

VOICE

The United Churches of Olympia

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JOIN THE FUN TO DECORATE-EAT-SING

Bunny Hooper, Worship Ministry

Saturday, December 10, 4 p.m. Social Hall
Spaghetti Dinner Prepared by the Youth, 5:30 p.m.

We will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas with the hanging of greens, lights, stars, ornaments and even some making of goodies.

Sanctuary - hanging garlands, bows and wreath; decorating the large tree in Chancel area; placing poinsettias.

Narthex - placing poinsettias, fresh greens, manger and straw

Chapel - hanging garlands and bows, place candles in the windows, decorating the Chapel tree.

Fireside Room - hanging garlands and bows, colored ornaments, reindeer and lights, hanging blue skrim with stars of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, poinsettias around the room.

Dinner in the Social Hall will follow at 5:30 p.m. There will be holiday music, hot chocolate and cider and Tammy will have an activity for children.

Come join in this wonderful celebration of the coming of the babe on Christmas Eve.

“BETHLEHEM YEAR ZERO” ADULT ED CLASS

Donald Ulrich

November 27– December 18, 10:30 am, Room 106

These four well written and entertaining DVD presentations provide a greater understanding and new appreciation of the world into which Jesus was born. All events are reported in a nightly news television program as though they are occurring *now* using on-the-scene correspondents and political analysts much like we see on "NBC News", etc. See and hear breaking news about three limousines bringing diplomats across the eastern border of Palestine! Their mysterious mission unfolds as they first visit King Herod and then on to Bethlehem. But what chaos they generate in relating to King Herod a new king is to be born soon!

Earlier Adult classes have pointed out the *many miracles* made the gospel accounts *more* believable to the audiences of the times, and *less* believable to us today. But in vividly bringing to life the social and political times of Jesus, we learn much about then and, I dare say, the news media as it functions today.

You will enjoy this class!

Gratitude

unlocks the fullness of life.

It turns what we have into enough, and more.

It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order,
confusion to clarity.

It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a
home, a stranger into a friend.

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace
for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-Melody Beattie

Sunday Worship Services

Advent

November 27

9:00 A.M. - Chapel

Family Worship

10:30 A.M. - Sanctuary

TEXTS

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Mark 13:24-37

⊕ Adult Education, 10:30 am

Sat., December 3

“A Blue Christmas”

4:00 P.M. - Chapel

A special service for those who aren't feeling merry and bright

December 4

9:00 A.M. - Chapel

10:30 A.M. - Sanctuary

TEXTS

- Isaiah 40:1-11
- Mark 1:1-8

⊕ Communion Sunday

⊕ Adult Education, 10:30 am

⊕ Food Bank/ Other Bank
Express Wagon

December 11

9:00 A.M. - Chapel

10:30 A.M. - Sanctuary

Christmas Festival Cantata

“A John Rutter Christmas”

⊕ Adult Education, 10:30 am

Experience an evening with the
featuring



Kyle Ward and Maureen Browning of Raven House Healing: Himalayan singing bowls & wind gong



Russ Salton & Friends: acoustic music with upbeat, thoughtful lyrics and unforgettable melodies



Sean Gaskell: kora, the 21-string harp from West Africa

World Sacred Music Festival
A Benefit for Interfaith Works & SMU Campus Ministry

Saturday Dec. 10, 2011
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Worthington Center
St. Martin's University

\$15
\$10 low income/
students
\$5 kids under 12

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CONGRATULATIONS, TAMMY!

It was recently announced at the Presbytery of Olympia that Rev. Tammy Stampfli has accepted a part time position as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. The position begins in January, 2012. In her November 17 letter to the congregation she writes:

As the position is part time, I am reducing my hours as the Interim Pastor as approved by Council at its regular meeting on November 10. I am delighted to announce that the Rev. Jill Komura, a UCC pastor that is already in a covenant relationship with the United Churches has accepted a contract to work as the Assistant Pastor for 16 hours a week.

Jill will be available in the office. She will preach monthly and is available for weddings and funerals. She is skilled at pastoral care. Jill also works as a Chaplain at St. Peter's Hospital. We are excited and delighted to have Jill serve as pastor here.

You are all very dear to me, and I take our ministry together very seriously. I will continue to work hard to lead the church through the interim process, to provide good staff leadership, preaching, administration and pastoral care.

I believe that the United Churches, a federated Church of the UCC and PCUSA will be well served by pastors from both denominations during the rest of this time of transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Fondly,

Tammy

Rev. Tammy L. Stampfli, DMin
Interim Pastor

Olympia Choral Society
PRESENTS

a World of Christmas


DIRECTED BY TERRANCE ROBERT BERNARD SHAW
FEATURING THE OLYMPIA YOUTH CHORUS

Friday, December 9th at 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 pm
Sunday, December 11th at 2:30 pm

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and will benefit the SafePlace Children's Program



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Leonard Bauer is the son of a Lutheran minister. He was born in Minnesota, and grew up in Pocatello, Idaho, and Yakima, Washington, where he enjoyed working summers picking cherries and apples. He's also lived in Tacoma, Gig Harbor, and Eugene, Oregon, before settling in Olympia in 1991. He has been very happily married for 24 years to **Lorrie**, and they have two sons, **Lucas** (age 16) and **Dylan** (age 11). He loves being outdoors (hiking, backpacking, camping) and plays lots of tennis - mostly indoors, of course. He works at the WA Department of Commerce as the manager of the state's growth management planning office, which gives him a chance to travel frequently visiting the many great communities in Washington.



29 years serving in various positions in the FAA at Arizona, California, New Mexico, Montana, and Washington. He retired after 34 years while residing in Federal Way, Washington.

In 1958 he was baptized at a Methodist church in Great Falls, Montana. After

attending several Methodist churches during our various relocations he joined the Wayside United Church of Christ in Federal Way, Washington. To be nearer his



daughter he relocated to Olympia; joined The United Churches of Olympia and after a few years became inactive. In 2011 he decided to become an active member again.

He has been an active Kiwanian member since 1992 and enjoys hunting (upland and big game), fishing, golf, football, baseball and other team sports.

Jeanice Colley moved to Olympia from Texas to join her partner Mickey. Jeanice has a Ph.D. in Music Education and is a proud longhorn! Jeanice has been serving in our choir since her arrival about two years ago. Welcome Jeanice!



Karl Johnson and

Helen Spalding

Dolores Corwin (Dee) was born in Woodland, CA and was raised on a farm in Yolo Co, CA, near Sacramento. She was confirmed in the Evangelical & Reform Church which united with the Congregational Church in the 50s' to become the United Church of Christ (UCC). In her teens she attended the youth group at the Presbyterian Church that was nearer her home. She graduated with a BS degree in nursing from UC in San Francisco and has worked in various nursing positions around the country.



Dee married Art Corwin in 1954. They raised two children. Their son died in 1972. Their daughter Zoe lives in Tumwater. In 1982 they moved to Federal Way, WA. Dee was organist there for 16 years, active with the women's groups, and worked with a banner group making paramount's for the church. In 2001 they moved to Olympia. They have enjoyed living in WA and plan to spend the rest of their lives here.

Arthur H Corwin was born Dec. 16, 1931 in Pocatello, Idaho; raised in San Francisco, California; served in the USNR 1950-1952 & USAF 1952-1956. He was hired as an Air Traffic Controller by the FAA (formerly CAA) at San Francisco Airport Traffic Control Tower. Art spent the next

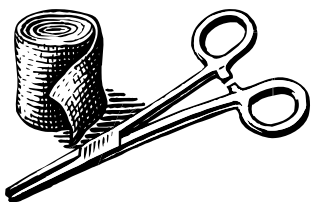
Although both born in Kansas City, Missouri, Karl and Helen did not meet each other until 1979, when Helen began working at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). Helen grew up in Iowa and earned her BA and MA from the University of Iowa, and her PhD at the University of Oregon. They raised their daughter Kjerstin, and were active in Covenant Presbyterian Church, then Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City. Both retired from Cookingham Institute of Public Affairs in the Henry Bloch School of Business & Public Administration, and Helen as Associate Director of Li-



their daughter in her Carleton College, Portland, Oregon, was dean of the library of Portland State University, until her retirement in September. Kjerstin now has her MA, lives in Portland, is Web Content Manager for Bitch Media, and is Senior Editor of Bitch: Feminist Response to Pop Culture, a journal that provides a feminist perspective on racism, sexism, homophobia, and commercial agendas in mainstream media and popular culture. Karl and Helen live in Panorama and are enjoying getting to know new friends and the area.

Welcome, New Members (Continued from page 3)

Sandra Loyer I was born and raised in Olympia, Washington and graduated from Olympia High School. After high school I attended Whitworth College in Spokane for one year and Washington State University for one year and then moved to Idaho where I spent several years enjoying being an at-home Mom to my children. In 1993 I went back to college at Idaho State University to study biology and ultimately was accepted into the Physician Assistant Program there. When I graduated I was fortunate to be able to move back to beautiful Washington State and have worked here since. Currently I am working as a family practice Physician Assistant in Puyallup. I have two adult children—Ben lives in California and Jennifer lives in Seattle. I enjoy hiking, running with my daughter, cooking and reading.



Stuart Loyer I was born in Seattle and raised in Olympia, Washington. For the past 30 years I've been working as a clinical therapist and rehab specialist. I have recently taken a new position in a mental health clinic as an intake specialist. I have worked at this facility for the past 12 years. The clinic itself is located in Puyallup. My family consists of my wife, **Rosanne** and our three fur-children. Hobbies of interest include: fishing, hiking, computer gaming, and most any outdoor activity. I came to this church due to the warmth, friendliness and open-mindedness.



Mike Morgan and

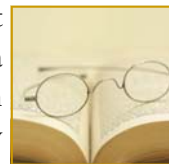
Andrea Ballard, daughter **Meredith Morgan** moved from Seattle to Olympia in July, where they were active members at St Paul's United Church of Christ in Ballard. Mike joined his best friend in her personal injury law practice, now called Morgan James PLLC. Andrea works as a career coach, does HR consulting, and teaches HR classes at Green River Community College.



Meredith is in Kindergarten at Centennial! They enjoy discovering Olympia, making new friends, and look forward to being part of the TUCO community.

Beth Rietema We have lived in Tumwater just shy of three years. We have enjoyed being part of TUCO life for the last three

months and feel blessed to be around such loving and amazing people. :) Beth works for the Department of Corrections and loves to do volunteer work, read and take walks. **Leah** attends 6th grade at Michael T. Simmons and is becoming a great swimmer on the YMCA's swim team. Go ORCA's! She is also a busy Girl Scout. **Lowan** is 3 1/2 and attends daycare in Tumwater where she can play with her friends. We love our dog Reggie and soon will be welcoming a new doggie addition, Rockell. :)



Ellen Sweetin was born in St. Louis, MO and most of her family (mother, 3 sisters and 2 brothers) still lives in various locations in the midwest. She attended Fontbonne College (St. Louis). After graduation she entered the Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet. She taught junior high school for two years in inner city St Louis; worked on the Menominee Reservation in Wisconsin doing pastoral care and providing other community service; in Lowndes County, Alabama doing community organizing and developing services in the rural community; and served as Manager for a retreat center outside of St Louis. In 1983 she began an MA in Religion and Society at Pacific School of Religion. While there she left the Sisters of St Joseph and also met the love of her life, Wendy Taylor. Since graduation she spent 23 years working in HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area--21 of those years with San Mateo County Public Health, retiring as the county's AIDS Program Director.




Wendy Taylor was born in Longview, WA and her family (a sister and 90-year old parents in separate care facilities) still live in the area. Wendy attended Whitworth College, University of WA, teaching for 20 years in Colorado, Oregon, Puerto Rico, and California. Wendy taught English and Spanish and Humanities. She entered Pacific School of Religion earning an M.Div. and was ordained in 1988 by the United Church of Christ. She served the UCC in Belmont and Pescadero CA. As a bilingual pastor she founded Puente de la Costa Sur 1998, offering an extravagant welcome to the Mexican laborers in San Mateo County, CA--one of the four richest counties of CA. The love of her life is Ellen Sweetin whom she met at seminary in 1983. They were married August 2, 2000 legally after being together as domestic partners many times over in county and states since 1991. In retirement, Wendy has authored a book, *No Longer Strangers: The Practice of Radical Hospitality* remembering the mission and advocacy for farm workers, the men alone, between San Francisco and Santa Cruz.



November 21—December 18 2011

All Church on-line calendar: <http://tiny.cc/Monthly>

M O N	21	10:00 TASTE Bible Study, Rm. 106 1:00 Peace Crafters, Rm. 106 7:00 Acoustic Music Rehearsal	28	10:00 TASTE Bible Study, Rm. 106 1:00 Peace Crafters, Rm. 106 7:00 Acoustic Music Rehearsal, Chapel	5	10:00 TASTE Bible Study, Rm. 106 1:00 Peace Crafters, Rm. 106 7:00 Acoustic Music Rehearsal 7:00 Family Worship Music Rehearsal	12	10:00 TASTE Bible Study, Rm. 106 1:00 Peace Crafters, Rm. 106 7:00 Acoustic Music Rehearsal, Chapel	M O N
T U E	22	9:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 106 4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Fireside 5:30 Middlers, Youth Room 6:30 Stephen Ministry, Fireside Room 7:00 Acoustic Music Rehearsal	29	9:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 106 4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Fireside 5:30 Middlers, Youth Room 5:30 Communications Task Force, Rm. 106	6	9:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 106 4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Fireside 5:30 Middlers, Youth Room 5:30 Congregational Life Ministry, Fireside 6:30 Stephen Ministry, Fireside Room 7:00 Missions, Peace & Justice, Fireside 7:00 Acoustic Music Rehearsal, Chapel	13	9:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 106 4:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Fireside 5:30 Middlers, Youth Room 6:00 Personnel Ministry, Rm. 106 6:30 Stephen Ministry, Fireside	T U E
W E D	23	10:00 Caring Friends, Fireside 7:00 Drum Circle, Youth Room	30	7:00 Drum Circle, Youth Room 7:00 Pastor Seeking Committee <i>SUBMIT VOICE ARTICLES to voice@theunitedchurches.org</i>	7	10:00 Caring Friends, Fireside 6:00 Administration Ministry, Rm. 106 6:00 Daughters of Eve, Fireside 7:00 Drum Circle, Youth Room	14	5:30 Missions, Peace & Justice, Rm. 106 7:00 Drum Circle, Youth Room 7:00 Pastor Seeking Committee <i>SUBMIT VOICE ARTICLES to voice@theunitedchurches.org</i>	W E D
T H U	24	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 	1	1:30 Stephen Leaders, Rm. 106 5:30 Worship Ministry, Fireside 6:00 Christian Education Ministry, Library 7:00 Theology, Natural Sciences, Rm. 106 7:00 Festival Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	8	7:00 Church Council, Fireside 7:00 Festival Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	15	1:30 Stephen Leaders, Rm. 106 7:00 Festival Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	T H U
FRI	25	5:30 "Black Friday" Labyrinth Walk, Social Hall	2	5:30 Labyrinth Walk, Social Hall	9	7:00 Men's Breakfast, The Spar Restaurant	16		FRI
SAT	26		3		10	9:00 Festival Choir Dress Rehearsal 4:00 Church Decorating & supper	17	12:00 Barb's Family Christmas Meal 6:30 Spiritual Cinema, Fireside	SAT
S U N	27	<i>Advent</i> 9:00 Worship, Chapel 10:30 Adult Education, Rm. 106 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary 10:45 Sunday School, Downstairs 11:30 Chamber Ensemble, Sanctuary 12:00 Senior High Group, Youth Room 12:00 New Members Class, Rm. 106	4	9:00 Worship, Chapel 10:30 Christian Education, Rm. 106 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary 10:45 Sunday School, Downstairs 11:30 Youth Choir, Sanctuary 12:00 Senior High Group, Youth Room	11	9:00 Christmas Festival, Chapel 10:30 Adult Education, Rm. 106 10:30 Christmas Festival, Sanctuary 10:45 Sunday School, Downstairs 11:30 Rainbow Circles Pot Luck, Rm. 106 12:00 Senior High Group, Youth Room	18	9:00 Worship, Chapel 10:30 Christian Education, Rm. 106 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary 10:45 Sunday School, Downstairs 11:30 Family Style Ensemble, Sanctuary 11:30 Youth Choir, Sanctuary 12:00 Senior High Group, Youth Room	S U N



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TUCO CHRISTMAS DINNER

TUCO will again be hosting our annual Christmas Dinner at the Community Kitchen on **Tuesday, December 13**. We need 14 turkeys, 3 large green bean [ed: casseroles?], 15 dozen rolls, and 20 pie or cakes.

Items need to be delivered to the Salvation Army, 5th & Plum at 2:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be on the MPJ bulletin board. Contact **Bill Edmundson**, 491-8917 or **Barbara McLean**, 352-8695.

DEEP CLEANING THE KITCHEN

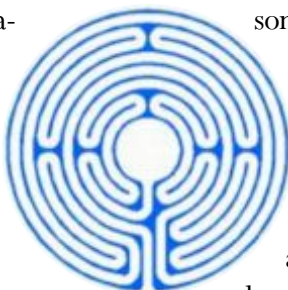
Join the Congregational Life Ministry on **Tuesday December 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, to give the kitchen a deep cleaning.

The kitchen is painted and cheery and bright! The equipment is working and humming along. Next steps are to put our elbows to work cleaning, sorting, and tidying up the cupboards, the storage, and the ceiling!

This is a prayerful activity and will bring you closer to the Lord. Please join us, and bring a little food to share.

"BLACK FRIDAY" LABYRINTH WALK NOV.25, 5:30-7PM

Come take a *Spiritual Break!* Enjoy a quiet chance to focus your attention on the true meaning of the upcoming holiday season with our "Black Friday" Labyrinth Walk, in the Social Hall. This is a self-directed open meditation, with music and prayer candles. Feel free to come and go as you wish, but please allow at least 15 minutes to complete the Walk. *Questions? Contact your hosts Trina and Scott Bishop at tsbishop@comcast.net.*



POINSETTIA ORDERS

Place your order for flowers November 27 and December 6. You will find the order forms in your bulletins and in the Narthex starting November 20. Please make your check out to Kiwanis Foundation and attach it to your order form. Turn these forms in the offering plate or the office. These beautiful flowers will grace our worship during the holiday season.



SOMEONE WHO CARES

"Caring" is a hallmark of The United Churches. Part of our ministry of caring is performed by Stephen Ministers. If you, or someone you know, would like to share your prayers and concerns with a confidential listener, please contact one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders. We have a team of well-trained and loving Stephen Ministers available to you.

Pat Dickason 753-7647, **Janet Tolman** 438-5044, **David Morris** 438-5044.



Prayers For

- ✦ **Mike & Mary Segawa**, on the death of Mary's mother on November 16
- ✦ **Dorothy Butler**, recovering from a fall, at Panorama C&R
- ✦ **Shari Kelly**, sister of Sandi Trudeau, at St. Peter Hospital, complications from breast cancer
- ✦ **Judy Schultz**, chemotherapy