

The COMMUNICATOR

June 2020

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**LIVE IN-CHURCH WORSHIP BEGINS ON JUNE 14th AT
10:30 A.M.**

Father's
DAY

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

From Our Pastor

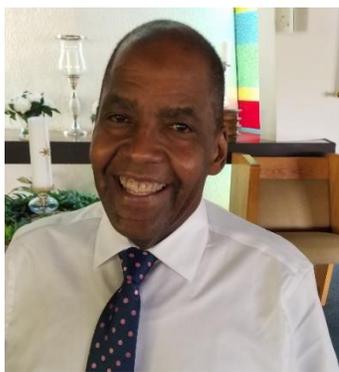
Dear Members and Friends

We have been through some unexpected places over the past several weeks. We have been through the valley to be sure. The good news is that we have not had to face the uncertainty of the valley alone. We have each other and more importantly the Lord is with us, and promised to never leave us alone. I do hope that all of us have found ways to face this time as productively as possible.

I am sure this is not the first time that we have been faced with uncertainty and grief. When faced with a calamity often we can predict when it is going to be over and we can formulate a timeline that will allow us to begin again. This has not been the case this time. We just keep waiting and waiting at least for the yellow light that indicates we can proceed with caution. All we see are the flashing red lights, which mean we must stop, look in all directions and hope that everyone else will do the same for the benefit of all travelers. We don't want to proceed too quickly.

Our fervent prayers continue to rise for those who are on the front lines of this battle. We continue to pray for all the scientist and researchers who continue to work toward finding a vaccine. In particular let us not forget the women and men who clean and sanitize our public spaces. What would we do without them?

It has been a joy to meet with you via ZOOM on Thursdays it is refreshing to be able to catch up and connect with each other each week. A very special thank you to Terry and Peggy who have helped to lead our virtual worship on Sunday's via our Facebook Page, UCC Pacific Beach. In addition to our Facebook Page please visit our website [WWW. UCCpacificbeach.com](http://WWW.UCCpacificbeach.com) each week. The more hits we have each the more visible we become to others. A new feature on the website is opportunity to give online. There is a link for giving at the top of the page.



On Sunday June 7, 2020 we will once again have virtual communion, you may use any elements that are available to you. Please keep our church in your prayers and I so look forward to us being together soon. Remain Prayerful, Patient, and Positive

Blessings.
Pastor Elvin

Caring for Our Neighbors: A Pandemic Pastoral Prayer

In these days of knowing, not knowing,
We, like the buds on the trees,
Are eager to burst forth into the world.
Hold us gently in place
Until we are certain in the ways of loving our
neighbor.

Let us not toss ourselves and neighbor into
thoughtless harm.
Let us recall that all life is sacred in your eyes,
not only that of the unborn child,
but also those with lines of life lived etched upon
their hands and faces,
and including those whose immune systems are
compromised.
These, too, are your beloved, whose care we are
blessed to bear.

And we seek blessing upon those
who have answered a call to care for us
in our times of physical healing,
no matter our opinion, our ideology, our hardship, Lord.
These, we hold in our care as neighbors.

Help us to hear that caring for one another
is your command on our lives.
Open our ears to hear the tragedy in this time of coronavirus,
and not only our own anxiety and grief
that may come on blustering words and tired rhetoric.
Instead, let us think on how we will make the world a better place.

Instead, let us think on what kindness, however small,
we might offer someone.

Instead, let us remember that our life is not our own,
but belongs to you.
Instead, let us dream how we might enter our communities
to be a beacon of hope for those living in disorder



to come alongside them while they find order;
alongside them while they reorder their lives.

Help us always, Lord, to remember our promise to you

that we will care for our neighbor as ourselves. **Amen.**

~ submitted by Reverend Brenda Torrie, First United Methodist Church in Newcastle, Wyoming

Faith, Formation and Action

We will be announcing the dates and subjects for future FFA meetings. Please be looking for information in the Sunday Bulletin.



June Birthdays

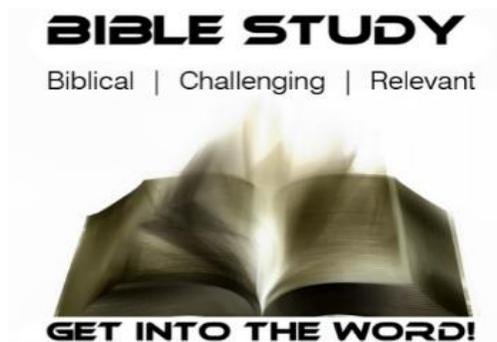


June 14

Laura Meldrum

Bible Study

No Bible Study during the month of June. Please see information regarding our weekly digital meetings.



TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 2020

CASH	APR
Starting	\$15,432.10
+Income	\$ 8,052.15
-Expenses	<u>\$ 7,869.41</u>
TOTAL	\$15,614.84

BALANCE ON HAND 4/30/20	\$15,614.84
MONIES IN DESIGNATED FUNDS	<u>\$14,359.57</u>
OPERATING FUNDS AVAILABLE 4/30/20	\$ 1,255.27

DESIGNATED FUNDS FOR MAR	IN	OUT	BALANCE
CCSA	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
DEACON'S FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 142.50
OUTREACH	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00
MUSIC	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 61.76
EDUCATION	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 167.81
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$12,846.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
HOSPITALITY FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 148.51
MISCELLANEOUS (Printer ink)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 00.00
FELLOWSHIP	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 501.00
<u>LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	<u>\$ 341.99</u>
	\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$14,359.57

MONTHLY SALARIES FOR PERSONNEL: \$ 6,500.00

EXPENSES—Utilities	\$ 223.00
Custodian	\$ 250.00
Landscape Maint	\$ 525.00
Capital Maint	\$ 149.00
Offices Supplies	\$ 128.00
Website	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
MONTHLY EXPENSES	\$ 7,825.00

PLEDGES & LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 2,650.00
BUILDING USE INCOME	\$ 5,302.00
MISCELLANEOUS—	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
MONTHLY INCOME	\$ 7,952.00

Feeding the Hungry

On March 13th, 2020, talented chef Eric Ripert made the decision to temporarily close his Five-Star restaurant, Le Bernardin, to help prevent the **spread of COVID-19**. When the restaurant closed, he was left with large quantities of fruits, vegetables, meat, seafood, and sweets. Some of the food went to the restaurant workers to help support them, but he made the gratifying decision to donate the majority of food to the charity City Harvest.

City Harvest is NYC's biggest food rescue organization, helping 1.2 million New Yorkers who are struggling to put meals on their tables. The charity rescues and utilizes 66 million pounds of food each year and delivers it, free of charge, to hundreds of soup kitchens, food pantries, and other community partners through the city. Ripert also sits a Vice Chairman of the organization board of directors and volunteers at its mobile markets, where those in need can go and collect fresh produce and attend cooking demonstrations on how to cook delicious, healthy meals.

The day after donating Le Bernardin's food reserves, Ripert was at the South Bronx mobile market helping give out fresh produce to a trail of people-in-need. Ripert tells how it is very emotional to see so many people lining up to receive food and that they are always very grateful.



JUNE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

31	1	2	3	4 Zoom Meeting 6pm	5	6
7 Worship on Facebook 10:30am Virtual Communion	8	9	10	11 Zoom Meeting 6pm	12	13
14 Live Worship 10:30am	15	16	17	18 Zoom Meeting 6pm	19	20
21 Live Worship 10:30am	22	23	24	25 Zoom Meeting 6pm	26	27
28 Live Worship 10:30am	29	30	1	2	3	4

NOTES

MAY 2020

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JULY 2020

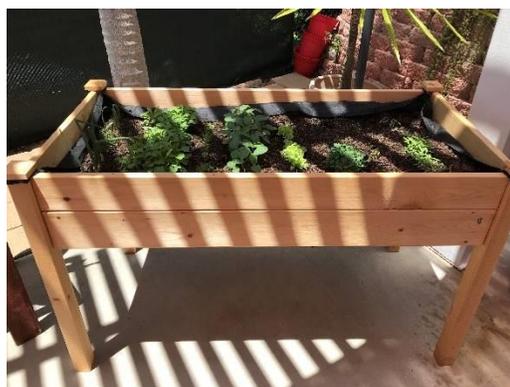
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From Your Moderator Carolyn Snelling

SHOW AND TELL

By Carolyn Y. Snelling

In April I was inspired by Earth Day to start a vegetable garden. It has been about four weeks since I began this garden project. The raised garden bed kit was purchased from Costway in the first week of May and was delivered about 5 days later. It took me about one hour to put it together. Here it is. VOILA!



The next day, I headed to Home Depot and purchased four bags of garden soil. After dumping the soil into the garden bed, I ordered seeds through Amazon which took about five days to arrive. I wasted no time to plant the seeds. Within a week, sprouts began to pop up in the soil. The vegetable garden consists of green onions, beets, radishes, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, kale, jalapeno, and tomatoes. Some of the vegetables will need to be transplanted into larger pots.

How remarkable and wonderful to see changes every day in the vegetable garden. How can one not think of God in His creation of nature! What God made is growing all around us.

Here are a few inspirational garden quotes:

God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasure. (Frances Bacon)

If you've never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden. (Robert Brault)

Life begins the day you start a garden. A garden is a grand teacher. (Chinese proverb)

My vegetable garden will be ready to eat in about four weeks. I'll share it with many of you.



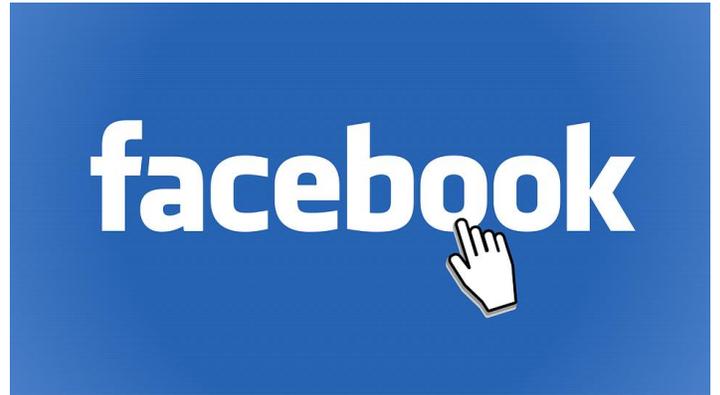
Digital Worship at CCCPB

We are offering two digital venues in which you can participate and fellowship with the congregation:

Sunday Morning Worship Service on Facebook

We are streaming a live worship service on our Facebook page – UCC Pacific Beach – every Sunday morning at 10:30am. You can join us by simply going to the face book page and clicking on Elvin’s live stream. The video is saved on the Facebook page so you can watch it later if you choose. Here is the link to our Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/UCC-Pacific-Beach-103130421371544/?modal=admin_todo_tour



Weekly Zoom Meeting



We are hosting a weekly Zoom meeting on Thursday evenings at 6pm. The purpose of this event is to fellowship and share prayer requests and pray for each other. If you are not familiar with zoom, here is some information in helping you download it from the internet and instructions to enter a meeting. All of you will get a weekly invitation from Terry Hendricks to join the meeting and participate.

Here are the instructions for downloading ZOOM onto your computer:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=how+to+install+zoom+on+my+computer&og=How+do+I+install+zoom+on+my+computer&aqs=chrome.1.015.56319j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

Once you have downloaded and installed ZOOM onto your computer you can watch this video to make sure your settings are correct: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLS1pYyzUh8>

You will receive an invitation for the meeting through your email. Approximately 5 minutes before the meeting, click the link on your invitation. If you have downloaded ZOOM properly, the link will take you right to the meeting. Make sure that your microphone and camera are clicked ON and set the screen to gallery view. If you have any questions, you can call or text me at (619) 916-9354.



MUSIC

News

From Terry Hendricks

WE WILL RESUME OUR LIVE CHURCH GATHERINGS AT 10:30 A.M. on JUNE 14th!

As we come together on June 14th, we will still abide by the state and CDC guidelines by wearing masks and distancing ourselves 6 feet apart. Certain rows of pews will be taped off to help guide our distancing and we ask that you please do not sit in those rows. We will also have some masks available for those who do not have them, as well as hand sanitizer for everyone.

We will be singing hymns in the service and ask you to participate as you feel comfortable. The choir will not be singing during the month of June as we evaluate how things are going with our services as well as the COVID-19 virus. We will have special music by some of our talented musicians to enrich your worship experience.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our regular fellowship time with food and drinks because of the distancing guidelines. More importantly, we will be able to see each other, talk with each other (from a distance), and WORSHIP TOGETHER. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Pastor Elvin, the church council, and I look forward to seeing you soon. Until then, please participate in our digital meetings as we continue to serve the Lord together.

A Note from the Editor



Please send your submissions for the Communicator by the 25th of each month to administrator@uccpacificbeach.com. The deadline for the July issue is June 25th.

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Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach (UCC)... is an open and affirming congregation.

- We welcome all people who are sincere in their desire to know and serve God and God's people.
- Since we are all called to love God and each other, in the spirit of openness we welcome all of God's people.
- People of every age, ethnicity, economic status, ability, gender, and sexual orientation are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the life and work of our community.
- We welcome and celebrate all who sincerely seek the experience of God's unconditional love and care.

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