

# tidings

## Worship at HCC June 2010

June 6  
*Festival of Praise*

June 13  
*Guest Preacher Rev. Rich Osburn*

June 20  
*A Life of Faith Series: Doubt and a Life of Faith* addresses questions such as *What is doubt? Can doubt and faith coexist? How do I address my own doubts? How do I talk to others about doubt?*

June 27  
*A Life of Faith Series: Hypocrisy and a Life of Faith* addresses questions such as *Why do so many people believe that religious people are hypocritical? Who did Jesus call hypocrites, and why? Am I ever hypocritical? If so, what can I do about it?*

### Coming in July

July 4  
*Freedom and the Life of Faith*

July 11  
*Forgiveness and the Life of Faith*

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## Live Captioning Now Available at HCCUCC

For the last several months, professional captioner Erik Olson has been practicing his craft during our worship services. Now, he will share the fruits of his labors with the congregation.

If you are hard of hearing, or if you take in information better by printed word than by ear, look for Erik on Sundays. As he types every word of the service, it appears on a computer monitor, and anyone sitting near him can read along—just like the

closed captioning on television!

Although captioning is his career (you may have seen his work as he captions sporting events and other live television programming), Erik explained to the Worship God Joyfully team recently that he is offering this service to HCCUCC completely free of charge. We are grateful for the generosity of Erik, and for the kind donor who gifted the church with a new monitor.

## Chancel Choir Offers Annual Festival of Praise

On Sunday, June 6, we will enjoy an exceptional day of music and prayer during the worship hour at 10:30. The Chancel Choir, led by Music Director Tim Ditch, will lift their voices in song on this final day of the choir season as we celebrate together this sixth annual Festival of Praise.

Many of us anticipate this Sunday throughout the year, as music is one of

the most important ways we feel God's presence. Musical selections will range from Ron Harris' meditative "In This Very Room" to Fred Bock's energetic "I Sing the Greatness of Our God." A musical communion celebration will conclude the service.

Beginning June 13, the choir will enjoy a well-earned hiatus until September.

As part of the church's discernment about bring Stephen Ministry to our congregation, (l to r) Anita Moss, Sue Floyd, Margy Kleger, Cathy Oswald, Pastor Jennifer, and Brenda Koenig (not pictured) attended an introductory workshop on Saturday, May 2. After a day of prayer and information, this group returned to HCCUCC excited about the prospect of a Stephen Ministry—an intensive training program in which lay people learn how to care for one another in times of crisis.



## Healing Service Continues

A small group gathered for soup and prayer the third Monday in May for the first in a monthly series of healing prayers. This month, the healing prayer service will fall on Summer Solstice—Monday, June 21. Dinner is at 6:30, with a service at 7:00. Join us in praying for the healing of yourself, a loved one, or the Earth.

## Barbecue Benefits SWCHC

New Seasons Market in Raleigh Hills (7300 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy) will be hosting a summer benefit barbecue to help raise funds for Southwest Community Health Center on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

## Drink Water for Life Campaign Still Helping in Haiti

Have you enjoyed a drink of safe, clean water today? Well, most people in the Central Plateau region of Haiti don't have that option. Many walk miles to get a container of dirty water for their family to use. Many, many children (they aren't even counted) and others die from illness caused by this unsafe water. We can change that for some of them.

We are working with others, including many churches in our Central Pacific Conference, to cap

## Letter from Pastor Jennifer

Every summer, as school gets out, I read the statistics about screen time again. In our country, kids under 6 watch an average of two hours of screen media a day. Young people 8-18 spend nearly six hours each day in front of screens—including TV and computer games. As adults, we spend nearly as much time in front of screens, not even counting work.

So, now is when you expect a diatribe about the dangers of screen time. But you've heard those before. So, instead of trying to deny yourself, failing at it, and feeling miserable, what if you approached screen time in another way? Instead, what if you were able to use your computers and televisions as vehicles for prayer? Is it possible? I think so.

For example, you might try incorporating the name of a person you are praying for, or a prayer word (like a name for God, or the word

“grace” or “love” or “power”) into your computer password. Try it. How does that change what it feels like when you log in? Or, try this. At a time that you would usually watch TV, leave it off. Sit quietly for 3-5 minutes. What other sounds do you notice? What do you notice about the activity in your mind? How difficult or easy is it for you to turn your heart and thoughts toward God? Or, tape a prayer or scripture passage onto your TV remote. Before you turn on your television, say the prayer. How does this change what you choose to watch, and what you notice about what you watch?

In every generation, it's been a challenge for Christians to figure out how to live our faith in the rest of the world outside of church, and the rest of the week



Rev. Jennifer Brownell

outside of Sunday. It is a good practice to try and bring our faith life to the things we are already doing, instead of assuming that only time set aside for prayer or worship is valuable time with God.

If you try one of these screen-time prayers, let me know how it goes. And, when you are ready, turn it off and go outside. It's summer and beautiful out there!

In the Light,

*Pastor Jennifer*

## God is still speaking,

by Nayan Fleenor

we can still do more! Our Foundation said they would match funds raised up to \$1,000. Let's keep working toward that goal.

There are at least three ways we can work toward meeting this goal in the next month.

1. If *everyone* who attends church contributes \$5-10.

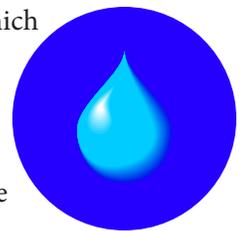
2. If *everyone* who contributed during Lent contributed the same amount and just a little more.

3. If you didn't contribute before, please drink more

water (which we often take for granted) and contribute

what you would have spent on other beverages toward providing life to the villagers in Haiti through our Drink Water for Life campaign.

Please put your contribution in an envelope marked Drink Water for Life, or write it on the memo line of your check.



## Congratulations, Graduate!

**C**ongratulations to Matthew Biskey, who will graduate from Wilson High School on June 9.

During his time at Wilson, Matthew has enjoyed being on the staff of the school newspaper and playing

in the marching band. He plans to attend PSU in the fall, while living at home. We will celebrate Matthew's achievement on Celebration Sunday (June 20) with cake and cards after worship. Way to go, Matthew!

## Pastor's Summer Schedule

**P**astor Jennifer will be out of the office on vacation for time with extended family in Minnesota from June 7-13, and from July 16-30. She will also be out of the office, but available by phone and email,

the week of June 28-July 2, as she serves as chaplain for the 2nd-3rd grade camp at Camp Adams.

If you have an urgent pastoral need during these times, please call the office.



After master angler Jack Morby heard about Take a Soldier Fishing, he knew he wanted to organize such an event here in the Portland area. On May 12, a crowd of volunteers, including (l to r) HCCUCC members Sue Floyd, Bonnie Griswold, Howard Pigg, Pastor Jennifer, Bob Miller, Jack Morby, Bart Griswold, Dian Kinzey-Morby, and RD Floyd (not pictured) gathered at Henry Hagg Lake to give veterans a free day of fishing from both shore and boat. The weather cooperated, and most people went home with fresh fish!

## Calling All Women to the Oasis

**T**he Northwest Regional Women's Retreat at KahNeeTah in Warm Springs, Oregon, will take place November 5-7. Discounted registration is available until June 30.

This year's retreat features keynote speaker Carolyn Scott Kortge, author of *The Spirited Walker: Fitness Walking for Clarity, Balance, and Spiritual Connection*.

In eight previous NRWR

events, the participants have found inspiration, stimulation, education, fellowship, relaxation, and fun. They eagerly awaited each new event, to renew acquaintances, and to form new relationships. In the midst of these gatherings, each person had the awareness of God-ever-present in her life.

Learn more and register at [www.nrwr-ucc.org](http://www.nrwr-ucc.org).

## Foundation Update

by Becky Meier

**T**he Foundation is planning to create a bulletin board of the different activities and individuals who have received Foundation funding recently. These include: Drink Water for Life matching funds (\$477); Take a Soldier Fishing (\$750); grounds maintenance(\$1,860); Mark

Roberts' Ordination (\$530); half-yearly payments for Texas Street LLC (\$5,000); and in-care seminary student (\$300).

We are continuing to work on a brochure for the pews highlighting the Foundation's purpose and activities. Watch for it in the coming months.

## FH Gets a Warm Coat

**T**he Fellowship Hall has been painted in warmer tones with the help of church members, Sunny Hills Preschool parents and staff, and a crew from Hillsdale branch of Key Bank (celebrating their community service day). Thanks, everyone!

## Celebrating 90 Years

**T**he family of Helen Gaylord will host an open house in honor of her 90th birthday. The event takes place on June 19 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Friendsview Retirement Community, 1301 Fulton St., Newberg.

The family would like to create a scrapbook memory for Helen. If you have a family picture or special memory with Helen that you would like to share, we will have a scanner available to copy the picture for the scrapbook. No gifts, please!

## HCC Budget Report—April 30, 2010

	Budget April	Actual April	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year-to-Date
Income	\$15,926.59	\$15,402.41	\$63,706.36	\$64,728.62
Expenses	\$13,609.95	\$14,152.48	\$67,357.02	\$60,639.08
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,316.64	\$1,249.93	\$ (3,650.66)	\$4,089.54

# June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT	2 10:00a Loaves and Fishes 1:30p Tai Chi, FH	3 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, CR	4	5
6 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Festival of Praise Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC 2:00p Edgewood Downs	7	8 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT 1:00p Martha Circle, LIB	9 1:30p Tai Chi, FH	10 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT 1:00p Memoir Writing Group, LIB	11	12
13 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC 11:45a Embrace All Team, LIB	14 Glisan Street Meal 10:30a Bible Study, LIB	15 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT 7:00p Consistory, LIB 7:00p Foundation, WORK	16 12:00p Tidings Deadline 1:30p Tai Chi, FH	17 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT	18	19 2:00p Helen Gaylord Open House, Friendsview Retirement Community
20 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC 11:45a Celebration Sunday, FH	21 10:30a Bible Study, LIB 6:30p Healing Service Supper, FH 7:00p Healing Service, SANC	22 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT	23 1:30p Tai Chi, FH	24 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT 1:00p Memoir Writing Group, LIB	25	26
27 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC 11:45a Make a Difference Team, LIB	28 10:30a Bible Study, LIB	29 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT	30 1:30p Tai Chi, FH	July 1 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT	2	3

CR=Choir Room FH=Fellowship Hall GT=Golden Touch Restaurant (SW Barbur at 19th) LIB=Library LOT=Front Parking Lot SANC=Sanctuary WORK=Workroom



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In Christ, we the members of Hillsdale Community Church United Church of Christ, declare ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation. We cherish and embrace individuals and families of all kinds. Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We commit to be a community of faith and spirit that works toward openness and understanding, offering justice, healing, and wholeness of life for all people. We believe that through our diversity, all can grow and practice a unity of faith that transcends our differences.

