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Glimpses of Faith Newsletter

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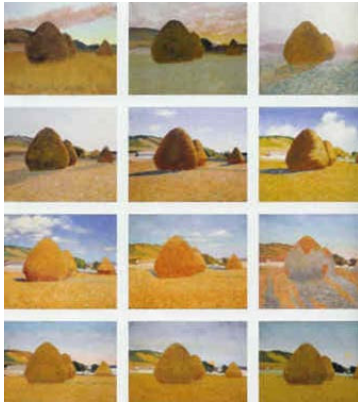
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Pastor's Page



On my recent trip to Chicago I was lucky enough to have time to visit the Chicago Art Institute. They have a very good Impressionist gallery. There along one wall were 6 of the 25 paintings that Claude Monet painted of the hay stacks that were right outside his house in Giverny. Why would an artist spend so much time painting the same subject, especially something so seemingly mundane? There are so many other beautiful things and places he could have painted. I can see one painting, maybe even two or three but 25!

It seems he painted them over a seven month period beginning in the fall of 1890. Monet saw this series as a study of the transience of light. He was fascinated how the light varied with the seasons, the weather, the time of day, etc. The same scene

outside his window varied constantly with this changing light.

He would get up as early as 3:30 in the morning to prepare to paint and he would work on as many as 10-12 canvas' at a time, changing them as the time progressed. This series brought him critical acclaim and financial success. He was able to purchase outright the house and grounds at Giverny and start constructing a pond which he would use in over 250 paintings! Most of his paintings over the last 40 years of his life were of scenes 2 miles or less from his house in Giverny.

Frederick Buechner writes "Literature, painting, music, the most basic lesson that all art teaches us is to stop, look, and listen to life on this planet, including our own lives, as a vastly richer, deeper, more mysterious business than most of the time it ever occurs to us to suspect as we bumble along from day to day on automatic pilot. In a world that for the most part steers clear of the whole idea of holiness, art is one of the few places left where we can speak to each other of holy things." (Whistling in the Dark).

Monet and Buechner invite us to pay attention to the haystacks around us, to our own back yards, to our lives and to even the most mundane things around us. In the words of the well known hymn, if we do we might just sense God's presence in the "rustling grass".

Buchner recalls that Emily Dickinson once wrote to a friend that "Consider the lilies of the field" was the only commandment she never broke. Buechner says, "She could have done worse. Consider the lilies. It is the *sine qua non* of art and religion both."

Neighbor In Need Offering Sunday October 7th

The Neighbor in Need offering which we will receive on October 7th, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.



NIN also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forbearers of the UCC established churches and worked with the Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the US.

Neighbors in Need helps make a Just World for All possible. for this to occur, it needs your support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to NIN can be made online anytime: www.ucc.org/nin

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you so very much for all the kindness you showed me during my knee surgery and convalescence: taking me to doctor appointments, sending get well cards and emails, visits in the hospital and at home, rides to church, bringing groceries and more.

I am truly blessed to have you all as friends and my church family! Thank you!

With God's grace, Janet



October Worship Assistants List

10-7 Liturgist: Ralph Ludwig Acolyte: Dan Geisler Council Rep: Dan Geisler
Greeter: Sandy Ludwig Hospitality: Vicky Geisler Communion: Jim & Chrissy Gossett
AV: Quinn Perry Church School: Tim & Jennifer Marlow Nursery: TBA
Ushers: Dan & Vicky Geisler; Jim Gossett; Will Gossett

10-14 Liturgist: Jason Chapel Acolyte: Kim Beauchamp Council Rep: Kim Beauchamp
Greeter: Bob Manning Hospitality: Mary Jean Owen AV: Jacob Beauchamp
Church School: Kathy Leber & Julia Allison Nursery: TBA
Ushers: Kim Beauchamp; Jacob Beauchamp; Elly Beauchamp; Jason Chapel

10-21 Liturgist: Youth Acolyte: Youth Council Rep: Carol Sisco- Martinez
Greeter: Youth Hospitality: Jan Ziegler AV: Youth Ushers: Youth
Church School: Joe Ward & Jim & Chrissy Gossett Nursery: TBA

10-28 Liturgist: Jennifer Marlon Acolyte: Jason Chapel Council Rep: Jason Chapel
Greeter: Frank Dietz Hospitality: Mikki Ward AV: Tim Marlow
Church School: Michelle Perry & Nicolle Clark Nursery: TBA
Ushers : Jason Chapel; Jennifer Marlow; Julia Allison; Joe Ward

11- 4 Liturgist: Bob Manning Acolyte: Kyle Kramm Council Rep: Kyle Kramm
Greeter: Karen Kramm Hospitality: Shirley Manning AV: Mikki Ward
Church School: Karen Dietz & Jan Ziegler Nursery: TBA
Ushers: Kyle Kramm; Joe ward; Karen Dietz; Julia Allison

11-11 Liturgist: Donna Myer Acolyte: Valerie Oates Council Rep: Valerie Oates
Greeter: Sheila Angerer Hospitality: Sam & Lana Ward AV: David Reed
Church School: Elly & Jacob Beauchamp Nursery: TBA
Ushers: Valerie Oates; Sam & Lana Ward; David Bizer

If you cannot serve on the date(s) shown, please try to find a sub. If that is not possible, please leave a message at the church (830-625-6761) as soon as possible. If you would like to be added or removed from all or part of the Worship Assistant List, please contact the church office.



Bratwurst & Bunco Fellowship Night Friday, Oct 12

[October Fellowship Opportunity--Please join us for Bratwurst and Bunco on Friday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the church!](#) Bunco is a fun, exciting game and easy to learn. No experience is necessary. Bratwurst and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Each player should bring \$5 for cash prizes for the winners.. **Please sign up in the narthex.** For more information contact Dan or Vicky Geisler at 817-925-3222 or geislerv@sbcglobal.net.

October Birthdays

10-1 Judy Anderson
10-3 Cullen Leonhardt
10-7 Sunny Colbath
10-10 Jody Coble
10-11 Tex Pantermuehl
10-14 Eddie Martinez
10-20 Louie Heras
10-21 Adeline Biesenbach
10-23 Carol Martinez
10-26 Gage Marlow
10-18 Evelyn Krueger
10-21 Cassidy Martinez
10-22 Scott Martin
10-29 Nathan Leber



Eden Hill Hog Roast at Krause's Wednesday, October 17th

A fundraising benefit for Eden Hill Communities will be held at Krause's from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17th. There will be a whole hog roast dinner and the **Dirty River Dixie Band** will provide entertainment. **Tickets are \$45** and they include the

meal and one drink ticket. **Children 12 and under are \$15.** Proceeds will benefit the Memory Care

Programs at Eden Hill.

You can buy tickets online at www.edenhill.org/celebrateseniors or you can call Eden Hill at 830-625-1327 or you can contact Pastor Scott for tickets.

New Members Joining Faith UCC on Sunday, October 14th

Faith UCC will be receiving new members during the worship service on Sunday, October 14th. Mel Hutzler will be joining. If you would like to join that Sunday please speak with Pastor Scott.



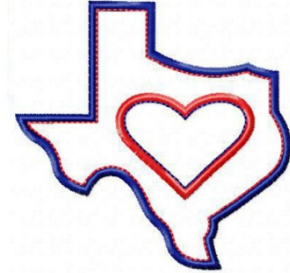
Faith Church Garage Sale Saturday November 3rd

We are already collecting items for this year's garage sale. You can bring them to the fellowship hall (small room on left side). Save the date & volunteer. We need people to help price items, set up & take down, day of, etc. Contact Karen Kramm for more info 210-213-9268

Heart of Texas Association News

You are all invited to our Heart of Texas Association Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 20th, 11 am, at United Christian Church, 3500 West

Parmer Lane in Austin. Registration begins at 10:30, we will break for lunch provided by several of the Austin area UCC churches, and then continue the meeting. Our time together will include the Ecclesiastical Council of Will Nelson, candidate for ordination, member of Church of the Savior in Cedar Park, and graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. We also look forward to hearing in depth from Jeremy Albers, Director of Outdoor Ministry at Slumber Falls Camp, who will be sharing about the life changing experience of summer church camp.



Our **offering will go to Slumber Falls** to support the mattress drive and the general fund. As always, we will have our business meeting and, most importantly, we will share our time of fellowship and community together among our the great folks who come from our Association churches. We do not have a set ending time, but our normal time to finish would be by 2 pm. Directions to United Christian can be found at <http://www.uccaustin.org/directions.html>. We anticipate sending out Will Nelson's ordination paper very soon to our churches and pastors for distribution to those who are coming, and we encourage those of you who come to read it in advance.

Karl Tewold, pastor of Faith UCC in Bryan for the past ten years, has announced his retirement at the end of this year. During Karl's time at Faith, the church took the courageous step of moving from their sanctuary on College Ave., first to a temporary home at the Brazos Center and then to their newly constructed church home in Austin's Colony in Bryan. Karl led them through the challenging process of building and having a new start. In addition, he has been a leader in our Association, most recently as the chair of our Committee on Ministry. We rejoice that he and Gwen will be able to enjoy family and travel more as we prepare to support Faith in the search for their next pastor.

I also ask you all for prayers of support and encouragement for our churches currently in the search and call process with interim ministers. We have five right now: Bethany Congregational in San Antonio with interim Tom Robison; St. John's UCC in Burton with interim Charles Stark; Friedens Church of Washington with interim Glen Schoeneberg; St. Paul UCC in Corpus Christi with interim Tom Neilsen; and Weimar UCC with interim Kristin Galle. I give thanks for the hard and caring work of these churches and for our caring and committed interim ministers. Let us look forward with these churches to the new ministry ahead, full of hope for their future calling in Christ's work.

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash, Association Minister

Block Walkers Needed by Corridor Interfaith Alliance for Families

Over the past several months, leaders from the Corridor Interfaith Alliance for Families held community conversations where people spoke about the issues that they are facing in their community. From those conversations, an action agenda was formed outlining the key issues: education and job training, healthcare, affordable housing, immigration, infrastructure, transportation, and prison reform.

The CIAF is launching a Get Out The Vote campaign for the November elections. Through our churches and block walking, we will sign up people who support our agenda and who will go vote. **We do not endorse any candidates; the action agenda is our candidate!** We have begun meeting with candidates to ask for their commitments to our agenda. We never tell people how to vote; we inform them of the commitments the candidates have made on the issues they care about, invite them to hear the candidates for themselves, and remind them of when and where to vote.

If you would like to help with block walking or would like more information please contact (**enter your name and number here**) or the CIAF organizer, Sabrina Jennings at 512-309-0691 or sabrinajennings@gmail.com.



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October Calendar

- 10-7 Worldwide Communion Sunday & Neighbor In Need Offering
- 10-9 Church Council 7 p.m.
- 10-12 Bratwurst & Bunco Fellowship Night 6:30 p.m. (Please RSVP in narthex)
- 10-14 New Members Join during worship service (contact pastor if you would like to join)
- 10-16 Pastor's Jam & Bread at St John's in Burton (leave Faith parking lot at 7:45 a.m.)
- 10-17 Eden Hill Pig Roast fund raiser at Krause's 5-8 p.m.
- 10-20 Heart of Texas Association meeting at United Christian in Austin 10:30 am..
- 10-21 Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
- 10-28 Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
- 10-31 November newsletter articles due