

## Worship at HCCUCC NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday worship services begin at 10:30.

### November 2

All Saints Day

*Matthew 5:1-12*

*Revelation 7:9-17*

*Psalms 34:1-10, 22*

### November 9

*Amos 5:18-24*

*Matthew 25:1-13*

**Let It Roll!**

### November 16, 10:30 a.m.

*Judges 4:1-7*

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

*Matthew 35:14-30*

**Build Each Other Up!**

### November 16, 3:00 p.m.

Ordination of Martha Barstow

### November 23

*Luke 17:11-19*

*Deuteronomy 8:7-10*

**Turn Back to Say Thanks**

### November 30

First Sunday of Advent

## Sunday School Kids Create 78 School Kits

by Nayan Fleenor

**T**hank you so much to those who helped with our project to send school kits to Church World Service for distribution to kids in need. The project started when we were able to get a grant for \$250 from the national UCC Disaster Ministries to help with the shipping costs.

Two people who provided unique services were Doreen Richardson who provided much of the cloth for the bags and Pam Shelton who sewed all of the beautifully made cloth bags in which we put the school supplies that many members of our church family contributed. Over 900 items were donated (even more if you count the 6 pencils per bag separately!). The older children were very helpful in assembling the kits at two different times in August and September. On October 5, we dedicated and blessed the kits during our World Communion Sunday worship service. The kits were sent to a CWS warehouse for use after a disaster here in the U.S. or overseas.



raised \$447,990, and some gifts and pledges are still being received. Thank you for giving joyfully and with a generous spirit, and I trust we will be about God's work in this community with renewed commitment and energy!

I would be remiss if I did not say a big thank you to all of you who worked on the campaign...providing food, designing materials, producing the materials, calling on donors, recording donations, determining potential donors, following-up on pledges made—all the things that made this campaign possible. You gave freely of your time, energy, and creativity. A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Jennifer for her support, encouragement, and advice, and to Priscilla Bizer, our consultant, for guiding us skillfully and lovingly on this campaign journey.

I am excited to see our vision become a reality!

With a thankful heart,  
Barbara Raz, Campaign Administrator

## We Did It!

**W**e recently completed the Raising Our Welcome capital campaign. Thanks to your commitment and generosity, we met and exceeded our goal to raise \$400,000 for an elevator and other ADA improvements to our church building! At last report, we had



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## Keeping Our Open Doors Open

We not only met, but we far surpassed our goal for raising money for the Capital Campaign. Soon our building will be even more accessible and welcoming. In order to keep our open doors open, please remember your regular giving which pays our staff, keeps our building running smoothly, and provides support for missions down the street and around the world. Watch your mail in early November for more details.

## Thanksgiving Feast Celebrates Traditions

We will have our church family's traditional Thanksgiving feast in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 23, following the Festival of Thanksgiving worship service. You are invited to bring a favorite dish from your family's Thanksgiving tradition to share with your church family.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Please contact Paul Gonzales (paulsings@thewoofen.com or 503-234-8600) if you can help with set-up, serving, or clean-up, or if you have questions.

## Congregational Meeting Called

The Consistory calls a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 16, after church in the Sanctuary. At this meeting, we will vote on next steps to take as we move ahead with our building project. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

## Women's Retreat Planning Underway

The 2015 Women's Retreat will be held March 6-8, and theme is "Coming Home." Save the date! The planning group will meet after church on November 9 and 16. All are welcome! Please contact Cheryl Carbone, 503-726-8820, for information.

## Fall Blood Drive Nets Life-giving Results

by Margy Kleger

I'm glad we are finally back on the Red Cross fall schedule after missing last fall completely. We have work to do, however, to be able to meet the goal for next time. I was not able to fill up the available donor slots with enough sign-ups, and we had a rather high percentage of deferrals from people who actually came. With all that to overcome, we were still able to collect 17 units of whole blood. That has the potential of

helping 51 people with another chance to live!

Many thanks to the canteen helpers Marteena Sander and Pattybear Barnett. Our donors were Barbara Raz, Pat Stenaros, Krista Aelkeorn, Nancy Docekal, Don Beard, Carol Doyle, Anne Anderson, Mary Ann Hantke, Alexis Hamilton, Mike Van Loo, Amanda O'Connell, Wayne Trospen, Sue Ahern, Jim Keating, Charlene Dickinson, Paul Vermilya, Pat Leach, Steve Lewis, Nayan Fleenor, Nancie Wamser, Andrea O'Connell, Wayne Thompson, and Ryan Boyer. I appreciate all of you and your dedication to giving life itself to those in need.



## From the Pastor

by Jennifer Brownell

I'm sitting in the Denver airport, coming home from a meeting, and I'm thinking about time travel. In addition to the lines, the crowds, and the removal of shoes at security, I tend to get a little queasy on the plane, so it's not my favorite way to travel. But I'm reading a book about time travelers right now, which makes the process sound so easy! I'm wishing that I could travel with that much ease—to explore the mysteries of the past and glimpse the wonders of the future.

My fascination with time travel is, I think, one reason why I love All Saints Day so much. The first Sunday in November is set aside to remember that great cloud of witnesses, both those who have lived and those yet to be born, who surround us with love and support. When we gather for communion, we often hear these words, "Today we gather at the **table of remembrance** as we think of Christ Jesus who gathered with friends around a table like this one; the **table of celebration** as we gather at this feast with those around the world who on this day eat and drink together as we do; and the **table of anticipation** as we look forward to the reign to come when there will be justice for all and all will have plenty." Those words are never truer than on All Saints Day, which makes that hour of worship as close to time travel as we are likely to see in our time. I look forward to gathering with you around the table.

I look forward to seeing you in church on November 2 and all month long, fellow time travellers!

—Pastor Jennifer

## Interested in Joining the Church?

If you've been attending for awhile and would like to join Hillsdale Community Church UCC as a member, please speak with Pastor Jennifer. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 16.

## Justice and Witness Representatives to Visit HCC

On Sunday, November 9 we are honored to receive two special guests from the national offices of the United Church of Christ, Michael Neuroth and Eunice M. Carrasco-Hill. They are here to take part in the Justice and Witness revival on Saturday, November 8, and have asked to visit Hillsdale particularly because they know of our interest in exploring what it means to be a Just Peace Church. Prepare to be inspired!

When asked to introduce themselves, Mike and Eunice submitted the following: Michael is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and serves as the Policy Advocate for International Issues in the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries' office in Washington DC. Prior to joining the staff of the UCC, Michael worked with various ecumenical and interfaith organizations including the World Council of

### Stoking the Fires of Justice: A Revival for Social Change

Justice & Witness Ministries with the Central Pacific & Pacific Northwest UCC Conferences invite you to a time of inspiring worship, preaching, and training to fan the flames of justice in the Northwest.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Vancouver, WA  
November 8, 2014  
8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

Speakers & musical guests will include:



**Rev. Thea Mateu**  
UCC Southern California Nevada Conference  
Staff and UCC Board Member



**Rev. Linda M. Jaramillo**  
Collegium Member and Executive Minister of  
Justice & Witness Ministries

Choirs from Highland Christian Center, First Congregational UCC, Vancouver & Ainsworth United Church of Christ.

Learn more: <http://bit.ly/nwrevival>

reflected in UCC policy. He also serves as the co-chair for the board of Jubilee USA. Michael holds master's degrees in divinity, theology, and social work from Princeton Seminary and Rutgers University. He currently resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife Amber and their two boys.

Eunice M. Carrasco-Hill is the Project Coordinator at Franklinton Center at Bricks/UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries in Whitakers, North Carolina. She is responsible for coordinating programs for Franklinton Center, including

Churches, Church World Service, Ecumenical Advocacy Days, and the Parliament of the World's Religions. His current work on international justice focuses on coordinating the UCC's work and witness as a Just Peace church and related international peace, human rights, and economic justice issues

## Youth Corner

### Children's Chapel

Children and youth are invited to Children's Chapel on Sunday, November 30. This takes place during the Sunday School hour (10:45-11:30) and this month will focus on the sacrament of communion, as we prepare to serve communion to the congregation the following Sunday.

Food Justice, Providing Training for Small Farmers, Career Development/Community Based Program, Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Eating, Farmers Market, Franklinton Center Garden, Educational Historical Tours, Work Camp and Immersion, Community Economic Development, and Marketing and Fundraising.

Prior to joining the staff of UCC's/Justice and Witness Ministries, she was the Director and Hispanic Outreach Specialist for the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Before serving in the educational settings, she was the operations manager for Banco Popular de Puerto Rico in New York City for 10 years, and has 20 years' experience in Management and Program Development in Virginia.

She holds a degree in Business Administration from Inter America University of Puerto Rico and Early Childhood Development from Rochville University in Colorado, and a master's degree in Organizational Management and Public Administration from Ashford University. She resides in Whitaker, North Carolina, with her husband Sly and children Kyle and Simone.

## Spirit Spa Offered to HCC Women

Women of the church are invited to Spirit Spa on Saturday, November 15, from 10-11:30. In about the same amount of time it would take to get your nails done, revive your spirit and body. Child care will be provided. Our Spirit Spa leader will be Joy Jenkinson of Breath of Life Yoga. Joy says this about herself: I am a 36 homeschool mom who loves to sew and knit and of course teach yoga. I have recently been certified as a Yogafit instructor and I feel called to bring the gift of yoga to women in a Christian setting with scripture and uplifting music.



## What's New with OWL?

Interested in learning more about Our Whole Lives? We would like to introduce this healthy sexuality curriculum here at Hillsdale beginning next spring. To learn more and to be introduced to the UCC national staff person who oversees OWL, you are invited to a reception and conversation called What's New with Our Whole Lives?

The event takes place Saturday, November 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Light snacks will be served and childcare will be provided.

*The Central Pacific Conference and Hillsdale Community Church - United Church of Christ*

*Invite your presence and prayers for the joyous celebration of the Ordination of*

*Martha Parker Barstow  
November 16, 2014 at 3:00 pm*

*Hillsdale Community Church  
United Church of Christ  
6948 SW Capitol Hwy,  
Portland, Oregon 97219*

*Hors d'oeuvre reception to follow.  
Clergy are invited to gather  
at 2:30 to vest and process.*



*The Lord will guide you continually... (Isa 58:11)*

# tidings

November 2014

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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.

## Special Congregational Meeting November 16



# November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 10:30a Communion Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1 11:45a Make a Difference Luncheon MH	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	<b>5</b> 10:00a Loaves and Fishes MC 1:30p Tai Chi FH	<b>6</b> 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00a Justice and Witness Revival Vancouver UCC 4:30p OWL Reception FH
<b>9</b> 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1 11:45a Women's Retreat Planning Meeting MH	<b>10</b> Transition Projects/Hoyt St Meal BC 6:30p Post-Sabbath Bible Study (PSBS) MH	<b>11</b> Veterans Day 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 9:30a Bible Study Field Trip to McMinnville MH 7:00p Consistory Meeting MH	<b>12</b> 1:00p Memoir Writing Group MD 1:30p Tai Chi FH	<b>13</b> 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00a Spirit Spa R4
<b>16</b> 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1 11:30a Congregational Meeting SA 12:00p Women's Retreat Planning Meeting MH 3:00p Martha Barstow Ordination SA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Tidings Deadline 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:30a Bible Study MH	<b>19</b> 1:30p Tai Chi FH	<b>20</b> 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1 11:30a Thanksgiving Feast FH	<b>24</b> 6:30p PSBS MH	<b>25</b> 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:30a Bible Study MH	<b>26</b> 1:30p Tai Chi FH	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed	<b>28</b> Church Office Closed	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Chapel R4	<b>December 1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:30a Bible Study MH	<b>3</b> 1:30p Tai Chi FH	<b>4</b> 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	<b>5</b> 6:00p Family and Friends Christmas Dinner and Auction FH	<b>6</b>

**BC**=Bud Clark Commons (655 NW Hoyt St)  
**CR**=Choir Room  
**FH**=Fellowship Hall  
**GT**=Golden Touch (SW Barbur at 19th)  
**MH**=Mt Hood Room  
**MR**=Maple Room  
**MD**=Maria Dunlop's Home (12146 SW 29th Ave)  
**MC**=Multnomah Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy)  
**R1**=Room 1, Education Wing  
**R4**=Room 4, Education Wing  
**SA**=Sanctuary  
**UL**=Upper Parking Lot