



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS



*A progressive presence in Ballard*

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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***We are an Open and Affirming congregation, finding grace in the search for understanding.  
No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey, all are welcome here.***

## **SEPTEMBER MUSINGS**

In a recent phone conversation a UCC colleague was wondering how the church where s/he was pastor could become a “place where people hear a call to ministry – like what you have at St. Paul’s.” I’ve wondered about that conversation in the time since it took place. It’s intriguing to think that we might have something unique and even special, and it is also good to think that Christian ministry is valued enough that folk would listen to – rather than fight against – such a call.

And it has reminded me that in recent years we have had the good fortune to be what I would call a “teaching parish.” Retired clergy have been and become members, sharing their experience and wisdom. Clergy have come to us seeking “privilege of call” from another denomination and have learned what it means to be a UCC leader. Ordained UCC folk have come to us between calls. We have had two field education students from Seattle University, learning what it means to be a parish pastor in our “practical” setting. And this month we will welcome Becky Withington, our third Seattle University student over the past few years.

And a “teaching parish” really means being a setting where someone can explore their gifts, try new aspects of leadership, make mistakes, learn new skills, and refine existing ones. And what a “teaching parish” is not is a last-gasp effort at getting a new person to tackle and old problem. I have never experienced St. Paul’s as a place where we try to get that to happen, but it is worth mentioning each time we begin a new student partnership. A student is a gift to us – with fresh eyes and insight to share with us, and to learn from us what it means to be in our particular faith community as we live out our covenant with each other.

I’m grateful for this opportunity each time it is offered!

Faithfully, Pastor Tim

# SEPTEMBER SUNDAYS AND WORSHIP

Sept 5 **No worship at St. Paul's – church on retreat at Camp Pilgrim Firs**

*Seattle UCC worship opportunities nearby include:*

**10:00 am** Worship at Broadview UCC – 325 N 125<sup>th</sup> Street

**10:00 am** Worship at Magnolia UCC – 3555 West McGraw

**10:00 am** Worship at Richmond Beach UCC – 1512 NW 195<sup>th</sup> Street

**10:30 am** Worship at Keystone UCC – 5019 Keystone Place North

Sept 12 10:45 am Nursery Opens

**11:00 am** **Worship – 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10**

Tim Devine, preaching

12:00 noon *Fellowship in Foster Hall*

***Bring Food Items for Emergency Feeding Program***

2:00 pm Chuukese Island Fellowship

Sept 19 10:45 am Nursery Opens

**11:00 am** **Worship – 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13**

Tim Devine, preaching

12:00 noon *Fellowship in Foster Hall*

2:00 pm Chuukese Island Fellowship

Sept 26 10:00 am Family and Adult Service Center lunch prep

10:45 am Nursery Opens

**11:00 am** **Worship – 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31**

Tim Devine, preaching; Becky Withington, worship leader

12:00 noon *Fellowship in Foster Hall*

***St. Paul's Serves lunch at the Family and Adult Service Center***

2:00 pm Chuukese Island Fellowship

## CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Amy Guthormsen and Erin Lay     | 9-3-05  |
| Robin Lunsford and Kathy Knauff | 9-6-93  |
| Eileen Olinger and John Halpin  | 9-8-86  |
| Jennifer Philyaw                | 9-12    |
| Mike Morgan                     | 9-13    |
| Ricardo Kapiti                  | 9-16    |
| Kathy Knauff                    | 9-19    |
| Dave Heater and Bill Soderberg  | 9-21-91 |
| Haley Philyaw                   | 9-26    |
| Jacquie Willette                | 9-26    |
| Danielle Berlin                 | 9-28    |

## **SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES IN SEPTEMBER**

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| Sept 3-5 | <b>All-Church Retreat at Camp Pilgrim Firs</b>   |
| Sept 12  | Bring food items for the <b>Emergency Feeding Program</b><br><b>Backyard reception for Katie and Chris Kribble</b> – 4:00 pm |
| Sept 13  | <b>Church Council Meeting</b> at the Ogasawara/Delaney home – 7:00 pm  |
| Sept 18  | <b>Book Club</b> at the home of Mary Mueller   |
| Sept 25  | <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> in Foster Hall – 9:00 to 11:00 am   |
| Sept 26  | <b>St. Paul's Serves lunch at the Family and Adult Service Center</b>  |
| Sept 27  | <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>   |

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

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| Oct 3  | <b>Neighbors in Need</b> Special Mission Offering |
| Oct 18 | <b>Women's Fellowship</b>                         |
| Oct 23 | <b>St. Paul's Auction</b>                         |
| Oct 24 | <b>Blessing of the Pets</b>                       |
| Oct 31 | <b>All Saints Sunday</b>                          |

## **EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM – SEPTEMBER 12**

For those participating, please remember to bring your food items on this "Second Sunday." Like to help? Questions? Contact Hans Mueller.

## **BACKYARD RECEPTION – SEPTEMBER 12**

All are invited to a backyard reception to celebrate the marriage of Katie Johnson to Chris Kribble on August 14. The reception will be at Chris Johnson's on Sunday, September 12 starting at 4:00 pm. The address is 23618 101<sup>st</sup> Ave West in Edmonds. For details or directions contact Chris.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13**

The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, August 16 at 7:00 pm at the Ogasawara-Delaney residence at 3616 Palatine Avenue North – upper unit (note the location change). Need directions? Contact Cindy. Need an item on the agenda? Contact Moderator Kathy Knauff.

## **BOOK CLUB – SEPTEMBER 18**

All are welcome to participate in these book discussions! The next gathering will be on Saturday, September 18 at 10:30 am at the home of Mary Mueller at 3232 NW 57<sup>th</sup> Street. The book to be discussed will be The Reading Group by Elizabeth Noble. Looking ahead, on October 9 the book club will discuss Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel by Jamie Ford. Questions? Contact Mary.





### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST – SEPTEMBER 25**

The next pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday morning, September 25, from 9:00 to 11:00 am in Foster Hall. There is a suggested donation but all are welcome for breakfast regardless of ability to pay. Like to help? Contact Sharon James.

### **FAMILY AND ADULT SERVICE CENTER LUNCH – SEPTEMBER 26**

The last Sunday of each month we serve lunch in downtown Seattle, but before worship is the time when 100 lunch bags are assembled. **Homemade cookies are always gratefully accepted!** We meet in Foster Hall starting at about 10:00 am on these Sundays. All are invited to help! Children are especially welcome to get a sense of service in the church community. Questions? Contact Ed Philyaw.

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 27**

Please have all October newsletter information given or e-mailed to Tim by this date!

### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL OFFERING – OCTOBER 4**



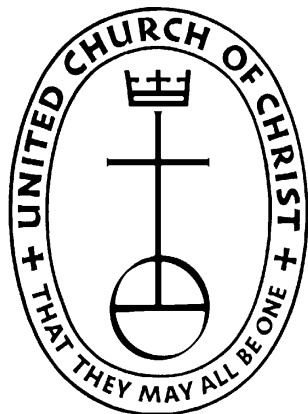
The first Sunday in October, World Communion Sunday, is an annual event when we recognize the variety of Christian settings that all observe communion on this day. At St. Paul's we will celebrate with a variety of breads that cross the world's cultures. (As always, a wheat-free/gluten-free option is available.)

In addition, the annual United Church of Christ "Neighbors in Need" offering will be held on this Sunday. This One-third of the offering supports the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), including much-needed financial support for 20 American Indian congregations in the UCC. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice advocacy and direct service projects, just-peace programs, and community grants throughout the United States. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul's, and put NIN on the memo line. Special NIN envelopes will be available in the October 4 Sunday worship bulletin. Donations can also be made online anytime at [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin).

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday**  
**Oct. 23, 2010**  
**St. Paul's Auction**  
**Fun, frivolity and funding!**

# **UCC NEWS**

## **JOHN SHELBY SPONG AT UNIVERSITY UCC – OCTOBER 8-9, 2010**



This lecture series presents John Shelby Spong, a retired bishop of the Episcopal Church and known for his value of an inclusive faith and bestselling books Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism and Why Christianity Must Change or Die. The theme will be “Eternal Life: A New Vision.” On Friday, October 8 he will deliver “Is Life after Death a Pious Delusion or a Realistic Hope?” from 7-8:30 pm. On Saturday, October 9 he will deliver “The Quest for Eternal Life – Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell” and “Why I Believe in Eternal Life – Through the Human to the Divine” from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tickets (\$20 - \$60) are available: 206/524-6255 x3447 or [lectureseries@universityucc.org](mailto:lectureseries@universityucc.org).

## **NORTHWEST REGIONAL UCC WOMEN’S RETREAT – NOVEMBER 5-7, 2010**

Every few years this event occurs at Kah-Nee-Tah Resort in Warm Springs, Oregon. Online information is at [www.nrwr-ucc.org](http://www.nrwr-ucc.org) and the website for the keynote speaker, Carolyn Scott Kortge, is [www.spiritedwalker.com](http://www.spiritedwalker.com). Brochures are in the lobby and questions may be directed to previous participants Katharine Kirk, Bettie Lucas, Mary Mueller, and Eileen Olinger.



## **NEW ORLEANS WORK CAMP: FEB 27-MARCH 5, 2011**

A sixth annual post-Hurricane Katrina (August 2005) UCC Pacific Northwest Conference work camp to Little Farms United Church of Christ in New Orleans, to be led by Randy Crowe, has been scheduled for February 27 through March 5, 2011. Last year the cost was \$300 with transportation to New Orleans in addition. Cost for the upcoming trip has yet to be determined.

This will be the last conference work camp to New Orleans as the UCC Disaster Ministries “Hope Shall Bloom” funding initiative concludes later in 2011. Questions may be directed to Randy at [randy@n-sid-sen.org](mailto:randy@n-sid-sen.org) or 800/448-3489.



## **FACTS AND FINDS – From Mary Mueller, Parish Nurse**

**TYLENOL MAY EASE HEARTACHES** – A new study suggests that Tylenol may help ease the psychological pain or rejection. Two sets of healthy college undergraduate students either took 1,000 or 2,000 milligrams of acetaminophen daily, while a third took a placebo. Every evening for three weeks, participants were asked to report to what degree they experienced social pain, using the “Hurt Feelings

Scale,” a measure widely used by psychologists. Those taking acetaminophen reported fewer hurt feelings and social pain over the course of the experiment. The researchers theorize that acetaminophen may work because areas of the brain the process physical and social pain overlap. The study will be published in an upcoming issue of the journal *Psychological Science*.



## **ST. PAUL'S NEWS** **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations go to JASON BOYD who was ordained into Christian ministry at St. Paul's on August 1, officiated by conference minister Mike Denton. Congratulations also to PAUL ALLEN and STEVEN MITCHELL who were united in a Service of Commitment at Luther Memorial Church in Seattle on August 8. Pastors Julie Hutson and Tim Devine officiated. And congratulations to KATIE JOHNSON and CHRIS KRIBBLE who were married in the backyard at Katie's grandparents home in Butte, Montana. (Katie is the daughter of Chris Johnson.) Pastors Jason Boyd and Tim Devine officiated. Blessings and best wishes to all!

## **WITH SYMPATHY**

WILLIAM EADIE, the father of Jan Eadie, died in July in Iowa. Jan and Bill Morlan traveled to the Midwest for the memorial service. KATHRYN CANTRELL, the sister of Tillie Schoonmaker, died in July in Florida. A memorial service was held in Tennessee. Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences go to these families.

## **CONCERNS**

KAREN DELANEY is seeking health care support for her sister Margaret. TAMARA GODFREY's sister, Shannon Leib, has been experiencing an ongoing series of serious health issues. ELLEN WARNOCK is at home due to a variety of chemical sensitivities. We hold all these folk and their families in our prayers.



## **THANKS**

Thanks TRICIA KENEALY, JANE SORENSON, and KATHY KNAUFF for preaching in July. And thanks to CINDY OGASAWARA and DAVID LITTLE for providing interim music accompaniment for worship.

Thanks to the July fellowship time hosts, building closers, pancake breakfast workers, Family and Adult Service Center workers, and Emergency Feeding Program suppliers, and flower providers; and to SHARON JAMES, BILL SODERBERG, ED and JENNIFER PHILYAW, HANS MUELLER, and DOTTY ARMSTRONG who coordinated these ministries in August.

Thanks to MARY MUELLER for hosting a lovely Women's Fellowship lunch – with root beer floats on a rare hot summer day in Seattle! Those able to attend were DOTTY ARMSTRONG, BETH BERGERSON, TIM DEVINE, CATHERINE HALL, JANET HALL, LOUISE LAIB, BETTIE LUCAS, HANS MUELLER, TILLIE SCHOONMAKER, MARY LOU WEITZEL, and JACQUIE WILLETTE.

## **SERMONS ON THE WEB SITE**

Most sermons are available on the St. Paul's website in either written (PDF document) or audio (podcast) form. Click on "worship" and then "sermons" to check this out.

## **SEATTLE AIDS WALK**

The 2010 Seattle AIDS Walk and 5K Run is on September 25th. The Walk starts at 10:00 am in Volunteer Park. If anyone is interested in participating in the Walk, Dave Heater has started a Team, "Sailing Snails," that anyone at St. Paul's may join, or contact Tim Orth at 206/957-1638. The website is [www.seattleaidswalk.org](http://www.seattleaidswalk.org).

## **SUMMER COLLEGIUM**

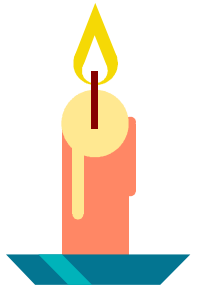
One final gift of the Summer Collegium on Small Church Leadership is that there will be a follow up visit to St. Paul's from the Project Manager, DR. MARILYN JOHNS, over the weekend of November 13-14, 2010. Tim and Marilyn have planned the visit with her sharing a bit of the collegium experience with St. Paul's and leading a simple workshop on an organizational development process called Appreciative Inquiry (AI): where an organization *is a miracle to be embraced* rather than *a problem to be solved*.

## **A NOTE FROM PASTOR TIM**

Thank you for the kind words, notes, e-mails, hugs, tears, food, and memorial gifts in memory of Lauren. I have truly felt your care and concern during this tender time.

## **REMEMBERING CANDLE**

On the communion table there is a candle with a yellow ribbon to remind us of those persons significant in the life of our congregation who are with the U.S. military in settings of war. On Sunday, August 8 we joyfully returned the picture of ERIC SHUTTLE, who has returned home, to Steven Mitchell. At present this includes DEE PHILLIPS a member of the Explosive Armaments Disposal Unit in Afghanistan, and son of Karen Delaney. We pray for all people in Iraq and Afghanistan, knowing that all of us are created in the image of God.



## **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? A BAPTISM?**

Speak with Pastor Tim anytime.

## **BRING NEWSPAPER RECYCLING TO ST. PAUL'S**

Please remember to bring your newspapers, magazines, and old phone books to the bin in the parking lot. **This bin now also accepts all recyclable paper.** St. Paul's and the local food bank each receive income from this outreach program.

## **COMMUNICATION AT ST. PAUL'S**

**Telephone messages** can be left on private voicemail for the pastor and office manager. Call the church at 206/783-6733 and during the message press 1 for Tim or 2 for Anne. Tim's home phone is in the church directory and you are welcome to call him there, too.

**E-mail messages** can be left directly for Anne at [anne@stpucc.org](mailto:anne@stpucc.org) or Tim at [tim@stpucc.org](mailto:tim@stpucc.org). General questions may be sent to [info@stpucc.org](mailto:info@stpucc.org).

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 16, 2010

Members present:

Tim Devine Pastor  
Jan Eadie  
Tricia Kenealy  
Kathy Knauff  
Cindy Ogasawara  
Bill Soderberg

Meeting called to order. Bill led devotions. Check in. July minutes were reviewed and accepted M/S/P.

## **Treasurer's Report**

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| July total income:   | \$8,669.73      |
| July total expenses: | \$8,134.74      |
| <b>July surplus:</b> | <b>\$534.99</b> |

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2010 total income:                | \$73,129.71         |
| 2010 total expenses:              | \$74,872.16         |
| <b>2010 year to date deficit:</b> | <b>(\$1,742.45)</b> |

## **Pastor's Report**

Tim gave a report of his and David's planned and taken vacation to Montana and officiating Katie Johnson's wedding in Butte. Tim will be in the Midwest to spend time with family and will be driving back with David. Jane Sorenson, an ordained UCC minister who is currently serving as office administrator at Broadview UCC, will be preaching on August 22. Kathy Knauff will preach on August 29. Becky Withington will be with us in September as a student intern. Jason Boyd's ordination and Paul Allen and Steve Mitchell's wedding were joyous occasions enjoyed by many in the St. Paul's and extended UCC family.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Music Director Search Committee*

Committee is looking at job posting that was used in 2006 and discussing whether to update or alter it before posting it in early September (after getting feedback from congregation at the annual retreat). Committee will continue discussions via email and meet again when we have resumes to review.

### *Community Life Committee*

Jan will report next month.

### *In-Care Committee*

Tim, Jan, and Kathy have been "decommissioned" upon Jason Boyd's ordination – with thanks!

## Old Business

### *Electrical Audit*

Tim will schedule audit for September.

### *Safe Harbor Program*

Issue will be tabled for now.

### *Trees*

The City of Seattle has approved our request for trees. Bill and Christina will research possibly hiring someone to use a concrete saw to prepare the sidewalks for planting, which will take place in the fall.

## New Business

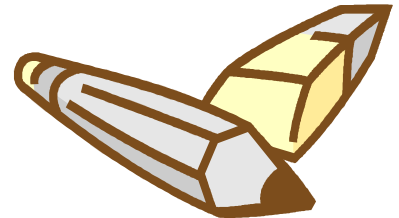
### *Personnel*

Council shared with Tim that we would like to support him during this time by offering him up to five days of Compassionate Leave, not to be counted against vacation or sick leave, to be taken per year. This will be recorded in an updated Call of Agreement and stored in the church office files. M/S/P.

September meeting will be September 13 at the Ogasawara / Delaney residence.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Ogasawara  
Council Secretary



### **From the “About Worship” brochure:**

Worship is often regarded as something to watch.  
Something like a play where the worship leaders  
(*pastor, organist, choir, and liturgist*)  
are the actors,  
God is the prompter,  
and the congregation is the audience.

But it is really something different.

If we must think of worship as a play,  
as a performance,  
then the worship leaders are the prompters,  
those in the congregation are the actors,  
and God is the audience.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Church Staff:**

Pastor – Rev. Tim Devine  
Pastor Emeritus – Rev. Del Elliott  
Office Manager – Anne Lewis  
Music Director –  
Childcare – Nikki Dalton  
Wedding Coordinator – Mary Mueller  
Custodial – Marie Babst, Tewolde Amelesom

**Church Council:**

Moderator – Kathy Knauff  
Vice-Moderator – Tricia Kenealy  
Secretary – Cindy Ogasawara  
Treasurer – Andrea Ballard  
At Large – Jan Eadie, Bill Soderberg

**Other Church Leadership:**

Auction – David Anderson, Kathy Knauff  
Christian Education – Kristen Meilicke  
Church School – Sharon James  
Community Life – Sharon James  
Financial Secretary – David Anderson  
Grounds – Christina Bogar  
House – Ed Philyaw, Fred Godfrey  
Labyrinth – Janet Hall  
Membership – Ron Ryseff  
Nominations – Chris Johnson  
Parish Nurse – Mary Mueller  
Personnel – Tricia Kenealy  
Pastor/Parish – Dotty Armstrong, Bill Morlan,  
Mary Lou Weitzel  
Retreat – Ron Ryseff  
Serenity Garden – Dotty Armstrong  
Social Action – Christina Bogar  
Stewardship – Bill Morlan  
Chuukese Church – Tim Devine, Rosendo Selifis  
Website – Scott Meilicke, David Anderson  
Worship – Mary Lou Weitzel

**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday through Thursday – 9 am to noon

Pastor Tim is not in on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

The Sanctuary, Labyrinth, & Serenity Garden are open to all.

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