

Worship at HCC November 2009

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Holy Communion
All Saints Day
Commissioning of Route Leaders for
Family Photo Albums
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

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All She Had To Live On

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Stewardship...A Generous Way of Living

by Elizabeth Pigg, Stewardship Chair

It is Stewardship...a generous way of living!

Fourteen Hillsdale Family Albums will travel from house to house throughout our congregation beginning November 1 and continuing through November 22. When it comes to our house, we will have an opportunity to say, "Yes, you can depend on us to give this stated portion of our financial blessings to shine Christ's light with ever more brilliance in and through this loving community."

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The Light on the Hill

Within the pages of the Hillsdale Family Album, you will glimpse HCCUCC life and a vision for the vital work before us in the year 2010. When you receive the Family Album, please take a day or two to read and enjoy it. Then locate the envelope containing your Faith Giving Card in the front pocket of the album.

1. Prayerfully consider your faith giving amount for 2010 and record the amount on your card. Detach the stub for your records.
2. If your family includes children or youth, please help in completing the Faith Giving Card included for each child.
3. Seal your Faith Giving Card in your own individual envelope and place it in the back pocket of the album.
4. Call the next person on your list right away and set a time to pass the album along, with any needed explanation of the procedure.
5. Call and inform your route leader that you have passed the album to the next person on the list.
6. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing "Shine, Jesus, Shine" as each album is blessed in Sunday worship on November 22.

Thank you, Stewardship Team!

Family Stewardship Albums represent the hard work of many people. We are grateful to the dedication of the following folks, and especially to Chair Elizabeth Pigg who has coordinated this whole project with such style: Planning Team—Jennifer Brownell, Sue Floyd, Jon von Behren, RD Floyd, Julie Bishop, Dory Hobbs, and Elizabeth Pigg. Route Leaders—Bob Brandon, Mike Butler, Charlene Dickinson, Robert Ewing, Nayan Fleenor, Dennis Frengle, Brenda Koenig, Ken Miller, Barbara Raz, Kelly Troyer, Mike Van Loo, Carol Weber, Robin Williams, and Gary Wolff.

Thanksgiving Festival Is Yearly Highlight

We will have our church family's traditional Thanksgiving feast in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 22, following the Festival of Thanksgiving worship service. Please call Paul Gonzales at 503-459-3382 if you would like to help by bringing food, setting up, serving, or cleaning up.

Calling All Turkeys!



During the coming weeks you may have an opportunity to purchase a turkey (large is good!) at a very reasonable price at one of the supermarket chains. If you are unable to use the turkey, please consider donating it to the church for a Glisan Street meal. Just place the turkey in the freezer downstairs in the storage area behind the church kitchen, and it will be used to make a nutritious casserole for a meal at the homeless shelter.

Martha Circle Invites All

Women at all ages and stages of life are invited to a gathering of Martha Circle on Tuesday, November 10, from 1:00 until 3:00. Sue Floyd will lead devotions and suggest an idea for future gatherings. Kathy Schneller will bring something delectable to eat.

Conversation with Pastor Jennifer

I don't know about you, but the last couple of days when the alarm clock goes off, I have to double check to make sure that it is really, truly morning before I can get out of bed. In these fall days, it's not hard to notice the darkness squeezing out the light—morning and evening.

At our house, we do what we can to add extra light to the house: we set out the candles that have been in boxes all summer, a fire crackles in the woodstove, there are orange pumpkin lights strung up around the living room, and they will probably stay up until the multi-colored Christmas lights go up in another month or so. How about you? How

do you shine a light in the darkness?

A lit candle or a small string of lights do not make the sun come up any earlier in the morning or hang in the sky any later in the evening. But even a small light creates around it a circle of warmth that proclaims, "For now, darkness has no place here."

During the month of November, family photo albums will travel around the congregation. As you take a day or two with your album, enjoy the pictures and the memories they inspire. This year, as we have for the last 90-plus years, we of Hillsdale Community Church UCC have worshipped, met, learned, prayed, laughed,

cried, made music, eaten, walked, and worked together.

Individually, these may seem like small acts, but like lit candles, together these acts create a circle of warmth and of hope.

With each act of service, of worship, of honesty, of forgiveness, of love, our light will keep shining because of you. And you. And you. Each of you. Because of you, for now, the darkness has no place here.

Gratefully,

Pastor Jennifer
Pastor Jennifer



Rev. Jennifer Brownell

Blood Donations Appreciated by Many

by Margy Kleger

I am pleased with the response to our fall Blood Drive for Red Cross. Considering the colds and illness already making the rounds, we did well to collect 26 units of blood (our goal was 30 units). These donations have the potential of helping 78 people have another chance at life. That is significant!

People who helped me with registration and canteen were

Lois Coil, Margaret Bronson, and Ernilie Storrs. Our donors were Barbara Raz, Charlene Dickinson, Don Beard, April Henry, Mary Stenaros, Jim Ruyle, Donna Robinson, Carol Doyle, Theresa Wechsler, Helena Hesse, Dennis Frengle, Clint Lieser, Pat Stenaros, Bill Von Ofenheim, Cathy and Edie Wyvick, Michael Ling, Elizabeth Karkosky, Paul Vermilya, Wayne Trosper,

Jack Morby, Jim and Estelle Keating, Nancy Doekal, Pat Leach, Chelsea Spenser, Paul Hantke, Gary Wolff, Carol Weber, Bill Schneller, Dan and Robyn Berry, Wayne Thompson, Wendy Younkin, and Margy Kleger.

Our next scheduled blood drive is May 19, 2010, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. The goal for this next drive is 21 units. Please mark your calendars now!

HCC Budget Report—September 30, 2009

	Budget September	Actual September	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year-to-Date
Income	\$15,256.67	\$14,117.84	\$136,510.00	\$131,953.62
Expenses	\$15,343.65	\$14,568.61	\$137,002.30	\$130,776.07
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(86.98)	\$(450.77)	\$(492.30)	\$1,177.55

November 2009



Daylight Saving Time ends November 1.
Remember to turn your clock back
one hour on Saturday, October 31!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>All Saints Day</i> 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Communion Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC 2:00p Edgewood Downs	2 10:30a Bible Study, LIB 6:00p Living the Questions, LIB	3	4 10:00a Loaves and Fishes 11:00a Living the Questions, LIB	5 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, CR	6	7
8 <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC	9 Glisan Street Meal 10:30a Bible Study, LIB 6:00p Living the Questions, LIB	10 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT 7:00p Consistory Meeting, LIB	11 Veterans' Day Church Office Closed 11:00a Living the Questions, LIB	12 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT 1:00p Memoir Writing Group, PO 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, CR	13	14 Suppers for Seven
15 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Celebration Sunday</i> 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC	16 <i>Tidings Deadline</i> 10:30a Bible Study, LIB	17 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT 7:00p Foundation Meeting, LIB	18	19 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, CR	20	21
22 <i>Festival of Thanksgiving</i> 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC 11:30a Thanksgiving Feast, FH	23 10:30a Bible Study, LIB	24 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, CR	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	27	28
29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 9:15a Adult Ed Class, LIB 10:30a Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, SANC 11:30a Greening of the Sanctuary, SANC	30 10:30a Bible Study, LIB	December 1 7:00a Men's Breakfast, GT	2 10:00a Loaves and Fishes	3 9:00a Hillsdale Hikers, LOT 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, CR	4	5

CR=Choir Room

GT=Golden Touch Restaurant (SW Barbur at 19th)

KIT=Kitchen

LIB=Library

LOT=Front Parking Lot

PO=Pastor's Office

SANC=Sanctuary

Mark Your Calendars Now for These Advent and Christmas Gatherings!

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| Sunday, 11/29 | Greening of the Sanctuary, 11:30 a.m. |
| Sunday, 12/6 | Sunday School Caroling at Edgewood Downs, 2:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, 12/13 | Christmas Dessert Concert, 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 12/15 | Hillsdale Hikers Christmas Ship Walk |
| Monday, 12/21 | Longest Night Service, 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, 12/24 | Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols, 8:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, 12/27 | Spontaneous Christmas Pageant for All Ages, 10:30 a.m. |

Watch for information about the Boomers and Friendship Builders Auctions coming soon!

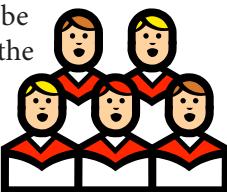
Carolers to Visit Edgewood Downs

Pastor Jennifer has invited children of all ages to join her on December 6 for a Christmas carol sing at Edgewood Downs, a retirement center located near Washington Square.

The young people will learn a couple of Christmas songs during their Sunday School time that they will present during this service.

Everyone (including parents and grandparents) is invited to a simple lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the morning church service.

There will be a craft for the children as well as a story time.



After a short dress rehearsal, we will carpool to Edgewood Downs for a 2:00 service. The service will last about 30 minutes. Feel free to join in on all or any part of the activities.

The residents of the retirement home will be so delighted to see, hear, and talk with the children!

Family Assistance Fund = Hope

"Thank you for your kind and timely effort to help keep my family's telephone service turned on. Last Thursday I received a call that gave me an opportunity to work... Thank you for your positive input into my life. Hopefully, by your efforts I may get several more opportunities."

The Family Assistance Fund helps those in need to drop by or call the office with specific requests, and it is one of the many ministries supported financially by you. Your generosity helps one family, one situation at a time. Donations to the FAF are gratefully accepted any time.

Dueling Divas Part Deux!

Join Diane Syrcle and Alexis Hamilton with pianist Janet Coleman as they sing opera, Broadway, and art songs in a fundraising concert for Bridgeport UCC. The event is Saturday, November 7, at Bridgeport UCC, 621 NE 76th Ave., Portland.

Luscious desserts and a

table raffle of terrific concerts, dinners, and other prizes are also part of the evening. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the concert begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for two. Seating is very limited. Contact Susan at 503-235-4245 or susan@bridgeportucc.org.

Bring Peace to the Middle East

Lee Gordon of Hand in Hand will be the special guest speaker in the Adult Education Hour at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 8, in

the Library. Hand in Hand develops integrated schools in Israel for Israeli Jewish and Israeli Arab children, for the
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Rummage Faire Wraps Up

A huge round of thanks goes to all hands involved in our annual Rummage Faire. As with most events at HCC, it's the volunteers that make it all possible. Tireless efforts came from Barbara Raz, Becky Meier, Charlene Dickinson, Cindy and Mike Van Loo, Dorothy Arthur, Lori Carlson, Elizabeth and David Karkosky, Evan and Rebecca Holt, Jack Morby, Julie Bishop, Kelly Troyer, Louise Albagli, Lynn Wolff, Margaret Bronson, Maria Dunlop, Marian Dunlap, Pat Stenaros, Patty Todd, and Trudi Frengle.

Thank you also to everyone who donated your gently used items to the sale. The unsold items have been donated to various charities including: Dress For Success, Community Warehouse, Transition Projects' Glisan Street Men's Homeless Shelter, Friends of the Library—Multnomah County Library,

and The Arc of Multnomah County.

This year's Rummage Faire netted \$2166.08. The youth fund will receive \$425 and the rest will go to the church's general fund.

The Rummage Faire is a tradition that dates back to 1982 and one that will continue. Hold on to your donations for next year—the call for them will go out beginning in July of 2010. Donations will be accepted throughout September 2010.

Peace *(continued)*

purpose of creating partnership and peace between Arab and Jewish children, families, and communities.

For more information before the presentation, visit handinhandk12.org, then come ready to listen, ask questions, and be inspired!

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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.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Jennifer Brownell	Director of Music/Administrator Tim Ditch
Child Care Providers Millie Alvarez and Olivia Hinerfeld	Custodian Terry Cornell