



The Bell | February Faith Formation at HUCC

PASTOR'S CORNER BLESS THIS MESS



Just the other day a tree surgeon (or arborist, if you prefer) came out to our house to tend to some wayward limbs on one of the maples in the front yard. Now, I'm okay with

doing most of the fix-it stuff that needs to be done be around the house, but tall trees (along with most plumbing and electrical work) are well beyond my skill set, so it seemed like a good time to engage a professional.

As he started sawing I asked him how much the bill would be so I could go inside and write him a check while he was working (just for the record, the answer was a hundred and fifty dollars). I came back out to hand him the check, thanked him for doing the job, and told him that I needed to get back to my own.

"Oh, are you working on the computer in there?" he asked.

"Yeah, and I also need to make a few calls," I replied.

"Are you in sales?" ... This is where our conversation got interesting!

Read the rest of Pastor Brent's remarkable story [here](#).

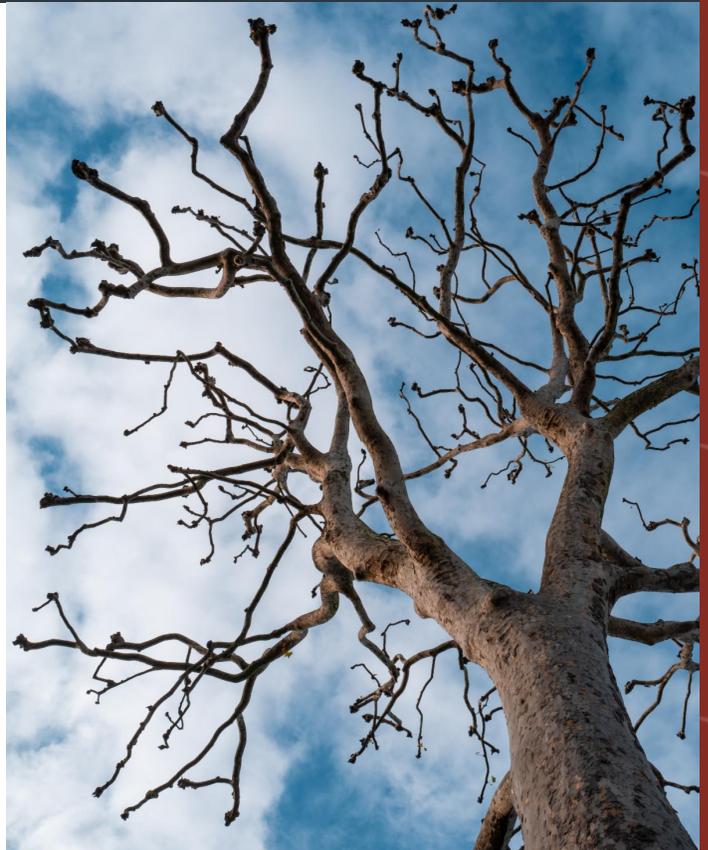
God of patient love:

**Bless the normal days, when all goes well and we are able to go to work and school.
Bless the chaotic and frustrating days, when our plans are thwarted and we struggle to meet basic needs.**

Bless all those who are sick, that their bodies may recover.

Bless the helpers, who make your love visible.

You are our God, in happy times and in hard times, in sickness and in health, in death and in the messiness of life.



COVID ANNOUNCEMENT

Moderator Jim Bale

On Tuesday, January 25th we were notified that a person who attended Sunday worship at HUCC on January 23rd, 2022 has subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. We believe that it is important to make you aware of the situation so that you can make informed decisions with respect to your own health. We encourage you to consult with a medical professional if you deem it prudent or necessary to do so. At present, we anticipate that worship will continue in the sanctuary with a mandatory masking policy and other COVID precautions in place, but please note that this may need to be reconsidered as the situation in our area continues to evolve.

Everyone over the age of two is required to wear a mask in worship. KN95s are highly recommended. Please do not attend if you have COVID-compatible symptoms, exposure, or a positive test result in the last 10 days. Please get vaccinated and boosted if you are eligible. Thank you!

Sunday January 30, 2022

**-- 10 a.m. Worship --
Love Never Ends**

In the Sanctuary and on [Facebook livestream](#)

-- 12 p.m. Congregational Meeting on Zoom --

Annual Winter Meeting and *HUCC Anew Presentation*

Register for the Zoom link [here](#). Members should have received a separate email on Thursday with budget documents. Non-members are welcome to attend. Anyone who would like a copy of the meeting packet can email associatepastor@holladayucc.org to receive the documents.

Faith Formation Events | February 2022

Children

Sunday School

Sunday School this Sunday, January 30th will explore Prayer at 11:30 a.m. The Zoom link is available on the [blog](#). Children in grades PK-6 are invited.

In February, Sunday School will be held every Sunday at 10 a.m. on Zoom (notice the earlier time for gathering). The Zoom link will be posted on the [blog](#).

Our spiritual focus in February is Forgiveness. Parents who participate in Sunday School at 10 a.m. are encouraged to watch worship later on our church Facebook page, or download the [pastor's reflections](#) for reading or listening anytime.

Families continue to be invited to in-person worship in the sanctuary, as well as Zoom Sunday School and the Facebook livestream. Once the current Covid surge is over, Sunday School and Bistro will resume in-person in McMullen Hall.

Youth

Service to Animals

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join monthly projects to serve together, build community and have fun!

Our focus this spring is service to animals. Please RSVP to [Pastor Chelsea](#) to join any of the following events:

Helping Birds and Wildlife - February 12th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Trail cleanup with Hogle Zoo's Jordan River Conservation and Restoration Program, at the Jordan River Parkway

Online Bake Sale - Saturday March 12th, time TBD - Make muffins for St. Patrick's Day, to raise money for materials to make handmade dog toys for a local rescue. Chef Ramzy will teach a baking class on Zoom.

Summer Mission Trip to Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, UT - June date TBD - please contact [Kate Palmer](#) to express interest.

Adults

Racial Justice

On Sunday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m, Rev. Erin Gilmore and Rev. Anthony Scott will host an antiracist dialogue on White Comfort and Racism. Please [register](#) for the Zoom link.

The UCC Rocky Mountain Conference will host an antiracist book study using *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations* by Robert Livingston. Meetings will be held weekly for four weeks beginning Thursday, February 17th at 7pm. Please [register](#) for the Zoom link.

Roundtable Discussion on HUCC's Future

Join us on February 13th in McMullen Hall and on Zoom after worship to talk with members of the HUCC Anew Task Force. All are welcome to provide input for strengthening HUCC.

Faith Formation Schedule & Blog

Church Tidings | January 28, 2022

Snowshoe Outing

Debbie Wilkerson and Steve Ritchey

Meet this Sunday, January 30th (after the

Women's Retreat

Amy Spratling and Rev. DanaLee Simons

Please join us for our upcoming HUCC

New Member Class

Rev. Brent Gundlach and Rev. Chelsea Page

Have you been visiting HUCC for a while and are

Congregational meeting) at 2 p.m. at the Donut Falls parking lot in Big Cottonwood Canyon (see below for directions). Dress in layers and bring sun protection, a snack and water. Please RSVP to **Debbie Wilkerson** (801-557-0341) so that if plans change, you can be notified.

Donut Falls/Mill D is a popular tubing area in Big Cottonwood Canyon, on the right side of the highway. It's about a half mile below the Spruces campground, and you will see an overhead crosswalk. There are about 60 parking spaces on both sides of the highway. After you park, gather at the road gate on the right at the outhouse, near the road that leads to the trailhead.

At 7,000 ft. elevation, this hour-long/one-mile snowshoe is suitable for children aged 8 and up. It is fairly flat but there will be some little hills.

Snowshoe rentals are available at REI and Ski 'N See (\$16, rent in advance online). Boots are not required, but shoes with good traction are advised, as well as ski poles. For those without snowshoes, you might enjoy walking along the gated road.

Women's Retreat, especially if you are newer to HUCC as this would be a great opportunity to get to know you better. The retreat will be held on Zoom on Saturday, Feb. 26th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To hold your spot, submit a \$50 check payable to HUCC ("Women's Retreat" in the subject line) delivered/mailed to Amy Spratling, or the HUCC office, or dropped in the mail slot in the church copy room. Scholarships are available and we have space for 20 participants.

Please contact **Amy Spratling** (801-243-3323) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

The topic of the retreat is Self-Compassion. Retreat facilitator Rev. DanaLee Simon will spend the first hour or so laying the groundwork for the three doorways into Self-Compassion as well as the yin and yang side of this practice. The balance of our time will be full of experiential learning, art, embodied practices, meditation/prayer, and time to share about our experience. Maybe most importantly, we will have some fun together!

ready to explore joining the church? Or maybe you've been part of our community but are now feeling the urge to take the next step and become an official voting member.

Pastors Brent and Chelsea will be facilitating a new member class beginning in February. Meetings will be held in the conference room after worship on Sundays, with the first meeting on February 6th also being offered on Zoom at 11 a.m.

We look forward to hearing about your faith journey and God's calling, introducing you more deeply to the United Church of Christ, and exploring the rights and responsibilities of covenantal membership!

At a later date, class members will choose a Sunday in worship to celebrate the Covenant of Membership and join the church as voting members if they wish.

To RSVP for the class, please email Pastor Brent at pastor@holladayucc.org. If you are a member of HUCC who would like to join the class as a mentor, please come on Feb. 6th and share your HUCC story.

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To find out more or to participate in Faith Formation at HUCC, the Faith Formation Team can be reached through Rev. Chelsea Page at associatepastor@holladayucc.org or (801) 573-8056. Pastor Chelsea holds office hours on Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. at Beans and Brews on 3300 S. and 800 E. in Salt Lake City. We are an Open and Affirming and Creation Justice Church. All are welcome here!

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