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WALK, RUN OR PLEDGE TO SUPPORT CROP

John Bowden, CROPWalk Coordinator



With so much focus on the financial problems our country faces, we sometimes lose track of the good we are doing throughout the world. TUCO is a big part of why the Thurston County CROP Walk has been so successful in helping neighbors here in our community as well as around the world. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are given to local food programs and the other seventy-five percent will help supply **food and clean drinking water, clear land mines, and provide livestock, seed, and agricultural equipment** to other parts of the world.

Will you join us in this time of need? If you are interested in walking or would like to sponsor a walker, a table will be set up in the Narthex between services and after the 11:00 service every Sunday in April. You can get more information, register to walk, and buy the newest CROP WALK tee shirt.

The 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) walk takes place on **Sunday, May 3**. It starts between the State Capitol and the Temple of Justice with registration and pre-walk activities at 12:30 and the walk itself is at 1:30. The walk goes around Capitol Lake and returns along Capitol Way. Refreshments are provided at the halfway point and at the end of the walk.

Thanks to all of you, TUCO is recognized as a leader and a major contributor in making the CROP Walk one the biggest in the nation. It is an important part of TUCO's tradition of service and caring for others. It is also a great way to join others from our church and our community in an enjoyable activity and a worthy cause. For more information contact **John Bowden** at jbow57@yahoo.com or 956-9888.

NEW! RAISE CROP HUNGER FUNDS ON-LINE!

Just send an e-mail to your cousins in Nebraska, Grandma in St. Louis, or friends in Europe. You can also create your own personal web-page, add links to your social networking site, and watch your sponsorship grow! For more information, go to www.churchworldservice.org, click on CROP, then scroll down.

Worship Services

April 19

Earth Day Sunday

8:15 & 11:00 A.M.

“Awakening to a New Vision”

TEXTS:

- Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm 133
- John 20:19-31

✚ Dr. Bob Roon, Adult Ed

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service

April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

8:15 & 11:00 A.M.

“God With Us”

TEXTS:

- Acts 3:12-19
- Psalm 4
- Luke 24:36-48

9:30 A.M.

Family Worship Experience

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service
~ Prayer

No matter what species you are, or where you are in succession from seedling to old growth, you are welcome here!

We are a forest looking for more trees to be part of the Procession of the Species on Saturday, April 25. Like real forests, our theme is to celebrate diversity with a mix of species, ages and sizes! Real forests are made up not only of trees, but shrubs and flowering plants, birds, mammals, insects, fungi, amphibians, and more, including humans. A larger and more diverse forest is resilient, secure, and offers more different kinds of habitat.

Costume Workshop: We'll have a costume workshop with plenty of materials at the church on **April 19**, Earth Day Sunday, after the 11:00 service. The Procession Community Art Studio at 311 1/2 Capitol Way is open M-F 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10:00 p.m. (*Three rules - No Words, No Motorized Vehicles, No live Animals*).

Procession Day: On Procession Day, April 25, meet at 4:00 p.m. at the NW corner of the intersection of Cherry Street and 7th Avenue. Wear or carry a tree canopy, dressed as a tree trunk, or come dressed as a forest-dwelling plant or creature. We'll then find our position in the Earth section, which forms on Cherry between 7th and Legion. Contact **Ruth Shearer**, 438-5682 or shearrrj@aol.com

All ages and mobilities are welcome, including wheelchairs and wagons.



EARTH DAY SUNDAY

On April 19, The United Churches will honor Earth Day. Our seminary intern **Jill Komura** will combine her unique background in history, law, and water resources to preach on God's Creation at both morning services.

Leading the Adult Education class at 9:30 a.m. is **Dr. Bob Roan**, who will share reflections on the evolution of his faith and worldview as a research scientist and professor of biochemistry since 1970, the year of the first Earth Day.

PAIRS & SPARES

Annita Noah

Wednesday, April 22 Social 11:30 Lunch 12:00

Panorama Restaurant Garden Room

Jerri McCoy from the Olympia Genealogy Society will speak on the third largest hobby in the U.S. The fascination is hard to describe. Please make reservations with the church at 943-1210, by Monday, April 20.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet **Friday, April 17** at The Spar, 7:00 a.m. to continue telling life stories.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS CLASS

Beginning Sunday, April 26 through June 7, **Dr. Ian Werrett**, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, and Director, Spiritual Life Institute at Saint Martin's University will lead a six-session course introducing modern students to the ancient scrolls of the Dead Sea. This course will also explore the circumstances of their discovery, interesting archaeological factors, what we know about authorship and language used, and the scrolls' contents. Special attention will be placed on the relationship between the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible.

OLYMPIA CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT

'Songs of Our Nation'

April 17-18, 7:30 p.m.

N. Thurston Arts Ctr., 600 Sleater-Kinney Rd.
Free, donations benefit music scholarships

April 19, 4:00 p.m.

7th Street Theater, Hoquiam, WA

TUCO members **Sharon Wallace** and **Beth and Gib Rossing** sing in the Chorale and invite all to attend! www.olympiachoral.org

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EVENTS AT CHURCH

Thursday, April 16 - Saturday, May 2

<p>Thursday April 16</p> <p>Noon Faith in Flux brown bag lunch discussion group, Fireside 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting, Fireside</p> <p>Friday April 17</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, The Spar (<i>rescheduled from Holy Week</i>) 10:00 Caring Friends, Fireside 11:30 Stephen Leaders, Mark's office</p> <p>Saturday April 18</p>	<p>Sunday April 19</p> <p>EARTH DAY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship, Chapel 9:15 Coffee Fellowship, Narthex 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Ed (10:20 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 Worship, Sanctuary Noon Coffee Fellowship 12:30 Senior Highs, Social Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spirit Service, Chapel ~Taizé</p>	<p>Monday April 20</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Tuesday April 21</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Worship Planning, Rm. 106 3:00 Staff Meeting, Rm. 106 5:30 Middlers, Potluck, Youth Room 5:30 Generation Next and Now, Chapel 6:30 Stephen Minister Trng, Fireside Room 7:00 Interfaith Works Annual Meeting, Temple Beth Hatfiloh</p>	<p>Wednesday April 22</p> <p>Earth Day</p>  <p>6:00 p.m. VOICE Artides Due</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Pairs & Spares, Panorama Restaurant 6:00 p.m. Spirit Sing, Chapel 7:00 Drum Fun, Social Hall 7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>Thursday April 23</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitting Small Group, Fireside Room Noon Faith in Flux brown bag lunch discussion group, Fireside Room 12:00 Stewardship Ministry preparation meeting with speaker, Library</p>	<p>Friday April 24</p> <p>Pastors and delegates gone to NW UCC Annual Meeting in Spokane...</p>
<p>Saturday April 25</p> <p>... UCC ANNUAL MEETING IN SPOKANE, THROUGH SUNDAY 4:00 TUCO Forest meet at 7th & Cherry 4:30 Procession of the Species downtown</p>  <p>Saturday May 2</p>	<p>Sunday April 26</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship, Chapel 9:15 Coffee Fellowship, Narthex 9:30 Family Worship Experience 9:30 Adult Ed (10:20 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 Worship, Sanctuary Noon Coffee Fellowship 12:30 Senior Highs, Road Trip & Social Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spirit Service, Chapel ~Prayer</p>	<p>Monday April 27</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Tuesday April 28</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Panorama Communion & Bible Study, Quinault Chapel 1:00 Worship Planning, Rm. 106 3:30 Staff Mtg, Rm. 106 5:15 Personnel Ministry, Rm. 106 5:30 Middlers, Cook, Social Hall 5:30 Congregational Life Ministry, Fireside 6:30 Stephen Ministry supervision, Rm. 106 6:30 Stephen Ministry training, Fireside Room</p>	<p>Wednesday April 29</p> <p>6:00 Spirit Sing, Chapel 7:00 Drum Fun, Rm. 106 7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>Thursday April 30</p> <p>Noon Faith in Flux brown bag lunch discussion group, Fireside Room 6:00 p.m. All Presbyterian & UCC member Potluck, Fireside & Chapel</p>	<p>Friday May 1</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk, Social Hall</p>

NO SPIRITUAL CINEMA on April 25. See you at the Procession! Please join us on May 23.

ONGOING EVENTS
All Are Welcome!

- WEDNESDAYS**
Spirit Sing, 6:00 p.m., Chapel
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Drum Fun, 7-9 p.m., Room 106
- THURSDAYS**
Faith in Flux Discussion & Brown Bag, Noon, Fireside
- FIRST FRIDAYS**
Labyrinth Walk, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Social Hall
- SECOND FRIDAYS**
Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., The Spar Restaurant
- FOURTH SATURDAYS**
Spiritual Cinema, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- LAST SUNDAY S**
Family Worship Experience, 9:30 a.m., Social Hall

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Mary Russell, Scholarship Review Committee

Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2009

The TUCO Scholarship Review Committee is now accepting applications. There are two scholarship funds: the **McNall Fund**, available only to high school seniors, and the **Thompson Fund**, which is not limited. Awards are not intended to cover the full cost of school for any applicant and generally will not exceed \$500.

The policy and guidelines, along with application forms, are available in the church office and must be completed and returned to the office by **May 1, 2009**.

Applicants will be notified by the Scholarship Review Committee in early May. Scholarship awards are sent directly to the school that the student will be attending and notification of the award is sent to the recipient's high school or college.

Prayers For



- ✦ **L.D. McNall**, Panorama C&R, hospice care.
- ✦ **Trystyn Denbow Emineth**, infant daughter of Sirena Denbow and Christine Emineth, recovering from seizure.
- ✦ **Rachel Tiegen**, daughter of Terry Tiegen, UCC Pastor, successful surgery to remove benign brain tumor.
- ✦ **Jayne & Julie Conway**, twin sisters of Steve Conway, both diagnosed with cancer.
- ✦ **Clara Mitchell, Mary Webster**, Panorama C&R.
- ✦ For all our members and friends who are uncertain about their jobs.



SPRING ARTS WALK IS FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Experience visual and performing arts
in over 100 downtown businesses.

TUCO members **Billie-Gwen Russell** has watercolors at Graphic Communications, and **Walt Sonnenstuhl** performs with Planetary People at Furniture Works at 6 p.m.



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