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Pastoral Reflection

Summertime

Of all my childhood memories, summer vacations are the happiest. Those times when dad took off from pastoring a church in Chicago, mom stopped teaching piano and doing church music, and took the family on a trip. Sometimes it was to a cabin by a lake or to our favorite church camp. Once it was across the country to visit that place of dreams, Washington State.

What I remember of those vacations was how carefree the time was, with the family truly enjoying being together. Gone were day to day tensions that accumulate with too much busyness, forgotten for at least a time. What remains with me today are some of the best pictures I have of my parents (long gone now), and a lifelong promise to myself to take vacation time in the summer.

It's a promise kept, away from the pressures, the to-do lists, the nagging responsibilities, off to a place of beauty, to play and share with family and friends, to get restored and renewed.

Summertime has been my introduction to Broadview, this blessed community. The slower pace of summer has allowed me to settle into a new place for the pastor's office, up on the second floor near the Sunday Club. You'll have to stop by and visit. A new carpet has made it a whole new space. It's light and airy, not hot even in this unusually warm summer. If stairs are not easy for you, I'll happily meet you downstairs in Pastor Dan's former office, or over a cup of coffee nearby, or in your home. Getting to know

each of you is a high priority for me these first months.

We've been gathering in small groups, meetings, talking about our work together as a church community, sharing our hopes, brainstorming ideas for reinvigorating the church. By September, the Search Committee will be formed and begin their work. Meanwhile we are worshipping together, and this Sunday having an ice cream social out on our lawn.

Yes, it's still summer, for another month, at least. Still time to come out from behind the walls where we work and live much of the year and, in the words of Mary Oliver, "to kneel down in the grass, to stroll through the fields and be idle and blessed."

"Take a look at God's wonders – they'll take your breath away."

Psalm 66:5

Blessings and Peace,

Jan



BCUCC News & Notes

Bobbi Dykema Wins Teaching Award

In addition to keeping our books and communications flowing smoothly, our office administrator Bobbi Dykema teaches Humanities and World Religions courses online and in a classroom setting for Strayer University. At the end of spring quarter 2014, it was announced that Bobbi had won Strayer's Spring Engagement Challenge. A web application monitors how frequently students log into their online courses, and at the end of the quarter, the professors whose sections are in the top 10% for student engagement receive the award. Congrats, Bobbi!



Dog Days of Summer Music Festival

Saturday, August 23, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Richmond Beach UCC

From Mike Stern...

I'll be doing a 45 minute mini-concert on Saturday, **August 23rd at 4:00 PM**, one of several performances at the Richmond Beach UCC's Dog Days of Summer Music Festival in Shoreline (on the corner of NW Richmond & 15th NW). The whole festival lasts from 11 AM - 6 PM & tickets are \$20 for the day, but if you just want to come for my set, it's only \$5.

I will begin my set at 4:00 with interactive songs especially for families with kids of all ages, & will finish featuring songs for mature audiences - including my new ballad for Hiroshima, "As If the Flowers Knew". And you're welcome visit my website at www.mikesongs.net to listen to some of my songs for free or view some brief videos of performances & interviews over the past few years.

Hope some of you can make it. -Mike



UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Compass Housing Alliance 2nd Annual

Amazing Race to End Homelessness

Saturday, September 13, 2014

10:30 am – 12:30 pm (BBQ and live bluegrass

music by the Shed Boys to follow)

South Lake Union Discovery Center

101 Westlake Ave N

The Amazing Race to End Homelessness is a one-of-a-kind scavenger hunt in South Lake Union – a race for fun and to put our collective energy and passion into building a safe, caring community for all. First place team wins \$500 cash. Other great prizes for best costume, top fundraiser, and first runner-up. Sign up and more information available at

www.compasshousingalliance.org/Amazing-Race.

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Community Happenings



Dear Friends at Broadview Community UCC, I'm delighted to invite your community to attend [Weaving Our Strengths](#), a day-long conference of fellowship, inspiration, and skill-building to strengthen local churches' efforts for the common good. We would like you and your community to be a part of it!

Weaving our Strengths

Saturday, October 4, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

University Congregational UCC Church
4515 16th Avenue NE, Seattle 98105

The Church Council of Greater Seattle is offering this conference for the first time! We are drawing together people of faith from many churches throughout King and South Snohomish Counties with a desire to learn from each other, bring home new ideas and opportunities, and build new collaborations within neighborhoods and across the region. With worship, workshops, conversations, and awards, we hope to join hearts, hands and minds to strengthen congregational engagement and mission with the best our churches have to offer.

Visit the [workshop](#) section of our [event website](#) to see the terrific line-up of workshops from high-caliber faith leader presenters. Some of the workshop topics include civil conversation, intercultural competency, addressing homelessness, church decision-making, discovering your congregation's assets, and prayer and music.

The event [website](#) is up and ready for registrations at <http://thechurchcouncil.ejoinme.org/WOS>.

Printed brochures will be available soon.

We're making it easy for your congregation to bring a team, building your shared capacity. There are two group rates (\$150 for up to 5) (\$250 for 6-10), individual rates, and scholarships are available. Everyone who wants to should be able to attend!

Here are steps you can take to be sure your church can take advantage of this unique event.

Spread the word: Urge your congregation and friends to trumpet the good news of this conference. View the [Spread the Word](#) section of the event website for resources formatted for a variety of settings, including e-newsletters, bulletins, posting, hand-outs. Some of them may appear fuzzy on screen, but they print nicely.

Forward this email to the groups in your congregation that would benefit: lay leaders & ministers, pastors, social justice team, mission team, church leadership councils, outreach team, youth leaders, worship team...

Nominate a community champion: The conference will honor the recipients of our annual Gertrude Apel Pioneering Spirit Awards, honoring a congregation and an individual who embody Rev. Apel's spirit of ground-breaking, spirit-filled justice making. You may [submit nominations](#) via the event website. Deadline for nominations is Friday, August 29, 2014.

Need a stack of brochures? We'll be happy to drop them by. Let us know how many. Thank you for investing in a strong church community with a transformative day of learning, sharing and fellowship!

Sincerely,

Michael Ramos
Executive Director

Poetry & Prayers

Giftng the World as We Age Sage-Ing® International Conference for Faith Communities August 21-24, Seattle University

- Thursday evening will begin with an opening ritual, meeting the Council of Honored Sages, and a reception.
- Friday morning will feature an opening presentation on “What Do You Leave in the Earth for the Future to Find?-A Dialogue of Giftng Stories,” by [Wendy Lustbader](#) and [Christina Baldwin](#). Both women are known for their work in helping people to harvest stories and glean insights into what those stories tell about one’s journey.

As the war drums beat again for Iraq, a prayer...

We interrupt this war for doctors to heal,
teachers to teach, and students to learn.

We interrupt this war to marvel at sunsets,
listen to music, and to laugh.

We interrupt this war for poets to rhyme,
sculptors to
chisel, and writers to paint pictures with words.

We interrupt this war to plant tomatoes, mow
the grass, and to smell the roses.

We interrupt this war to feed the hungry, build
new schools, and to stamp out ignorance.

We interrupt this war to clean up the air, save
the whales and to find a cure for cancer.

We interrupt this war to rebuild New Orleans,
tickle babies and for world peace.

We interrupt this war for PTA meetings, band
concerts, and high school graduations.

We interrupt this war for Girl Scout Cookies,
church bake sales, and the Special Olympics.

We interrupt this war for Disneyland, the
World Series, and the Super Bowl.

We interrupt this war for Halloween candy,
Thanksgiving Turkey, and 4th of July fireworks.

We interrupt this war for Hanukkah,
Christmas and Kwanza.

We interrupt this war to bring sons,
daughters, sisters and brothers home. We
interrupt this war to hear a message from
Our Sponsor: THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

we interrupt this war - cappy hall rearick - 2001

BOOKS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Aug. 3, 2014 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 32:22-31

Ps 17:1-7, 15, or Isa 55:1-5

Ps 145:8-9, 14-21

Rom 9:1-5

Matt 14:13-21

Green

Aug. 10, 2014 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 37:1-4, 12-28

Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b or 1 Kings 19:9-18

Ps 85:8-13

Rom 10:5-15

Matt 14:22-33

Green

Aug. 17, 2014 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 45:1-15

Ps 133 or Isa 56:1, 6-8

Ps 67

Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

Green

Aug. 24, 2014 – 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ex 1:8-2:10
Ps 124 or Isa 51:1-6
Ps 138
Rom 12:1-8
Matt 16:13-20
Green

Aug. 31, 2014 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 3:1-15
Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c or Jer 15:15-21
Ps 26:1-8
Rom 12:9-21
Matt 16:21-28
Green

Sept. 7, 2014 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 12:1-14
Ps 149 or Ezek 33:7-11
Ps 119:33-40
Rom 13:8-14
Matt 18:15-20
Green

Sept. 14, 2014 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 14:19-31
Ps 114 or Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21 or Gen 50:15-21
Ps 103:(1-7), 8-13
Rom 14:1-12
Matt 18:21-35
Green



Sept. 21, 2014 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-15
Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 or Jon 3:10-4:11
Ps 145:1-8
Phil 1:21-30
Matt 20:1-16
Green

Sept. 28, 2014 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:1-7
Ps 78:1-4, 12-16 or Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32
Ps 25:1-9
Phil 2:1-13
Matt 21:23-32
Green



August & September Birthdays

August

Marilyn Andrews	8/1
Bruce MacLean	8/14
Claudia Hutchison	8/15
Neva Naf	8/21
Mary Linda Cook	8/22
Dan Clark	8/24

September

Patti Kujac	9/2
Mary Lundt	9/6
Fabiola Vargas	9/10
Joan Henjum	9/16
Dennis Hylander	9/17
Gary Law	9/22
Peter Bloch-Garcia	9/23
Lisa Denny	9/25

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Non-Profit Office Space Available

*Office space available immediately in
Broadview Community United Church of Christ.*

Space 1 – located on the 3rd floor - approximately 378 sf (15 X 24). 2 cubicle stations already set up. Access to small bathroom and shared kitchen. 24/7 access with parking. \$450 per month including electricity.

Must be a qualifying non-profit agency.

Further inquiries can be made to Bobbi Dykema in the BCUCC church office at
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