

The Bridge, April 2014
Fox Island
United Church of Christ
an Open & Affirming Congregation

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*Whoever you are,
and wherever you are on life's journey...
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

Save the Dates for these Holy Week and Easter Services & Events!



April 13th, 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Service

April 17th, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

April 18th, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service, "Journey to the Cross"

April 20th, 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Fox Island Fishing Pier

April 20th, * 7-9:30am Easter Morning Breakfast at the Church

April 20th, 10:00 a.m. Easter Morning Service

*(*estimated time – stay tuned for update)*

Janet's



Journal

Sunday morning I was greeted with: "Who sent out that great card?" If you make your home on Fox Island or in Cromwell, Arletta, or maybe another postal route near the Island you probably found a colorful, eye-catching card in your mail box recently. An invitation to Holy Week services at FIUCC. So how did those cards arrive in local mail boxes?

A group of people who came together during the final Appreciative Inquiry Retreat, in September, focused on the area of Welcome. This group chose to continue meeting. They became an off shoot of the Board of Deacons. Chaired by Jacque Burdette and Tom Morberg it was the brain child of the Welcome Group to mail community invitations. Tom Morberg, John Tupper, and Jacque Burdette were the primary shepherds of the project. There have been a number of positive comments so we know they were in local mailboxes in time for people to plan for Holy Week. In addition to Tom, John and Jacque's contribution, one of our new folks, Holly Newman Dyzban, a professional editor, shared her expertise. Thank you all! Also, thanks go out to Women's Fellowship for a generous donation that got the ball rolling, as well as a few enthusiastic donors.

I appreciate that it is not just an Easter mailing; it is an invitation to Holy Week services including Palm Sunday. We are familiar with Jesus riding into town on a colt or donkey as the crowd shouts *Hosanna in the Highest*, so we wave palms and shout Hosanna on Palm Sunday. What is sometimes forgotten is that coming from the opposite direction the Roman governor approached Jerusalem on a war horse with soldiers as a show of domination. Jesus reflects the words of the prophet Zechariah who announces that the Prince of Peace will ride in on a foal. Palm Sunday is an introduction of things to come throughout the week, throughout the Passover Holiday. It sets the stage for a collision between God's will of peace and grace in the world and the powers of the state.

We know how the story goes yet when we are able to be present for the bitter days before Christ's resurrection we make a statement that we believe God is with us always. We believe that nothing, neither life nor death, or powers or principalities can ever separate us from the love of God. That in the pain and sorrow of the world the one thing that never changes is God's love is steadfast. In the end love wins.

We have a story of great magnitude to share. As we invite friends and neighbors known and unknown, we share the story that through it all the Light lives on. Together we share a week of darkness and light with the promise of Divine Hope – Easter Morning.

Yours in Christ,
Janet

Debenture Investment Opportunity

Periodically folks ask when there will be another opportunity to buy debentures. That time is now! Debentures are the promissory notes that we as a congregation use instead of a building mortgage. This program started in 2004 as a replacement for a standard building mortgage. Our total has slowly crept down from an original level of \$252,668 to its current level of \$171,000 in ten years. We offer debentures to members of the congregation at very competitive investment rates and still finance the building at interest levels that are cheaper than a more traditional mortgage.

Most of this year's investors chose to roll their debenture over at a new rate. One couple chose to cash in their debentures so we have \$15,000 available for purchase on a six year note at 2 ½% paid in February and August of each year. In the history of the program we have never failed to pay interest when it was due. Notes are available starting at \$1000.

If interested, please contact Stan Adams (253) 273-4185 or Jerry Wax (253) 225-8632.

Coming to the Nichols Center

Young@Heart

Award-winning documentary about a chorus of men & women in their 70's, 80's and 90's singing contemporary and classic rock songs.

A film for all ages!

APRIL 15TH AT 7p – Free!

Lent & Easter Season Sunday School Helpers Needed

Staci will be absent most of March & April, so we need a crew of helpers to lead Sunday School Lessons. Please sign up for days you can help. **SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX!** If you can't make it in to sign up, call the office for assistance! *Thank you!!*

TIME FOR *Spring* CLEANUP AT THE FIUCC

Please come join our
**ALL CHURCH WORK PARTY on
Saturday, April 5 at 10:00AM**

We need volunteers to plant rhododendrons and "bark" the garden beds as well as do general cleanup of our grounds and parking lot. (Rhodies and bark will be provided)

Please call John Mikkelborg with questions
549-2220.

Want to learn more about Fox Island UCC?

We are having a "Get Acquainted" dinner on Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. hosted by our Board of Deacons. Bring your questions and curiosity, not to mention appetite! Feel free to invite friends and family too. We welcome all to this event, even if you have no interest in becoming a member. This is just a chance to learn more about who we are as a church and as a community!

If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Diane Larson at ddlars@comcast.net, 253-265-3996 or Pastor Janet at fiuccpastor@gmail.com, 253-432-0155.



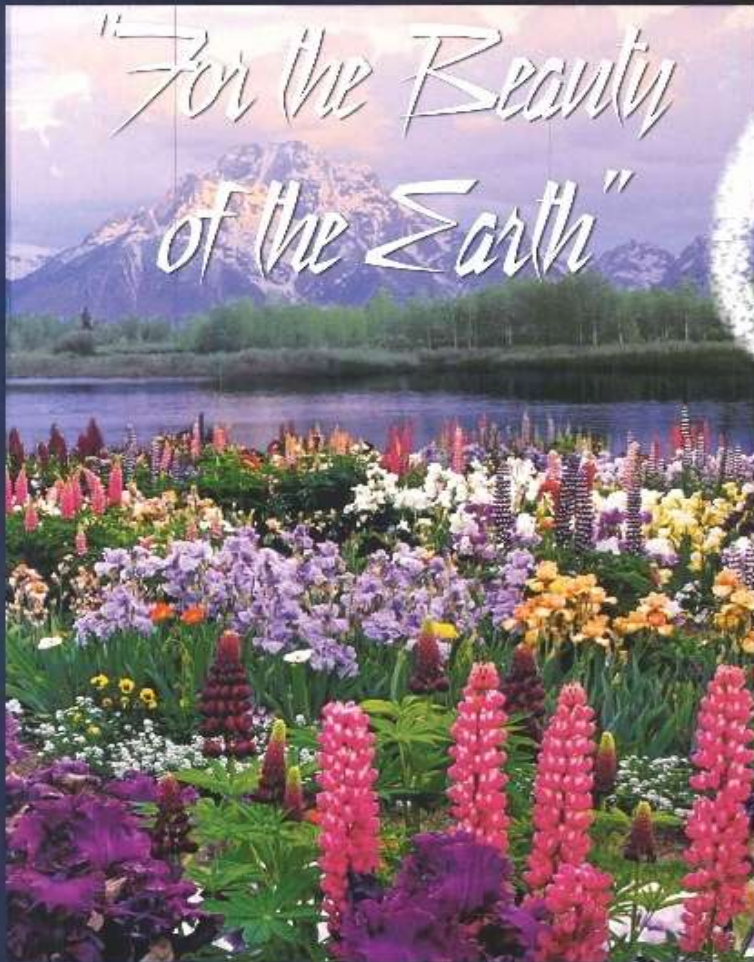
New Member Sunday is Palm Sunday!

For those who are interested, we will receive new members during our Palm Sunday service on April 13 at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Diane Larson at ddlars@comcast.net, 253-265-3996 or Pastor Janet at fiuccpastor@gmail.com, 253-432-0155.

Music that speaks to the Soul



Spring Concert Series, April 2014



Saturday, April 5, 2014, 7:30 pm
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
7410 South 12th Street
Tacoma, WA

Sunday, April 6, 2014, 3:30 pm
Fox Island Church of Christ
726 6th Avenue Fi
Fox Island, WA

For the Beauty of the Earth, celebrates the wonder and beauty of creation with fabulous choral works, both sacred and secular. Our program includes popular pieces by well-known American and English composers. We're especially excited to be premiering new works composed especially for Cora Voce.

Visit our website for complete concert information. Tickets are available at the door, or in advance from any Cora Voce member. Regular ticket: \$15.00, Students & Seniors: \$10.00

CD's available for purchase at the door. (While supplies last.)

**Randy Spitzer,
Artistic Director**

www.coravoce.org



Vacation Bible School 2014 ~ August 11 – 15
Island Adventures: God's Big Backyard

We are doing a really exciting VBS this year and need help from many people. (Hint: Everyone can help in some way!) Perhaps you have children living on your street? Invite them! We will be meeting at the church that Monday and Friday. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday we will be at either the Chapel, the Museum, or the Nichols Community Center. You need not commit for all 5 days – we will take what you can give of your time!

There will be crafts, snacks, music, and puppets. Teens are needed as group leaders and puppeteers. We will be learning about pioneers, community values, and how we can serve God. Look for the clipboard in the Narthex and sign up to help!

Questions? Contact Lynda Wickline at lwickline@centurytel.net,
or Kathy Adams, at skadams@centurylink.net.

All Church Retreat

May 16-17th

Exploring Spirituality Through the Arts

Come for a week-end of fun, and fellowship as we explore ways to grow in our spirituality through creativity and appreciation of the Arts. Whether you see yourself as creative or creatively challenged, there will be fun activities for all. From music, acting, writing, drawing, movement and even carpentry we will learn a little more about ourselves and God, our Divine Creator, as we express ourselves in the Arts.

We will kick off the week-end on Friday evening with a potluck dinner, ice breaker and campfire. Saturday will start with a delicious pancake breakfast before the morning program begins. We will have a wonderful catered taco bar for lunch.. More activities will follow in the afternoon ending with a Vespers Service. Anyone who would like to camp or stay in their motor home Friday night are welcome to do so.

We are working hard to plan a great retreat. More information will follow in the coming weeks, but we know it will be a great week-end of fun, friendship, and deepening faith.

PS:

Please save your magazines and bring them to Church. There will be a bin in the narthex to collect them. We will be using them for one of our projects.

The Reality of Climate Change
April 27, 11:30 a.m.

The Reality of Climate Change presentation and discussion will take place **in the Fireside room on Sunday, April 27th at 11:30 am** led by local physicist, Gary Klauminzer. Gary has studied climate change for more than 10 years, is passionate about this critical issue and has made presentations on the topic to numerous local church and community groups in recent years. We are fortunate Gary has offered to bring this presentation to FIUCC and hope you will attend, ***The Reality of Climate Change***, on April 27th following the church service!

The event will last about one hour. Light snacks will be provided by the FIUCC Environmental Justice Ministry.

Gary is a leader with The Climate Reality Project, a non-profit organization founded by former Vice President Al Gore. For more information about The Climate Reality Project go to:

<http://climaterealityproject.org>.

Congratulations, Neve Norton!

Neve took second place in the annual WestSound Home & Garden Magazine *Tablescapes* competition, as revealed in the Summer, 2013 edition (there's a copy on the back table in the Narthex.) But we give Neve *first place* for all the enthusiasm and talent she shares with us every week as she fusses with the altar to reflect the seasons of earth and church in a most beautiful and sacred way.

We ♥ U!



Dear Friends at Fox Island United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your most recent gift to the ministry of chinaconnect. We couldn't do what we are doing in China without support like yours.

The picture above shows last year's chinaconnect teachers along with their students happily displaying certificates of completion of the ESL program. This summer my husband and I will be teaching in Nanchang along with at least seven other teachers. There is room for more if you are interested. A week after the teachers finish, cc's youth team from two churches in the SW Washington Synod will be arriving to connect and work with Chinese youth. We promise to keep you posted as events unfold! Again, thank you for being part of a much larger team!

God's work, our hands!

Sincerely,

 Sally Arbue (for the Board)

COFFEE ALERT!!



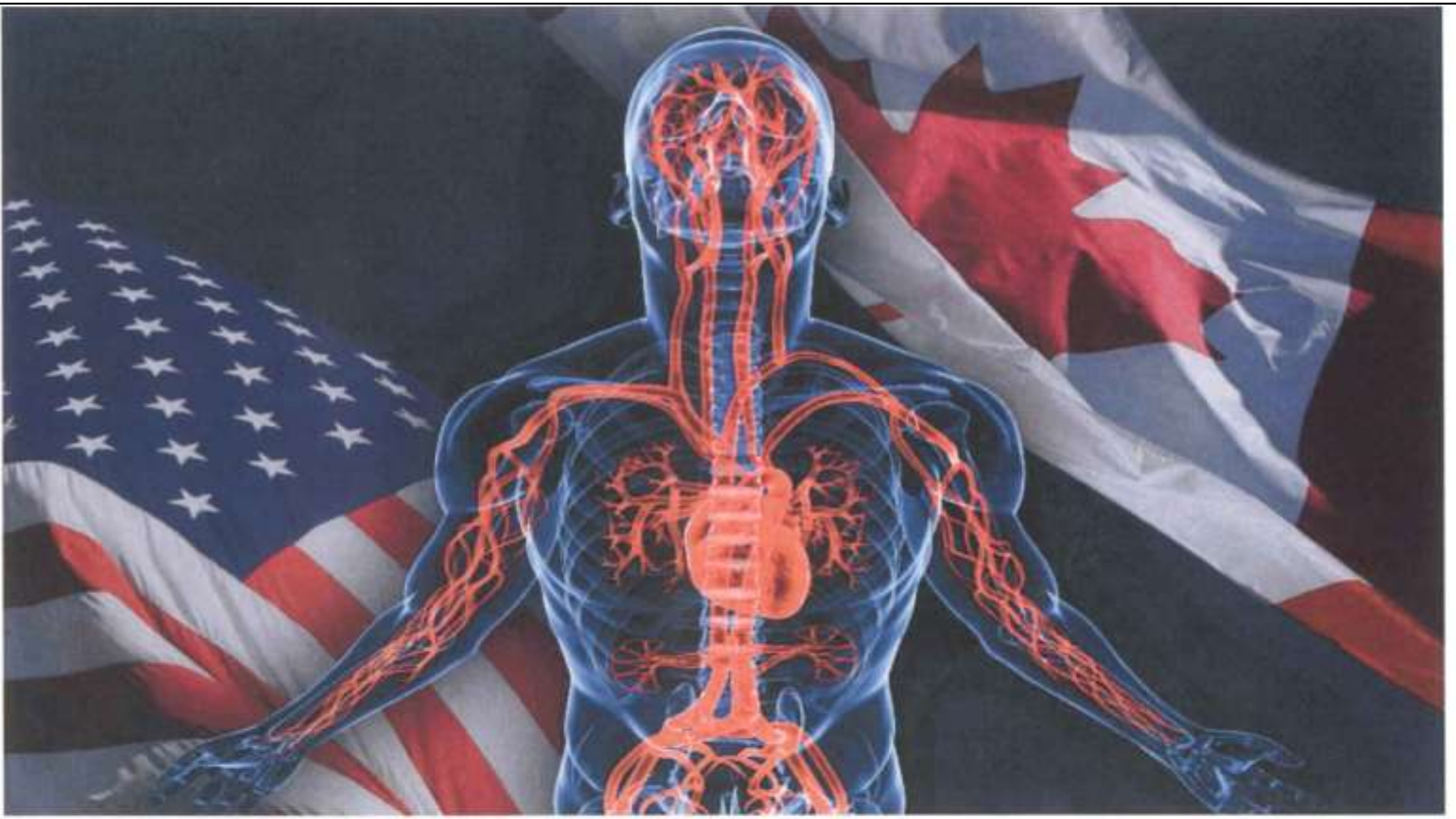
If you notice we are getting low on coffee in the kitchen, PLEASE contact Joe Purdue at 253-851-1892 so he can place an order. It takes about a week to order & receive. THANKS!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

4:04 PM
 03/08/14
 Cash Basis

FOX ISLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Profit & Loss Budget Performance
 February 2014

	Feb 14	Jan - Feb 14	Annual Budget
Operating Fund			
Income	20,801.19	40,969.72	183,734.00
Expense	(18,236.82)	(35,432.42)	(183,234.00)
Total Operating Fund	2,564.37	5,537.30	500.00



"People are more important than profits" TOMMY DOUGLAS

THE HEALTHCARE MOVIE

a documentary by LAURIE SIMONS & TERRY STERREBERG // narrated by KIEFER SUTHERLAND



www.healthcaremovie.net

7:00 pm
Friday, May 2nd

Fox Island United Church of Christ
726 6th Avenue
Fox Island, WA

Featuring: Music by Bob Wickline

Admission: Free

This 65 minute documentary tells the real story of how the health care system in Canada turned out to be so completely different from that in the United States, when in the 1950's they were essentially the same. While Canadians experience the benefits and peace of mind of Canada's universal health care system, the forces against change in the U.S. are now much stronger and have much more at stake financially. Is there hope for the United States?

Narrated by Kiefer Sutherland

Bonus: Q& A with Filmmakers and local healthcare advocates following screenings.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

April 2014

<p>6 10a Sunday Service/Communion/ No Sunday School 11:30 Lenten Series 3:30 Cora Voce 6:30 Get Acquainted</p>	<p>7 9:30 Yoga & Meditation 7p Centering Prayer</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 7p Wed Night Live</p>	<p>3 9:30 Yoga & Meditation 12p Women's Fellowship 7p Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10am All Church Spring Clean Party</p>
<p>13 10a Palm Sunday Service/Sunday School/New Members/Youth Group 11:30 Trustees</p>	<p>14 9:30 Yoga & Meditation 7p Centering Prayer</p>	<p>15 6p Church Council 7p Young@Heart at Nichols Comm Ctr</p>	<p>16 7p Wed Night Live</p>	<p>17 9:30 Yoga & Meditation 7p Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>18 7p Good Friday Service with Communion</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 6a Easter Sunrise Service at Fishing Pier *7-9:30 Easter Breakfast 10a Easter Sunday Service/Sunday School/ (*estimated time...stay tuned for any updates)</p>	<p>21 9:30 Yoga & Meditation 7p Centering Prayer</p>	<p>22 1:30 Crafty Needlers</p>	<p>23 7p Wed Night Live</p>	<p>24 9:30 Yoga & Meditation 7p Choir</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 10a Sunday Service/ Sunday School/ Youth Group 11:30a The Reality of Climate Change</p>	<p>28 9:30 Yoga & Meditation 7p Centering Prayer</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7p Wed Night Live</p>	<p>May 1 12p Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>May 2 The Healthcare Movie Screening and Filmmakers Q&A Session. Music by Bob Wickline</p>	<p>May 3</p>