

# WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Bethel Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Calendar for the Week of February 12, 2012

Sermon                                      A Celebration of Black History Month  
Scripture                                      Exodus 17:1-7

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Conversations	Narthex CR
	9:00 am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
	11:30 am	Handbell rehearsal	Sanctuary
	11:30 am	Facilities	Narthex CR
Tuesday	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

## Sunday's Christian Education Leaders

K-5 (Room 14)	Pam Schlueter Julie Fairman
Middle/High School (Fireside Room)	Ron Horres
Adult Conversations (Narthex CR)	Jean Doane

## Financial Update

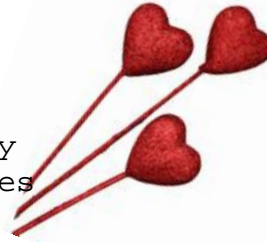
The deposit from Sunday, February 5, was \$7,258.25 and, of that, \$ 6,275.00 were pledges.

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

Your Church Board

# Valentine birthdays!

February 14     John Klein  
February 14     Bill Flannery  
February 14     Valerie Horres



## Thank you

A basketful of Valentine kisses (chocolate, of course) for the confirmation class and their helpers for preparing and serving the evening meal to the Men's Transition Project dinner on January 30. Brooke Cummins, Celena Fairman, Jacob Winston and Penelope Johnson were assisted by Paul Griffo, John Hudspeth, Greg Johnson, Rev. David and Rick Slavens who recorded everything on film. The men the kids served seemed to relish being attended to by such enthusiasm!

More chocolate thank you's to all the Bethel people who made cookies. As usual, we did not disappoint anyone. Bakers include Barbara Russell, Dorothy Phillips, Elsie Moorhead, Jane Frederick, Liz Flannery, Leona Erickson, Rick and Paula Slavens, Lynne Elbert and Karen Hudspeth. Thanks, also, to anyone we may have missed. With Valentine's Day near, it helps the men to feel a little more special.



Gloria and Charles Ross would appreciate cards and prayers from their friends at Bethel. Gloria, our former church secretary, recently suffered a stroke. Their address is available from the church office.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS



With Valentine's Day less than a week away, think about looking for that old cell phone and bringing it to the church to go into the SARC (Sexual Assault Resource Center) phone box. Your old phone could aid a potential victim of an assault because even with a dead battery, 911 can be called. What better way to say "love" that helping someone prevent abuse or harm?

The Food Cupboard could use cereal, SpaghettiOs, and black beans, please.



## Youth Service Project

**Our youth will be collecting new socks to deliver to our local youth shelter. They will be delivered by the youth group on Feb 12th after church. Look for the decorated boxes in the Narthex for your donations of new socks, gently used blankets and coats. Many youth arrive with only the clothes on their backs and a pair of clean dry socks is appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of our youth and the homeless youth in our area.**



Note: We would like to include a thank-you in each week's bulletin to recognize all those whose volunteerism at Bethel helps to keep our programs and services operating. If you would like to recommend a fellow Bethel member for special recognition for their service, please contact the office. Thank you.

# Leadership Retreat

Our Board and committee representatives and our professional team will meet tomorrow, February 11<sup>th</sup> for a Retreat and Kickoff of the planning actions as measured through our strategic goals.

## Vose Elementary Seeks Bethel Chess Mentors

Do you like chess? Could you devote a couple of hours a week to help some eager 5th graders develop their skills? A bunch of kids at Vose Elementary School are hoping to start an after-school (2:30-4:00) chess club, and they need adult mentors. Karen Harger, Student Supervisor at Vose, has asked Bethel for volunteers. This is a great opportunity for Bethel to expand our support for these wonderful kids. If you're interested, contact Karen (Karen\_Harger@beaverton.k12.or.us, 503-672-3590) or Jim Keniston.

## Moderator's Corner

Bethel's got SWAGGER again! It is *"Born of Love, Shaped by Grace, and Transformed for Service"*.

Did you hear it in the actions of the Annual Meeting on January 29th? It was voiced in the approval of the strategic plan, in putting words to who we are in an interim mission statement, in the agreement to try new approaches such as defining the role and finding a person to serve as our program administrator by this June, and in saying yes to a strategic partnership with Faith Café. Leaving our 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, we walked out on our new sidewalk and off to our cars with a sense of excitement, pride and renewed purpose.

Our Board and Committee representatives will meet on February 11<sup>th</sup> for a Retreat and Kickoff of the planning actions as measured through our strategic goals. But some actions can't wait for a meeting! Bethel is already working to obtain bids for the kitchen improvements needed to support Faith Café. Picture a day in the not too distant future where there is a parade of equipment marching down Watson Avenue from the current home of Faith Café at the Beaverton First United Methodist Church to an improved kitchen at Bethel in preparation of the first meals to be served in our larger fellowship hall. For more information on Faith Café, look them up at their website at <http://www.faithcafeor.org/>

Thanks in advance to all for your contributions of time, talent, and financial support to the goals of Bethel Congregational UCC in 2012. You can add more SWAGGER to Bethel! Help us further fund the plans to achieve our strategic plan goals. Help us match the generous gift of Joyce and Bill Jackson and raise \$10,000 to help launch our strategic plan and make our Faith Café and Program Administrator visions a complete reality. Write a check to Bethel UCC Strategic Planning Launch Fund to help shape our efforts!

Grace abounds,

Paul Griffo



Join us for a FREE screening of the hour-long documentary "Food Stamped," an informative, entertaining and inspiring film about the challenges to low-income families and individuals trying to eat healthy while living on food stamps. (view trailer at [www.foodstamped.com](http://www.foodstamped.com))

The screening will be followed by a discussion led by experts on the issues raised in the film.

**Monday, February 20, 2012  
7 – 9 pm at the Bagdad Theater  
3702 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd**

**Free admission with donation to Oregon Food Bank**

### **Special guest - Congressman Earl Blumenauer**

Congressman Blumenauer is a leading advocate of shifting farm subsidies away from agribusiness to the small farmer, is our guest speaker. He will discuss one of the most important pieces of legislation to counter hunger that very few Americans know anything about: The Farm Bill.

**Also included - A brief video presentation about Southeast Portland's Abernathy Elementary  
"Planting Seeds of Change, Growing Healthy Kids"**

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**Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger  
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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon  
Oregon Area Jewish Committee**

## Ash Wednesday Taizé Service

February 22, 2012

7:30pm

- ◆ child care provided by request
- ◆ meditative singing
- ◆ handbells & chancel choir
- ◆ distribution of ashes
- ◆ beautiful and unique worship space

Bethel Congregational UCC

5150 SW Watson Ave

Beaverton

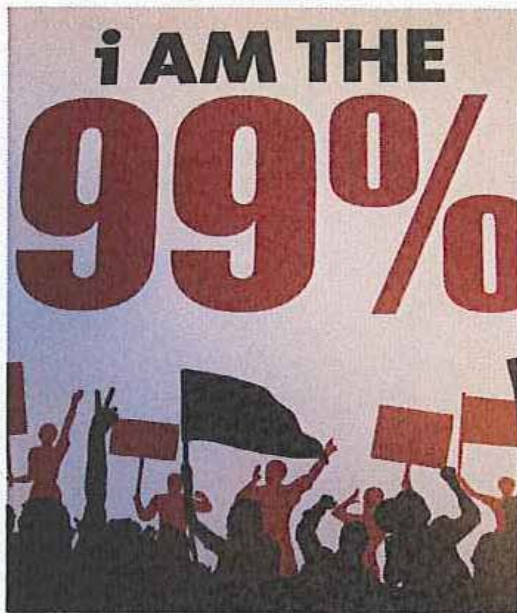
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# Occupy Portland – What's next?

Sunday, February 26, 4:30 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall



Here is a chance for faith leaders – laity and clergy – to meet with the leaders of Occupy Portland to hear about what has been going on with the movement and what is ahead.

You will hear from leaders about their experiences, their ideas and have a chance to share your own ideas and ask questions.

This is a friendly, informal gathering to learn more about ways to participate as individuals and as faith communities.

Questions and RSVP to Layne Young,  
[layney@willamette.edu](mailto:layney@willamette.edu).



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**BROADWAY**

ISing Community Choir presents

# ISing on Broadway

SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE AND YOUR FAVORITE BROADWAY MUSIC!

Friday, March 2nd at 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 3 at 6:30 PM

6:30 Silent Auction 7:20 Auction Closes 7:30 Concert

Free admission! Seating is limited. Doors open at 6:30.

**BETHEL CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

5150 SW Watson, Beaverton

ISing on Broadway is a fund-raising event that will allow ISing to continue its mission of bringing the community together through music and support of local charitable organizations. To date, ISing has raised over \$75,000 for non-profit organizations within the community.

A silent auction will be held prior to the concert and a raffle will take place during the program. Auction prizes will include vacation home escapes, exclusive Blazer tickets, and multi-course fine dining experiences. Raffle prizes include wine tastings, baked goods, professional massages, and much more.



[www.isingchoir.org](http://www.isingchoir.org)

Robert Ray's

# Gospel Mass

Bethel Chancel Choir  
with  
Brass Unlimited,  
Yvonne Yang on piano  
and Carlton Jackson on drums

Bethel Congregational UCC  
5150 SW Watson Ave  
Beaverton  
Sunday, March 4th, 2012  
10:00am worship service



**March 3rd, 2012**  
9:30 a.m.– 12:30pm

**First United  
Methodist Church**  
1838 SW Jefferson St.  
Portland, Ore



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

*Your voice can end hunger.*

The current budget crisis threatens devastating cuts in programs that help the poor and hungry, both within our country and overseas. Learn ways you, your friends, church and campus colleagues, and others can help reduce poverty and hunger by urging Congress to create a circle of protection around programs that help poor and hungry both here and abroad. Hear stories that show how programs transform lives. Get the advocacy tools, the creative spark, and the knowledge you need to make a difference in ending hunger and poverty!

#### 2012 Circle of Protection

- Domestic Nutrition Assistance Programs
- Poverty Focused Foreign Assistance
- Tax Credits for Low-Income Families
- International Food Aid

*RSVP requested*  
[www.bread.org/events](http://www.bread.org/events)

Questions? Contact Robin Stephenson at [rstephenson@bread.org](mailto:rstephenson@bread.org)  
503-922-0427

**Waverly Heights UCC Church Hosts  
Benefit Gospel Concert as part of its Spring Concert Series**

**Sunday, March 25, 2012, at 4pm, 3300 SE Woodward Street, Portland**



Vocalist, **La Rhonda Steele**, Portland-based Blues, R&B, and Gospel artist, leads an all-star cast of singers and musicians. They will present an exciting and uplifting **Gospel Music Concert** at 4pm on Sunday, March 25th at the church, 3300 SE Woodward Street. The music celebrates the diversity of music and cultures, and invites joyous audience participation.

**Singers also include Marietta-Collier Wells, Ron Shoals, and Arietta Ward.**

They will be accompanied by celebrated, Grammy nominated, Blues/Gospel pianist, **Janice Scroggins**, bassist, **Ben Jones**, drummer, **Tyrone Hendrix**, famed Blues/Jazz saxophonist **Renato Caranto**, Oregon Music Hall of Fame Inductees, "Boogie Cat" Blues guitarist, **Norman Sylvester**, and **Obo Addy**, Master Drummer from Ghana, East Africa.

Waverly Heights United Church of Christ is an "Open and Affirming, Just Peace" Congregation, celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The church is completely ADA accessible. Ramp and Lift and ADA approved restrooms. Free, off street parking.

**Tickets:**

\$15.00 advance, cash or credit  
\$20.00 at the door if any left, cash only.  
\$12.50 students 10 - 17 yrs and seniors 65+  
\$8.00 Under 10 yrs.



**Only 160 tickets are available, so *reserve early* so you won't miss this exhilarating show!**

**Tickets Available today from Northwest Artist Management, [503-774-2511](tel:503-774-2511), [nancy@nwam.com](mailto:nancy@nwam.com). Ask for Nancy.**

# 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	Jeanine Elliott
	Diaconate	TBA
	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
Accompanist	Yvonne Yang
Nursery Attendant	Megan Lucas
Organist in Residence	Dan Miller

## Contact Information

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