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COME TO THE ADULT ED CLASS

Mark Dowdy, Pastor

“Saving Jesus for the 21st Century”

January 11 - April 5, 2009, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Mark Dowdy is facilitator.

“Saving Jesus” is a revolutionary DVD-based exploration of Jesus for the third millennium. Featuring leading religious leaders, theologians, and biblical scholars of our day, including **Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Mathew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, James Forbes** and others, this 12-session program involves participants in conversation around readings, quotes and questions that explore the relevance of Jesus Christ for our contemporary lives.

We will view segments each week, followed by exercises and discussion. All are invited to this fascinating presentation of biblical and theological materials for this particular age of Christianity.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES BOOSTER CLASS

Beth Rossing

On February 10, 17, and 24, TUCO and TOGETHER! will sponsor three booster sessions for previous Strengthening Families classes. Materials presented in the original seven sessions will be reviewed and participants will have an opportunity to ‘check in’ with other families to see how principles learned have helped build relationships and deal with stressful situations they may have encountered.

We will provide an evening meal for these families and count on TUCO support for this ministry. Providing this meal allows participants to come directly from work and have opportunity for fellowship before the class session.

If you can help provide food please contact **Beth Rossing** at 943-9055 or barossing@msn.com. Thanks in advance to all who help make this continuing ministry of TUCO possible and effective.

Worship Services

January 25

8:15 & 11:00 A.M.

“Follow Me”

TEXTS:

- Jonah 3:1-5 • Psalm 62:5-12
- 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
- Mark 1:14-20

9:30 A.M.

*Family Worship
Experience*

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service ~ Prayer

February 1

8:15 & 11:00 A.M.

“Power to Do”

TEXTS:

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111:1-6, 13-18
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- Mark 1:21-28

- ⊕ Communion
- ⊕ Food/Other Bank Sunday
- ⊕ 11 a.m. Infant Baptism

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service ~ Labyrinth

PARKING LOT HOSPITALITY

Mark Dowdy, Pastor

Many of you have asked about the RV that is parked in our lower parking lot. The husband and wife who occupy the RV are part of the homeless in our community living in cars or RVs who were required by city ordinance some months ago to leave the streets of downtown. A consortium of concerned residents of Thurston County is working with the Family Support Center to solicit churches in our area to "host" an RV for a similar period of time as Camp Quixote. The same screening procedures for Camp Quixote residents are used in screening the RV occupants.

Some 90 days ago, those working on the RV Project asked if TUCO might consider hosting the RV that had been parked at St. Johns because Camp Quixote was moving there. In consultation with our Moderator, Leslie Cushman, it was decided we would invite them to be our guests. Council was informed. This family signed a **Resident Code of Conduct and Agreement**, and went through background checks and other screening as a part of the Safe Parking Program. We are in consultation with them now about whether they stay longer, or move to another location.

Council has copies of the Resident Code of Conduct and Agreement; a letter from Phil Owen, Family Support Center Homeless Outreach Coordinator, with more details of the RV Project; and a larger detailed paper, "Close the Gap -- Initiative to End Street Homelessness" created to inform the faith communities of Thurston County of opportunities to serve the growing homeless population of our county.

If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to contact me. Also, please continue to remember these folks in your prayers, and help where you can.

LIVING FAITHFULLY, LIVING LIGHTLY

Beth Bowden



Are you called to explore what it means to live lightly? Join us as we take steps together to reduce our imprint on the earth and celebrate nature's beauty and bounty. We will also practice a period of silence in our meetings.

Topics to Consider • Eating locally and seasonally • Abundance or scarcity • Composting and sustainable gardening • Slow food movement • Reduce and reuse (gas, shopping, plastics) • Traveling (plane, carpooling, biking, walking)

Actions to Take • Native plant gardening • Bird-watching • Seasonal potluck • Service work • Walks • Water barrels

Convener: Beth Bowden **Phone:** 956-9888

Length: 8 sessions **Location:** TUCO, Room 5

At our **first meeting, Saturday, January 24, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**, our topic will be the first day of creation, Genesis 1:1-3, and our action will be to calculate our carbon footprint (www.Myfootprint.org). Contact Beth for information about this TUCO small group.

SPIRITUAL CINEMA NIGHT

Pat Sonnenstuhl

Spiritual Cinema movie night, which meets 4th Saturdays in the Fireside Room, resumes **Saturday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a dessert to share, enjoy watching and then discussing spiritual films. Our previous sessions have been very inspiring. Our film picks for **January:**

Lucy's Piano, a short film about transformation when humanity softens the blow of a tragic loss.

Memories of Earth is a mixture of animated art by Frédéric Back and beautiful nature cinematography. Sharing the creation myths of the Haida, who for over 10,000 years have inhabited the Queen Charlotte Islands, it also documents the disastrous effect of outside influences on a culture that is based on living in balance with the Earth.

February - Illusion

April - Emmanuel's Gift

March - One, the Movie

May - Baptists at Our Barbeque

Watch the Voice and our website for more information. We welcome your suggestions. Please contact **Pat Sonnenstuhl** at 943-8933 or cnmpat@comcast.net.

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**There is no fear in
love.**



1 John 4:18

EVENTS AT CHURCH Thursday, January 22 - Saturday, February 7

<p>Thursday January 22</p> <p>Noon Faith in Flux brown bag group, Fireside Room</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Small Group Leadership Training, Fireside</p> <p>Friday January 23</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow shelter, downstairs classrooms</p> <p>Saturday January 24</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Living Lightly Small Group, Rm. #5</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Spiritual Cinema, Fireside</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Sunday January 25</p> <p>8:15 Worship, Chapel</p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship, Narthex</p> <p>9:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Rm. 6</p> <p>9:30 Family Worship Experience, Social Hall</p> <p>9:30 Adult Ed.</p> <p>11:00 Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>12:30 Senior Highs, Social Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spirit Service, Chapel</p> <p>7:00 Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Monday January 26</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Tuesday January 27</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Worship Planning, Rm. 106</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Panorama Communion and Bible Study, Quinault Chapel</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Rm. 106</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Middlers, Social Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Wednesday January 28</p> <p>6:00 p.m. VOICE Articles Due</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Pairs & Spares Luncheon Meeting, Panorama Restaurant</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spirit Sing, Chapel</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Drum Fun, Social Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Thursday January 29</p> <p>Noon Faith in Flux brown bag lunch discussion group, Fireside Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. UCC Congregation and Presbyterian Session Potluck and meetings, Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Friday January 30</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>
<p>Pictures from the Festival Cantata are on our website: www.theunitedchurches.org/Worship_at_TUCO/</p>						
<p>Saturday January 31</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Congregational Life Potluck and Game Night</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow shelter</p> <p>Saturday February 7</p>	<p>Sunday February 1</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship, Chapel</p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship, Narthex</p> <p>9:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Rm. 6</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School & Adult Ed</p> <p>10:20 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Rm. 6</p> <p>11:00 Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>12:30 Senior Highs, Social Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spirit Service, Chapel</p> <p>~ Labyrinth</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Monday February 2</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Tuesday February 3</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Worship Planning, Rm. 106</p> <p>3:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 106</p> <p>5:00 Middlers, Social Hall</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Congregational Life Ministry, Fireside Rm.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Administration Ministry, Chapel</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry, Rm. #106</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Wednesday February 4</p> <p>6:00 Daughters of Eve, Fireside Rm.</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spirit Sing, Chapel</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Drum Fun, Rm. 106</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Thursday February 5</p> <p>Noon Faith in Flux brown bag lunch discussion group, Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 Worship Ministry, Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overflow Shelter</p>	<p>Friday February 6</p>
<p>ONGOING EVENTS <i>All Are Welcome!</i></p>						
<p>WEDNESDAYS</p> <p>Spirit Sing, 6:00 p.m., Chapel</p> <p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary</p> <p>Drum Fun, 7-9 p.m., Room 106</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAYS</p> <p>Labyrinth Walk, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Social Hall</p> <p>SECOND FRIDAYS</p> <p>Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., The Spar Restaurant</p> <p>LAST SUNDAYS</p> <p>Family Worship Experience, 9:30 a.m., Social Hall</p>						



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EAT TOGETHER, MEET APART

Janet Anderson, UCC Moderator

Thursday, January 29, 6:00 p.m.



Members of the Presbyterian Session will join the United Church of Christ congregation for a potluck supper on Thursday, January 29 at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room, then break into our respective congregations to meet.

UCCers: In addition to good food and fellowship, there will be a discussion about what's going on in the UCC denomination, who'll be attending the April UCC conference in Spokane, and the election of a UCC Moderator and Clerk for the 2009 year.

Those whose last names begin with:

- A to G will bring a salad or vegetables.
- G to Q will bring main dishes.
- R to Z group will bring desserts.

Everyone please bring your own plates and utensils to save set up and clean up time. Bread, coffee and juice will be provided.

Prayers For

- ✦ **Bob & Char McMullen**, on the death of Bob's mother in Kent. Her memorial is January 24.
- ✦ **Curtis Eaton**, brain surgery January 9, doing well.
- ✦ All those recovering from the recent floods, and those assisting with the clean-up.
- ✦ **Camp Quixote**, now guests of First Christian.
- ✦ **Clara Mitchell, Mary Webster, L.D. McNall, and Tom Goldsmith** at Panorama C & R.
- ✦ **Jon & Leda Pugh**, on the unexpected death of Jon's mother, January 16 in Virginia.
- ✦ Our new class of Stephen Minister Trainees: **Diane Baldwin, Kathleen Clark, Jim Harvison, Lou Ann Houck, Marg Lippert, Sylvia Orwig, Leda Pugh.**

