

The United Church Of Ferndale Chimes

September 2011

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

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



Candlelight Notes

*The soul is kissed by God in its innermost regions.
With interior yearning,
grace and blessing
are bestowed.*

*It is a yearning to take on God's gentle yoke,
it is a yearning to give one's self to God's way.*

Hildegard of Bingen, 12th century

I *pray* that you are reading this note, embraced by God's grace and peace, because you know that you are one of God's beloved and that you are an important member of our community.

I *hope* that you are reading this note, because you know that together we are called to be the body of Christ. We are called to work *together* to share the good news of God's amazing love with our children, with our friends, with our neighbors, and with the wider world desperate for that news. We have the opportunity to do so by working together for peace, justice, and by our acts of mercy and compassion for those in need.

I *am counting* on you reading this note, and *yearning* to worship our God with your brothers and sisters of faith here at the United Church of Ferndale. We are called to live in this world and to remember that taking time away from the demands of this world are important. We can do so in life-giving ways such as nurturing our faith in worship, by engaging our faith in study and by spending time getting to know one another in fellowship.

I *am calling* on **all** members and friends to gather here on Rally Sunday, September 11th so that together we may re-member the body of Christ in its fullness and remember what it feels like to worship as a *full* community of faith. We will be embracing the enthusiasm and energy of our children and youth by blessing them for their new year of learning. We will be celebrating the return of the choir, and a special gift of music promises to move our souls. And we will share in moments of prayer and silence to feel God's presence with us.

I *am also inviting* you to a meditation/prayer service that same evening. We will open the church to the wider community between 5-7:00 pm for prayers and lighting of candles in remembrance of 9-11.

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it is a yearning to give one's self to God's way.
Blessings of peace to you,
Pastor Bobbi

SUNDAYS

9 a.m. Meditation

9 a.m. Miracles Class

10:30 a.m. Worship

September Meetings

Congregational Care

Sunday

September 4th at 11:45 a.m.

Board Meetings

Thursday

September 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday

September 8th at 7:30 p.m.

PEACE VIGIL DATE — 5:30 to 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18:

**United Church of Ferndale
2034 Washington Street,
Ferndale, WA**

OCTOBER 18:

**Hope Lutheran
900 Grover Street,
Lynden, WA**



Sunday Morning Upper Room Devotional Group

If you are interested in a casual gathering to share and grow your faith while meeting new people this is for you. The devotional group uses the daily devotional guide, *The Upper Room*, which is available in the narthex.

Please come to the Fireplace Room on Sept. 11th at 9:00 am.

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

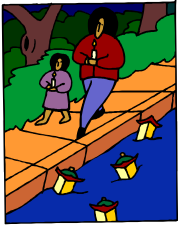
WELCOME TO JOSHUA VERHALEN

Josh comes to us from Glendale, Arizona where he was the accompanist/choir director at First Christian Church. He is a multi-faceted person with many talents, including extensive musical training, both instrumental (piano, sax, flute & guitar) and vocal. He has already helped us learn some of the songs from the new hymnals and we are looking forward to the new choir season under his leadership.

We welcome, too, his girlfriend Molly, whom he has already recruited for the choir!

Bring your summer memories and come celebrate Rally Sunday on September 11th.

Summer is over; autumn is on its way...and we look forward to everyone joining in the fall programs and worship opportunities here at UCF.



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 people for the tour in late October or early November.

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

Tickets for the **Diana Butler Bass** lecture series on **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.

Interfaith Coalition Winter Coat Drive

JOIN US! It is time for the Interfaith Coalition winter coat drive. Please share your extra warm coats, hats and mittens with our neighbors in need. Please bring donations to church by October 16th



- WHAT:** Clean, good quality children and adult coats, hats, mittens and gloves. Children's coats are especially needed.
- FOR:** Distribution to our neighbors in need at the United Church of Ferndale
- SPONSORED BY:** Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County and area congregations.

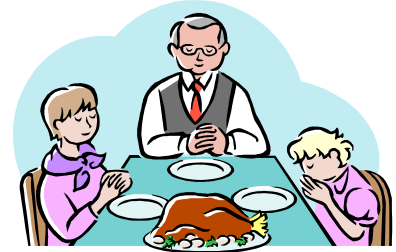


HARVEST DINNER

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Saturday, September 17th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This is one of our fund raisers for the Church General Fund.

There will be sign-up sheets for supplies needed and work assignments. The dinner will be grilled pork and beef, corn on and off the cob, coleslaw, sliced tomatoes, garlic bread, cake, coffee, tea and lemonade.

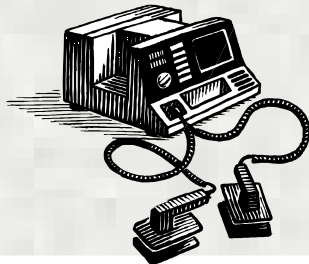
Prices are: \$8.00 for adults
\$6.00 for children 6-12
Children under 6 are free.



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.

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

October. If you are interested in taking this class please let the office know by September 8th . Please let Pastor Bobbi know if you prefer daytime or evening class.

All God's critters got a place in the choir...

Come join the UCF choir! You already sing from the pews, why not sing with the choir? Wednesday, September 7th is our first meeting and practice. Join us for a pot-luck at 6pm followed by practice at 7. Get to know members, have your questions answered, experience the joy of singing for God and have a little bit of fun, too! You don't need to know how to read music nor have any experience, all are welcome to join us (ESPECIALLY MALE VOICES!!!). No commitment necessary that night, just come and see what it's all about and hear about our plans for the year!



The UCF choir doesn't just sing during services, we host and participate in various special events throughout the year including the Christmas season "Yule Sing" and many others! We plan to blend the more traditional hymns with new, contemporary music as well this year. There are sure to be songs to make everyone happy! If you can't make it to the pot-luck/practice or have questions, please feel free to contact Joshua VerHalen at Jcverhalen@comcast.net or (520) 250-6666 or see me before or after service.

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 WAI Interfaith Disaster Response Organization or WIDRO). If you are interested, please contact: Theresia Russell at cell 739-7500 or email: turussell@comcast.net



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



Save The Date



As normal cooler days arrive and gardens begin to end their bounty of color, it's time to think about putting our church flower beds in order for the fall and winter season.

Plan to bring your gloves, gardening hoes and rakes, and a spirit of love for the outdoors on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at 9:30 am. I know it's only September but if you save the date NOW, there is plenty of time for planning on sharing a few hours with your church property.

There will be a schedule of what needs to be done posted in mid-September. Any questions, contact Marta Hand, Property and Finance Chair.

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 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.

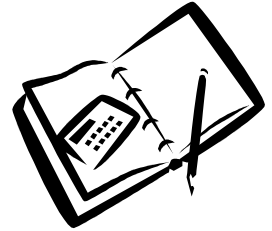
The cost is \$600. Now, that sounds like a lot, but if, for example, we can get 30 people to donate \$20 each, we have the cost covered. Actually, we only need 28 as 2 people have already contributed. We would like to offer it to the community at no charge, so we're hoping to raise the money "in house". 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!

July Treasurer's Report

We fell a little more behind in the General Fund as we took in \$1,398.17 less than was expended. The General Fund Equity balance at the end of July was \$10,220.33 and the checkbook balance was \$13,916.16. A summary of the various funds for July is as follows:

	Income	Expense	Net
General Fund	\$8,477.67	\$9,875.84	-\$1,398.17
Special Funds	0.00	19.78	-19.78
Pass Through Funds	559.62	839.02	-279.40
Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Improvement Fund	2,145.00	774.15	1,370.85
Investment Fund	730.07	2,000.00	-1,269.93
	<u>\$11,912.36</u>	<u>\$13,508.79</u>	<u>-1,596.43</u>



The Special Funds expenditure was \$19.78 for kitchen supplies.

The Pass Through Fund income was \$10.00 for school supplies, \$210.00 for the Ferndale Food Bank, 116.02 for Our House, and \$223.60 for the Congo Orphanage. The expenditures were \$210.00 to Ferndale Food Bank, \$20.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing, \$116.02 to Our House and \$493.00 to The Congo Orphanage for Candice.

The Capital Improvement Fund income was \$145.00 for the Playground and \$2,000.00 transferred from the UCC Investment Fund. The expenditures were \$216.98 for telephones, \$96.75 for the new Fellowship Hall sidewalk and \$460.42 for the caterpillar play equipment.

It has been normal for our General Fund revenue to dip during the summer months. Since we have to expend about \$10,000.00 each month just to pay the bills, it would be good if everyone could keep current on their pledges.

John Ivary, Treasurer

Ferndale School District School Supply Drive Results

On behalf of Outreach Board I want to thank everyone for the amazing donations to the Ferndale School District School Supply Drive. Marta Hand, her daughter Lorenda Wieder and grandsons Tobin and Zachary, took the items to the District Office on August 11th. She said they were thrilled. I will be working at the drive on August 24th so if you want to hear how it went, stop me at church! I am really proud of our mission work at all levels, but particularly the things we do locally to help our own community members.



Lisa Blum

Thank You Note To:

TO WILLIAM FRIEDSON

We would like to give a big thank you to William from both the choir and the congregation for your musical creativity, expertise and leadership. You stepped in at a difficult time as we bid a sad farewell to Al, but you did so with grace and compassion. You supported (and stretched!) us and gave us beautiful music in the process. Thank you, too, for the Tai Chi classes!

Thank You Note From:

I want to thank all the wonderful people I've met during my all to short stay at UCF. You made me welcome and gave me hugs on the days that were vexing to my spirit. You will always be in my heart. Love to you all, Barb.

CORRECTION

Our apologies. We gave the wrong address for Erika Barquist in last month's Chimes. Her correct address is:
6226 Ryan Court, Ferndale, WA 98248



Please pray for:

Health, Healing, Peace and Hope:

*Dave Anderson, Lucille Bailey,
Whitney Baumgartner, John Barger,
Maureen Boekenoogen, Marion Bremer,
Margo and Chuck Cadoret,
Iva Mae Campfield, Kathleen Campfield, Kelly Cissell,
Virginia Clarenbach, Lakota Craig, Al & Margaret Denton,
Jill DeVries, Sheila Gonzaga, 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, 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, Lorri 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 and drought in the mid-west, and the 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

September Birthdays



2	Bobbi VanderYacht Dick Wyanski Rhylee Ivary
3	Patricia Lee Christina Brillowsky Mac Durham
4	Karen Nesvold Donna Helgath
5	Don McKay
6	Nathanial Neely Linda Cline
7	*Tammy & Rob Neely *Cleary & Aleen Cone *Mel & Bertella Hansen
8	Dave Arps Leslie Fairchild
9	Alexis Cook Harold Lahtonen *Robert & Pat Moreno
10	Pat Bliss
15	Ashley Griffin
17	Kelly Harkleroad
17	Richard T. Bremer Dave Larmer
19	Pasi Virta Sunny Jones *Brad & Kerri Hand
20	Rosalie Hansen *Kevin & Cybele Cook
21	LaVerne King
22	Carol Lehwalder
25	Ruthe Boswell Paul Shepardson *Paula & Jim LaRose *Del & Joyce Tattershal
27	Marilyn Horn Maggie Nase Donna Portrey Red Nordby
28	Brenda Hawley Amber Padron Dick Stone
29	Elizabeth Hand
30	Stephanie Ormiston

BLAZING A TRAIL TO THE FUTURE PROMISES



Welcoming visitors
Teaching others about
God's love



How did you promise
to help?

Speaker: Juan Roberto Melendez-Colon at FCCB on Sept 27th at 7pm

Please join Mission and Justice as we welcome Juan Roberto Melendez-Colon, a charismatic and captivating speaker to the FCCB. Juan will discuss the death penalty from his own experience.

Juan spent seventeen years, eight months and one day on Florida's death row for a crime he did not commit. His story highlights the many problems that plague the death penalty system, including its high risk and inevitability of being imposed on the innocent, its unfair application on the basis of race and ethnicity and its almost exclusive imposition on our most vulnerable members of society—the poor.

Since Juan's release from death row on January 3, 2002, Juan has shared his story of supreme injustice, survival and hope with hundreds of thousands of people in the United States, Canada and Europe. News reports and audience feedback consistently indicate that Juan is a speaker who opens hearts and minds about the death penalty and inspires activism.

We are honored to have Juan speak at First Congregational and share his experience with our local community. Please join us on Sept. 27th at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Please come join us!!!

Magnolia United Church of Christ
and the
Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ
Invite you to join us for the installation service for

The Rev. Joy Ruth Haertig

Sunday, September 18, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

A light meal to follow

Magnolia United Church of Christ
3555W. McGraw, Seattle, WA 98199
(206) 283-1788
contact@magnoliaucc.org

Chimes Newsletter Deadline

Please have your articles, pictures or notes into the church office by Thursday, September 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 September 2011

September 3rd—Pancake Breakfast
September 10th & September 24th—Community Meal
September 11th—Rally Sunday and Prayers for
9-11 Remembrance
September 12th—Cub Scouts begin
September 17th—Harvest Dinner
September 18th—Peace Vigil at UCF



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