



## What does it mean to be both Progressive and Christian?

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I sometimes get asked what it means to be both progressive and Christian. Part of the reason for this could be that these two words seem like an oxymoron - contradictory terms paired together (“jumbo shrimp,” “small crowd,” “awfully good”). I once led a book study group at my church with local college students. During one of our conversations, they let slip that they hesitate to call themselves “Christians” on campus. This surprised me so I asked them why? Looking down at her feet, one student responded, “Because if we call ourselves ‘Christians,’ people will think we’re conservative.” “And,” added another student, “they’ll think we’re mean.” This conversation took place during the height of the Trump Administration when biblical language was being used to baptize the cruel treatment of people at the southern US border, so the hesitancy of those students to self-identify as “Christians” on campus made some sense to me, just like it makes sense for people to be confused by the term “progressive Christian.”

Ironically, however, a 2018 PRRI survey found that there are nearly twice as many “consistently progressive” adult Christians in the US as there are “consistently conservative” adult Christians. The survey details are outlined in Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons’ book “Just Faith.” Survey participants self-identified as Christians and were asked three questions.

Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry?

Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing immigrants brought illegally to the US as children to gain legal-resident status?

Admittedly, three questions narrowly focused on same-sex marriage, abortion, and immigration do not provide a thoroughgoing portrait of the American Christian landscape, but the answers to the questions do provide a telling snapshot. If we grant that answers to these questions justify sorting people into “consistently progressive” and “consistently conservative” categories, then by a nearly 2 to 1 ratio, US Christians are “consistently progressive”; that is, they answered “strongly favor” or “favor” same-sex marriage, they believe abortion should be “legal in all cases” or in “most cases,” and they “strongly favor” or “favor” immigrant children gaining legal-resident status.

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These statistics are certainly interesting to “think with,” to borrow a line from the late anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss, but when I’m pressed to answer the question, What does it mean to be both Progressive and Christian?, I point to something deeper than political wedge issues like same-sex marriage, abortion, and immigration. I could point to religious practices that emphasize St. Paul’s “fruit of the spirit” (Galatians 5:22-23), or to the prophet Micah’s call to do justice, love, kindness, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8), or to Jesus’ statement about loving God and neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40). Each one is life-giving and essential. But when I answer the question about being progressive and Christian, I point to one trait in particular that marks out progressive Christians as well as progressives in other religious traditions: compassion—a compassion that fuels our desire to support same-sex couples, a woman’s right to reproductive care, and a human being’s right to care in a new country.

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As we plan for November and December in our life as a congregation, we continue to struggle with being church during the covid pandemic. We try to look ahead with optimism and find the delta variant and now new variants pulling us backward into more quarantine protocols. Vaccines for children are on the horizon and closer to reality, at least for children five and older. When children are able to be vaccinated, we will be able to worship in person, and I am still praying for that to happen. But it will not be easy, back to normal. The Phasing-in Working Group and our Church Council are wrestling with these issues and how to keep us as safe as possible while being the church.

It seems to me that along with our Consecrating Stewardship campaign and the call to discern our financial commitment for the coming year, we are called to be stewards of our health and the health of our community. That, friends, means doing all we can to prevent the spread of Covid—getting vaccinated is a must.

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The Council has decided that vaccines will be required for in person worship for all who are able to be vaccinated. As boosters are rolling out, we should get them as we are able. That being said, I do have to acknowledge my feeling of discomfort at being in the USA and able to get a booster when millions around the world are crying out for their first vaccine. We will continue to wear masks when in groups, ventilate, sanitize and distance as much as possible.

Our choir has singers masks that will allow us some protection and ability to sing in small ensembles. We will not be having potluck meals any time soon, but maybe eventually have beverages and possibly a snack that is shared with little contact.

These are small steps, but important ones. As stewards of our health, we are called to rely on the wisdom of care providers, doctors and scientists who help lead us to safety.

There are other ways we are called to be stewards. Being cautious does not mean we have to stop being church, stop serving those in need and stop working for justice and peace. There are ways we can be safe and serve. We are looking for more volunteers for our Cold Weather Shelter for people who are HIV+. We are seeking more people to become involved in our ministry teams and working groups. The Green Team works for environmental justice and stewardship and calls upon us to be involved. Lift Every Voice Oregon is calling on us to step forward as a congregation and work to help gather 250,000 signatures to get on the Oregon ballot two important initiatives to limit gun violence because we are in the midst of an epidemic of violence. We can do this work and that of other groups in a safe manner and accomplish our goals. If you would like any information about volunteering in any number of ways, please contact me and I will connect you with the right people.



Lift Every Voice Oregon

Recently some of our members have shared with me that they have decided to move away, out of Portland and some out of state. We will miss them and wish them all the best. Fortunately, we are able to connect virtually with those who want to continue involvement. Eventually, they may find a local church they would like to connect with. But as people move out, people come to Oregon and Portland. Our challenge is to invite people to be part of Ainsworth UCC in whatever form our congregation takes on.

Ainsworth United Church of Christ is a strong, committed and generous congregation. We will not stop being church and responding to God's call to discipleship whether we are gathered or scattered. Thank you for helping us be the church.

-Pastor Lynne 



## Reparations Now!

Black folks in America carry many wounds from their government: Stolen labor, stolen wealth opportunities by government-sanctioned red-lining, being blocked from the Homestead Act, discriminatory banking regulations backed by the U.S. government, continued discriminatory practices that to this day affect Black farmers, and a racial wealth gap that economists state cannot be fixed by income but instead requires a significant repair of the generational effects of slavery and racism.

In acknowledgment of and response to this long history of injustice, the United Church of Christ Synod passed a resolution twenty years ago calling for a study on reparations for slavery, demanding that we as a nation start to make right injustices that have for so long been allowed to fester in America untreated. The resolution emphasized that this process “can never be singularly reducible to monetary terms: is a historical reckoning involving acknowledgment that an offense against humanity was committed and the victims have not received justice.”

This subject was brought to our planning group through **Justice and Peace Action Network JPA**Net of United Church of Christ and is a part of the United Church of Christ’s advocacy for reparations. I’ve brought this topic up to our planning group for further discussion as part of the continuing information we hope to bring to the congregation in the future.

While reparations are essential, I have broadened it from just that to the four Rs: **Reforms, Restructuring, Reparations, and Reconciliation**. We hear about and are familiar with the word Reparations. However, there still was no official change by Congress for African-Americans until April 14, of this year when H.R 40, for the first time, reached a committee vote, a critical step toward passing legislation.

Originally this bill was introduced in Congress by Rep. John Conyers (MI-13) in 1989. Conyers re-introduced the bill every year until his retirement in 2017, when he passed the mantle to Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18) to carry the legislation forward as lead sponsor. H.R. 40 aims to be the first step in studying and moving toward racial justice. It will establish a federal commission to examine the legacy of enslavement in the US, including ongoing

racial discrimination, and recommend proposals for repair. This bill does not authorize payments or any other specific remedy. Instead, it offers a path toward reparations by officially detailing the breach of enslavement and white supremacy and creating actionable options for Congress to consider repairing the breach.

The legislation is supported by a broad and diverse coalition, including the Japanese American Citizens League, and in April of this year, with the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee voting to move H.R 40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act, to the House floor for full consideration there is hope.

Our country needs to heal from the wounds of slavery, and continued discrimination, and our history as a country of enslavement and white supremacy must be addressed, and H.R. 40 outlines a path for the study of reparations. As people of faith, we believe in restoration, and that healing and repair are needed for true justice.

*-Judi Pitre*

## Help Make Low Income Housing Possible

It’s been four years since Ainsworth joined the Leaven Community Land and Housing Coalition’s Sacred Organizing to advocate and develop faith-based housing in the community to address the homeless and houseless crisis. Since that time we have grown as a coalition from six faith communities to over twenty to include East, and West Multnomah Counties, Clackamas and Washington Counties. Additionally, our work has included making progress with the City of Portland bureaus who oversee various activities of land use, code and building compliance, forming relationships with City Council members, Oregon State House Speaker and Legislature and the Oregon Community Housing Council.

Judi Pitre joined the Coalition’s Design Team last year representing Ainsworth and beginning in September of this year the coalition formed a partnership with the founder of Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMiJ) Sarah Loose which will make the coalition bi-lingual. We are a growing group of churches determined to make a difference in the development of affordable housing for the least of these. If this sounds like something you’d like to be involved in please prayerfully consider joining the Ainsworth Team.

Our first Multnomah County Cohort gathering is on Wednesday, October 27, 4th Wednesday, at 6:30-8:00 pm. These meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesdays of the month through June; however, November and December may be scheduled for a different evening given the upcoming holidays.

Please contact Judi Pitre at [tuffyp47@gmail.com](mailto:tuffyp47@gmail.com) for the Zoom link if you’d like to join Ainsworth’s team. We need you!

*-Judy Pitre*



**Marvin Lynn, Ph.D.**  
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Singing is one of my greatest joys. I started singing at the age of four in my Great Grandmother's C.O.G.I.C church. As I got older, I had the chance to study voice and majored in music as an undergraduate until I transferred to the elementary education program. I continued studying and performing in a variety of genres: opera, musical theater, gospel, and some R&B. Today, AUCC is my primary performance venue and I love it! I'm looking forward to doing Gospel Christmas with the Oregon Symphony this year.

28 years ago, I started my career as a second grade teacher. For the last 20 years, I've worked as a professor of teacher education. I'm a scholar of critical race theory, and education, and also study the work and lives of Black male teachers in urban contexts. My Google scholar profile lists my numerous publications.

For four years, I served as Dean and Professor in the College of Education at Portland State University. I stepped back from that role last June to focus on my scholarship and my effort to build an institute for the study of race and education at Portland State. I serve on several national, statewide, and local boards including the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate, the Oregon Educator Advancement Council, the Oregon Educator Equity Advisory Group, and the Oregon Community Ministry Board of Providence Hospitals across Oregon and SW Washington. I have served as President of the Oregon Association of Colleges for Teacher Education where I represented teacher educators across the State of Oregon.

I recently led a wonderful conversation with the Church Council about cultural humility and why it's important for leaders. These principles really spoke to my spirit as a leader with a deep investment in racial justice and community transformation. I hope that my work as a leader at AUCC will foster transformation on many levels.



**Cody Bartow-Tomalia**  
 (He/Him)  
 AUCC Moderator  
 Birth Month: November  
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Jeffrey and I moved to Vancouver, WA in June 2015 from mid-Michigan. We welcomed our daughter, Robin, over the summer and she is keeping us busy. We visited Ainsworth UCC for the first time in August 2014 while visiting the area. After our move, we became members. In addition to being a new parent, I continue to work as a School Psychologist.

In this time of ongoing uncertainty and continued health concerns it is important to remain a light. We have endured much over the past two years, but we must continue looking forward with hope, finding the good news in the present, and being advocates for the positive changes we would like to see.

Over the past year our restrooms were remodeled and the downstairs kitchen is almost done. They stand ready once we are able to gather in person once more. We are reviewing ideas for improving the space in which our children have Sunday School, continuing to transform our building for that day when we are able to once again worship within the walls of AUCC. We are so much more than just a group of people that gathers within that building, though. We are a resilient group that continues to meet virtually and worship wherever we are—physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually. When asked to serve as Moderator-Elect and then Moderator back in 2020 it was early in the pandemic. I would not have imagined that this far into it we would still be doing our meetings and worship remotely. That said, it has been an opportunity to test new ways of including voices and new methods of participation.

The church now has a new webpage and we are set up with Google for Nonprofits so our files and work can be shared much easier. With all the rapid changes over the past several months, it is hard for me to predict what the next year will bring us. It is my commitment to serve faithfully and continue to advance the mission of AUCC. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Moderator.



**Becky Martin, AUCC Treasurer**  
 With AUCC since September 2019  
 Prior to moving to Portland in 2017 my late husband and I were members of the Ashland UCC for 40 years. During that time I had

several opportunities to participate in the Central Pacific Conference and am currently co-chairing the Committee on Ministry. In 2008 I retired from my career at Jackson County Mental Health where I worked to provide community-based services for people with mental illnesses. Serving as Treasurer has been a great way to get to know the Ainsworth community.

## The Congregation Took The Pledge!

The AUCC Congregation approved the resolution presented by our Palestine/Israel Peace Team at our Congregational Meeting, held after service on October 24, 2021.

### *The Pledge*

As members of the justice-seeking congregation of Ainsworth United Church of Christ, we believe that the General Mills/Pillsbury plant, owned and operated by the Israeli company Shalgat Ltd. On Palestinian land occupied by Israel, should stop producing Pillsbury products at this site. This factory is in an illegal settlement under international law.



In support of this belief, we will boycott all Pillsbury products until General Mills stops producing Pillsbury brand products at this factory, we will participate in actions to promote this boycott and we pledge to be a "Pillsbury-Free-Church!"

Besides not purchasing anything made by Pillsbury, there will be more boycott activities shared soon for your participation. You will get instructions asking you to send the CEO of General Mills a postcard asking for the pullout of this factory on military occupied Palestinian territory.

### *Avoid the Dough Boy*

Projects include: Biscuits, including Grands, Crescent Rolls, Cinnamon Rolls, Cookie Dough, Already Baked Snacks including Snack Cakes and Soft Baked Cookies. Cornbread Swirls, Flour, Breads including Breadsticks and French Bread, Pie Crust, Pizza Crust, Toaster Strudel, Pancakes, Heat and Eat, Pull-apart Kits.

If you were not able to attend the Zoom Congregational Meeting, you may view our presentation on YouTube under Ainsworth UCC (October 24th, Congregational Meeting.)

***Let's Be 100% In Participation! And Please Feel Free To Share With Friends!***

***-Collen Davis***

## Pillsbury Boycott & Ainsworth Families Reading Recommendations

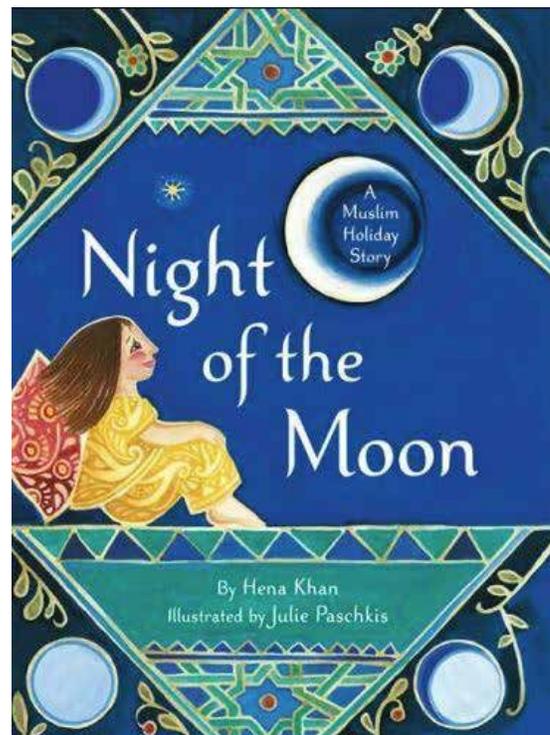
After the congregational meeting affirming Ainsworth as a "Pillsbury Free Church," families may wish to read these books together. Some are picture books but still helpful for understanding the situation in Palestine. All are available through our church.

- Getting to Know & Love Islam: A Children's Book Introducing Islam, The Sincere Seeker Collection
- The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab & Family, Muhammad, Ibtihaj
- Four Feet, Two Sandals, Karen Lynn Williams
- A Little Piece of Ground, Laird, Elizabeth
- Christina Goes to the Holy Land
- Sitti's Secrets (Mona & her Sitti/Grandmother)
- Night of the Moon (Yasmeen)
- Where the Streets Had a Name
- Three Wishes: Palestinian & Israeli Children Speak, Ellis, Deborah
- Peace by Piece: Illustrations by Christian, Jewish & Muslim children ages 5-17, Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake

If your family wants an easy recipe to make bread dough ("No Dough Pillsbury") There are many.

Questions? Maybe I can help!

Ann Bryan Nelson (616) 283-9636





## The Bates Kitchen

On October 24, 2021, the AUCC council voted to unanimously accept the recommendation that our new kitchen be named The Bates Kitchen after Dr. Elaine Bates.

She and her best friend Alfield Jacobs (another charter member of Ainsworth) helped put the original kitchen together, with the men's group supplying the carpentry, and the ladies rounding up used cabinets and appliances. It served us well since maybe, 1984.

"Elaine placed high value on education and worked as a teacher in the Portland Public Schools for many years. Elaine used her Education degrees to become one of the first women principals of her time. Her favorite schools were ones that she could encourage students that were particularly struggling in life and in learning. Elaine was a strong and courageous woman, teaching by example!

While working for Portland Public Schools, she used her musical and writing abilities to create two productions, and with the participation of the music instructors of PPS and their students, both were performed at the Memorial Coliseum.

Elaine and members of the Second Congregational Church joined with the congregation of St. Andrews to form the Ainsworth United Church of Christ. She was an extremely active member of Ainsworth, particularly contributing to many social justice projects in the community."

I, for one, look forward to preparing food for a congregation meal in The Bates Kitchen.

-Colleen Davis

Sundays in November	
Nov 7	"What Power?" Mark 12:38-44 Liturgist: Joslyn Baker
Nov 14	Consecrating Stewards Sunday Guest Preacher- Jan Elfers Liturgist: TBD
Nov 21	Transgender Day of Remembrance/ Reign of Christ Rev. Cecil Prescod preaches Liturgist: Traci Hodgson
Nov 28	"Follow the Signs" Advent begins Luke 21:25-36 Liturgist: Ines Campoverde

## A Note from the Treasurer about Special Offerings

In this year of pandemic planning and response, we neglected our special offerings. Traditionally Ainsworth UCC has participated in four major offerings in addition to Our Church's Wider Mission. These offerings are:

### *One Great Hour of Sharing*

This offering, usually taken during Lent, supports the disaster, refugee and development ministries of the UCC within Wider Church Ministries.

### *Strengthen the Church*

This is an offering taken in May or June and reflects our shared commitment across the UCC to cooperatively build up the church. It supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry and innovation.



### *Neighbors in Need*

Traditionally taken on World Communion Sunday, the offering this year is focused on supporting projects that serve homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. It is used by the Council for American Indian Ministry and Justice and Witness Ministries to meet these goals.

### *Christmas Offering*

We will take this offering on Christmas Eve as we have done in the past. These funds care for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the UCC, providing emergency grants, and other support.

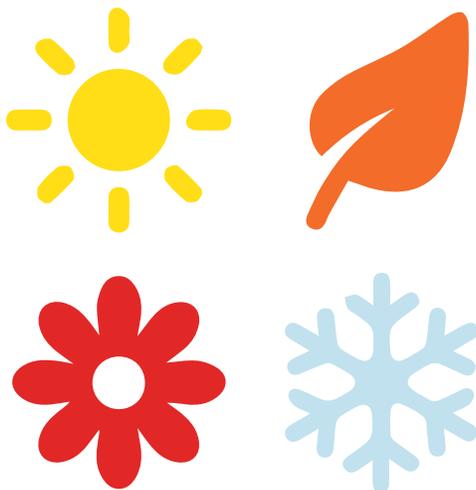
If these special offerings have been part of your giving pattern, we can still take them and distribute them through the UCC. You may want to make a year-end gift which includes one or more of these offerings or choose one that is particularly meaningful to you. Note on your check or donation memo how you want your gift to be applied.

We will coordinate our offerings in the coming year and appreciate your understanding during this unusual time in which the church has been especially important to many of us.

Thank you, Becky Martin, Treasurer

## 2021 Four Seasons Birthday Celebration & Fundraiser in the Time of COVID!!

*Another year, brothers and sisters that has not been fundraiser and celebration friendly! Even so, we plan to celebrate our annual Four Seasons Birthday Celebration (and Fundraiser) via Zoom on Sunday December 5th immediately following our Church Service, during Fellowship Hour.*



For those of you unfamiliar with Four Seasons, this is a celebration handed down from St. Andrews Church members when they joined with UCC Second Church to become Ainsworth UCC. For more than 30 years this fun event has brought joy to our table and funds to the mission and ministry of our church.

Four Seasons is a huge birthday party for everyone and a competitive fundraiser. Each season of birthdays competes with the other seasons to see which can bring in the most money for the church's operating budget. Season captains will call the members with birthdays in their season to remind them of the celebration. (Go FALL!)

This year, we cannot join together to enjoy and share food but we will do the best we can. We ask that each member prepare something for themselves that is "seasonal" and maybe some decoration to share on our zoom celebration.

Donations can be made via the website, by mailed in check or dropped off at the church. Hopefully, this can be done in advance of the celebration so we will be able to announce the amounts that have been raised during the celebration. And don't forget to indicate your season on your donation. The website provides this capability.

And, just to be complete, some of us are very loyal to our seasons and donate a dollar for year we are old, although more is certainly welcome!! But you are free to donate any amount you wish.

I'm hoping we can make this fun despite the challenges of 2021!!!

-Beverly Perttu

## Six Tips for Successful Holidays During Covid-19

The upcoming season is a deeply meaningful time for many of us. The season is a time of joy and wonder to be shared with others. However, here we are, facing another holiday season during Covid. Even with the vaccine, the holidays will look different than in the past. However, "different" does not mean the holidays cannot be special.

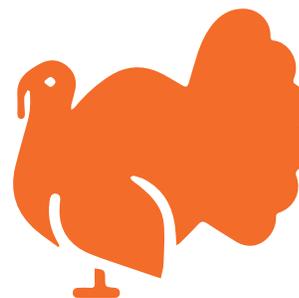
Here are some tips to maintain emotional well-being during this season:

**Make a plan.** Having a plan can reduce stress. Make a list of what you would like to do and when you want to have them done. Do you want to buy presents? Perhaps you can't because of financial constraints. A good solution is to reach out with holiday cards, phone calls or Zoom meetings. Arrange to connect with those who bring you joy.

**Be flexible.** Even if you make a plan, something could happen to throw you off course. Maintaining mentally flexibility can help combat stress and negative emotions.

**Keep or create new traditions.** Perhaps you can gather with your loved ones by playing a virtual game. You could also pick out a new recipe that everyone can follow and share through Zoom or a phone call.

**One way to help with isolation is to volunteer.** Many food banks are still open and need volunteers. You can volunteer with friends or meet new friends. Perhaps you'll be celebrating with new friends next year!



**Maintain self-care.** Exercise regularly, sleep well, eat well, engage in hobbies that give you pleasure.

**Simplify.** Perhaps in years past you have prepared a large dinner. This year, consider ordering prepared food, do potluck, or celebrate with a combination of both. Instead of dealing with crowded stores and parking lots, buy online or gift cards.

If you are still struggling, share your feelings with a friend, family member, mental health professional or pastor with whom you trust. We can get through this together!

*This article is adapted from an article in Psychology Today, "5 Tips for Successful Holidays During Covid-19" by Kontantin Lukin, Ph.D.*

-Susan Madison



## We Need Flowers!

The Society for the Provision of Altar Flowers (SPAF) is always accepting flower arrangements or cash donations towards the purchase of flowers for Sunday services. This is an ongoing need and is always appreciated by the congregation.

We welcome flower arrangements, or we are happy to purchase the flowers if money is donated. Even small donations are helpful as there is no line item in the budget for weekly flowers and typical arrangements are approximately \$40-\$50 each.

Please consider making a donation. Even \$10/month would make a big difference. Contact Christine Putnam if you have any questions at 503-381-9575 or gcpot@yahoo.com. Or, send a check to the office with "flowers" on the memo line.

-Christine Putnam

## November Birthdays

Dick Conser 11/02	Lisa Barrett-Kelly 11/15
Rev. Terry Sue Fischer 11/03	Chrystal Bell 11/16
Ceilidh Kirk 11/05	Bennie Hill 11/20
Alana Hartman 11/06	Allison Brinkhorst 11/20
Kathy Saunders 11/06	Cody Bartow-Tomalía 11/22
Ann Bryan Nelson 11/07	Sophie Singleton 11/23
Denetia Carline 11/08	Nan Conser 11/23
Adelyn Thomas 11/10	Debra Lynn Baker 11/25
Jocelyn Thomas 11/10	Barbara Lawson 11/26
David Hathaway 11/11	Doug Trotter 11/27
Erik Anderson 11/12	Colleen Davis 11/27
Kathy Tymoczko 11/12	Shiloh Hodgson Rockey 11/27
Thomas Wright 11/12	Janine Gates 11/28
John Hahn-Francini 11/12	
Verlin Byers 11/13	

## Contribute to The Chronicle

Are you a creative person? Do you have a news item? Send your stories, (brief) poems, interesting photos or artwork for publication in the AUCC Chronicle for sharing with our Church Community.

Email to: [mrnicklp@gmail.com](mailto:mrnicklp@gmail.com)

-Editor



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### *Need or want to submit to the Prayer List?*

If you want prayers said for yourself or others, we can get those prayers sent out on the prayer chain.

Contact Peggy West at: [jpwest@teleport.com](mailto:jpwest@teleport.com) or call her at 503-659-7922.

"People we pray for regularly come to receive a very special place in our heart and in the heart of God, and they are helped. Sometimes, this happens immediately and sometimes over time."

-Henri Nouwen

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