Ocean Park

Intermediate Explorers:
 July 10-15
 Primary Adventure Camp: July 10-15
 Jr. Hi Jive: July 17-22
 Sr. Hi Celebration: July 24-29
 Kite Camp: August 18-21

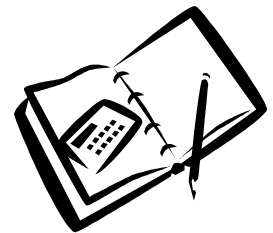
UFC Camping Trip—July 8th & 9th

The church camp-out has been moved from Birch Bay to the backyard of the Church. Come watch the movie “Tangled” and spend the night camping out in the yard!

May Treasurer’s Report

May was a good month for the General Fund as we took in \$5,730.48 more than was expended. The General Fund Equity balance at the end of May was \$13,878.08 and the checkbook balance was \$17,133.67. A summary of the various funds for May is as follows:

Fund	Income	Expenses	Net
General Fund	\$16,570.81	\$10,840.33	\$5,730.48
Special Funds	300.00	83.22	216.78
Pass Through Funds	1,025.15	862.00	163.15
Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Improvement Fund	94.48	1,299.62	-1,205.14
Investment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>\$17,990.44</u>	<u>\$13,085.17</u>	<u>\$ 4,905.27</u>



The Special Funds income was \$300.00 for Missions. The expenditures were \$83.22 from the Kitchen Fund for coffee, plates and a gift.

The Pass Through Fund income was \$210.00 for a gift for Marcy, \$28.15 for Interfaith Coalition Auction, \$20.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing, \$747.00 for Japan Relief and \$20.00 for the Our House. The expenditures were \$95.00 for a gift for Marcy, \$747.00 to UMCOR for Japan Relief and \$20.00 to Our House.

The Capital Improvement Fund expenditures were \$1,299.62 to change the power supply for the organ and to change the pulpit power supply during the improvement project.

The General Fund looks very good after the first five months, but most of the increase was due to a one time paying of an annual pledge. We still need to make it through the lean summer months, but if our finances continue to improve, we may be able to increase our Denominational Support to a higher level. We are currently budgeted at 50% of what was requested.

2011 Ferndale School Supply Drive

(Please bring to the church by Aug 7th)

BACKPACKS

#2 pencils

Colored pencils

Washable markers (wide or thin)

Crayons

Dry erase markers

Glue sticks

Two-pocket folders

Rounded scissors

Pointed scissors

Erasers

Pencil box

Pencil pouch

Wide ruled spiral notebooks

College ruled spiral notebook

Wide ruled notebook paper

College ruled notebook paper

Ruler

Compass

Protractor

Red, blue, black ballpoint pens

3-ring binders

Pencil sharpener

Yellow highlighter

Italics = don't need very many

Questions? Contact Lisa Blum (318-3059)
or Brenda Bennett (384-4513)



Seedlings Prayer Group

Wednesday, the 27th of July
at 2:00 p.m. UCF

Peace Vigil Dates—5:30 to 6 p.m.

JULY 18: First Church of Christ Scientist,
2700 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, WA

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

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



Let us joyfully thank those who supported Faith Formation for our babies, children, youth and adults this past year:

*Brenda Bennett, Emma Bennett,
Lisa Blum, William Friedson, Marta*

*Hand, Gary Harkleroad, Mary Lodge, Charleen McKay, Dan
Nase, Maggie Nase, Tammy Neely, Karen Nesvold, Kathy
Nix, Larry Nordby, Stephanie Ormiston, Julia Robinson,
Annie Shepard, Lorna Shepardson, Kay Sutcliff, Joyce Tat-
tershall, Bobbi Virta.*

You are all a Blessing!

THANK YOU NOTES...

From Lawrence Nordby:

Thank you to all the people for the cards and wishes on my 85th birthday.

From Lynda Brillowsky:

Many thanks to all who helped with the Church rummage sale; both working and purchasing. We made over \$900 for the Church General Fund.

From Mary Lodge:

My heartfelt thanks for cards, prayers and the shower of thoughts of love. Thank you for loving me through the grief of my mother's passing and for being my family on this coast.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy to Mary Lodge following the death of her Mother, Margaret Lodge, on June 5th.

Our sympathy to Ray Maki following the death of his sister Geri Maki in Minnesota.



**JULY
BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Dawn McMaster
2	*Greg & Raquel Hansen
3	*Al & Margaret Denton
5	Jennifer Larmer
	Margo Darnell-Cadoret
7	Cybele Cook
8	Del Tattershall
	Joyce Wyanski
	Ray Maki
	Janis Carr
12	*Steve & Karen Hicks
13	Jackie King
	*Jim & Brenda Hawley
14	Amy Lynn McKay
15	Margaret Morgan
	Doreen Hawks
16	Kay Benton
	Mikael Virta
17	Arliss Naylor
18	Kevin Cook
19	Ruby Nix
	*Gary & Marta Hand
22	Allison (Strotz) Mason
	Irene Lashkari
24	Max Boekenoogen
	Jeff Griffin
	*John & Lisa Blum
26	Katherine Hansen
	*Jeff & Karen Bevers
27	Patricia Friedson
28	Cora McCallum
	Joyce Tattershall
	Fran Nordby
29	Aleen Cone
30	Colt Kempinsky
31	Athena Shepardson
	*Anniversary



Please pray for:

Health, Healing, Peace and Hope:

*Whitney Baumgartner,
John Barger, Maureen Boekenoogen,
Marion Bremer, Margo and Chuck Cadoret,
Iva Mae Campfield, Kelly Cissell, Lakota Craig
Al & Margaret Denton, Jill DeVries,
Sheila Gonzaga, Irene and Wayne Elledge,
Shirley Gardiner, Mike Gnipp, Bernice Graves,
Claude & Mary Henry, Marilyn Horn, Lilla Jacobs,
Annette Kraft, Patricia Lee, Helen Leen, Carol Lehwalder,
Verla Maynes, Cora McCallum, Erline Nelson,
Lou Nordby, Penny Norton, Candice Nshimba, Jan Pickard,
Lori Plante, Amanda Portillo, Presley Salas,
Nancy Steele, 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*

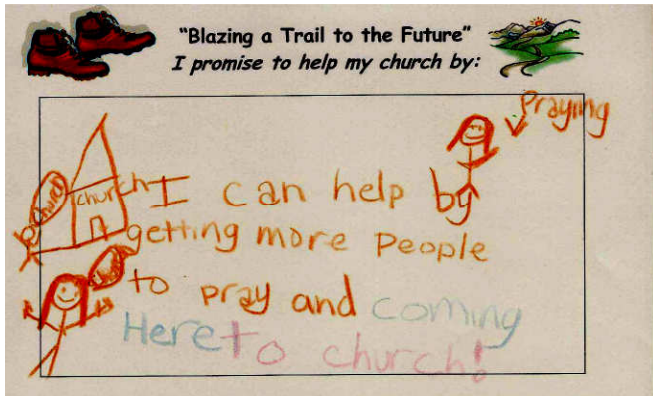
Merrill Gardens

Rosalie Hansen

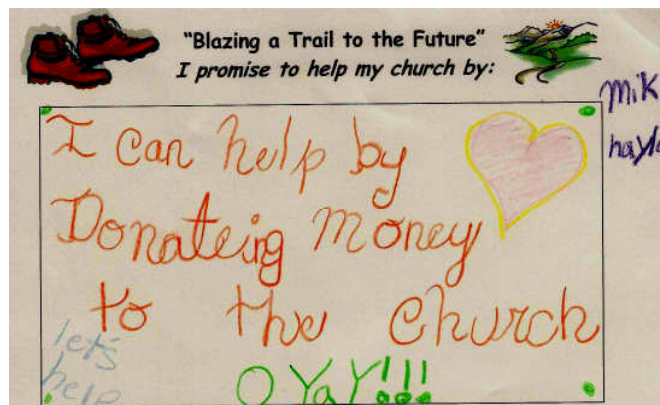
Nursing & Convalescent Homes:

Earl Gibson at St. Francis Health Center

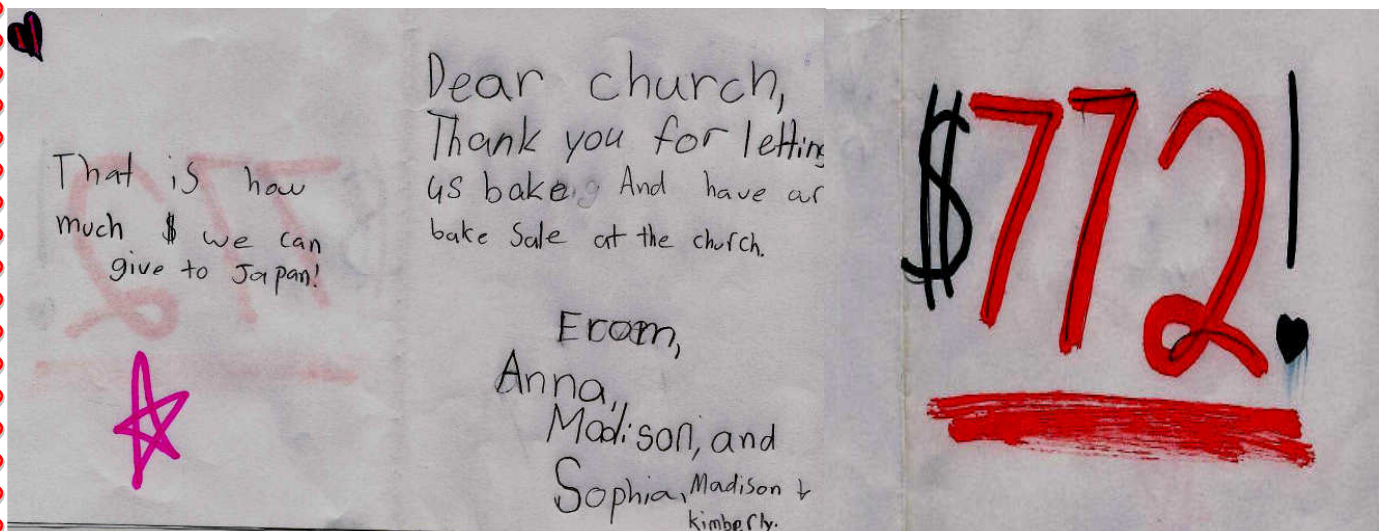
BLAZING A TRAIL TO THE FUTURE PROMISES



*How did you
promise to
help?*



BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT JAPAN TSUNAMI SURVIVORS



God Bless All 2011 Graduates



Jennifer Rita Kempinsky
FHS



Christopher Paul Morgan
FHS

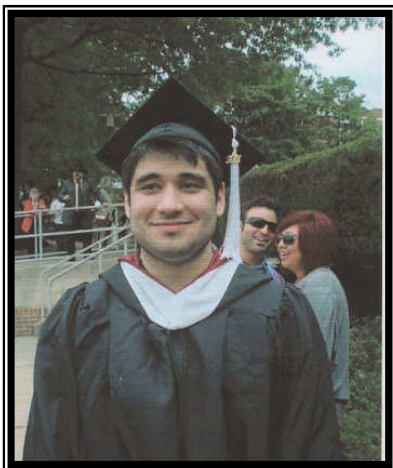


Jessica Elizabeth Russell
FHS

Congratulations College Graduates

Stephanie Ormiston for graduating from the Dental Assisting Program at Bellingham Technical College on the 21st of June.

Anthony Gardiner for graduating from the University of Washington School of Dentistry



On May 13, 2011, Jonathon Springs Padron, son of Alfred and Amanda Portillo and grandson of Robert and Patricia Moreno, graduated Cum Laude from Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, with a degree in Political Science.

Candice Nshimba, our little sister in the DRC:

The PNW Conference of the United Methodist Church is in partnership with the South Congo Episcopal Conference to support two orphanages in Lubumbashi, the third largest city in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; those are the boys' and girls' orphanages of Jamaa Letu. Various churches and individuals in our conference sponsor children at the facilities and members of our conference travel there regularly to serve in volunteer mission work.

Last year at this time, our congregation answered the call to sponsor Candice Nshimba, a young girl with Down's Syndrome at the girls' orphanage. Since it is time to renew that support, I contacted the Sponsorship Coordinator at *Hope for the Children of Africa* to find out how Candice is doing.

She has been moved to the Balou Neurological Center just outside of Lubumbashi where they can evaluate her needs and provide treatment. She also receives schooling there. This facility is an oddity in a region of the world where the mentally handicapped are often considered outcasts. Centre Balou is one of very few institutes created solely for the purpose of aiding mentally handicapped persons in the DRC. Jamaa Letu is Swahili for "Our Family" and Candice remains a member of that family. They are in close ties with the center and continue to support her financially and emotionally.

I hope you, like me, find your heart touched by the love and support shown to a child born with so many strikes against her and yet held in the arms of a loving family. It costs \$493.00 to sponsor her each year. That's 10 families in our congregation donating \$49.30 a piece. I know last year there was quite a run on the donations, so please, if you feel called, make your check out to the United Church of Ferndale and note "Candice" in the memo.

Candice has her birthday on August 2nd and will be fifteen years old.



WELCOME JOSH

We welcome Josh VerHalen as our accompanist this summer. He and his girlfriend Molly have recently moved to Bellingham from Tucson, Arizona, where he was Worship Leader/Choir Director at First Christian Church in Glendale, Arizona.

Josh has extensive training in piano, saxophone, flute, guitar, as well as voice, and likes many different styles of music. Happy to be in the cool Northwest, Josh plans to make it his permanent home.

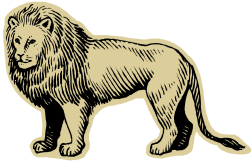


Vocal performance from American Songbook to benefit Interfaith Coalition

You 're invited to enjoy songs from The Great American Songbook performed by Kent French and Harry Huff on Sunday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m., at First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham. A good-will offering during "An Evening of Song" will benefit the homeless housing programs of Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services. Doors open at 6 p.m., and a dessert reception will follow the performance.

THE ETCHED WINDOWS AS YOU ENTER CHURCH

Do you know what each of these etched windows symbolize?



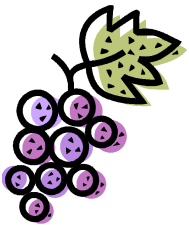
The **Lion**, the “King of the beasts” is the symbol of strength. In the Bible we find the lion is the symbol of Judah, and then of the Judean King David, who becomes the type of Messiah. Jesus is born of the house of David and becomes the fulfillment of that messianic hope, the Lord’s anointed, the Christ. He is the messianic king, the Lion of Judah. Because we belong to Jesus we are a royal people with a faith that overcomes the world in the strength of the Lord.



The **Lamb**, is the symbol of sacrifice, of the offering of life for the sake of the community. This symbol first appears in the Bible in the book of Genesis when Abraham offers his son, Isaac, and God spares him, announcing that God himself would provide a lamb for the offering. The lamb reappears throughout the Old Testament as the symbol of innocence, gentleness, and divine sacrifice for the sins of the people. As the Passover Lamb it symbolizes the blood shed in the deliverance of God’s people from slavery to freedom, bondage to liberty, death to life. The New Testament sees in Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who is offered and offers himself, and the one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He gives himself over to death that we might have forgiveness and life. Because we belong to Jesus we are a priestly-servant people, and share his grace and life with the world.



The **Wheat**, is the symbol of growth, of nourishment, of bread, of life shared in community. Jesus said, “except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone, but if it dies to itself it bears much fruit.” A grain of wheat brings out of itself a whole sheaf of wheat. We take wheat to grind it to make bread. Bread nourishes our bodies and our life. The Passover bread becomes the body of Christ, broken for us, and put to death for us, that we might have life together and that abundant.



The cluster of **Grapes** is a symbol of the people of God. Israel was the vineyard of the Lord called to bear fruit for God. As the wheat is ground, so the grapes are crushed to make wine, the symbol of life and spirit of joy. Jesus is the true vine and we are the branches. As we abide in Him, we bear much fruit. His life was crushed and poured out for us. As often as we drink the cup of his forgiveness, we show forth his sacrifice and gain strength and life to be his joyful people in the world.

In their totality these symbols proclaim even more for the life of the church. The strength of love that offers itself for others creates a growing community of life together, of sharing and service and joy and peace that comes to us as we live in to the realm of our God.



THE UNITED CHURCH CHIMES

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United Church of Christ & United Methodist



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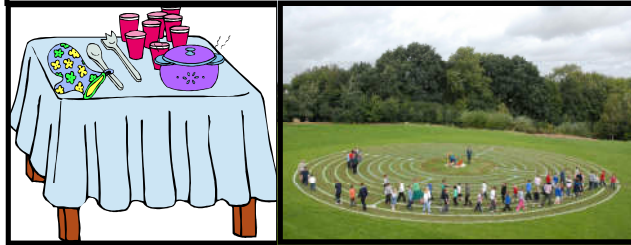
Pastor: Rev. Bobbi Virta
Office Manager: Barb Bonsaing
Moderator: Stephanie Belanger
Editor: Lynda Brillowsky

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

Highlights of July 2011

Pot Luck and Play from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday in July and August



Summer Camp



July 4th
Office is Closed



MOVIE NIGHT



Pancake Breakfast

