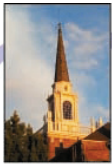


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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:00

Worship, Ken Iha, preaching; Larry Marietta, Music Director

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Hezekiah 6:14

Musical Highlights:

Treblemakers vocal group to sing

11:00

Congregational Meeting: 2010

Budget, discussion and vote, Sanctuary

11:15

Fellowship Hour, Large Assembly

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UCC Responds to Haiti

The **United Church of Christ** has launched an emergency appeal for Haiti in response to the earthquake devastation.



Church World Service and ACT Alliance are involved in sending water purification equipment, blankets, hygiene kits, medicine and medical supplies. The UCC has loaned them two satellite phones to ease communication outside of Haiti. Read more about it here: www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html. If you would like to donate money to Haiti relief, here are four excellent ways you can help:

1. Click on "Donate Now" at www.fccb.org. Type in "Haiti" next to your donation amount. Your donation will go to Church World Service.
2. Go to **Partners in Health** (Paul Farmer's organization): www.standwithhaiti.org/haiti
3. Go to **What If? Foundation**: www.whatiffoundation.org
4. Go to **Church World Service**: www.churchworldservice.org

FCCB 2010 Budget Vote this Sunday

On **Sunday, January 24**, there will be a congregational meeting to vote on the proposed 2010 budget. Plan to stay in the **Sanctuary** after worship for this important vote. Copies of the budget proposal for 2010 recommended by the Church Council will be available at the church office beginning **Thursday, January 21**. Questions or comments on the budget proposal in advance of the meeting may be directed to any church officer.

FCCB Kids Send Hygiene Kits to Haiti

On Sunday, January 17, children and youth at FCCB followed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s instructions of responding to their brothers and sisters in need. Children from third grade to high school put together 24 hygiene kits for Haitians trying to survive in the



Hygiene kits for Haiti

rubble and destruction caused by the earthquake. The kits consist of soap, a toothbrush, a comb, a washcloth, a hand towel and nail clippers. The kits are on their way to Haiti via **Church World Service's** Arkansas headquarters, who will airlift all the hygiene kits sent to them by churches around the country.

As they packed, the youth listened to Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech as well as talks about earthquakes from seismologist **Jim Marrone** and about service work in Haiti from **Marijke Fakasiieiki**.

Upcoming "Second Hours"

JANUARY 31

Loper Chapel Renovation. Talk and tour

FEBRUARY 7

Annual Meeting. Election of leaders for church council, ministries and committees, and lunch



Prayers for **Maura Tucker, Helen & John Ott** (Karyn Smith's parents), **Patricia Campbell** (David Marin's mother), **Dan Apra** and **Audrey Bowyer**.

Congratulations to **Charlotte** and **Bob Russell** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lucy Marie Galicia**, born to parents **Lisa** and **Brian Galicia**, on Tuesday, January 19 at 2:30 pm. Lucy weighed 7 lbs. and is 19 inches long. All are doing well.

Anna Carol Dudley Farewell Recital

On **Sunday, January 24** at **3 pm** in the **Sanctuary**, **Anna Carol Dudley**, soprano, will present her "Farewell Recital." Anna Carol has been an outstanding soloist at FCCB since 1958. During the ensuing 50 years she has maintained a very active career of performances, recordings and teaching.

Performing with Anna Carol will be **Phebe Craig**, harpsichord, and pianists **Karen Rosenak** and **Larry Marietta**. The recital is free, open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Sign the Guantanamo Closure Petition

The **TEARS Ministry Team** has a petition sponsored by NRCAT urging President Obama to close Guantanamo Bay Prison. It will be available for the congregation to sign **January 24**. Please take a moment to stop by the TEARS table at fellowship hour and add your name.

Our Ministers on Leave

Adam Blons is on paternity leave (delayed) until February 1. Isn't it nice that Joseph (from *Garage Door Nativity*) got paternity leave?

Charlotte Russell is on grandmaternity leave until February 1. Her grandchild is due any minute!

Phil Porter is in Australia, teaching InterPlay classes, and will return January 28.

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The View from Here

Patricia de Jong
Senior Minister



Sunday's service was filled with images of justice, from the singing of the Gloria by the TEARS Ministry Team to the powerful personal recollection of Rev. George Killingsworth of his work in the civil rights movement in the 1960s. We entered the sanctuary to a slide show of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and left singing, "Let there be peace on earth." As Geoffrey Black, our UCC President, said last week, "we need to continue the sacred conversation on race. So much is at stake for all of us."

Of course, the earthquake in Haiti was foremost on everyone's mind and heart. During worship, we heard from Vy Nguyen of Church World Service about their presence on the ground in Haiti since the early 1960s. It is good to be part of a caring community that stretches care beyond the walls of the church out into the world. The "Donate Now" button on our FCCB website has been hit many times to support emergency work in Haiti today. The hygiene kits that our youth put together will be sent later this week. Hopefully, we will learn more about what we can do to support the Haitian people, not only as response to the earthquake, but as a long term strategy for a response to poverty is developed. One of the most powerful books I have read on Haiti is Tracy Kidder's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Mountains Beyond Mountains*. He describes the ongoing work of Paul Farmer's Partners in Health organization and how it has worked with issues of poverty over the last two decades in Haiti. I highly recommend it for anyone who is hungry to know more about issues of race, poverty and health in the world today.

On Sunday, our congregation will be asked to vote for a budget that has a deficit as well as cuts in some staff salaries. Making hard decisions like these is never any fun, nor is it easy. The economic recession has hit our congregation members with the reality of job losses and job changes. In the face of the global recession, I personally rejoice that we also remain very strong as a body of faith and hope in the midst of difficult times. We need to care for all lives, not only for ourselves, but for those whose needs are primal—water, food, shelter, medical attention. Thank God that we are given the resources to minister within and beyond our walls.

Will you join me as we pray this week, for the people of Haiti and for the strength of our continued mission at First Congregational Church of Berkeley?

FCCB Career Club

Please join us for our next monthly meeting of the FCCB Career Club on **Sunday, January 24 at 8:30 am** in the **Small Assembly**.

The purpose of FCCB's Career Club is to support, both spiritually and tangibly, those who are seeking work, are underemployed, have seen their business drop dramatically or fear their current job is at risk. We've begun to strategize how we can support each other with networking, mentoring, informational interviews and prayer. We are discussing how the congregation can help support those of us who are job searching. In these tough economic times it takes a village to find a job!

If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Elizabeth Driver-Bucholtz**.

Lenten Devotional Going Green

The **Deacons** are trying something new with this year's **Lenten Devotional Booklet**, the theme of which is "An Altar in the World." Beginning **Ash**



Wednesday, Feb. 17, we'll be emailing a devotion daily (with Friday emails including devotions for Fri.-Sun.) to those of you whose

email addresses are listed in our church directory. We'll also print a limited number of booklets, which will be available beginning **Sunday, Feb. 14**. We'll also post a downloadable version of the booklet on the FCCB website. We are trying to save paper!

If you do not wish to receive the Lenten Devotional daily emails, please email **Louise Halsey** (lhalsey@fccb.org), or if you'd like to receive the daily devotions and we don't have an email address for you, contact Louise at 510/848-3696 x 11.

FCCB Annual Meeting February 7

It's not too soon to sign up for the **135th FCCB Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 7**, following worship. We'll have a time of warm fellowship while we review the past 12 months and prepare for the upcoming year by electing leaders for our church council, ministries and committees. Lunch will be served by our youth as a fundraiser for work camp. All are welcome and childcare will be provided. Reserve your place by signing up during Fellowship Hour on **January 17, 24 and 31**, or by calling the church office by **February 3**.

West Coast Senior Ministers to Meet

On **Monday, January 25**, a day before the Earl Lectures start, senior ministers from California, Arizona, Oregon and Washington will be at FCCB for a day-long meeting. Speed Leas, consultant from Alden Institute, will help lead the retreat.

New Journey Home Class

Journey Home is a spiritual journey class that helps you explore and deepen your relationship with God, your FCCB community and yourself during the Lenten season. It will take place on six **Wednesday evenings** starting **February 24, 7:30–9:30 pm**. A commitment to attend all classes is required.

Weekly topics include sharing our stories, dreams, shadow work, and awakening more joy in life with help from the latest brain research. Participants will perform a daily spiritual practice, develop other tools for their journey and have the opportunity to experience feeling at home in God's unconditional love. For more information, contact **Becky Wright**. Sign ups will begin on **Sunday, January 24** in the **Large Assembly** during **Fellowship Hour**.

Budget Update

Our total pledges received to date are \$628,000. There's still time to pledge!

Did You Know...?

... that the **Church Council** has approved the **Endowment Committee's** request that February be "**Wills Emphasis Month**" for FCCB?

... that FCCB has a **Facebook** group that has gained about 175 "fans" since its quiet inauguration 3 weeks ago? It's part of the work being done by a communications team comprised of **Phil Porter, Joe Hesse, Geoffrey Gaskins, Lorenzo Llanillo, and Kevin Omi**. Like our thriving **2030@FCCB** Facebook group, our FB page contains links back to our FCCB website and will serve as another form of outreach and evangelism. This additional step into social networking and a new Progressive Christianity page on our website are two of the ways our communications group has begun to increase FCCB's already outstanding presence on the web.

... that the **Cellar Thrift Shop** would especially like donations of good pots & pans, jewelry and clothing accessories (scarves, hats, etc.)?

Coming Up!

Congregational Meeting — Budget Vote

Sunday, January 24

Anna Carol Dudley Recital

Sunday, January 24, 3pm

109th Earl Lectures

Tuesday–Thursday, January 26–28, PSR

"Heart of Pilgrimage" Women's Retreat

Friday–Saturday, February 5 & 6, Offsite

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 16

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17

New Members' Class

Sunday, February 21

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Bits and Pieces

Harp Concert to Benefit Loper Chapel

Cheryl Ann Fulton and her Welsh triple harp quartet will perform a benefit concert on **Wednesday, February 3**, at 7 pm in **Loper Chapel**. Half the proceeds of the concert will go to fund acoustical upgrades in the newly remodeled Chapel that couldn't be covered by

the renovation budget.

Cheryl Ann has performed many times over the years at FCCB. In 2008 she directed the Historical Harp Society Conference & Workshop which was held in Loper Chapel.



Admission is \$20/\$15 for seniors and students. Tickets will

be available at the door only, which will open at 6:30 pm. Thanks to **Holly Coates-Bash** for organizing this concert. Holly is a student of Cheryl Ann's.

Treblemakers to Sing this Sunday

The **Treblemakers**, an all-women vocal group, will sing during worship Sunday, January 24. **Holly Coates-Bash** is one of the members.



Brennan's Comes to FCCB's Alden Club!

On **Sunday, January 31**, you are invited to participate in a delicious experiment with the Alden Club. Participants of the Alden Club and all who wish to make new friends and renew

the old can enjoy a **Brennan's** meal without leaving FCCB on



the last Sunday of each month, January–May at **12:15 pm** in the **Large Assembly!**

Sandwiches, salads and desserts will comprise the menu from Brennan's. Sweet treats for all will be provided by Aimee Giles. Luncheon orders and prepayment for the January 31 lunch will be taken in the **Large Assembly** after worship on **Sunday, January 24**, so remember to bring your checkbook.

Why are we doing this? During the fall, the Executive committee of the Alden Club discussed how to make it possible for more Alden Club participants to get together with less time and effort. They decided to try this experiment for the next five months. This program will take the place of the monthly Thursday programs and the monthly trip to Brennan's. All who wish can attend the 2nd Hour program and still join their friends for a lunch catered just for you!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday January 24

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
Open before and after worship
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: BUDGET VOTE
11:00 am, Sanctuary
MESSAGING TASK FORCE MEETING
11:30 am, North Room
ART EXHIBIT: "PHILO MILLS WINDOW"
11:30 am, Sunburst Room
ANNA CAROL DUDLEY RECITAL
3:00 pm, Sanctuary
WINTHROP YOUTH GROUP
4:30 pm, Side Door Room
JOYFUL SOUND
5:00 pm, Durant House Main
CAMPUS MINISTRY TASK FORCE
5:30 pm, McLean Lounge
SONGS OF THE SOUL
6:00 pm, Durant House Main
YES (YOUTH EVERY SUNDAY)
6:00 pm, YES Room

Monday 25

RESTORATIVE YOGA
3:45 pm, Durant House Main
"START WHERE YOU ARE" MEDITATION CLASS
7:30 pm, FCCB

Tuesday 26

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP PRICING DAY
9 am–12 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop
STAFF MEETING
10:00 am, Durant House Main

Wednesday 27

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
10:00 am–4:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop
QI GONG
6:00 pm, Durant House Main
PROGRESSIVE BIBLE STUDY
7:00 pm, Small Assembly

Thursday 28

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Friday 29

FRIDAY GROUP
10:00 am, Durant House Main

Saturday 30

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
10:00 am–2:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop