

World Communion Sunday

October 4

Every year we gather with Christians around the world at the Table of Blessing. Not every church observes The Lord's Supper weekly as we do, but almost all churches set aside World Communion Sunday to break bread and share the cup.

This year our observance will have an extra special tone, for it is also a day for celebrating the 200th anniversary of Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address. Campbell, who along with his son, Alexander, and Barton Warren Stone is recognized as a founder of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), wrote this foundational document in 1809 to provide guidelines for a group known as The Christian Association of Washington. The group's aim was to be active in a grassroots movement to spread a "simple gospel," unencumbered by creeds and traditions that might get in the way of an individual's coming to full faith in Jesus Christ.

Perhaps the guiding principle within the Declaration and Address is that "the Church of Christ upon

earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one; consisting of all those in every place that profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him in all things according to the Scriptures..." By 1811 the association had become the first church of the Campbellite movement, the Brush Run Church in Brush Run, Pennsylvania. On October 4 all three branches that grew out of Campbell's declaration will celebrate 200 years of ecumenical witness. Independent Christian Churches, Churches of Christ (non-instrumental) and Disciples will all share in the "Great Communion."

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From One Minister to Many



— Rev. Tim Tiffany

Recently Rick Warren, senior pastor of Saddleback Church, addressed our nation's largest Muslim organization. Among Rev. Warren's conservative brethren it stirred some controversy.

What stirred up a tempest in a teapot? Warren set forth four specific ways that Muslims and Christians could work together while maintaining their separate traditions and beliefs:

1. Work together to respect the dignity of every person, perhaps forming a Christian-Muslim coalition to combat stereotyping.
2. Restore civil public debate, where people of all faiths can talk with one another and disagree with one another without demeaning one another.
3. Work together to promote peace and protect freedom, particularly the freedoms of speech and religion.
4. Collaborate in tackling the great global problems of conflict, corruption, poverty, disease, and illiteracy.

Warren said, "Friends, this is the time for action, this is the time for civility, this is the time for the common good, for working together, because some problems are so big you have to team up to tackle them. (above information quoted from the regional *E-Shout Newsletter* for September)

I would suggest to you that Warren's desire to interface with people of another faith represents the highest in Christian principles. For our faith is centered on lifting up the dignity of all humankind, of promoting peace and freedom and of addressing the huge needs in our world of disease, poverty and other denigrating forces that rob people of their sense of true personhood.

You and I can be about such work as we speak words of affirmation, not condemnation, as we do quiet little deeds of kindness, as we act and speak with civility. Dear friends, this latter is much in need just now. It feels to me that we are becoming mean-spirited as a nation, forgetting our common roots in the human family, ignoring and failing to honor the divine in each other. Big problems cannot be fixed by people who act small. But all things are possible when little people seek to do great things for God---together!

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Paying Attention



It's a common scene. A couple sits at the breakfast table. One spouse is immersed in the newspaper, while the other is pouring out her heart. Frustrated, she finally complains, "You're not listening to me." "I can report every word you've said," is the standard response and he then proceeds to demonstrate. Is she satisfied? No! She doesn't want her spouse simply to be able to replay her words -- a tape recorder could do that. She wants her spouse to be fully present. She wants her partner to put down the paper, look her in the eye, and pay attention to her. Being heard is not enough. She wants to be attended to.

Love pays attention. Attention is one of the most powerful forces in the world. Whole-hearted, undivided attentions says, "I have nothing else that I would rather do; nowhere I'd rather be. I'm fully devoted to being with you."

During the last week of August, six of us from church (David Falkner, Donna Grover, Dan Haslam, Joan Loomis, Carol Schoenfeld, and I) went on a most fascinating trip to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. In those magnificent places of serene beauty, it is tremendously easy to pay attention. In the Grand Tetons, we found the mountains to be soothing, cleansing, strengthening and healing. Beauty was unfolding, unrolling in glorious exuberant extravagance. At the base of the mountains were meadows of wild flowers, spreading, shining, rejoicing everywhere. In Yellowstone, every nerve stood on tiptoe, every sense applauded. Yellowstone is on top of a supervolcano, according to National Geographic and so geysers, hot springs, mud pots, abound throughout the park, releasing some of the volcanic energy that is building up below the earth's surface. Yellowstone was an inexhaustible source of delight: the sounds, textures, colors, shapes, patterns, harmonies, the sensate joy, the enchantment, the endless surprises. Undoubtedly, Yellowstone captured our attention, our awe!

Paying attention to creation comes fairly easily for most people. Paying attention to other people sometimes presents more of a challenge. Yet, attention is one of the most powerful forces in the world. Over and over again, Jesus lavishes that kind of attention on others -- he notices a tax collector sitting inconspicuously up in a sycamore tree. He felt a woman who was desperate for healing touch his robe. He saw a widow no one else would have given a second glance and observed that she gave everything she had. He gave recognition to unimportant little children who the crowd was trying to make disappear.

Jesus paid attention and Jesus transformed lives!

This month, let's pay attention to one another. Let us not look through things, or around them or toward the next thing. Let us give ourselves entirely to what is right in front of us. In essence, may our actions declare, "I have nothing else that I would rather do; nowhere I'd rather be. I'm fully devoted to being with you."

Love and Light,



Updates From Honduras

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. - Ephesians 2:19-22

Upon our return from Honduras, my fellow travelers and I spoke at church about meeting the children of Santa Catarina, Honduras, which is a remote village on the border of Honduras and Nicaragua. 140 children attend school in two classrooms with 60 desks. The roofs of the classrooms are asbestos shingles with large holes in them. During the months-long rainy season, classes cannot be held. When there is no school, the children do not receive the daily meal the government provides. As a result, many of the children in this village have the vacant, haunting eyes of malnourishment.

A simple question was posed to the congregation....can we provide the funds needed to re-roof the classroom in Santa Catarina? Your response not only enabled us to "raise the roof".....**WE BLEW THE ROOF OFF THE ROOF!!**

Last month we not only sent the money to replace the roof.... but to build the badly needed third classroom. We received donations from church members, church groups, friends, family, Wine Steals, and community organizations.

What motivates people to donate hard earned money in these tough economic times to children thousands of miles away?

The answer is simple and is the common thread throughout everything the church undertakes...we live our faith.

I recently received an update from Marisela Araujo of the Commission for Christian Development in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

"I visited the school on Thursday, August 27th. It was so wonderful to meet with the people there. They are really thankful to all of you for the support you are giving. I also met that day with the Mayor and Vice-Mayor of El Triunfo to talk about the projects, and they asked me to send their appreciation for your support. I also quoted the materials at local hardware stores and I ordered them the next day. The people of the community have already started with the roof, which will be ready in a couple of days, and then they will continue with the construction of the class room.

At the meeting with the community, many people asked me to tell you how thankful they are and how important your support is to them. I talked to them about the many activities you made in order to put the funds together and this was very important for them to hear. They are so encouraged to help in the implementation of the project. As soon as I have pictures of the first project completed, I will share them with you. By then there will be advances of the classroom construction and I will send pictures of that as well.

See the children's smiles in one of the pictures? That is specially for you!" - Marisela

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support for the children of Santa Catarina. Please keep these children and all the people of Honduras in your prayers as they try to continue their daily lives in the political chaos of their country.

Chris Northcraft, Kevin Northcraft, Jaime Hernandez,
Tim Tiffany, Jonnie Wilson, Lorna Briddick, & Jen Laaback

News and Notes from Here and There

Note from Fany:

An update from Fany, the student in Honduras whose education U.C.C. helps support. With all of the recent political unrest in her country, there was a lapse in the opportunity for Fany to complete her internship. She was crestfallen and felt hopeless.

I want to tell you all that I am happy because I can finally start my professional internship. In spite of all of the problems that we are living - I only ask of God that he help me finish. At the moment I started my classes - I'm carrying 3, I need 4 more. Hopefully they will all come up so that I can exit this university.

I love you all, please write to me because I miss you all. yolian_8@hotmail.com

*With love,
Fany*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

For 103 years—beginning in September, 1906-- U.C.C. has been a beacon of light on the same corner of Cleveland Ave. and Richmond St., from its humble beginnings in a small Mission-style church to the large Sanctuary we know today, ministering to the neighborhood of Hillcrest and beyond.

Calling All Couples: Save the Date

Plans are in the works for Covenant Couples to attend a play in San Diego on the weekend of October 17-18. Save the dates and watch for an announcement soon in your Sunday *FlockTalk*.

FLU SEASON IS COMING!

In light of the recent health concerns about H1N1, as well as the more common flu, U.C.C. will be taking extra precautions this fall. For now, the following measures are recommended:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- If you are sick with a flu-like illness, **please stay home**.
- Stay informed. Health officials will provide additional information as it becomes available. Visit the California Department of Public Health website (www.cdph.ca.gov) or Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov).

Sermons Available On-Line

U.C.C. messages of hope and encouragement are now available on the Internet. Check them out at www.uccsermons.com. By clicking on "Favorites", you can make this one of your easily accessible favorite sites. Thanks to **Paul Svenson** for providing this service!

Note: QuickTime (free installation) is required in order to view these messages.

SCHOOL KITS

We've done it--and how! Enough supplies have been received to fill 105 complete school kits for children in impoverished schools and refugee camps around the world. The school kits were dedicated at U.C.C. on September 13, and will be delivered to the Regional Gathering in Fullerton on October 17. Thank you to all who donated and/or helped assemble these kits!





CWF

CWF General Meeting - Saturday, October 10, 2009 Birthday Luncheon

Program: Our very special program will be presented by Tom Barich, talented organist/pianist/singer of U.C.C., whom we enjoy hearing every Sunday at second service. Don't miss this!

Lunch will be catered by Dan Haslam.

10:00 am Board Meeting 11:00 am Business Meeting

12:00 pm Luncheon 1:15 pm Program

Men are also invited! Cost for lunch is \$4.50.

Reservations are due by October 8 to Kathi Farrow, 858-676-0280

COMING UP: Holiday Bazaar - November 14-15 in Friendship Hall

Note: We need fine jewelry, costume jewelry, and especially, holiday jewelry. Phyllis Roeder (858-277-1941) is the contact person if you have anything to donate, or you may leave them in the Church Office. Boutique needs gift items--vases, serving dishes, figurines, holiday clothing, etc. Sharon McHenry is collecting for CWF Group 4.

ATTENTION, ALL DISCIPLES WOMEN:

Mission Alignment Coordinating Council (MACC) would like your feedback! MACC has convened a task force of women from across the life of the church, lay and clergy, those involved in traditional Disciples Women/CWF groups and ministries and those not currently involved, who have been engaged in dialogue via conference calls. They have reached a point where additional feedback is necessary to help prepare a preliminary report by mid-October to the Administrative Committee. Input is desired from as many Disciples women as possible, on how to best empower and nurture women's ministries in our future. Please visit the Pacific Southwest Disciples Women's website, www.pswdw.com, click on the link under "Purpose Statement", and complete the questionnaire.

Prayer Concerns

Loving God, it is sometimes difficult
to be a human being in this world.



Prayers Requested

*Mike Brady; Richard Cagley;
Jeanne Calvano and husband, Dick;
Bob Cummings and family;
Mary Lou Curtis and family; David Downing;
Maria Garza; Grant Foster;
John Foster (Grant's dad); Jeri; Joan and Matthew;
Juanita; Aubrey Johnston; Kathleen;
Thea Joy Kennedy; Phyllis Klinger;
Jason Lastrella and family; Louis Lujan;
Shirley Massie; uncle-in-law of Jennifer Michaud;
Midge and Isie; Mike; Diana Monaghan;
Carolyn Nash; Tracy Page and family;
Paul Randels; Steven Riser;
Sandy Roberts' brother-in-law, John; Fran Rush;
Karen Scott and family; Bruce Smith;
Barry Starke; Patty Townsend; Savannah Wallace;
Helen Werdelman*

For those whose loved ones have recently passed from life to Life

*family and friends of Wanda Applegate;
family of Bob Auterson;
family/friends of Ryan Bartlett;
Brian Barto; Juanita Boy; Paula Brierton;
Broderick family; Marion Campbell;
Racheal Ceriani;
Sharon Clark; family of Billy Cook; Cookie;
Family of Christian; Curtis family; Roy Davenport;
Mamie Day; Dewse & Peterson families;
family of Lynn Dunton; Lydia Egbert;
Gertrude Gerig; Lynda Goertzen;
David Green's mother; Dan Haslam; Phyllis Inman;
Bill Irons; family of Jeremy Ivens; Evadale Gurney;
family of Joe Kelly; Heather Krueger;
Jason Lastrella and family; Looper family;
Frank Lynn Mann; the McMahan's;
Kevin McGarrigle; Winnie Morales;
Tracy Page and family; Papineau family;
Kari Parker & family; Marian Rauber;
Virginia Roberts; Karen Scott and family;
Archie Smith; Dan Smitts;
family of Cathy Stibbard; Marge Storton;
Dr. Kim Tee; Valentine/Creekmur family;
Betty Jean van Pelt; family of Juanita Wahl;
Savannah Wallace*

"Dear Hearts" (homebound)

*Bob & Genny Ballantine; Ray Barnes;
Minnie Bradley; Margaret Burns; Jeanne Calvano;
Tom & Linda Christensen; Melba Close;
Margaret Davis; Peggy Donley; Peggy Jacklin;
Thea Joy Kennedy; Rhoda Kruse; Dorothy Lydick;
John R. Lydick; Shirley Massie;
Mary Kathryn Mills; Frank Schutze; Bruce Smith;
Alice Walden; Floyd & Jeanette Wasson*

Receiving Hospice Care

Walt Price

- Scheduled for hospitalization? Give your contact information to the office.
- If you have a prayer request, or want to join the Prayer Chain, call the church office at 619-295-4146, or contact Wendy Svenson at wensven@gmail.com.

Around the Church



News from the Pews

- **Wanda Applegate** passed from life to Life on August 24. A memorial service was held on August 31.
- Recently we have added three new members. **Anne Bringaze** joined U.C.C. on August 23, and is the partner of Mary Bosker. (Congratulations to the newlyweds, who were married on September 5.) Also joining U.C.C. were **Molly Suggs** on September 6, and **Gaines Wilson** on September 13. Welcome to all of our new members!
- **Pam Bowen**, 20, niece of **Maggy & Paul Broderick**, passed from life to Life on August 19. Pam was the daughter of **Alan Broderick**.
- **Brent Curtis**, son of **Mary Lou Curtis** and former custodian at U.C.C., passed from life to Life on September 6. Memorial service was held at U.C.C. on September 12.
A message to the church family from **Mary Lou**: "Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts, prayers, and participation in Brent's memorial service."
- **Ron and Marge Derry** were in town for **Brent Curtis'** memorial service and send greetings to all.
- Congratulations to **Andrew Farrow**, who has received his Technician Amateur Radio License.
- "Thank you for your prayers! **Yvonne Graham's** tests were negative. **Robert Adams** is recovering at home." - **Geoff Graham**
- **Elizabeth Marie Magiary** was born on September 15 at Balboa Hospital to **Robert and Christy Magiary**. Elizabeth weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and is 21 inches long. Congratulations to the new parents, and to proud grandma **Janalee Hughes**.
- "Our 19th great-grandchild, **Scarlett Sophia Boyle**, arrived on August 27. My son, **Jeff Boyle**, is her grandfather." - **Evelyn May**
- "Thank you for the prayers for my brother-in-law, **Jim Fugitt**. He does not have a hole in his heart." - **Mary Ellen McMahan**
- "Thanks for all the prayers, calls, visits and cards sent while Paul was in the hospital and is now recuperating at home. They are so much appreciated. He remains partially paralyzed in both legs, but the doctors are optimistic for recovery." - **Marilyn & Paul Randels**
- "I celebrate all those who have boosted me up during a difficult August." - **Sandy Roberts**
- Congratulations to **Leslie Simoni**, who was honored as the Outstanding French Student at her eighth grade promotion from the Language Academy.
- **Bruce Smith** is at Kindred Hospital, 1940 El Cajon Bl., Room 102, S.D. 92104.
- "After a long search and a longer hiatus, a new job starts September 21!" - **Tom Tipps**
- If you'd like to write to our college students while they are away at school, their addresses are on file with the Church Office. Students include: **Jessica Browne, Andrew Munson, Sabreena Rodriguez, Evan Simoni, Amy Suggs, Julia Suggs, Angie Wilhite, and Stephanie Wilhite**.
- Our sympathies go out to **Tracy Page** and family on the passing from life to Life of her grandmother, **Lola Tessada**, on September 14. A memorial service was held at U.C.C. on September 26.
- Thank you to our Summer Adventure for Children teachers: **Scott Ghahary**, assisted by **Provi Alvira, Sue Bourrillion, Maggy Broderick, Sara Ellis, Jeanie Rucker, Melanie Simoni and Susan Thompson**.
- Thanks also to **Michael Severance, John Hinant and Jill Kirchner**, who taught Sunday School classes for our Youth during the summer.
- "To our friends from University Christian Church: Oh, what fun we had with Paul in concert! On behalf of Jubilee USA and Jubilee San Diego, thank you for providing a delightful afternoon of music and fellowship as we celebrate and raise awareness of the Jubilee movement. I appreciate you all so much for your generosity of time and support. When Neil Watkins (national director for Jubilee USA in D.C.) visited U.C.C. this past July, I shared with him the admiration I have for your church family--so welcoming and supportive." - **Jean O'Leary** (Note: Nearly \$450 was raised to lobby legislators in Washington for this worthy cause.)
- Thanks to **Dan Haslam** for his work organizing the Yellowstone/Grand Teton trip in August, which netted nearly \$500 to be added to the General Fund!



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Jubilee

by Jonnie Wilson

*“Must we starve our children
to pay our debts?”*

—Julius Nyerere, former president of Tanzania



“Stand Up” Against Global Poverty” on October 18

During both worship services on October 18, members of UCC will join millions of people of faith around the world as we participate in a global “Stand Up” campaign to demand that world leaders keep their promises to end poverty and inequality.

What Promises?

In 2000, leaders of 189 countries at the United Nations signed the Millennium Declaration agreeing to do *everything in their power* to end poverty. They pledged to do this by achieving the Millennium Development Goals, which provide a roadmap to significantly reduce global poverty by 2015. Some progress has been made in the last nine years; still, every day, 50,000 die as a result of extreme poverty, and the gap between the rich and the poor is increasing. We have the power to change this!

The “Stand Up” action is a key part of Jubilee USA’s “Change, Not Chains” campaign that calls for breaking the chains of debt that cripple impoverished countries. Even after the life-saving debt relief that has been provided to date, the poorest countries in the world still pay \$100 million a day in debt payments. This diverts money away from the basic needs of citizens, such as education, shelter, and health care.

Following church on October 18, postcards will be available for UCC members to sign urging their members of Congress to vote for the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation. The postcards will be collected and sent to the Jubilee USA office, which in turn will deliver them to the members of Congress.

Last year some 116 million people “Stood Up” in solidarity to call for an end to global poverty. Be in church on October 18 and help set a new world record. (The Guinness book may not recognize us, but we’ll feel better for trying!)