

Worship at HCCUCC February 2014

Worship services begin at 10:30.

February 2

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion

Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed Are You

February 9

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalms 112:1-9 (10)

It Is Well

February 16

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Corinthians 3:1-19

Working Together

February 23

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

The Lost Commandment

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Welcome Stephens Creek Crossing Neighbors!

Our church community is blessed with new neighbors at Stephens Creek Crossing, the Home Forward Project that has been under construction for several years. We are doubly blessed by the invitation our congregation has received to join residents and staff of Stephens Creek for their first organized community event—a Potluck and Valentine's Party.

You are invited to meet our new neighbors, see their new home, and enjoy an international potluck on Sunday, February 16, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Stephens Creek Crossing Community (walk or ride next door right after church).

Stephens Creek folks will provide the space and the dishes. Stephens Creek and

Hillsdale members and friends are all invited to bring food to share. A few more additions will transform this meal into a real party. What a very festive way to meet and make new friends! Please sign up in the Narthex if you are interested in bringing to the party:

- Decorations (we have many on hand – they just need to be set up)
- Cookies to decorate
- Games to play (cakewalk? fish pond? beanbag toss? others??)
- Face-painting supplies
- Valentine's candy
- Drinks
- Others?



Share the experience one of the first Stephens Creek Crossing residents had as she saw her brand new apartment for the first time, got tips from the property management team, and made her move-in official. It was pure joy for all involved!

Letter from the Pastor

by Jennifer Brownell



Lately, I wonder if I've been spending more time than is really good for me on the computer, so I installed this application called Rescue Time. At the end of every week, I am sent a report telling me, based on which applications and web pages I have been visiting, whether the time I spent was productive or not. It's interesting to see how I'm spending my time. The problem is, it's not where I am or what I am doing that determines whether I am actually "productive" or not. For example, time spent on Facebook is considered "unproductive," and many times it is. Other times, though, I am getting advice or support that is far more than productive—it is invaluable. Sometimes I have a word processing document open, and I type the same sentence over and over, and delete it again over and over. Rescue Time notes time spent word processing as "productive," even if in reality it was just 20 minutes of frustration.

During February, we'll spend some time in worship exploring not just *what* we do, but *how* we do it. Time spent doing even the most mundane tasks can be "productive" if it is done prayerfully and with intention. That is, if by "productive" you mean drawing you closer to the life God has in store for you!

See you in church!

Pastor Jennifer

P.S.: If you're like me and you're on the computer anyway, why not check out one of these daily devotional sites?

www2.cathedralofhope.com/daily-devotions

www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/

inwardoutward.org

www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/

www.davidlose.net

And while you're online, have you found Hillsdale Community Church UCC on Facebook and Twitter? Stop by and say a virtual hello!

Thanks so much for your cards, calls, offers of help and expressions of concerns following my recent surgery. Especially thanks for your prayers, which were felt during the whole procedure and in the recovery that followed. As we hoped, the recovery time has been relatively short and easy and I'm so glad to be back on my feet again!
Love, Pastor Jennifer
(and Jeff and Elijah, too).

March Brings Climate Change Conference to Camp Adams

Registration is now open for "Rise Up—Climate, Faith, and Action", a conference on climate change to be held at Camp Adams, March 7-9. Sponsored by the Central Pacific Conference, the event will feature the Rev. Jim Antal, UCC Massachusetts Conference Minister and climate activist.

The purpose of the conference is to engage CPC congregations in an organized network of climate advocates working for the recovery of creation in a time of climate emergency. Both adults and youth ages 14-18 are encouraged

to attend from every congregation.

Antal will offer the keynote address at the conference as well as a workshop on fossil fuel divestment. He is the author of the resolution to divest from fossil fuel companies which was passed by the UCC General Synod in July 2013.

Antal has also engaged the spiritual discipline of civil disobedience numerous times, most recently at the White House to stop the Keystone XL pipeline. He provides leadership for the Massachusetts Conference Environmental Ministries group and regularly convenes the New England Regional Environmental Ministries reps from the six New England UCC Conferences.



"If we don't act on climate change now, every sermon we give in 10 to 15 years will be on grief." —Rev. Jim Antal, Massachusetts Conference Minister, July 2013

Register online at cpcucc.org by clicking on the red "CPC Event Registration" button located on the left side of the home page. Registration fee is \$100.00 and includes 5 meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast) and 2 nights lodging.

Limited private room accommodations are available and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Please contact Natalie Becker, Co-Director of Outdoor Ministries for the CPC, at campadams.om@gmail.com or 503-829-2118.

Women Prepare for Retreat

Get your bags packed, your beach togs on, and in the mood to be pampered a bit and enjoy a great weekend at the coast with other women from HCC. Activities include a book study of *Help, Thanks, Wow: Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott, special sessions by Claire Wheeler (Sue Floyd's daughter) on biofeedback and guided imagery as a way of "bringing the art and science of mind-body medicine to all kinds of people," art and crafts, catered meals, and free time to explore.

There may still be room for two or three more women.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30a Centering Prayer MR 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 10:30a Communion Worship Service/Children's Sunday School SA/SS	3	4 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:10a Centering Prayer MR 10:30a Bible Study MH	5 10:00a Loaves and Fishes MC	6 9:00a Walking Group UL 10:10a Centering Prayer MR 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	7	1/8
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16 8:30a Centering Prayer MR 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 10:30a Worship Service/Children's Sunday School SA/SS 11:45a Potluck and Valentine's Party SC	17	18 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:10a Centering Prayer MR 10:30a Bible Study MH	19 1:30p Tai Chi FH	20 Tidings Deadline 9:00a Walking Group UL 10:10a Centering Prayer MR 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	21	22
23 8:30a Centering Prayer MR 9:00a Adult Study Group MH 10:30a Worship Service/Children's Sunday School SA/SS	24	25 7:30a Men's Breakfast GT 10:10a Centering Prayer MR 10:30a Bible Study MH	26 1:30p Tai Chi FH	27 9:00a Walking Group UL 10:10a Centering Prayer MR 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	28 Women's Retreat	March 1

BC=Bud Clark Commons (655 NW Hoyt St) CR=Choir Room FH=Fellowship Hall GT=Golden Touch (SW Barbur at 19th) UL=Upper Parking Lot LP=Laughing Planet Café (45th at Vermont) MH=Mt Hood Room
 MR=Maple Room MD=Maria Dunlop's Home (12146 SW 29th Ave) MC=Multnomah Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) SA=Sanctuary SC=Stephens Creek Crossing Community Room SS=Sunday School Rooms



Please contact Cindy Van Loo (cindyvanloo54@gmail.com or 503-245-3890) ASAP if you want to go but have not yet registered. Scholarships are available.

The retreat runs from Friday night, February 28, through Sunday noon, March 2. The cost is \$150.

See you soon...by the seashore!

Ash Wednesday Brings "Ashes to Go"

Ash Wednesday will be March 5 and we will celebrate from 7:00-9:00 a.m. with Ashes to Go.

Last year, we instituted "Ashes-To-Go" for the first time. A group of five or six gathered for prayer in the morning, and then walked to Multnomah Village, where we offered to make a

cross of ashes on the foreheads of passersby. Many people said no, some said yes, and we had many interesting conversations with both yeses and nos. You are most welcome to join the group for prayer at 7:00 a.m. and then, if it suits you, for the walk to Multnomah Village.

Battery and CFL Recycling Update

The contents of the battery and bulb collection bins were recycled in January. Batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs totalling 56 pounds had been collected during the previous two months.

John Biskey requests that if a battery has begun to leak or a bulb has been broken, carefully dispose of it in the trash at home rather than bringing it to the church's collection bins. The recycling center will not accept these items.

