



United Church of Christ-Congregational
THE LIGHTED WINDOW
 Celebrating 155 years of faithful service for
 Christ and the Church
March 2014



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

If you were to set aside a few weeks of dedicated time for reflection and prayer, when would it be? Summer's glorious radiant days, that beckon us to come and play? Would it be under the golden cloak of fall days, when the world gets back to "normal" schedules? Can you imagine doing one more thing in the holiday season? If it is left up to us alone, listening for God's word for us is just one more thing on a substantial, "I'll get to it someday" list of tasks.

Fortunately, for us, and our procrastinating ways, we have Lent, on the cusp of dead winter and promising spring. It is still too cold and too dark to spend too much time outside, the next big holiday is far off, and that in-between time between seasons is the time for listening for God's Word and call to us.

I frequently quote the wisdom of Rabbi Abraham Heschel, a man of prayerful insight: "Whatever the pious man does is linked to the divine; each smallest trifle is tangential to God's course. The word of God is as vital to him as air or food. It is this awareness of ever living under the

watchful eye of God that leads the pious man to see hints of God in the varied things he encounters in his daily walk--a gentle hint or kindly reminder of things divine."

Easter is our highest holy day. It requires some preparation to enter into the Easter festival with a full and joyous heart. Set aside a few moments every day to spend with God. You could rise fifteen minutes earlier or retire fifteen minutes later. A habit takes root after thirty days, we have forty in Lent. Time enough to make devotional time with God as necessary as food or air, as Rabbi Heschel says. Join us for the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 7 pm. Or join us for book study, Wednesdays at noon in the Isabella Gray room, starting March 12.

In any case, give thanks to God for this season of preparation.

*Grace and peace to you,
 Deb*

Greetings from The Children's Corner,
It is that time of the year when we are
all tired of the cold and ready for the
warmth of Spring. Me, I will be glad
when I don't have to drive in the rain
every day. I guess it could be worse, I
could be driving in snow every day.
LOLOL

Actually, it is time once again to start the
road toward Easter. This year, we have
several kids in the Last Days of Jesus
with me. Kristal is coming back for her
third year and Mikey his second year.
This will be Hayleigh's first year. And for
me it will be my fourth or fifth. We will
be at the trial and crucifixion scenes on
Thursday of Holy Week. We invite you to
come see the pageant Wed, Thurs, and
Easter Morning.

In class, the kids will follow Jesus as he
and his disciples work their way to
Jerusalem. We will be following the book
of Luke chapters 18,19 and 22.

March 2: Luke 18:15-17 (Jesus and the
Children)

March 9: Luke 18:35-43 (A Man Born
Blind) ****DON'T FORGET TO SPRING
AHEAD AN HOUR****

March 16: Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)

March 23: Luke 22:7-23, 33-34 (The
Lord's Supper) ****PLEASE HAVE KIDS
WEAR OLD CLOTHES TODAY. WE
WILL BE USING PURPLE PAINT****

March 30: TBA

Can you help? This month we will need:

Toothpicks (1 small box)

White pompoms or cotton balls

5 sheets of brown felt

Fake gem stones (med 1 bag)

10 egg cartons (empty please)

A package of small heavy duty
paper plates

Angie Schultze, Children's Ministry

THIS MONTH'S birthdays

Annika Baumgarten	5
John Baumgarten	6
Benjamin Deckard	9
Sue Peachey	11
John Peachey	13
Harriet Mathis	17
Cooper Dog Allen	23
Klea Espy	30

THIS MONTH'S anniversaries

Karl and Jean Vercouteren	20
Bill & Vicki Matthew	25

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



March Pantry donations

TUNA is back!
Please bring your
donation to the
Roberts room
shopping cart.
Tuna Helper or
tuna salad kits are

just as yummy. Remember, you can
tune a piano but you can't tuna fish....

2014 Per Capita \$13.00

Every church in our Central Pacific
conference pays a member's fee based
on the number of church members. This
fee is called our per capita. This year the
fee remains at \$13.00 a person.

We ask members to help with this cost
by reimbursing the church for these
dues. This is strictly voluntary, but if you
are able, would you make a check out to
the church for \$13.00? Mark it "per
capita."



Calendar of Events

- March 1st- Fellowship of Churches Annual Meeting and Dinner
- March 2nd- UCCC serves Community Meal
- March 5th- 5:15pm Diaconate
7:00pm Worship
- March 6th-Noon Mission Committee
- March 10th-1pm Women's Fellowship
- March 12th- Noon Book Study
- March 13th- Pastor Deb out of office until 3/19
- March 16th- Pastor Drew guest preacher
- March 19th- Noon Book Study
- March 25th- 5:15pm Trustee's Fellowship of Churches
- March 26th- Noon Book Study
5:15pm Church Council
- March 30th- **One Great Hour of Sharing Special offering**

Reminder- Pastor Deb will be away March 13-18.

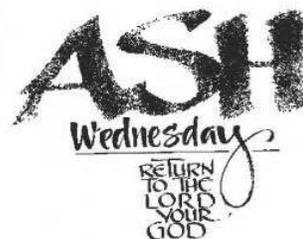
The Mission Committee is asking for supplies to help Haven keep their clients provided with necessities for living and working in the community. Look for the big box in the Narthex.

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



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

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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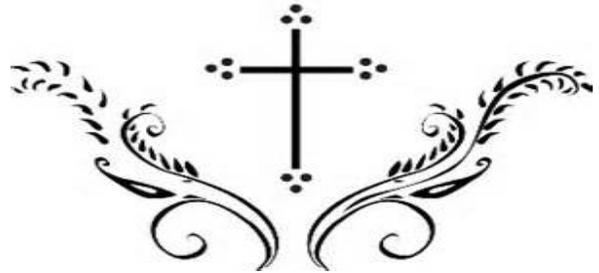
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Book Study to Begin
Wednesday March 12nd

When "Spiritual, But not Religious"
Is Not Enough.

Author Lillian Daniel. Available at
Klindt's for \$15.00.

Four sessions - held each
Wednesday at Noon in the Isabella
Gray room.



Dear God,
You painted a picture and called it
the world with mountains, valleys,
and streams.

You painted a picture and
called it the world with beauty,
laughter, and dreams.

Thank you God.

Splashes of yellow, purple and red
tinged with gold and green.

A glorious rainbow, a sunset of
flame, flowers and trees serene.

You painted a picture and
called it the world with beauty,
laughter and dreams.

Thank you God.

A baby's smile, a mother's tear, a
lover's happy thought and many
other wondrous things were on the
canvas wrought.

You painted a picture and
called it a world with beauty,
laughter and dreams.

Thank you God.

Dear God,

How can I say thanks for the things
you have done for me?

Things so undeserved yet you gave
to prove your love to me.

The voices of a million angels could
not express my gratitude. All that I
am an ever hope to be I owe it all to
you.

Thank you God.

By Caroline Homer

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(The new UCC
The Dalles social group)

The **UCC Valentine's Day Chocolate Fest and Talent Show** was a big success. We had a great turnout and plenty of delicious chocolate items to choose from. It was a true chocolate extravaganza. Our talent keeps getting better and better – comedy, lip sync, ukuleles, harmonica and piano, monologues, singing, jokes, and on and on.

We are still taking name suggestions for this group as well as ideas for about 4 more events for this year. Look for the suggestion lists at church. Review what has been suggested and add your own ideas. We will be having a vote on the name soon so post your suggestions. Upcoming events will be announced at church and posted in the Lighted Window.

Remember, everyone is welcome to participate. No oaths, codes, handshakes, etc., just a lot of fun and fellowship.