



# Admiral Tidings

July/August  
2011

Admiral Congregational United Church of Christ

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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



### Ah, summer...

Someone once described Canada as 10 months of winter and two months of bad hockey. Seattle has almost felt like that this year.

Okay, for those who – like me – have lived in New England and the Midwest, winter here really “taint nothing.” In Vermont the general rule of thumb was that you didn't begin to complain about the winter unless there was more than 6 inches of snow on the ground. By those standards, we really have no winter here at all.

Yet summer, when it arrives between the raindrops, seems short and the days so very precious. We want to soak as much good out of each moment.

Do that. Take a break. Take some Sabbath time.

Our ancient Jewish ancestors were absolutely right when they caught

onto the idea of taking one day a week to pause, to step aside from the everyday, and spend a little time with God. To quote a more modern understanding, to get out of our left brain for a while.

Whether we believe the Exodus version – that we take a day off each week to remember that God took a day off after creating the world – or the Deuteronomy version, where the Sabbath is a day to remember God rescuing us from slavery in Egypt – the idea of Sabbath is clear: take a break.

So take some time in the weeks of summer. Read a book, go for a walk, or simply sit in the sun with a glass of iced tea. Work in your garden, go swimming with the kids, or get away on vacation. Whatever you do, pause and let God do some re-creating within your life. Reconnect with creation and its Creator. Remember your place in this wondrous world of beauty God has given us.

Happy Sabbath!

*Donald*



## Scripture for July/August

**July 3, 2011**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 24:34-67

Psalm 45 *or*

Song of Songs 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

What can we do to make sure our relationships and other endeavors turn out for the best? Nothing. We cannot guarantee such an outcome. However, as we choose to live in relationship with God and journey in God's ways we can be assured that God will be with us wherever life beckons. When have you sensed God journeying alongside you?

**July 10, 2011**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In the midst of struggles with one another, God's steadfast love and forgiveness can be trusted to guide such a house divided toward shalom. How do you understand your birthright as a child of God? In what ways might you and our church reach out to those who are struggling with life in a "house divided"?

**July 17, 2011**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

It takes a lifetime to learn how God has been with us, is with us now, and will be with us in the future: to comfort, strengthen, challenge, and guide through life's mysteries. What does it mean to live with openness to the mystery of God's leading and presence in all situations of life? In what ways do we – as individuals and as a church –

express the gift of hope and blessing that God gives?

**July 24, 2011**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b *or* 128

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

In times of predictability and in moments of great surprise, God is at work in persistent and amazing ways to bring the promises of God's reign to fruition. When have you been surprised by the ways in which God is at work in the midst of a challenging situation? What helps us remain open to God's work of transformation in our midst?

**July 31, 2011**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Each day, God's blessings grant us new beginnings. Such compassion empowers us to face up to the challenges we encounter. In what ways has your life been transformed by God's blessing? To what new beginning might such blessing be leading you?

**August 7, 2011**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:16-22

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Wherever we are, God is with us. When all seems lost, we can trust that God will come to us, to strengthen us to carry on. Who or what helps you to claim God's gifts of strength and hope in the midst of struggles, and move forward? Who might appreciate a word or gesture of such hope? How might you be a sign of God's presence to them?



**August 14, 2011**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-12, 21-28

Living in harmony as a family or community is challenging. Yet, through God's saving love, we can find ways to speak, listen, and journey forward together. God's presence in our actions can restore community. Where might God be calling us to take a more active role as agents of compassion and reconciliation?

**August 21, 2011**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 1:8—2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

With generous love, God enables us to live faithfully and nurture the Body of Christ by exercising our Spirit-given abilities. What does Paul's image of the Body of Christ suggest to you about the life of the church? What do you think it means to bring our lives – as individuals and as the church – as offerings to God?

**August 28, 2011**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Paul calls the Christian community to put its faith into action. The community of those united in relationship with God lives for the sake of bringing God's good purposes to life in the world. Where do you find such marks of Spirit-led discipleship being called forth in your life and that of our church? To what new expressions of genuine love might God be calling you?

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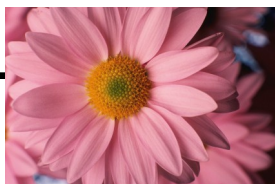
## The Lord's Prayer

In *Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus* (Harper San Francisco, 1990), Neil Douglas-Klotz offers an interpretation of the Lord's prayer using some of the unique nuances of the Aramaic language that Jesus and his disciples spoke. The verses come out quite differently, and take on new meaning. For example, *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven* becomes:

Help us love beyond our ideals  
and sprout acts of compassion  
for all creatures.

*Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors* becomes:

Loose the cords of mistakes  
binding us, as we release the  
strands we hold of others' guilt.



## Worship News

Thanks to Patti for all of the beautiful flowers which decorated the sanctuary and Hurst Lounge during Pentecost. A July to October schedule will be out for the liturgists, greeters and ushers. We will experiment with the greeters also doubling as ushers on some Sundays this summer. Give us your feedback, and keep in mind that more volunteers are needed for these important roles.

A sign-up sheet will be on the office window for all musicians who would like to provide music this summer at the 10:30 service while the choir is on vacation. Instrumental and vocal contributions welcome.

The early 8:30 a.m. service has been running smoothly and has some dedicated attendees. This more informal service gives our congregation another worship option.

David, *Worship Team leader*

## 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.



## Early worship

Our early morning service starts at 8:30a.m. It is less formal than the 10:30 service, and lasts for around a half hour or so.

During the summer this gives you a great 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, worshipping at 10:30a.m.



## Outreach Report

In June we took a National Offering that helps churches build and repair. We will post our giving total in a Sunday bulletin and on the Bulletin Board.

Thank you to LaVerne, Mona and Dale who helped with Admiral's obligation to Family Promise at Alki UCC on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We served two dinners to two families with seven children under five years old!

Food Bank Sundays will be July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>. Suggestions are listed by the basket near Donald's office and on the bulletin board.

Marilynn, *outreach chair*

## Yee Haw!

Congratulations to our High School students for a successful run of ***Oklahoma!***

Many of us from Admiral attended and enjoyed the show. Patrick played baritone sax; Chris played the part of Cord Elam; and Mary had a lead role as Aunt Eller. Laura D., Laura G., and Cheryl were also involved with the play.

Jeb the miniature horse attracted Barb McGlothern's eye.







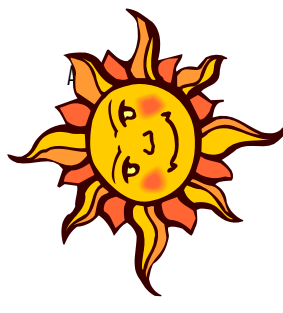
# July 2011

## Admiral Congregational Church

Please check [www.admiralchurch.org](http://www.admiralchurch.org) for updates and changes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Ongoing groups at Admiral:</b>						
Sunday 8-9p.m. AA	Monday 6:30-7:30a.m. SAA	Thursday 7-8p.m. NA	Friday 7-9p.m. Lucky Ladies AA	1	Pastor Donald's day off	2
2nd Tuesday 7p.m. Admiral Neighborhood Ass'n	Wednesday 8-9p.m. AA	Saturday 8:30-10:30a.m. Al-Anon	Saturday 7-8:30p.m. NA	8	Pastor Donald's day off	9
3 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship/ communion	4 Independence Day 	5 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	6 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	7 7p.m. Bible Study	15 Pastor Donald's day off	16
10 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship	11 6p.m. Parish Care 6:30p.m. Teams	12 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	13 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	14	22 Pastor Donald's day off	23
17 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship	18	19 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	20	21	29 Pastor Donald's day off	30
24 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship	25 7p.m. First book group 7p.m. 2nd book group - Hurst Lounge	26 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	27	28	Pastor Donald's day off	30 

# August 2011



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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	3	4	5 <i>Pastor Donald's day off</i>	6
7 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship	8 6p.m. Parish Care 6:30p.m. Teams 7:30p.m. Council	9 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	10	11	12 <i>Pastor Donald's day off</i>	13
15 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship	15 <b>PASTOR DONALD at CAMP, AUGUST 14-20</b>	16	17	18	19 <i>Pastor Donald's day off</i>	20
21 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship	22 <b>PASTOR DONALD on VACATION AUGUST 21-27</b>	23	24	25	26 <i>Pastor Donald's day off</i>	27
28 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship	29 7p.m. First book group 7p.m. 2nd book group - Hurst Lounge	30 10a.m. Bible Study at the Kenney	31			

## NEW LECTURE SERIES TO BEGIN AT ADMIRAL

A new lecture series will commence this fall in Hurst Lounge at Admiral Church. Co-sponsored by A Child Becomes pre-school and Admiral, the series will individually address such parent/child issues as positive discipline, bullying, nutrition, learning, and family legal planning.

Most lectures will be held on the first Monday of the month, and will carry a nominal fee of five dollars. Parents, grandparents, educators, and anyone with ties to young people should find these lectures to be of value.

Next March, a fair will be held to share information about summer youth camps and activities.

Contact Stephanie or David for more information about "We Are Family—Community Lecture Series" and/or if you would like to help with this new and exciting endeavor.

Brochures and posters will be available in early August.



## ADMIRAL CONGREGATIONAL UCC

### Highlights - June 2011

*(the complete minutes are on the notice board at church near the front door).*

The June council meeting began with a financial report from treasurer, Wayne. The church is in cautiously positive shape financially, although with summer coming it will be vital for people to keep up their pledges or we will face some serious problems. Financial secretary Dorthy, noted we are exactly on par for where pledges should be at this time of year.

The Trustees presented information about some delayed maintenance and renovation projects that the church should undertake in the near future. These are fewer and much less costly than what was explored in January, and include several of the items the congregation listed as being important to pursue, such as repairing the bathrooms on the main floor and fixing the sanctuary roof. The trustees have been charged with continuing their research and making a future presentation to the council, which will then go to the congregation.



*Seasons of the Spirit* is an international, multi-denominational, all ages worship and Christian Education resource. We have used it for our Sunday School and for many of the resources we use in worship.

Our congregation was approached by the editor of *Seasons*, Susan Burt, and asked if we would be willing to host the writing of a unit of curriculum for *Seasons*. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as individuals and as a congregation to help shape resources used across the US and around the world.

Susan Burt, who hails from Adelaide, Australia, has worked with Pastor Donald before, and is excited about this opportunity to work with our church. She will facilitate an intensive time of reflection on the biblical stories in the unit, inviting us to ponder how they connect to our life here. All are invited to participate in the process for as much or as little time as you can. The schedule is:

Thurs., Sept. 15 – 6-9p.m. supper and introduction to *Seasons of the Spirit*

Friday, Sept. 16 – 6 - 9 p.m. supper and Bible study

Saturday, Sept. 17 – 9 - 12 and 1 - 4 including lunch for those staying all day

Sunday, Sept. 18 – 1 - 4 p.m., Bible study and closing

Please speak with Pastor Donald if you want to know more, and plan to be a part of this exciting adventure!

### July / August Birthdays

July

- 5 Keith
- 7 Fran
- 11 Lisa
- 12 Ralph
- 16 Chad
- 17 Avis and Wayne
- 22 Phillip
- 24 Ron
- 25 David

August

- 1 Imy
- 2 Samantha
- 4 Florence
- 5 Judy
- 8 Paige
- 14 Barbara
- 17 Victoria
- 21 Emily
- 22 Joe



### Men's Book Group

FOURTH MONDAY BOOK STUDY 7:00p.m.



Hosted by Lee and Dale, we meet to discuss a common book each "Fourth Monday" in Hurst Lounge at Admiral Church.

The next meeting is on Monday evening, August 29<sup>th</sup> in Hurst Lounge. The book is Blind Your Ponies by Stanley Gordon West, is a modern tale of a struggling, small high school in rural Montana. Watch the Sunday bulletin and the Admiral web site for further information on book titles.

*Dale*

### SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> DINNER/AUCTION



The first planning meeting for the annual dinner/auction will be on Wed., July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the church. Todd, our auctioneer extraordinaire will be present. If you are able to help in any way, please plan to attend.

The event is scheduled for Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars, and begin talking it up with family and friends. A mailing will go out in early July with more information.

Also, begin thinking about those businesses you frequent that might be able to make a donation of goods or services. An auction warm-up activity will happen in early July when silent bids will be accepted for a seven-night vacation rental at Sunchaser Vacation Villas; Fairmount Hot Springs, British Columbia for Sept. 4-11 (sleeps four with sleeper sofa-minimum bid \$350). Further details will be in the mailing. Information will also be available at church and on our website.

As you might recall, the congregation approved a budget for 2011 which included \$20,000 in income from fundraising. Let's use our faith and our God-given talents to help meet the challenge.

*David, Event coordinator*

### Women's Book Group

We meet the last Monday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced. Anyone interested is welcome!

Watch the Sunday bulletin and the Admiral web site for information on location and book titles.



A fundraising yard sale is planned for Saturday, July 30, from 9a.m.-2p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to share those wonderful "treasures" that have been living in your garage or basement for too long! The youth group are steering this event, and we need everyone's help. If you have items to donate, or can help on the day, PLEASE call Don at (425-260-4866) hecooks@comcast.net

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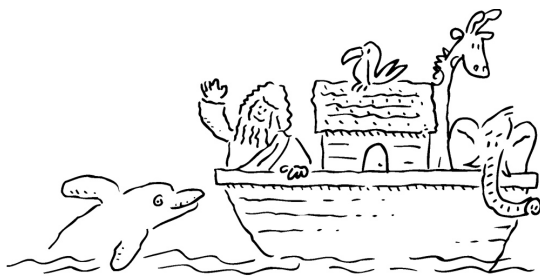
### Vacation Church School

Mark your calendars today to be a part of our fabulous vacation church school! This year, we will explore ***The Story of the Bible*** through art, song, story, and fun.

It will take place at Admiral Congregational from 9a.m. to noon, July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>. Our program is geared for kids from 5 to 10, and we would love to have lots and lots of youth and adult helpers. Come learn and grow with us at Admiral!

Registration forms are available at the church and online through our website.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Stephanie at [strinneer@coomcast.net](mailto:strinneer@coomcast.net).



**Join us at  
Vacation Church School!**

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