



The Chronicle

Ainsworth United Church of Christ - - November 2011



Mission:1 “That They May All Be One”

What Is Mission:1?

It is One United Church on a shared mission for 11 powerful days (11.1.11 to 11.11.11) to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice.

Mission:1 is an opportunity to make real Jesus’ prayer for his disciples: “That they may all be one.” It is also an opportunity to live out our faith, in unity, by offering the worship that God most desires from us: loosening the bonds of injustice and sharing our bread with the hungry. Worldwide, 925 million people still suffer from chronic hunger, near 90 million more than in 2000. In the United States alone, 50.2 million people (up from 35.5 million in 2006), including 17.2 million children, are food insecure. They do not have the money or assistance to provide food for themselves and their families. We can be God’s instrument of change.

For the first 11 days of November (11.1.11 to 11.11.11) the United Church of Christ (UCC) congregations, colleges, seminaries, and health and human service agencies, will join together in a collective mission campaign to collect more than 1 million food items for local food banks, raise \$111,111 in online donations for Neighbors in Need, and another \$111,111 for East Africa famine relief, and write 11,111 letters to Congress (in support of Bread for the World’s 2011 Offering of Letters Campaign) asking that U.S. foreign assistance be reformed to more effectively serve the world’s poorest people.

A continuously updated national tote board at the United Church of Christ website (ucc.org) will keep track of our collective efforts.



1 Million Food Items...

Over 11 days, the UCC will collect more than 1 million items of healthy food, and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.

Imagine 5,300 UCC churches converted into storehouses of meat and bread, fruits and vegetables, soap and diapers for neighbors in our local community. Conjure images of overflowing baskets of peanut butter, cereal, tuna and beans waiting to be delivered to shelters and food pantries. This is Mission:1.

\$111,111 for NiN and Famine Relief...

Each year, UCC members contribute generously to the Neighbors in Need (NiN) special offering. This year, during the first 11 days of November, Mission:1 will raise funds to make grants possible for hunger-action organizations across the United States.

Due to the devastating drought in East Africa, Mission:1 was expanded to include a UCC-wide appeal for Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. The money will be split equally between the NiN ministries and the famine relief ministries.

11,111 Letters to Congress...

We will offer 11,111 letters to Congress, asking our government to reform the U.S. foreign assistance in a way that benefits the hungry and poor people worldwide. Imagine 5,300 letter-writing tables in our church, calling for the reduction of world hunger to become a higher priority for the U.S. government. Envision baskets of overflowing letters to Congress being collected and blessed. This is Mission:1.

For more information, and to keep track of our tallies, see the UCC’s Mission:1 website:

<http://www.ucc.org/mission1/>



From the Pastor...

Do you realize how Ainsworth UCC folk make a difference in our community and world? Every day I hear of people talk about someone from Ainsworth speaking,

rallying, leading, serving—so much to make our world a better place. That is what discipleship is about. Serving, acting working to make the Realm of God a reality in our world. We may not all agree on how best to do it, but we are out there and engaged, leading the anti-war rally, supporting Occupy Portland, speaking at This Land is Our Land rally, working to end the Death Penalty, volunteering at the HIV Day Center, the Northeast Food Bank, working for Education Equity, Police & Community Relations, GLBT rights, racial and economic justice, visiting those needing care, volunteering in our schools, working as public servant, health care provider and any number of other ways. WE make a difference.

In our own congregation, folk serve to make our worship service inspirational, provide Christian education and nurture, minister to one another, administer budgets, facilitate our communications, take care of our building that is home for so many, raise funds, and lead us to serve some more. We are Ainsworth United Church of Christ and we are about the ministries of Jesus Christ. We will be celebrating your support of all that we do through your pledges—commitments to give on Sunday, November 20th. We hope you will be there to hear Rev. Felix Carrión and to be consecrated as a steward.

Then on November 27th, we begin the Christian year anew with Advent. Through Hanging of the Greens, Advent Soup Suppers, Blue Christmas, beautiful music, the Pageant, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day serves we will nurture your spirit through the holiday seasons. You make all of this and so much more possible. I give thanks for all of you. ---*Blessings, Pastor Lynne*



Read Pastor Lynne's Blog at...

www.ainsworthucc.com/wordpressblog1/

Can you help me?

I need help getting around more these days, especially to/from church on Sundays. A few folks have helped me and I so appreciate them. I do have transportation right now, for medical appointments, and there is the ride-about bus that I can take to get to the grocery store, for which I make a donation.

I live on the corner of NE 33rd & NE Emerson Streets, across from New Seasons Market. So picking me up and bringing me home is not a long trip, but it does involve getting my walker into the person's car. If someone is going to a sponsored event like the Jihad for Love film, I would enjoy going, too. I just can't drive yet and I need help getting to & from different places. That's like the faith concert last weekend, for CWC, I so wanted to go, but wasn't able to find anyone with whom I could ride.

If you can help, please contact me. Thank you.

--Helen Ellison

CeaseFire Oregon News...

You may have read about the shooting of 2-year-old Payton Flow in Dallas, Oregon, on September 23. Fortunately, the boy survived the shooting. Investigators do not know if Payton or his 3-year-old brother was the shooter, but the boys' mother has admitted that the gun is hers and that it was kept loaded in her purse in the family's front room. This could have been avoided. For more information on keeping kids safe from guns, see www.ceasefireoregon.org

For all the latest from Jubilee, see the Jubilee websites at: <http://www.jubileeusa.org/>

You can also read about local activities here in Oregon, on the **Oregon Jubilee** page at:

<http://jubileeoregon.wordpress.com>

November Sunday Schedule

Mission: 1 Day	
N O V 6	Sermon: "Ready to Shine" Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 Acolytes: Liturgist: Ushers: Eldon Potter, Donald Parks, Adelina Taylor, Mabel Johnson
N O V 13	Sermon: Rev. Chuck Currie Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30 Acolytes: Liturgist: In Spanish: Kristine Nelson Ushers: Pat King, Bruce Poinsette, Willard Valentine, David Lomnicki
Stewardship Sunday	
N O V 20	Guest Preacher: Rev. Felix Carrion Scripture: Luke 6:38 Acolytes: Liturgist: Ushers: Teresa Hill, Ed Slaughter, Jean Borgerding, Sidney Thompson
'Hanging of the Greens' Sunday	
N O V 27	Sermon: Beginning of Advent Scripture: Mark 13:24-37 Acolytes: Liturgist: In Spanish: Nadia Gutierrez Ushers: Carolyn Hinton, Jean Scott, Nadia Gutierrez, and Tim Loveless

Upcoming Local Event...

Screening of "Not in Our Town: A Light in the Darkness"

Wednesday, November 9th 6:30pm
 First Unitarian, 1011 SW 13th (Portland)

Not in Our Town tells the story of residents of a Long Island village taking action after anti-immigrant violence devastates their community. Please join us for a screening of this film and discussion. Snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact the ONSM at 503.550.3510 or portlandsanctuary@gmail.com

"To Hold in Prayer..."

Louise Cambric
 Shelly Penix, Joe Craig
 James Crolley, Steve Beaman,
 James West Adelina Taylor
 Anita Chimuku Christine Putnam
 Helen Ellison Judy McKenzie
 Mary Takayanagi Charlie Hudson
 Elaine & Ole Ordal Gloria Harris
 Edith Anderson
 Adelyn Thomas, and the Thomas Family
 The UCC in all settings.

UCC Pacific NW Conference...

<http://www.pncucc.org/>



If you want prayers said for yourself or others, feel free to call on the Prayer Chain members. E-mail Peggy West @ jpwest@teleport.com or call her at 503-659-7922.

November Birthdays...

3 Nov Marcus Battle, Terry Sue Fischer
 4 Nov Rev. Tara Wilkins, Barbara Ingersoll
 8 Nov Gina Ford
 9 Nov Clyde King, Xavier Harris
 11 Nov Rev. Richard Trotter, David Hathaway
 12 Nov Thomas Wright, Jerry Chase, and
 John Hahn-Francini
 13 Nov Edith Anderson, Verlin Byers
 15 Nov Peggy Cruise
 16 Nov Louise Cambric
 20 Nov Arnold Pitre
 21 Nov Quincy Leigh Jackson
 23 Nov Sophie Singleton
 25 Nov Inara Scott-Sproles, Debra Lynn Baker,
 Frederick C. Anderson
 27 Nov Colleen Davis, Doug Trotter,
 Shiloh Hodgson Rockey

Young Adult Group

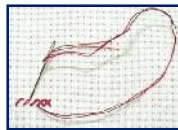
Looking to connect with other young adults at Ainsworth to give back to the community, for fellowship and/or a study group? We are re-starting a Young Adult ministry for people between the ages of 18 years and into their 30's. Do you have ideas for service projects, activities or issues you'd like the group to discuss? If so, give Beth a call!

Volunteer with other young Ainsworth adults on Saturday, Nov 12th from 12:45pm to 4pm at the NE Emergency Food Bank (4800 NE 72nd Ave in Portland). Afterwards, we'll grab some pizza.

Questions? Please, contact Beth Poteet at bethpoteet@gmail.com or 503.706.5424.

Come and Stitch with Us...

Ainsworth quilters/stitchers will meet monthly on the first Monday, in Cambric Parlor at Church, from 9:30 am until 12-noon. We will be working on own projects, lap quilts for our Ainsworth family, comfort quilts for Providence hospices, and of course, our 2012 Ainsworth in the City raffle quilt. For that project, we are asking all to donate a variety of cloth that is: 100% cotton, small prints, and about 18 by 20 inches. You can leave your donation in the Quilt box found in the narthex.



No experience is necessary to come and stitch with us, though it is helpful. So come and join us for fellowship, and perhaps learn a new thing or two about quilting. Upcoming meetings:

November 7 and December 5

--Jackie Dvorak

Foot Care Available... Donna Partridge RN with 9 years of experience. She will assess foot problems and make any necessary referrals, soak, clean, clip and file toenails, and give your feet a lotion massage. The appointment usually takes 45 minutes. Charge is \$25 at our church or Donna's home or \$35 at your home. Please bring your own towel. Call for an appointment at 503-661-1831 and leave a message.

Where's "On the Way?"

You can receive the "On the Way" by going to the conference website and signing up there:

<http://www.cpcucc.org>.

**Mission:1 Food. Sunday, November 6th...**

Please, bring your canned goods and/or toiletry items for the NE Emergency Food Bank. The church youth will gather and deliver them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Ships Evening with Adults...

Watch the parade of Christmas Ships and dine on homemade cuisine, Monday evening, December 12th. This is an adult only event, \$45 donation is requested. All proceeds go to the Ainsworth UCC Mission and Ministry. For more information, contact Holly Mulcahey (503.701.8283) or holly.mulcahey@gmail.com

HIV-Day Center Breakfast...

On Thursday, December 1st, World Aids Day, the annual Day Center Breakfast is held at Concordia University. The breakfast is free, but it is a fund raiser, so donations are invited. Each year Ainsworth United Church of Christ has hosted a table or two. Please put it on your calendar and let me know if you are willing & able to attend. If you want to be our table captain and collect names, please let me know that information also.
--Pastor Lynne

Christmas Giving Tree...

In late November or early December, a small Christmas tree will be on display in the narthex, with ornaments for gift certificates to give to the HIV-Day Center. The ornaments represent different amounts of gift certificates, usually from Fred Meyers, that the congregants purchase, for the HIV Day Center. Please be generous and put the certificates in the offering plate, or get them to Shawn, the secretary, by December 16th. Cash or check donations for the HIV Day Center are also welcome. The HIV customers are always very appreciative of this gesture on our part. Thank you very much.

-Ainsworth Service Commission

How Much is Too Much?

Television, movies, computers, phones & video games are all included in the time our kids spend in front of "screens". How much is too much? AUCC Health Ministry Team will offer an informational presentation on "Screen Time & Kids" after worship on Sunday, November 13th. The presentation includes research-based data compiled by a pediatric specialist from Kaiser Permanente. Presentation & discussion will last about 30 minutes. Childcare will be provided. This information is important for parents and other caring adults who spend time with children. Questions? Contact Catherine Potter 503-284-5139. (This is a repeat from a similar presentation held at AUCC in the spring.)

**Christian Nurture Commission**

As we settle into Autumn, we are aware that there is an increased in activities and commitments. Lest we forget who we are, and whose we are, the Nurture Commission invites you to enter into the joy and rest of the season. On Sunday, November 27 (*the first day of Advent*), you are invited to participate in our Annual Advent Craft Day. Following morning worship, various craft stations will be set up in Michel Hall. Children and adults are encouraged to come and create Advent and Christmas crafts which will brighten the season.

On Wednesday evenings during Advent (Nov 30, Dec 7, 14), you are invited to come and join for a simple soup supper, and reflection and guided discussion on Sabbath. How do we incorporate Sabbath rest in our busy lives? Ellen Yarnell will facilitate a discussion on Wayne Muller's Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives. This will be an opportunity to be reflect on how we resist the idol of busyness and embrace our calling to wholeness. Supper begins at 6:00 pm.

Christian Nurture Sponsors Movie Night

Nov 19: Avatar. This is the biggest money-maker of all time This movie explores the topics of environmental exploitation and racism. This

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule...**

- 6 Nov (SUN) after church
- 13 Nov (SUN) during church
- 20 Nov (SUN) after church
- 27 Nov (SUN) after church
- 30 Nov (WED) after Soup Supper
6 pm Supper, 6:30 pm rehearsal
- 4 Dec (SUN) after church
- 7 Dec (WED) after Soup Supper
6 pm Supper, 6:30 pm rehearsal
- 11 Dec (SUN) during church
- 14 Dec (WED) after Soup Supper
6 pm Supper, 6:30 pm rehearsal
- 18 Dec (SUN) meet at 8:15 am
8:15 am Dress Rehearsal
10 am PERFORMANCE

On 18 December, be at church at 8:15 am so that we can get into costumes and for one last quick rehearsal before church begins, and curtains rise. Questions? Contact Jeannie LaFrance and/or Brooks Nelson at 503.833.2275

God is Still Speaking. Perhaps to You...

The Nurture commission is seeking volunteers who are able to commit to teaching Sunday School once a month. No previous teaching experience is required, but we are looking for those who enjoy working with children and are committed to the church's mission "to be a multi-cultural, multi-racial, open and affirming community called by God to live out the teaching of Jesus Christ."

We have pre-K (Kindergarten), K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grades, and middle school classes. Our curriculum is the popular, user-friendly Seasons of the Spirit (<http://seasonsonline.ca>) that includes the lesson plan and activities. Classes are held during morning worship following "sharing the story". We welcome you to sit in and observe a class if you are considering this wonderful opportunity. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Cecil Prescod (cecilprescod@hotmail.com, 971-275-3032).

Ministry With Older Adults

November's Honored Christian of the Month



Margaret –Ann Jones
(pictured here with Q-tp)
Read all about her life-story on the MWOA Honored Christian of the month board in the church narthex.

Successful Fall Retreat...

On September 27, a group of 21 folks gathered at Menucha Center for an enjoyable day of learning and fellowship as we tackled the matter of "Staying Young by Growing Old." Our presenter was the Rev. Dr. Patricia Ross, recently retired senior minister of First Congregational in Portland. Some of what Pat shared with us came from her life experiences; other ideas she gleaned from Fr. Richard Rohr's book, "[Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life.](#)" Before lunch small groups of five individuals met and by noon, many tips as to how to stay young by growing old were given. Among them:

- * Keep smiling—smiles are contagious.
- * Let the journey happen, but include thinking as you travel along.
- * Develop friendships with younger people.
- * We can decide for ourselves what satisfies us.
- * As we grow older we still have our personalities—but we can make changes.
- * "You don't always have to produce in order to be worthy."
- * There is no perfect model for aging—part of the fun is finding your way.
- * Stay upbeat and positive so that people want to spend time with you.
- * We all need a support system.
Ainsworth UCC provides good support.
- * Acknowledge the wisdom of elders.
- * Ask for help when you need it.
- * Be willing to learn new things.
- * We all experience sadness and tragedy, but those experiences can make us stronger, more whole and compassionate people.
- * Humor, laugh, joy are essential to good life.

After lunch there was some time to walk about the gorgeous Menucha grounds. We then returned to the Green House where Margie Holmes and Mary Takayanagi led us in making attractive tissue paper flowers, most of which were put in a basket to be placed on the altar the following Sunday. The good day closed with prayer and group communion.

For Linda Forbes, Norma Godfrey, Beverly Perttu and Sandee Valentine, this was their first MWOA retreat. That's the most "new" people that have ever come to an MWOA retreat. Our retreat evaluations all indicated that all enjoyed Pat's presentation, and how she kept us relaxed, focused and participatory, the thoughtful sharing, having time to learn about others' life experiences, the beautiful Menucha setting, making flowers from tissue paper, the warmth of the people and a wood-burning fire. This was a successful retreat in which we left the daily hub-bub of city life so that we could reflect, laugh, commune with other lively older folks who are staying young! --Jean Bucciarelli



Ainsworth UCC Book Club

Any interested readers who want to join our book club should contact someone on the Nurture Commission. We started [Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide](#). We will undertake an odyssey through Africa and Asia to meet the extraordinary women struggling there.

HIV-Day Center Needs Winter Coats

As winter approaches, the HIV Day Center is in need of winter coats. There is a box in the basement, at the bottom of the stairs, and a closet there. The Community Health Class, from Concordia College has a project to contact various churches to contribute gently used or new coats to the Center. Most of the individuals served by the Day Center are very low income, or homeless, and they desperately need to stay warm. So, if you have coats that are no longer being used, please consider donating them to the HIV Day Center. --Service Comm.

Justice Commission

Pay It Forward for AUCC

On Friday October 21st the Justice Commission used its members' collective "Pay It Forward" funds (\$20 per person) to sponsor a Dinner for Justice. Attendees paid \$20 each for which they enjoyed a wonderful meal and good company! Chef Hector wowed all with his homemade Chile Rellenos followed by Mexican pastries to die for. Beth, Arika and Catherine led us in a fund game of Justice tic-tac-toe (everyone got at sheet with different justice related activities--like participate in a rally- and got other attendees to check off what activities they've done). The Lopez's house was nearly overflowing with people but also good cheer. A total of over \$480 was raised half of which will go to the Justice Commission and the other half to AUCC!

There is still plenty left in the Pay It Forward fund. Think of a way you (by yourself or as part of a group) could use \$20 for an AUCC fundraising project: purchase material to make something(s) you could sell; or organize and event people pay to attend. Use your imagination. Think outside the collection plate!

--Nancy Hatch

My Pay-It-Forward Project...

Hi everyone- for my "Pay it Forward" fundraiser I am going to be selling UCC Ainsworth 2012 Calendars. You will be able to pre order these calendars on October 30, November 13 & 20 during fellowship hour). If you order on these dates, you will receive them by December 4th or sooner, just in time for Christmas.



They will be \$19.99 each and will proudly display our church on the front cover and the other monthly will be of our beautiful state. I know that you get bombarded every year with calendars, some free or very low priced, but remember this is a fundraiser for our church. These will make great gifts for family and friends for Christmas or anytime, or a gift to give just because. You can also purchase these

calendars online at: www.ainsworthucc.com where you can pay by credit card if you like. They will be available into the New Year if you need one. Calendars can be ordered on the website or just come and see me. Thanks.

-- Grant Joseph <><

Consecrating Stewards

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20th

It's a special day at Ainsworth UCC every year -- the day we celebrate the Stewardship Drive by inviting a special person to come and inspire us with their words, and share a meal together.

This year's Consecrating Steward is Rev. Felix Carrion (yes, a change since last month! Our prior speaker will be coming to speak to us in the spring instead!) Rev. Carrion is the coordinator for the UCC's Stillspeaking Campaign. The UCC website has this to say about Felix: "Felix has broad experience and connections across the UCC, as well as a demonstrated passion for The Stillspeaking Initiative and for the inclusive 'extravagant welcome' of the church. Known for his dynamic speaking, Carrion was a featured preacher at the UCC's 2003 General Synod in Minneapolis. Felix is respected for his ability to relate equally well to people in large groups, small audiences and one-on-one conversations."

Stewardship literally means this: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. Take some time this month to seriously consider what Ainsworth means to you. Then come on November 20th with a commitment to sustaining this great church that has been entrusted to our care.

After church everyone is invited to join us downstairs for a wonderful meal of lasagna, bread, salad & dessert! (Vegan, dairy-free and gluten-free choices available) All are welcome!

For all the latest **Oregon Jubilee** information, see page at: <http://jubileeoregon.wordpress.com>

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