



United Church of Christ-Congregational
THE LIGHTED WINDOW
 Celebrating 154 years of faithful service for
 Christ and the Church
September 2013



Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

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Hours: M-Th 9am-12:30pm

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Pastor's Pen

I am on a family trip, of sorts. I'm spending time with my brother and mother and retelling and re-remembering family stories. What has struck me about this time together is the realization of how fluid memories are. I think we tend to think that they are fixed, that things happened in just the way we remember, and, of course, the others are just plain wrong in their recollections. My brother and I were both present for certain family events and what we remember is very different. At one of our Allen family reunions, when I was 9 and my brother was 11, our take-away from that time made it seem that we were at separate events. I remembered that my oldest cousin (age 14) thought she was too old to call our grandmother "Nana" and called her "Mrs. Allen" the whole time, my brother remembered the water balloon fight, apparently it was epic. Our mother is also remembering things differently. At age 91 some events are merging into one and some events that happened together are seen as years apart. We all know that that happens, unfortunately for me, now that I am of an age where I am asking the family questions of, why did this happen or what did your grandmother cook you for breakfast, my mother no longer

remembers some of those details. This raises the question of memory, is it ever lost?

So many of us hang on to things so that we can remember the places we've been, remember the people we've traveled with, and remember those glorious moments of life. We can save ourselves some time and worry. In Jesus Christ, nothing is lost, not one jot of who we have been, who we are, and who we have loved. It is all there in the fullness of God. We don't have to work so hard at hanging on to those filaments of memory, God remembers and keeps them safe. We are not diminished because we belong to God.

Yea, I know, easy for me to say: After all, I'm remembering things very clearly, it is my family that has it wrong. For all of us, the practice, the living breathing faith of trusting God in all things is really the only thing we have to hang onto. When the Psalmist says that God will not let you stumble or falter, isn't just poetry, it is the proclamation of the very nature of God.

Someday, you will remember the details of some long ago event, it will all come back to you fresh and clear, and you'll wonder why you wore **those** shoes.

*Grace and peace to you,
 Deb*



Pastor Deb will on family leave September 2nd until September 8th. She will be in Canada checking on her mother.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon is Monday, September 9th.

UCCC Women's Fellowship annual luncheon is set for Monday, September 9th at 12:30 p.m. at Dorothy Wiley's home. All women of the church are invited to attend this lovely, delicious luncheon put on by Dorothy, faithfully, for many, many years. Please RSVP your attendance to Joy Krein at 541-296-2869 or email bandj67@charter.net. See you there!

To link to the website, click below
<http://www.uccthedalles.org>

Mark your calendars...

Sept 8- Ice cream social follows worship

Sept 17- 5pm Reception to welcome Pastor Drew and wife Julia, Tenney Fellowship Hall

October 6- 5pm Fellowship of Churches Progressive dinner .



Habitat's annual meeting and potluck will be

September 9, 2013 at 6 pm in Tenney Fellowship hall. Come and meet our newest families and new officers and board members. Bring a dish to share. **Save the date:** October 4 at 7 pm at the Senior Center (after their ribs dinner): Joining us will be Clive Rainey, Habitat's first volunteer. He will address the issue of affordable housing.

From Corliss Marsh:

God's Vision: UCC Synod June 28-July 2 Long Beach, California

Presentation of Bold, Inspirational Goals (BIGS)

1. Bold, Public Voice
2. Welcoming, Reachable Congregations
3. Engaged Discipleship
4. Excellent, Diverse Leaders

Scarf Project: 10,000 scarves received. Sign anti-bullying pledge and choose scarves. Bring project back to local communities. In The Dalles, leis will given at "challenge day" after anti-bullying pledges are signed. We're geared up to crochet 300 leis.

Worship Preachers: The Rev. Neichelle Guidry Jones, Trinity UCC, Chicago, IL
 The Rev. Martin Copenhaver, Village UCC. Welleslev. MA

Pastor Julian Deshazier, University Church, Chicago, IL
The Rev. Jo Hudson, Cathedral of Hope UCC, Dallas TX

Personal thoughts from Corliss:
Great Worship experiences, luau, workshops (ministry to baby boomers), great location, sponsored meals programs, etc.
"HOPE IS A VERB WITH ITS SLEEVES ROLLED UP"

Tuesday Noon Book Study

Starting Tuesday, September 10th, we will be meeting in the Isabella Gray Room at Noon for a lunchtime book study. Our book this time around is Love Wins by Rob Bell. Pastor Bell raises those enduring questions about a loving God and a judging God, questions most Christians eventually ask themselves. We will meet on four consecutive Tuesdays. There is a supply of books in the office. They are \$11.50 each. Feed your spirit and join us at lunchtime.



Welcome Back Ice Cream Social

Who says you can't have ice cream for lunch. Our Welcome Back Sunday is September 8. Sunday School will start that day, and hopefully all our summer travelers will have returned.

We will enjoy ice cream in the Tenney Room downstairs. This year there is also a cake walk, organized by Sue Wilson and we have invited any local veteran families to join us.

If you can bring a topping, a cake or cones, please let Sue know.

WE HAVE FAITH, in our CPC

Greeting of Radical Hospitality to you all,
You're invited to join us for our second Annual Meeting in the new format at the Pendleton Convention Center. Our theme is : "WE HAVE FAITH in our CPC- God is still speaking". We're delighted to have The Reverend Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite, Ph.D. as our Keynote Speaker. Rev. Thistlethwaite is Professor of Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary, where she served as President 1998-2008 and then returned to full-time teaching on the faculty. Her Keynote Address will challenge us to answer "What Does it Really Mean to 'Follow Jesus'", based on her most recent book *#Occupy the Bible: What Jesus Really Said (and Did) about Money and Power* and she will lead a workshop session as well. We'll be engaging the Pendleton community even more than last year, both in service and learning. Don't come alone. It's all so much more valuable when a team from your church can share this dynamic and spirit-filled experience. Register today.

"Horse Round-up"
for Rwanda
September 8th
During Coffee Hour

So far we have raised about \$200.00 dollars!!
Thank you!!
But let's raise more!!



Be sure to come to the Round-up....you can even wear western gear!!