



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

May 2019

This past Sunday, our worship service was led by persons from a 15-member delegation from ages 8 to 82, who met in Tucson, Arizona on April 2 to 6. They shared some of their experiences through six brief reflections. The immersion trip was through an organization called BorderLinks. For over 30 years, BorderLinks has provided experiential learning that explores the difficulties of migration and life along the U.S./Mexico border, that raises awareness about the impact of policies, and that inspires action for social transformation. In our short time there:

- ◆ We went on a desert walk along the migrant trail with Randy Mayer, the Pastor of Good Shepherd U.C.C. and leader with the Samaritans, a group that provides humanitarian aid to migrants, pausing where several people perished in the desert, each marked by memorial crosses.
- ◆ We crossed over into Nogales, had a reflection at the border wall and had a meal with Manuel Morales and his family, who described the effects that NAFTA had on their lives and working at maquiladoras.
- ◆ We witnessed Operation Streamline, the mass processing and deportation in federal court in Tucson and spoke with one of the public defenders and an immigration lawyer.
- ◆ We heard from presenters from End Streamline Coalition, No More Deaths, Mariposas Sin Fronteras (a group seeking to end systemic abuse of LGBTQ people held in detention), Paisanos Unidos (a migrant-led group responding to racial profiling and detention of long-time residents), Wildlands Network (promoting more environmentally sound border policy) and the Tucson Sanctuary Movement.
- ◆ We listened to Derik Alvarez share his journey from Honduras, his struggle seeking asylum and his experience with bond companies.
- ◆ We went to a migrant shelter in a former Benedictine Monastery with over 300 men, women and children all seeking asylum and waiting to connect with their sponsors.
- ◆ We also participated in workshops on "Charity vs. Solidarity," "Popular Education," "Food Prices of Mexico vs. U.S.," "Immigration History" and a "Legal Immigration Simulation."

Members of the delegation were CCUCC members, Mary Carloye, Frances Clark, Julie Clark, Jann Hill, Herb Hill, Charlene Toews, Suzanne Kopan-Sakwa, Prisca Sakwa, Steve Van Kuiken, Jennifer Hackman, Isabelle Van Kuiken, Gregory Huntington (Mary Carloye's grandson), and members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, Pat Rathmann, Janet DeTemple and Duane DeTemple.

Grace and Peace,

Steve



May Birthdays and *Anniversaries

12 Guy Worthey
12 Berta Niyazova
20 Danielle Buckner
21 Carol Price
28 *Corey & Monica Johnson



First Sunday of every month
Communion, Bishop Place
Hymn Sing
May 5th



View all meetings and updates at the Online
Calendar pullmanucc.org/calendar/

Tuesday	May 7	9:30 am Shared Minist.
Tuesday	May 7	7:00 pm Cong. Life
Tuesday	May 7	6:00 pm Just. & Wit.
Wednesday	May 8	12:00 pm Interfaith.
Tuesday	May 14	9:30 am Comm. Com.
Wednesday	May 15	12:00 pm Cong. Care
Wednesday	May 15	7:00 pm Faith Develop
Wednesday	May 15	7:00 pm Build&Groun.
Wednesday	May 15	7:00 pm Stew&Finan.



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

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go/904084eacaa2da75-head](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084eacaa2da75-head)

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING— Sunday, May 19th.
Agenda: to elect new Council members for 2019-2020.



NEW MEMBER CLASS— There will be a three session New Member Class on May 5, May 12, and May 19 after worship from 11:45 to 12:45. If you are thinking about becoming a member at CCUCC, this class is designed to help you consider this. Taking the class does not commit you to joining. If you are interested, let Steve know by phone, email or in person.

SOCIAL EVENT— Come join us for a fun 'Pub & Trivia Night' at Rico's on Tuesday, May 14th. We'll meet there around 6 pm with a few appetizers on the table to share, thanks to our Congregational Life committee, and the Trivia starts at 7! Kids are welcome until 8 pm at Rico's. Hope to see you there. Questions? Ask Lisa Carloye or Charla Chaudhry.



FRIENDS COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION— Are you interested in helping develop a local interfaith advocacy group to work on one major legislative issue per year? We at CCUCC have been invited to participate in joining a national movement, the Friends Committee for National Legislation, sponsored by the national Quaker denomination. This local Advocacy Team would form its own meeting logistics. The purpose would be to lobby members of Congress on one issue, with guidance and inspiration from FCNL. This is an opportunity to meet with other faith representatives locally to effect needed changes in our shared national public life. Interested? Contact our CCUCC office or Mary Carloye.

NICARAGUA UPDATE

Nola has written us about an unexpected and joyful adventure she has had recently with Gautam Lewis who came to Condega to make a video about the Asla Foundation and photograph our students and the communities where they live. Nola had never met him before, but she learned a bit about him before working with him. Here is her story:



Erling and students, May 2019.

Gautam was born in India. When he was a young toddler he developed polio, and his parents,

unable to care for him, abandoned him in the streets of Calcutta. Mother Teresa found him and brought him to the Ministry of Charities to be cared for there. At around age 8 he was adopted by an English woman, and he was educated in New Zealand and England. He recently moved to Nicaragua and very generously helps non-profit organizations show off their amazing work through his professional photographs and videos. He offered to help the Asla Foundation capture the work it's accomplishing in order to share it with more people. I found him to be a fascinating human being, and I gained so much by helping with this video for the Asla Foundation.

Gautam concentrated on filming a few of our scholarship students. He filmed them at their schools and their homes, and some as they were walking to school. One student walks an hour and a half through the hills and crosses a river to get to her school. I really enjoyed going to the homes and talking with both the students and their parents. Many live in very rural settings, and we would drive as far as we could and then walk the rest of the way, carrying the filming equipment and sometimes crossing a creek or two. We would leave Condega by 7:30 am, return late in the day around 5:30 pm, eat, and then work on translations from Spanish to English. The days were very long and tiring, but in a very good way.



Gautam filming interview, 2019.

Seeing the students in various settings, (their schools, their homes, their journeys to school), made me realize even more just how important the Asla Foundation scholarship program is to them. Asla helps with the lives, education, and futures of these youth. They have many obstacles in their path, but through Asla, they have the opportunity to get an education, be it high school or university, and therefore improving their lives and the lives of their families.

I have included some photos of Gautam Lewis here in Condega and in the rural areas filming the students. Thank you all for supporting the Asla Foundation, and please tell a friend about Asla so that more students can receive the support that they need.

More about the Nicaragua Scholarship Program at aslafoundation.org



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2018/19 Church Council

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