



# Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

Sunday Worship @ 10:30 AM

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.*

*The Communicator*

March 2019

At the end of February, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church decided, once again to deny LGBTQ full personhood in their churches, not allowing open, non-celibate gay ministers or same-sex marriages. This is another sad day for Christianity, and our heart breaks for all of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Methodists, each one created in the Divine Image, their families and allies. May we declare loudly and clearly that this is not the gospel that we know.

The Methodist Church and other Christian churches need to repent from their sin against their LGBTQ sisters and brothers. The message that homosexuality is inherently sinful or defective is harmful and destructive. This heterosexist and homophobic theology hurts not only church members, imposing secrecy and shame, but it provides a theological rationale for hatred, violence and discrimination in the broader society. Just as White supremacist theology provided justification for slavery, bigotry and conquest, just as patriarchal and sexist theology provided a framework for misogyny, domination and subordination of women in the world.

We, the church, continually need to repent and change our ways in each generation, of course. We should never stop reforming. And this is an issue that the church today cannot defer and ignore.

Steve



**Family Promise Host Dates for 2019:**

January 13-20

April 14-21

July 7-14

September 29-October 6

December 29-January 5

Interested in volunteering? Contact Sue Schell, [sueschell@roadrunner.com](mailto:sueschell@roadrunner.com)

**ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT**—Weekday book group, *Days of Awe and Wonder: How to Be a Christian in the 21st Century*, Marcus Brog, **Tuesdays 10:30 am**, Fireside.

Video discussion, *The Challenge of Paul*, with John Dominic Crossan, **Sundays after worship until March 17th**, in the Conference Room,

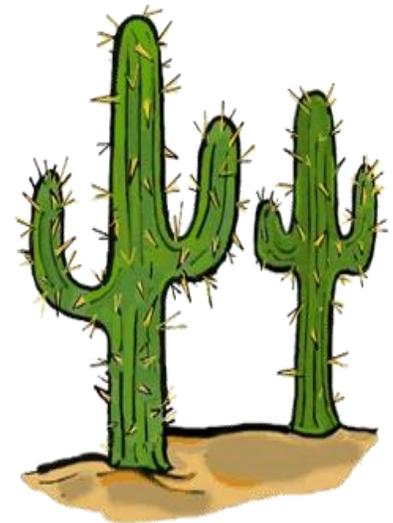


Weekly Coffee Fellowship  
**Thursdays at 10:30 am**  
Café Moro in Pullman

**IMMIGRATION IMMERSION TRIP STILL HAS OPENINGS!**

CCUCC Faith Development Team is organizing an immigration immersion trip to the Borderlinks facility in Tucson, Arizona for **April 2-6**. A sample of our activities could include learning first-hand about migrants' experiences, hearing from leaders who have worked on immigration issues including NAFTA and border security effects, and walking in the desert, among other things.

At this time eleven adults and two children are going on the trip. The limit is 30 people. If you are interested participating or want more detail, talk to Jenn Hackman or Mary Carloye. Some scholarship money - offered on a sliding scale - is available to assist adults, college students and children with funding to make the trip possible.



We welcome the new Parenting Classes, provided by the UU Church of the Palouse.

**Every 1st Wednesday at 5:00 pm**

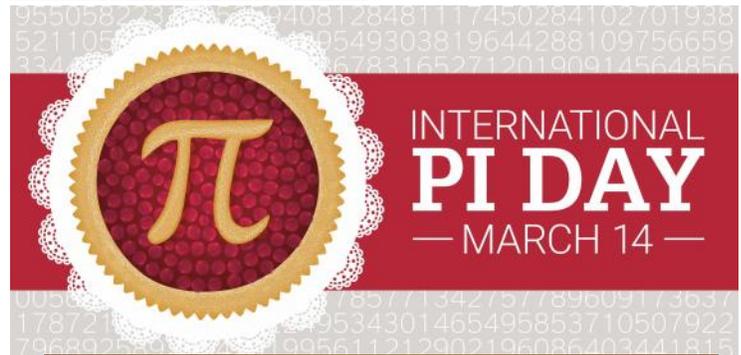
Fellowship Hall

## March Birthdays and \*Anniversaries

14 \*Beth Waddel & Bill Condon  
 16 Sue Schell  
 16 Jeanie McConnell  
 17 Pat Lane  
 25 Will Hindman  
 28 Bill Condon  
 31 Donna Holstad



Daylight Saving begins  
 Sunday, March 10th



Are you or your family interested in helping?  
 The following jobs are available EVERY WEEK!

1. Usher/Greeters
2. Sound/Tech Volunteer
3. Coffee Hour Host

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084eacaa2da75-head>



View all meetings and updates at the Online  
 Calendar [pullmanucc.org/calendar/](http://pullmanucc.org/calendar/)

First Sundays of every  
 month  
 Communion, Food Bank  
 Focus,  
 Bishop Place Hymn Sing  
**April 7**



Wednesday	Mar 6	7:00 pm Council
Thursday	Mar 7	6:30 pm Cong. Life
Monday	Mar 11	7:00 pm Common Min.
Tuesday	Mar 12	7:00 pm Comm. Comm.
Wednesday	Mar 13	12:00 pm Interfaith
Wednesday	Mar 13	7:00 pm Just&Wit.
Tuesday	Mar 19	9 30 am Shared Min..
Tuesday	Mar 19	7:00 pm Faith Develop.
Wednesday	Mar 20	12:00 pm Cong. Care
Wednesday	Mar 20	7:00 pm Build&Groun.
Wednesday	Mar 20	7:00 pm Stew&Finan.
Wednesday	Mar 27	7:00 pm Council.



## NICARAGUA STUDENTS

### 2018 Scholarship Students

Those of us who sponsor students in Nicaragua continue to make a big difference in the lives of our students, their families and their communities. In 2018, a total of 99 students received a scholarship. Nineteen of them are continuing in high school, and one graduated from high school and is going on to university to study architecture. Five who graduated and received their high school diploma decided to go to work rather than continue on to university.

A total of 54 students are continuing with their university studies. They are studying in a variety of areas, including agriculture, nursing, engineering, teaching, mathematics, and English. AND – there are eleven new university graduates!



Former scholarship student Erling, teaching his high school math class.

Only nine students, three in high school and six in university, left school before finishing the year and lost their scholarships. It's important to remember that this past year the country was greatly affected by political disruptions and turmoil, which forced many people to leave the country to look for work or find work locally to support their families. The fact that so many students are continuing their studies, or were able to graduate, is a tribute to the determination of our students.

We are completing the awarding of scholarships to students for the 2019 year. School begins in mid-February and finishes in mid-December. As soon as we have the final number of students we are supporting we'll let you know.

*More about the Nicaragua Scholarship Program at [aslafoundation.org](http://aslafoundation.org)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>24</p> <p>9am - Choir 10:30am - Communi 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Film 3pm - Bishop Place</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @ 6pm - LOWV @</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30am - Threshold 10:30am - Book 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift 6pm - Mardi</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @ 5pm - Parenting 7pm - Council @</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30am - Cafe 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift 4pm - Aerobics @ 6:30pm - Meditation</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Daylight Saving 9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Film</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @ 7pm - Common</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30am - Book 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift 7pm - Communicatio 7pm - Cong Life @</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Interfaith 7pm - Justice &amp;</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30am - Cafe 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift 4pm - Aerobics @ 6:30pm - Meditation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day 9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Film</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30am - Shared 10:30am - Book 12pm - AA Group @ 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift 7pm - Faith</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Cong. Care 7pm - Building and 7pm - Stewardship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30am - Cafe 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - LOWV @ 12pm - Thrift 4pm - Aerobics @ 6:30pm - Meditation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift</p>	<p>23</p>
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<p>31</p> <p>9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Film</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>



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**Officers:** *Moderator*, Herb Hill; *Moderator-Elect*, Tricia Grantham; *Treasurer*, Lee Bamesberger; *Clerk*, Kym Dye; *Finance and Stewardship*, Carl Hauser; *Building and Grounds*, Asa Clark; *Faith Development*, Jenn Hackman; *Congregational Life*, Sue Schell; *Congregational Care*, Beth Waddel; *Shared Ministry*, Charlene Toews; *Justice and Witness*, Mary Carloye