

The Link

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God is Still Speaking,

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Getting to Know Our Modern Day Prophets

Dear Church Family,

As part of our “Year of the Prophets” focus, members of the church are invited to participate in helping us find modern day prophets. For this upcoming fall, our church will be organizing book groups to read the biographies and autobiographies of modern day prophets who have addressed environmental issues. Perhaps, you have always wanted to read the memoir of Noble Prize winner Wangari Maathai. This might be your chance. On Wednesday, June 18th, you are invited to a meeting at which books will be nominated and selected for fall reading groups. We will meet in the Plymouth Room from 6 to 7 pm. In advance of the meeting, I will compile a list of contenders that have been submitted. Please let me know of any books you would like to recommend. This is an opportunity to help us find prophetic inspiration. Input would be deeply valued.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Brooks

WORSHIP IN JUNE

June 1, 2014 Communion

Summer of Gratitude

Graduate and Teacher Recognition Sunday,

10 a.m. Worship Service. Rev. Brooks Berndt preaching. Infant and Toddler Care available. 10:20 a.m.: Christian Education for children 3 yrs. - Grade 7. Youth Group Meets at 11:30 a.m.

Worship Volunteers:

Greeters: Gertie Hettman and June Lasher
Worship Leader: Opal Chapman
Ushers: Rory Martindale and Trent Corey
Wayne and Doris Fletcher

June 8, 2014

Summer of Gratitude: The Choir

10 a.m. Worship Service Rev. Brooks Berndt, preaching. Infant and Toddler Care available. 10:20 a.m.: Christian Education for children 3 yrs. - Grade 7.

Worship Volunteers:

Greeters: JoAnn Kersavage and Irma Slocum
Worship Leader: John Fite
Ushers: Carol Pendergraft, Dwight Chapman
Darrell and Shirley Brandenburg

June 15, 2014 Father's Day

Summer of Gratitude: Our Children

10 a.m. Worship Service. Rev. Brooks Berndt, preaching Infant and Toddler Care available.

Worship Volunteers:

Greeters: John and Nancy Fite
Worship Leader: Jean Beary Stolle
Ushers: Ken Rowe and Cory Saum-Blystone
Mike King and Duke Charpentier

June 22, 2014

Summer of Gratitude:

10 a.m. Worship Service Rev. Brooks Berndt, preaching. Infant and Toddler Care available. 10:20 a.m. Youth Group Meets at 11:30 a.m.

Worship Volunteers:

Greeters: Susan Ross and Andy Allensworth
Worship Leader: Lynn Renner
Ushers: David Macko and David Harrington
Tom Renner

June 29, 2014

Summer of Gratitude:

10 a.m. Worship Service. Rev. Brooks Berndt, preaching Infant and Toddler Care available.

Worship Volunteers:

Greeters: Cindy and Anne McNally
Worship Leader: Dorothy Mathews
Ushers: John Bradley and John Hannon

REMEMBERING OUR FAMILY IN PRAYER

Prayer requests for:

Our sons and daughters overseas, and the people of the Middle East;

CONTINUING PRAYER
REQUESTS FOR:

Farley Maxwell
Joan Blair
Nancy Phelps
Gloria Ross

Many Thanks

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to my Church Family for all the cards, prayers and phone calls I have received as I prepared for major surgery. It has been a real shot in the arm to hear from so many people.

Nancy Phelps

UPCOMING PUBLICATION DATES FOR "The Link"

Link Deadline:
Link Mailed:

June 8, 2014
June 10, 2014

Birthdays in June

June 03	Bert Martin
June 04	Elias Martin
June 07	Claude Blair
June 12	Virginia Dunbar
June 12	Al Duvall
June 12	Cindy McNally
June 12	Jackie Vane
June 12	Emily Andrews
June 12	Allison Schnabel
June 14	Rory Martindale
June 14	Sharon Kenoski
June 15	Nausicaa Moscoe
June 16	Anne Kamp
June 16	Wayne Kamp
June 17	Doraine Kohler
June 18	Alicia King
June 18	Kimberly Lewis
June 19	JoAnn Kersavage
June 20	Marcie Ramberg
June 26	Lynn Renner
June 28	Haydn Chapman

Please Correct your Directory

Bert and Kristina Martin
Home Phone: 360-695-4545

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU-OOOOO!

Congratulations to our 2014 Graduates!

Josiah Renner

Josiah, son of Lynn and Tom Renner, is graduating from Woodland High School. He has enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces and will be going to boot camp at Ft. Jackson, SC in September.

Grayson Munn

Grayson, son of Greg and Becky Munn and grandson of Darrell and Shirley Brandenburg, is graduating from Redmond Proficiency Academy Charter School in Redmond, Oregon. He plans to continue his education at Bend Jr. College in Bend, Oregon.

Kristen Marie Nye

Kristin, the daughter of Don and Beth Slocum Nye and granddaughter of Irma Slocum, will graduate from LaCenter and Prairie High Schools. She will leave soon for the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Jana Erdman

Jana will graduate from Columbia River High School in June and will be attending Western Washington University.

Kristin Mauke-Wiswall

Kristin, daughter of Larry and Seeseei Mauke-Wiswall, will graduate from The University of Washington on June 14th. She has earned her Bachelor of Arts in both *English* and *Law, Societies and Justice*.

Kristin has been working for the University of Washington as Program Assistant for Campus Dining since March gaining managerial and office experience.

Many Thanks to Our Teachers for 2014.

Angie Hill
Susan Ross
Gina Marquardt
Cindy McNally
Kristin Martindale
Richard Trefren
Cory Saum-Blystone
Claudia Martin
Greg Saum-Blystone
John Fite
Lynn Renner
Cindy Schnabel

Teacher and Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 1

Please make sure you are in church for our annual Teacher Appreciation and Graduate Recognition Sunday. Besides recognizing them during the service, we will have special treats for our coffee hour.

Gratitude

Contributed by Ed Frank

Gratitude is an expression and practice prominent in the members of our congregation. In keeping with this, my fellow members of Salmon Creek Kiwanis, Darrell Brandenburg and Ken Rowe, want to say thanks for the support so many in our church give toward our community programs by attending our annual concerts.. Among the 20+ programs we support are WHO, Walk and Knock Clark County, the Food Bank, WWCA Safe Choice and Babies in Need.

If anyone would like more information about Kiwanis and it's focus on the community, come talk with Darrell, Ken or myself on Sunday mornings.

2014 PROPHETIC ACTION

The task force had their first meeting and is planning some great educational events for our church and our community.

We will be recommending a book on climate change for your summer reading adventures. We will also post updates on the proposed oil terminal on our church Face Book page, web page and *The Link*.

On May 19th, the Vancouver City Council introduced a draft resolution opposing the proposed oil terminal. You can read the 9 page document: <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/citycouncil/page/city-council-meeting-54>. You can also attend the next city council meeting on June 2nd at 7:00 PM at City Hall and make comments. The draft resolution reads in part: "...requesting the Port of Vancouver to terminate its lease with Tesoro Savage; urging EFSEC to recommend against the siting of the oil terminal; urging the Governor to not approve a site certification agreement; and urging Congress, the Legislature and regulators to adopt laws to increase the safety of the transportation of crude oil."



HELP US CELEBRATE! PRIDE SEASON IS HERE

On May 19th, Oregon gay and lesbian couples won the freedom to marry and marriages began that same day! Many UCC pastors, including our own Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Walter John Boris, were there to officiate. What a beautiful day! Let's continue the celebration at the annual **Portland Pride Festival and Parade June 14-15**.

Here is how you can participate:

- Volunteer for our UCC booth (G-3) for a two hour shift between noon to 6 PM on Saturday and/or Sunday.
- Drive your van or pick-up truck in the parade to transport folks who are unable to walk the distance.
- Attend a brief worship service prior to the parade in the North Park Blocks near our line-up spot.
- March in the parade and help us carry our church banner. You are also encouraged to make your own signs celebrating marriage equality.

Step off time for the parade is 11 AM. Our slot in the parade will be posted on June 1st. Check the website for parade route and other details here: <http://pridenw.org/>. To volunteer: contact Karen Kulm at 360-991-5774 or lk.kulm@gmail.com.

Bible Adventures Will Be on Hiatus

Bible Adventures will go on hiatus for the summer months starting on June 22nd. Over the summer, children will sit with their families and enjoy the service. There will be some doodle pads and crayons available in the narthex. There will also be a book basket with a variety of books available. **If you have any books you would like to donate, please let Kristina or Kathy know at (360) 693-1476.**



SAVE THE DATE: September 26 -28 Central Pacific Conference UCC Annual Meeting in Pendleton, Oregon

The theme for the CPC Annual Meeting is "**Time to Lead: Call to Action on the Climate Crisis.**" How are we being called to bring forth quantum change in our world and our communities?

One of the resolutions that will be submitted for the assembly to vote on is: "Opposing the Construction of Coal, Oil and Natural Gas Export Terminals and Transport of Coal, Oil and Natural Gas through the Pacific Northwest".

We will have a keynote speaker, workshops, music, fun, reconnecting with friends from across the conference and meeting new friends. To keep up to date visit our Face Book page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CPCUCCAnnualMeeting>

You can also sign up to volunteer for the event from the Face Book page or speak to Karen Kulm 360-991-5774.



UCC STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8TH

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking."

Please make your check out to our church and put "Strengthen the church" in the memo line. You can also place your check in the special offering envelopes in the pews. Your offerings are directed to our Central Pacific Conference, Local Church Ministries, and The Stillspeaking Ministry.

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Graduates and Teachers Recognition 10:00 Worship SAN 10:20 Bible Adv. CL 11:15 MAZI TRI 11 & 1 MCC PLY 1:00 CCM/A SAN 4:30 Fireside PLY	2 5:00 Food Bank class BRD 7:00 Spirituality NFL 7:30 Fireside PLY	3 9:00 WW BRD 9:30 Bible Study PLY 1:30 Seeking God Osborne Home 6:30 CE CL2 7:30 Seeking God Osborne Home	4 10:30 Staff PLY 4:00 WW BRD 7:00 Choir SAN	5 4:00 Martha's Pantry 6:00 Planned Pthd NFL 6:30 Sierra Board CL2 7:30 Fireside PLY	6	7
8 10:00 Worship SAN 10:20 Bible Adv. CL 11:00 Faith Action Net. BRD 11 & 1 MCC PLY 4:30 Fireside PLY	9 5:00 Food Bank class BRD 7:30 Fireside PLY	10 LINK 9:00 WW BRD 9:30 Bible Study PLY 11:00 Martha's Pantry 5:30 Parish Life NFL	11 10:30 Staff PLY 4:00 WW BRD 7:00 PCusers Brd. NFL 7:00 Coal Free PLY	12 10:00 Prayer Sh. NFL 4:00 Martha's Pantry 7:00 Membership CL2 7:30 Fireside PLY	13	14 9:30 Women's Bkfst Quay
15 Portland Pride 8:30 Meditation CLC 10:00 Worship SAN 10:20 Bible Adv. CL 11:15 MAZI TRI 11 & 1 MCC PLY 1:00 Lena Recital SAN 4:30 Fireside PLY	16 5:00 Food Bank class BRD 7:00 Spirituality NFL 7:30 Fireside PLY	17 9:00 WW BRD 9:30 Bible Study PLY 11:00 Martha's Pantry 6:30 PCUsers BRD	18 10:30 Staff PLY 10:30 Ebel Circle 4:00 WW BRD	19 4:00 Martha's Pantry 7:00 Evening Books NFL 7:30 Fireside PLY	20	21 8:30 Men's Bkfst BRD
22 10:00 Worship SAN 11 & 1 MCC PLY 4:30 Fireside PLY	23 5:00 Food Bank class BRD 7:00 Personnel NFL 7:30 Fireside PLY	24 LINK 9:00 WW BRD 9:30 Bible Study PLY 11:00 Martha's Pantry 6:00 Communicat. CL2	25 10:30 Staff PLY 4:00 WW BRD 6:00 P&F PLY	26 1:00 Art Group PLY 4:00 MP 7:00 Council CL2 7:30 Fireside PLY	27	28
29 10:00 Worship SAN 11 & 1 MCC PLY 4:30 Fireside PLY	30 6:30 VANUSA BRD 7:30 Fireside PLY					

Book by Pastor Brooks Now Available on Kindle

This past week the Kindle edition of *Sounding the Trumpet* by Pastor Brooks and the Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. was released on Amazon for the first time. For a few days, it was the bestselling book on Amazon in the category of liberation theology. You can find the book here: www.amazon.com/Sounding-Trumpet-Churches-Answer-Justice-ebook/dp/B00F6NK060
Kind reviews are appreciated!