

# tidings

## Weeds, Seeds, and Birds in the Shade

The children and youth are invited to assist in creating and leading worship on Sunday, June 14. There will be parts for every child and youth—ages toddler to high schooler—who wishes to participate as we explore two of Jesus' most well-known parables.

We will have two rehearsals. The first will be after church on Sunday, June 7, in the Sanctuary, and the second on Saturday, June 13, at a time that works best for all the participating families. Please contact Pastor Jennifer with any questions.

## HCC Member to Present Seminar on Caregiving

Coming up on June 20, Dr. Rebecca Gaudino will be leading a special seminar entitled "In the Country of Pain and Nearness of Death: Accompanying the Sick."

American essayist Susan Sontag wrote that we are all citizens of two countries: the "kingdom of the well" and the "kingdom of the sick." But few of us want to dwell in this second country, even though doing so is most likely inevitable, even if temporary.

Rebecca, along with her colleagues, has developed and teaches a unique, multidisciplinary course on "Suffering and Death," combining theology and nursing/social work principles and practices for nursing students and social work majors at

## Sundays at HCCUCC June 2015

Sunday worship services begin at 10:30.

### June 7

#### Festival of Praise

#### Musical Worship Service

led by the Chancel Choir, featuring a lovely sung communion service

### June 14

*Mark 4:26-34*

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Parables Worship Led by Children

### June 21

*Mark 4: 35-41*

Walking On Water

### June 28

Hymn Sing led by Tim Ditch

## got blood?

by Margy Kleger

Our spring Red Cross Blood Drive is coming soon! Please jot down Monday, June 29, between 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., for our next opportunity to give blood at Hillsdale Church.

We have not had a Monday drive before. It's also later in June than usual.

New donors are welcome and needed. Watch the sign-up board in the Narthex for more details regarding eligibility and to sign up for a specific donation time.

The mobile unit will be in the lower parking lot, with registration in the Fellowship Hall.

If you've "got blood," you can help others have a second chance at life!

## Summer Picnics Bring Fun in the Sun

The HCCUCC picnic tradition continues for the summer of 2015. We will gather again for fellowship and food at the homes of members in July and August. These are very informal events. The host usually provides beverages, and guests bring delectable potluck items to share from their own kitchens. It's a good time to get to know people and enjoy good food and conversation.

The Brownells have offered their home for the July picnic. If you would like to host a picnic in August, please contact Ruth Rusnak for more information or to set a date.

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the University of Portland. The course is not focused on clinical skill-building but rather on spiritual development and practical learning.

In this first-time ever opportunity for both clergy and anyone else who cares for others on their human journey, Rebecca will be leading attendees in humane, practical, biblical, and spiritual reflections on being present with those we care about—and for—on their journeys through illness and death.

Dr. Gaudino is a published ordained UCC minister and a faculty member of the University of Portland Department of Theology.

The workshop will be held at the Griffin Center in Milwaukie from 8:30 until 3:00 on June 20. For more information and to register, contact Debbie MacKinnon at 503-943-7274 or mackinno@up.edu.

## From the Pastor

by Jennifer Brownell

Eighteen years ago, the most popular film in the theaters was *Titanic*, the number one song was Elton John's *Candle in the Wind*, and Terry Cornell arrived at Hillsdale Community Church UCC to begin working as the custodian.

In the nearly two decades since he



moved into the home on the Frutiger property, Terry has become so much more. To mention just a few, he is an intrepid finder-of-lost-objects, one-man security force, grounds-picker-upper, building-visitor-greeter, door locker-and-unlocker, and especially good friend to me and to many in our community.

Terry prides himself on performing much of his job “behind the scenes,” but at the same time, he always wants to make sure that others’ good work is acknowledged. As an example, after a recent conversation with a policeman who was making a quick stop on the property, Terry asked for the man’s supervisor’s name so he could send him a note and tell him what a great job the policeman was doing. The officer was shocked, saying no one says *nice* things about police on patrol. Terry’s notes and phone calls of encouragement have been pleasant surprises for many members of the congregation, too.

On July 4, Terry will retire from his job as custodian in order to relocate to Newport, and we will send him off with a party on June 20. As we say goodbye, I find myself humming the song from that movie that was playing in theaters 18 years ago.

*Near, far, wherever you are*

*I believe that the heart does go on...*

See you in church!

Pastor Jennifer

# Book Launch PARTY

Swim, Ride, Run, Breathe:  
How I Lost a Triathlon  
and Caught My Breath  
by Jennifer Garrison Brownell

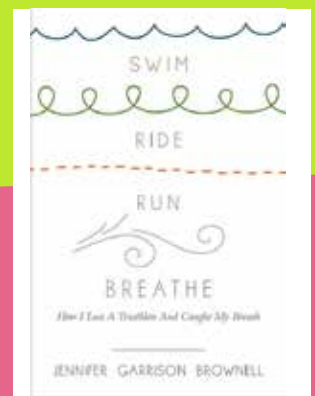


Mon June 8  
7-8:30 pm

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# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:30a Bible Study MH	3 10:00a Loaves and Fishes MC 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3	4 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	5	6
7 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Festival of Praise Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1 11:45a Children's Rehearsal SA	8 Transition Projects/ Hoyt St Meal BC 6:30p Post-Sabbath Bible Study (PSBS) MH 7:00p Book Launch Party FH	9 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	10 1:00p Memoir Writing Group 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3	11 9:00a Walking Group UL	12	13
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21 Father's Day 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1	22 6:30p Post-Sabbath Bible Study (PSBS) MH	23 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	24 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting, R3	25 9:00a Walking Group UL	26	27
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BC=Bud Clark Commons (655 NW Hoyt St) CH=Chapel, Room 4, Education Wing CR=Choir Room 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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