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Faithful Witness at the Sheridan Prison

Thanks to Ainsworth family and especially, the children who signed or made 55 cards for detainees at the Sheridan prison. Beth Poteet and Pat Rumer delivered the cards at an interfaith service outside the fences surrounding the prison. The cards were blessed by clergy present for the vigil.



Left to right: Pat Rumer, Rev. Chuck Currie and Beth Poteet, and Lindsay (Beth's friend).

The struggle to gain access for clergy to the prison continues. Sunday, June 24 600 people attended an interfaith worship service led by Sikh priests as about 50 of the detainees are Punjabi. Several Ainsworth members were there including Rev. Linda Jaramillo and Beth Poteet. The vigils will continue until clergy are granted permission to visit the detainees (shown in photo to right).

The good news today is that a federal judge in Oregon ordered the prison to allow lawyers to visit detainees and prohibited deportation until they are all seen by lawyers.

Thank to Senators Jeff Merkeley and Ron Wyden, and the Congressional representatives Earl Blumenauer, Suzanne Bonamici and Kurt Shrader,

who visited the Sheridan prison in mid-June, as they have issued strong statements against the President's Zero Tolerance policy towards immigrants. Thankfully, the family separation was ended, but families will be detained together at military bases.

The Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice meets the second Tuesday of each month at St. Michael's and All Angels in northeast Portland - the next meeting is Tuesday, June 10. Please attend to find out how to get involved.

The other good news is that IMIRJ welcomed a young Honduran mother and her two year old son. She is an environmental activist whose life was threatened. She is being hosted by a family from St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church. We will post accompaniment opportunities with her as they arise. If you speak Spanish, please let Beth or Pat know so that we can connect you with the family.

Thanks for your support and faithful witness!

--Pat Rumer





From the Pastor...

Crying children. It seems that we have been hearing from a lot of children- across the country, youth & children who have lost

friends, loved ones to gun violence and at the border and detention camps/cages/ cells, children and youth separated from parents, in a strange land. Oh, but I cannot help but know that Jesus is crying over the United States, not unlike his tears that fell over Jerusalem. To be sure, Jesus must be crying over many places around the world- Jerusalem & Palestine too, but we are in the USA and cannot escape our problems.

The children are crying, and we need to act. We are called to “witness to the word and work of Jesus” and we committed to that when we joined Ainsworth UCC. Witness means to speak and live out/work/act as Jesus would. After seeing and hearing about the gun violence around our country- in the schools, the city streets, in homes, we must act. Certainly Jesus would call us to be part of healing action. Lift Every Voice called together people of faith and those of goodwill to act- to collect the signatures required to get the ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines on the November ballot in Oregon. We are ready, but the process has been delayed which makes it impossible to make the July 6th deadline for the signatures. We shall not be moved. We will continue to work on the vital gun safety law to make our schools, our cities, and our nation safer. We will be strategizing to continue the work of ending gun violence.

The children are crying, and we need to act. Many are still separated from their parents; parents are being held in detention. Many have crossed the border seeking asylum, not a crime, but criminalized in our hate-filled society. Others cross the border to seek life out of dire poverty, a future for their families, and unification with family who is already here. There want nothing more than the rest of us- life and a future for their children. Jesus was a refugee, how can we turn our backs on these people.

Wendy and her 2 yr. old son Oscar came from Honduras seeking asylum, in danger for their lives. We can respond to the call of Jesus and offer them support, rides, financial help, love and kindness. Others are

camped around the ICE building in SW Portland, calling on an end to ICE sweeps, detentions, and actions in our city, state and country. We can join them. We can support efforts at the prison in Sheridan, the detention center at The Dalles, in a number of places. For more information, check out the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice [www.imirj.org] for more information or seek out Beth Poteet and Pat Rumer for the latest needs.

The children are crying, and we cannot be silent. The present administration in our national government is despicable calling the separation of children from parents Christian, cuddling up to the NRA and ignoring the cries from our youth for common sense guns laws, spewing hate and white supremacy words and ideals. We need to speak out, step up and act to make sure the leadership in our nation supports children.

--Pastor Lynne



Samoan Calling

From 5 July to 18 July, I will be away. I have been asked to represent our Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ in American Samoa at a meeting of the Congregational Churches of American Samoa and representatives of the United Church of Christ. It is an opportunity that I am thrilled to undertake. It takes me “home” to the South Pacific and close to Samoa where I lived for 3 ½ years. I will take some vacation time to visit Samoa and at least one of my families there. I am grateful to our conference for this opportunity and to you all for the time given me for study leave/vacation that I can use throughout the year. Thank you all.

--Pastor Lynne

July Sundays		August Sundays	
JUL 1	<p>Sermon: "The Power to Transform" Scripture: Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 Liturgist: Jamie Nash-Sedda Acolytes: Emilio Campoverde Ushers: Eldon Potter, Don Parks, Adelina Taylor, Mabel Johnson</p>	AUG 5	<p>Sermon: "Knit Together by Faith" Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16 Liturgist: Allison Brinkhorst Acolytes: Emilio Campoverde Ushers: Eldon Potter, Don Parks, Adelina Taylor, Mabel Johnson</p>
JUL 8	<p>Sermon: Rev. Diana Scholl, preacher Scripture: Liturgist: Nancy Hatch Acolytes: Rhian Welch, Leila Carline Ushers: Nick Putnam, Bruce Poinsette, Willard Valentine, and David Lomnicki</p>	AUG 12	<p>Sermon: "Shaping Community" Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Liturgist: Larry Harmon Acolytes: Rhian Welch, Leila Carline Ushers: Nick Putnam, Bruce Poinsette, Willard Valentine, and David Lomnicki</p>
JUL 15	<p>Sermon: by guest preacher Scripture: Liturgist: Janine Gates Acolytes: Malcolm Bunyoli, Ben McHarris Ushers: Pearl Wilson, Beverly Perttu, Colleen Davis, and Norma Godfrey</p>	AUG 19	<p>Worship & Potluck in the Park at Wilshire Park (NE 33rd and Skidmore) Sermon: Worship starts at 10:30 am Scripture: Matthew 2:13-18 Liturgist: Rev. Hector López Acolytes: Malcolm Bunyoli, Ben McHarris Ushers: Pearl Wilson, Beverly Perttu, Colleen Davis, and Norma Godfrey</p>
JUL 22	<p>Sermon: "Breaking Down the Wall" Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22 Liturgist: Selina Davis Acolytes: Elizabeth Loveless, Maya Garcia Ushers: Carolyn Hinton, Jean Scott, Nadia Gutierrez, and Tim Loveless</p>	AUG 26	<p>Jazz Sunday with Shirley Nanette Sermon: "At Home with God" Scripture: Psalm 84 Liturgist: David Beckley Acolytes: Elizabeth Loveless, Maya Garcia Ushers: Carolyn Hinton, Jean Scott, Nadia Gutierrez, and Tim Loveless</p>
JUL 29	<p>Sermon: "God's Abundant Presence" Scripture: John 6:1-11 Liturgist: Stephanie Holloway-Nunn Acolytes: Elizabeth Loveless, Maya Garcia Ushers: Carolyn Hinton, Jean Scott, Nadia Gutierrez, and Tim Loveless</p>		

Bible Study Schedule



All are welcome, as we focus on the scripture for the following Sunday. We meet for Bible Study at 10 am on Tuesdays, in Cambric Parlor.

3 Jul	Mark 6:01-13	7 Aug	Ephesians 4:25-05:2
10 Jul	Mark 6:14-29	14 Aug	Ephesians 5:15-19
17 Jul	Mark 6:30-34,	21 Aug	Psalm 84
24 Jul	John 6:1-22	28 Aug	James 1:17-27
31 Jul	John 6:24-35		

Questions? Contact Rev. Cecil Prescod.

Ainsworth UCC Directory Updates...

Electronic copies were sent via email in early June. If you did not get a copy, let the church office know, and they can send you a new version. It is a lot of work to keep the information updated, and sometimes an error occurs. Please, look over your information, and let the office know of any errors or omissions.

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Shelly Penix
Payne
Bob Dueltgen & family
Joe Craig
Valeriana Bandua
The Gearry Family
Chris Culver
Steven Beaman
Kamil López
All those affected by domestic and gun violence
as well as the UCC, in all settings

Rev. Chuck Currie
Don Johnson
Jean Bucciarelli
Brian Crosby-
Anita Chimuku
Elaine Ordal
Kathy Harmon
Felix (Jackie’s friend)
Katie Ferris
Nichole Smouse-López

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

☩ *Summertime and Your Pledge Giving*

☩ Summer is here and what are you doing? Are you staying home or going out of town? If you are staying at home do your plans include coming to church? If you are going out of town, how long will you be gone? These are questions that I hope you are asking yourself. Some of you will plan to stay at home and continue coming to church on Sunday morning, and we will be glad to see you.

For those who are planning to go out of town or staying at home relaxing on those hot Sunday mornings, consider using ‘Electronic Giving’ as your method of maintaining your pledge. During the summer months, our giving income often takes a dip, but our church expenses continue. Electronic Giving is easy, just log into the church’s website and click on the ‘Donate Now’ button near the bottom of the page, or use your smartphone and click on the QR code printed in your bulletin which takes you directly to the donation page.

Thank you and have a pleasant and restful summer.
Larry Harmon, AUCC Treasurer

☩ *Moderator’s Moment*

☩ Join us for the July Congregational meeting on Sunday July 22. We will elect new officers and commission members, discuss the next steps in the Visioning process, discuss adopting a values statement for the church.

Even more important will be the Sunday October 28th Congregational meeting when we will be discussing proposed bylaws changes. We need one-half of the membership to be in attendance, or absentee voting. So please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. If you can’t attend, let us know so we can arrange an absentee vote for you.

Traci Hodgson, Church Moderator

July Birthdays

2 David Nichols
3 Ben McHarris
3 Dave Sutton
4 Sharon Grant
5 Traci Hodgson
5 Ines Campoverde
6 Yolanda Clay
8 Frances Currie
8 Katherine Currie
8 Annie Danielson
8 Tim Hill
9 Anita Chase
9 Donna Hazlitt
9 Debra Carline
9 Nicole Marshall
12 Selina Davis
13 Sue Sutton
14 Rowan Borgerding
14 Ruby Sutton
15 Gloria Clay
16 Robert Montgomery
17 Margaret Baldwin
18 Vilma Renfro
18 Ron Taylor
18 Vicky Vasey
18 Christopher Volpe
20 Marcus Welch
21 Stella Holmes-Wood
22 Jeff Vasey
23 Merrick Osborne
24 Lori Hays
27 Susan Hathaway
29 Peter Chimuku

August Birthdays

3 Scott Gunderson
6 Ben Puggarana
9 Addison Loveless
10 David Rozell
11 Alexander McPherson
12 Adelina Taylor
13 Rev. Teresa
Holloway-Nunn
13 Veronica Marshall
16 Liz Currie
21 Donald Parks
26 Caleb Putnam
27 Jeannie LaFrance
28 Joanne Busiel
28 Kathleen Harmon
30 Violet Hahn-Francini

✚ **New Ainsworth Tree Guide Available**

✚ Missed the MWOA Ainsworth Tree Tour last month, but still interested in learning about the 30 different species planted on the church's property? Well not to worry, as there is now available in the Narthex, a self-guided tree tour brochure and map.

Put together by our own resident tree expert and self-described "tree nerd," Doug Trotter, it is ready to lead you on into the world of trees. The trees on our property have been selected for many attributes, including flowers, bark, unusual leaves/fall color, hardiness, size and other characteristics.

The church is also part of the City of Portland's Ainsworth Linear Arboretum, showcasing a wide variety of trees that are planted throughout Portland and it runs from Fernhill Park to MLK Boulevard. A handy guide to the Arboretum is also available in the Narthex. So, please take some time and enjoy the trees of Ainsworth and the neighborhood.

The value of trees: trees have other attributes other than the above, including: adding value to property, privacy, air quality enhancement, storm-water management, energy use reduction, climate moderation, wildlife and pollinator attractive, traffic calming, stress reduction and last but not least, a beautiful, full of wonder, peaceful reminder of God's creation.

"For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12)

✚ **Did You Know about our website?**

✚ Yep for many years, Ellen had been caretaker of our Ainsworth webpage. Earlier in 2018, that baton was passed to Paul Perkins and Kathy Tymoczko. If you have news or an announcement, or just want to share information with the world and our congregation, consider sending them an email with your information.

✚ **Faith Formation, and Christian Education** ✚ **"A Called Ministry for Rev. Cecil Prescod"**

The Rev. Cecil Prescod joined Ainsworth United Church of Christ two decades ago. Over the years he has invested himself in the teaching and pastoral ministry of our congregation, first as a volunteer Sunday School teacher and Justice Commission member, then later as part-time Director of Christian Education, and currently as part-time Minister of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries, the latter two positions being as a contracted employee.

In April, the Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) was authorized by the Church Council to explore what it would take to redefine Cecil's employee status as a true called ministry of Ainsworth UCC. This is expected to involve the following steps:

- 1) Discerning and re-describing the scope of Cecil's ministry with and for our congregation, including aspirations, responsibilities, expectations, evaluation, and compensation;
- 2) Translating Cecil's present contract into normative United Church of Christ call agreement language (similar in form to Lynne's 2017 Revised Call Agreement);
- 3) Engaging the congregation in this process, including an eventual confirming vote in accordance with our church bylaws.

The PRC believes that Cecil's standing as an ordained UCC minister and his dedicated and ever-expanding work as our Minister of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries merit recognizing him as a called minister of Ainsworth UCC. In the United Church of Christ, a "called" ministry is one authorized by and accountable to the entire congregation rather than to a church council or senior pastor alone.

The PRC is currently researching the emerging significance that "Faith Formation" has throughout the UCC. Our next step will be to begin working on an updated Call Agreement for Cecil to continue serving Ainsworth UCC as Minister of Faith Formation. We'll report regularly on our progress and will seek advice and consent from the Church Council with respect to further engagement with the congregation as well as eventual outcomes.

---Pastoral Relations Committee
(Frank Baldwin, Janine Gates, Norma Godfrey)

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