

# Lacey Community Church

## NEWSLETTER

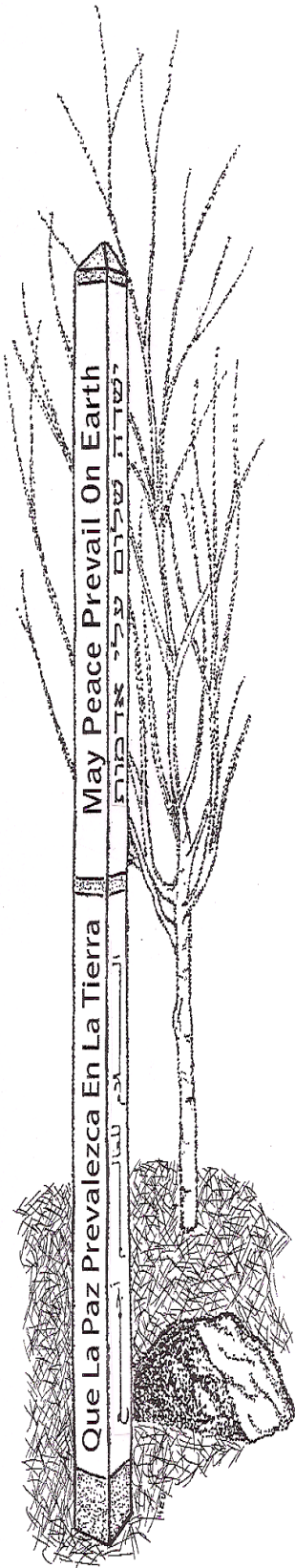
September 2013

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*Living Simply...Loving Extravagantly*

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What is it that makes September such a month of transition? Is it the beginning of the school year experienced by many and deeply ingrained in all of us? Is it the subtle shift in weather patterns and the cooling trends they bring? Is it the ripening abundance of garden, field and orchard? Is it the weeks- long run of the Washington State Fair or the sudden explosion of football games all over the place? Clearly, the most appropriate answer to the initial question is: all-of-the-above. Culture and geography both play significant roles in making change so prominent in September.

Perhaps at the heart of it all is the equinox that twice a year astronomical phenomena when the sun is positioned directly over the earth's equator. The annual orbit of the earth around the sun combines with the tilt of the earth's axis to create movement of the sun to move in relation to the earth. Because the earth is in constant motion around the sun, the position of the sun is always moving in either a southward or northward direction over the surface of the earth. That is what produces seasons and gives variability to the length of day and night. On the equinox, daylight and night-time are nearly equal, a moment of balance prevails. This year, September's equinox falls on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the month.

September 21<sup>st</sup> brings to our midst a movement of another sort and attention to balance

in a different way. September 21<sup>st</sup> is the International Day of Prayers for Peace. This movement began in 1981 with a proclamation of the United Nations, "...to devote a specific time to concentrate the efforts of the United Nations and its Member States, as well as the whole of mankind, to promoting the ideals of peace and to giving positive evidence of their commitment to peace in all viable ways."

Once again, the LCC congregation will add our prayers to this worldwide movement for peace. At 7:000 PM on September 21<sup>st</sup>, congregational folks and friends will gather on the front lawn of the church to offer prayers, light candles and share stories that express our longing for and experience of peace.

The theme for Peace Day 2013 is, *Global Truce*; and asks *Who Will You Make Peace With?* There is a certain sense of balance in that theme and question. Words spoken by Nelson Mandela highlight that balance; he said, "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." Peace Day seeks freedom from violence and domination, exploitation and hatred. It expresses a longing for change that brings balance and harmony in our living. May Peace Day's longings and earth's celestial rhythm meet in us to plant seeds of hope.

*Peace, Howard*

## Summer's End

It's Labor Day weekend as I write this and realizing Summer is coming to a close. How quickly the seasons pass. It seems like the other day Jeanette and I finished a spirituality class at Seattle University. This weekend we went to Portland where we visited Portland Peace Church, connecting with old friends and making new friends. Two members opened their homes to us with gracious Brethren hospitality. After church and a wonderful lunch, we went to the Living Stream COB set, where Pastor Audrey interviewed Jeanette. After the interview, Jeanette was given the opportunity to deliver the worship reflection. I got to run the camera for the service. We also learned that Pastor Audrey will produce Living Stream from Camp Koinonia at District Conference. Blessings and peace to all the wonderful people we met, as well as old friends from Portland Peace Church, and Living Stream.

## International Day of Prayers for Peace:

Saturday, September 21  
7:00 PM  
Lacey Community Church



By HikingArtist.com

“Who Will You Make Peace With?”

## COB District Conference:

Pacific Northwest District  
Church of the Brethren  
**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Friday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, Sept. 15  
Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum WA

*Worship, Fellowship, Insight, and Fun along with  
Business*

Information available in office

## September Worship Walks:

Worship Walks are now on Sundays at 4:00 PM. For September walks are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, September 8, 4:00 PM :

Priest Point Park Rose Garden

Sunday, September 22, 4:00 PM:

Nisqually Wildlife Refuge (meet at church)  
All are welcome! Please come join us!

## Celebration of Life (Memorial Service)

**September 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.** at Lacey Community Church there will be a memorial service to celebrate the life of Betty Stern. Her spirit was sent to heaven early Monday morning, September 1, 2013. Special prayers for husband Don, her son Andrew and his wife Susan, and grandson Isaac.

## Another Way Extension:

Check out the coffee, tea and CHOCOLATE display in the east entrance. There are also new flyers on Church of the Brethren coffee project which offers Equal Exchanged Fairly Traded coffee.

## New Boiler News:

**(From Lacey Community Church)**

The Wednesday evening bible study group will reconvene this month starting September 4th @ 7 pm.



We bid a warm farewell to our long time connection with the Lacey Cooperative Preschool. Due to their financial downturn last Spring, and an extremely decreased attendance for this Fall, they have needed to find a location that could meet their diminished finances. Sad to see them go, we wish them blessings and peace at their new location of Timberline Baptist Church on Mullen Rd.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Congregational meeting on September 15th as we look at an Open and Affirming Statement to be adopted into Lacey Community Church. The following week, September 22nd, we will gather again to look at options the ministry team is working on for the future of the congregation and the building we own.

**(From Interfaith Works)**

September 12, Thursday, 12 Noon and 7:00 pm - 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Unity World Day of Prayer @ Unity of Olympia, 1335 Fern St. SW, Olympia, WA 98502

For Additional Info: 943-5757

website: <http://unityofolympia.org/>

Admission/cost: no charge

See more Interfaith Works events at <http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/>



# Denominational News

## Church of the Brethren NEWS

From their website: ([www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org))

Church of the Brethren joins with groups warning against military action in Syria. – The Church of the Brethren is among some 25 churches, peacemaking groups, humanitarian organizations, and other non-profits writing to President Obama to express concern about plans for military action in Syria. Check it out at:

[http://fcnl.org/assets/issues/mid-dle-east/25orgs\\_Military\\_Strikes\\_Not\\_the\\_Answer\\_in\\_Syria.pdf](http://fcnl.org/assets/issues/mid-dle-east/25orgs_Military_Strikes_Not_the_Answer_in_Syria.pdf).

Read more of the article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/newsline-for-aug-30-2013.html>. Newline for Aug. 30, 2013, Article 1).

Brethren bits for Aug. 30, 2013~ Check out these articles from Brethren Newline, and how Brethren have been in the news this week for their participation in the Civil Rights March on Washington 50 years ago Wednesday, August 28th. See them all at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/brethren-bits-for-aug-30.html>

Brethren program receives American Red Cross grant for work following Sandy – Brethren Disaster Ministries has been awarded a grant of up to \$280,010 from the American Red Cross to rebuild homes in response to Hurricane Sandy, or Super Storm Sandy as it was called when it hit the East Coast of the United States in 2012. After an initial disbursement of \$50,000, the remainder of the grant will be disbursed quarterly based on the Brethren Disaster Ministries financial and project reports. See full article at: <http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/newsline-for-aug-30-2013.html>. Newline for Aug. 30, 2013, Article 2).

Visit the DOC website and browse the many links of ministries, higher education, news, events and more at [www.brethren.org/](http://www.brethren.org/)

## Disciples of Christ NEWS

From their website: ([www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org))

John and Maxine McCaw Scholarship Fund for Prophetic Living, Teaching and Preaching – John McCaw's life has been devoted to helping students succeed through his work at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. Now his legacy and that of his late wife, Maxine, will reach even further into the future: They have endowed a scholarship to equip future generations of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) preachers to proclaim the prophetic Gospel. See full article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1493/John-and-Maxine-McCaw-Scholarship-Fund-for-Prophet.aspx>

SAIL had a mission to bring home~ The Lafayette Christian Church (Calif.) and First Christian, Concord, teamed up with Habitat for Humanity for a one-week Lafayette program for children 4 to 11 that included an introduction to Habitat for Humanity. Some might call it vacation Bible school, but the Lafayette/Concord collaboration goes by the acronym SAIL – Summer Adventures In Learning. See complete article at: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1487/SAIL-had-a-mission-to-bring-home.aspx>

Keeping the vision in mind – Discerning "Ministry with Children and their Caregivers: Creating a Safe Community" as a missional priority was a long process involving prayer, listening to community partners, experiments in children's ministry led by our church members, and dialogue with more prayer. See full story here: <http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/DisciplesNewsService/tabid/58/itemId/1488/People-of-the-Table-includes-Kids-Table.aspx>

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## Held in Special Prayer:

Paul Abernathy    Laura Abernathy  
Janice Fralin     Dorothy Gregory  
Eileen Haas      Donna Kahoun  
Opal Reed        Esther Roy  
Betty Stern       Preston Thomas  
Helen Weyandt



## September Worship:

### **September 1:**

Scripture– Psalm 112 & Luke 14:1,7-14  
Communion Prep.– volunteer  
Communion Prayer– volunteer  
Flowers– LCC  
Fellowship Moments: Julia Roth

### **September 8:**

Scripture– Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
              & Luke 14:25-33  
Communion Prep.– volunteer  
Communion Prayer– volunteer  
Flowers– LCC

### **September 15:**

Scripture– Psalm 51:1-10 & Luke 15:1-10  
Communion Prep.– volunteer  
Communion Prayer– volunteer  
Flowers– LCC

### **September 22:**

Scripture–Psalm 113 & Luke 16:1-13  
Communion Prep.– Pastor Howard  
Communion Prayer– Pastor Howard  
Flowers– Howard and Dianna Ullery

### **September 29: Lay Service**

Scripture– Psalm 146 & Luke 16:19-31  
Communion Prep.– volunteer  
Communion Prayer– volunteer  
Flowers– LCC

### **Living Stream Church (COB)**

Online worship service 5PM Sundays  
<http://new.livestream.com/livestreamcob>

## With Gratitude:

Thank you to Louise Evans, Tia Faumuina, and Aline Smith who have provided beautiful fresh flowers for worship.

Thank you to Jeanette and Larry Larson for planning and leading worship on August 18.

Thank you to Julia Roth for her help in the LCC office.

Thank you to Jim Yatman for delivering donated food to the Thurston County Food Bank

Thank you to Aline Smith and Don Stern for preparing the Sunday “Coffee Cart.”

Thank you to Dianna Ullery for providing “Sunday Lunch” in August

Thank you to Louise Evans, Tia Faumuina, James Frazier and everyone from the One Light Congregation that helped with the August Work Day(s).

## August Birthdays:

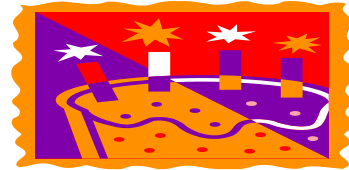
2nd - Elizabeth Ullery

16th - Don Stern; Howard Ullery; Carol Mason

18th - Larry Larson

26th - Debra Rose

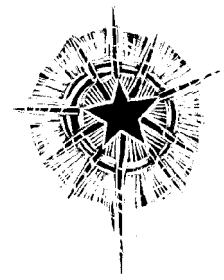
29th—Esther Roy



## Ministry Team Corner:

Now that the Preschool has found a new place, we are looking at many options for our congregation, and the newly vacant space. We will have a packet of information to present to the congregation on September 15th with a congregational meeting to discuss the situation and options on September 22nd. There will be a ministry team meeting before September 22nd, and I will send that date and time in an email.

# SEPTEMBER 2013



SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

<b>1</b>	<b>Labor 2 Day</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
9a Faith Forum 10a Coffee 10:30a Worship 12p Fellowship 1p One Light 5p Living Stream Church On-line		5:30a One Light 6:30p Al-Anon	5:30a One Light 12p Prayers 6:30p One Light 7p Al-Anon 7p Bible Study	5:30a One Light	5:30a One Light 6:30p One Light	
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