



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 October 2019

Dr. Robin Meyers to Speak at CCUCC

Author, syndicated columnist and NPR commentator, Dr. Robin Meyers will speak at the Roger Williams Symposium on **Saturday, November 2 at 7:00 PM** at Community Congregational United Church of Christ. Dr. Meyers is the Senior Minister at Mayflower Congregational U.C.C. Church and Distinguished Professor of Social Justice Emeritus at Oklahoma City University. The title of his lecture is "Spiritual Defiance: Building a Beloved Community of Resistance." In his recent book by the same name, Meyers writes that on top of the church's death certificate it should be written: "The Beloved Community was born in resistance to the established order of death and indignity... Now we are as compliant as the subject of any empire, embracing what we are taught to value, and resisting nothing that threatens our comfort, our success, our reputation, or our safety." Dr. Meyers will also preach at CCUCC on **Sunday, November 3 at 10:30.**

Here are some things Meyers has written in an earlier book, *Saving Jesus from the Church*.

"I have never believed in the virgin birth as a biological fact, the infallibility of scripture as a test of faith, the miracles as past suspension of natural law demanding current suspension of reason, the blood atonement (that the suffering of the innocent can vicariously atone for the sins of the guilty) as the foreordained mission of Jesus, the bodily resurrection as the only way to understand Easter, or the second coming as a necessary sequel—and I am the pastor of a church that does not define Christianity this way either."

"Being a disciple today often means little more than believing stuff in order to get stuff."

"A church entirely devoid of political engagement is a living contradiction. Churches are political even when they refuse to act politically, because silence is a form of complicity and thus an endorsement of the status quo."

"To save ourselves, however, we will first have to save Jesus from the church—break him out of the stained-glass window in which he is frozen as a two-dimensional superhero without depth, flesh, or breath. We need to turn away from the institutional forgeries that constitute orthodoxy for millions: the blood atonement, fear-based fantasies of the afterlife, "vertical" notions of heaven and hell, selective providence based on human ignorance, and a God who pimps for us on the battlefield."

In Our Thoughts
& Prayers

The Congregation offers support to:

the Carloye family, Jack Carloye passed away on August 29, 2019

the Muir family, Marge Muir passed away on September 9th, 2019

Judy Sorem, at home, recovering from a broken hip

(please call the church office to add Thoughts and Prayers to the next newsletter.)

CCUCC CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 28, 2019

Present: Steve Van Kuiken, Tricia Grantham, Lee Bamesberger, Carl Hauser, Charlene Toews, Jenn Hackman, Sue Schell, Kym Dye

The minutes were approved as corrected, and the treasurer report was accepted. A question was asked about Heath's responsibilities as Director of Christian Education. He is in charge of building participation in church and increasing greater levels of commitment from members; matching members' gifts and interests with efforts.

Carl said the upcoming stewardship season begins Nov. 10, and his team needs budget requests from each team by the end of October.

The choir scholarships given to WSU students have been \$600 per academic year, and Carl brought a recommendation from the Budget/Finance team to consider raising that amount to \$1000 per student for the 2019-2020 academic year. A motion was made, and it passed unanimously.

The Communications/Marketing committee has been busy: directional street signs will be installed to guide folks to our church; advertising will once again appear in the Daily News and the Evergreen; and next fall, they would like our church to have a booth at the Lentil Festival and the All Campus picnic.

Respectfully submitted,

Kym Dye, clerk

As part of World Communion Sunday observance, our church will have a special offering for **Neighbors in Need** on **October 6, 2019**. **Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Our CCUCC congregation has a long history of supporting these important ministries and welcomes your contributions.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

ROGER WILLIAM SYMPOSIUM IN NOVEMBER

The next Roger Williams Symposium speaker will be Robin R. Meyers on **November 2-4**. We will use a couple of his excellent books for upcoming adult education/faith development opportunities: *The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus*, will be discussed **Tuesdays at noon, September 3 - October 29** and *Saving Jesus From The Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus*, will be discussed **Sundays at 11:45 am, September 8 -October 27**.

He will preach at Community Congregational United Church of Christ at 10:30 am on **Sunday November 3**.

More details on the Common Ministry website: <https://interfaith-house.com/events/symposium/>

FAITH ACTION NETWORK

A Partnership for the Common Good

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Pullman Cluster Gathering

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
12:00 - 2:00 PM**

Join Pullman faith communities as we build relationships, discuss advocacy opportunities, and begin strategizing for the 2020 legislative session. Lunch will be provided, so please be sure to RSVP

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1300 NE Lybecker Rd
Pullman, WA 99163

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/2019PullmanCluster>

October Birthdays and *Anniversaries

- 1 Jasmine L. Boehmke
- 6 *Michael Dillahunty & Charlene Toews
- 6 Thanh Nguyen
- 11 Steve Patton
- 26 Isabelle Van Kuiken
- 28 Alice Kramer

If you would like a birthday or anniversary to be added or removed, please let us know!
office@pullmanucc.org

Visit the Online Calendar for all the latest happenings at CCUCC!
pullmanucc.org/calendar/



BISHOP PLACE HYMN SING

October 6th
at 3:00pm

Church Team Meetings

for the month of October

Tuesday	Oct. 8	7:00 pm Congregational Life
Tuesday	Oct. 29	7:00 pm Justice and Witness
Tuesday	Oct. 15	9:30 am Shared Ministry
Tuesday	Oct. 15	7:00 pm Faith Development
Wednesday	Oct. 16	5:00 pm Stewardship and Finance
Wednesday	Oct. 16	7:00 pm Building and Grounds
Wednesday	Oct. 23	7:00 pm Council

NICARAGUA UPDATE

My name is Jesbel Janelis Peralta Ruiz. I am 23 years old and receive support from the Asla Foundation to attend college. I am so grateful because without that help, I would not be able to get an education and make a better life for my family and myself. I have two boys, ages 5 years and 1 year. Also, I have two sisters, ages 16 and 5 years of age. I teach primary school in a very rural community and attend the university in Condega on Saturdays.

The rural school where I teach is about two and a half hours from Condega so I stay there during the week and travel to Condega Saturday mornings. I have one year left to finish my degree in social sciences. I hope to teach in a high school.



It is very difficult to be a mother, study, and work all at the same time, but I am so thankful I have this opportunity to achieve my goals. The situation here in Nicaragua is very, very hard right now. There are no jobs and there is much poverty; I want to study so that I can help the children who are growing up so they can become youth who have goals and, therefore, better their own lives.

My family is from Santa Teresa and I do have a distant memory of Jessica, the Director of Asla. I was about 6 or 7 and I remember she gave me a chocolate one day, so it is very

meaningful that now all these years later I am being helped through this Foundation which she started and I am able to better my life with the resources that are given.

Learn more about the Nicaragua Scholarship Program at aslafoundation.org

CCUCC Public Calendar, Holidays in United States

Oct 2019 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Family Promise						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Family Promise 9am - Choir 10:30am - Communi 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Book 3pm - Bishop Place 3pm - Long Range	12pm - AA Group @ 6pm - LOWV @	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Book Group 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Book Group 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Interfaith 7pm - Justice &	10:30am - Cafe Moro 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop 4pm - Aerobics @	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Book 3pm - Long Range	Columbus Day 12pm - AA Group @	9:30am - Shared 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Book Group 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop 7pm - Faith 7pm - Pullman Civic	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Cong. Care 5pm - Stewardship 7pm - Building and	10:30am - Cafe Moro 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop 4pm - Aerobics @	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9am - Choir 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Book 3pm - Long Range	12pm - AA Group @	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Book Group 4pm - Aerobics @ 4:30pm - Thrift Shop	12pm - AA Group @ 7pm - Council	10:30am - Cafe Moro 12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop 4pm - Aerobics @	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop	12pm - AA Group @ 12pm - Thrift Shop
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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2019 Church Council

Officers: *Moderator:* Tricia Grantham, *Moderator-Elect:* VACANT, *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:* VACANT, *Shared Ministry:* Charlene Toews, *Justice and Witness:* Jann Hill