

Sundays at HCCUCC October 2015

Sunday worship services begin at 10:30.

October 4

Communion Sunday

John 10: 11-16

Rev. Dr. Pat Ross

October 11

Mark 10:17-31

Elizabeth Durant

October 18

Mark 10:35-45

Rev. Denise Denniston

October 25

Hymn Sing led by Tim Ditch

New Interim Pastor Named

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Chris Hyde has accepted the position of Interim Pastor at Hillsdale Community Church UCC. He will start on October 26. Pastor Chris will preach his first sermon here at HCC on November 1.



Rev. Chris Hyde

Guest ministers will be with us each week until Chris' arrival.

The Consistory cordially invites you to welcome Pastor Chris at an informal meet-and-greet on Monday, October 26. Stop by the church anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 to say hi. There will also be a reception following worship on November 1. Let's give Chris an extravagant HCC welcome!

Chris Hyde is a California native who has loved living in the Pacific Northwest since 1996. He is a graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and Talbot School of Theology, both in California. Having been a pastor since 1994, he has served churches in Southern California, Topeka (KS), Seattle (WA), Vancouver (WA), Camas (WA), and Portland (OR). He has been a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in downtown Portland since 2012 and was recently approved for ordination in the United Church of Christ. Additionally, Chris is a life coach and uses his counseling skills to help others grow in emotional and spiritual health.

Chris' journey has been an interesting

one filled with many curves along the way. Chris was previously married and divorced and is the father of three children. Because of the conservative religious environment in which he was entrenched for many years, he bought into the lie that his sexuality was changeable, and spent years involved in ex-gay reparative therapy trying to "pray the gay away." He finally left evangelicalism and came out of the closet at the end of 2011. Because of the path his life has taken, he is passionate about progressive Christianity, progressive politics, social justice, emotional and spiritual health, church revitalization, and equality for everyone. In his free time, Chris enjoys music, traveling, reading, snorkeling, hiking, wine tasting, and spending time with his new husband, Malcolm.

Signs of Construction Coming Soon

You may not have heard much about the HCC building upgrade project lately, but there has been a lot of activity behind the scenes. The construction plans were submitted to the city in late July, and we have been working our way through the permit process in the intervening weeks. The review is in its final stages, and we are hopeful that permits will be issued in the next month. In anticipation of this approval, we are working with the contractor and architect to finalize pricing, review the construction schedule, and plan the logistics of the construction process.

Specifications for the elevator have been reviewed and approved, and it has been ordered. We are excited that we are nearing the starting line for the construction

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phase of the project, and anticipate being able to share a ground breaking date with you shortly. The project oversight committee is Carl Wamser, Mike Van Loo, and Jon von Behren—we'll keep you updated as the project proceeds.

Stewardship Campaign to Run Through October



by Elizabeth Pigg, Stewardship Chair

Stewardship of our time and talent has been our focus for the past few weeks in worship, and next we look at our stewardship of treasure.

We have a fantastic stewardship team whose members are Julie Bishop, Barbara Raz, Greg Hamilton, Patty Todd, Drake Mitchell, and myself. Rev. Jennifer Brownell also lent her efforts while she was our pastor. Many others of you have given

your positive energy, ideas, and action to bring our stewardship effort together, and we are grateful.

We are ready! We are ready and eager to enlist your readiness to Be a Blessing!

Our theme for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure this year is “Blessed to Be a Blessing.” I have included in this issue of *Tidings* the way we have chosen to show the abundant life, energy, and possibilities of our Hillsdale congregation, and to ask for your dedication and continued faithful financial support in 2016.

Hillsdale Community Church stewardship albums will journey from house to house throughout the congregation between October 4 and 25. On the pages of the album you will see pictures and descriptions of the many blessings of our congregation, and possibilities for ministry of Hillsdale in the year 2016 when we answer our call to be a blessing to others.

- When you receive the stewardship album, please take a day or two to read and enjoy it. Then locate your envelope containing your Faith Giving Statement in the front pocket of the album.

- Prayerfully consider your Faith Giving amount for 2016 and record the amount on your statement. Detach the stub for your records.

- If your family includes children or youth, please help them in completing the Faith Giving Card included in the album for each child.

- Seal your Faith Giving Statement in your own individual envelope and place it in the back pocket of the album.

- Call the next person on your list right away and set a time to pass the album along, answering any question the next person may have about the Stewardship Album process.

- Your route leader is named at the top of your list. Please

call and inform your route leader soon after you have passed the stewardship album to the next person on the list. This lets your route leader know who has received the album. It's important to keep the album moving!

- Celebrate! All of our giving commitments will be blessed in Sunday worship on October 25.

Thank you, members and friends of Hillsdale Community Church, for your blessing of ministry in this congregation and beyond!

Traveling Women Series Visits Ireland

Cindy Van Loo and Rev. Kathleen Verigan will take you on a sacred site tour of The Wild Atlantic Northwest section of Ireland at the next Traveling Women Slideshow coming up on Sunday, October 25. Experience the enchantment and mystery of Ireland and learn about its ancient history by exploring a megalithic cemetery, ancient dolmans, castles, abandoned communities, The Burren, Father Ted's House, Ley Lines, and much more. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A LITTLE FRIGHT MUSIC
 FEATURING
TIM DITCH + ORGANIST
 Friday, October 30 - 7:00 p.m.
 Costumes encouraged! Refreshments follow the concert.
 The concert is free.
 Donations to the church's concert series gratefully accepted!

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	2	3
4 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Communion Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1	5	6 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	7 10:00a Loaves and Fishes MC 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3	8 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	9	10
11 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1	12 Transition Projects/ Hoyt St Meal BC 6:30p Post-Sabbath Bible Study (PSBS) MH	13 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	14 1:00p Memoir Writing Group 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting, R3	15 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	16	17
18 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 9:00a Children's Activities DN 10:30a Worship Service SA 10:45a Children's Sunday School R1	19	20 12:00p Tidings Deadline 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	21 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting, R3	22 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	23	24
25 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 FH	26 5:30p Meet and Greet with Interim Pastor Rev. Chris Hyde FH 6:30p Post-Sabbath Bible Study (PSBS) MH	27 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT	28 3:00p Red Cross Blood Drive FH 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3	29 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	30 7:00p A Little Fright Music Halloween Organ Concert SA	31

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

Supper for 7 Makes a Comeback

Mark your calendars! Supper for Seven is returning for the evening of November 14. You will have an opportunity to sign up to be a host for the supper or a guest. The host will provide the main course and assign the guests a type of dish to share. There will be signup sheets in the Narthex, and you will be notified what group you are in by November 7. We hope you'll join us!

Fall Blood Drive Draws Near

HC's fall Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, October 28, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Depending on the condition of the lower parking lot due to construction, the mobile unit may be in the upper parking lot, with registration in the Narthex. A sign-up sheet will be available by mid-October. Thank you for your faithful support!

PSBS Reconvenes This Month

The Monday evening Bible study group, better known as the Post Sabbath Bible Study (PSBS) is beginning a new book for October and November. We will be studying Ecclesiastes for four sessions: October 12 and 26, and November 9 and 23 (2nd and 4th Mondays). Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Mount Hood Room. Linda Waltmire has a few extra copies of the study guide and would be glad to get one to you.

Back to Eden and Community Garden Projects Growing

Crossroads Community Garden volunteers are making significant progress in the development of the garden. Since the beginning of the year the site has been cleared and leveled; fence, concrete, and old lumber debris removed; base garden soil delivered and spread; and plot boundaries and walkways laid out. On October 5, the irrigation system will be installed!

None of this would have been possible without the labor of volunteers and funding help from benefactors. Along with

Hillsdale Community Church, these benefactors also include Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI), OnPoint Credit Union, Friends of Portland Community Gardens, and most recently, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (WMSWCD).

West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District has also awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Crossroads Community Garden and Back to Eden projects. This is very exciting! The grant proposal focused largely on the Back to Eden project, which HCC has created and worked on for the past four years.

However, the job isn't finished. An important work party will take place on Saturday, October 10, starting at 12 noon. Tasks will include clearing of remaining gravel, debris, and weeds and spreading of additional planting soil onto the plots. The work party will be in conjunction with the citywide Parke Diem celebration sponsored by the Portland Parks Foundation. Volunteers should register at <http://parklandia.org/content/crossroads-community-garden> by October 5 at the latest. Participants will receive free event T-shirts, snacks, and other goodies from corporate sponsors. (If you don't register, you are still welcome, but the free prizes cannot be guaranteed.) The team hopes to have fun as well as accomplish much towards the goal of creating this much-needed neighborhood asset.

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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.

