



Admiral Tidings

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Admiral Congregational United Church of Christ

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Pastor Donald's schedule and contact information

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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

Half Full, Half Empty

The future - it's always an unknown. It's always a good place to go, though, when we know that God travels with us, and waits for us, and encourages us. We can approach it by assuming the glass is half full, or that it is half empty.

With that in mind, the church is tentatively exploring some maintenance and building options for the future. NOTHING is carved in stone; it is often important to say that, because sometimes folks can jump to conclusions. But the Trustees and the Council are exploring some options.

Part of this is because, well, there are some maintenance things that need to be done. The other piece is that one of the results of the feasibility study was two-fold. On the one hand, people felt we are not ready to undertake the whole plan proposed by the architects (which would have cost somewhere in the neighborhood of a million dollars).

On the other hand, people felt there were some projects that needed to be addressed. These include easier and shorter disabled access to the church from the parking lot; redoing the washrooms to make them accessible; repairs to the sanctuary walls; painting of Hurst Lounge; maintenance of the organ, and other pieces.

With all that in mind, we are cautiously exploring moving forward a

bit more slowly and carefully. The proposal calls for expenditures of somewhere around \$100,000 – that's a lot less money! Combined with that is a desire to prioritize the projects so we are only moving forward as we are able to afford it.

The plan calls for some capital campaign fund-raising, and this will involve each and every one of us exploring what we are able to give, either as a one-time gift or as a monthly pledge to pay down the loan we plan to secure.

There will be a **congregational meeting** in June (haven't been able to firm up a date yet) to bring folks up to speed and, hopefully, take some action.

Questions? Please ask them. Copies of the plans will be available for the asking – you can pick them up at church, and/or just give us a call (932-2928) or e-mail (officemgr@admiralchurch.org) and we will get a copy to you.

Years ago a friend, who was undertaking a larger capital campaign at a smaller church, said "It's like having a baby – if you wait for a good time, well, there just isn't a good time." I think he's right. Waiting never pays off in the long run. But moving forward cautiously and carefully, I believe, always does.

So, let's move forward...cautiously and carefully! And let's trust that God is going to be with us all the way.

Blessings,
Donald

Celebrating Bible Translations

June 19 will be a special Sunday. In honor of the 400th anniversary of the *King James Version* of the Bible, we're going to have a celebration of Bible translations. The worship service will include a number of readings from various translations, including the *King James Version*.

In addition, we would like to create a display of Bible translations and versions. In order to make this happen, we invite you to bring your favorite Bible from home. Do you have an old family Bible? Do you have a favorite translation? Bring them to church that Sunday for a display.

Interested in going to camp?

The new summer camp brochures are available in the entryway at church. Any young person who wants to go to camp but cannot afford the entire price, we have scholarships available. Also, Rev. Schmidt is leading Family Camp at N-Sid-Sen in Iowa, August 14-20.



Scripture for June

June 5, 2011 – *Easter 7*

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Jesus promises “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” (Acts 1:8). This power speaks of the new choices, actions, voice, and values that will come into the world through the spirit of witness of Jesus’ followers. When has this Spirit-filled power evoked a sense of awe in your life? When has it evoked a sense of fear? For that is our church praying and preparing today?

June 12, 2011 – *Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21
Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

The diverse gifts of God’s Spirit make each person and each part of creation distinctive. From this diversity, the Spirit weaves communities and creation in a common life enriched by God’s presence. What do you sense about the abundance and exuberance of God’s Spirit? What signs of God’s Spirit are emerging or exploding in your own life and in the life of our church?

June 19, 2011 – *Trinity Sunday*

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

God’s very goodness and nature are revealed in and through God’s relationships with the created community. God continues to call; all mem-

bers of this community continue to respond. What seems to be God’s hope and purpose for you and our church as you journey into the future with this community of creation? How does this community help you grasp the responsibility of being created in the image of God?

June 26, 2011 – *2nd Sunday after Pentecost*

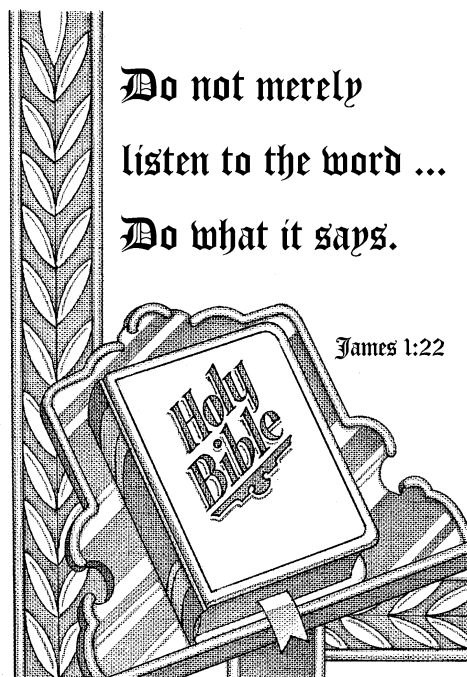
Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

The scriptures urge us to extend a holy welcome and tend to the needs of others. Whom do we welcome? Who are the people who are made to feel – even inadvertently – that they are not welcome in the church? These are the people Jesus calls us to seek out, to welcome, and to care for, in response to the way God has loved and welcomed us.

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**Do not merely
listen to the word ...
Do what it says.**

James 1:22



Worship News

Lenten Season Remembered

The Worship Team thanks all who participated in our Lenten Season and Easter Service. The beautiful music and flowers throughout the season set a nice mood for Pastor Donald's sermons relating to the story of David. And as we continue the Eastertide until Pentecost on June 12th, we are also grateful for the upbeat Jazz Sunday celebration with Keith, the Choir, and Todd Crooks.

Whether you loved or hated the Lenten mannequins in the Sanctuary, they did spark conversation and interest. The metaphor of covering ourselves in darkness from God and others – or being open and showing our true colors to God and each other may have been one thought. The Worship Team's inspiration came from the following verse:

"We hide behind our images, our painted representation, and our

raincoats. But the raincoats aren't raincoats, or not merely. They are masks covering what we are underneath. Most people don't want to go naked without their covering, without a protective hood. Raincoat careens between free-wheeling whimsy, assertive conformity, and self-discovery. Is it, perhaps, a piece about youth? --a time of experiment, of trying on what it's like to expose oneself, of living without a raincoat, of seeing one's true self without a mask? Clear sight is not as simple as it seems, though, in life or in dance. We are what we wear to some extent. For many, perhaps most, the raincoat becomes part of them. But bit by bit, one or two decide that what they really are is an open, unguarded self" (from "This is Not a Raincoat," commissioned by Northwest Dance Project, September, 2010).

David, worship chair

Outreach Report

In June we take a national church offering called 'Strengthen the Church.' The funds are used for helping new churches and for renewing older churches. I imagine many U.C.C. churches in the Midwest and Southeast will be in need of these funds. June 19th is the date Admiral will take this special offering.

Locally, Family Promise has reopened! A celebration and fundraiser will be held at Holy Rosary Church on June 11th. It will include a catered

dinner with dessert auction, Sock Hop dance, silent auction, and Hula Hoop Contest. See the poster made by Patti Wunder. For tickets, contact Marilyn.

The week Admiral UCC will be involved is June 19th to 26th. Help will be needed with dinners on Monday and Tuesday of that week. We also need someone, or a couple to stay overnight at Alki Church.

Marilynn, outreach chair

Admiral Calendar and Other News

Remember to check www.admiralchurch.org regularly for changes and updates to the calendar, as well as other news.



Early worship

Our 8:30a.m. worship is off to a great start.

The worship is less formal than the 10:30 service, and will last for around a half hour or so.

It will continue through the summer, giving folks an option to worship at 8:30a.m. and have the rest of the day for playing in the sun, or to sleep in and have a more relaxed morning. See you at 8:30a.m. (and there's coffee afterwards, too!)



"Just 'Early Service' will suffice, Ed."

June Birthdays:

- 1 June & Loren
- 2 Laura & Morgan
- 9 Joanne
- 10 Kendall
- 13 Vi
- 17 Oscar


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Admiral Congregational Church

Please check the calendar at www.admiralchurch.org for updates and changes.

(please contact the office if you do not see your birthday listed correctly)

- 20 Matthew
- 28 Laura
- 29 Loralee

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ongoing groups at Admiral:		Wednesday 8-9p.m. AA					
Sunday 8-9p.m. AA		Thursday 7-8p.m. NA	1				
Monday 6:30-7:30a.m. SAA		Friday 7-9p.m. Lucky Ladies AA					
2nd Tuesday 7p.m. Admiral Neigh. Assn.		Saturday 8:30-10:30a.m. Al-Anon					
Wednesday 8-9p.m. AA		Saturday 7-8:30p.m. NA					
5	8:30a.m. Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
	10:30a.m. Worship	3p.m. Membership 7p.m. Trustees	10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	7p.m. Choir	7p.m. Bible Study	Pastor Donald's day off	
12	Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
	8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship (Lunch following)	6p.m. Parish Care 6:30p.m. Teams 7:30p.m. Council	10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney Flag Day 	7p.m. Choir	7p.m. Bible Study	Pastor Donald's day off 6p.m. Choir Party at Donald & Don's	
19	Fathers Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
	8:30a.m. Worship		10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney		7p.m. Bible Study	Pastor Donald's day off	
	10:30a.m. Worship						
	7p.m. Youth Group						
26	8:30a.m. &	27	28	29	30		
	10:30a.m. Worship	7p.m. Men's book group at Hurst Lounge	10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney		7p.m. Bible Study		
	7p.m. Youth Group						

Youth Group

Our youth group has been amazingly active and busy over the last few months; here are some highlights:

April 17 – some of the young people participated in the dramatic reading of the passion story.

April 24 – several youth helped with the Easter festival and Easter egg hunt

April 30 – we helped serve a spring brunch as part of their annual fund-raising auction

April 29-May 1 – Aislynn attended the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Conference and had, in her words, a “fantastic time”

May 8 – everyone is raving about how incredible Youth Sunday was. Twelve of our young people helped lead the worship service by being greeters and ushers, reading, singing, playing instruments, and leading prayers. Thanks!

Ongoing – flamingo flockings have been happening around West Seattle. These will be coming to a close at the end of May, so **be sure to get your orders in soon!**

Several cards and letters have been received giving thanks to the youth. I have gotten some praise for my work with the youth, but none of this could happen without them. They are a wonderful part of our church, and we can all be proud of them.

Upcoming:

June 11 – the youth will be supporting the fund-raising auction to benefit Family Promise.

Yard Sale - the youth will be part of the plan to pull off a church-wide yard sale on Saturday, July 30. Start gathering your donations now; if you need to store things at the church please call Don. We do not have a lot of room, but we'll figure it out. Plan to give us your treasures, help out if you can, and bring your friends to support our church.

-Don,
youth group leader

Celebrating Kendall Baker's New Book

The Rev. Dr. Kendall Baker (you know him – he sits in the back of the choir!) will be releasing his new book *When Faith Storms the Public Square* on **Sunday, June 5**, at church.

Kendall will be leading the morning worship service, and then will be selling and signing copies of his book.

The book challenges “citizens of all stripes to consider faith-based community organizing as a constructive force in building democracy. To some, the notion of mixing religious groups and community organizing may seem a pleasing prospect, an idea long overdue. To others, it may be anathema. Like it or not, however, this blending is a reality that has been forged in streets and meeting halls day by day, from the very beginnings of our country to the present-day touchstones of President Barack Obama.”



Update for the First Book Group:

Now that there are two Admiral Church book groups and since one has been going for five years and has always been “Open and Affirming” to both genders (!), to avoid confusion, we have added “First” to our name!

Every year we have chosen a theater production at Book-It Theatre of a book we tend to read in advance of the play. This year the production will be Ivan Doig's book: *Prairie Nocturn*. The play we will attend is a matinee on Sunday, June 19 at 2:00p.m. We will car-pool to the Seattle Center, making sure that we are there by 1:30p.m.

Anyone interested in attending who has not already bought their ticket (\$30.00), please let Sonia know and she will attempt to get more tickets.

-Sonia

New Lecture Series

The core group of members who felt the need to incorporate activities with our pre-school, A Child Becomes, met on Monday, May 2nd to discuss a jointly sponsored lecture series.

The series will be held at Admiral Church on the first Monday of each month during the school year. It will be open to church members, pre-school parents, and the wider community. The series will address family/education issues, and it will be added to the list of our current community outreach efforts. The core group next meeting is on June 6th at 7 p.m. in Hurst Lounge. If you are interested and have ideas about a logo, series name, topics, or lecturers, please join us for a continuing conversation.



ADMIRAL CONGREGATIONAL UCC

Church Council Minutes

May 16, 2011

(abbreviated to save space; the complete minutes are on the notice board at church, when you walk in the door).

Treasurer Wayne presented a financial report showing we are currently in a positive situation, and are current on all our bills. We will re-open the savings account to hold the restricted funds.

Dorothy reported that pledge income to date is \$57,796 over 20 weeks – that's 46% of pledges over only 38% of the year; keep up the good work! Non-pledged offering is \$4,536 – exactly on budget!

Donald reported a variety of fun and creative activities on coming Sundays

May 29 – Easter lessons and carols

June 5 – Kendall will be preaching, and releasing his new book

June 12 – Pentecost, and confirmation

June 19 – a celebration of Bible translations – bring your favorite Bible for a display in Hurst Lounge

The yard sale has been set for July 30.

In Lee's absence, and on behalf of the trustees, Donald presented a report on the proposal to do some maintenance and building projects at the church. Bids are being sought, and Ron is looking into funding options. A small capital campaign to raise the roughly \$133,000 needed will *probably* be undertaken – the council will act at a meeting later in the month, and there will be a congregational meeting in June.

Fellowship – we need a new guest book where folks can give us their address; the plan for new member mentors is moving slowly.

Christian Ed – the Easter festival was a great success; we are working on plans for Vacation Bible School in July

Outreach – there will be a special offering on June 19 for Strengthen the Church; there will also be an event for Family Promise re-opening

Personnel – have done one background check, and will continue with others

Help Wanted

After much dedicated service, Victoria will be resigning her position in the church nursery effective June 19 to pursue other interests. So we are looking for a nursery person. It's 1 ½ hours per week (roughly – starting at 10:15 and going until church is over) – pay is \$25 per week. If you are interested, please contact Sonia, or Pastor Donald at pastor@admiralchurch.org; 425-591-7729). Thanks!

When Faith Storms the Public Square

*Mixing Religion and Politics
through Community Organizing
to Enhance Our Democracy*

Kendall Clark Baker

How do we make sense of American society's mix of religion and politics? *When Faith Storms the Public Square* answers that question by challenging citizens of all stripes to consider faith-based community organizing as a constructive force in building democracy. To some, the notion of mixing religious groups and community organizing may seem a pleasing prospect, an idea long overdue. To others, it may be anathema. Like it or not, however, this blending is a reality that has been forged in streets and meeting halls day by day, from the very beginnings of our country to the present-day touchstones of President Barack Obama.

Kendall Clark Baker has extensive experience as an organizing pastor serving an organizing congregation, collaborating with clergy and laity of many faiths to improve the quality of life for ordinary families through the democratic process of community organizing that is driven by values.

What Others Are Saying

"*When Faith Storms the Public Square* is for all those who care about faith communities, the spiritual health of ministers, or the role of religion in our democratic life."

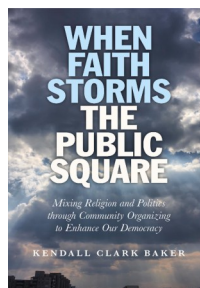
- Professor Richard Wood, University of New Mexico, author of *Faith in Action: Religion, Race, and Democratic Organizing in America*

"Kendall Baker's book should be on seminary reading lists for those preparing for ministry."

- Phillip Straling, Bishop Emeritus, Catholic Diocese of Reno, Nevada

"Dr. Baker provides the theoretical and practical foundations for developing programs to bring about positive community change. He shows how disparate congregations CAN unite for change."

- Rabbi Hillel Cohn, San Bernardino, California



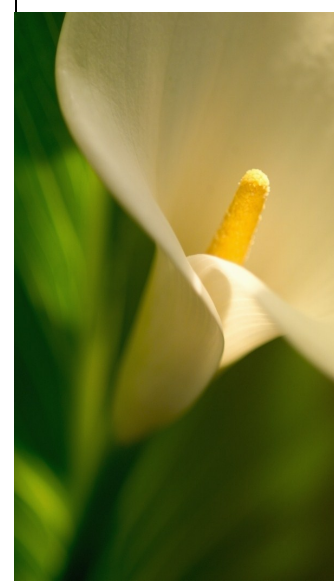
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**Author's presentation
and book signing
Admiral Church, Sunday, June 5,
following worship.
Copies will be available for sale at
the book signing.**

Men's Book Group



The next Men's Book Club meeting will be held on Monday, June 27th at 7 p.m. in Hurst Lounge. We will be discussing *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. This wonderful book about life in World War II Seattle, the Japanese internment, and lost love was a hit with the first Book club. It should prove to be the same with our group. Join us for the discussion and the camaraderie.



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"No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey
you are welcome here.."



June 12 - Pentecost and more

June 12 is Pentecost Sunday this year – that's the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit enlivening the disciples after Jesus' departure. Feeling down, they instead began to realize the risen Christ was always with them, and they had work to do on God's behalf.

It's also **Confirmation Sunday** here at Admiral. Six of our young people will be confirmed at the 10:30 worship service – it's an exciting time for the whole congregation, and you are especially invited to attend.

In addition, there will also be a celebratory luncheon after church; plan to stay, enjoy some great food prepared by David Pelton, and visit with friends old and new.

ps: and wear something red, orange, or yellow – the fiery colors of Pentecost!



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