



United Church of Christ-Congregational  
**THE LIGHTED WINDOW**  
 Celebrating 154 years of faithful service for  
 Christ and the Church  
**February 2014**




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**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**

The lament is an ancient form of spiritual distress. Mourning a loss, railing against injustice, earnestly confessing a transgression are all forms of recognized wounds to the spirit. We even have a book of the Bible called Lamentations famously attributed to that quintessential lamenter, Jeremiah. Because laments are honest expressions of the heart, we can listen to them and commiserate with the lamenter.

Something that is harder to listen to is complaints or, as some of my East Coast friends call it kvetching. Isn't that a great word. Kaa-vetch, it sounds the way complaints grate on our ears. I've been thinking about it because I heard a bottom of the barrel complaint in Portland this weekend. A woman standing next to me kvetched about winter; she said "Why does it have to get dark so early? What's with that?" Really? The design of the solar system? Take it up with God, lady.

In our menu driven society we feel that our opinions are gilded. Businesses seek our "likes" and work hard not to be "unfriended" (Facebook parlance).

Our opinions are sought after in a wide array, from what tissue we use to, voting which commercials we like best. It's heady stuff and we translate that into many aspects of our lives. Complaining is how we express our opinions.

People of God are called to be different in the world, not kvetching about every hiccup, but grateful for so much that we hardly notice the minor irritants that are a part of life. Let's practice: person one- "How was your trip?" person two- "We were late, the heat didn't work properly and the food was inedible." Christian transformation happens; person one- "How was your trip?" person two- "We arrived safely and so glad to be here." When the days are gray it is easy to fall into perpetual dissatisfaction.

Opportunities for gratefulness are everywhere despite the weather, even the mysteries of the solar system. Praise God, today, leave the laments to Jeremiah. Your spirits will soar.

*Grace and peace to you,  
 Deb*

Happy New Year and Greetings from the Children's Corner:

Spring is just around the corner and I am so glad. This month the kids will start out with a Super Bowl lesson introducing the Fruits of the Spirits found in Galatians 5:22 and a lesson on the Good Samaritan. Then we will introduce the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:3-12. I will be introducing Matthew 5:3,4,7,8,9 to the kids.

3Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

7Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.

8Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.

We will follow the next week with games and what these verses mean to the kids themselves.

And finally we will end the month with Jesus calming the sea and the fears of the disciples. We will be playing Musical Boats so if you hear music and giggles floating up the stairs that is what is going on.

*Angie Schultze, Children's Ministry*



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<http://www.uccthedalles.org>

## February Pantry donations

Meal-In-Can. Please bring your donation to the Roberts room shopping cart. Chili, Beef Stew, Spaghetti-O's and other pasta choices are good heat and eat meals.



### Calendar of Events

- Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- 5:15pm Diaconate
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup>-1pm Women's Fellowship
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup>- 5:15pm Trustee's
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>-7pm Talent Show
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup>- Office Closed
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup>- 5:15pm Church Council
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup>- Staff retreat, office closed



Bob Peachey	8
Tedd Lovell	10
Gene Parker	11
Vicki Matthew	14
Jean Vercooteren	17
Marissa Miles	18
Diana Daley	24



UCC Chocolate Fest and  
(non) Talent Show  
Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
Tenney Fellowship Hall

This event was such a success in the past we are bringin'er back. It is a potluck affair, so plan on contributing some of your favorite chocolate goodies. You may even want to contribute your talent. Prepare a chocolate treat to share, invite a friend, and come have some fun.

### 2014 CHURCH OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

**Church Council-** Meet as needed  
Moderator Gene Parker  
Vice Moderator **Cheryl Ortega**  
Clerk Dixie Parker  
Treasurer Deidre Baumgarten  
Financial Secretary Susan Stewart  
Council-at-Large Floyd Emerson  
Randy Stewart  
**Klea Espy**

**Diaconate** 2 yr terms  
2015 Donnie Bergstrom  
2015 **Tedd Lovell**  
2015 **Tom Peachey**  
2014 Dixie Parker  
2014 Annabelle Lavier  
2014 Jim Wilcox

**Board of Trustees-** 3 yr term  
2014 Mark Poppoff  
2014 Lynn Wilcox  
2015 Dave Long  
2015 Nikki Lesich  
2016 Lyle Miller  
2016 Sue Peachey

**Financial Committee** – 2yr term  
2014 Deidre Baumgarten  
2014 Susan Stewart  
2015 Tedd Lovell  
2015 Randy Stewart  
2015 Lyle Miller

**Delegates to Fellowship of Churches**  
3yr term  
2014 Sue Wilson  
2015 Callie Jordan  
2016 Klea Espy

**Foundation/Memorial Committee**  
Meet as needed 3yr term  
2014 Tom Peachey  
2014 Corliss Marsh  
2015 Jean Emerson  
2015 Dottie Layer  
2015 **Angie Schultze**

**Pastoral Relations** – Meet as needed  
3yr term  
2014 Susan Stewart  
2014 Lynn Wilcox  
2014 Gene Parker  
2015 Cheryl Ortega  
2016 Jim Wilcox

**Nominating Committee-** Meet as needed

**Delegates to Central Pacific Conference**  
U.C.C.-TBA

**Missions Committee** –Appointed  
Denise Miles  
Randy Stewart  
Corliss Marsh  
Joy Krein

New officers are listed in **BOLD**

The Office Staff thanked UCC on behalf of the parents and foster children who enjoyed the Christmas party held December 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to look for the beautiful card hanging in the narthex.



**The Mission Commission is asking for supplies to help Haven keep their clients provided with necessities for living and working in the community. Look for the big box in the Narthex.**

**Current Needs**

- Oven
- Toaster
- Cutting Board
- Twin/Queen Sheet sets
- Step Stool
- Paint (neutral colors)
- Slip covers for large couch
- New carpet/installation
- Winter Wear (diverse sizes)
  - coats
  - gloves
  - hats
  - scarves

**Ongoing Needs**

- Batteries (AAA, AA)
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Plates, Cups, Glasses, Bowls
- Utensils
- 2014 Calendars
- Pots/Pans
- Nonperishable food
- Gift cards

**Rise Up: Climate, Faith, and Action**  
**A Central Pacific Conference**  
**Climate Action Event**

**\*\*\*\*\*REGISTRATION NOW OPEN\*\*\*\*\***

*If we don't act on climate change now, every sermon we give in ten to 15 years will be on grief.* — Jim Antal, Massachusetts Conference Minister, July 2013

Our Central Pacific Conference will have the opportunity to hear what else the inspiring Massachusetts Conference Minister and climate activist has to share when we gather at Camp Adams, **March 7-9, 2014**. We are hoping for attendance that broadly represents the Conference and are looking to all of our churches to make a commitment to this gathering. Our desire is that the CPC can become a nexus of leadership and activism in responding effectively to our changing climate.

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**Book Study to Begin**  
**Wednesday March 12<sup>nd</sup>**

**Join us each Wednesday at Noon in the Isabella Gray room.**  
**The study will last 4 weeks. The book will be determined soon. The title and cost will be sent in an all church email.**



Reminder- Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Worship service will be at 7pm.