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STUDY 'PRAYER' WITH MARK AND PAUL

Mark Dowdy, Pastor

Beginning Sunday, October 25 and running through December 20, Paul McCann and I will be leading a class on "Prayer," following a book by Joyce Rupp of the same name. Joyce is well known for her work as a writer, a spiritual "midwife," and world-wide retreat and conference speaker. She is a member of the Servites (Servants of Mary) community and a volunteer for Hospice.

One of my goals for the rest of my ministry with us is to nurture and encourage our spiritual growth. This nine-week class is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about prayer, have time to pray, and "fasten our souls to God," as Julian of Norwich said long ago. A copy of Rupp's book will be available for you to purchase this coming Sunday, October 18.

OCTOBER PASTORS' SCHEDULE

Mark Dowdy, Pastor

With God's healing power and your good prayers and cares, I continue to make progress in recovering from my "Journey of Grace," and the life-threatening infection that attacked my liver some 10 weeks ago.

As you read this, I will be back to work half-time for the rest of October, and our temporary pastor Jan Van Pelt will work half-time also. Her last day with us will be October 25 when we'll have a coffee hour in her honor. Many thanks to all of you who have carried on as the Church of Jesus Christ Alive!

SEPTEMBER NOTES ON BUDGET, GIVING

Sid Olson, Bookkeeper

On a positive note, contributions for Amy's leave-taking gifts totaled \$855, while the cost of gifts presented to her totaled \$293. The balance of \$562 was given to Amy in a check. She and Ben and Jake very much appreciated all of the gifts from TUCO.

2009 Budget Status through September 30	
Income	\$338,684
Expenses	\$367,683
Deficit to date	(\$28,999)

Worship Services

October 18

8:15 A.M. - Chapel

11:00 A.M. - Sanctuary

"Great Service"

TEXTS:

- Isaiah 53:4-12
- Psalm 91:9-16
- Hebrews 5:1-10
- Mark 10:35-45

✦ Stewardship Kick-Off

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service

~ Taizé

October 25

8:10 A.M. - Chapel

9:30 A.M. - **Family Worship Experience, Social Hall**

11:00 A.M. - Sanctuary

"Take Heart"

TEXTS:

- Jeremiah 31:7-9
- Psalm 126
- Hebrews 7:23-28
- Mark 10:46-52

✦ Honoring Jan Van Pelt at both coffee fellowship hours

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service

~ Prayer

WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP



The next meeting will be held on **October 21 at 10:00 a.m.** at the home of Olinda Corin, 5617 Devonshire St. SE, Olympia, 98501. We will discuss the recently read book, "The Devil in the White City" by Eric Larson. At this meeting, members will receive the book "The Dante Club" by Matthew Pearl for November.

Please call Olinda at 456-1304 if you wish to attend or need directions to her home. Those interested in car-pooling, please meet at the home of Joyce Allen, 2311 Beta St., Panorama at 9:45 a.m. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday morning of each month. New members are always welcome.

FALL EVENTS SCHEDULE

- October 17** Spiritual Cinema, Fireside Room
- October 18** Stewardship Campaign begins
- October 24** Around the World Game Night with International Potluck, 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
- October 25** Family Worship Experience, 9:30 a.m.
- November 15** Annual Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
- November 29** Advent Begins
- December 5** Christmas decorating and potluck, 5:00—9:00 p.m., Social Hall
- December 12** Alternative Giving Fair, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Olympia Center

CALLING INTERESTED SINGERS

If you would like to be a part of a small choral ensemble that will sing for fun, and sometimes provide music for the 8:15 Sunday morning service, please come to the first rehearsal of the ChapelSingers, from 6:00-6:45 p.m., Wednesday evenings in the Chapel, beginning October 14.

Contact Dee Morton, 866-9250 or 360-520-5468, for further information.

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SPIRITUAL CINEMA OCT. 17

Pat Sonnenstuhl

2012: SCIENCE OR SUPERSTITION

Saturday, October 17, 6:30

About the movie: The ending of the Mayan calendar on December 21, 2012 has sparked a worldwide discussion, best-selling books and films. This documentary goes to the heart of the 2012 question. Will life as we know it end --metaphorically, literally or at all? Could 2012 actually represent an evolutionary leap in our consciousness? Discover how the multiple and at times conflicting perspectives on this enigmatic topic combines with related global change theories.

This entertaining, informative film gets you up to date on the 2012 phenomenon, allowing you to decide for yourself.

This is a great opportunity to discuss these issues with others. We meet at 6:30 for dessert and then share the viewing and a discussion of the film. Hope to see you.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Dee Morton, Director of Music

I want to let TUCO singers and instrumentalists know of this season's musical opportunities available at United Churches. I hope you will make these rehearsals and services a part of your busy life.

Festival Choir. Starts with a run-through on Saturday, October 31, from 9:00—11:30 a.m., and continues on Wednesdays, from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir rehearsal from 8 to 9 p.m. The Christmas cantata, *Festival of Lessons and Carols* by Hal Hopson, will be presented at the morning services on December 20.

Chancel Choir. Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., and Sundays at 10:20 a.m. Sing for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship every Sunday.

ChapelSingers. Wednesdays from 6-6:45 p.m. Singing for fun, and providing occasional worship music for the 8:15 a.m. Chapel worship.

Youth Choir. Will be announced soon.

I hope to see ALL of you at one or more of these weekly singing times. Your voices and talents are ALWAYS appreciated, by those with whom you sing, and by the grateful folk who worship with you.

EVENTS AT CHURCH Thursday, October 15 - Saturday, October 31

<u>Thursday October 15</u>	<u>Sunday October 18</u>	<u>Monday October 19</u>	<u>Tuesday October 20</u>	<u>Wednesday October 21</u>	<u>Thursday October 22</u>	<u>Friday October 23</u>
7:00 pm Mission, Peace & Justice Ministry, Rm. 106 Friday October 16 10:00 am Car-ing Friends, Fireside Room Saturday October 17 6:30 pm Spiritual Cinema, Fireside Room	8:15 am Worship, Chapel 9:30 am Sunday School, down-stairs; Adult Ed, Fireside Room 10:20 Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 12:00 pm Coffee Fellowship, Fireside Room 12:30 Senior Highs, Youth Rm. 6:00 pm Spirit Service Chapel ~Taizé	OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm Peace Crafters, Karen Watts home, 456-2526	10:00 am Staff Mtg, Rm. 106 1:00 pm Worship Plan-ning, Rm. 106 5:30 Middlers, Youth Room	6:00 pm VOICE Articles Due 6:00 pm Chapel Singers, Chapel 7:00 Chancel choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:00 Drum Fun, Social Hall	7:00 pm Steward-ship Ministry, Fire-side Room	
 <p>"Celebration of Thanks, Celebration of Giving" 26TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE <i>Sunday, November 22, 2:30-4 pm</i> Temple Beth Hatfiloh, 201 8th Ave SE, Olympia The offering will benefit the Thurston County Food Bank, and Interfaith Works.</p>						
<u>Saturday October 24</u>	<u>Sunday October 25</u>	<u>Monday October 26</u>	<u>Tuesday October 27</u>	<u>Wednesday October 28</u>	<u>Thursday October 29</u>	<u>Friday October 30</u>
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<p>ATTENTION TUCO WIRELESS USERS</p> <p>On Friday, October 30, Matt Carrithers will be adding security enhancements to our security network, which will bring us up to current industry standards. You will need additional security configurations to your wireless device to maintain connectivity. Matt is available for morning appointments with you (and your wireless device) on Friday, October 16 and October 30. Please contact him at ithers@comcast.net.</p>						



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CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK OCT. 29

It's time for a potluck at the church for all TUCO people. October has a 5th Thursday on the 29th. Bring a dish to share. Come to enjoy the good food, camaraderie and to discuss pertinent church issues. Both denominations will have short discussions after we eat. See you soon!

BIKE & WALK FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Thurston County faith communities are invited to Bike and Walk for Climate Change Awareness on **October 24, 2009**, a *worldwide day of action* for people who see the climate crisis as a spiritual and moral issue, and are committed to working together to find solutions.

Be one of 350 families on the Chehalis Western trail, biking and walking in public witness to the need to set carbon dioxide emission limits of 350 parts per million (www.350.org). For more information about the local event and a route map go to www.uuvoiceswa.org, or call 360 786-8074.

Sponsored by Interfaith Works Earth Stewardship Committee, Washington State Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice. They invite all faith communities and organizations to join them.

Prayers For

- ✦ **Margaret Harvison**, undergoing tests for severe pain.
- ✦ **Nora DeMaster**, leukemia.
- ✦ **The Staff of TUCO**, in these days of transition.
- ✦ Friends and members who are in care facilities.
- ✦ **Brooke Johnson**, arthroscopic knee surgery, recovering well.
- ✦ **Marilyn Sprague**, knee replacement surgery at St. Peter's October 19.
- ✦ **Jacky Crow**, back surgery on October 5, now at Puget Sound Health Care.
- ✦ Those facing job loss and seeking new employment.
- ✦ **Brenna Ann Ganey**, born September 18 at St. Peter's. She weighed seven pounds. Parents Todd and Jennifer and big brother Aidan are all very happy and well.

