

Sundays at HCCUCC July 2015

Sunday worship services begin at 10:30.

July 5

Communion Sunday

Mark 6:1-13

We are all messengers for God

July 12

Ephesians 1:3-14

We are all God's children

July 19

Ephesians 2:11-22

We are each a temple for God

July 26

John 6:1-21

Worship in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate God's abundance and receive a special offering for Water for Life

Church Grounds Need Water!

The Back to Eden group needs volunteers to help with watering new plantings on our church property. It shouldn't take much time, just once or twice a week. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times each person will have to water!

Please contact Patti Brandon at plb0609@gmail.com or 503-799-4785.



Foundation Update

by Gary Roberts, President

Hillsdale Foundation met on Wednesday, June 17. Here are highlights of that meeting:

We approved a grant of \$3,000 for development of the Crossroads Community Garden. Prior to voting, we discussed other potential uses for the remainder of the funds donated for improvement of the church's grounds. Further conversation needs to involve the Consistory.

We also discussed what needs to be done in the next several months as the Foundation and the church begin to live into the Foundation policies adopted at the last congregational meeting. This was a wide-ranging conversation, including

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everything from incorporating ideas that came up at the congregational meeting to revising the form used for grant applications.

Finally, we said thanks and goodbye to Lynn Walser-Clark as she prepares to move to Newport. Consistory has appointed Paula McCall to replace Lynn until the next annual meeting.

Traveling Women Series Continues

Join Becky Meier in the Mt. Hood Room on Sunday, July 19, for her presentation on Israel, "Where Jesus Walked." The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Terry Is on the Move

Our dear friend—and church custodian for 18 years—is moving to Newport! His phone number is not changing (503-245-9581) and he'd love to stay in touch, so give him a call and say hi!

Summer Picnic Announced

Pastor Jennifer and Jeff Brownell will host the first summer picnic of 2015 on Sunday, July 26, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at their home in Beaverton. Bring a dish to share and join the fun. Beverages and table service will be provided.

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From the Pastor

by Jennifer Brownell



As I write this, I am still basking in the glow of a book launch party for *Swim Ride Run Breathe* that we held in the church Fellowship Hall in mid-June. It was a thrilling occasion for me, made more enjoyable by your presence and support. Thank you!

For most of my adult life, one of my favorite quotations has been from Tim O'Brien's Vietnam war classic *The Things They Carried*. He says "And this, too, is true. Stories can save us." I have always liked this quote, but I don't think I understood it completely until I set out to write some of my own story down, and then had the awesome privilege of seeing that story published in a book. The experience has convinced me completely that there is tremendous, maybe even saving, power in telling and hearing our heart's stories.

That's way I'm so pleased that we are going to be hearing the stories this summer from some of our congregation's intrepid travelers. Members of our congregation have travelled to many corners of the globe and we will have the chance to hear them tell about their travels over a series of summer evenings. The act of preparing to tell our stories, and the act of listening to others tell their stories, is a profound one that changes both the listener and the teller. I hope you will come and allow yourself to be changed by these evenings of stories.

This too, is true—stories can save us. Whether you are a world traveler or an armchair traveler, you have a story inside you that needs telling. What story have you been holding on to that needs to be told? How might telling it save you, or save the listeners you tell it to? Let's explore our stories together as the summer months unfold.

See you in church!

Pastor Jennifer

To my dear friends at Hillside Church,
Thank you so much for your effort to
come all the way out to our farm to
help celebrate my birthday; it was my
best birthday ever!
Blessings to you all, and I hope you will
come again. And thank you for all the
goodies!

Love to all,
Jayne Boon

My dear church family,
Paul and I are so very grateful for your love and
support following the unexpected death of my
dad.

I was especially touched by the card signed
by the whole congregation, and the wonderful
messages from the kids. We've spent a lot of
time just sitting, numb, feeling very alone. When
I opened the package containing the cards—and
glitter!—we felt so loved.

Dad enjoyed being a part of Hillside Community
Church. I hadn't realized how many friends he had
here, and I'm grateful to all of you for being so
kind to him.

If you would like to know more about my dad,
you can read his obituary at:
memorialwebsites.legacy.com/carlditch

He was a pretty great guy.

With love and thanks,

Tim and Paul

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00a Loaves and Fishes MC 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3	2 9:00a Walking Group UL	3 Independence Day (observed) - Church Office Closed	4 Independence Day
5 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1	6	7 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:30a Bible Study MH	8 1:00p Memoir Writing Group 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3	9 9:00a Walking Group UL	10	11
12 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1	13 Transition Projects/ Hoyt St Meal BC 6:30p Post-Sabbath Bible Study (PSBS) MH	14 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	15 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting, R3	16 9:00a Walking Group UL	17	18 9:00a Community Garden Work Party
19 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1 7:00p Traveling Women Slideshow MH	20	21 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:30a Bible Study MH 12:00p Tidings Deadline	22 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting, R3	23 9:00a Walking Group UL	24	25
26 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Worship Service FH 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1 1:00p Summer Picnic BR	27 6:30p Post-Sabbath Bible Study (PSBS) MH	28 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	29 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3	30 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Community Garden Meeting MH	31	

BC=Bud Clark Commons (655 NW Hoyt St)
BR=Brownell Home (850 SW 134th Ave, Beaverton)
CH=Chapel, Room 4, Education Wing
DN=Downstairs
FH=Fellowship Hall
GT=Golden Touch (SW Barbur at 19th)
MH=Mt Hood Room
MR=Maple Room
MC=Multnomah Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy)
R1=Room 1, Education Wing
R3=Room 3, Education Wing
SA=Sanctuary
UL=Upper Parking Lot

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In Christ, we the members of Hillsdale Community Church United Church of Christ, declare ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation. We cherish and embrace individuals and families of all kinds. Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We commit to be a community of faith and spirit that works toward openness and understanding, offering justice, healing, and wholeness of life for all people. We believe that through our diversity, all can grow and practice a unity of faith that transcends our differences.

