

# Communicator

October 2011

*Nurturing Faith,  
Growing Community,  
and Sowing Seeds of Justice and Peace on the Palouse*

Dear Friends,

From the perspective of the Pastor, there comes a sense of both humility and comfort from Kathleen Norris' ideas about the "heart" of church. Humility, because the part for which we (the pastors) are most visibly responsible (Sunday morning) indeed has its "flat" moments. (I still remember someone leaving on a Sunday, giving me a tap on the shoulder and saying "Nice try, preacher!" . . . It was an honest statement of what I knew to be true, and I appreciated the candor and the forgiveness!) Comfort, because it reminds those of us who have the privilege of calling ministry not just our calling but our livelihood that the church is everyone and all that we do together. The essence of being church is what we all do that makes us the "hands, feet, and heart of Christ." It transcends not only a person (lay or ordained) or a program, it even transcends a particular group that gathers at a particular time. The church is truly a body, changing, growing, shrinking, shifting, adapting to change.

In our community, as in others, the season is upon us in which we focus on caring for this body on many levels – from the individual and local church level to the national and global level. The name we use for this care is "stewardship," and reflecting upon stewardship invites us to consider our care on a continuum from personal and family care, to care for our global family and the environment itself – As people of faith, these are not separate spheres, but exist within a single thread of compassion, attention, and action.

Our local church does not exist in isolation – as Pullman, Washington State University, and the national and even global economy goes, so does our little communal corner. This year, we face the budget challenges that we've known were coming since at least last year. The able and caring leaders of our church community have been meeting with the pastors to discuss ways to implement a \$20,000 reduction in our budget (please take a look at the announcement about the special meeting on Oct. 16th when this will be shared with the congregation). It has not been an easy conversation, but the compassion and sensitivity, the creativity and deep listening reflect the actions of a healthy congregation that cares deeply, but also lives within the reality of tough times in a mostly "company town."

Our request to all of you is that you find ways to be informed and be a part of the conversation. We are asking this year, as we face reduced staff hours, that you would consider pledging not just a portion of your income, but also some time to keep our ministry alive, to keep the church doing its most important and satisfying work. We are also asking that you consider pledging earlier than usual, so that we can create new staff contracts with accurate numbers to begin 2012. While cutting staff hours and programming money is never easy, it does provide an opportunity for the entire community to reconsider priorities, and to take the risk of engaging in new forms of ministry that may have previously been done by a member of the staff. For this season of stewardship, we are all invited to consider the church as our home, and find the ministry that engages us and challenges us.

Blessings for this new stage of our journey together,

*Kristine*

"Church is people, a worshipping community. The worship, or praise of God, does not take place only when people gather on Sunday morning, but when they gather to paint the home of an [older member], when they visit someone in the hospital or console the bereaved, when the Sunday school kids sing Christmas carols at the nursing home. If church has life, it's "programs" are not just activity, but worship. And this is helpful, because if the Sunday morning service falls flat, it is the other forms of worship that sustain this life."

--Kathleen Norris,

God is still speaking,  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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## **COFFEE FOR A CAUSE/ OPEN MIC Friday, October 14, 7-9 pm**

You are invited to come to the first Coffee House (Coffee for a Cause) of the fall season! This coffee house/open mic will be hosted at 7 pm on **Friday, October 14th by PHS' Key Club**. There will be music, entertainment and snacks. If possible, we'd love to have help with refreshments. **Donations from this Coffee for a Cause will go to Kiwanis' Children's Cancer Program**. If anyone is interested in providing music, entertainment or snacks for this Coffee House, please contact Leda Zakarison. All are welcome to participate. It's a great venue for intergenerational entertainment and hopefully we'll attract an even greater diversity of performers and audience members this year. Please help spread the word and come and enjoy!! For more information visit

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, October 16 - after worship**

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending a special meeting of the congregation on Oct. 16th, immediately following worship, to discuss the cuts we will be making to the 2012 budget. As anticipated, we will need to make at least \$20,000 in cuts.

These cuts will be needed even if the members of the Congregation pledge at the same level in 2012 as they did in 2011. The past few years, the church budget has been supplemented by carryover funds from reserves. Those funds will be used in 2011.

The plan being formulated includes cuts to the CE and Deacon's budgets, reduced working hours for the Pastor and Associate Pastor, reductions to our Pacific Northwest Conference and National UCC giving, and a reduction in weekly custodial services.

At this meeting, we will present the details of this plan, have a discussion, and ask people to consider pledging for 2012. Because the plan involves changing staff contracts and hours, the hope is to have the pledge drive completed by mid-November, so that all adjustments are completed by the end of 2011.

Thank you for your interest and support of our ministry together!

## **LEARNING COMMUNITY UPDATE**



Fall is always a busy time for people as children head back to school and back into our regular routines. We are excited for another great year of Learning Community. We have just hired a new nursery teacher, Sarah Rabine, who will be working with Annelise Smith. Our preschool class teachers are Mary Wandschneider and Sue Kreikemeier. The 1st to 4th grade classroom teachers for Fall semester are Hope Tinney, Connie Beecher, Francis Clark, Erma Greene, Monique Slipper and Jon Carlson. Middle School teachers are Tiffany Van Arsdel and Phil Wandschneider. Jonathan Bliss returns to teach our high school youth. Parents please check with your children's teachers and make sure you've filled out a Sunday School Registration Form. Thank you for your support!

- Chandra Crow, Learning Community Coordinator

## **PARENT & YOUTH MEETING Sunday, October 2, 2011 following worship**

Attention all parents and youth (ages 13 - 18): We are having a meeting to discuss the upcoming 2012 UCC National Youth Event (<http://ucc.org/youth/nye>), as well as the 2013 high school youth mission trip, and confirmation for those currently in high school. We need to determine what fundraising we will be doing this year, sign up to lead and help with fundraising events, and determine schedules. Please come if you are at all interested in participating!



The National Youth Event 2012 takes place at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, July 10- 13: The National Youth Event, held every four years, provides an opportunity for over 3000 youth (ages 13 to 18) to gather for worship, workshops, faith, fun and fellowship. It is planned by the collaborative efforts of national staff and an NYE Planning Committee comprised of a diverse group of UCC youth and young adults.

## LOOKING TOWARD ADVENT “My Soul Magnifies God’s Spirit: Human moments/Sacred lessons”

Sometimes we call them “God moments” . . . a single incident happens in our lives that teaches us a larger lesson, that “grows us” into a new person. It may be a moment of joy or sorrow, a moment that connects our personal story to God’s story of hope, joy, new beginnings, peace, justice, transformation.

Advent is a season that invites us to consider these moments, and we want to put together a series of Advent reflections that tell your stories around this theme. Do you have a “moment” to share? We invite you to let Kristine know that you would like to share,

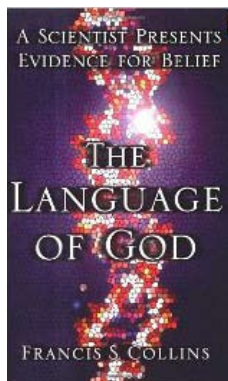


write a reflection of 600 words or less, and **get your writing to Kristine by October 15th.** Kristine is also looking for artists who willing to take some of these writings, or their own “moments,” and create visual representations of them (if you are interested and willing to create a piece, please also let Kristine know).

Our goal is to make the stories and images available both through the church web site as well as in “hard copy” form for people to use and reflect upon during the season of Advent. For more information, or to let Kristine know that you would like to participate, please contact her ([kristine@pullman.com](mailto:kristine@pullman.com)).

## SCIENCE AND FAITH BOOK GROUP FORMING

If you are interested in the exploration of how science and a scientific worldview coexists with and influences faith (and vice versa), this group is for you! As a way of beginning, we’ll read “The Language of God” by Francis S. Collins. Collins, the current Director of the National Institutes for Health, is a former head of the Human Genome Project, and a Christian.



Sign up to participate on the sign up table at the church or online. We’ll order books after

## CROP HUNGER WALK - Sunday, October 9, 2011

**1:30 p.m.** Gather at Pullman’s Chipman Trailhead.

**2:00 p.m.** Walk the 10K (6.2 miles) out to Terre View via downtown Pullman and return. Half-route is an available option. Inquire at registration.



Sunday, Oct. 9 is your chance to take steps to reduce hunger and poverty. The 28th Annual CROP Hunger Walk is open to everyone. Walkers are encouraged to ask friends and family for donations to sponsor them. Obtain a donation envelope from Mary Carloye in the Church Narthex. If you prefer, go to [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org) and sign up as a walker, as an individual or as a member of our Church’s team, or find a walker to sponsor with your donation.

Either way, gifts made in your name go toward the total for our walk. And, 25% of the Walk’s total is returned to Moscow and Pullman food banks proportionate to the number of walkers from each city. The other portion goes to Church World Service to fund agriculture and water projects around the world, as well as immediate disaster relief from Louisiana to Indonesia and beyond.

Through CROP Hunger Walk, you can help people like a farmer in Niger who said, “Thanks to the new well and increased cultivation, we have more food for our family, and are able to sell the extra to gain a little income.” From despair to hope. From hunger to food security. That’s the difference you make, helping end hunger one step at a time.

Last year, our Pullman-Moscow CROP Hunger Walk raised approximately \$18,000. Your efforts count! Even in these hard times, reaching out to others with the resources you have is an important contribution - it all adds up! Join us October 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the parking lot at the Chipman Trailhead in Pullman. You’ll feel great about walking and helping others!

we get a feel for how many people want to be involved, then we’ll meet to discuss the book in November. Date and time TBA.

Francis Collins writes about the historic divide between science and faith and attempts to bridge that gap using his own story. Whether or not everyone comes to the same conclusions as he does, the questions he raises and the accurate, contemporary scientific knowledge he presents are fascinating.

*“What an elegantly written book. In it Francis Collins, the eminent scientist, tells why he is also a devout believer...A real godsend for those with questioning minds but who are also attracted to things spiritual.”*

--Desmond Tutu

written by Monique Slipper

*Way back in April of this year, we left the chronicle of the Congregational Church in Pullman when Rev. Lucius O. Baird departed in August, 1894 to pursue advanced studies. We'll pick up the story again now at that point, with the next two ministers to come and go from the little church on the hill at the corner of what's now Paradise and High Streets... (Visible here with the parsonage to the left, and the dirt track of High Street climbing the hill on the far right. Note the boardwalk in front and along High Street.)*



Alexander P. McDonald arrived in Pullman on the first Sunday of September, 1894 from Bath, Maine. He was ordained in October (in Pullman?) and seems to have carried on for the next ten months in much the same vein as his predecessors. The Pullman Herald from that year variously reported him moonlighting over at the Ewartsville church on some Sunday afternoons, conducting a prayer meeting/praise service on a Thursday evening, and joining together with the Methodist and Baptist churches for a Union Service on Thanksgiving Day, for which he gave the sermon. He apparently also presided over the typical, more secular entertainments of various sorts offered at the church, like the popular evening programs of songs, skits, pantomime, etc. For example, just before Thanksgiving the paper reported, "The entertainment by the Kings Daughters last night, at the Congregational Church, was well attended. The program rendered was decidedly interesting." (The Kings Daughters and Sons, as it was and continues

to be properly known, is an international Christian religious, educational, and philanthropic organization founded in New York in 1886—coincidentally, the same year our congregation began in Pullman.)

Rev. McDonald got around a bit that fall as well, attending the annual meeting of the "Congregational Association" in Spokane and then "visiting the Sound country". According to Otho West, our church historian for many of his 90 years, "his main achievement for his short tenure was the organization of a 'Young Men's Sunday Evening Club' to assist in the evening services. Membership dues were 50 cents.... There were no W.A.C. (college) students in the club, they were all down-town young men." The "town-gown" divide apparently began early in Pullman...

There seems to be no record of why Rev. McDonald left so quickly to return to Maine, but by August of the next year he was gone. Reverend R.W. Farquhar, an Englishman, arrived with his wife in September from Oroville, California. Otho described him as a "mild-mannered man without too much 'umph'", and he left little record of his accomplishments, such as they might have been. He's reported to have given sermons especially for the students on Sunday evenings, with titles such as "Leaving Home", "Searching for Honey", and "Finished Work"—relevant, no doubt, but perhaps not overly stirring?

January, 1897 started with a bang, spiritually speaking, as three churches in town convened together in Union Services each night for a week, with the ministers and venues rotating—Rev. Farquhar preached Sunday evening at the Methodists, and Thursday evening at the Christian church. Interestingly, the Christian church had a female minister then, one Rev. (Mrs.) G. Barrows. By May of that year, however, an ad typical of those times appeared in the paper: "Mr. Farquhar offers all his household goods for sale cheaply, consisting of two enameled brass and iron bedsteads, chiffonier, bookcases, office desk and chair and all other furniture. Call at the Congregational parsonage." He resigned in July, and by October the Rev. Horace C. Mason, another Englishman lately of California, arrived to become (in Otho's words) "the pilot of a spiritually guided ship that was beginning to flounder for lack of a suitable pilot, along with a shortage of financial fuel."

Thankfully, Mason lasted nine years in Pullman, so we will pick up the chronology with this more colorful character next month...

**PEACE ACTIVIST TO SPEAK**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

Internationally renowned psychologist, author, and peace activist Dr. Mark Braverman, will be in Moscow for a day of reflection, understanding, and engagement. In a series of planned activities with Dr. Braverman, our communities will come together to ask difficult questions about peace, reexamine possibilities, and connect our local and global concerns and actions.

**12:00-1:30 pm: Interfaith gathering. Topic:**  
**“Beyond Interfaith Dialogue: Faith Communities and the Quest for Peace in Israel/Palestine”**

at The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, 420 E. 2nd Street, Moscow.

**4:00-5:00 pm: ASUI Student Engagement and Leadership Programs campus conversation. Topic:**  
**“Asking the hard questions”** in the Clearwater Room, University of Idaho Commons.

**7:00 pm: Public Lecture: “When Politics Fail - the grassroots movement that will bring peace to Israel/Palestine.”** at the UI Administration Auditorium

*Mark Braverman is a Jewish American with deep family roots in the Holy Land. Mark was reared in the Jewish tradition, studying Bible, Hebrew literature, and Jewish history. Trained in clinical psychology and crisis management, Mark worked with individuals and organizations undergoing traumatic stress. Traveling to Israel/Palestine in 2006 he was transformed by witnessing the occupation of Palestine and by encounters with peace activists and civil society leaders from the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities. He now devotes himself full-time to writing, speaking, and action related to a just peace in Israel/Palestine. In his work Mark focuses on the role of religious beliefs and theology in the current discourse and the function of interfaith relations in the current search for a resolution of the conflict. Mark consults to and writes for the Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA and has been appointed consultant for Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding. He is a charter member of American Jews for a Just Peace. For more information, please visit his website: <http://mark-braverman.org/>*

Sponsored by The Palouse Peace Coalition, The University of Idaho Martin Institute, Office of Human Rights Access and Inclusion, and ASUI Student Engagement and Leadership Programs, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, and Spokane's Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane, PJALS, as well as other individuals and organizations like CCUCC.

**MEET GLOBAL MISSION WORKERS LIZ AND DOUG SEARLES**

**Wed., October 26**  
**6:00 p.m. Light Dinner**  
**7:00 p.m. Program**



Please join us and meet Liz & Doug Searles as they share about their work in Poland and with the Roma (formerly known as Gypsies) a group often referred to as the Samaritans of Europe. Since July, 2008, Liz and Doug have served in a ministry of accompaniment, walking with the Evangelical-Reformed Church in Poland (ERCP), jointly appointed to a three-year term by Global Ministries (a combined witness of the Christian Church / Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ) and by Presbyterian Church (USA). Since 1997, they have served internationally in India, China and now Europe.



The Searles invite us to learn more about their world: “The journey of the ERCP has been steadfast and long, but rocky and torturous as well. Twenty years after the fall of communism in Poland (1991), congregations are beginning to gain strength and reach out to their neighbors. The ‘least of these’ among Poland’s European neighbors are the 12 million Romani people, who long have been stigmatized and loathed, enslaved, deported, transported, sterilized, and ghettoized against their will. Rising xenophobia and the rebirth of neo-nationalist groups in Europe continue to make access and inclusion for Romani very difficult indeed. Come learn more about the human rights challenges Roma increasingly face, including access to clean water, steady food supply, secure housing, education, health care, police protection and freedom of movement.”

The ERCP is on a mission to bind up what keeps being broken ... to raise up a missional presence in a land where, until very recently to be a Protestant was to be “not really Polish.”

The Searles’ visit is sponsored by Global Ministries (UCC / DOC) and the Presbyterian Church (USA). Come and hear about the good work we support together!

**12th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FAIR  
TRADE CRAFT SALE - at CCUCC  
Sat., Nov. 5, 9-5 pm & Sun. Nov. 6, 12-4 pm**



This years' 12th annual Fair Trade Craft Sale will, as it has in the past, be featuring jewelry, instruments, clothing, accessories, baskets, toys, house wares, ornaments, food, and dozens and dozens of other hand crafted items from around the globe. Products will be supplied by small Northwest Fair Trade businesses, so the sale supports the local economy, in addition to improving the lives of impoverished artisans worldwide.

In addition, a percentage of proceeds from the sale will be donated to local charities. This years' theme is From Adversity to Empowerment and showcases several special projects and many new products. One of our new producer groups, Made by Survivors, is promoting "Buy her Bag, not her Body", a project to help women escape the sex slave industry in Cambodia and the ravishes of H.I.V.

One of Singing Shaman Traders' favorite projects features incredibly beautiful hand woven and beaded shawls made by the Gypsy women living in the adverse conditions of the deserts of Pakistan. Still other projects include recycled rice bag products made by land mine victims and Christmas ornaments hand crafted by pregnant teens in Kenya.

When you choose to buy Fair Trade products and gifts at this sale you are making a direct impact on the groups and artisans this Craft Sale is all about, as well as supporting local fair trade businesses.

**ALWAYS FREE PARKING  
ALWAYS FREE ADMISSION**

For more information call 208-773-5616 or email us (singingshaman@hotmail.com). In Pullman, contact Kathy Streva at 509-332-8580.

**GAMES AND CONVERSATION  
AT BISHOP PLACE  
Saturday, October 29, 2-4 pm**

Would you like to connect with some of our members who have a hard time getting to church for conversation and board games? Come laugh with us and hear the treasure of stories that our Bishop Place friends have to share. Verbal games that do not require reading are appreciated. Come and teach us a game or just come for the fellowship! All ages welcome! We will meet on Saturday, October 29 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Independent Living Social room at Bishop Place (815 SE Klemgard). This group will continue to meet on the **last Saturday of each month**. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to get this group off the ground this summer!

Questions? Contact Diane Worthey at 509-332-8322 or diworthey@gmail.com

**BIG  
SALE**

**OCTOBER 4-7**

**THE  
THRIFT  
SHOP**

*Great Secondhand & Second Chance Goods*

The Thrift Shop's **Half Off Everything Sale** will be October 4-7 (and our prices are already low)!! No, we're not going out of business, just trying to reduce our inventory for the fall. Come visit us at the Ruby Street entrance during our open hours:

**TUESDAY 4:30-6:30 pm  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY Noon to 4 pm**

We invite you to "friend" us on Facebook at Thrift Shop Pullman and get the latest info on what's available in the Shop. Phone: 334-6632



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE WILLOW CENTER**

Volunteers serve as facilitators for the ongoing peer support group for children, teens and family members that have experienced the death of a loved one. They are asked to commit to the Willow Center for at least one year. Anyone is welcome; those who enjoy working with children and have a desire to volunteer within their community are encouraged to join. Training will be completed this Fall, with groups beginning in Jan. 2012.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer facilitator for Willow Center - Palouse program, please contact Judy Rooney at [ed@willow-center.org](mailto:ed@willow-center.org) or 208-669-0730 for more information.

Volunteers are asked to commit to the Willow Center for at least one year.

**REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR UNIVERSITY INN BEST WESTERN RECEIPTS - from the Pantry or Broiler**

Through their Church Reimbursement Program, 10% of the food total of the receipts is reimbursed back to Community Congregational United Church of Christ! (The receipts should not be more than 3 months old.) Please bring your receipts to the office. Thank you!

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES\***  
**FOR OCTOBER**



- 1 Jasmine L. Boehmke
- 1 Ruthie Fisher
- 3 Graham Laird
- 4 Jillian McLean
- 7 James Stanton
- 8 Helen Belt
- 8 Sheila Watkins
- 11 Steve Patton
- 14 Esther Anne Shaw
- 14 \*Julie & James Stanton
- 16 Spencer Stanton
- 23 Reed Hansen
- 28 Alice Kramer
- 29 Jeanne Barkhuff
- 29 Stephen Holstad



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**DATES TO REMEMBER (see inside for details)**

- October 2 Neighbors in Need, Special Mission Offering
- October 2 Parent & Youth Meeting - after worship
- October 9 CROP Hunger Walk
- October 14 Coffee for a Cause - Friday
- October 16 Congregational Meeting - after worship
- October 17 Deadline to submit articles for November newsletter
- October 19 All Boards Meeting
- October 19 Peace Activist Speaks
- October 26 Mission Workers Liz & Doug Searles at CCUCC
- October 29 Games & Conversation at Bishop Place
- November 5-6 International Fair Trade Craft Sale
- November 1-11 MISSION:1 11.1.11 - 11.11.11



**Remember to visit our Thrift Shop  
for the best bargains in town . . .  
and spread the word to others!**

**Hours:  
Tuesdays: 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
Thursdays & Fridays: 12 noon - 4 pm**

**OCT. 4-7 HALF OFF EVERYTHING SALE**

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