



No matter where
you are on life's
journey, you are
welcome here!

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Pastor's Corner: Ten Years Later

I imagine most of us remember exactly where we were ten years ago on the morning of September 11, 2001. I was in my sixth-floor office suite in Denver, Colorado and had just turned on my computer when the first pictures from the Twin Towers came over the internet. My co-workers and I ran into our conference room, turned on the television, and sat with our jaws on the floor as we watched a plane hit the second tower and then both towers come crashing to the ground.

It was like a scene from a movie, as were the many scenes that unfolded in the days after—pictures of twisted metal, smoldering buildings and fields, people looking for loved ones.

In those immediate days after September 11, there was a groundswell of compassion, of national unity, of resilience in individuals and a nation, as we struggled to make sense of the events and find some hope, even in midst of our vulnerability and anger.

What we couldn't account for is where we

would be ten years later, which is to say involved in two wars, facing an economic recession, grappling with partisan government, watching our Muslim brothers and sisters face continued discrimination, and still unclear as to whether or not we are "safe" from terror.

Scott Bader-Saye, an author and teacher at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, reflected in a recent *Christian Century* article that what most changed in America on September 11 was that our country became a "victim." In reality, we were the strongest military presence in the world, and Bader-Saye notes that our country "quickly gave in to the temptation to mix a lethal cocktail of righteous anger and unbending power." (*Christian Century*, August 23, 2011). We retaliated with such force that we still feel its effects—politically, socially, economically—in our world today.

Bader-Saye's argument is an interesting one,

particularly in the light of a faith which invites (and commands) forgiveness, peace, and love. We may not be able to undo some of the collateral damage of the past ten years, but we can continue, as individuals and a church, to seek peace and to understand that even while we may have been a victim of violent attacks, we still have the agency to choose a hopeful and peaceful path.

On the evening of September 11, our church will have an opportunity to gather for a contemplative vespers service. Organized by Susan Peck and open to the community, this service will combine music, poetry, silence, and prayer as we reflect on the events of ten years ago and envision a future of peace and hope. Please join us for this special service from 6:00-7:30pm as we invite God to comfort our sorrow, renew our spirits, and encourage us toward peace.

Sharing our journey,
Jennie

Moderator's Corner

Summer..... Blueberry picking with Nan and Mackenzie, walking along the Willamette on another beautiful day with the same duo picking blackberries until our fingers are stained purple. Taking our four-legged Zoey down to George Roger's Park so she can swim out into the river to fetch the Frisbee floating out there for her, beautiful flowers growing in everyone's gardens, and pickin' fresh produce from the garden. These are just a few of the true signs of summer in the Northwest. No doubt my favorite time of the year, and well deserved by all of us after enduring our wet spring!

The last time I wrote to all of you, I said, "hold on, this is going to be a busy and amazing year at LOUCC!" Well, September will get things rolling with the installation of a new heating system for the Fellowship Hall, the Weidman room, the nursery, and the men's and women's restrooms. With the addition of two new high efficiency furnaces to serve those areas, we should see our heating bills decrease quite a bit in the

upcoming winter months. Thank you to each of you who were so generous with your pledges this year. You were told at the Congregational Meeting last fall there were building improvements needed, and you all responded in an amazing and generous way.

September will also see the beginnings of the new bioswale take shape out in our parking lot. Many hands will be needed as some of the pavement is torn up initially, and your help will also be needed when the area is ready to be planted later in the fall. Many thanks to the Green Team for working so hard on the grant process and everything else that's transpired since the grant was awarded a few months ago. This is a big job and they're steering the ship very well. You can read more about their efforts elsewhere in this newsletter.

We will be having a picnic with our friends from Beit Haverim on September 18th. We'll be raising money for a great cause – "Nothing But Nets," and be able to get to know our friends a little better from Beit Haverim. Stay tuned for more

details.....

The Arts and Lecture Series will begin its 2011-2012 season in October with the first event featuring Rabbi David Zaslow speaking about his recent book, *The Jewish Origins of Jesus*.

Pat and Jim Crane will be leading a trip to Chapman School in NW Portland in the weeks ahead to watch the fall migration of the Swifts. This is an amazing site to witness as thousands of swifts funnel down from the sky to roost for the evening in the chimney of the school. If you've never seen this, please plan to join your fellow LOUCCers for this incredible annual event.

These are exciting times here at LOUCC and I'm so happy to be part of the "team!"

Enjoy the sunshine!

Bill Deane
Moderator

"...September will get things rolling ..."

From the piano bench

This has been one of the most perfect summers I can remember. I know that many folks thought the rain in June and July meant that it wasn't really summer yet. I grew up in the Midwest, so I feel blessed by these milder Pacific Northwest summers with cool nights, overcast mornings, and now these amazing sunny-but-not-too-hot afternoons. I've had a light work-load over the summer, just enough students and gigs to keep my musical mind ticking happily, but plenty of time to enjoy the lovely days, relaxing and reflecting. A number of special musicians graced our summer worship at LOUCC: Sue, Martin, and Emily Brother, Laila Murphy, Kerry Walters, Betsy Claassen (dance!), Chuck Erkenbeck, Bill Jaursch, Bruce Ellison, and the Connections Camp kids.

At the end of July I flew to Arlington VA for the annual conference of the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network, a professional organization I've been active with for almost 12 years. It's always an inspiring conference--musical worship leaders (and dear friends) from all over the US and Canada gathering to sing together, explore new choral and instrumental music, share ways of bringing uplifting, eclectic, and meaningful music to our congregations. I returned from the conference full of ideas and a sense of renewed calling to my place in the musical life of LOUCC. It has been exciting to share many of these ideas with

members of the congregation in the past few weeks, and to feel the energy growing as we approach our new season of worship together. Our choir will hold a day-long retreat on August 27 to deepen our community, acknowledge the choir's ministry to the congregation, develop our vocal ensemble, and look at new repertoire including Schubert's beautiful "Mass in G Major." The Mass is a gem from the classical choral repertoire, a longer work that the choir will sing at Christmastime accompanied by string quartet. Schubert's vocal lines are so well-written that singers at any level of choral experience will find it a joy to sing, so if you're a beginner or feeling a little rusty, this is the best time to join the choir.

Also in the works for this year: the LOUCC String Band. I've been talking with our guitar players and we are seeking other string players to fill out the band and play some old timey gospel favorites: ukelele, fiddle/violin, mandolin, dulcimer, 'cello, bass. Kazoos, harmonicas, jaw harp and percussion (especially washboard!) also welcome. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and eNews. If you have an instrument I haven't named yet, let me know. There will be more weekly opportunities for soloists and small ensembles while the choir is rehearsing Schubert: the Men's "Quartet", a classical quartet, recorder/flute ensemble, SSA ensemble.

I'm looking forward to

participating in the fall meeting of the UCC Central Pacific Conference, which has a musical theme this year: "Let Us Make a Joyful Noise." I'm also preparing for the October 22 fall choral invitational sponsored by the Community of Welcoming Congregations: "Songs of Faith and Freedom," to be hosted by the Hillsdale United Church of Christ. Last year's event at the New Thought Center for Spiritual Living was a wonderful way for our choir to get out into the community to celebrate our commitment to welcoming all who come to our door.

In harmony,

Susan Peck, music director



BIRTHDAYS

9/4	Sandy Johnson
9/13	Norma Walters
9/14	Loren Northup
9/29	Mindy Baldwin



ANNIVERSARIES

9/6	Phil & Karen York
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Meet the Gwynns



That woman sitting up front with Ollie, the little fuzzy-eared Service Dog, and the tall man with her – who's also a new bass in the choir - are Suzanne and Rob Gwynn. They come to us from Christ Episcopal Church here in Lake Oswego where they were longtime members.

Despite both growing up in Menlo Park, California, but graduating from different high schools, Rob and Suzanne didn't actually meet until years later. They married in 1986, and honeymooned with an amazing 500-mile bike ride across France. And although they didn't use them for that trek, back home the bikes they rode were ones that Rob had assembled himself. So with that kind of skill it won't surprise you that Rob was an engineer (electrical), employed by National Semi Conductor in Santa Clara. Suzanne was an interior decorator for a number of years, after getting a fine arts degree in college. But she has been a dog trainer for the last 35 years. She also competed in Obedience

Trials and in the sport of Agility. They have three children and a grandchild.

The Gwynns moved to Oregon in '96 after Rob took a job with TriQuint, another semi conductor company and Suzanne continued training dogs and competing in dog sports. In retirement, they often return to the United Kingdom, having come to know and love it when Suzanne sometimes accompanied Rob there for his work. Here in Oregon they reside next to Tryon Creek State Park, in Portland. And it's there in retirement that Rob has built a post-production studio in their home, and where he spends hours editing and mastering the live classical music performances he records. It also serves as an audio booth where authors like Ursula Le Guin, theologians like Rabbi Harold Kushner, Marcus Borg and Karen Armstrong, as well as doctors, economists, politicians and others of note come for public radio interviews. Rob is also a member of Portland Gay Men's Chorus. He loves singing and enjoys doing occasional solos.

Suzanne's art background now takes the form in retirement of quilting, and she would love to meet other quilters in the congregation. She still trains dogs, and also specializes in training others who may also need Service Dogs. And she has recently become a Treibball Instructor. This is another dog sport which has come to the US from Germany in the last year and is catching on very quickly here. Treibball is a competition where owners have their dogs use herding skills to identify one of eight balls and "herd," or push, each ball, one by one, about 100 feet across the field to a designated goal. In fact, Suzanne, Rob and Ollie were in Denver in August where Suzanne expected to complete her certification as Oregon's first Treibball Instructor. By the way, she is

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Potluck Picnic with Beit Haverim

Buy a Net: Save a Life, and have fun socializing. What better way to spend an afternoon?

It's not too early to save the date for our **Nothing But Nets picnic/fundraiser with Beit Haverim** on Sunday, **September 18th**, from 12p.m. to 2p.m. at Tualatin Community Park, 8515 SW Tualatin Road, Tualatin, Oregon 97062.

We'll have games and activities for the whole family, including a basketball shoot-off for various ages. Please bring a main dish for your family and a side dish to share. Please bring along your own reusable picnic-ware (plates, utensils, etc.) to help keep our picnic "green" and cut down on waste.

For those of you wondering, "What is Nothing But Nets?" please read on:

Nothing But Nets is an organization whose goal is to save lives through the prevention of malaria. Malaria infects over 200 million people annually and kills roughly one million people each year, the majority of whom are children under the age of five. In fact, malaria is a leading cause of childhood deaths in Africa. By the time you finish reading this page, a child in Africa will have died from malaria.

How is malaria preventable? Mosquitoes that transmit the disease usually bite at night. *Insecticide treated bed nets easily and effectively prevent the transmission of malaria.* The net acts as a barrier to keep the mosquitoes from biting at night, and

the insecticide kills mosquitoes that land on the net. *For only \$10 Nothing But Nets can buy and distribute a bed net, useful for a family of four, for up to five years.* Nothing But Nets works directly with the United Nations and related agencies in distributing the nets. Our fundraiser will entail raising money to buy bed nets through a suggested donation of \$10 per family (though any amount will be appreciated).


The information above was obtained from the Nothing But Nets website. For more information visit www.NothingButNets.net.

More picnic details coming soon! Please contact Amy Clark with questions or for more information. amy@bigredbee.com



Disruption Alert!

Please be prepared for some disruption in our parking lot starting September 10, extending into October. Construction of the rain garden at the near end of our lot will take about a month. Although only a couple of spaces will be lost when the project is completed, a few more may be blocked off during construction so please exercise care and patience. Your Green Team promises the end result will be attractive as well as utilitarian.



**Mark Your Calendar
For Upcoming
Rain Garden Activities**

Depave Party
Saturday, September 17
nine to noon

Planting Party
Sunday, November 13
noon to three

Confirmation Class resumes in September!

Sunday, Sept. 11 from 12:00-1:30: Confirmands, please bring your lunch as we kick off the new year!

Sunday, Sept. 25 from 12:00-1:30: Mentors and Confirmands are invited to class today. Lunch will be provided.

**Mission's Menu
September**

Vegetables

“From parking lots to paradise”

“From parking lots to paradise” is the slogan for Depave, a non-profit, 100% volunteer run organization. Their mission statement further explains what they do: *Depave promotes the removal of unnecessary pavement from urban areas to create community green spaces and mitigate stormwater runoff. Through partnerships and volunteers engagement, Depave strives to overcome the social and environmental impacts of pavement with the use of action-oriented educational events, community stewardship, and advocacy to reconnect people with nature and inspire others. Depave is a project of City Repair, a nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon, USA. We have partnered with Depave on the removal of the asphalt and concrete in our parking lot to create the rain garden. It will become a community project, with food and fellowship and work. Please put September 17th on your calendar and come on out and help! Depave does all the cutting and we need*

people to carry, using wheelbarrows, small broken pieces away to the drop box where it will all get recycled. Depave will provide us with all sorts of tools for those willing to try some prying and breaking. Team work makes it easy. And if you just want to help provide food that would be great too! When our rain garden is blooming with flowers next spring, we can remember fondly the day our community came together and created it!

Stewardship Corner

Date	Income	Budget	Attendance 2011	Attendance 2010
August 7	\$5,364	\$3,325	53	37
August 14	\$463	\$3,325	58	63
August 21	\$2,065	\$3,325	68	48
August 28	\$2,325	\$3,325	75	66

Financial Summary as of July 31, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income	\$100,863	\$95,880	(\$4,983)
YTD Expense	\$112,714	\$107,329	\$5,385
Difference		(\$11,449)	

September Worship

2011-2012 Committees

4th	Theme: Holy Ground Text: Exodus 3:1-15 Reader: Carole Heath Scripture: Roy Schreiber Ushers: Nancy Engeman, Pat Crane Nan Deane Counters: Roy Schreiber Harmony George Jausch
11th	Theme: Living into Grace Text: Psalm 103:1-13; Matthew 18:21-25 Reader: Clayton Crowhurst Scripture: Amanda Alvarez Ushers: Kathi Rise, Harmony George Jausch Cindy Ellison, Barbara Kelley Counters: Roy Schreiber Harmony George Jausch
18th	Theme: Our Daily Bread Text: Exodus 16:2-15 Reader: Emily Brother Scripture: John Sather Ushers: Bee Neufeld, Quent Neufeld Monica Honegger, Ken Gisch Counters: Roy Schreiber Harmony George Jausch
25th	Theme: Waters of Hope Text: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Reader: Linda Mines Elliott Scripture: David Dunning Ushers: Chuck Erkenbeck, Nan Deane Roy Schreiber, Nancy MacLean Counters: Roy Schreiber Harmony George Jausch
<p>Other September Responsibilities:</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Trustees</p> <p>Mission Menu Items: Vegetables</p> <p style="color: red;">Good Newsletter deadline—September 21</p>	

Officers

Moderator: Bill Deane
 Moderator-Elect: Sharon Davis
 Treasurer: Jim Crane
 Financial Secretary: John Sather
 Clerk: Jan Standlea

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 Ken Gisch Monica Honegger, Property
 Cindy Ellison, Property Kurt Munson

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 John Sather Chuck Erkenbeck
 Carol Bellows Frank Groznik

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Monica Honegger Cindy Ellison
 Kurt Munson Clayton Crowhurst
 Scott Peterson

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Personnel

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John Sather Ralph Holcomb
 John Binkley Sherrie Binkley
 Hilary Himan (Alternate)
 Penny Holcomb (Alternate)

Gwynns

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currently looking for a poll barn or indoor arena in which to teach Treibball classes. If anyone knows of such a facility for rent a couple of times per week she'd love to hear from you. She enthusiastically thinks maybe a Treibball team from LOUCC would be a lot of fun for the dog lovers. Any

breed or mix of breeds can participate.

While the Gwynns may not bike in Europe anymore, they still kayak, and just bought a 26-foot travel trailer that will follow them around the country for years to come. Camping in the Pacific Northwest is their passion. So when we don't see them on a given Sunday, we can rest assured they're

engaged in one of their many other interests.

Welcome to Rob and Suzanne!

Reflections on the 10th Anniversary of September 11

A Vespers Service:
September 11, 6:00-7:30 pm

At
Lake Oswego United Church of Christ
1111 SW Country Club Road
Lake Oswego, OR 97034



A candlelit service with meditative singing, poetry, and silence, led by music director Susan Peck. In the service, we will reflect on where we have come as individuals, as a community, as a nation, in these 10 years since the shocking events of September 11, 2001. The service will include songs from the Taizé tradition, poetry, and silence to allow time for meditation on grief, healing, and how we can respond in peace and love. Open to the community.

*Dear one, I never thought that you would witness such a time
I hear you cry.
Dear one, there is a reason for these things, but there's no rhyme.
I hear your whys.
I don't have the answer to your questions
I don't have the answer to your prayers
But I know this is a moment of transcendence
If only we will take the time to care.
Let us, let us rise in love
Let us, let us rise in love*

-Ysaye M. Barnwell (*Sweet Honey in the Rock*)

September 2011

LOUCC, Beit Haverim, Other Users

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10:30am - Worship Service 2pm - LOUCC Golf	29 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 11:45am - Women's AA 12pm - Bible Study 8:30pm - Cleaning Time @	30 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 6:30pm - DDT-Don't Drink	31 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 12pm - Overeaters	1 7:30am - Weight Watchers 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 6:08pm - Women's 608 7:30pm - Worship	2 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 12pm - Overeaters 4pm - Beit Haverim Service	3 2pm - Cleaning Time @ All 6:30pm - PDAC Meeting @ 7pm - Saturday Night (AA)
4 10:30am - Worship Service 12pm - Confirmation Class	5 <u>Labor Day</u> 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 11:45am - Women's AA 12pm - Bible Study 8:30pm - Cleaning Time @	6 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 5pm - Green Team @ John 6:30pm - DDT-Don't Drink	7 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 12pm - Overeaters	8 7:30am - Weight Watchers 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 6:08pm - Women's 608	9 <u>6pm - Council Retreat @ Camp Adams</u> 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 12pm - Overeaters 4pm - Beit Haverim Service	10 2pm - Cleaning Time @ All 7pm - Saturday Night (AA)
11 10:30am - Worship Service 12pm - Confirmation Class 12pm - Faith Development 1:30pm - BH Religious 6pm - Vespers Service:	12 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 11:45am - Women's AA 12pm - Bible Study 7pm - Missions Committee 8:30pm - Cleaning Time @	13 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 4pm - Congregational Care 6:30pm - DDT-Don't Drink 7pm - Trustee Meeting	14 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 12pm - Overeaters	15 7:30am - Weight Watchers 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 6:08pm - Women's 608	16 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 12pm - Overeaters 4pm - Beit Haverim Service	17 9am - Parking Lot 2pm - Cleaning Time @ All 7pm - Saturday Night (AA)
18 10:30am - Worship Service 2:30pm - BH Religious 3pm - Picnic fundraiser w/	19 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 11:45am - Women's AA 12pm - Bible Study 8:30pm - Cleaning Time @	20 <u>Good Newsletter Deadline</u> 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 6:30pm - DDT-Don't Drink 7pm - Council Meeting @	21 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 12pm - Overeaters 6:30pm - Dining For	22 7:30am - Weight Watchers 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 6:08pm - Women's 608	23 6:15am - Great Events (AA) 9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese 12pm - Overeaters 4pm - Beit Haverim Service	24 2pm - Cleaning Time @ All 7pm - Saturday Night (AA)
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“Never place a period where God has placed a comma” -Gracie Allen

Mission Statement

In Christ, we are called together, as a community of unconditional love, to provide spiritual nourishment, to share God's love through active service within and beyond our church community, and to be responsive to the needs of our ever-changing world.

Open & Affirming Statement

We are called to love our brothers and sisters as God loves us, freely and without reservation. Our unconditional love is inclusive of all God's people. We denounce acts of discrimination and violence against any person.

We celebrate the family in all its diverse forms, and affirm all loving and committed relationships.

We welcome all people into our community of faith, whatever age, gender, gender expression, race, sexual orientation, religion, ethnic background, socio-economic status, or physical or mental abilities. Each person is invited and encouraged to participate in all aspects of our church's life and ministry.

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jennie Ott	pastor@loucc.org
Music Director: Susan Peck	susan@loucc.org
Office Administrator: Glen Williams	office@loucc.org

Vision

We seek to be an inspiring community, making a difference in people's lives by engaging in missions of compassion and justice, while we honor diversity and act as a progressive Christian voice.

Community – We are a compassionate community striving to accept people wherever they are on life's journey. We believe that the way we treat others is an expression of our beliefs. Community is formed through missions of compassion and justice.

Progressive – We are a community of progressive Christians where spirituality is expressed in a variety of forms. We have a thirst for knowledge where we value the questions as much as the answers. We value the movement of God's Spirit in our community and listen with anticipation to the still speaking God.

Diversity – We honor diversity within our community, respectful that there is more than one path to God. We value being an Open and Affirming congregation.

Justice For The Environment – The whole Earth is our broader community. We are continually learning how to be responsible members of this community. We are committed to fostering our spiritual connection to the Earth.