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11:00am Coffee Hour*

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News and Views

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September, 2019



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

“LOVE IS THE ONLY WAY”

Dealing with Disappointment

Opening prayer of the Church Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 21, 2019, read from “An Iona Prayer Book” by Peter Millar, a former Warden of Iona Abbey and minister of the Church of Scotland:

“Evening Prayer for Healing”

Jesus, Guide and Friend of every seeking heart, you take upon yourself all that burdens our lives, our days of doubt, our divided hearts, our physical weakness, and that fear of the future which is often our companion, and you transfigure them, freeing us of *all* that weighs us down. Lord of the perplexed, enable us tonight to rediscover your amazing truth—that in your strength, we truly can begin to walk anew with lightened step and clear vision, moving from the shadows into the clear flowing waters of your healing, gentle grace. Amen.

Little did we realize when we began our Council meeting on Wednesday evening that difficult decisions about Pastor Rebecca and Clarke’s plans for a pilgrimage trip to Scotland were in jeopardy. Following a fall from his horse, Clarke was experiencing a lot of pain, broken ribs, bruising, and possible blood clots which would make travel difficult and very dangerous. After much consideration, Rebecca and Clarke decided they would reconsider making the trip at this time. The Church Council assured them if they had to make the decision to cancel their trip that time would be made available at a later date for them to fulfill their planned pilgrimage trip to the isles of Mull and Iona. A great disappointment for the completion of Rebecca’s Sabbatical leave!

This reminded me of the great disappointment for Saint Columba, the founder of the Iona Monastery and Abbey in the year 563 AD. This abbey continues today as a holy and sacred place of prayer and pilgrimage for thousands of people each year. It is a very remote and isolated island only accessible by boat, but people still come in spite of the difficulty.

I would like to share with you this story from the book “Wisdom of the Celtic Saints” by Ed Sellner, Professor of Pastoral Theology & Spirituality at College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Columcille, or Columba as he is known in Britain, was founder and first abbot of Iona, a tiny island located off the western coast of Scotland. He was born into a royal clan in Donegal, Ireland, Dec. 7, 521 AD. His name means “dove of the church.” Like Ciaran, Columcille was a student of Finnian of Clonard. After his ordination, Columcille founded numerous monasteries, including Derry in 546, Durrow in 556, and probably Kells. All of these have oak groves, the favorite trees of the druids, growing on their original sites. Columcille himself is said to have addressed Christ as “my druid.” According to legends, Columcille was condemned by a synod in 561, possibly because of a copyright dispute (of a Psalter). Whatever the reason for his exile, he left Ireland at the age of 42 and moved to the island of Hy (Iona) in 563. A poet, scholar, and writer who obviously loved solitude, he was at the same time highly involved in pastoral ministry as head of his religious community on Iona and as a missionary to the Picts of Scotland. From the poetry and stories about him which have survived, it seems he never got over his homesickness for Ireland, especially his beloved Derry. He made at least one journey back to Ireland visiting his monks in Darrow and other monasteries before he died on Iona in 597.

Saint Columba’s great disappointment was having to leave Ireland, his fellow monks and family, never to return to live there again. Turning disappointment into opportunity or a new adventure doesn’t always happen, but the potential is there. Let us pray for healing, restoration, and another opportunity for Pastor Rebecca and Clarke to complete this pilgrimage. And for our church family, our nation, and the world community, let us keep alive the vision of love and hope found in our relationship to God, Christ and the Holy Spirit that can guide us to overcome disappointment.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13
Love, Margie, Moderator

PASTOR'S ARTICLE, September, 2019

Dear CUCC Family,

As September welcomes us with open and generous arms, it brings with it the end of our chapter together. In reflecting on the last three months, I am filled with immense gratitude for the ways in which we have met each other with curiosity, enthusiasm, and wonder. Together, we have explored spiritualities of hospitality and welcome and, I hope, individually begun to name for ourselves those things we are called to and what makes our heart sing. It is my sincere prayer that you have found some rest and encouragement to carry you into the next season of life together. I have no doubts that God will use what we have learned together and what Rebecca has learned in her travels in an amazing and unexpected synergy.

Transitions can be difficult to navigate because they poke at some of our deepest fears and insecurities. When a chapter ends, there is a moment of panic before the new one begins. Despite our anxiety, the new chapter does open and it is filled with just as much joy and wonder as the one that came before. In chapter 14 of the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks peace directly into this very anxiety, urging us to trust that there is beauty and goodness in what comes next. May the words of verse 27 be a blessing: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The peace which comes from spirituality works opposite from the ways we generally try to protect ourselves from that which makes us anxious. The world tells us to build up, hoard, grasp, and hang onto what we love at all costs. The world tells us that if we hang on tight enough, we will never have to lose anything. If we never have to lose anything, we will never have to grieve. The path of spirituality bids us to keep an open hand, giving our blessing as paths part, and trusting in the unsurpassed goodness of what comes next.

As we take leave of each other, you will remain in my prayers and I will carry the experience of this summer with me as a treasured memory. You are truly a wonderful, committed, thoughtful, and warm congregation. Thank you for trusting me with your most sacred stories and your most tender moments. It has been an honor to walk with you through these weeks. I am looking forward to seeing what creative new life God is working in and through us both as we part ways.

Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Blessings ,
Mallory Everhart, Interim Minister



ETERNAL LOVE

You are my Shepherd;
I will not be afraid.
You make me dwell in peace.
You are my light
And the Lord of my journey.
Your rod and Your staff
Comfort me,
So I'll sing in the valley,
Shout from the mountain,
Drink from the river,
Dance near the fountain
Of Your everlasting life
And Your eternal love.

from the song *Eternal Love*, by Chris Christensen
based on Psalm 23

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

Hello ladies! We begin our regular monthly meetings this month. Our next meeting is September 26 at 1:00pm. The program will be presented by Ellisa Hanna, Holocaust survivor. The hostesses are Karen Bowers and Liz Anderson.

Our 93rd Annual Bazaar is November 2, 9:00am- 2:00pm. Any and all help will be welcomed. The quilt is finished, and for our second raffle item, Ron Erickson is working on something. An organizational meeting will be scheduled later in September. A big Thank You! to Janet Steiner for taking the helm again this year. Please contact her if you have any ideas for projects, items to sell, suggestions, *anything*.

~Merilee Daugherty, President

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

- **Windows:** Windows have been picked up. The team under the leadership of Darell and Paul hope to start installing the sanctuary windows the second week in September. The goal is to get these windows in before the first snow. It may take a few weeks to complete this stage of the window project, so the team is asking everyone to be patient.
- **Compost project:** Up and running.
- **Weeds:** These continue to be a problem. The team (with the help of Barb Wilder) is looking for a non-chemical solution to this problem. We would welcome any input in solving this. We can always use help just pulling the weeds.
- **Front door security:** Additional research and discussion is needed on this issue.
- **Carpet cleaning:** The team is looking into the cost of having the sanctuary, halls, offices and entry way cleaned. There is also a possibility of having the classrooms done, as well. If too costly, team members may just use the church's carpet cleaner and do them. The team is looking at having it done the week after the bazaar.

~Prepared by Rhonda Funston, Team member

CHAFFEE GREEN COMPOSTING NOW AVAILABLE AT CUCC!

The composting bins are here! Woo hoo! Compost generated directly by the church can be added for free, but congregants must sign up in order to be able to add their own personal composting.

Sign up at <https://garna.org/chaffee-green-composting/>, from which the following is taken:

"Chaffee Green Sustainability Program of GARNA has partnered with Elements Mountain Compost to set up compost drop-off stations in Buena Vista and Salida. Cost is \$6/month, with a minimum 6-month commitment, plus a \$5 one-time registration fee. Once registration is complete, you'll receive an email telling you the lock code for your station."

Please see the information sheet in the kitchen and on the composting bins for what is and is not allowed. Also visit the website of our composting service, Elements Mountain Compost, at <http://www.elementscompost.com/>.



For those adding CUCC's compost, the lock code is available in the office.

Part of our church family who would enjoy Prayers, Cards, or perhaps a Visit

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CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

September 4—Judy Hassell
September 7—Farrell Coy
September 13—Fred McMurry
September 15—Gerry Venard
September 16—Carla Hansford
September 17—Norma Smith
September 17—Rod Struthers
September 18—Susan Helms
September 18—Mary Messamer
September 18—Ryan Tucker
September 24—Warren Montgomery
September 25—Linda Swanson
September 30—Wilma Williams



ANNIVERSARIES

September 4—Barb & John Groy
September 4—Ric & Char Houseman
September 7—Sharie & Rod Schofield
September 20—Millie & Tom Meardon
September 22—Jim & Ruth Amster

Don't see your special day listed?
Please contact the office at 395-2544
or email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kaylynn Pomfret and Blakely-Grace Pomfret—Strength
Linette Williams—Healing
Diana Lynn Hilt (Lucille Habeck's daughter)—Healing
Jordan Conradson—Healing
Zachary Bayhan (Donna Maloney's nephew)—Strength
Laurie Riggs—Healing
Marcy Adams—Healing
Mark Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's nephew)—Healing
Sarah Struthers—Healing
Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones' sister-in-law)—Healing
Pam Hughes—Healing
Kacie Wheeler—Healing
Ali Lufkin—Healing
Kenny Kimberlan (nephew of co-worker of Becky Mahon)—Healing
Del and Janet Jones—Healing
Jon Hurley (Bowie & Helen Duncan's nephew)—Healing
Nan Bohe—Healing
Gary Dennis (friend of Rhonda Funston)—Healing
Jean Ferguson—Healing
Al & Phyl McCall—Healing
Clarke Poos—Healing
Jim Osborne (friend of Rhonda Funston)—Healing
Rocky Kemper—Healing
The Family of Jeannie Kemper (Rocky Kemper's sister-in-law)—Comfort



The Bible's Church Growth Plan

Jennifer Brownell, pastor of First Congregational Church of Vancouver, Washington

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. - Acts 9:31

You probably don't ever have these conversations where you are (cough, cough), but the church people I hang out with spend a fair amount of time thinking, reading, and talking about plans or programs designed to get the church to grow. Screens or no screens. Small groups or leadership training. One kind of music or another kind. And whatever the attractive program or plan is, it must lure the elusive "young family," seldom seen in the wild and not easily captured.

What if church growth, though, was less about a plan or a program and more about an orientation, an attitude, a way of being? What if the most attractive feature of your church to young families (and old singles and all the configurations of humanity in between) was that you had the kind of true peace that confronted conflict in a healthy, unafraid way? What if the most appealing growth plan was a commitment to faith so unabashedly reverent that it looked something like awe? What if the best church growth program of all was a community of people giving and receiving the kind of comfort that can only be inspired by the Holy Spirit?

I mean, I don't know if it would work. But if your church is anything like mine, you've tried everything else. Maybe the plan we've been seeking has been with us all along, hidden in plain sight right here in the thirty-first verse of the ninth book of Acts.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, give us comfort. Christ, grant us awe. Creator God, bring us peace. Amen.



THANK YOU, MALLORY!
GATHERING OF THE WATERS
SALAD AND DESSERT POTLUCK
September 8

We will have a Gathering of the Waters ceremony during the worship service with water gathered from the various places people have roamed to this summer. The water will be used for baptisms, etc. over the coming year.

Also, please join us as we *thank Mallory* for her to service to CUCC and send her off with our blessing, as well as a salad and dessert potluck.

It's gonna be a big ol' fun time!
Make sure you're part of it!

WELCOME BACK, REBECCA!
ROUNDUP SUNDAY
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
September 15

Please mark your calendar for September 15, when we will *welcome Pastor Rebecca back* from Sabbatical and begin our winter schedule.

We will enjoy an ice cream social during Coffee Hour featuring homemade ice cream and lots of toppings, too!

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view from the Mountain

“THE TURTLE PATROL”



The beach on the island looks different at dawn. It is quiet; the only thing making any sounds are the sleepy seagulls and the terns ,and if you really listen, you can hear the myriads of sand crabs poking in and out of their holes to see what we were doing there.

It was the first morning to start my commitment to help the large endangered turtles. I was chosen to be one of the two people to make up the Turtle Patrol and I was so excited to do it. Ahead of time we were schooled in what to do, how to do it—all the way to hatching days. I met my partner at 6:00am and we began our walk on the beach from the pier to the lighthouse.

Here’s what we were to do. We were to walk and look for crawls. A crawl is when the turtle leaves the ocean and makes her way to the spot she chooses. There she stops and begins to dig a deep hole. When she is satisfied with the hole, she straddles it and begins depositing her eggs. During this time tears form and she continues to cry until all of her eggs are in the hole. There are usually over one hundred eggs. It’s no wonder she cries. Once she is emptied of eggs, she uses her big body to cover the hole full of eggs. She then returns to the ocean on a path like making a U-turn. Then our work begins.

My partner and I would follow the crawl to the hole the female dug, and setting our basket down at the edge, we’d very carefully pick up and count every little egg, depositing them into our basket. One of us would then cover the hole and take the eggs to an enclosed area for safety, while the other looked for another crawl. The enclosed area was fenced all around— sides, top, and bottom. It was safe from raccoons and all other predators.

The most important part of our work took place in the enclosed area. We would each take our gathered eggs inside the area, dig a hole that approximated the mother’s hole on the inside, and deposit each egg into it while carefully counting them. On a board inside the enclosure every crawl is noted, the date it was transferred, the exact number of eggs in it, and, finally, the exact date they should hatch, dig out of the hole, and run.

That day is amazing. On the day they hatch we must be there to make sure all goes well. I have never seen anything like that morning when my first babies were born. It was, once again, dawn. It was so quiet except for some awakening seagulls watching us. I went inside the enclosure and waited. Before long, the hole began to quiver. In no time, a tiny little baby turtle broke through the topsoil. Then another and another and another. I counted as each egg became alive and ready for a very tenuous life.

Now, here’s the first hurdle for these little guys. Because it was still dark outside, cars are usually passing with headlights on. And because the babies gravitate to light, unless I get them headed to the ocean, they often head for the lights on the road running parallel to the beach. My job was to turn them back toward the ocean and say a prayer that they live through the fish, birds, and other species that pick them off as they swim away.

It wasn’t too long after that that we left our island life and moved to our wondrous Kentucky farm. But I often think of those days when our human lives were one with the lives of the wildlife we respected and loved.

You know what I have learned? Unless man and nature protect each other, neither may survive. During those Turtle Patrol days I wrote a poem that won an award.

Kinship with life, breath to breath,
with no thought to soul or spirit,
only the realization of reverence,
of oneness simply and only because
we all exist.

Thus the melodic background for loving
for the death of man will surly hasten
when the music of concern plays only for him
and excludes
or even diminishes
the glory of all other living beings.
The miracle is love
and the love is for life, and the music chants for all,
for all.

I no longer have the strength to travel, but I am sure that if I could walk barefoot on that soft white sand and if I came upon a crawl, my heart would skip a beat. My mind and my heart would take me back to my Turtle Patrol days and I would hope there are humans that care enough about the survival of the turtle to walk and help them to the ocean. We—every living thing—are all children of God. Let us try to live lives that reflect this belief.

The view from the mountain is wondrous. ~ Jean Brody

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Communion Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour	2 LABOR DAY 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	3 8:30am TOPS -CH 11:30am-1:00pm Republican Women-FH, K 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS	4 6pm Choir-CH 7pm OA-#7	5 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH 7pm AA-AE	6 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	7 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7 9am-12pm HCFAA Auditions-D, N 10:15-11:15am AI-Anon Planning Mtg-#7
8 MALLORY SEND-OFF/ THANK YOU! 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour/Salad & Dessert Potluck 11:30am-1pm Faith Ed. Team-D 11:30am-1:30pm Outreach Team -AE	9 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 1-2pm Worship Team -#7 2-4:30pm Chaffee Green Steering Comm.-AE 5:30-8pm Nurturing Fathers Class-AE, FH, K, N 6:30-8:30pm CPC -CH, S	10 8:30am TOPS-CH 10am-12pm Stew/ Vis Team-PO 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS	11 6pm Choir/MSG -CH 7pm OA-#7	12 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH 4-5:30pm HCFAA Rehearsal-S 6-8pm Facilities Team-#7 6:30-8pm Finance Team- 7pm AA-AE	13 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 4-5:30pm HCFAA Rehearsal-S 7:30-9:30pm Community Dance -FH	14 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7
15 ROUNUP SUNDAY/ WELCOME BACK, REBECCA! 9am Adult Ed. 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour/Ice Cream Social	16 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 6:30-8:30pm CPC -CH, S	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30am TOPS-CH 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS	18 5:30-7pm HCFAA Rehearsal-S 6pm Choir-CH 7pm Council-AE 7pm OA-#7	19 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH 5:30-7pm HCFAA Rehearsal-S 7pm AA-AE	20 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	21 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7 9:45am AI-Anon Bus. Mtg-#7 7-9pm Next Step Dance-FH
22 9am Adult Ed. 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour/Birthday Celebration	23 FIRST DAY OF FALL 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE  6:30-8:30pm CPC -CH, S	24 8:30am TOPS-CH 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS	25 6pm Choir-CH 7pm OA-#7	26 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH 1-3pm WMS 6-8pm CC Democrats-FH 7pm AA-AE	27 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	28 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7
29 9am Adult Ed. 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour	30 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 6:30-8:30pm CPC -CH, S		AE=Adult Education Room CH=Choir Room D=Drama Room FH=Fellowship Hall	K=Kitchen PO=Pastor's Office RR=Rainbow Room S=Sanctuary #7=Room 7 Outside Group		



Kudos Kolumn

Many, many thanks to Ann Condra and Nancy Best for organizing the Lifetouch photography sessions and especially to Ann, who also manned the check-in table for the entire three-day event! Also big thank-yous to Kay Allinger, Karen Bowers, Carla Hansford, and Teresa Roorda who joined Ann at the check-in table at various times. Thank you, as well, to Betsy Neas and Kathy Roman who covered for Ann when she had to run home to administer medicine to her cat. And hats off to Judy Hassell who, along with Ann again, signed people up for sittings during Coffee Hour. Major kudos are also due to Jean Ferguson who took pictures of those that couldn't get to the photography sessions at the church. Your pictures look great, Jean! And many thanks to Paul Dorfmeister, Leonard Nyberg, and Kathy Roman for their help in set-up and break-down in the fellowship hall and drama room.

Great job, team!!

MARGERY DORFMEISTER RECENTLY CELEBRATED HER 89TH BIRTHDAY WITH HER CREATIVE FRIENDS. WRITERS, ARTISTS, AND MUSICIANS JOINED FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND DRESSED SILLY TO TOAST TO THE "MAD HATTER OF BUENA VISTA!" POETRY WAS SHARED AND A SONG OR TWO WAS SUNG! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARGERY!



Worship Team Notes

Sept. 8, Mallory's last Sunday. We are planning a salad and dessert potluck to thank Mallory for her commitment to CUCC during Rebecca's sabbatical leave. Information will be posted in the weekly e-blast and the Sunday bulletin. There will also be a Gathering of Waters Ceremony and the Choir will return to action.

Sept 15th is Roundup Sunday. We will celebrate Rebecca's return from her sabbatical with an ice cream social following worship, with homemade ice cream and toppings, compliments of Janet Steiner. Thank you, Janet!

Next Meeting: Originally scheduled for September 8th, 2019, the WT has rescheduled their September meeting for Monday, Sept. 9th at 1:00pm.

Outreach/Community & World Team News September greetings!

-- On Sunday, October 13, the Outreach Team and Women's Missionary Society will be hosting Israel Garcia of La Puente in Alamosa. He spoke at CUCC several years ago and will explain the mission and how we are involved.

-- Looking ahead, the OT is planning our second Heifer International event, with lunch, games, and information, early in December. Stay tuned!



CUCC ANNUAL BAZAAR! Saturday, November 2 9:00am-2:00pm

Time to start gearing up for the 93rd Annual Bazaar!

Any and all help will be welcomed. If anyone isn't sure how to pitch in, please ask.

Departments are crafts, baked goods, candy, books, collectibles, treasures, & lunch.

The raffle quilt is finished! and Ron Erickson is creating a project for the second raffle item.

An organizational meeting will be scheduled later in Sept. More updates as we go!

THANK YOU

Thanking for sending me the church News & Views. Nice to hear & see what is happening. Good to hear windows have been ordered.

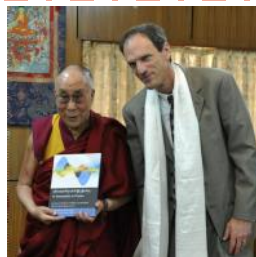
~Lew Lowe



CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



BIOLOGY AND BUDDHISM, with DR. ARRI EISEN
What I've Learned about Life during a Decade Teaching Science to the Dalai Lama's Monks and Nuns
Thursday, October 10, 7:00pm
Ivy Ballroom at the Surf Hotel



- When the Dalai Lama invited Emory University to shape and lead the first significant change to his monastics' academic curriculum in six centuries, little did anyone imagine how profoundly this new direction would affect all involved. Dr. Arri Eisen has been involved with the Emory Tibet Science Initiative since its inception. He will discuss unexpected insights gained in relation to science and religion, teaching across cultures, and the process of thinking about and doing science in general.

Please join us! FREE!



Backpack Program

Food items always in demand:

- *Shelf-stable milk (Horizon milk in cartons on shelf at Walmart, white or chocolate)
- *Fruit cups (individual)
- *Chef Boyardee, pasta, etc.
- *Pudding Cups
- *Granola or Cereal Bars

As always, cash donations are appreciated, too!



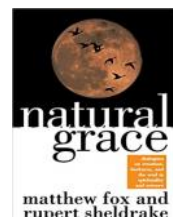
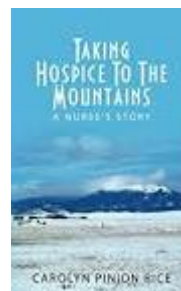
TELLS
Tuesday Evening Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm
held at members' homes

All women are invited!

We read and discuss books, share life, joys, and concerns, and enjoy snacks!

The group is studying "Taking Hospice to the Mountains: A Nurse's Story" by Carolyn Pinion Rice, about hospice coming to South Park in the 1970's.

See Laurie Stevens or Judy Hassell to get on the email list.



MONDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP
Mondays at 8:00am
Grace Church Annex

Men of CUCC are invited to join men of Grace Church to this class. They are currently studying "Natural Grace" by Michael Fox and Rupert Sheldrake. Fox represents the theological tenant of Original Blessing and Sheldrake is a biologist. They discuss science and religion each from his own background.

The sessions last one to one and one-half hours and is open to men of CUCC and the community.

Women's Missionary Society
September 26, 1:00pm

Program
Holocaust Survivor Ellisa Hanna

Hostesses
Karen Bowers
Liz Anderson

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

September	Scriptures
Sunday, September 1	—Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sunday, September 8	—John 14:15-30
Sunday, September 15	—Luke 15:1-10
Sunday, September 22	—Luke 16:1-13
Sunday, September 29	—Luke 16:19-31

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING
Sunday, September 29
Please plan to stay after the service for this important quarterly event. Lunch will be provided.

LET'S BE GREEN!!!

Please recycle everything possible at CUCC. We have bins in the office and Fellowship Hall to make it easy.



BE IN THE KNOW!

- Copies of Sunday messages can be found in the file box outside the pastor's office door.
- Sunday messages are also posted on the church website at www.bvcucc.org/home/Sunday-messages.
- Sunday bulletins are available in large print before the service—ask a greeter.
- To receive the CUCC weekly email blast, contact the office at 719-395-2544 or email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com.
- Nancy is in the front office T, W, F from 9-2, but feel free to leave a message at any time.
- Contact Nancy in the office to get on the birthday/anniversary list. *Please include the year of said birthday/anniversary.*

UNLOCKING THE RICHES OF CELTIC SPIRITUALITY
Congregational Church Retreat
November 8-10, 2019
CUCC

"Reading Deeply: The Natural World as Sacred Text"

Led by Rita and Brad Berglund
~Organizers and Tour Guides of Illuminated Journeys, Inc.

Registration: \$10 for Saturday catered lunch
 See Registrar—Marge Erickson



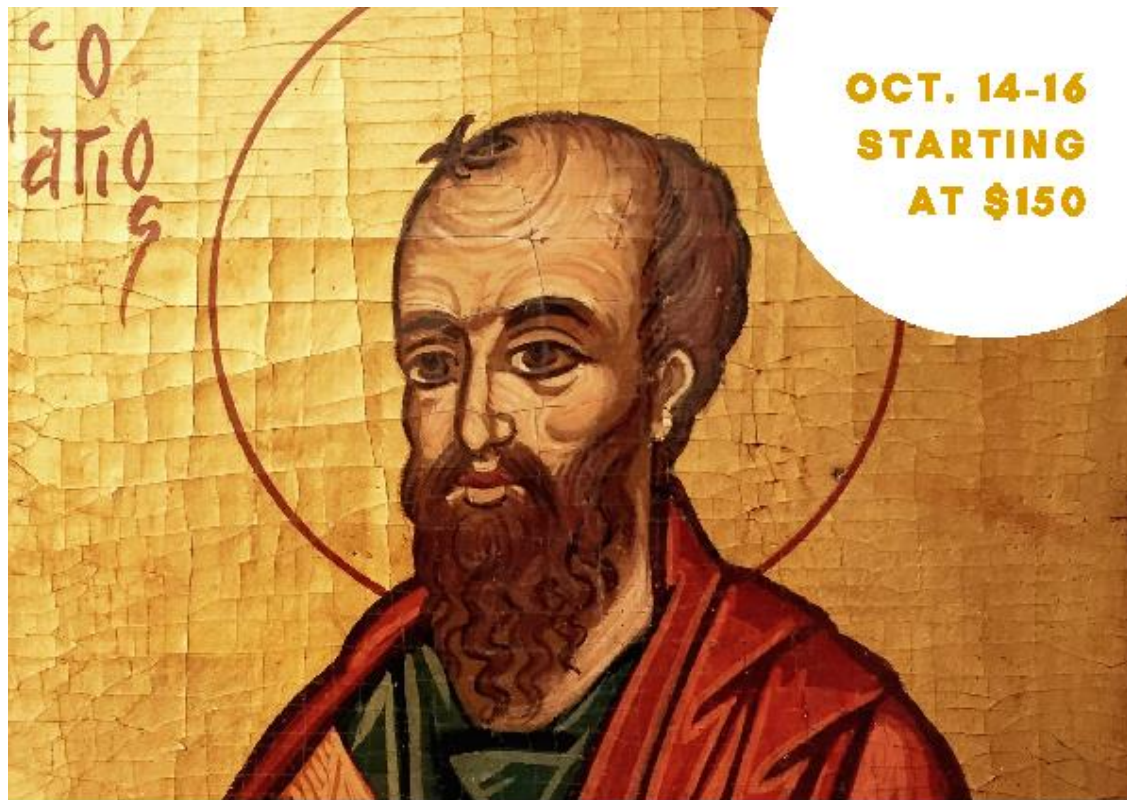
*"Stand at the crossroads and look;
 ask for the ancient paths,
 ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
 and you will find rest for your souls."*

ADULT EDUCATION

The Sunday morning adult education class will not resume on Roundup Sunday as it has in the past. Stayed tuned for more information as it becomes available from the Faith Education Team.

Pastor's Week At a Glance:

Sunday — Church Family Day
Monday — Sabbath & Singing
Tuesday — Office(s) Hours, Meetings, Appointments, Worship & Education Prep, TELLs
Wednesday — Writing Morning; Office Work, Visiting, Meetings, Choir
Thursday — Inreach & Outreach Day
Friday — Catch-All & Catch-Up Day
Saturday — Final Prep for Sunday & Family Day



**OCT. 14-16
STARTING
AT \$150**

For those interested in the Bible, Christian theology, and history.

PAUL AND THE EARLIEST GOSPELS

Using Paul's letters and the canonical gospel accounts of Jesus' life and ministry, Rev. Dr. Eric C. Smith will help us think through the lives and faiths of the first followers of Jesus, who took the religion of an executed Jewish teacher and turned it into a major religion in the Roman Empire. This study will enrich the knowledge of clergy and laity alike, and will help you make sense of your own histories, and the texts you (think you) already know well.

More info and registration at LaForet.org/events

SUMMER SABBATICAL INTERIM MINISTER MALLORY EVERHART

**June 15—September 8
Saturdays 9:00am—Sundays 5:00pm
(in BV)**

**phone: 303-886-3149
email: mallorypeverhart@gmail.com**



Reaching Pastor Rebecca beginning Sunday, September 15

If I'm not at the church, I might be out
visiting, in a meeting, or writing a sermon.

Leave a message at the office at 719-395-2544,
call my cell at 719-252-6890,
or email me at revbecca@icloud.com.



The Faith Education Team

*Develop a passion for learning.
If you do, you never cease to grow.
Anthony J. D'Angelo*

Faith Education for Everyone

Look for upcoming FE happenings in the bulletin inserts and weekly email blasts.

EARTH, SKY & SEA A HEART & SOUL IMMERSION IN ANCIENT CELTIC SPIRITUALITY WITH BRENDAN ELLIS WILLIAMS

**November 22 - 24
La Foret Retreat Center**

Join priest, healer, spiritual teacher, author, scholar of Celtic traditions, storyteller, and poet-seer, Brendan Ellis Williams, for an immersive and experiential exploration of Gaelic and Welsh ancestral traditions. Together in the bonds of community, participants will explore deep-rooted threads of Celtic story, spirituality, and contemplative practice.

Brendan teaches his ancestral Gaelic and Welsh traditions through a lens of rewilding and reclaiming, by experiential immersion of head and heart, body and soul, challenging popular assumptions about 'Celtic Christianity' and the oft romanticized lifeways of his ancient Ancestors.

brendanelliswilliams.com

Register: laforet.org/events

CUCC Council Minutes

August 21, 2019

Present: Kay Allinger, Ann Condra, Marge Erickson, Ron Erickson, Rhonda Funston, Ron Hassell, Cindy Helm, Betsy Neas, Kathy Roman, Arlene Waldorf, Bill Waldorf, Vivian York. Guest: Church Office Communications Admin. Nancy Best. Following an opening prayer and a reading from Iona prayer book by Peter Millar, Moderator Marge Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:21pm.

General Business and Reports
Since there was no Council meeting in July, minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Ann Condra, second by Kathy Roman. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk’s Report: In the absence of Clerk Ron Rak, Marge presented his report. Bill and Elizabeth Shelby have permanently moved to Arizona and Chuck Tidd has passed on.

Treasurer’s Report: Cindy Helm reported that for the year to date, at the end of July receipts lagged behind actual expenditures by \$7,840.84. When compared to the 2019 budget, however, the shortfall is \$14,438.04. Bill Waldorf added the concern that in contrast to past years, summer contributions are down so far this year.

Continuing Business
Update on Windows Replacement Project: Ron Hassell announced that the new windows have been delivered. The wood frame windows are stored inside the building and those with vinyl frames are stored in the play yard. He anticipates that installation will begin about the second week of September by Paul Dorfmeister and Darrell Hamilton. To date, a contractor to install those windows not destined for the sanctuary has not been found. It is estimated that the cost would amount to about \$500.00 each.

LifeTouch Directory Progress: Ann Condra reported that 51 photos of church members and friends were taken during our scheduled days of August 15-17. A number of people were unavailable and/or unable to make the sittings and Jean Ferguson will be scheduling times to photograph them. Another alternative is to schedule a re-visit by LifeTouch, if we can schedule a specified minimum of sittings and postpone printing until that can be accomplished. Nancy Best was in attendance for this part of the meeting and filled in some of the details about our new directory, such as the smaller format and possible cover design. We also asked people to check and verify their contact information to be published in the directory so that Nancy can do the updating. Ann thanked Nancy for her invaluable help in contacting people and scheduling them. Ann moved that we pursue the option of scheduling a re-visit by LifeTouch and postpone printing until that can be accomplished. Second by Rhonda Funston. Motion carried.

New Business
Congregational Gathering: The third Congregational Gathering of the year is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, with a presentation by the Rev. Erin Gilmore who will discuss “the state of the church” and ideas on attracting new membership. This presentation will include a DVD and a question and answer session. The plan is to shorten worship time by a little, stay in the sanctuary for the presentation, and move to the Fellowship Hall for lunch.

Fall Celtic Retreat: November 8-10 has been set for a Celtic retreat to be led by Brad and Rita Berglund. They have 20 years of experience conducting Pilgrimage Tours to many Celtic sites. The idea of charging a \$5.00 or \$10.00 registration fee to get potential participants’ commitment to the sessions (including lunch on Saturday) was brought up, but not voted upon. On Sunday, Nov. 10, Rev. Berglund will be conducting the worship service.

At about this time during the meeting Bill Waldorf received a text message from Pastor Rebecca regarding help in getting an ultrasound for Clarke, who had sustained some serious injuries in a recent horse accident. It was especially important because he was scheduled to accompany Rebecca on a journey to Scotland, departing the next day, as the finale of her sabbatical leave. Following some discussion, it was decided by consensus of those present that in the event the Poos had to forego or postpone the trip for medical reasons, the church would offer them the time off in the future should they be able to reschedule. After a prayer by Moderator Marge Erickson, the regular meeting resumed.

Team Reports and Updates:
Worship Team: Betsy Neas reported that on Sunday, September 8, sabbatical interim minister Mallory Everhart’s last day at CUCC, we will celebrate the Gathering of Waters with samples of water gathered by worshippers on their summer travels. The worship team will bid her farewell with a salad and dessert luncheon. September 15 is designated as Roundup Sunday and we will celebrate Rebecca’s return with cake and ice cream.

Outreach Team: The team did not meet in July. No report.

Stewardship/Visioning Team: Ann Condra reported that although she and Judy Hassell scouted the entire town to identify potential sites for the planned community clean-up, there were none to be found. It was subsequently decided to concentrate efforts on shaping up the church grounds since Barb Wilder has had to cut back her grounds maintenance activities due to health issues. About a dozen people worked on mowing, weeding, weed-eating, pruning, raking, watering, etc. All enjoyed brown bag lunches together with ice cream for dessert provided by the team. Ann reiterated the team’s overall goal to stimulate giving and support.

Finance and Budget Team: The team did not meet in July. Bill Waldorf added his projection that at our current level of support, the church may not have the means to continue more than 10 years into the future. He feels that we should perhaps be appealing to 60-80-year-olds in the community.

Faith Education Team: Arlene Waldorf reported that the July 4 Pie Sale was a smashing success, selling out by 11:30 that morning and netting a total of \$910.00. With respect to curriculum for the coming year, materials have been ordered for the children’s church program and there are sufficient volunteers to work with the youngsters. Regarding the adult education program, the team has decided to ask people what they want to study as well as meeting time, day and frequency. Ron Erickson will not be continuing as adult education leader, but pointed out that courses in video and audio format are available for purchase. Ron also had a list of authors and titles for potential study.

Affiliated Organizations and Committees
Women’s Missionary Society: Kay Allinger reported that the annual June picnic was well attended and went well. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26.

Calendar of Upcoming Events was printed in the agenda.

Next Council Meeting is September 18.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Roman, Vice– Moderator

CUCC Finance and Budget Team September News

There is no news to share as the Finance & Budget Team did not meet in August.

STEWARDSHIP/VISIONING TEAM NEWS

As the Stewardship/Visioning Team did not meet in August, there is no news to share.

