



The Spire

Hillsboro United Methodist Church

*Our hearts,
our minds,
and our doors
are always open*

A Word from Clay

We talk often in church about Christian spiritual growth. But what does that mean? How will you know when you've become spiritually mature? Does it mean knowing the Bible well-enough to reference a hundred Scriptures by chapter and verse? Does it mean knowing every hymn and worship song in our music books? Does it mean selling all you own and moving into a cave to contemplate the mysteries of the Incarnation? Does it mean serving on 5 church committees and having a well-reasoned opinion always at the ready?

Good news: spiritual growth is not really about any of these things. It is true that spiritually mature people know Scripture well, probably do know a lot of worship-related songs, are extravagantly generous and serve their faith community. But Christian spiritual growth is not ultimately about these aspects of life in the Church.

When we speak of Christian growth, we mean growing into Christ-likeness. Another way to say it: we work with God to reveal the *imago dei* (image of God) within each of us. Or yet again: we seek to cultivate the fruits of the Spirit.

I suspect that all of us would hope for a life marked by peace and purpose, joy and grace, hope and forgiveness. But creating these characteristics doesn't happen overnight. It is a life-long process to foster spiritual growth.

The Christian tradition has given us practices for cultivating spiritual growth. One of those is the season of Lent – a time for thoughtful reflection and prayer, an invitation to make changes in our life. During this season of Lent we'll be exploring some other practices for spiritual formation. And in March we'll begin a short "Invitation to Christian Spirituality" series that will happen on Sunday mornings after worship.

I pray that this year, and especially this Lent, is one of growth for you.

Much peace, etc.
Clay

February 1, 2012

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Sunday Worship Services

10 am

Sunday School

9 am September–May

Pastor	Clay Andrew
Visitation Coordinator	Lefty Schultz
Family Ministries Coordinator	Christine Webb
Music Minister	David Walters
Youth Minister	Kevin Love
Pianist/Organist	Sung Eun Roh
Nursery Minister	Audrey Proux
Office Manager	Laura Lillegard

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February Communion Offering

The February communion offering will be dedicated for HUMC's assistance fund. Money from this fund is used to help people who come to our church, either members or non-members with an immediate need. Pastor Clay and Laura have used to fund to help people pay their utility bill, prescriptions, food or lodging. Last year \$1,368 was used to help our neighbors.

February Worship Experiences

“Risking Hospitality”

February 5—*The Dangerous Work*

[Luke 5:27-35](#)

No one said hospitality is easy. In fact, it is challenging and even dangerous. Jesus encountered hostility and hatred for his acts of welcome. If we want to be followers of Jesus, we have to be willing to risk hospitality to go where he leads.

February 12—*The Problem with Nineveh*

[Jonah 3:1-10](#)

Most of us know the story of Jonah. But what's it about besides a guy who gets swallowed by a fish? And what in the world might such a strange story have to do with us? Can such a weird story be relevant to contemporary life?

February 19—*Mountains and Valleys*

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

We sometimes have mountaintop experiences – moments of beauty, joy or rapture – that take our breath away and often leave us changed. So why can't we live forever in those moments? Why is it that life seems to be more full of valleys than mountaintops? Shouldn't following Jesus be a mountaintop experience?

Lent Worship Theme – “Finding Our Way”

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Join us at 6:00 for a soup dinner and at 7:00 for Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. Kevin Love will be leading our worship as we confront our sin and mortality.

February 26—*Into the Wilderness*

[Mark 1:9-15](#)

On the first Sunday of Lent, Reverend Dale Harris will preach and invite us to join Jesus in the wilderness.

We're Glad to See You!

Do you look forward to arriving at church on Sunday morning, knowing that there will be someone there to greet you with a friendly smile, a handshake and a welcoming word? Many members of our church family volunteered to provide those smiles, handshakes and welcoming words during the 2011 calendar year.

A huge “THANK YOU” to all who arrived a bit early in order to provide a warm welcome to our church family and guests! You are the important first step in our Sunday worship experience.

Lenten Film Series

The Lenten Movie Series will return this year, focusing on a theme of journeys. On each Tuesday, beginning February 28th, we'll gather at 6:15 for a simple dinner and then watch and discuss a movie beginning at 7:00. The first movie in our film series will be [Into the Wild](#), a challenging and engaging movie, based on a true story (rated R).



Youth Corner Upcoming Events



The youth will be preparing dinner and dining with our Family Bridge guests on Sunday, February 5th. Meet at the church at 5:00 pm.

[B1](#) (A 24-Hour fasting event that raises money to empower the poor and address unjust systems sustaining poverty in our world) at Tigard UMC on March 10-11

For more information please contact [Kevin](#).



What's Going On?

You've been warmly welcomed and have entered the church sanctuary. There is someone at the door to hand you a bulletin and offer seating assistance, if you need it. That someone is an usher and they also volunteer to serve their church family by arriving early in order to be ready to greet us at the door with a bulletin and a smile. They sometimes fill in as acolytes at the beginning of the service and are available throughout the service to render assistance to those who might need it. After the worship service has ended, they tidy up the sanctuary and collect the attendance pads we dutifully fill out each week. THANK YOU to all who signed up as ushers for your service to your

United Methodist Women

"Strength for the Journey" is the topic for the February 1 UMW meeting. The program will follow a coffee time hosted at 10 am. by Consorcia Sanchez and Sunny Iboshi.

The program will be presented by the Rev. Anne Weld-Martin, pastor of the Mountain Home United Methodist Church. She has been a counselor at the "Strength for the Journey" camp, which is a ministry of the Oregon-Idaho Conference for victims of AIDs. We'll hear about those who attend the camp, the program provided for their care and comfort, and how it affects the lives of the campers and counselors.

On February 8 Miriam Circle will meet at 9:30 am., the Prayer, Share and Care Group at Cornell Estates at 10 am. and Love Circle at 12:30 p.m.

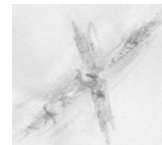
Learn New Songs! Meet the green Book!

Following worship on February 19th, you're invited to join us in the Sanctuary at 11:30 for a time to learn some of the great new songs from our newest worship resource. This will be a relaxed and fun way to learn new songs and maybe even some interesting notes about their lyrics and composition.



Ash Wednesday Service

Join us at 6:00 for a soup dinner and at 7:00 for Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. Kevin Love will be leading our worship.



Brighten the Altar with Flowers

Don't forget that special event, person or opportunity to bring flowers to church. We will enjoy them during worship, then you can continue your celebration at home or as a gift to someone else. Other months have empty spots on the Flower Calendar, too. The calendar is located outside the church Office door in the Narthex.





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FAMILY MINISTRIES

Infant/ Wobbler/ Toddler/ Preschooler gathering!

Sunday, February 12 after church in the Parlor.

We have a pretty good crew of little ones and it would be great for the parents and kids to get together to meet each other and maybe plan a few get-togethers. Let's get together for lunch and a short playtime after church! We'll provide lunch for the parents. Please bring whatever works for your little ones, if it isn't "big people food." Check with [Christine](#) if you have questions.

Read-Along With the Kids

Did you know that Hillsboro UMC has an active literary guild? The second Friday of every month, young readers gather to discuss our book of the month which is [Ribsy](#) by Beverly Cleary. (This book is available at the [Hillsboro Public Library](#).)

Sometimes we read classic authors, new and old, (Jules Verne and Norm Justice, for instance). You are invited to join us at 6:30, Friday the 10th in the Fire-side Room. Literary treats will be served. Contact [Mary Foote](#) or [Susan Jensen](#) for information.

Let Us Break Bread Together

The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday where we come together as a church family and share a meal not only with each other but with Jesus, his disciples and all others who worship or have worshipped as we do. Though the communion elements are provided by Nona Phelps & Kristi Proctor, Clay needs three assistants to help serve the bread & juice. Thank you to those of you that agreed to help out during this special sacrament. Lending assistance during communion can be a very moving experience for the assistants and the congregation.



Thursday night childcare outreach!

On a typical Thursday night, from 7 - 8:15 PM, we are host to more than twenty children whose parents are attending meetings in our building. We've made a commitment to offer a fun, safe and nurturing space for them, along with loving people to help out. We need volunteers. Adults who like to play games, do crafts, read books, build things or rock babies. Teens who would love to offer extra hands. We particularly need at least two more Dad/Grandpa types who would commit to coming one Thursday night a month (Jeff Grimm and Gann Clarkson have already volunteered to help one Thursday night a month, each). If you can help please contact [Christine](#).

New Lay Leader-Nona Phelps

I am so pleased to have been asked to be one of the two lay leaders for 2012! As you may already know, this position is one of connection among members in a loving, helpful way. I am still learning more about my responsibilities but am happy to be in service to the church. Please let [me](#) or [Ben](#) know if there is anything we can help with.
 Winona (Nona) Phelps

Coffee Klatch—Saturday,
 February 11, 10:00 am
 at Peet's Coffee
 (by Whole Foods and Jared)

Click the link to sign up for the e-mail [Prayer Chain](#).

HUMC In Mission

Migrant Outreach

Do you like to grocery shop?
Have a passion to help others?
Like to organize?



HUMC Outreach Migrant Mission Project needs your skill set as Coordinator of Campo Cafe'. Specific skills needed: good shopping, hauling and organization of food and clothing donations for weekly deliveries to the camp. Outreach supports migrant workers April through June at Campo Cafe', which is located in the Scholls area. The purpose of this project is to acclimate seasonal migrant workers new to Washington County as they await the crops. Once they start receiving a paycheck our support ends.

If you have questions contact Penny Naki or Gayle Helmkamp or any member of Outreach.

Christmas Basket Thank You

Thank you to everyone that helped make this years Christmas Basket Program a success. Baskets were delivered to 58 families and 161 children received gifts. Following is a letter that was received:

Dear People

Thanks you for helping our family and giving us some help. We appreciate it and thank you for taking the time to come to our house and help us with the things you can. We find it very helpful. Thank you for everything. God bless you and your family and

Thank You!


Happy New Year.

The Outreach
Committee

Family Bridge

Thank you again to so many of you for saying "YES" to being a loving presence to homeless families.

At the Martin Luther Service on Sunday Connie Tripp was given the Everyday Hero Award. We celebrate with you Connie, and give thanks for your many years of service to this program. At the service the Garden Cascade Academy Choir sang "We Can Make a Difference" And the chorus is "Cause we can make a difference, we can make a change. When we all work together exchanging love for strife and pain.lets make a difference, let's make a change. And you all make a difference. Thank you!!!
Our next time of hosting is April 8th – 15th.

Winter Coats Still Needed

We are past the half-way mark in our warm coat drive. Coats for men, women, and children can be brought to the church on Sunday morning for donating. Bob Iboshi will transport them to Family Resource Center or Sunrise Church's homeless outreach. 60 coats are already keeping folks warm! Thank you!!



Helping Our Neighbors
Near and Far
You gave \$220.00 to
[Home Plate](#)
THANK YOU

Where's the Coffee?

You've been inspired or uplifted or bemused by Clay's sermon and need to mull it over for a bit. Or you want to connect with other members of our congregation to plan an outing or catch up on what's happened during the week. Mulling over, planning or catching up go so much better with a cup of coffee or a glass of punch and a cookie! It's time to acknowledge another group of volunteers who acted as Fellowship Time Hosts in 2011. These hosts arrive about 45 minutes before service to prepare for our Fellowship Time. They leave the sanctuary right after the sermon concludes so they are ready to serve us with hot coffee or punch as soon as the last hymn is sung. As soon as we've enjoyed our coffee, punch and/or treat, they wash the dishes and tidy up the kitchen. Whew! THANK YOU for the coffee, the treats and the opportunity you give us to connect with each other in a friendly, lively atmosphere. You put the finishing touch to our Sunday morning experience and give us the time and place to prepare to take our worship experience outside the walls of our church home.





February Worship Assistants

If you would like to volunteer for any of the openings please e-mail [Laura Lillegard](mailto:Laura.Lillegard@church.org),
the Office Manager, or call the office at 503-640-1775

- Thanks!

February 5

Bus Drivers—Marshall Crabtree & Gann Clarkson
Flowers—Nancy Cullers in Honor of Friends & Family
Media Minister—Janica Stewart
Greeters—Nancy Cullers & Consorcia Sanchez
Ushers—Jack & Virginia Bober
Communion Assistants—Nancy Cullers, Helen Prescott & Zach James
Fellowship Host—Bruce & Cindy Pederson

February 12

Bus Drivers—Tom Gustafson & Gann Clarkson
Flowers—Dick & Yvon Gay in Honor of Their Anniversary
Media Minister—Janica Stewart
Greeters—Helen Prescott & Zach James
Ushers—Nancy Cullers & Ed Warmoth
Fellowship Host –The Shuler Family

February 19

Bus Drivers—Tom Gustafson & Mike Tripp
Flowers—**Need Volunteer**
Media Ministers—Don Allison & Dick Gatke
Greeters—Marilyn Heard & Laurel Nelson
Ushers—Chuck & Katie Riley
Fellowship—Bill & Evelyn French

February 26

Bus Driver—Mike Foote
Flowers—**Need Volunteer**
Media Minister—Darrell Miller
Greeters—Loretta Milnes & Linda Graterri
Ushers—Vern & Marci Petrick
Fellowship Host –Janica Stewart & Betty Alexander

FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:45 am UMW Executive Meeting 10:00 am UMW Unit Meeting 6:30 pm ESL Class 7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Women's A/A	2 9:00 am Women of Faith 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Sharing the Journey 6:30 pm ESL Class 7:00 pm A/A-N/A	3	4 9:00 am Quilting Group
5 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Small Group Study 1:00 pm Baby Shower 3:00 pm Spanish Class	6 6:15 pm Committee Meetings 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:40 pm Admin Council	7 11:00 am Staff Meeting	8 9:30 am Miriam Circle 10:00 am Prayer, Share & Care Circle 12:30 pm Love Circle 6:30 pm ESL Class 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:00 pm Women's A/A	9 8:00 am Dental Van 9:00 am Women of Faith 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm ESL Class 7:00 pm A/A-N/A	10 6:30 pm Youth Literature Group 	11 10:00 am Coffee Klatch
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Deadline for March 1 Edition is Wednesday February, 15.

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