Stewardship: Give with a Fresh Heart

“May God, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you…”
--2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Stewardship Sunday: 10 November

The stewardship task force has been active these last couple months, talking to us about the importance of supporting Ainsworth with our money, time & talents. Additionally, when it's all said and done, we will have heard from four people in our congregation as witnessing stewards. Come celebrate the culmination of our 2014 Stewardship Campaign, when we hear from this year's consecrating steward, Rev. Dr. Bentley de Bardelaben during the worship service on November 10th. After he speaks, people will be asked to come and leave their 2014 pledges on the altar. Rev. de Bardelaben serves as the UCC Executive for the Administration and Communications for Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC. He comes with high recommendations, and we expect he will have some great things for us to ponder.

Pledge cards will be collected during the service on Sunday, 10th of November. After worship on that Sunday, everyone is invited to join us downstairs for a wonderful meal (vegan, dairy-free and gluten-free choices will be available).

For those still determining how much to pledge, consider using the table below. It is often difficult to think of large numbers, but perhaps you can find comfort in determining what you can afford per week. You would be surprised at how much this will add up over the year.

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2013 Pledges of our Ainsworth families. Chart shows how many families and how they pledge per month. What would you do to move your family up to the next giving level?
This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving, but not just on November 28th. Throughout the month, I believe that we are called to celebrate with thanksgiving the abundance that with which God has blessed us. We will do that in many ways:

**Through prayer and meditation**, some of us will gather in a retreat November 1-2. There is still room for you if you are interested.

**Through our Consecrating Stewards Celebration** on November 10th when we hear our inspirational guest preacher Rev. Dr. Bentley de Bardelaban, present our pledges at the altar, receive an anointing blessing and share in a great meal.

**Through our sharing** of non-perishable food and other goods to give to the Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEEFP) on Sunday, November 17th.

**Through learning about justice** in worship & study with our Sacred Conversations on Race starting Nov. 17th and on Speak Out Sunday, Nov. 24th when worship will center on the need to speak out against intimate violence. We are also invited to be a part of the interfaith movement against houselessness during November.

The opportunities to give thanks are endless. We give thanks for the abundance in our church, for the giving and sharing you all have been a part of. Without your generosity, we could not support community groups as NEEFP. Because of your giving, I was able to represent you at Gordon B.’s bedside in the hospital, and be with Louise Cambric singing hymns. We give thanks for your support, so that our music ministry touches people- not just during worship, but we touched hundreds at the Songs for Faith & Freedom choir event where we received a standing ovation. With the abundance you share, this month we were able to baptize a child, receive new members and send a group of youth to an overnight at a sister UCC.

Because of our support of Our Church’s Wider Mission for the United Church of Christ, we will be blessed by the preaching of Dr. de Bardelaban, share in the advocacy work in Washington DC to end poverty, use curriculum that is developed to assist in Sacred Conversations on Race, Bible Study and Sunday School. Many of us are inspired by the Daily Still Speaking Devotions and Weekly Sermon Seeds… So I give thanks to God and to all of you for the seeds of growth and inspiration planted in our church and through our church into the world.

---Pastor Lynne

**Save Time, Donate Online!**

Did you know that you can donate online to Ainsworth through an electronic donation site? Consider automating your Capital Campaign and monthly tithe through the site. Electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis.

To get started, visit the Ainsworth UCC website: [www.ainsworthucc.com](http://www.ainsworthucc.com), and click the “Donate” link. This will take you to the online donation site. Once on the site, create your profile, set up monthly automatic donations or make a one-time donation to the Capital Campaign. You can also set up regular payments of your tithe on this site. Questions, contact Ellen Yarnell 503.804.3061.
### November Sundays

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#### Stewardship Sunday

- **Sermon:** by guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Bentley de Bardelaben
- **Liturgist:** Chelyn Josep
- **Acolytes:** Shealynn Davis and Molly Cogburn-Frary
- **Ushers:** Nick Putnam, Bruce Poinsette, Willard Valentine, and David Lomnicki

#### Speak Out: Uniting to End Sexual Violence Sunday

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### “To Hold in Prayer...”

Jessica Lankford  
JoAnn Brand  
James Crolley  
Steve Beaman  
James Jeffrey-West  
Anita Chimuku  
Charlie Hudson  
Louise Cambric  
Valeriana Bandwa  
The Godfrey family  
Christopher Lawson (Barbara’s son)

and the UCC, in all settings.

If you want prayers said for yourself or others, feel free to call on the Prayer Chain members. Email Peggy West @ ipwest@teleport.com or call her at 503-659-7922.

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Happy Birthday to All!

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More about Oregon Sanctuary, visit the website at:  
http://www.oregonsanctuary.org

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Guess Who’s Coming to Thanksgiving Dinner?
Feeling gratitude, and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. –William Ward

Would you like to try something new on Thanksgiving Day? Join the special edition Ainsworth Thanksgiving Day Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner. In this event, you will share the feast with friends, old or new. All you have to do is complete the sign up forms that will be included in the bulletins in November. Indicate whether you wish to be a guest or host and provide the information on the form.

The weekend before Thanksgiving you will receive your instructions—if you are a guest you will learn where to go, and if you are a host you will learn how many adults and children to expect. You will discover the identities of your companions when you arrive at their door, or they at yours.

For this feast day dinner, the host will provide the main course and guests may offer feast day dishes that they especially like to make. Everyone should be prepared to be flexible though, as the size and composition of parties and the specifics of food will evolve from the tastes and talents of the people who participate. Questions? Send a note to Robinann Cogburn cogfra@comcast.net

Long live Oregonians! October 1, 2013
We have all heard the slogan by now, haven’t we Ainsworth UCC? If you do not feel that you know enough about the Affordable Care Act, aka Cover Oregon, aka Obamacare then please join us after church on Sunday November 3rd shortly after service about noon for an info session. It will be our opportunity to ask away after hearing a presentation of the facts by a CoverOregon employee. Please invite your friends and neighbors! Our Justice Commission wants to get as much factual information out as possible.

As of October 1, 2013, Oregonians now have a completely new way to access health insurance through an online central marketplace called Cover Oregon. You’ll are able to compare and enroll in health and dental plans that fit your family’s needs and budget. All plans offered through Cover Oregon will cover essential health benefits including provider visits, hospital stays, maternity care, emergency room care, prescriptions, preventive care, mental health services, dental and vision coverage for kids and more. Actual coverage will begin January 1, 2014. Some medical expenses incurred within 90 days prior to your January 1st sign on may be reimbursed as well!

Even if you already have a health condition, you will be able to get coverage. You can also get financial assistance to help pay for premiums, if you qualify (available to individuals earning up to $45,900 a year and a family of four earning up to $94,200 a year).

Feel free to visit www.CoverOregon.com or call 1-855-CoverOR (1-855-268-3767).

Jubilee Oregon
For latest updates on Jubilee Oregon: http://jubileeoregon.org/

Cynthia’s Ainsworth Choir blog:
www.ainsworthucc.com/auccmusicblog

A Special Thank you…
I would like to thank all those who helped me pack and move recently. All was very much appreciated. I especially like to extend my thank you to Judy Eichler and Sue Sutton.

--Helen Ellison

Can You Help? Helen Ellison is asking rides to go on errands. If you are willing, please call her at 503.284.0721 to make arrangements. She lives in North Portland, just off North Dekum, about 3 blocks north of Peninsula Park.
Sacred Conversations on Race
Please join other members of the Ainsworth UCC family to renew our Sacred Conversations on Race this fall. Arika Bridgeman-Bunyoli, Rev. Cecil Prescod and Beth Poteet will be facilitating a series of four discussions about how we can continue to celebrate our multi-cultural church identity and build upon the creation of an environment at AUCC which embodies the beloved community. Using a popular education approach, facilitators will guide participants through examining current realities in our community related to disparities and racism, Biblical and theological reflection, story sharing, and a process of visioning and action planning.

The Sacred Conversations on Race is an initiative of the wider UCC "to confront the sin of racism in our desire to see the Church live and be as one." The discussions will be held on November 17 & 24 and December 8 & 15 from 12pm-1:30pm, after worship. For more information, please contact Arika Bridgeman-Bunyoli at lavendarmama@gmail.com or 503.740.5403 or Beth Poteet at bethpoteet@gmail.com or 503.706.5424. All are welcome to participate!

Service Commission

Warm Clothing Needed…
The Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP) continues to need warm clothing and linens for their clothes closet. If you have any to donate, please take them directly to the NEFP at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 4800 NE 72nd Ave in Portland. You can also leave in or by the NEFP tub bin, located in our narthex.

FundRaiser for the NEFP…
Want some good food? And help the NEFP? Then come to the Hollywood Whole Foods Market on November 7th, from 5 to 8 pm. You can enjoy a ‘Taste of Thanksgiving.’ Cost is $10 adults, $5 for kids. All of the proceeds will going to the NE Emergency Food Program.

Ministry with Older Adults
Twenty Ministry With Older Adults gathered at the beautiful grounds of Menucha Retreat Center on September 25th for a day of reflection, discussion and fellowship. The theme of the annual retreat was "Aging With Spirit." Stan Paine, member of Eugene First Congregational UCC and a professor of education at the University of Oregon, was the facilitator. People especially enjoyed the thoughtful 1 on 1 and group sharing. Focusing on what we would like to have as our individual legacies was particularly meaningful. As one person put it, the day had a strong "sense of spiritual community." Another wrote that she gained feelings of "love, affirmation and hope."

At our MWOA October meeting, there was some light-heartedness with several people in Halloween costumes. Shifting to the more thoughtful, Rev. Jack gave a very insightful talk on spirit. He said that instead of asking "What is Spirit?" the question is "Who is Spirit?" and the answer is "God is Spirit." He spoke of the deepening faith he experienced when he was held in a California concentration camp that kept Japanese-Americans locked up during World War II. He likened the growth of Spirit within a person to the growth of a great redwood tree--growth is from the inside outward. His informal talk was deeply moving and inspirational and a fine continuation of the retreat theme, "Aging With Spirit."

At the November 26 meeting, Simone Carter from Legacy Emanuel Hospital will give a presentation on preventing falls. As we age, we become more susceptible to falling, and more likely to incur serious debilitating injuries from falls.

MWOA is aimed at persons 55 and over although we never check ID's! All our welcome to attend our 4th Tuesday of the month gatherings at 11:15 a.m. in Cambric Parlor.
The United Church of Christ Unified Board at our National Setting…

On July 2, 2013 the UCC Board met to elect its' officers and make some procedural decisions. Our first full business meeting took place October 9-12, 2013 in Cleveland.

Included in our meeting were extensive orientation sessions detailing the definition and responsibilities of a fiduciary, diversity training, and information sessions from the legal department, the three ministries (Local Church, Justice/Witness, and Wider Church), the Pension Boards, and United Church Funds, our denomination's investment arm. All this background information has infused each of us Board members with the understanding and importance of the responsibility we carry as Board members.

During our meetings we learned from the financial committees that there is an expected deficit of ~$2.4 million in the 2014 budget. A major contributing cause is the decrease in Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). In 2000 OCWM amounted to ~$12 million per year; this year, OCWM totaled about half of that, or $6 million. Membership numbers have decreased and those remaining contribute less. Rising Conference expenses mean Conferences are keeping increasing percentages of the OCWM offerings for themselves. Thus, fewer dollars reach the denominational offices.

After listening to these financial reports and hearing from related commentary and engaging in discussion, the UCC Board adopted a fiscal plan to deal with the impending deficit. Specifics of this plan will be released by the Collegium at a later date.

Fiscal trouble usually brings about review of programs and services in place, forcing a determination of what is and isn't working. This is currently the case in Cleveland. The three ministries outlined programs they are building or hope to unveil during the coming months, while evaluating the effectiveness of other existing programs.

Guiding our denominational Vision are our 3 Core Values: Continuing Testament; Extravagant Welcome; and Changing Lives. We will live out these Core Values by meeting 4 Big Inspirational Goals (BIGs): having a Bold, Public, Voice; being Welcoming, Reachable, Congregations; creating an Engaged Discipleship; and developing and supporting Excellent, Diverse, Leaders.

The Core Values and BIGs have already brought us Mission 1 and Mission 4/1 Earth. Extravagance UCC, an online church, is in the process of defining itself, it's ministries, and its ways of reaching those either unchurched or unable to attend an existing brick-and-mortar church. Ministerial profiles have been redesigned, streamlined, and put online, making the ministerial search and call process less cumbersome and more efficient. Over the next 2-4 years, Justice/Witness and Wider Church Ministries will introduce other new engaging, interactive programs and initiatives as funding allows.

Finally, we heard from the committee whose function is to plan and present the next Synod program, to be held in Cleveland in June 2015. This committee has put a timeline in place for their work.

The next meeting of the UCC Board will be in March 2014. It's subcommittees will be meeting by phone over the months leading up to that meeting. Should you have any questions about the Board and its responsibilities or business, feel free to email me at libigler@easystreet.net.

--Rev Lynda Bigler, member, UCC Board

Support our Teachers…

For anyone or everyone in the congregation that you feel should know, www.pdxteachers.org is the new Portland Association of Teachers website.
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- MH: Michel Hall
- S: Sanctuary

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