



Pilgrims Progress

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Theology on Tap

Rex Crouse and Clara Stevens

Second Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. @ Mulligan's Sports Bar

Rex and Clara (and others) have experienced (at Rex and Dale's church in Arizona) a stimulating gathering that they think would also appeal to the members and friends of our congregation.

Theology on Tap is an opportunity to gather with members and friends and talk about whatever theological issues/ideas are peaking your interest/tweaking your mind. The first gathering will be **Tuesday, October 11 @ 7:00 pm @ Mulligan's Sports Bar, 266 SE Hwy 101, Lincoln City.** Join us!

Meeting with the Transition Team

Sunday, October 30 - 12:30 pm

Delta Distad, Linda Friesen, Ken McCormack, Carl Reynolds and Pastor Donna Faith

The Transition Team invites members and friends to a debriefing of the events leading to and following the involuntary resignation of the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater and to share "How do my perceptions compare to your perceptions?" The Transition Team hopes that this sharing will help us to move forward as a congregation. We will meet in the East End of the Fellowship Hall.

What's Happening in the Office

Since the departure of Julie Penge, your Personnel Committee has been working diligently with Pastor Donna Faith to secure new office staff. For nearly seven weeks volunteers provided assistance in the office, the most notable being Dorothy Piper who came in for many days to assist both Barb Crandall and Pastor Donna Faith with tasks around the office

On September 7, Jan Loyer began work as our temporary Secretary/ Receptionist. Many of you have already met her. She will continue in this position until a person is selected and hired for the permanent position. You will find Jan in the office Tuesdays - Fridays, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself to her.

We have received over thirty applications for the permanent position. A team of three will narrow the list to the top 3-6, review references, interview, perform background checks in compliance with our Safe Church policy and make recommendation to Personnel.

Board of Property and Finance

Duane Janes

As of the end of September 2011 our Operating Budget is in Balance. The Year-to-Date Income is \$96,747 with Year-to-Date Expenses of \$96,633.

Budget Committee meets again on Thursday, October 20 @ 2:30 pm.
The meeting is open to all.

Suggestion Box

Janet Vandiver

The Pastoral Relations Committee has been given the task of reviewing items placed in the Suggestion Box. We have been keeping a log of your suggestions and forwarding them on to the appropriate group for review.

While a signature is not required, it's helpful for us to know who is making the request. This will make it easier to let you know what has happened with your suggestion and ask for clarification of when necessary.

If you have any questions, please give contact Janet Vandiver 541-764-8917 or sweeney_janet@hotmail.com

Fellowship

Wednesday Coffee - 9:30 am

Wildflower Grill, 4250 NE Hwy 101

Thursday Coffee - 9:30 am

Coast Roast @ Salishan Shopping Plaza

Lunch Bunch - Second Sunday - 12:30 pm

Wildflower Grill, 4250 NE Hwy 101

Please sign up on the Lunch Bunch sheet in the narthex or tell Elaine Janes, 994-3096, if you are planning to come, as a head count is needed.

We have exceeded the comfortable capacity of the "front" dining area - about 25/26. The Wildflower needs more notice if we are to alter/adjust the seating plan for a larger bunch.



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Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am - 12 noon



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Italo Rebecchi	2	Amy Henderson	22
Linda Friesen	3	Bill Love	22
Rex Crouse	6	Shirline Butler	26
Cody Pulliam	7	John Ferron	29
Bernice Duckrow	10	Johnny Brock	30
Helen Frasier	11	Gabriel Busch	31
Evie Harris	12		
Abby Robinson	12		
Jon "Andy" Anderson	13		
Jason Hagen	15		
Scott Teel	16		
Jean Ford	19		
Ken McCormack	19		
Jane Siebert	20		
Susan Van Ry	21		

Anniversaries

Linda & Jim Friesen	5
Judy & Ron Cashner	17
Jean & Warren Ford	19
Maggie & Bill Love	20
Nancy Bowen & Hathaway Cornelius	23
Sandra & Dan Pedersen	27

Adult Study and Learning

Seekers: Exploring Progressive Christianity

First Thursdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Coordinator: Dick Vandiver

Come and join us for a lively discussion. Reading material is available in the church office or from Dick Vandiver. For more information or directions contact Dick at 541-764-8917 or rvandiver@cablespeed.com

November 3, 2011 will be at the home of Ray and Jan Wilder: 5725 El Mar in Coronado Shores. The topic will be *The Resurrection of Christ* and the video will feature interviews with various scholars. **Please come and join us** for a lively discussion and some valuable learning.

December 1, 2011 will be at the home of Clara Stevens: 5455 Hacienda in Coronado Shores.

The topic will be *Why Jesus is Worth Saving* and features the video and stimulating reading material for preparation. **Everyone is welcome!**



Faith Practices

Thursdays, 4:30 pm

Coordinator: Pastor Donna Faith

Faith Practices is currently in a two-week hiatus. We will resume meeting on **Thursday, October 20** with a new book TBA.



Minister to Youth

Michelle DeMello

Fall is upon us and our youth are busy with school, sports, and us. I wanted to update you on a few of the things that are going on.

First, I am officially working with the Taft GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance). I have been blessed to be able to get to know them and believe me they are an amazing group of teenagers out in the world ready to help change it for the better. They worked tirelessly for Iris Pride Festival. Several of our own youth teamed up with that group and worked on Drag-U-LIOUS and at the festival on Saturday.

I think the most meaningful part of that weekend was when a woman came up and started to cry because there was a church here in Lincoln City where she could worship. You see she was kicked out of her last church for being gay. I have to say I was surprised she didn't know about us being open and affirming, I thought everyone did. What a great thing that our youth were able to hear her story and realize what a great church they are a part of. And a valuable lesson to all of us to remember to spread the word that we are here and we love you and accept you no matter your story.

I will be driving a group of teens up to Newport on September 29th for a planning meeting for the Countywide GSA conference on 11-5. I am so proud that our church will have a presence there.

I want to remind you that we have Youth Group Facebook and GSA Facebook pages. We would love you to "like" us online. With a group of teens as busy as these ones it is the best way to keep in touch with them.

Blessings, Michelle

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BAD-Youth/165532486829414>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Taft-GSA-Gay-Straight-Alliance/271539506199551>

Scott Elliott on UCC Homepage!

Carl Reynolds

In case you haven't seen it, Scott Elliott is featured on the homepage of the United Church of Christ. He was a member here when he made the change from agnostic attorney to pastor. This congregation sent him off to seminary. Yeah Scott!

The video clip is **Changing Lives. That's Our Church's Wider Mission.** Right hand side of the homepage. <http://www.ucc.org>. Also, at <http://www.ucc.org/changing-lives> but you have to scroll down to find his name and pic.

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