



# Admiral Tidings

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2011

Admiral Congregational United Church of Christ

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## Pastor Donald's schedule and contact information

Donald is often in the office Monday – Thursday and can be reached at 206-932-2928. At other times, don't hesitate to call him on his mobile at 425-591-7729.

You can also contact him by e-mail at [pastor@admiralchurch.org](mailto:pastor@admiralchurch.org).

Donald would love to visit with you – at the church, at your home, over coffee somewhere, or whatever might work for you. Please give him a call or e-mail, to arrange a time.

## Pastor's Column

### Potpourri

This month I have several different topics to share.

**Thank you.** A very heartfelt “thank you” for the wonderful stole I was presented with on the anniversary of my being here as your pastor. The stole is beautiful, and I plan to wear it on Easter Sunday (not being purple, it really doesn't work during Lent!). More important than the stole itself, however, is the joy of being in ministry with you.

This is an amazing church, and it is an honor to be here. Humbly, I believe, and yet with the strongest of convictions, we find ways to proclaim the gospel to a hurting world; in our worship and fellowship activities we find ways to celebrate our faith and community; in Sunday School, Youth Group, and Bible Study we learn together; and in outreach activities we witness to the love of God. It is a good ministry!

**Lent, Holy Week and Easter** I stress this every year, but I want to encourage you to participate as much as you can in worship during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. I am absolutely convinced that the more intentional our spiritual life during Lent and Holy Week, the more joyful our Easter. Others have affirmed this for me as well. Every **Sunday**, of course, we worship at



10:30a.m.; **Thursdays at 7p.m.** we have our study of the book *The Last Week*; **Maundy Thursday (April 21)** there will be a light supper at 6:30, followed by worship at 7:30p.m.; on **Good Friday (April 22)** we will be showing the film *Jesus Christ Superstar* at 7:30p.m. Lastly, on **Easter Sunday** there will be a multi-church sunrise service on Alki Beach – at sunrise (**6a.m.**) This will be followed by our regular worship at **10:30a.m.** Come and join us!

**Retreat** This year we will be having an all-church retreat at Pilgrim Firs Camp on **May 21**, from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m. (although you're welcome to come earlier or stay later and enjoy the camp). This is a great chance to visit, get away from the city, and have some fun together. Hope you can come! More details are on the website; go to calendar and click on May 21.

We have some great ministries going on – come and be a part of them!

Donald

## Easter Festival

Easter is more than just a worship service on one morning – it's a time to celebrate for 50 days!

To kick off the Easter season here at Admiral we're going to have an **Easter Festival** on April 24<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) after worship. In addition to coffee hour there will be activities such as an Easter Egg hunt, and lei-making (with genuine Hawaiian orchids). Plan to stay for some Easter fun!



### Hokum W. Jeebs Memorial Service

A memorial evening of performance and remembrance for Hokum W. Jeebs will be held on Monday, April 11, 7-ish at Hale's Palladium in Fremont. If you are interested in attending, please email Anita, as this is an invitation-only event."

## Scripture for April

### April 3, 2011 – Lent 4

*Torah\** – 2 Samuel 11:1-27, 12:1-7a

*Writing* – Psalm 51

*Prophet* – Amos 5:10-15

*Gospel* – Luke 23:26-31

King David takes advantage of Bathsheba (the woman next door) and then, when he learns she is pregnant, arranges to have her husband killed. Not exactly "kingly" behavior. When the prophet Nathan confronts him, David writes Psalm 51 in which he confesses that he is ashamed of himself, and he begs God's forgiveness, which God gives. The other scriptures pick up on this theme of dismal times yielding to better. When has life seemed tough for you? What helped you see the light at the end of the tunnel?

### April 10, 2011 – Lent 5

*Torah* – 2 Samuel 12:15b-23

*Writing* – Psalm 137

*Prophet* – Amos 8:1-12

*Gospel* – Luke 8:49-56

David and Bathsheba's child dies in infancy; David is distraught, yet he accepts it as reality and moves on with life.

Psalm 137 contains difficult words – at first they can seem almost repulsive, but they provide a good snapshot of the anger people (especially those who are oppressed) can feel when taunted by oppressors. Amos is a hopeless passage, but in the gospel Jesus restores life, reminding us how important our lives are to God. When have you felt like God cared – really cared – about you?

### April 17, 2011 – Palm/Passion Sunday

*Liturgy of the Palms* – Luke 19:28-40

*Liturgy of the Passion* – Luke 22:14-23:56

We read first the triumphant story of Jesus entering Jerusalem, challenging the authority of Rome and giving hope to the people. We end the day, however, remembering the events that led to

Jesus' arrest, and his crucifixion. We remember that the point of all this was to show that nothing – absolutely nothing, not even death – could stop Jesus from proclaiming God's love. What feelings do you have as you think about the death of Jesus?

### April 24, 2011 – Easter Sunday

*Torah* – Luke 24:1-11

*Writing* – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Prophet* – Isaiah 65:17-25

*Gospel* – John 20:1-10

"Open the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries. Certainly God does this in the story of resurrection. No matter how we understand what happened that first Easter morning, the important thing is knowing that somehow, in a wonderful, mysterious way, Jesus Christ returned to be present with us, never to leave us again. 2 Corinthians reminds us that, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. How do you experience the risen Christ with you each day?

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## Worship News

### Liturgist Training

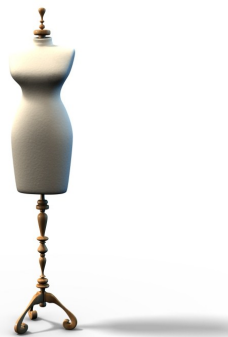
A training workshop for all who are interested in being liturgists will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will read upcoming scriptures and have an opportunity to select a Sunday to be a liturgist during the next quarter. Let David Pelton know if you plan to attend.

### Simple Supper

Everyone is invited to enjoy a simple supper before our Maundy Thursday service. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in Hurst Lounge on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for food and fellowship.

### Easter Worship Service

You are invited to help adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday by donating a spring plant/flower. Donations of \$10 will also be accepted by David Pelton, until Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your plant/flower, or your donation, to be in honor or in memory of someone special, the Easter bulletin will include that information. Just let David know.



### The Mannequin Shuffle

Our Worship Team of Anita, Lorelee, and Kathy, with Janet Nelson's assistance, have placed dressed mannequins in the Sanctuary for the Lenten Season. Watch how they change and shuffle during this reflective time of Lent.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Admiral's Dinner/Auction,  
Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>!**

*David, worship chair*

## Outreach Report

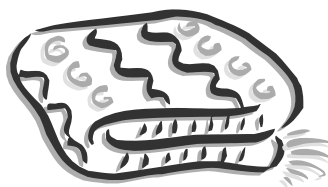
We've been watching the terrible events in Japan with tears in our eyes and prayers from our hearts. When I saw some ladies sitting on the curb, shawled in blankets, I knew the church was there! Our gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** provide the funds for blankets, health kits and cleaning kits to get to those disaster areas here in the US and around the world. Thank you for your contributions to this National Offering on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please "check out" the Outreach Board in the hallway with all the thank you letters from our

Christmas gifts to state and local agencies.

Thank you, again,

Marilynn, outreach chair



## Admiral Calendar and Other News

Remember to check [www.admiralchurch.org](http://www.admiralchurch.org) regularly for changes and updates to the calendar, as well as other news.



**95 Years!**

You are invited for cake and a celebration for Edward to acknowledge 95 great years of birthdays.

Join us one and all at Admiral Congregational United Church of Christ on April 16, from 1pm to 3pm.

*Kathy, Barbara and Roy*

# April 2011

**April birthdays:**

- 11 Anita and Don
- 12 Janice
- 14 Ed
- 16 Bettie and Carly

- 18 Lorraine & Eleanor
- 20 Nancy
- 23 Rachel
- 24 Jay
- 27 Lisa

(please contact the office if you do not see your birth-

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Ongoing groups at Admiral:</b>                      Sunday 8-9p.m. AA                      Monday 6:30-7:30a.m. SAA                      2nd Tuesday 7p.m. Admiral Neighborhood Association                      Wednesday 8-9p.m. AA</p>						
<p><b>3</b>                      10:30a.m. Worship Holy Communion                      7p.m. NO Youth Group</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      7p.m. Book Group at</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      7p.m. Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      7p.m. The Last Week book study</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Pastor Donald's day off</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b>                      10:30a.m. Worship</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      6p.m. Parish Care                      6:30p.m. Teams                      7:30p.m. Council</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      7p.m. Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      7p.m. The Last Week book study</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Pastor Donald's day off</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>7</b>                      10:30a.m. Palm/ Passion Worship                      7p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      Pastor Donald's day off</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney                      7p.m. The Last Week book study (New date)</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      7p.m. Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Maundy Thursday                      6pm simple meal</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      7:30pm Film "Jesus Christ Superstar" in</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b>                      6a.m. Sunrise Service - Alki Beach                      10:30a.m. Easter worship &amp; Easter Festival</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      Pastor Donald's day off                      7p.m. Book Group                      7p.m. Men's book group in Hurst Lounge</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      7p.m. Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      7p.m. The Last Week book study</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



## Flamingo Flocking: The Season is Upon Us

As many in our congregation are aware, the youth group Flamingo Flocking Season began early this year. I intentionally moved the program to a March 1st start date due to the daylight savings time adjustment on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This gave us more opportunity to do the work under the cover of dark.

Our first flocking was a freebee job at the Alki Dispatch on Admiral Way and was seen by many in the community. The West Seattle Blog also spotted our flamingo's and gave us another great review. This flocking resulted in several calls.

Peter, on Dakota street, sent us this picture of his little girl and the big surprise she got when we flocked them. Another order came in from the owner of Illusions Hair salon. Mike called to

tell us he was thrilled with the Job we did on his front lawn for his wife's birthday.

We look forward to requests from church members (hint!). Remember, a flamingo flocking does not necessarily need to be for a birthday or special occasion. Flock someone you know as a wonderful surprise. To order your flocking, please call or email Don.



## The Fellowship Team Needs You!

The Fellowship Team has three projects right now.

The first is a phone tree that can be used to contact those who do not have email in the event that a quick announcement needs to be sent to all households listed in the church directory. So far we have just gone through the directory and included those who do not have email addresses listed at all on the phone tree. If you have an email address listed but don't use it and you want to be called instead, please contact me so that I can get you on the second edition phone list.

The second project is identifying people who would like to be New Member Mentors. These would be people who could help new members with questions, concerns and information about Admiral. We are looking for individuals or couples to match to individuals or couples who join the

church. If you would like to be a mentor, please contact me as well.

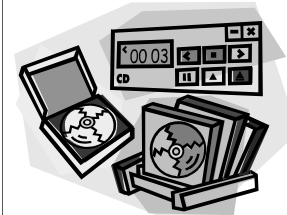
The final project is forming a group of people to organize receptions for events at the church following funerals, memorials, weddings, and possibly other special events. With the discontinuation of Women's Fellowship, the group that used to do this service for the church, we have not had a standing group who have taken over this responsibility. Having a Hospitality Group is vital to the social life of Admiral Church. If you have interest on leading or being involved in any way please call and volunteer.

The vital social life of the church is up to all of us. Please get involved in some way and get to know your fellow church members better.

Peggy



Book group will meet April 25th, 7:00 PM at Marilyn Miller's, 5601 California Ave. SW, #402. This month's book is *The Moonflower Vine* by Jetta Carlson. Anyone interested is welcome to join. Please let Marilyn know you are coming.



## DVDs of Worship Services

DVDs of our weekly worship services are available. If you missed a Sunday, or want to hear the service again, or know of someone else who would like it, call the office. Sermons are also available online at [www.admiralchurch.org](http://www.admiralchurch.org). Click on the "Sermons" tab and follow the prompts.



Certified leaders of the **American Red Cross Family Caregiving program** are facilitating eight one-hour classes. Each is a self-contained module allowing you to attend any or all of the classes. The program is offered at the **Senior Center of West Seattle**, every Wednesday. The classes are sponsored by **Always Best Care**, an in-home senior care and referral agency. There is no cost. Remaining classes are as follows:

- ◇Assisting with Personal Care – March 23
- ◇Healthy Eating – March 30
- ◇Caring for the Caregiver – April 6
- ◇Legal and Financial Issues –April 13
- ◇Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer’s Disease – April 20

To register online, go to [www.abc-seattle.com/red-cross](http://www.abc-seattle.com/red-cross) or call 206-447-1480

## March 14th Council Minutes

Church Council Minutes are *abbreviated to save space. Complete minutes are on the church notice board*

**Financial Report** Florence (for Dorthy)  
 Pledged funds as of 3/13/2011: \$33,868  
 Unpledged funds as of 3/13/2011 \$ 2,903

**Treasurer’s Report** — Wayne  
 Wayne distributed “Profit and Loss Budget Performance” for January – February. (Of course, as a non-profit we don’t have a “profit” but that’s what the computer calls it!) At the end of February we had a bank balance of \$6,414.75. This, combined with more recent monies, should enable us to make the huge insurance payment as well as our other bills in April.

**Pastor’s Report** — Donald  
 Donald is cautiously optimistic regarding the budget. Four new members will be welcomed into our church this month (Madlen, Ron, Leonette, and Valerie). So far the office is operating okay without Pat. Dale will be in the office Tuesday through Friday from 9pm – noon. More help will likely be needed. After discussion, the date of the Yard Sale is set for July. Don and Sonia will coordinate and recruit a committee to help. Pastor Donald expressed his thanks for the stole presented to him for his first anniversary.

**Outreach** — Marilyn  
 Marilyn reminded us of the great good done by church charities and the importance of contributing. Pastor Donald

added that Church World Service and One Great Hour of Sharing are highly regarded as rapid response charities.

**Youth** — Stephanie  
 Stephanie reported that the youth lock-in at Tibbetts United Methodist Church was very successful with an excellent showing from our church. Flockings have begun! To schedule one, contact Don.

**Worship** — David  
 The Maundy Thursday service will be Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at **7:30pm** not at 7:00 as previously reported.

**Personnel** — Sonia  
 Background checks for daycare personnel continues.

**Fellowship** — Mona (for Peggy)  
 The phone tree is in place for those folks without email. The team is working on mentors for new members. Help is needed for wedding and funeral receptions. Pastor Donald suggested having one person head up a team. Laura will put out a sign-up sheet, Wayne will write an article for The Tidings, and Florence and Mona will help with training.

### New Business

Pat’s departure has created a need to replace the church credit card. Laura offered to follow-up.

## Save Thriftway and Metropolitan Market Receipts

Did you know that your grocery dollars can help stock local food banks? Both Metropolitan Market and Thriftway will give not-for-profit organizations one percent of the receipts they collect and turn in. At Admiral, receipts may be put in the "Metropolitan Market, Morgan Street Thriftway



Grocery Receipts" box on the table in front of the office.

Margaret adds them all up and turns them in to each store, and a few weeks later a check arrives in the church office. The money is then divided

between the West Seattle, Senior Center of West Seattle and White Center food banks. Thank you, Margaret for making this possible. If you haven't been saving your receipts, we invite you to begin doing so. Ask friends and family to save them, too!

### Save the Date!

June 6, 2011

9:00AM — 4:30PM

Tukwila Community Center

Challenges in Caregiving

**GIVING CARE, TAKING CARE**

*A Conference for Family &*

*Paid Caregivers*

Keynote speaker: Wendy Lustbader, a nationally known speaker and author of several books on caregiving and aging.

Limited space – you must pre-register.

There is no registration at the door.

\$30 – Family and volunteer caregivers

\$50 – Agency-based caregivers

Call for more information! To receive a brochure and registration form, call: (360) 725-2544 or 1 (800) 422-3263



## Men's Book Group



Join us in Hurst Lounge for a new men's book group on Monday, April 25th at 7:00pm. Hosted by Lee and Dale, the group will discuss Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann.

Dale

## Thank You From Pat

Please thank the church council and congregation for the gift card to Bed, Bath, and Beyond – I felt blessed and extravagantly loved. May God bless you and the congregation in your continued ministry. Pat



Thank You

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or where you are on life's journey  
you are welcome here.."



## **Upcoming news:**

**Maundy Thursday April 21** Light supper at 6:30p.m., followed by worship at 7:30p.m.

**Good Friday April 22** Jesus Christ Superstar film at 7:30p.m.

**Easter Sunday** 6a.m. sunrise service at Alki Beach & 10:30a.m. regular worship

**All-Church Retreat May 21** at Pilgrim Firs

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