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SELECTIONS FROM THE SERMON: MUSTARD SEED COMMUNION by Rev. Dan Stern

Planting a bulb or a seed in the autumn is an act of faith. Given good seed-starter soil, appropriate depth and a good, cold winter, many a seed will germinate in the springtime and become a tree sapling. With patience, it can then be lovingly coaxed into a full-fledged tree. The life cycle in the garden continues always, of new birth and of dying. So does Jesus speak also of the uprooted tree, floating on the lake, because faith encapsulates the entire life cycle, that being born and growing, that of growing old, and dying.

So it is on an Autumn morning in October, with leaves on trees turning bright orange and falling to the ground, we may find ourselves stunned and stung, not only by the beauty of Autumn, but also by the seemingly-sudden loss of beloved ones who have been so long among us. Taking their leave from us of late – Sue Cressey’s birth mother, Jaime, our beloved bass soloist and master gardener, Dave Herald, who passed away last Tuesday afternoon at Crista, surrounded by his immediate family, and now too, our dear, sweet friend, Jessie Paterson, who passed away quietly in bed at Ida Culver House early Friday morning.

And yet as ever, we who live by faith are simultaneously conscious of seeds of new life being spread even now, and coming among us. We recently hosted the area UCC First Sunday youth. We have begun another year of Faith Formation, or preparation for Confirmation, for Jr. High-aged youth, which will include Andy Studyvin and Taylor Elder. With assistance from our new youth coordinator, EleenAnn Chiddix, and Rev. Deanna Murray, pastor of Prospect UCC on Capitol Hill, I will be co-leading this year’s faith formation program on Sunday afternoons this Fall and next year, on October 21. Our Sunday Club plans are well underway too, and God-willing, we’ll soon be welcoming a number of enthusiastic volunteers to assist. We’ll also freshly reintroduce all of you to the “Youth in Our Midst” at the upcoming coffee hour forum

on October 28. Meanwhile too, we are exploring our UCC heritage on Monday nights, with Rev. Gail Crouch leading us, and we’re learning what our faith past has to offer us in terms of our faith future. (Next session – Monday, October 29 at 7:00pm.)

Seeds are being planted right now, continually. And those we plant today are of the same seed stock that once long ago were germinating when the Apostle Paul was in prison, praising the young disciple, Timothy for replanting the seed, the seed of faith planted in his grandmother, Lois, passed down to him through his mother Eunice, and so on, and so on.

2 Timothy is, a very uplifting love letter to a young Christian. In it, one senses a true flowering of that mustard seed faith Jesus spoke of: a healthy, fully-grown faith-family tree has developed, and will live on for generations.

Jesus’ parable in Luke is about a bare kernel, a bulb, a tiny seed of faith, and how, to faithless ones, it just doesn’t seem like enough. It remains, as another of our great hymns puts it, “In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be; from the past will come the future what it holds a mystery...unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.” Unrevealed until its season. Yet Jesus praises its latent abundance.

“Our actions, more than words define how love’s example feeds a greater love, for love divine bursts forth from smallest seeds...”

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A CONGREGATION IN RENEWAL – BROADVIEW COMMUNITY UCC

Adaptation of a report submitted to the UCC Pacific NW Conference Committee on Church Development.

BACKGROUND: Broadview Community UCC launched its 3-year plan for renewal in 2005. It was first presented in detail to CDC in December, 2005; we received first-year CDC funding one year ago, in December, 2006.

END OF '07 SUMMARY: Total 2006-2007 expenses related directly to our established CDC funding goals was approximately \$12,000. Our initial \$9,000 CDC grant last year, supplemented by improved giving and rental income, put us on an excellent footing and contributed much toward making us more willing to take well-thought out, next-step Spirit-led risks in order to thrive and grow. *Thank you, for helping BCUCC renewal efforts begin to flourish!*

Considerable time and resources have already gone into our renewal priorities. Simultaneously we've met our budget for the first time in decades (*without drawing from our modest, previously-dwindling investment fund. in the year 2006. We are, however currently behind in our 2007 pledges.*)

UPDATE ON SPECIFIC RENEWAL OBJECTIVES:

Objective # 1- VISIBILITY: We have continued to put emphasis on improving our website, which has directly contributed to recent membership/attendance gains. *Children & Youth-focused web pages now in the works.*

Objective # 2- EVANGELISM: We continue to do neighborhood 'soft evangelism' via monthly movies/discussions ('Friday nights at the Broadview'). Our Renewal and Growth Team has continued to meet regularly and to strengthen our emerging member-driven emphasis on evangelism. Our Church Council has also continued to hold regular conversations as to how we present ourselves- reviewing our welcome and new member integration processes, our brochures, our 'sound bites' (what we say when we talk about our church). Our new Celebrations/Stewardship Team has started sponsoring lively new creative events (*e.g., recent garden party*) to help strengthen, both in terms of friendship and in terms of responsible stewardship, new-member connectedness with the rest of the church community. Since mid-year report, we have established a new Congregational Care and Contact plan to aid us in keeping new as well as long-term members/friends of the church connected and cared about (*included as part of a new*

directory requested by new folks wanting to get to know us better).

Objective #3- ACCESSIBILITY: We are delighted that persons impacted by physical disabilities have become members recently- largely because of accessibility adaptations made possible by our first-year CDC grant. At the same time, we are acutely aware of expensive much-needed upcoming projects to maintain/increase our accessibility we will soon have to fund. The best bid we've received for the access railings we need in the worship chancel area is \$2,500.00, but the much more costly necessary re-grading/replacing of a fast-deteriorating outdoor surface area for wheelchair access paths & parking will have a cost as-of-yet unknown.

Objective #4- MUSIC (*Enhanced Musical Strengths for Outreach*): Our new music director, Elena Richmond is doing far more than just directing the choir and accompanying worship. Hers has been a ministry of encouragement and evangelism: she's been teaching people who didn't think they could how to sing; we're becoming acquainted with the entire New Century Hymnal (week by week, theme by theme); we've advertised locally, drawn in more new singer participants (who in turn, have invited others). Our weekly choir rehearsals have emerged as THE most results-producing "entry point" for newcomers. We are drawing a solid dozen or so singers, a fourth of whom are new members and/or attendees (including three wheelchair-bound persons).

Objective #5- CHILDREN/YOUTH LEADERSHIP: *See below re- hiring of part-time coordinator.*

SECOND YEAR FUNDING REQUEST:

Broadview Community UCC is now ready (assuming adequate 2nd Year CDC support) to take a big, long-anticipated 'leap of faith' in proceeding with the acquisition of LED (electronic) signage (*key part of objective #1- Signage for exterior VISIBILITY*). To our knowledge, this will be the first-ever such LED signage to be purchased for a UCC congregation in our Conference. We feel that the sooner we can get our LED signage functioning in 2008, the better. Direct cost of proposed signage: \$14,011.00. Cost for permit: \$250.00.

Estimated cost for zoning variance: \$750.00. Estimated cost to get 20 amp electrical to site: \$1,000.00. Total expected signage costs in 2008: \$16,011.00.

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Meanwhile, we felt it imperative to take another leap of faith related to another of our stated objectives. Just last month (9/07), we hired EllenAnn Chiddix to be our part-time coordinator for children and youth (*Objective #5- Children/Youth Leadership*). This is the first time in Broadview Community UCC's entire history that we've been able to hire a Christian Education staff person! We feel EllenAnn is just the person called of God to fulfill this leadership role among us. We are also convinced that by continuing to prioritize our strong potential in the area of Children/Youth Leadership, we will further solidify our base and grow our faith community. A new degree of congregational confidence, enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer with children and youth already appears to be emerging. We are thrilled, and extraordinarily grateful to CDC for helping make this a viable option! Expected additional costs in 2008 \$6,000+.

Obviously our anticipated 2nd year of CDC funding (*year 2008 in a three-year cycle*) will be our most significant and our most expensive. We had originally requested a \$16,000.00 grant for the year in which the LED signage was to be installed. Given current cost projections for signage and children/youth staffing alone, *as well as the need to sustain all five of our renewal objectives, we will need to increase our pledges considerably in 2008.* Can you do your part to meet our goals and to grow our church?

DAVID EDWARD HERALD – EXTENDED OBITUARY

(Taken from www.wiggenandsons.com)

At age 93, David Edward Herald passed away October 3, 2007, with his family at his side at Crista Senior Living, where David resided the past three years. Born in Seattle on September 13, 1914, David was the beloved husband for the past 12 years of Joan Falskow Herald; cherished father of Tina (Bob) Kirk and Dana (Dan) Whittaker; adored grandfather of Adam Flink and Megan (Jeremy) Long; revered uncle of David C., Leif, and Charraine Herald; loved stepfather of Lisa (Steve) Turnure and Chris Falskow; and treasured step-grandfather of Alexandria and Hailey Turnure. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Muriel Bogart Herald; his parents, Ernest and Emily Herald; and his brothers, Stoddard Adams and Charles Herald. David graduated from Garfield High School in 1932 and from the University of Washington in 1936 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in chemistry, building a successful 35-year career as a metallurgist at several local

steel plants. He joined Broadview Community Church in 1958, supporting it throughout his lifetime with his treasures, time, and talent as the choir's lead baritone, as a member and officer on its council board, and as a master gardener of the church grounds. Likewise, since the 1960's, David contributed years of community service as a member and officer of the Ballard Kiwanis, receiving recognition and citations for his dedication to the community.

David enjoyed an illustrious local musical career as a popular baritone. His singing spanned more than six decades and included performing with the Seattle Opera during the 1960's and 70's, as well as in numerous other musical groups and theatrical productions from the 1950's to the present. Some of his performances in recent years included his favorite soprano, his wife, Joan, also an accomplished opera singer.

David relished traveling. His daughters recall many carefree and happy family trips throughout the Pacific Northwest, California, and Hawaii. Likewise, many of his happiest times were those spent traveling with his wife, Joan, and their dear friends to Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, and Europe. Particularly memorable were the musically-themed cruises down the Rein and Mosel Rivers.

An avid fisherman from a very early age, David shared his love of angling with his father, brothers, and the many fishing buddies he made from all his walks of life. Though David cast his reel anywhere and everywhere, he favored fly fishing, especially in the numerous lakes and streams of the King/Snohomish county area. He savored the outdoors, delighting in nature; and fishing provided the perfect venue for that.

Another avenue to Nature's wonders was David's green thumb. First introduced to gardening at the age of four by his mother, also an accomplished gardener, the two tended one of Seattle's first Victory Gardens of World War I. David satisfied his yen to work with all things growing by continuing to tend his family's yard and garden throughout his formative years, and never lived anywhere that he did not have some earth to tend. He most loved his roses and his fruit trees, much to the delight of his family and neighbors.

Some of the most idyllic times for David were the more than 50 years he enjoyed at "Camp David," the family cabin in Belfair on Hood Canal. Providing abundant opportunity for both gardening and fishing, David

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cultivated, dug, trolled, cast, trapped, and shucked to his heart's content against the celestial backdrop of the Olympic Mountains.

David counted among his many friends his fellow residents and devoted caregivers at Crista Senior Living. He leaves them cherished and melodious memories of his daily piano playing and sing-alongs and the intoxicating beauty of the garden he nurtured to their delight. Completing his legacy are the many smiles and laughter David fostered through his silly jokes, puns, and quick wit. His friends loved him dearly and shall miss the spirit of joy he brought into their lives. Likewise, David's family cherishes memories too numerous to list. His wife, Joan, feels blessed to work at Crista, which afforded her and David opportunities for togetherness they might otherwise have missed. Her most treasured memories are of the wonderful trips they shared together, and the many happy times spent with loving friends.

What she most loved about him is how he made her laugh (the same could be said by his BCUCC friends).

David's favorite song was "I Love Life," and every day he lived life to it fullest. Even when compromised by his illness, David reached for life's gusto and found joy in the love returned to him by his friends and family. Ever the gentleman, David's warmth, love, and endless sense of humor and wit shall remain always in the hearts of the many who loved him. It has been said that the true measure of a man's success can be found in the quality of his relationships with others. Without question, David Edward Herald not only met, but most certainly exceeded that measure.

Memorials and remembrances may be sent to the American Heart Association, 1280 South Parker Road, Denver, CO, 80231, or to The Good Samaritan Fund at Crista Senior Living, 19303 Fremont Avenue North, Shoreline, WA, 98133, or of course, to Broadview Community UCC.

OBITUARY FOR JESSIE MARIE PATERSON

Age 91. Passed away October 5, 2007. A Northwesterner all her life, Jessie was born June 3, 1916 in New Westminster, BC. After brief stays in Canada and Portland OR, she settled with her parents, John A. Guy and Lydia Joss (Guy) in Bremerton, WA. Jessie graduated from Bremerton HS in 1934 and later worked at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. She married John M. Paterson in

1947, an electronics engineer at the shipyard. The family moved to Seattle in 1951 after Mr. Paterson's department was relocated. She was preceded in death by husband, John (2000), sister, Georgia McKenzie, and brother, John Guy. She is survived by sister, Ann Wormac, sons, Douglas (Annah) and Tim (Penny), daughter, Cathryn, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Jessie was active in her churches, Trinity Methodist and later, Broadview Community UCC. In addition to her choir membership, she was a leader in the women's fellowship and Seattle Council of Churches. This coincided with her intense interest in the social and political issues of the day: civil rights, the anti-war movement, farm worker unionization, etc. Jessie enjoyed traveling to diverse parts of the world with husband, John and participating in Elderhostel educational travel. **A Memorial Service will be held at Broadview Community United Church of Christ, 325 N. 125th St, Seattle, 98133, Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.** In lieu of flowers, donations can be designated for the general fund at Broadview Community Church.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT ABOUT JESSIE PATERSON (Rerun from last issue) by Judy Zibbell

I want to introduce you to one of BCUCC's oldest and most loyal parishioner's - Jessie Paterson. Before Jessie started having trouble with her hearing, her passion was to go to Benaroya Hall and listen to wonderful classical music. Her favorite piece of music is Carmina Burana.

Jessie met her husband-to-be, Jack, at a church in Bremerton. Jack was an electrical engineer who worked for the Navy. He was transferred to Seattle at Sand Point Naval Air Station.

Jessie and Jack first attended Trinity United Methodist Church. Since the minister there at the time didn't believe in giving to charity, they started attending Broadview. Jessie still attends the Women's Fellowship. She spends a lot of time reading the newspaper.

Jessie has two sons and one daughter and one granddaughter. One son, Tim, used to work for Microsoft. Her other son, Douglas, is married to Annah, a beautiful African woman. They have one Daughter, Salome. Doug works as a host for two local public radio stations. Catheryn, her daughter, is a very independent lady who does Chi Gun and also likes to dance. I told her once that I would be willing to pay money to see her dance.

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I think the most exciting thing about Jack and Jessie was their travels. Jessie remembers visiting Siberia, where they actually have potatoes growing. (I can't quite imagine it.) Also, fascinating was a visit to Antarctica. They went on a big ship but then got off on a rubber boat, which holds about twelve people and got quite a good view of the ice bergs which are so much bigger than I thought they could be.

Jessie is such a good hearted generous, charitable person.

We wish all the Paterson family good health and happiness.

NOTE FROM JO ROYAL & TERRI TOENNESSEN

We have a new address and phone number:

13505 Fox Field Lane
Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 225-4687

We are doing great and very much enjoying our new house and neighborhood.

We have found a welcoming church at last in the nearby town of Sherwood, AR. It's not nearly as close to home as BCUCC was in Seattle, nor will the people there ever replace the fine friends that we left behind at Broadview, but we are loving the joyful spirit and the lively music there, and we are looking forward with great anticipation to the first down-home barbeque.

We miss you all very much. Be sure to look us up if you are ever down this way!

READINGS MID OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2007

October 21, 2007

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Don't Lose Heart
Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 28, 2007

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Heartfelt Prayers
Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8; Luke 18:9-14

November 4, 2007

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Welcoming Jesus

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 11, 2007

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Bless God's Holy Name
Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 18, 2007

25th Sunday after Pentecost
New Heaven, New Earth
Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 25, 2007

Reign of Christ
Jesus the Christ
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

BIRTHDAY LIST OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

October

Noah Witmer	10/5
Jane (Ostby) Sorenson	10/7
Maisie Chen	10/8
Isabella Hoffman	10/16
Sara Qualin	10/16
Suzanne Cressey	10/17
Mo Pomietto	10/20
Niki Athis	10/22
Dorothy Long	10/31

November

John Witmer	11/2
Jo Royal	11/8
Byron Scott	11/9
Kathleen Lundt	11/12
Gail Williams	11/19
Lisa Johnson Hill	11/22
Chris Hylander	11/23
Marj Lindsay	11/25
Andrew Estep	11/26

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FALL CALENDAR

Broadview Choir Practice every Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

All encouraged to join; we will do a choral anthem Sunday, 10/28.

Fri., Oct. 26: Fall Friday Movie Nights at the Broadview begins, at 7pm: ***"In the Heart of the Game"***.

Sat. Oct. 27, 1pm: A Memorial Service for Jessie Paterson will take place here at Broadview Community United Church of Christ, 125th & Phinney, Seattle, Reception in Fellowship Hall.

End the War Now Saturday, October 27, national day of action. Rally and March 12pm at Judkins Park 2150 S. Norman St. Sponsored by Coalition to end the War.

Next Sun., Oct. 28: All Church Forum – "Youth in Our Midst" meeting after worship. Lets together consider our latest integration needs and hopes as a congregation.

MORE UCC HISTORY SECRETS REVEALED:

Mon. Oct 29, 7:00 pm: Rev. Gail Crouch will be back to further enrich our awareness of our exciting UCC heritage, and what it means for us now.

Sun, Nov. 4: Francesco Marshall to preach – All Saints Sunday.

Sat., Nov. 10: Annual BCUCC Stewardship Celebration from 7-9pm. This year: great music, great desserts, special 'secrets'.

Sun. Nov. 11: Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Remember the gospel pop singing duo, **Jason & DeMarco?** They'll be back in town on the evening of **Nov 11!** For more info, talk to Pastor Dan.

FUN FUNDRAISER for whole FAMILY! Bring all that loose change that you've been accumulating, donate it to Broadview's Accessibility Fund (new parking surfacing & wheelchair paths). Christie Dickerson has a cool new coin-counting machine; she will collect, count, and donate all proceeds!

Wed. Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Eve Neighborhood Ecumenical Service – Details TBA.

Fri. Nov. 30: World AIDS Day Luncheon. Details TBA.

