



Candlelight Notes



On September 18th we hosted a Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East here at United Church of Ferndale. We invited those who gathered to select a small stone before entering the sanctuary and later in the service Bertella Hansen offered the following meditation standing next to the large stone that still graces our sanctuary. I was so moved by her words I wanted to share them with those who were unable to attend this beautiful event...

“We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear.. That old law about “an eye for an eye” leaves everybody blind...The time is always right to do the right thing...Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King

WHY THE ROCK?

“Rocks are one of our primary elements. Along with air and water, they make up our world. Rocks can be made up of one mineral or many minerals squashed together. Rocks come from volcanic action, dried out sand, mud, or that sand or mud put under pressure. They can be dull colors: plain grey, tan, brown or bright blue, red, green, sparkling white or shiny black. They can be single colors, stripes, spots, or just mixed together.

Rocks have been used as weapons from earliest times, thrown or tied into wood and used to hit. They were and are used to grind corn or wheat into flour, grind chemicals into lifesaving medicines. Rocks have been and can be toys. They can be stacked, balanced, carried around, thrown into the water or skipped across a river. They were used, even before the abacus, to count and record items that needed to be counted such as sheep into pens.

They have always been used to build. To build houses, stores, churches, cathedrals, mosques, temples, burial chambers. They are such wonderful building materials that some of their buildings still exist after thousands of years.

Rocks are used for fences in many places. These fences can protect families, animals and homes from others. The fences can keep people out, people that one doesn't want to associate with or are afraid of. Rock fences can divide neighborhoods, cities and countries.

A rock wall built on its side can become a bridge. Stones bridges for centuries have connected neighborhoods, cities and countries. People using bridges can see and talk with one each other. This brings about understanding each other and this brings PEACE. This is why the Rock is our symbol of peace today.

If you would like to carry a “stone for peace” in your pocket to remind you to build bridges, please stop by my office to choose one from the bowl.”

Lovingly,

Pastor Bobbi

SUNDAYS

9 a.m. Meditation

9 a.m. Miracles Class

10:30 a.m. Worship

October Meetings
Congregational Care

Sunday, Oct 2nd
at 11:45 a.m.

Board Meetings

Thursday, October 13
at 6:15 p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday, October 13
at 7:30 p.m.



PEACE VIGIL DATE — 5:30 to 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 18:

Hope Lutheran
900 Grover Street
Lynden, WA



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil and Healing Labyrinth

Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m.., beginning on the Bellingham Public Library Lawn.

A prayer service will be held Friday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Assumption Church In Bellingham, located at 2116 Cornwall Avenue.

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 Pastor Bobbi or email Brenda Bennett at ba.bennett@live.com. CE is planning now for fall classes...Don't be shy!

ASSISTANTS DURING CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

The Christian Education Board is looking for adult and/or high school youth volunteers to be assistants during Children's Chapel this fall with Kelly Harkleroad. 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.

Blessings, Brenda

SOUP'S ON

It's that time of year again! Fall is in the air so it's time to put on a kettle of soup. Join us for soup and rolls Sunday, October 9 following worship.

Donations to the Kitchen Fund will be collected.



A Message from Missionary/Photojournalist Paul Jeffrey

Paul Jeffrey is one of our UMC PNW Annual Conference missionaries. He travels to places like Haiti, Libya and Annual Conference to share his witness of God's presence in the most broken areas of our world. Here is a link to a YouTube video documenting his work in the past year.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AggC1K2-jdk&feature=channel_video_title

Interfaith Opportunity

We are hoping to take a field trip to Tour the Buddhist Temple on Steveston Highway in Richmond. They have Free English speaking tours for 15 or more people.

This is an opportunity to seek out the similarities of our brothers and sisters represented in beautiful oriental art, carvings, stone reliefs, gardens, ponds, statues, and philosophy. There is an all-encompassing peace and tranquility in this place. Please let Pastor Bobbi bobbi@unitedchurchofferndale.org, 384-3302), or Dan Nase & Marsie Sherwood (marsiesherwood@gmail.com 380-1950) know if you are interested as we are hoping to get enough

Tickets for the **Diana Butler Bass** lecture series **October 7, 8 and 9, 2011** are for sale now at:
University Congregational
United Church of Christ
4515 16th Ave. N.E.
Seattle, WA 98105-4201
206-524-2322 or e-mail us at office@universityucc.org.

Robin Meyers will give lectures on **October 21st and 22nd** at the First Congregational Church in Bellingham.

Interfaith Coalition Winter Coat Drive

Summer is Over and the Cold Weather is Coming!

Outreach is collecting coats through Oct 16th for the annual Interfaith Coat Drive. We need donations and volunteers. Please bring your clean, gently used coats to the church and look for sign-up sheets to help out. We will sort and hang coats on Oct 16th, 17th and 18th and people will be coming to the church to make their selections on Wed Oct 19th and Sat Oct 22nd. Sweatshirts and hoodies are welcome, as are extra-large sizes. Come help make someone's winter (and your heart) a little warmer.



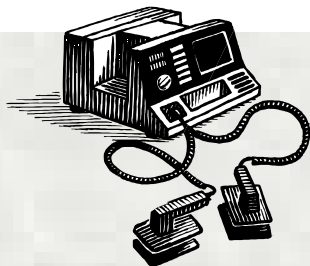
BARBERSHOP & DIXIELAND MUSIC FEATURED IN FUNDRAISER

Vocal harmony will be spotlighted at a fundraising event to benefit Interfaith Coalition's severe weather shelters on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 P.M. "Cabaret of the Arts" at Lynden United Methodist Church, 500 North 14th St. in Lynden, features the sounds of Bellingham Blend, a men's barbershop gospel chorus; Causin' Treble, a women's barbershop quartet; Harmony NW Chorus of Mount Vernon; and Valley Acappella Chorus, a women's barbershop chorus, which is sponsoring the event. Also featured will be The Clearbrook Dixie Band. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the door or by calling Jody at 360-961-3189 or Barb at 360-966-2300.

Among favorite tunes you'll enjoy are "Basin Street," "Java Jive," "Operator," "Mood Indigo," "Sentimental Journey," and a finale sung in eight-part harmony by the men and women choruses. Plan to arrive early and, if you wish, you can dress in costume for the cabaret and participate in a silent auction before the performance.

LTQ Study Group Fall Schedule

LTQ will meet Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 in the meeting room. We're going to start on Monday, Oct. 3rd, with *Justice: What's The Right Thing To Do?*. This is a PBS series by Harvard professor Michael Sandel. There are 12 episodes on a DVD, which we'll purchase. Information on the program may be found at justiceharvard.org. Participants can also purchase a book if they wish.



DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING CLASS

For those of you who signed up for learning how to use the defibrillator, there will be a class Sunday, Oct. 30th in the church fellowship hall following worship at 12:30 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch for a fellowship time before class begins. Christopher Carleton of the Ferndale Fire Department will teach the class, including the new guidelines for CPR, choking, and using the defibrillator. The class will be approximately two hours in length.

SINGING MINISTRY

Larry Nordby is interested in organizing people who would like to visit our homebound members with a gift of song. Larry and Fran Nordby graciously invite you to a meeting at their home on Wednesday, October 5th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss a visitation schedule and practice song selections. If you would like to join in this musical ministry, please call Larry at 384-4420.



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



Ferndale Food Bank Items Needed:

Sugar , Salt, Pepper, Envelope Seasonings	Cream of Chicken Soup, Mushroom Soup, Tomato Soup	Small Bottles of Cooking Oil, Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard, Salad Dressing
Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Salmon	Chili, Baked Beans	Beef stew, Vienna Sausage
Cake Mix, Ramen Noodles	Any Protein Baby Food	Financial Donation

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The congregational Care Board is hosting a progressive dinner at United Church of Ferndale

On Sunday, October 23rd at 5:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Please sign up early, as we are limiting the dinner to 40 people. Cost per person is \$5.00.

HARVEST DINNER THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to all who helped with the Harvest Dinner by working, offering donations, and attending the meal. We raised about \$600 for our General Fund!

GETTING TO THE HEART OF INTERFAITH

The three authors of the marvelous book, Getting to the Heart of Interfaith, (UCC) Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Imam Jamal Rahman will be sharing in our worship and offering a forum in the afternoon on November 6th.

Some of us had the pleasure of hearing and meeting them at Camp Brotherhood earlier this year and it is a delightful, love-filled learning experience. This is also a wonderful opportunity to include the wider community.

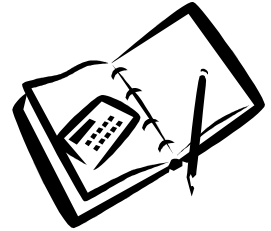
The cost is \$600. We would like to offer it to the community at no charge, so we're hoping to raise the money "in house". Now, that sounds like a lot, but if, for example, we can get 30 people to donate \$20 each, we have the cost covered. If you would like to contribute (and it doesn't have to be \$20), please note that the contribution is for "Heart of Interfaith".

Folks, this is a huge honor and outreach opportunity for us!

August Treasurer's Report

The General Fund had smaller expenses than usual and we took in \$180.58 more than we expended in the month of August. The General Fund Equity balance at the end of the month was \$10,529.17 and the checkbook balance was \$19,518.91. A summary of the various funds for August is as follows:

Fund	Income	Expenses	Net
General Fund	\$ 8,219.69	\$ 8,039.11	\$ 180.58
Special Funds	300.00	0.00	300.00
Pass Through Funds	140.00	35.00	105.00
Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Improvement Fund	8,572.00	3,554.83	5,017.17
Investment Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>-8,500.00</u>
	\$17,231.69	\$20,128.94	\$ -2,897.25



The Special Funds income was \$300.00 for the Labyrinth. The Pass Through Fund income was \$5.00 for school supplies, \$40.00 for Heart of Interfaith, \$20.00 for Our House, and \$75.00 for the Congo Orphanage. The expenditures were \$15.00 to school supplies and \$20.00 for Our House.

The Capital Improvement Fund income was \$75.00 for the Playground and \$8,500.00 transferred from the UCC Investment Fund. The expenditure was \$3,554.83 for play equipment.

With four months remaining, the General Fund is in good shape with over \$10,000.00 in the black. The Budget Committee will be working on the 2012 budget and the church will need to make a decision about our Denominational Support amounts that currently are being paid at the 50% level.

John Ivary, Treasurer

Thank you notes

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the lovely flowering plant; I am certainly enjoying the pretty blooms! I like where I am living; come and visit me in Spring Creek #246.
Love to you all, Virginia Clarenbach.

I would like to thank the many members of the United Church for the phone calls, prayers, and cards while I have been a shut-in. I am progressing with healing, but it is slower than I would like. I miss you all. Thanks, Dorothy Moles

To our wonderful and caring friends at UCF,
John and I have felt the warmth and strength of the caring community in our church. The cards, calls and visits have been lovely and the shawl is warm and beautiful.
Our llove, Liz and John

RALLY SUNDAY THANK YOU

A big thank you to the CE Board for organizing the gift baskets for Rally Sunday. What a wonderful way to kick off the fall schedule! Our thanks to all the boards who created the delightful baskets.



Please pray for:

Health, Healing, Peace and Hope:

*Dave Anderson, Ava Baker, Lucille Bailey,
Whitney Baumgartner, John Barger,
Maureen Boekenoogen, 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,
Liz Ivary, Lilla Jacobs, Gail Kleer, Annette Kraft, Patricia
Lee, Carol Lehwalder, Verla Maynes, Cora McCallum,
Virginia Moi Moi, Dorothy Moles, Erline Nelson,
Lou Nordby, Penny Norton, Candice Nshimba, Jan
Pickard, 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 recovering in upstate New York from the
recent storms and drought in the Mid-west, and the con-
tinued unrest in the Middle East.*

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

October

Birthdays & Anniversaries (*)



- 1—Kathy Campfield
- 2—Sydney Koss
- 3—Greg Plante
- 4—Robert Moreno
- 8—Mark Harting
David Honrud
- 10—*Gary & Kelly Harkleroad
- 11—Chelsea Blum
- 12—Merle Herrett
- 14--*Greg & Lorri Plante
- 20--*Milt & Helen Unick
- 22—Jacob Mason
Jordon Mason
- 23—Paula La Rose
- 24—Shirley Gardiner
- 25—Charleen McKay
- 27—Dan Nase
- 29—Victoria Portillo
- 30—Cavan Lyons
Bruce McKay
- 31—Vi Stone
*Rich & Sydney Koss
*Al & Dorothy Leishman

*Anniversaries

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: TALKS ABOUT CONNECTIVENESS WITH OUR CREATOR

For Christians, it is much about the constant battle of the ego's illusions and the holiness of truth that we may explore.

A Course In Miracles helps us stay on track with daily lessons for a period of a year. We can read many of the lessons from several points of view, causing us to think deeply about them. This creates an atmosphere of discovery that brings peace, joy and the grace of God.

This is an opportunity to take a leap of faith in order to grow spiritually. **The introductory meeting is on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. , at the United Church of Ferndale.** For questions, please call Dan Nase at 360-380-1950.

CELEBRATIONS

Corey Russell and Michelle Morrison were married on Sunday, August 14, 2011. They had a beautiful outdoor wedding held at Intalco's Totem Terrace.



Corey is the son of Theresia Russell and Dean Russell, both of Ferndale, and Bruce and Sandy Heckman of San Diego, CA.

He is the grandson of Helen and Milton Unick. Michelle is the daughter of Dave and the late Jeanette Morrison of Blaine.

The couple will soon be living in Blaine as they just bought their first home in Birch Bay.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bobbie VanderYacht on the arrival of her new great-granddaughter, Allyson Frances Burnett. Grandmother is Dallas Sinclair and parents are Patrick and Amanda Burnett.



Open House

You are invited to help celebrate Milton & Helen Unick's 50th wedding anniversary!
Sunday, October 23, 2011, 1-5 pm

Home of Theresia Russell
2045 Kiwi Dr
Ferndale, WA 98248
No gifts please



FALL YARD CLEANUP

Saturday, October 1, at 9:30 am



Weed flower beds around church

Top and trim shrubs with electric trimmer

Thin weeping birch on east side of building

Winterize outdoor faucets

Trim rosebushes

These are just a few of the outdoor projects needing to be done.

More assignments will be given on October 1, if you choose to accept.

Bring your work gloves, a rake, hoe, hand clippers, and an extra hour or two...to clean up our church on the outside for the fall and winter. If you don't have tools, there will be some provided.

Come before 9:30 and plan to eat breakfast to support the Ferndale Food Bank.

May we joyfully put our hands together to refresh our curb appeal to our community.

Chimes Newsletter Deadline

Please have your articles, pictures or notes into the church office by Saturday, October 15th at noon.

You can email articles to: 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



Highlights for October 2011

Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil and Healing Labyrinth Walk
Oct 6th at the Bellingham Public Library

Peace Vigil Oct 18th at Hope Lutheran in Lynden

Progressive Dinner Oct 23

Defibrillator/CPR training Oct 30



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