

Sundays at HCCUCC

September 2015

Sunday worship services begin at 10:30.

September 6

Communion Sunday

Pastor Jennifer's last Sunday

September 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9;

James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

All-Church Picnic follows worship

September 20

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54;

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 27

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29;

Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20;

Mark 9:38-50

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Stewardship Campaign Begins

by Drake Mitchell, treasurer

This year will be remembered as a busy, momentous, even landmark year for Hillsdale Community Church, United Church of Christ. We are in the process of bidding farewell to a beloved pastor who has been with us for eight years, and we'll break ground on the most significant remodel/upgrade of our building in many decades. It is a time of beginnings and endings, as well as a time of much new and refocused activity, both within our building and in our faith community. It is also time for us to begin to consider our Stewardship Campaign for 2016.

While the generous tithes and offerings we receive really do keep our doors open, they also do much more. When called upon to summarize our annual budget, we divide it into the usual categories that all churches use to attribute their financial commitments: mission, personnel, occupancy expenses, administration, and church programs. An alternative form of accounting would make our achievements and contributions as a community of faith more apparent. This different accounting—an accounting of action and time spent—shows that our annual budget consists of 21% worship, 13% pastoral care, 39% administration and occupancy, 8% Christian education, 9% evangelism, and 10% mission. Through our personnel, our dedicated teams/committees, through maintenance of a vibrant, soon-to-be accessible meeting space, we walk the walk of being a community of Christian faith that is active in the world, and your gifts make all these activities possible.

As we embark on our Stewardship campaign for 2016, know that your generosity makes the work of Hillsdale Community Church possible. Thanks for helping keep our open and affirming doors open and our faith community active and vibrant.

Traveling Women Series Heads to Botswana

The Traveling Women Series continues on Sunday, September 20. We've enjoyed the previous journeys to United States Parks, Israel, and Spain. This one promises to be a lot of fun with Cathy Thomas presenting "Wonderful Days in Botswana." Join us at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Annual All-Church Picnic to Be Held on Church Grounds

Save Sunday afternoon, September 13, for our annual All-Church Picnic. It will be held here, right after worship, in Fellowship Hall and on the patio. Bring a picnic-style potluck dish to share, and join in the fun! There will be activities for children organized by Jessica Denniston.

HCCUCC Helps Homeless Shelter

Doreen's Place, a homeless shelter located on Hoyt St. (near the train station) and run by city agency Transition Projects, is a place where homeless men can go to have an evening meal and get a bed for the night. Our church has committed to serving a nutritious meal at this shelter once a month. The meal is lovingly prepared with the thought that the men will be able to enjoy a good and plentiful meal.

It takes resources—both money and volunteers—to prepare and serve the meal for approximately 100 men: money to purchase the food, folks to do the shopping, people who make food donations, people to prepare and cook the meal, and a group to transport and serve the meal at the shelter. The meal

**One cannot think well, love well, sleep well,
if one has not dined well.** —Virginia Woolf

we serve is prepared in our church kitchen by a team of three or four people, and includes a casserole, salad, rolls, fruit, dessert, and milk. A group of five or six people transport the food to the shelter and then serve the food there.

Heartfelt thanks go to the volunteers who have helped to make this HCC ministry possible. During the past year, there were 13 members and friends of our congregation who helped to prepare the meals sometime during the year and eight or more faithful folks who helped to transport and serve the meals.

If you would like to be help with the meals for the shelter during the coming year (September 2015 through August 2016) on the second Monday of each month, please make the following contacts:

Cooking

- No cooking experience is required.
- Requires a 3½ hour afternoon commitment (3:00 to 6:30 p.m.) once every three or four months.
- Contact Barbara Raz Neu (503-754-0942 or braz@teleport.com).

Transporting/Serving the Meal

- Would be a great experience for a family to do together!
- Requires a 1½ hour commitment in the evening (approximately 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.). The commitment could be once during the year, every month, or whatever suits your schedule.
- Contact Jack Morby (503-704-1842 or morby517@aol.com).

**There are people in the world so hungry,
that God cannot appear to them except
in the form of bread.** —Mahatma Gandhi

Room for Rent Needed in 2016

From Louise Albagli: My friend and co-worker, Judy Quinto (who some of you met a few years ago) is retiring from the Post Office on December 31. She'll be moving to the Philippines next May to be with her children and grandchildren.

Judy's apartment lease ends December 31, but she needs to remain in the U.S. for another four months—January through April—to handle various things. She needs a room to rent for that time. The most she can afford is \$280. Judy is a good cook. If you like Filipino food, she can teach you some good recipes!

If anyone has a room to rent for this short term, please contact Louise.

Community Garden Featured

The Crossroads Community Garden, located on our church grounds, was featured recently on *The Oregonian's* website. Check it out at: www.oregonlive.com/hg/index.ssf/2015/07/southwest_portland_community_g.html

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:30a Bible Study MH	2 10:00a Loaves and Fishes MC 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3	3 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	4	5
6 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	7 Labor Day	8 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 7:00p Consistory Meeting MH	9 1:00p Memoir Writing Group 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting R3 7:00p Foundation Meeting MH	10 9:00a Walking Group UL 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	11	12
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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



Pam Shelton was baptized by Pastor Jennifer in the Pacific Ocean on August 18.

September 2015 **tidings**

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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.