

# The Beacon

University Baptist Church

September 2011

## WELCOME!

A few weeks ago, members of our faith community gathered to start the discernment process that will help us to be more welcoming of young adults and young families. The time we spent learning and discussing was extraordinary and I am grateful to the leaders of *Congregational Care* and *Learning & Play* Teams for giving us this amazing opportunity. Also, our gratitude goes to our workshop leader, Pastor Ned Allyn Parker, of Seattle First Baptist Church.



*Growth by Chris Massey*

As I continue to reflect on how to welcome people – and not just young people, but every single one of God’s children – to our community, I came across a few ideas that I would like to share with the rest of you. September is usually the month when churches celebrate homecoming services, welcoming back those who had taken time off

during the summer and rejoicing in being together once more as a family. Perhaps it is time for all of us to extend this welcoming to those sisters and brothers we have yet to meet...

Here are some of the suggestions I have found or come up with to make visitors and members alike feel welcomed:

- ◆ Smile. Welcome others warmly and sincerely. Not only the visitor but also the long-time friend.
- ◆ Be open to answer questions about the church; about the music, about the order of worship... In fact, ask the visitor if they have questions and be available to help them find the hymns, the nursery or kids’ corner, or any other thing.

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*We celebrate our diversity in religious background, sexual orientation, race, age, gender and abilities.*

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## Happy Birthday!!!

### August

9/3 Beverly Spears  
9/6 Ken Johnson  
9/12 Ashley Smith  
9/16 Nick Caruso  
9/16 Martha Bean  
9/18 David Spears  
9/19 Miriam Caruso  
9/22 Ross Dimm  
9/22 Bill Badgeley  
9/25 Sara Abbasian  
9/25 Manny Santiago  
9/26 Peggy Lockman  
9/28 Doris Brevoort  
9/29 Norah Jean Walker

If your birthday  
isn't listed here, please  
contact the office so we can add  
you to our list!

- ◆ Encourage them to share their joys and concerns during prayer. This reminds them that they, too, are part of our family.
- ◆ Help them fill out the visitor's cards and remind them that we are not going to add them to any mailing list without their permission.
- ◆ Invite them to stay for coffee hour BEFORE the service begins! And when the service is over, remind them of this invitation and introduce them to others.
- ◆ Tell the visitor of the service opportunities throughout the week and give them information on where to go for book clubs, small group meetings or any other mid-week activities.
- ◆ Invite them to join us for worship again, but keep in mind that many people are in a process of searching for a church and they need time to decide which church fits their needs better.
- ◆ Above all, remember that you, too, were a visitor at some point. Remember what you did not like and what you enjoyed about your first few visits and do likewise. If that kept you coming back, it is very likely that it will keep others coming back too!

Looking forward to seeing you again and again,

*Pastor Manny*



**BPFNA is coming to Seattle!** The board meeting of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America will be hosted by UBC October 27th-30th. We have the opportunity to provide housing, transportation and meals for board members during their time here. As more information is received on how we can best support this group in its important work, stay tuned for specific ways in which you can help.

*Marilee N.*

# Among Ourselves

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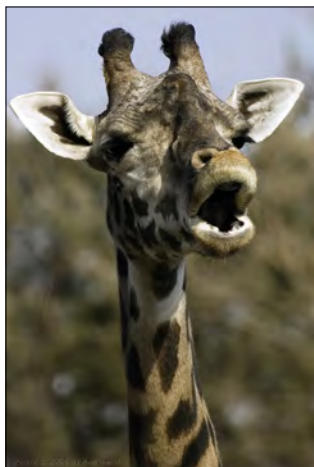
Congratulations to **Zandi C**, who directed a three-week Seattle Shakespeare Company camp for teens, culminating in showings of *A Comedy of Errors*. Zandi is currently in rehearsals for *The Pajama Game* with the Seattle Musical Theatre. The show runs from September 9 to October 2 at the Magnuson Park Community Center Building. Get information and tickets at [www.seattlemusicaltheatre.org/shows/Season34/ThePajamaGame...](http://www.seattlemusicaltheatre.org/shows/Season34/ThePajamaGame...) **Lynn, Michael, and Eva G-J** look forward to a trip to Los Angeles, where they will visit USC and have dinner with **Ethan C**. He is working in the music industry and Eva is interested in hearing his stories... **Erica B** and **Mike S** offered special music and dance at a recent service at Seattle First Baptist Church... If you are looking for gift items such as bears, sachets, pin cushions, jewelry, and sun-catching prisms, stop by the Lake City Lions Flea Market on September 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., where **Heather S** and **Jackie L** will sell their craft items. The market takes place every second Saturday of the month at the Lake City Community Center, 12531 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, next to the Lake City Library... We will continue to miss seeing **Marilyn M** at worship, since her interim position at Burton Community Church has been extended... It was wonderful to have **Rhonda's son Matthew G** and **Daniel H's** brother, sister-in-law, and nephew at our annual picnic and worship service. We also enjoyed seeing **Peggy L** and our office manager **Jessica D** and her friend Aaron there. Many thanks for a wonderful outdoor worship service to **Sadie C** and the youth and young adults (**Jessica B, Valerie F, Eva G-J, Audrey S, and Erica B**), who worked on the words of worship, and **Aaron B**, who offered special music. Thanks to **Jodi H-J** and **Ken J** for games, and **Cass N, Suzan and Paul W, and Jackie L** for making it a great picnic... We offer our blessings to **Jessica B**, who has left for her first year at Colorado College. **Joy S** has returned from her month-long sailing trip, tan and energized. She loves being back on the water and is looking forward to her next trip... We are pleased to have **Brooke and Mary R** back with us after a stay with their son John's family in Minnesota. They especially enjoyed end-of-summer activities with their grandsons. Mary and Brooke will travel to Minnesota again in the fall to help out as John undergoes treatment for cancer... We are excited to have **Alethea P** back from Guatemala, where she had a lively time in Antigua and Guatemala City. She worked as a volunteer providing daycare for very poor children and helping in a classroom. She especially enjoyed the young children, creative teachers, homestay family, and simple foods. Ask Alethea, and she will share the rich details as only she can do.



*Photo courtesy of Paul W.*

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# All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir



*Singing Giraffe by Ken Gantz*

As the choir prepares to enter a new season of music ministry, please know that there is a place for you in that choir – a supportive, affirming, what-you-see-is-what-you-get home. Choir members past, present, and future are invited to a retreat at the Paynton condominium social room on **Saturday, September 10th** from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.**

Coffee, juice and pastries will be available followed by a time of reflection, a look at some new music, lunch, and will conclude with a look towards Advent and the celebration of our congregation's 110th anniversary! Margie Paynton has more information, directions, and answers to your questions. All are welcome!

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 17, 2011, MINUTES

**Present:** Rhonda H, Tom N, Mary Clare B, Elizabeth P, Marilyn M, Sadie C, Lori T, Suzan B-W, Aaron B, Kathryn J, Manny S, Lynn G-J

**Call to Order** – Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes** of the June 15 meeting were approved as written.

**Moderator Duties** – Because of recent life changes, Rhonda tendered her resignation as moderator. The Council accepted it, commending Rhonda for recognizing her needs and modeling good self-care. As moderator-elect, Tom Nielsen will become moderator.

**Training on Understanding the Financial Statements** – Mary Clare went over recent financial statements with us, explaining details. Team leads can call Jessica D, our office manager, to learn how much they have spent and how much money remains in their budgets.

**UDEP** - Tom reported that on Friday, September 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. there will be an event on the Avenue sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, called "Up Your Ave." UDEP has rented a booth and invited us. We agreed that we should participate, provide treats, and give away a flash drive with the UBC logo on it and information about our church loaded on it.

**Quarterly Business Meeting Update** – The quarterly business meeting on September 11 will be a short meeting right after the postlude

**Fall Retreat** – The fall retreat takes place at Camp Burton on September 16, 17, and 18.

**By-Laws Update** – Manny will talk with Lin C about doing the update now.

**Baptist Peace Fellowship** - Elizabeth and Marilee have agreed to work with Manny on hosting

this event, which will tentatively include a potluck dinner for the board members of the Baptist Peace Fellowship and members of our church.

**Pastor's Report** –Manny submitted a written report. He noted the overwhelming support of the ABC-USA Biennial delegates for restructuring our denomination. He mentioned the study group he will lead after worship on the first Sunday of each month, beginning September 4.

## Monthly Team Reports

**Congregational Care** – Elizabeth reported that the special workshop on attracting young adults was well-attended and excellent. In October the team will try something called “Six at Six,” a dinner event to bring people together, perhaps along geographical lines. The team is trying to discern what the congregation needs in terms of small-group experiences, and they are encouraging people to go to brunch after worship in small groups. The Caring and Coping group is currently closed to newcomers, given the long-term relationships among the participants.

**Finance Report** - Kathryn reported that the team's next meeting is on August 28 and will launch the budget process. Members of the Finance Team will talk with each team to find out about their budget needs for next year. They will present the budget at the quarterly business meeting in November.

**Church Life** – Suzan reported on the upcoming worship and picnic in the park.

**Building Team** – Elizabeth reported that a night-security person has been hired. A cleaning person cleans on Sunday night, and someone empties the trash during the week.

**Learning and Play** – Sadie reported that Aaron has done a great job leading the book group. There will be no book group in the fall. The focus will be on small groups getting together.

**Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Team** – Kathryn reported that the third Sunday of the month will be the likely meeting time for the group. Applications for grants are due October 1 and will be decided in December. Lin C is working on volunteer opportunities for church members to get involved in. Some mission trips are under consideration.

**PSRT** – Marilyn reported that the team met in August. Ralph H will be the interim lead, since Marilyn's work at the Burton Church has been extended. September and October have been set as the evaluation months for Manny. Ralph will coordinate that process.

**Worship Team** – Elizabeth reported that the team has a deadline for completing the Our Common Prayer Book for the 110th anniversary of our church on December 4. They are working on a survey to assess people's worship experiences and may have it ready to share at the fall retreat. They meet the first Tuesday of the month.

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Tom reported that Mary R is putting together a nominating committee.

**Communications Team** – Aaron reported that the team has settled on a website design. They are collecting copy about the church. Jessica will act as an editor, pulling the material together for the site. Team leads will need to write short (2-sentence) About Me items for the leadership page on the site. Jessica has put together a very nice proposed site map.

Tom closed us in prayer.

*Lynn G-J, Church Clerk*

## Our Journeys – UBC Fall Retreat

A famous poem by Spaniard poet Antonio Machado has these lines: “Wanderer, your footsteps are / the road and nothing more; / wanderer, there is no road, / the road is made by walking.” The road is that which we create by walking in it. You might not know what lies ahead, but by faith, you continue waling and creating a road that transforms you. *Our Journeys* take us to different places and through a myriad different paths; yet, they all help us in shaping the persons we are today.

What would happen if we had the opportunity to share those experiences with each other? Perhaps, we could learn from each other’s journeys and find what unites us and what makes us different from each other. Perhaps we will find that we are not at the end of the journey, but rather continue to build a road as we walk together...

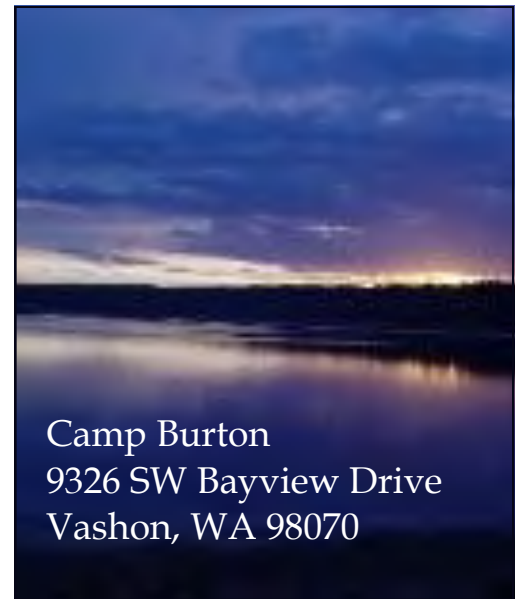
From *September 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>*, our faith community gathers together to learn from each other’s journeys at our annual Fall Retreat in Camp Burton. The Retreat Coordinating Team invites you to join us as we explore more of *Our Journeys*, the theme for this year’s retreat. Retreat registration forms are available at the office and scholarships are available for the total or partial cost of the retreat. We also help with coordinating transportation for you if needed.

Together in the journey with you,

Retreat Coordinating Team

*Suzan B.-W., Gail F., Tom N., Elizabeth P.,  
Manny S.*

*Additional copies of registration forms, consent forms, and ferry schedules are available in the office. Please email or call with requests or for more information.*



Camp Burton  
9326 SW Bayview Drive  
Vashon, WA 98070

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● Via Southworth.  
▲ Loads foot passengers only.

Ferry Schedule courtesy of WSDOT. For more updates, visit [wsdot.com/ferries/schedule](http://wsdot.com/ferries/schedule)



# UBC Fall Retreat Registration

## Our Journeys

Friday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>,  
at Camp Burton on Vashon Island

If you are going to Camp Burton please fill out this form and return in person, by regular mail, or by e-mail **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of children/Young People: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Responsible adult if not w/parent: \_\_\_\_\_ (please make sure to get and sign a release form from our office.)

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you offer transportation? Do you need help getting to Camp Burton? \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate preference: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarships are available!** Please let us know how we can help you attend.

		Number		Totals
<b>Full weekend (Friday-Sunday)</b> Includes two nights, all meals and the retreat program.	Adults attending:		x \$100 / person =	
	Kids (18 & under) attending:		x \$50 / person =	
<b>Friday night &amp; Saturday all day</b> Includes meals and program.	Adults attending:		x \$60 / person =	
	Kids (18 & under) attending:		x \$30 / person =	
<b>Saturday night &amp; Sunday morning</b> Includes meals and program.	Adults attending:		x \$60/ person =	
	Kids (18 & under) attending:		x \$30 / person =	
<b>Saturday all day only</b> Includes all meals and program for Saturday only. Planning to have breakfast with us? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Adults attending:		x \$45 / person =	
	Kids (18 & under) attending:		x \$25 / person =	
I want to help others attend by donating to the scholarship fund:				+
Scholarship amount needed (subtract from total):				< >
<b>Total:</b>				

**Make checks to UBC, designate Fall Retreat.**

You may include checks with registration or pay at the

# Young Adults and Faith

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Did you know that the basic needs of young adults are finding a vocation and mate, establishing an identity that is separate from family and community, gaining perspective on their community and learning to balance intimacy with isolation?

Did you know that young adults are emerging from an adolescent level of faith into one where they tend to define themselves in opposition to their families and communities? Did you know that UBC has at least three things going for us as we reach out to young adults?



According to Ned Allyn Parker, pastor for children, youth and young adults at Seattle First Baptist Church, all of those statements are true. Ned met with a dozen UBC members on Saturday, August 6, for a three-hour seminar which was eye-opening and stimulating. The Learning and Play Team and the Congregational Care Team will continue to pursue this ministry. Look for more information in the fall.

Oh, you want to know what UBC has going for it in reaching out to young adults? According to Ned, our strengths are:

- ◆ The desire to tend to this ministry
- ◆ Young adults already at UBC who are passionate about it
- ◆ A pastor who is both a young adult and skilled for this ministry

*Carol S.*

## Getting to Know You: Ron Bass

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### **Why do you come to UBC?**

After my wife died, I felt that I needed a church home. I called UBC and became connected with Elizabeth Patrick.

### **What do you do the rest of the week?**

For the past six years I have been doing slideshows at retirement homes and a course at a senior center called "Water Projects and History on Hydrological Engineering."

### **Tell us something we don't know about you or the world.**

My major enjoyment from the faculty positions I've held (teaching hydrological engineering) has been getting to know faculty but also watching students, how they develop, getting to know colleagues from around the world and getting to observe how students have progressed in their careers.

*Aaron B.*



## From the Moderator

*"In art and dream may you proceed with abandon. In life may you proceed with balance and stealth."*

--Patti Smith

At the August Stewardship Council meeting, Rhonda H submitted her resignation as Moderator of University Baptist Church. She realized that her increased work load at her job and increased requirements of her time at home meant that something had to be dropped.

While we will miss Rhonda's leadership and genuine openness and eagerness to be involved, I applaud her decision to take care of herself and her family first. Rhonda remains a loved and valued member of the UBC community and I look forward to working with her in the future.

We can learn a valuable lesson from Rhonda. The organizational life of our church is not, and should not, be so all-consuming that we neglect our selves, or the other commitments in our lives. When the maintenance of a church structure is the focus, and not our own pilgrimages, life transitions and mission, then change is needed. (End sermonette.)

I will assume the duties of moderator as called for in the bylaws. I look forward to working with the Stewardship Council, our pastor, the various teams and the congregation as we formulate our mission focus and move into action as a congregation.

*Tom N.*



# A Day in Ravenna Park

UBC enjoyed worship, fine weather, conversation and laughter at the annual church picnic in Ravenna park. Here are a few pictures from the day.



LEARN WITH THE PROFESSOR

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!



An **open study group** with Pastor Manny  
On Sunday, September 4th and 18th  
(And then, every other Sunday!)

At **12:30 pm**

To **explore** our faith and the Bible  
Starting with "*Baptist Identity*"

Bring your brown bag lunch and let's chat...

Photos courtesy of Paul W.

# Where's the Pastor?

If you want to schedule a visit or a conversation, please make sure that you call the office at (206) 632-5188 or email [pastor@ubcseattle.org](mailto:pastor@ubcseattle.org).

*(The following calendar shows activities and meetings in which the pastor is participating. Please note that you can call the office to schedule appointments or visits at any time. Visitation times are not published on the calendar. The times of the meetings are not showing in this calendar.)*



## September

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1 - UBC Movie Night!	2 - Pastors' Covenant Group	3	4 - Worship / Com- munion  - "Lunch w/ Pastor" Study Group
<b>5 DAY OFF</b>  - Labor Day	6 - Retreat Planning Mtg.  - Worship Team Mtg.	7- PSRT Mtg.	8 - Comm. Team mtg.  - Personality & Prayer Group	9	10	11 - Worship / Ser- vice of Remem- brance & Hope  - Cong. Meeting  - Ned Parker Ordi- nation Service (SFBC)
<b>12 DAY OFF</b>	13 - Worship Planning Mtg.	14 - BPFNA Conf. Call	15 - Personal- ity & Prayer Group	16 - <b>Fall Retreat</b>	17 - <b>Fall Retreat</b>	18 - Worship  - <b>Fall Retreat</b>  - "Lunch w/ Pas- tor" Study Group
<b>19 DAY OFF</b>	20 - Beacon deadline - Racial Justice Group Mtg.  - PJR Team Mtg.	21 - S.C. Mtg.	22 - Personal- ity & Prayer Group	23	24 - <b>Manny Away</b>	25 - Worship  - <b>Manny Away</b>
<b>26 DAY OFF</b>  - Manny Away	27	28	29 - Personal- ity & Prayer Group	30		

# September UBC Calendar

- ◆ Thursday, September 1 - Learning & Play Movie Night
- ◆ Sunday, September 4 - Worship, Lunch with the Pastor
- ◆ Tuesday, September 6 - Worship Team Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, September 7 - Pastoral Staff Relations Team Meeting
- ◆ Thursday, September 8 - Personality and Prayer study with Carol S., Communications Team Meeting
- ◆ Sunday, September 11 - Worship, UBC Quarterly Business Meeting
- ◆ Thursday, September 15 - Personality and Prayer study with Carol S.
- ◆ Friday, September 16 - Sunday September 18 - Fall Retreat at Camp Burton
- ◆ Sunday, September 18 - Worship, Lunch with the Pastor
- ◆ Tuesday, September 20 - Beacon Deadline, Working Group on Race Meeting, Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Team Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, September 21 - Stewardship Council Meeting
- ◆ Thursday, September 22 - Personality and Prayer study with Carol S.
- ◆ Sunday, September 25 - Worship
- ◆ Thursday, September 29 - Personality and Prayer study with Carol S. and Sadie C.

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*Rev. Margaret Paynton*

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*Ms. Jessica Day*

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