

# tidings

## Worship at HCC June 2013

**June 2** (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)

**Holy Communion**

*Luke 7:1-17*

**June 9** (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)

**Festival of Praise**

Musical Worship Service

**June 16** (4th Sunday after Pentecost)

**Father's Day**

*Luke 7:36-8:3*

**June 23** (5th Sunday after Pentecost)

*Luke 8:26-39*

**June 30** (6th Sunday after Pentecost)

*2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14*

### Sermon Preview

I have been thinking about the sermons for this summer and reviewing the lectionary passages which are suggested. I have noticed some thought-provoking First Testament stories and some beautiful Psalms. I also noticed a couple of themes. Many of the passages center on Jesus' acts of healing. These stories bring our attention to the role faith plays in healing, and they raise many questions for those of us living in today's world. For instance, how does faith contribute to healing in a world of highly trained physicians, antibiotics, robotic surgery, and a plethora of medical options? We will explore, and I hope you will share your thoughts about such issues. The summer lectionary readings also speak of discipleship, justice, forgiveness, and faith. I look forward to sharing my reflections on some of these scripture readings and to learning from some of you as we discuss the scriptures in Tuesday morning Bible study or in less formal settings. —Pat

## Back to Eden—Praying for Rain!

Thank God for the occasional rain we are enjoying after the recent dry spell... then pray for more! The BTE team met after church on May 19 to plan our summer watering program, and we're bracing for another dry summer. We depend on volunteers like our office helpers to turn the water on and off while they're around. If you're willing to be one of the helpers, please contact me—jimruyle@comcast.net or 503-223-8838.



I had a chance last week to talk with a group of clergy about why churches should plant native plants as we're doing. Basically, it's because churches are uniquely positioned to save nature. E.O. Wilson, the Harvard biologist, writes that due to habitat loss, we stand to lose half the present species of plants and animals

in the world by the end of this century, one-quarter by mid-century. University of Delaware entomologist Douglas Tallamy offers a solution: restore habitat in suburbia, because suburbia contains enough space to provide habitat for these plants and animals.

Here's where churches come in. We can set the example on our own properties and teach our communities to do the same. What other institution has property scattered all over suburbia and the motivation to save creation that the church and other religious organizations do? If this idea caught on with churches around the country, it might actually make a difference.

Wilson and Tallamy have written very popular books on this subject that the Sunday morning adult class is considering taking up in July. Come join us for some fascinating reading and discussion.

## Make a Difference Team Shows Their Pride

Mark Sunday, June 16, on your calendar. Hillsdale Community Church representatives will be joining the UCC contingent to march in the Portland Pride parade. Worship, led by Pastor Don Frueh from Parkrose UCC, will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the North Park Blocks. Parkrose UCC is providing a 1968 gold Cadillac for the parade. The parade starts at 11:30 a.m. from SW 13th and W Burnside. Watch the Pride Northwest website—www.pridenw.org—for our place in the



parade line-up. We will carpool from the HCC parking lot. If you are interested in attending, look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Elaine Walser-Clark at 503-901-9311.

In July we will focus on the annual drive for school supplies. Stay tuned for more information as the date draws closer.

We are also thinking ahead to the Multnomah Days parade on August 18. If you are interested in marching in the parade, and perhaps creating a float, please contact Elaine Walser-Clark to see how you can get involved in this fun family event.

## Women's Tea a Great Success

The 2013 HCCUCC Women's Tea can be called a full success! The Fellowship Hall was transformed into a "tea room" with brightly colored table cloths, flowers, and a variety of decorative teapots, with all of the attendees looking splendid in their spring outfits. Many wore their own hats, and others borrowed hats made available from the ample collections of HCC women. Two ladies even wore "tea gloves."

Everyone enjoyed the menu of fruit, tea sandwiches, scones and desserts, and, of course, tea. Esther Shim was much appreciated for her talent at the keyboard, and for her violin solo, she was accompanied by Erik Olson.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made  
see *Tea*, page 3

## A Word from Pastor Pat

by Rev. Pat Ross



I am Patricia Ross, usually known as Pat. I will be your interim pastor while Jennifer, Jeff, and Elijah are away for Jennifer's sabbatical. I know some of you through conference work; I look forward to getting to know others in the days and weeks ahead.

I retired from First Congregational United Church of Christ in 2008. Since then I have done short interims at Beavercreek UCC and Bethel Beaverton while their pastors have been on sabbatical. I have also done pulpit supply for a number of churches in the Portland Metro area. I am married to Gene Ross, former conference minister with Central Pacific Conference. We have two adult children, one daughter-in-law, and one grandchild.

I want to congratulate you for the foresight you are showing by giving Jennifer

this time for rest, renewal, and growth. I also want to congratulate Jennifer for her selection to receive a Lilly Foundation grant. Many clergy apply for these grants, but only a few are chosen. You probably know that the Lilly Foundation grants not only support the minister's sabbatical but also support the congregation. It is their hope that this will be a time for the congregation to continue the projects it has in process, its ministries, education, and fellowship, and its work to enhance appreciation for diversity in the world and the neighborhood. One other thing the Lilly people encourage is that the congregation have some fun even as the pastor does. So I look forward to the picnics that I understand are part of your summer tradition!

While I am with you, I will be working three-quarter

time. My plan is to be present to preach and spend time with you on Sundays, and to be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. I will attend the meetings to which I am invited, and lead Tuesday Bible Study and Prayer Group. I will be available for pastoral care especially in emergencies or as needed.

You will be able to reach me at the church office Tuesday-Thursday at 503-246-5474. If you have a pastoral emergency outside regular office hours, you may call my home at 503-255-6068.

I look forward to this time with you.

Blessings,

Pastor Pat Ross

## HCC Volunteers Help Build Habitat Homes

Nayan Fleenor recently attended a fund-raising breakfast and lunch for Willamette West Habitat for Humanity, one of the missions supported by our church. One of the homeowners, who did not even have his GED when his family bought a Habitat home many years ago, was recognized for just completing his law degree. He noted that having a stable living situation allowed him to focus on his education. They also announced that WW Habitat recently purchased land for 24 more homes in the Beaverton

area one block off of Hall Blvd. Currently volunteers are helping build homes in Hillsboro.

If you can push a broom, carry lumber, pound a nail, or scrape paint, you can help! No experience necessary. Why not join the enthusiastic members of HCCUCC who answer that call? Here are some photos from our March 23 build in Hillsboro, when we cleaned and readied two newly poured foundations in preparation for a rapid construction "blitz build." We worked at the same site last fall (thank you, Gary, Lynn,

and Clara Wolff!), and several units are almost ready for occupancy.

Hillsdale partners with Bethel Congregational Church to provide building teams two or three times a year. If you've been thinking about helping on a Habitat crew, our next build is likely to be in October. Watch for an announcement in *Tidings* and look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For more information, contact Habitat Coordinators Carl and Nancie Wamser at 503-719-6612, or Nayan Fleenor at 503-645-6132.



Patty Todd, Margy Kleger, Nayan Fleenor, Carl Wamser, Nancie Wamser, Charlene Dickinson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00a Adult Study Group MHR 10:30a Communion Worship Service and Children's Sunday School SANC/SS	3	4 7:00a Men's Breakfast GT 10:30a Bible Study MHR 3:00p Prayer Group MHR	5 10:00a Loaves and Fishes MULT 1:30p Tai Chi NAR 2:00p Blood Drive FH	6 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers LOT 7:00p Choir Rehearsal CR	7	1 / 8
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BUD=Bud Clark Commons, 655 NW Hoyt St CR=Choir Room FH=Fellowship Hall GT=Golden Touch Restaurant (SW Barbur at 19th) LOT=Upper Parking Lot  
MHR=Mt Hood Room MDH=Maria Dunlop's Home, 12146 SW 29th Ave MULT=Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy NAR=Narthex SANC=Sanctuary SS=Sunday School Rooms

## Tea (continued from p. 2)

everything go so well by helping with setup, prep, decoration, and clean-up.

Thanks to volunteer labor, over \$200 remains after expenses and will be added



to the Embrace All Team's budget for future fellowship events.

Will this become an annual event? Marteena and Ruth suggest that question be deferred for about a month to allow a period of recovery!

## Spring Blood Drive Aims High

Our spring Red Cross Blood Drive is upon us again. It will be Wednesday, June 5, from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Because of the longer time, the goal is also higher. We will be trying to get 30 units of blood. That high of a goal is hard for us to meet, so we will need every available donor to participate.

Please mark your calendar and sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. The Red Cross mobile unit parks in our lower parking lot, and registration occurs in Fellowship H all.

Thank you in advance for helping to save lives!

### Postcard from Sabbatical

Jeff, Elijah, and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful send-off on Sunday, May 19. We appreciated so much the many hugs, prayers, and good wishes, not to mention the amazing food and the wonderful personalized song from the choir! If you want to follow along with our adventures this summer, you can check our sabbatical blog at <http://surfbatical.blogspot.com>. I look forward to seeing you when we return in early September.  
Pastor Jennifer

## Stephens Creek Crossing Update

If you've peered north of California Street from our property, you've seen many changes at Stephens Creek Crossing, our neighborhood Public housing project. Things are moving along externally, and internally, too, as staff at Home Forward (formerly Housing Authority of Portland) prepare for an influx of families to our neighborhood.

Over the summer, they expect that 2,000-3,000 families will apply to the lottery for the 122 housing units at Stephens Creek Crossing. Based on past numbers, they expect about 10-15 of those to be returnees

from Hillsdale Terrace. Of the new residents, they predict that 230 of them will be children. The first families will begin moving in during January 2014.

Dennis Frengle, Trudi Raz Frengle, Bob Brandon, Nayan Fleenor, Becky Meier, Patty Harding, and Pastor Jennifer had an opportunity to tour the property earlier in May.

If you would like to get a first-hand look, Neighborhood House will conduct a Children's Center Construction Tour on Wednesday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m. Here you can see the site up close and also learn about plans to provide

high-quality early childhood education and family strengthening programs at

Stephens Creek Crossing. If you would like to attend, call 503-246-1663 x2119 to RSVP.



Dennis Frengle, Trudi Raz Frengle, Bob Brandon, Nayan Fleenor, and Becky Meier ask questions as Julie Livingston explains about features of the site.

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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.

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