



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

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## Thanksgiving Dinner Gathering

Can't make up your mind about what to do for Thanksgiving? Does celebrating or eating alone sound depressing? Don't want to cook a big meal for one or two of you? Join others from LOUCC for a Thanksgiving Celebration. Congregational Care is putting out feelers to people who might want to share the meal with their church family. A sign-up

sheet is on the bulletin board. We have a volunteer to cook the turkey - Suzanne Gwynn - and to welcome the gathering in her home if the crowd is not too large. You will be asked to bring yourself and your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share. We have had group Thanksgiving Celebrations in the past, and they were always fun. If you wish to

participate, please sign up by Sunday, November 20.



## Planting Party Sunday November 13

You are invited to a planting party! This joint endeavor of LOUCC and Beit Haverim begins with an old fashioned potluck in our Fellowship Hall right after church on Sunday, November 13.

Because the event shares time with Grubby Sunday the timeline goes something like this:

noon to 12:45 pm -- potluck

12:45 to 1:30 pm -- Grubby Sunday cleanup tasks, mainly inside

1:30 to 3:30 pm -- Children and interested

adults, divided into small groups, will rotate between various educational components which will feature learning how native plants purify water, using a watershed kit see how water moves in our neighborhood, touring LOUCC's watershed, and planting native species in our new rain garden.

Please put this event on your calendar. The Green Teams of LOUCC and Beit Haverim thank you in advance for your participation. It is your chance to have fun, to learn

about our watershed, and feel proud you have done a good thing for our property and our community.

A word to the wise. Be sure to dress appropriately for this party. Garden gloves, jackets and hats, and rubber boots or old shoes are the apparel of choice. An appropriate accessory? A trowel.

## Pastor's Corner: Countdown for Giving

This year, our Stewardship Team is asking us to count our blessings. Through letters, testimonies, and our blessing tree at church, we are naming,

sharing, and celebrating the many gifts God has given us. I want to add my voice to the counting, but in slightly different way.

Someone recently asked me why I give money to the church. It gave me pause, for while I believe in, enjoy, and practice giving, no one had ever asked me to give a list of reasons. So that day I sat down and made such a list. Adapted to Dave Letterman style, I offer it you...

### "My Top Ten Reasons to Give"

- 10) Because my parents modeled generous giving for me—in fact my brother and I used to fight over who got to put the envelope in the offering plate!
- 9) Because it feels good to give.
- 8) Because while I could take my money and spend it on other things that I think I want or need, in truth, I have much more than many people around the world and in our community, and many others could use the money much more than me.
- 7) Because pooling my money with that of others in our church makes our impact much greater.
- 6) Because it's a way to say "thank you" to God for all the blessings I have received.
- 5) Because when I read stories in scripture and understand how Jesus lived his life, I feel compelled to follow his example of living simply, so that others may simply live.
- 4) Because it reminds me that that I don't need as much as I think I do and that God still provides for me.
- 3) Because giving connects me to others. I have before, do now, and will again receive the generosity of others, and giving what and where I can makes me feel like I'm participating in a web of kindness and love.
- 2) Because God asks me to, and this is part of how I respond in faith to worship God.
- 1) Because the missions and ministries of our church change lives, and I want to make a difference in the world.

This is my list, but what about yours? As you think about giving—to the church, to your alma maters, to other nonprofits—why do you give? What is your top ten list?

On Sunday, November 23, we will celebrate the blessing of giving when we collect and dedicate our financial pledges for 2012. As each of us counts the blessings in our own lives, may we also count the many reasons why we give, and may God shape us more fully into the loving, giving, generous body of Christ.

*Sharing our walk,  
Jennie*

# Meet New Member Frank Groznik



activities most recently serving on the Lake Oswego Planning Commission and City Council.

Ever since growing up on the family farm, Frank has been a nature nut. Eleven years ago, Frank, along with four of his friends, founded River Restoration Northwest (RRNW.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring the ecology of the northwest rivers. He was President of the organization for six years and just stepped

of the Board of Directors two years ago. He still attends the annual symposium now in its 12th year. No wonder Frank was eager to join the LOUCC Green Team and is very excited about LOUCC's desire to reduce its impact on the local watershed by installing the bioswale and rain garden. Frank loves the outdoors, and he has joined other LOUCC members on hikes and bird watching outings. His passion is restoring damaged environments so that they can once again positively contribute to the ecology of the world. Frank also loves listening to all kinds of different music, reading, and helping other less fortunate individuals.

Currently working for an environmentally-based firm, Ecology & Environment, Frank assists renewable energy developers in finding sites, obtaining permits, and constructing their projects. He has been involved with wind, solar, and

geothermal energy projects throughout the western United States and in British Columbia, Canada. He derives an enormous gratification knowing he is helping create a more sustainable world for his son Max to inherit. Max is a fun loving 14 year old who plays clarinet in the Lake Oswego High School band, runs cross-country in the fall, and participated on the track team in the spring. With his long legs, it is no surprise that Max loves competing in the longer distances track events.

We are very happy that Frank has joined our church and we look forward to having his warm smile, friendly manner, and enthusiasm among us for many years to come.

Frank joined LOUCC in April 2011, and we are glad to welcome him to the LOUCC community.

It took Frank 23 years to return to Portland after his first visit. He now lives in Lake Oswego, and his spiritual home is LOUCC. Frank grew up on a family farm near Pittsburgh, PA; went to college at Rutgers in New Brunswick, NJ, majoring in landscape architecture; played varsity football; and then got his masters in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL where he got a job with CH2M Hill. The company sent him to Portland for three weeks, and after that three-week visit Frank made it his goal to move to Portland. What he didn't know was that to accomplish his goal would mean living in Ft Collins, Colorado (where he was a member of the UCC church) and Seattle before he finally landed in the Portland area. Frank has always been involved in civic



## BIRTHDAYS

- 11/7 Kurt Munson
- 11/11 Shade Baldwin
- 11/14 Larry Launder
- 11/16 Carole Heath
- 11/20 Ralph Holcomb
- 11/24 Aleta Boddy
- 11/25 Quent Neufeld
- 11/25 Linda Rountree
- 11/26 Richard Rountree



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/15 Kurt & Julia Munson

# Rain Garden Work Starts



In October, work began on the parking lot rain garden. Many thanks to Cindy Ellison, Monica Honegger, Sally Weersing, Dana Thompson, and the Green Team for leading this project!

Mission's Menu  
November  
Thanksgiving Food

## Stewardship Corner

Date	Income	Budget	Attendance 2011	Attendance 2010
October 2	\$11,817	\$3,325	60	34
October 9	\$2,042	\$3,325	61	57
October 16	\$1,389	\$3,325	69	n/a
October 23	\$966	\$3,325	74	n/a
October 30	n/a	\$3,325	n/a	50

Financial Summary as of September 30, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income	\$129,681	\$116,164	(\$13,517)
YTD Expense	\$144,918	\$140,412	\$4,506
Difference		(\$24,248)	

# November Worship

# 2011-2012 Committees

<b>6th</b>	<p>Theme: Choose Whom You Will Serve                  Text: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18                  Reader: Burton Jaurisch                  Scripture: Ralph Holcomb                  Ushers: Suzanne Gwynn, Carole Heath                  Counters: Sandy Johnson, Wana Maurer</p>
<b>13th</b>	<p>Theme: Abundant Possibilities                  Text: Matthew 25:14-30                  Speaker: Linda Mines Elliott                  Reader: Carol Silva                  Scripture: Sharon Davis                  Ushers: Scott Peterson, Jane Lovelady                  Counters: Sandy Johnson, Wana Maurer</p>
<b>20th</b>	<p>Theme: Giving Thanks                  Text: Ephesians 1:15-23                  Reader: Heidi Peterson                  Scripture: Amy Clark                  Ushers: Julia Munson, Nancy Delbrueck                  Clayton Crowhurst                  Counters: Sandy Johnson, Wana Maurer</p>
<b>27th</b>	<p>Theme: Longing                  Text: Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37                  Reader: Nancy Delbrueck                  Scripture: Ken Gisch                  Ushers: Ralph Holcomb, John Sather                  Jean Bradley, Carol Bellows                  Counters: Sandy Johnson, Wana Maurer</p>
<p><b>Other November Responsibilities:</b></p> <p><b>Coffee Hour:</b> Worship Committee  <b>Mission Menu Items:</b> Thanksgiving Food</p> <p style="color: red;"><b>Good Newsletter deadline—November 16th</b></p>	

**Officers**

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

**Trustees**

Dawn Hayami: Chair Jim Crane  
 Ken Gisch Monica Honegger, Property  
 Cindy Ellison, Property Kurt Munson

**Worship & The Arts**

Penny Holcomb: Chair Mary Cox  
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 Kathi Rise Pam Brown

**Social Justice & Mission**

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 Loren Northrup Bruce Ellison  
 Joan Gornbein Harmony George Jaurisch  
 Jane Lovelady Julia Munson  
 Sandy Johnson

**Faith Development**

Jan Indermill: Chair Jessica Honegger  
 Cathy Peterson Jan Standlea

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Rev. Jennie Ott: Chair Pat Crane  
 Nan Deane Carol Heath  
 Nancy McLean Suzanne Gwynn  
 Nancy Engeman

**Green Team**

Sally Weersing: Chair Ken Gisch  
 Monica Honegger Barbara Kelley  
 John Sather Chuck Erkenbeck  
 Carol Bellows Frank Groznik

**Property**

Monica Honegger Cindy Ellison  
 Kurt Munson Clayton Crowhurst  
 Scott Peterson

**Pastor Parish Relations**

Pat Crane Ralph Holcomb  
 Jane Lovelady

**Personnel**

Nancy Delbrueck Quent Neufeld

**LOUCC Delegates**

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

## From the piano bench

October was a great month for musical networking at our UCC Central Pacific Conference fall gathering and with the choirs and choir directors who participated in the choral fundraiser for the Community of Welcoming Congregations. I am excited about future connections with musicians from other churches in our area. Many new ideas are already bubbling up: a song circle to share "movement" music, choir collaborations or exchanges, and new sources of contemporary music for our congregation to learn.

On October 30th, a number of instrumentalists from our own church family will provide accompaniment for congregational singing. The LOUCC "No-Fault"

Orchestra includes two of our youth on cello and clarinet, and several adults on a variety of strummed, picked, whacked, or blown instruments. If you would like to join in, email Susan for charts and bring your "axe" to the choir room to rehearse at 9:45 am on Sunday. I'm also looking for a more permanent name for the LOUCC Orchestra/Band, so please submit suggestions. Top 3 winners will receive kazoos, shakers, and a place in the newly renamed band. I am hoping to get this group to play for worship services regularly, once a month to start out. We'll be looking at bluegrass and old-timey gospel music, Southern Harmony hymns, folk tunes, and maybe some old favorite folk-rock songs.

It's not too late to join the choir in singing Schubert's beautiful "Mass in G Major" on December 11. Previous choral experience is helpful, and I have some great rehearsal aids so that you can work on your part at home. It's a challenging and very singable piece, and the rewards of learning and singing it are well worth the rehearsal time. LOUCC Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00, and lately many singers have been coming in at 9:30 on Sunday morning for extra work on the Schubert movements. It's coming together, but we can always use more singers, especially tenors and basses.

*In harmony,  
Susan Peck*

### 2011-2012 Arts and Lecture Series

*Sunday, December 4th at 3 PM*

## ***The Fa La La La Follies!***

Start your holiday season with spirited Christmas and Hanukkah music, by Sue and Martin Brother, their friends, and family.

# November 2011

## LOUCC, Beit Haverim, Other Users

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		<p>5pm - Green Team @ John</p> <p>6:30pm - DDT-Don't Drink</p> <p>7pm - Beit Haverim/LOUCC</p>	<p>6:15am - Great Events (AA)</p> <p>12pm - Overeaters</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>7:30am - Weight Watchers</p> <p>9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese</p> <p>6:08pm - Women's 608</p> <p>7:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>6:15am - Great Events (AA)</p> <p>12pm - Overeaters</p> <p>4pm - Beit Haverim Service</p>	<p>9am - Rain Garden</p> <p>2pm - Cleaning Time @ All</p> <p>6:30pm - PDAC Meeting @</p> <p>7pm - Saturday Night (AA)</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>10:30am - Worship Service</p> <p>12pm - Brothers</p> <p>12pm - Confirmation Class</p> <p>2:30pm - BH Reliaious</p>	<p>6:15am - Great Events (AA)</p> <p>11:45am - Women's AA</p> <p>12pm - Bible Study</p> <p>3pm - Brothers</p> <p>8:30pm - Cleaning Time @</p>	<p>6:30pm - DDT-Don't Drink</p> <p>7pm - Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>6:15am - Great Events (AA)</p> <p>12pm - Overeaters</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>7:30am - Weight Watchers</p> <p>9am - Bodhi Tree Chinese</p> <p>6:08pm - Women's 608</p>	<p>6:15am - Great Events (AA)</p> <p>12pm - Overeaters</p> <p>4pm - Beit Haverim Service</p>	<p>12pm - Brothers</p> <p>2pm - Cleaning Time @ All</p> <p>7pm - Saturday Night (AA)</p>
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## LAKE OSWEGO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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	<a href="mailto:pastor@loucc.org">pastor@loucc.org</a>
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### 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.