



The Bell | May Faith Formation at HUCC

PASTOR'S CORNER STORYTELLERS



My latest (mis)adventure to Ensign Peak notwithstanding, it just seemed wrong to spend this past Sunday sitting inside — especially after celebrating Earth Day in

worship at HUCC. And so when I returned home from church, my family decided to head off for an afternoon at Antelope Island.

I can't help but marvel at the fact that this wondrous place is only a few miles as the crow flies from Salt Lake City. And while I'm neither a crow nor blessed with the ability to fly, the park is only an hour's drive away which is pretty good too.

One of the reasons I've come to love Antelope Island is that it makes me feel like I'm stepping back in time (in a Jurassic Park kind of way). And yet I realize that this nostalgia for a bygone era is a fiction that requires a certain suspension of disbelief: after all, there were no paved roads and buildings on the island until recently, there was no causeway to get to the island, and the ancestors of the bison that run amok now were brought there by people on boats back in the 1890s.

Find out how many different types of animals Pastor Brent met on the island, and which ones were given the power and responsibility of being the Earth's storytellers. Read on [here](#).

Storytelling God:

May our stories remind us of how we are connected to each other, about the things we have in common, the care and maybe even the love that holds us together. Help us to share our stories with other people, and in so doing, bring them into our circle of family and friends. Amen. (Adapted from Trent Parkhill)



SACRED STORY

Our theme for Sunday School in May will be storytelling. Stories help us feel connected to other people because we realize we are not alone in what we experience. Usually others can relate because they have been through something similar.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes is a true story that has led millions of young people around the globe to work for peace. Sadako's classmates were amazed by her courage in facing illness and isolation. At HUCC, we are inspired to follow Sadako's example and fold one thousand paper cranes, to celebrate our recovery from the pandemic and pray for a more prosperous and just world.

Please see the invitation to our First Annual Crane Festival at HUCC on Saturday, May 21st below. (Art by Alle Maulden)

Sunday May 1, 2022

-- 10 a.m. Worship --

In the Sanctuary - Masks are required.

On [Facebook livestream](#) - We will be celebrating Holy Communion, so please bring bread and juice to your screen.

[Bulletin](#) and [Scripture](#)

Welcome visitors! Please connect with us [here](#).

Children

Teacher Appreciation

Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10 a.m. both in-person and on Zoom. The Zoom link is posted on the [blog](#). Children in grades PK-6 are invited.

The last day of Sunday School before our church's summer break begins is May 22. Sunday School does not meet over the summer, although children will continue to have a role in worship.

Please join us on May 22 to thank the fabulous members of our Faith Formation Team: Trent Parkhill, Sara Schneider, Kyla Asmar, Kate Palmer, Becky Burrage, and Tony Milner. And we can't even begin to thank the countless volunteers who love spending time with our church kids!

Youth

First Annual *Crane Festival*

HUCC Youth Fundraiser to Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in 2022

Please join us on Saturday, May 21 at 5 p.m. in McMullen Hall. Dinner tickets are \$15 and may be purchased in advance at church.

The event will feature dinner catered by Cupbop with other Asian foods, and arts and crafts including bracelets and origami peace cranes. Masks are required when not eating or drinking.

Please contact Pastor Chelsea by May 16 if there is an Asian food speciality you would like to make and donate as a side dish; vegetarian and vegan contributions are encouraged.

We are also seeking donated bottles of wine and sake, and Asian cultural items for prizes for a raffle to support refugee resettlement. Contribution signups are needed by May 16.

Celebrated in May each year, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes the challenges faced by Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Native Hawaiians and their vital contributions to the American story.

Origami peace cranes are a Japanese symbol of peace, health and good fortune. In 2021, HUCC youth Alle Maulden completed the folding of 1,000 cranes, inspiring our church to fold peace cranes to symbolize our resilience and healing as a community.

Thank you so much for supporting this youth-led fundraiser for the Utah AAPI community!

Faith Formation Schedule & Blog

Congregational Meeting

HUCC Council

The HUCC Spring Congregational meeting will be held in-person after worship service on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

A [Zoom option](#) will be available, as well as hybrid coffee hour on Zoom following the congregational meeting (during Bistro).

For those of you who missed our spring new member class, there is still time to join the church on May 22, just in time to vote

Installation Service

Worship Team

Save the Date: Installation of Rev. Brent Gundlah as Senior Pastor of Holladay United Church of Christ, on Saturday, May 14 at 2 p.m.

According to the UCC Manual on Ministry, "Installation is the liturgical celebration of the covenantal relationship among the ordained minister, the local church, [and] the Association."

While Pastor Brent has been at HUCC for a little over a year now, the pandemic has prevented us from being together to honor this relationship in

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Jean Wallberg

The Prayer Shawl Knitters create shawls that are available to be given to people who might need caring, support, and comfort. If you know of individuals who are experiencing issues such as loss of a loved one or health issues of their own, they might appreciate receiving a prayer shawl from the church.

The Knitters meet to knit or crochet together, and also continue our projects at home. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the

in the congregational meeting. Pastors Brent and Chelsea are offering a self-study online preparation course on exploring church membership. Please email associatepastor@holladayucc.org for the links.

this way. We're glad to finally be able to gather in order to celebrate our shared ministry! A livestream will also be available.

conference room. Bring your own yarn. We hope you can join us!

For more information, please contact wallberg2@aol.com.

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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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