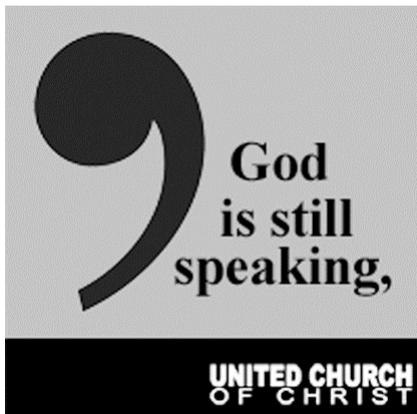


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## CREEKSIDE GAZETTE

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 You are WELCOME here!!!!

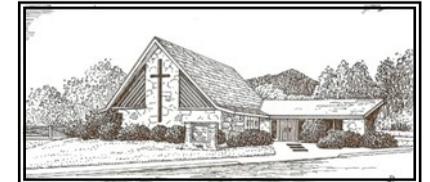
Pastor: Rev. Judith Holloway

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### Mission Statement:

"As children of God, united in our belief in Christ,  
 we are called to love one another as God loves us:  
 helping each other to live as givers, to be as doers,  
 to pray as believers, and always to serve."

October 2016

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## Pastoral Reflections: Reaching Out and Welcoming In

Have you all been noticing some new faces in our church these days? It's not your imagination – I have too! It's been a real joy to welcome into our midst some wonderful people who are interested in becoming a part of our church family.

Just in the last couple of months we've been seeing quite a bit of Tommy (and his daughters: Eleora, Sophia, and Serena), Mike and Cori, Roland, Barbara, and this last Sunday we got to meet and greet Jim. And as pastor I have had the privilege of getting to know (at least a little) about each of these folks, their spiritual journeys and how on earth they happened to find their way to our church – a faith community that tends to grow through attraction rather than promotion.

As expected, each person's journey is as unique as the person themselves – and just as interesting. But what has intrigued me the most has been finding out two things: what was the original attractor and what they found here that made them want to come back.

Several people said it was our "Be the Church" sign that attracted them – that what we have stated is important to us as people of faith resonated with them too. Another person was drawn to the inclusive spirit she experienced at our interfaith "Peace in the Park" event. And yet another individual was checking out local churches on the Internet and found our website and Facebook pages, which led him to explore the national UCC website. He obviously liked what he saw there because one Sunday he showed up! All these things have been part of our outreach into the community!

And when asked why they wanted to come back, they all said it was our friendliness, our welcoming warmth – that feeling of being included. They've also talked about liking what they experience, hear, and feel during our worship services – they come away with hopeful messages and a spiritual boost that help them throughout the week.

And it is really important according to our newcomers that we do not worship a punishing, wrathful, judging God, or an exclusive, excluding Jesus! In this church we are in relationship with a living and loving God; the Jesus we follow commands us to love, because we are all part of one body in Christ.

This is all code for: it's all about the love! Our faith community continues to grow in Spirit so that the power of God's love for us and our love for God makes a difference in our lives and increases our love for one another. And the more we let the Holy Spirit in to work in our lives the more we are becoming a people that can say with certainty and trust that, "love wins, love always wins!" Because we put love at the center of our faith we dare to dream of a new world, of new lives growing in love as God's Spirit grows in us.

It is such a delight and joy when others can feel our love and join in with us in our journey with Jesus to love the living, loving God and one another – ever more deeply.

Blessings in the love of Christ,  
Pastor Judith

## Pulpit Supply

While Judith continues with her sabbatical in October, we are welcoming Jan Shannon to fill the pulpit on October 23. We asked Jan to share a short bio to help us get to know her.

Pastor Jan Shannon, Assistant Pastor, Westminster UCC

Jan has been on staff at Westminster for 3 years now, as the part-time Assistant Pastor, sharing preaching and teaching duties, and is leading the 5:30pm Bible study/worship service. Jan is also a Senior at EWU, where she is taking a double major in Humanities and Women's and Gender Studies, with a minor in Religion. Jan is applying to get her Masters of Divinity degree from Iliff Theological Seminary in Denver, CO, and if accepted, will start there in September 2017. Jan used to be a minister in the Church of the Nazarene, but was removed from leadership when she came out as gay. Because of that, Jan is passionate about the Open and Affirming work of the UCC, and is the ONA coordinator for the Pacific Northwest Conference. Jan and her wife, Deb, live in Cheney with Deb's 98-year old dad and 3 dogs. Jan is the mother of two, and grandmother of two, but if you add in all of Deb's kids and grandkids, the family total is around 25 or so. (it keeps growing!) Jan has an overly developed sense of humor and a neon green car, and loves to get to know folks over coffee.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and friends the campership bill has been paid. It came to \$780 this year. We even have \$100 seed money for next year.



## October Lectionary

### Oct 2: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson 1: Lam 1:1-16, or 3:19-26 or Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Lesson 2: 2 Tim 1:1-14

Psalm: 137 or 37:1-9

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

### Oct 9: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson 1: Jer 29:1, 4-7 or 2 kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Lesson 2: 2 Tim 2:8-15

Psalm: 66:1-12 or 111

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

### Oct 16: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson 1: Jer 31:27-34 or Gen 32:22-31

Lesson 2: 2 Tim 3:14-4:5

Psalm: 119:97-104 or 121

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

### Oct 23: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson 1: Joel 2:23-32 or Sirach 35:12-17 or Jer 14:7-10, 19-22

Lesson 2: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Psalm: 65 or 84:1-7

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

### Oct 30: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson 1: Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4 or Isa 1:10-18

Lesson 2: 2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12

Psalm: 119:137-144 or 32:1-7

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



## Council Minutes, Sept. 6

There were 9 members present: Judith, Holly, Ron, Susan C., Carmen H., Kathy

C., Judy B., Mitch, & Dede

The financial reports were given by Mitch & Susan.

### Unfinished Business

A stole, made by Susan C., was sent to Rev. Courtney Stanger-Tregar for installation as our new Conference Minister for Church Vitality.

Campership: The Campership letter was sent & one donation has been received so far.

Memorial Funds: Previously, items purchased with Memorial Funds could not be lent out, but some confusion exists about which items have been purchased with those funds. Hands Across Nations has requested permission to borrow the circular tables. A new policy will be developed but for now, we're allowing the tables to be borrowed with the stipulation that the policy may change.

Carmen Deal will take responsibility for the use of the tables at this event.

Kim's raffle was tabled, awaiting more information.

### New business

To save time at council meetings, minutes will be emailed for approval and approved minutes will be sent out to the congregation.

Hands Across Nations: Carolyn Kurowski will give a presentation on Sunday, Sept. 18, after church. Items for donation will be available to raise funds for their mission.

### Future Events

Campership: The current bill is for \$790, and we have \$546 so far. We anticipate more funds coming in from T-shirt sales and the campership letter.

First Aid Kit: The kit needs to be appraised and updated so that all the necessities are included. All groups using the church bldg. should know where it's located. A smaller kit is available for youth group outings. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to ask Carmen Deal to evaluate the kit, and to ask Good Intent to fund necessary additions.

Digital Picture Frame: It was proposed that a digital picture frame (TV) be mounted in the Fellowship Hall to show pics of youth & church activities. The estimated cost is less than \$250, with the location to be determined. A motion was made, seconded & approved.

Car Wash & Ice Cream Social was held on Aug. 20.

Diaconate: Pulpit fill is taken care of through Jan. for sabbatical. The Call to Care program is proceeding.

Christian Ed.: Celebration Sunday is scheduled for Sept. 11, with a potluck afterward. A discussion on attendance followed, which Holly, Cheri, & Judith will address.

A confirmation class for older kids is under consideration.

Mission & Stewardship: We're preparing for the Neighbors in Need Offering on Oct. 2.

Trustees: The additional furnace has been installed by Norstar. Older light bulbs are being replaced by brighter and more efficient LEDs.

Concerns: Mimi, Cheri, the Sheltons, Francis Russell, Mary Firor, Jean Merrill, Verlenna Tobler, Bill & Susie, CJ.

Minutes taken by Dede McAuliffe

## Loving Others as Ourselves

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We talk about loving one another a lot in this church, and indeed much loving happens here – it's actually pretty remarkable. And yet, we all know we have difficulty loving others as we would like to.

Sometime our aspirations and intentions to love God and love each other can seem like a distant ideal that we will *never* reach.

I'm convinced (along with many others much more expert than I am) our biggest barrier to loving each other is rooted in one essential problem: we don't love ourselves. In order to love another person we have to, we must, love ourselves first. This principle of healthy self-love is so important that Jesus includes it in his commandment to us: we are to love our neighbors *as ourselves!* Put in a slightly different way: we *do* love our neighbors as ourselves – that's the way it works!

Without a good healthy love for ourselves we simply cannot love another person – we will always project onto the other person the negative feelings, and beliefs we have toward ourselves. And the more unlovable we were taught (and came to believe) we were as infants and children, the more difficult it is to feel a healthy self-love as adults. It is safe to say that most of us are on a life journey of working through trauma, shame and guilt, and low self-esteem because we did not receive unconditional love in our early relationships.

Really working through these wounds in therapy or other helping processes is not the same as denying and stuffing feelings and beliefs about ourselves. We may look good on the outside, but inevitably, our lack of caring and loving ourselves comes out in our relationships, and also acts as a huge barrier to God because we feel so unworthy of God's love.

So here we are, kind of stuck in our lack of compassion for ourselves that bleeds out into *all* of our relationships – what to do....

Quite frankly, the advice and suggestions to heal our traumas and love ourselves are legion and truly overwhelming! Have you seen the size of the self-help aisle in the bookstores lately?

However, being part of a faith community, how we heal and love ourselves is different than a psychological approach: it includes psychology, but is primarily spiritual. It is turning our lives over to God and letting in the Spirit through prayer and being in loving service to others that helps us to reconnect with the love that is actually who we are – at the very center of our true selves – *and* being in loving supportive community with others. Those are the things that transform us – bring us back to the place where we *know* that we are never outside of God's inclusive forgiving love – and we never have been.

You are lovable; you are loved. It's more than okay to love yourself; God wants that for you. That's the truth. And once you have started to feel a genuine compassion for yourself, you will be able to extend it to others. (Armstrong, Karen, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, p. 90)

Paul wrote these well-known and oft repeated words about how to truly love someone.

## SIGN UP TO HELP OUT

We are trying a new method to get people on board for helping out on Sundays.

We have been making a schedule based on what was indicated on the time and talent sheets for greeters, ushers, worship assistant and hospitality (serving refreshments after worship). Instead of assigning folks to various dates, we are going to have a sign up sheet by date.

That way you can sign up for dates that are convenient for you.

Our current schedule goes through the first week of November, but there are dates where we don't have greeters, or enough ushers, or only one person on hospitality. Please sign up for dates that work for you. Sara will transfer this information to the bulletin and the Gazette.

Remember we usually only have refreshments on the second Sunday unless it's a special occasion. This is completely optional. Also we always provide a non-coffee/tea option which should be furnished by those on hospitality.

## BOOK GROUP

Title: Miracles from Heaven by Christy Beam

Meeting dates: October 9 and 23, November 13 and 27, December 11

Time: 12:15-1:00--firm starting and ending times

Anyone is welcome to take part, no penalty for missing sessions.

First meeting (October 9): chapters 1&2

## BOO BASH

Once again Chewelah UCC plans to take part in the local trick or treating around the business area on Friday, October 28 from 4-6. Bring candy to hand out from the trunk of your car, park along the side or back of the church. Costumes are encouraged, but optional.

## MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP

This is a very busy time for this committee. The Neighbors in Need offering was taken on October 2, with half of what is given staying in our church to be used locally.

We will be introducing our annual stewardship drive soon, where we ask our congregation to share their time, talents and treasures. Stewardship Sunday is November 13.

This committee plans to provide a free dinner for the community as we have for about 30 years. The dinner will be November 8(Thursday) from 5-7. Stay tuned to hear what the menu is for this year. This will be decided at our next meeting. As always we rely on our congregation members to donate time and food items.



## Good Intent

Good Intent ladies and guests gathered for our "Back to School" first meeting of the year on Sept. 7th at noon. School supplies were gathered and a Box Lunch was enjoyed. Lunches were our featured program for the month. Thanks Sandy. Fun time!

Next meeting is Wednesday Oct. 5th at 1 p.m. Program is first on the agenda and features Chewelah native Carol Stickney. (fyi..she is the mother of local massage therapist, Wendy Rowe) Carol has worked as a Visa Missionary several times with time out in the states pursuing ordination and ministering as an Elder in the FMC as both associate and head pastor.

From 2014-16 she was in Myanmar where she taught English in several different schools and businesses, to name one of her duties while there. She is back home briefly before leaving the area

Dessert and business meeting will follow...hope to see you there.

...be not just hearers of the word but be as doers

Please remember our **food pantry and the food bank.**



Our Fall UCC book selection is Miracles from Heaven: A Little Girl, Her Journey to Heaven, and Her Amazing Story of Healing is a memoir written by an American author Christy Beam, released on April 14, 2015. The author wrote the book about her own sick daughter Annabel Beam.

We have several books, which can be shared. The group will meet twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 12:15-1. Talk to Judith, Holly or Kathy if you are interested.

### Judith's Office Hours

Mon: 12:30-2:30,  
Tues: 10-1, 3-5,  
Thurs: 10-1,  
Fri & Sat: by appt.  
Church-935-8046,  
Cell 510-684-8809

**Long Term Care  
Service of Hymns  
Every 3rd Sunday  
3-3:30**

What would it look like if we applied what he wrote to our relationship with ourselves as well? I invite you to reflect on loving yourself in the ways Paul so beautifully and compassionately describes in 1 Corinthians:

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited, it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's wrongdoing but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love never ends....

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Judith

**The House Committee** would like to remind you that the elections office will be holding a drop-off location here at the church on November 8th. Tell your friends and remember to drop off your ballot!

### **UCC October Gazette Updates & Activities**

**Youth Ministry** - October 2, after church there will be a brainstorming session with parents/adults and youth regarding possible Youth Ministry activities.

**Visual Communication/TV** - Roger Haick & Dede McAuliffe have donated a TV which will be mounted in the fellowship hall to provide updates of youth and church events in an active visual format. Thank you.

**Holiday Lighting at Chewelah UCC** – Mason Jars will be placed on fellowship hall tables beginning October 2 to receive donations for outside Holiday Lighting.

**First Aid Kit** - Good Intent has provided up to \$100 to update a First Aid kit for the church that can also be taken along during Youth outings. Thank you, Good Intent.

**Pumpkin Carving** - October 23, after church – Pumpkin carving/creation for Light Up the Park on October 29. ALL children and adults are welcome and encouraged to bring pumpkins and participate.

**Trunk or Treat** (trick or treating from the trunks of cars) will occur during Boo Fest on October 28, 4-6 pm. It is hoped half a dozen or more adults from UCC will participate.

# October 2016

## October Worship Ministers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship @ 10:30 World Communion Neighbors in Need	3	4 Church Council @ 6:30	5 Good Intent 1 pm	6	7	8
9 Worship @ 10:30 Birthday Sunday Book group 12:15-1	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13 Women together	14	15
16 Worship @ 10:30 Long Term Care @ 3	17 Judith on Sabbatical until October 31	18	19	20 Future Events	21	22
23 Worship @ 10:30 Pumpkin Carving Book Group 12:15-1	24	25	26	27 Mission and Stewardship	28 Boo Fest (hand out treats) UCC 4-6	29
30 Worship @ 10:30	31 Halloween	November 1 Diaconate @ 11:30 Council @ 6:30				

<b>October 2nd</b>	<b>Neighbors In Need Offering/Communion</b>
Greeters	Mary Ann, Joan
Ushers	Auvils, Roberta, Dave C.
Worship Assistant	Susan
Hospitality	Beverly, Cheri
<b>October 9th</b>	<b>Birthday/Cookie Sunday</b>
Greeters	Debbie T
Ushers	Laurel, Schroders, Lynn
Worship Assistant	Robert Nein
Hospitality	Dede, Janice
<b>October 16th</b>	
Greeters	
Ushers	Debbie T., Auvils
Worship Assistant	Joey
Hospitality	Sally
<b>October 23rd</b>	
Greeters	Auvils
Ushers	Janice
Worship assistant	Kathy Combs
Hospitality	Judy
<b>October 30th</b>	
Greeters	Rachel
Ushers	David, Carmen D.
Worship Assistant	Roger West
Hospitality	Kathy, Holly
<b>November 6th</b>	<b>Communion</b>
Greeters	
Ushers	Mary Ann, Schroders, Laurel, Auvils
Worship Assistant	Rachel
Hospitality	Carmen D., Linda

Sign up to be a worship volunteer.  
See bulletin board.