



The Church on the Hill

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The Pastor Writes

A few months back, Nancy Tice brought by the church a large, framed print. It's of a painting depicting the "Rest on the Flight into Egypt" of the Holy Family. Matthew's gospel tells us that Herod determined to slaughter all the children who might be "the king of the Jews" foretold by the star over Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph are warned in a dream and flee to Egypt. That's what's in the Bible; artist's then recognized that it was a long journey and so the little family must have rested along the way. Many fine paintings have taken this as their subject and it became a favorite of mine, a familiar resting place for me in one museum after another when I was a student in Europe.

I'm not surprised that many great artists have found resonance with this scene interpolated into the Biblical narrative of Jesus' birth. So many things invite our imagination. How did they experience being refugees? What thoughts and feelings are in Mary and Joseph? Where is God in this desperate time? How do they find rest on the road or in the

wilderness? What is going on around them, the world unaware of who this is?

Starting September 20th I'll begin a sermon series based on this scene. I'll have Nancy's print up for you to contemplate. I hope we can receive this gift from our artistic heritage as an invitation to recognize movements and resting places in our own lives today. I'm looking forward to it.

Blessings,
David

Lift Dedication & Capital Campaign Celebration



Sunday 13 September we will dedicate the new lift, give thanks for the vision and leadership that has made this happen, and receive pledges for our Waverly at 100 capital campaign. The service will start at our usual, school-year time—11:00a.m. and move on to cake and fellowship by about 12:30p.m. It will be a wonderful, lively, kid-friendly celebration. And yes, even though the lift is definitely just for those who need it, just for this day everyone can have a ride up or down.

Disaster recovery: Push is on for organized mission trips to Galveston

Written by J. Bennett Guess
August 17, 2009

Remember Hurricane Ike? The UCC does.

In a shortsighted culture that too easily forgets yesterday's natural disasters, the UCC continues to emphasize its commitment to long-term disaster recovery.

"We're not the people who come from the outside community immediately," explains the Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, executive for [UCC Volunteer Ministries](#). "We are known for our commitment to working with long-term recovery committees and to helping with individual home rebuilding. We help specifically with volunteer labor and with the contributions that come to us through the One Great Hour of Sharing mission offering."

That's why beginning in October and continuing through mid-February 2010, local church mission groups are being called to come to Galveston, Texas, to offer spiritual accompaniment and carpentry skills for those still recovering from Hurricane Ike.

Hurricane Ike, which devastated Galveston and surrounding communities in mid-September 2008, was the third most destructive hurricane ever to make landfall in the United States.

"Volunteers will be cooperating with the local community's long-term recovery committee. They will be working with the leadership of the local community," Blaufuss says.

An "Unmet Needs Table" has been organized in Galveston to assist individuals who are still trying to rebuild their lives and their homes. The table is a collaborative place where community organizations offer coordinated response for those individual cases where FEMA assistance or insurance dollars have run out, were inadequate or never existed. Participating groups will be led by several long-term [UCC Partners in Service volunteers](#) who will oversee multiple work camps in coordination with local officials.

"A lot of the commercial buildings and the more well-do-do residents have come back or have moved elsewhere, but many poorer residents don't have the resources to rebuild and they don't have the resources to move," Blaufuss says.

Mission teams are being sought anytime in October through mid-November or in mid-January through mid-February. Participants must be at least 14 years old, and teams must have at least one adult for every two youth participants.

"We want one in eight volunteers to be experienced in construction skills, and the more in a group who have those skills the better," says Blaufuss.

Groups of up to 24 individuals will be housed in dormitory facilities at [First Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\) in Texas City, Texas](#). Kitchen facilities, bunks and showers are provided, but volunteers are asked to bring their own bedding and to purchase their own groceries.

"We have been doing disaster recovery (for flooding) in Iowa and Indiana all summer, working with long-term disaster recovery committees there," Blaufuss says. "Now we're making a push for volunteers to go to Texas."

[The Galveston mission trips](#) are being organized jointly by UCC Volunteer Ministries, UCC National Disaster Ministries and the Office of Disciples Volunteering in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

For more information about organizing a mission trip, contact the Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, executive for [UCC Volunteer Ministries](#), at blaufusm@ucc.org or toll-free at 866-822-8224 ext. 3214

Hillsdale Art, Craft, and Dessert Auction

Saturday, September 19 @ 6:30 pm
Featuring arts and crafts for ALL BUDGETS from local wood-carvers, photographers, painters, knitters, and more...

A great time to get a head start on your HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

Silent and live auction.

Enjoy delicious hand-crafted desserts.

Entry is FREE.

Hillsdale Community Church UCC
6948 SW Capitol Hwy in Portland
Midway between Multnomah and Hillsdale

For more information call
503-246-5474.

All ages welcome.

Child care available.

Auction benefits the Pipes and Pipes Project of Hillsdale Community Church United Church of Christ

Division/Clinton Street Fair a Big Success



A big thank you to everyone who helped make the

Division/Clinton Street Fair a great success. It was a great opportunity to connect with our neighbors, to enjoy the sunshine, the parade, and lots of great vendors.

Our Halloween carnival is coming up October 30th. Good news! Soup Cycle has agreed to serve soup again this year. Please let Michelle Domenico know if you are available to volunteer at the carnival.



IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST NEWSLETTER FROM WAVERLY...

This newsletter is about the current events of Waverly's ministry and mission. If you wish to have more information and background on Waverly, please feel free to contact the church office at (503) 238-1337.

Newsletter DEADLINE

Please submit articles for the October issue no later than Thursday, September 22nd.

Thanks,

Trish Effenberger,
Editor

WWW's



We had a gathering of lovely women with great ideas for the bazaar at Jeanne's home.

The September meeting will be the fourth Thursday of September in Hyde Hall and we will continue

plans for the Dec. 5th bazaar.

Look for e-mails about the next meeting and maybe the plays at Profile Theater.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean up and beautify Hyde Hall!

ART CLASS AT WAVERLY!

Dana Weir will be teaching an encaustic painting class at Waverly this September. Encaustic painting involves hot beeswax and many layers of collage and color. This workshop will allow us to explore images of the sacred while we experiment with this unique medium. Dana requests a \$5-10 donation. All proceeds will go towards the capital campaign to pay for the lift.

Here are the details:

Workshop at Waverly in Hyde Hall Sept. 17
6pm - 9pm
All materials provided.

Book Donation Project

As evidenced by the large number of books donated to the June garage sale, Waverly is a church of readers! For the August 8th wedding reception of Margaret Pullen and Stephen Ngai, Waverly came through again with book donations displayed as decorations for the children of ChristieCare. ChristieCare, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, provides residential and community mental health treatment for children. On August 10th, 263 children's books were delivered to the Christie School. According to Mallory Anderson of ChristieCare's development office, they came at a great time, as the school was about to embark on a reading program and was anticipating the need to buy books.

Another opportunity to donate high-quality, like-new books to a worthy cause is the upcoming Oregon Women Lawyers book drive. Each fall, Oregon Women Lawyers collects books for the library of Coffee Creek, the women's correctional facility. This is the facility's largest annual book drive. There are some specific guidelines. Books cannot be about crime or law. They cannot be textbooks. They must be in excellent condition. If you've recently finished reading a book which you no longer need, consider bringing it to church by October 4th for donation to the Oregon Women Lawyers Coffee Creek Book Drive. For more information, contact Diane Rynerson at (503) 775-9021 or send an e-mail to orwomenlaw@aol.com.

Autumn Sounds: A fall piano concert for the family. Benefit Concert for the Daybreak Shelter Featuring: Michael Allen Harrison

Watch the leaves turn and welcome the fall with meditative piano music. On Friday October 2, Human Solutions invites you to bring the whole family and enjoy a pleasant musical event. Michael Allen Harrison, a distinguished pianist and Portland native will perform his annual benefit concert for Human Solutions' Daybreak Shelter. Every year this concert helps raise critical funds to help homeless families off the street and connect with services that stabilize their lives. Come enjoy an evening of wonderful music, while helping those most in need in our community. We hope you will join us.

When: October 2, 2009

6:30pm Cider and Pumpkin Bread Reception

7:00 pm Piano by Michael Allen Harrison

Where: Fremont United Methodist Church;

2620 NE Fremont, Portland, OR

Cost: Free - suggested \$20 donation, the approximate cost of providing housing, food, and services to a homeless family for one day.

For more information please visit our website at www.humansolutions.org or call Lauren Rimestad 503-548-0228 or Edith Murillo 503-256-228

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Upcoming Events: October 2nd—Benefit Concert by Michael Allen Harrison @ 6:30pm @ Fremont United Methodist Church October 16th-18th—CPC Women’s Fall Retreat @ Camp Adams October 30th—Annual Halloween Carnival December 5th—WWW’s Bazaar</p>		<p>1 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm</p>	<p>2 —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 9 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am Worship Service Communion Celebrated Children’s Celebrate Summer 11 am Fellowship</p>	<p>7 Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall Labor Day</p>	<p>8 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm</p>	<p>9 —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 <i>Fall Schedule Begins/Lift Dedication & Capital Campaign Kick-off</i> 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship 2-4 pm Sacred Harp singing practice in Hyde Hall</p>	<p>14 Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>15 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm</p>	<p>16 —Daytimer’s Fellowship Group potluck lunch @ noon in Hyde Hall —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17 Art Class Workshop @ Waverly 6-9 pm</p>	<p>18 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am</p>	<p>19 Hillsdale Art, Craft & Dessert Auction @ 6:30 pm @ Hillsdale Community Church UCC</p>
<p>20 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship</p>	<p>21 —Consistory meets @ 7 pm in Hyde Hall —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm October Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>23 —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall —Oregon Trail Society meets @ 7 pm</p>	<p>24 WWW’s meets in Hyde Hall</p>	<p>25 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship Blood Pressure Screenings</p>	<p>28 Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>29 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm</p>	<p>30 —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall</p>			