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join us for a special benefit concert send-off for the **Seattle Peace Chorus at UBC on Thursday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m.** We will give the Chorus a chance for a final dress rehearsal before they leave on their international music mission for peace. And the Chorus will give us all the proceeds from the offering at the event. A win-win by all accounts! So please join us and bring a friend. Even if you don't think you can carry a tune, you can always hum your way into the musical that is God's promise of peace. Blessings ... Tim

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APOCALYPSE NOW: THE MUSICAL

Choir Sunday on May 20 reminded me of how powerful it is for people to sing together. It was great to celebrate the gifts of our choir as it has moved and inspired us. And it was great to thank Jeff and Margie for their gifts of leadership and accompaniment. And it was also a good way – this may surprise you – to bring the Apocalypse Now series to a close.

Along with the many other things I think the Rapture Theology folks get wrong about the book of Revelation, the thing that seems to be most ignored is the fact that John's vision of a new heaven and a new earth includes a lot of people singing together. Rapture Theology wants you to hear shrieks and shouts that will send you running for the nearest fire exit. But Revelation itself is full of music. People of every nation and tongue gather to sing: "Hallelujah, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ!" Handel's beloved "Hallelujah Chorus" is – you guessed it – taken directly from Revelation 11 and 19.

For all its troubling imagery, the consistent activity of those who overcome the imperial forces of violence and oppression in Revelation is singing. It is that same power evident in the civil rights movement:

No account of the role the imagination played in the civil rights movement can exclude music. It lifted people's spirits, connected them to something larger than themselves, and helped them withstand the constant threat of violence and terror. (Paul Rogat Loeb in *The Impossible Will Take A Little While*)

Revelation would make a much better musical – an opera perhaps – than it does a series of movies intended to scare people into a very limited and self-serving vision of the future. The invitation to sing together in a mass choir of voices from all over the world is a much more compelling vision of the future than the threat of divine revenge. And, in keeping with that invitation, you are invited to

Events in early June ...

June 2 That's Italian! The UBChildren's Center Auction at Blessed Sacrament Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

June 3, Quarterly Business Meeting, following worship.

June 4 Princeton Seminary summer intern **Travis Winkler** arrives and the Evergreen Association (ABC) goes to the **Mariners game at 7:00 p.m.**



HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY:

6/3 Amy Stern, 6/6 Erica Badgeley;
 6/8 CoraLea Doty; 6/9 Diane Schmitz;
 6/10 Annette Klapstein;
 6/13 Tyler Thirloway; 6/14 Jessica
 Badgeley, Katie Stern; Nina Evers;
 6/16 John Mix; 6/19 Zion Tay
 6/20 Catharine Fletcher; Susan Vaughan;
 6/21 Alethea Putnam; Rosie (Hnin) Yee;
 6/22 Jackie Lamont; 6/24 Olivia Gordon,
 Alain Aridj; 6/25 JoAnn Sims; 6/26 Paul
 Robb; 6/27 Mike Stern; 6/28 Michael
 Gaertner-Johnston, David Watson.
 6/30 Ruth Hicks

**If you don't find your birthday here,
 please call the office so we can add it to
 our list.**

OUR JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING:

goes to the **Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists**, which provides connection, support, and resources for churches committed to justice for gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. A copy of "The InSpiriter," the Association's newsletter, is available in the church office. Please give generously to this offering so that AWAB's message of mercy, understanding and acceptance in the name of Christ can become one that ever more churches and Christians embrace.

with **Cass Newell** her successful running of a half-marathon in May ... **Suzan Blais Wilkerson** reached her 50th birthday in May and celebrated with family from as far away as Virginia ... We continue to get reports from **Catharine Fletcher** who is recovering from breast cancer surgery at home ... Please continue in your love and prayers for one another.

AMONG OURSELVES...

Choir Sunday was a delight! Thanks to all the members of our choir for the gift of music this year and to our special musicians who played with them: **Audrey Smith** (flute and bassoon), **Nancy Haugerud-Miles** (flute), and **Eva Gaertner-Johnston** (violin) who is also playing with the Debut Orchestra of the Youth Symphony on Sunday, June 3, at 4:30pm at Meany Hall -- music includes a medley from *Pirates of the Caribbean!* ... Also performing are **Valerie, Gail & Walt Foster** in this year's Mountaineer Players, *Robin Hood – the Legend Continues*; see below for more information and tickets ... And on Monday, June 4, we welcome our summer Princeton Seminary intern **Travis Winkler** who will be staying in the 3rd floor west apartment through mid-September – let's show Travis our legendary UBC hospitality ... This is the time of year for graduations and weddings and we celebrate **Erica Badgeley's** graduation from the Lakeside School at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14 (this commencement is open to the public) – Erica will be heading off to Dominican University of California for the Alliance Ballet BFA program this fall ... We also celebrate with **Ginny & Clarence Bishop** the graduation of their granddaughter **Megan Johnson** from Linfield College on May 27 -- Megan will be looking for a teaching position ... **Matt Paynton & Diane Geary** were married at UBC on May 26 and **Aaron Jeffers & Gina Piampanichwat** will be married in August on the Skansonia ... **Enid Griswold** reports that grandson **Ian** was chosen best all-round Sophomore student at Boston University ... It was great to have **Ashley Smith** home with us from Africa before she returned to D.C. ... and **Martha Bean & Ralph Haugerud's** daughter **Hilarie** returned to Africa in May to visit her sister who is ill and still living in Rwanda ... **Briana Thirloway** reports in from Chile where she witnessed protesters and police up close – and she still loves being there! ... We are glad to have **Dan Peterson** back from his cruise on the Columbia River where he was the history lecturer ... **Michael & Susan Vaughan** celebrated their 12th anniversary aboard a Mexican cruise in May ... We celebrate

The Mountaineers Players and Sherwood Forest Theater present:

Robin Hood

→
 ...the legend continues

2:00 p.m. June 2,3,9,10,16,17

Contact Gail Foster for more information

or call 206-284-6310 Online www.ForestTheater.com

From the Moderator

Father’s Day is just around the corner. In Aramaic, would we say ‘Abba’s Day?’ The day of the beloved parent? I like that.

On Abba’s Day, June 17th, we will gather for a Congregational Meeting. This will be an important meeting: we expect to act on guidance for our Working Group leads as they both call in and actively pursue options for our new ‘house’. Please do come, your participation is valued and is central to a sustainable decision.

We have been deliberate, creative and gracious as we delve deep into our own sensibilities about our church ‘House’, and as we learn of the sensibilities of others. Your thoughtful responses to the survey, coupled with the good work we all did together as a congregation over the last year, have been immensely helpful. Your patience, excitement, caution, critique and hope have been extraordinarily helpful to me, your moderator, as I help move us through this year. I am most grateful.

Soon, we will make choices. First, on June 17th, to lay out the framework within which we will entertain proposals for our future House. And then, perhaps even shortly on the heels of this decision, we may actually have offers and ideas to act upon. Wow. It’s both a thrilling time, and one filled with uncertainty. It is a hopeful time, and an ambiguous time. Can we stay with it? Can we stay supportive, direct and kind with one another? Oh yes, I think so.

Please DO come on June 17th. Come prepared, and ready to help us all make decisions together. Our Abba, our beloved parent, will be with us.

See you there, Martha

UBC YOUTH HELP GREEN SEATTLE

In April our Youth Group led our church in calling for cuts in carbon emissions by 80% by the year 2050. In May, given a chance to help make a difference toward a renewed earth, the group volunteered at the annual plant sale held by Seattle Tilth. We celebrated working on behalf of an organization that “cultivates a sustainable community, one garden at a time... teaching people how to improve their environment by using organic gardening techniques.”



At the Tilth Plant Sale (clockwise from right): Jessica Badgeley, Eva Gaertner-Johnston, Valerie Foster, co-leaders Brooke Rolston and Sadie Robertson.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 17, 2007

Present: Eric Brown, Mary Clare Benson, Tim Phillips, Marilee Nielsen, Jackie Lamont, Daniel Hannah, Elizabeth Patrick, David Bloom, and Lin Carlson

Eric noted that Martha begins with singing. He sang a Hoosier favorite “Back Home Again in Indiana.”

The April 19th Minutes were approved with corrections on the spelling of two names.

Pastor Tim’s Report: Our Princeton Seminary Intern, Travis Winckler, is arriving in mid June. The West apartment is being prepared for his use. We will be receiving rent. Tim’s shared his memo about sanctuary. **Quarterly business meeting is June 3rd and a special congregational meeting is scheduled for June 17th.**

Treasures Report: Mary Clare reported that we have a positive balance for the month of April. All were grateful to hear this. Pledges are at 112% - very exciting. The income from the Chili Supper was \$1,100.

Moderator’s Circle: Elizabeth reports the Parish work group is active. They are recommending that we have a place at the table for the University District Ecumenical Campus Coalition feasibility study and contribute \$1,000. A 501c3 organization will be created to conduct this study over the next year. UBC has received a \$1,000 contribution for this study. The Council unanimously approved the motion to participate in the feasibility study. There is no requirement to participate beyond this study. Members of the Parish work group will represent us.

Pastoral Relations: Eric reports that staff evaluations will be completed over the next two months.

MSPJ Report: Daniel distributed a partial survey results of UBC missions and major building users. A New Sanctuary Movement Statement of Support and Involvement was also distributed. It was suggested to have this introduced at the quarterly business meeting. Tim will include the statement in the bulletin.

House and Building Report: The new doors were cheaper by half than what was expected. A plumber is fixing the dish washer sprayer.

Learning and Play: Brooke has proposal a fundraiser to support our Summer Peace Camp participants. The plan is affirmed by the Council.

Seeking the House that God Has for Us: A report is being prepared that will contain history, current status, new opportunities, and survey results. This report will help the congregation prepare for the June 3rd quarterly business meeting. The activities of the work groups were discussed.

The agenda for June 3rd QBM was reviewed. The purpose of the special June 17th meeting is to allow the congregation to consider and act on a proposed decision making process for building options.

Meeting ended at 8:25pm.

Submitted by
Lin Carlson, Church Clerk

JUNE DATES...

June is Welcoming & Affirming month as we celebrate and re-affirm our commitment to be a community that publicly supports our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) sisters and brothers. You can help us continue that commitment by: ▼ Giving to our special offering for the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists on Sunday, **June 10** ▼ Inviting your LGBT friends to join us for worship and letting your friends know that you attend a Welcoming & Affirming church ▼ Handing out special flyers at the Broadway Pride Parade on **Saturday, June 23** and by ▼ Supporting domestic policies that recognize the rights and dignity of all people regardless of sexual orientation.

Sunday, June 10, *Being Gay in a Straight World*

The first of the Welcoming & Affirming activities for the month from the story of a gay man's journey out of the conservative Christian closet into new life. Dan Woodard is now a therapist living and working in Seattle.

Thursday, June 14, *Seattle Peace Chorus Dress Rehearsal Concert & Benefit* Help send off the Peace Chorus (including our own Paula Eisenrich and Don Bell) to Venezuela on a musical mission of peace at a special dress rehearsal concert at **7:00 p.m. at UBC**. Your presence will help them prepare and your donation for the evening will benefit UBC!

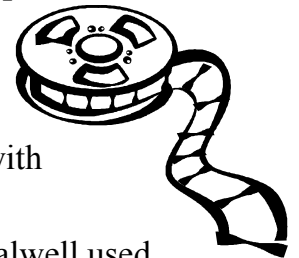
Sunday, June 17, *Father's Day*, following worship, there will be a **very important Special Congregation Meeting** to decide on a process for responding to offers regarding our property.

Friday – Sunday, June 22-24, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Pride

▼ **Seattle Men's Chorus Concert: *The Scared Faithless*** ... a concert of music for the LGBT spiritual journey including Randall Thompson's "Alleluia" and Bobbi McFerrin's "23rd Psalm." Concerts are **Friday & Saturday, June 22 & 23 at McCaw Hall at 8:00 p.m.** See ticket information at www.flyinghouse.org. UBC will have an ad in the program.

▼ **Saturday Movie at UBC: *Big Eden*** ... long before *Brokeback Mountain* there was a little town that helped a young man come to terms with his identity. See the film in our own McAfee Parlor **June 23, 6:00 p.m.**

▼ **W&A Sunday at UBC, June 24, *My 'Gay Agenda'*** ... the late Jerry Falwell used to talk about the 'gay agenda.' So let's talk. Elizabeth Patrick and Tim Phillips reflect on what their 'gay agenda' might be.



Please Note: Tim & Patrick will be representing our congregation and supporting its peace and justice concerns in the life of our wider denomination at the ***American Baptist Biennial in Washington D.C. June 28-July 2.***

JUNE WORSHIP

Sunday, June 3 *On Not Being Ashamed*

Worship & Communion led by Tim Phillips from Romans 5.

- Your One Great Hour of Sharing coin boxes will be received.
- The Quarterly Business Meeting follows worship in the Sanctuary.

Every Sunday

Note: There are no Sunday Morning Book Group or choir rehearsals scheduled for before worship in June. **Worship continues at 10:30 a.m.** throughout the summer.

Sunday, June 10, *Being Gay in a Straight World*

The story of a gay man's journey out of the conservative Christian closet into new life.

Sunday, June 17, *This is my Father's World (Father's Day)*

Tim Phillips preaching from Luke 7.11-17 and, following worship, there will be a **very important Special Congregation Meeting** to decide on a process for responding to offers regarding our property.

Sunday, June 24 *My 'Gay Agenda'*

Elizabeth Patrick and Tim Phillips reflect on scripture and their experience in response to the idea of a 'gay agenda.'