

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Bethel Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Calendar for the Week of May 13, 2012

Scripture
Sermon

Matthew 12:46-50
Who Is My Mother?

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Conversations	Chapel
	9:00 am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 am	Handbells	Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Faith Café	Fellowship Hall
Monday	7:00 pm	Facilities committee	Narthex CR
Tuesday	10:45 am	Meditation group	Chapel
	2:00 pm	Called to Care	Narthex CR
	7:00 pm	ESL Classes	CE Building
Wednesday	10:30 am	Staff meeting	Narthex CR
	7:00 pm	Personnel	Narthex CR
Thursday	7:00 pm	ESL Classes	CE Building
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Financial Update

The deposit from Sunday, May 6, was \$4,762.00 and, of that, \$4,500.00 were pledges.

Thank you for your continued support to the ministries of Bethel through your pledges and other donations.

Your Church Board

Sunday's Christian Education Leaders

K-5 (Room 14)

Pam Schlueter

Ken Ruse

Middle/High School (Fireside Room)

Ron Horres

Adult Conversations (Narthex CR)

Jeanine Elliott

Birthdays This Week


May 14	Patricia Bowen
May 14	Caleb Randall-Bodman
May 16	Grace Hite
May 18	Andrew Schlueter
May 19	Jim Doane
May 19	Alan Kronenberg




Thank you

A big thank you to the most generous 29 people who supported the Habitat fund raising breakfast on May 9. We heard heart warming stories from those who are helped by our contributions and workdays for Habitat.

The next scheduled Habitat workday is Saturday, June 30.
Please put it on your calendar.



The Food Cupboard could use
breakfast cereals and canned fruits



**HELP
WANTED**



FAITH DEVELOPMENT WANTS YOU!

Faith Development Committee is a small and mighty committee looking for more members to help achieve all of the goals set forth by the strategic planning committee. We are responsible for adult education, Sunday school, vacation Bible school, youth groups, Easter egg hunt, beginning and end of year celebrations and various other events. If you are interested in participating in this active involved group, please see Karen Hudspeth or Pastor David.

SUMMER INTEREST CENTERS

It's not too early to think about summer plans, June is just around the corner. Faith Development plans to have interest centers each Sunday as we did last year. Any teen or adult is invited to choose a Sunday to share a special interest, play a game, lead a craft, share a song or anything you can imagine. Last year we had leaders for baseball, decorating cupcakes, camp activities, flying kites, making puppets and art projects to name a few. Sign up sheets will be available on the bulletin board or see Karen Hudspeth. Think about all of the things you can share with the children, without having to commit to a whole year of teaching Sunday school!



LOOKING FOR LEADERS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

With summer on the way, the Faith Development Committee would like to get a start on plans for Vacation Bible School (VBS). We are looking for one or more persons who would like to provide leadership for the 2012 VBS. VBS is usually held for a week in August, but the dates and times could be changed to fit the schedules of the teachers. Let Jeanine Elliott or Karen Hudspeth know of your interest.

BETHEL RECURRING MEETINGS

Ongoing Weekly:

Adult Conversations—
Sunday, 9am
Worship—
Sunday, 10 am

Committee Meetings:

Facilities—
2nd Sunday, 11:30 am
Diaconate—
2nd Wednesday, 7 pm
Faith Development —
2nd Thursday, 7 pm
Mission & Outreach—
4th Tuesday, 12:30 pm
Personnel —
3rd Wednesday, 7 pm
Church Board—
4th Wednesday, 7 pm

Auxiliary Groups:

Morning Star Circle—
2nd Weds, 10 am
Ladies Night Out—
4th Tuesday, 5:30 pm
(Shari's on Allen & Murray)
Men's Group Breakfast—
1st Thursday, 7:30 am
(Black Bear Diner on TV Highway,
Beaverton)

Communication in the Central Pacific Conference

May 1st, 2012

Sign Up Now!!

How do we share news about the Central Pacific Conference? In 2006, 2,589 local church members across the CPC were opening their mailboxes each month to grab a copy of the national UCC newspaper, with a dedicated insert for our Conference. This mailing list was built up over years of publication. The switch to electronic communication delivered a huge blow to our mailing list. Following recommended procedures to limit spam email, people were asked to subscribe to the electronic newsletter. Some did. Many did not. From the high of 2,589 receiving the hard copy, we now email to a list of 426, a decrease of 84%! Some of our churches do forward copies of On the Way to their church members, so the numbers might not be quite so grim.

I'm asking for your help. Please encourage your church members to subscribe to On the Way, and other news from the Central Pacific Conference by going to www.cpcucc.org/on_the_way_news.html. The mailing list subscription form is in the right sidebar. We have 7,000+ members in our local churches in the CPC. Our e-mail list should be 3 or 4 thousand. We encourage all members to subscribe. Thanks!

You know that for many years, the United Church of Christ published a monthly newspaper, United Church News. The Central Pacific Conference participated in this publication with a dedicated insert, celebrating the ministry of our Conference and promoting upcoming events. This newspaper was distributed free to all church members who subscribed. The cost was underwritten by the conferences and the national UCC. In 2007, faced with increasing postage and production costs, the CPC Board of Directors voted to cease publication of our insert. Two years later, dealing with the same financial pressures, our denomination ceased distribution of a paper copy of United Church News. The publication is now on-line: <http://www.ucc.org/news>. You can also subscribe to a UCC news-alert: Keeping You e-posted: <http://www.ucc.org/news/keeping-you-eposted>.

Bethel Publication Deadlines Bulletin—Tuesday, noon Weekly Highlights—Thursday, noon Monthly Newsletter—15th of the month, noon
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THE DAIRYVILLE PLAYERS AT ALPENROSE OPERA HOUSE

Bethel UCC Beaverton has partnered with a new theatre company, The Dairyville Players, providing audition and rehearsal space for their production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore", to be performed at the Alpenrose Dairy Opera House this summer.

The relationship has blossomed from the initial dialogs between Paul Griffo, this year's Moderator for Bethel, and Paul Roder of the Central Beaverton Neighborhood Association (NAC), regarding Bethel's new strategic plan and community involvement efforts.

The upcoming Dairyville Players performance dates at Alpenrose are as follows:

Saturday & Sunday at 2:00 PM
June 23, 24, 30 & July 1

A sliding-scale donation is suggested. Pay what you can; no one is turned away for lack of funds. There will be ice-cream treats at intermission!

Also, in celebration of the mutual support agreement, the company will perform the hour-long condensed version for members of the local community at Bethel on **Sunday July 8th**. This performance will support Bethel's hosting of the Faith Café. Faith Café recently served its 50,000th free meal to members of the local community!

For further info or questions, contact Paul Roder at stephenhero_98@yahoo.com



Ministries and Mission Interpreters Training

Sponsored by

The Oregon Region, DDC and Central Pacific Conference, UCC



Thursday May 17, 2012

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Lynchwood Christian Church

3815 SE 174th St. Portland, OR 97236

**Invite the members of your congregation
to a spirit-filled day of creative
Global Mission ideas and inspiration.**

Speakers include:

Bishop Melzar Labuntog, partner from the Philippines

Rev Xiaoling Zhu, Area Executive for East Asia and the Pacific

Michael Joseph, missionary to Colombia

Jan Aerie, Executive for Mission Education

Cost: \$7 for conference, morning snack and lunch

Questions? Contact:

Jean

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The Inter-Religious Action Network
of Washington County presents

FAITH FORUM 2012

Sunday, June 10
2:00 - 6:00 PM

First Congregational
United Church of Christ
494 East Main Street
Hillsboro, OR 97123



Dialogue: The Key to Connecting Faith and Community in Washington County

- Experience the excitement of Interfaith Dialogue
- Connect with your neighbors in the faith community
- Learn Dialogue Basics to share with others, and much more

Facilitated by Rev. Lowell Greathouse

Assistant to the Bishop for the Metro District of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.



ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

Come in teams from your faith community or youth group,
come with a friend, or come on your own.

Event partners:
Human Rights Council of Washington County,
Interfaith Council of Greater Portland,
Interfaith Hospitality Network,
Oregon Area Jewish Committee

WHO WE ARE AT BETHEL

Born of Love, Shaped by Grace, Transformed for Service

Bethel's Leadership

Moderator		Paul Griffo
Vice-Moderator		Sia Lindstrom
Church Board Members		Winn Herrschaft, John Hudspeth, Mike Marsden, Sue McFadden, David Thoma
Board Clerk		TBA
Committee Chairs	Faith Development	Karen Hudspeth
	Diaconate	Liz Patch
	Facilities	Kathy Horres
	Mission & Outreach	Fran Jensen
	Nominating	Mike Marsden, David Thoma, Paul Griffo
	Called to Care	Jean Doane and Patti Matson
Conference Delegates		Jean Doane, Patti Matson Jeanine Elliott, Carolyn Rundorff

Our Church Staff

Senior Pastor	David Randall-Bodman
Director of Music	Stephen Galván
Office Manager	Beverly Woolf
Treasurer	Nancy Speer
Custodian	Bob Smythe
Accompanist	Yvonne Yang
Nursery Attendant	Megan Lucas
Organist in Residence	Dan Miller

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