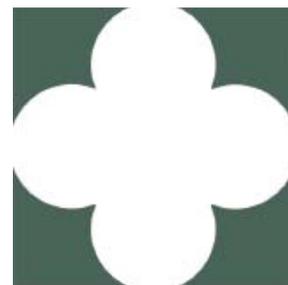


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You Can't Imagine the Unimaginable

A Resurrection Story

by Bob Sittig

I'm writing this on the one month anniversary of the Oso mudslide. The President is visiting that area today. I suspect he might have the same level of disbelief as we did when Pastor David Kile, our wives and I made the trip to Darrington to take food from Seattle First Baptist Church to the food bank that is housed in the First Baptist Church of Darrington.

There is sadness at many levels in Darrington. The obvious and most significant sadness is a result of the loss of life and injuries suffered by those families whose lives were touched by this tragedy. The property loss and damage is indeed unimaginable. When you see an aerial photo of the slide area, it takes a few minutes of study just to try to understand what you're looking at. Trees and houses appear like piles of matchsticks that were dropped out of their boxes in a random fashion. It is truly a surreal scene.

We met with Rev. Mike DeLuca, pastor of the Darrington FBC. That church has maintained a local food bank for many years, so the infrastructure was in place when the tragic event took place. The significant shift that occurred after the slide was that the food bank was then opened 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They really geared up to support the local residents and the emergency workers with sustenance. Death and injury is not reserved just for those directly affected by the mud slide. There is a sub-tragedy in this drama, the possible death of and injury to the town of Darrington. That community is located on the east side of the debris that has

closed off SR 530. The trip to Interstate 5 was about a twenty minute drive to Arlington on SR 530 before the slide. Now access to the freeway takes about an hour and twenty minutes to get to the same place. Folks who spent forty minutes and eight dollars for gas each day, now must spend almost three hours and almost fifty dollars each day to get to the same destination. The businesses in the town that depended on patrons from Oso, Arlington and other eastern points are failing. The lumber mill, the largest employer in town, has stopped major production because they can't economically deliver their products. About half of the members of The First Baptist Church in Darrington live on the west side of the slide and can't afford the three hour round trip and cost of the gas to get to church.

The church, as with most of the residents of Darrington, lost members and friends in the tragic incident. The suffering is both emotional and economic. Pastor Mike, with tenure of over thirty-five years at that church, expressed some real concerns regarding the survival of the town.

So, where is God in all of this? God is in the hearts of the hundreds of rescue and recovery workers who volunteered to work around the clock to try to find survivors. God is in the hearts of those who poured in relief supplies from around the country and around the world to feed and minister to the victims. God has supplied courage and hope to the local residents who are contemplating a hopeless situation. For many, God is their primary help and reason to go on when all else is crumbling around them. In tragedy there is triumph and hope beyond sorrow, thank God!

Contributions of money or gas cards may be directed to the First Baptist Church of Darrington, WA.

Jensen Lectures 2014

May 24th and 25th with Dr. Miguel De La Torre

by Pastor Tim Phillips

"The foreigner who lives among you must be treated like one of your own. Love them as you love yourself ..."

—Leviticus 19.34.

Harold Jensen was one of the great prophetic pastors in the long history of Seattle First Baptist Church. During his tenure, 1938-1954, Dr. Jensen led the protest against the internment of Japanese-Americans and often went to court seeking aid for Japanese-Americans being dispossessed of their property by court order. We celebrate Dr. Jensen's legacy with this year's Jensen Lectures featuring Dr. Miguel De La Torre, professor of Social Ethics and Latino/a Studies at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO.



Born in Cuba before the Castro Revolution, Dr. De La Torre was baptized a Roman Catholic, became a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and eventually earned his Ph.D. at Temple University in Social Ethics. He has received several national book awards and is a frequent speaker at national events, including last summer's Baptist Peace Fellowship in Spokane, WA. His work on immigration issues and the intersection of race, class and gender with religion, makes him the ideal contemporary voice to continue Dr. Jensen's legacy. Please join us:

Saturday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. dinner and presentation (Fridell). Please make dinner reservations through brownpapertickets. Tickets are free. Dr. De La Torre will speak about immigration and immigration reform from a biblical-ethical perspective.

Sunday, May 25, 11 a.m. Worship. Dr. De La Torre will preach in worship and at 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning we will host a conversation with the Interfaith Worker Justice program about the local intersection of immigration and worker justice.

Parking on the street is free after 6 p.m. on Saturday and free on Sunday in the parking lot adjacent to the church.

Inspired Learning

by Susan Austin

Inspired Learning is a project to supply a school in Uganda with teaching supplies, tools, maps, and learning aids. I visited Uganda in 2010 and met an amazing woman, Mary Khalayi. Mary's dream at that time was to open a school for the children in the hills outside of Mbale. I met the children and saw the empty building that would become the school. The children sang and performed a play for us. These are children who had no opportunity for learning until Mary opened the school.

Today 200 children go to the Nyanga School. There are fourteen teachers with only a blackboard as a teaching aid. The classrooms look bleak and colorless compared to our classrooms. Teachers ask for supplies and teaching aids so they can do their job better. There is a strong desire on both the part of the students, who hike long distances to attend school, and the teachers to create an opportunity for learning. All of the education is done in English.

My vision is to take teaching tools and supplies to Uganda in late May of this year. Also, I would love to have letters from elementary school children to take with me. If they included their photo it would be an added delight for the Ugandan children.

If you are a teacher with extra tools or supplies, or know a teacher who is presently teaching or retired, please consider sharing with these children. If you are inspired to give a donation for supplies which I will purchase there, thank you, for that money would be put to good use. Extra money will be used to build an additional classroom at the school for the younger children.

For me this is a wonderful time opportunity to make a difference. I appreciate your support in any way you wanted to give. Thank you.

I can be contacted by email at Susana6@comcast.net. Checks and supplies can be sent to Susan Austin at Inspired Learning, 1100 University St. Apt 8C, Seattle, WA 98101. Checks made out to me, Susan Austin, will be held in trust for the Nyanga School.

The Labyrinth

By Rev. Carolyn Shimabukuro, SFBC Labyrinth Team Leader

"The labyrinth is peaceful, grounding and encouraging. I put it on my calendar every month." —note from a walker

Walking the labyrinth nourishes the soul. Candles cradle the 35 foot wide labyrinth, music calms without drawing attention to itself, and stocking feet move along the canvas path reminding us that we are in the company of travelers who seek peace with God, self and others. In a most wonderful way the fellowship hall holds this gracious and sacred space for all those who come to walk or simply sit in the quiet.

Now in our eleventh year of hosting monthly walks, we give thanks for the privilege it has been to steward this sacred space. Thank you to the labyrinth team: Pat Doheny, Donna Ward, Mary Ellen Weber and the support from Pastor Cathy Fransson and the SFBC staff.

We look forward to our next season of labyrinth ministry beginning in October, continuing through April on second Sundays with a new time of 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and join us.

Joyful! Noise Concerts May 31 and June 1

Songs of the Journey

Join Joyful! Noise as they raise their voices in songs of the journey in the Seattle First Baptist sanctuary on Saturday, May 31, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 1, at 3 p.m. Members and friends of our community who will perform are singers John Chenault, Wendy Cohen, Cindy Ervin, Carla Granat, Patrick Green, Steve Smith, Melissa Thirloway, Paul Williams, and David Young, and string bassist Belle Chenault.

The inspiration for the concert and its title was an arrangement of John Denver's classic "Leavin' on a Jet Plane," according to conductor Jeff Thirloway. "The songs take the audience on journeys both real and metaphorical," he said, "while exploring the beauty, exuberance, melancholy and even succor that we may experience when we find ourselves on the road and far from home." In addition to a John Denver medley, songs include "What a Wonderful World," "From a Distance," "The Road Not Taken," "Fly Away," and other familiar and fresh songs of the journey.

Tickets are available at the door, from the Joyful! Noise members listed above, and through BrownPaperTickets.com. Learn more about the group at: www.joyfulnoiseseattle.org.

The poster features a background of a yellow map with red and blue lines. At the top, the text "Joyful! Noise presents" is written in a white, stylized font. Below this, the phrase "ALL OUR BAGS ARE PACKED!" is written in large, bold, red letters with a white outline, arranged across four stacked suitcases. To the left of the suitcases, the text "Join us for a musical road trip!" is written in a red, stylized font. At the bottom left, a dark blue box contains the text: "Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Ave., Saturday, May 31 8:00, Sunday, June 1 3:00". At the bottom right, a white box contains the text: "\$20 Adults \$15 Seniors & Students, Children Under 12 Free, Tickets available online at BrownPaperTickets.com and from J!N members, Info at joyfulnoiseseattle.org".

Interested in Alternative Economic Support Models?

by Roberta Sherwood, Roxana Harper

We are in a time of history where there is great economic unevenness and injustice for many people, causing undue hardship on many people in our local and greater communities. In an effort to address this challenge, Bet Alef and Seattle First Baptist Social Justice Ministries have looked at models which offer assistance for people as well as impacting the economic system causing the inequities.

We have looked at the following models during the past several months:

- 1. Resilience Circles** — A small group of 10-20 people that come together to increase our personal security in a rapidly changing world by:
 - Courageously facing our economic and ecological challenges, learning together about root causes.
 - Building relationships that strengthen our security and taking concrete steps for action.
 - Rediscovering the abundance of what we have and recognizing the possibility of a better future.
 - Seeing ourselves as part of a larger effort to create a fair and healthy economy that works for everyone.
 - Getting to know one another, finding inspiration, having fun and strengthening community.
 - Resilience Circles three components: Learning Together; Mutual Aid; and Social Action!
- 2. TimeBanking** — TimeBanking is an exchange process, person-to-person, asking for and receiving help from people within the TimeBank program, and in return offering your skills, knowledge and time to help to others. There is a central, computerized listing of what people are offering and what people need. Each person's time is valued by the hour, regardless of the task provided, so everyone is equal in giving and receiving. There is a choice of joining other TimeBanks in the Puget Sound TimeBank cooperative or forming our own.
- 3. Village Concept** — (e.g., NEST: North East Seattle Together and WIDER HORIZONS: Virtual Village for Elders in Central Seattle) – These programs in Seattle work toward building a mutually supportive community by offering paid memberships to older citizens within a geographic area of Seattle. They are staffed programs that encourage older people to get together to help each other in mutual ways, supported by staff. It is primarily about community building, social interaction, and "aging-in-place."

The SFBC/Bet Alef planning team (Roxana and Gordon Harper, Richard Hodgkin, and Roberta Sherwood) is recommending that a working group of people from our two congregations interested in exploring this topic begin with a Resiliency Circle Seven-Session Study to: 1) Study the issues on economics as currently experienced; 2) Learn a co-leadership style within a supportive environment; 3) Begin to offer mutual support within the group.

We believe we can begin this in the fall of 2014. We plan to have an orientation meeting soon with any of you who have interest in this. Contact any one of us if you are interested!

Wednesdays With Dr. Bill

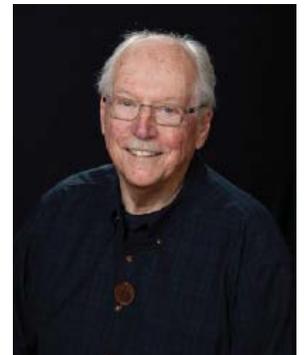
by Bill Malcomson

A Wednesday Evening Class on Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Our Theologian-in-Residence, Bill Malcomson, is teaching a class on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. in the parlor. On April 30th the focus is on THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP, the section on Grace and Discipleship. On May 7th, the focus is on the same book--the section on The Sermon on the Mount. On May 14th, the book is LIFE TOGETHER, and the sections to be discussed are on *Community* and *The Day Alone*. For a recent biography of Bonhoeffer, Bill recommends Eric Metaxas, *BONHOEFFER: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* (Thomas Nelson: 2010).

An Invitation to the Theology Table

On Wednesday, May 7, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, Bill Malcomson and Barbara Bell invite you to eat with them at the Theology Table. The topic for discussion will be "Does it make a difference in your faith journey whether Jesus was or was not raised from the dead?" We will eat from 6 to 6:20 p.m., discuss from 6:20 to 6:50 p.m. If you are a choir member, you will have plenty of time to go to rehearsal. The table seats 8 people, so there will be room for 6, plus Bill and Barbara. Sign up for the table when you pay for your meal. If more than 6 sign up, we will try to adjust.



Bill Malcomson

Wonderful New Growth

by David Young

We welcome the following new members into our congregation this year. Now that you know what they look like and know a bit about them, please take a moment to greet them when you can.



Jim Singletary



Jim Maynard



Sue Phillips



Don Phillips



Ali Tillman



Sean Mix



Paul Rohrbach



Diane Rohrbach



Leanne Damborg



Laura Jorgenson



Larry Duncan



Randy Shepherd



Rita Hibbard



Barbara Bell



Hannah Elder



Justin Elder

Jim Singletary was on the Board of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists (AWAB) for four years, during which time he met Tim Phillips, Bruce Chittick, and Craig Darling. He is currently Parish Administrator for Gethsemane Lutheran Church downtown and has been there for two years. Jim grew up as a Southern Baptist in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jim Maynard attended First Baptist Church in Beverly, Massachusetts and pastored for ten years at First Baptist Church in Salem, MA. Raised Catholic, Jim is Director of Communication and Community Engagement at Fred Hutchinson and is responsible for 40 sites worldwide in HIV Vaccine work. In the next year, he will be making several trips to Africa in connection with his work on HIV vaccines.

Jim and Jim have been attending SFBC for two and a half years now. They met in church 16 years ago at an AWAB meeting and were married in Massachusetts.

Sue Phillips grew up in northern Maine. She worked as a speech and language therapist, and has volunteered extensively. As a family, they lived thirty years in New Jersey and twenty in North Carolina, moving to Skyline here in Seattle in April 2013. She and her husband, Don, have four children and ten grandchildren (two of whom are at the UW). Sue volunteers at Seattle Art Museum, is a member of Philanthropic and Education Organization, serves on several committees at Skyline, and regularly visits folks in the skilled nursing facility there.

Don Phillips was born in Hartford, Connecticut. He worked for two companies, first as an engineer, then as a patent agent/attorney, and finally as an intellectual-property licensing specialist in the chemical industry. He has been a choral singer for over thirty years, and enjoys classical music, exercise, reading, and volunteering. Don has also served as a Stephen Minister and leader, and attends worship and education classes regularly. Currently, he calls on residents in the skilled nursing unit at Skyline, where he also lives with his wife, Sue. He volunteers in the St. James cathedral kitchen and at Northwest Harvest Food Bank. He and Sue moved to Seattle recently from Charlotte, NC to live in a retirement community close to their two grown children.

Ali Tillman was born in Twin Lakes, Idaho, and currently works as an administrator at Southwest Airlines. Engaged to be married to Sean Mix in August at SFBC, Ali loves photography as a hobby, and enjoys baking, hiking, and the outdoors.

Sean Mix was born in Seattle, and his family attended SFBC before moving out of the area. He is an engineer in the Merchant Marine, and loves to travel, which he does regularly with his work. Sean loves the outdoors, kayaking, camping, being near water and Ali.

Paul Rohrbach was born and raised in Seattle. He was baptized a Lutheran, though had lost touch with his faith as an adult. He and his wife, Diane, and their daughter, Gina, have been attending SFBC for the past year and a half, deciding to become members after falling in love with this congregation. He is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Membership and Engagement commission and is found regularly at the Welcome Table during coffee hour or helping somewhere around Fellowship Hall during our Wednesday night dinners. Paul works in the construction industry.

Diane Rohrbach was born in San Francisco and raised a Baptist. Her parents and godparents were very involved with the civil-rights movement in the 1960s. This value, and her desire to be in a choir, led her to SFBC, where she feels right at home. Diane is a self-employed nutrition educator.

Leanne Damborg came to us from Peace Lutheran Church in West Seattle. She is on the Diverse Harmony Board of Directors because of her desire to work with the LGBT/youth-at-risk community. She was drawn to First Baptist because of our strong support of pro-marriage equality Referendum 74 in 2012 and our continuing and strong support for social justice in general.

Leanne is a native Seattleite and has a Norwegian and Danish heritage. She currently works as Administrator at St. John's Episcopal Church in West Seattle. She has two degrees from Seattle University: one in Theology, and a master's in Transforming Spirituality.

Laura Jorgenson was born in Tucson, Arizona, and raised in Phoenix. She lived in Tucson as a young adult and moved to Seattle in 1997. She has attended SFBC for several years. Laura is an attorney, practicing as an advocate for the elderly. Laura loves camping and hiking, music, and reading, and has a strong interest in social justice. She lives in Port Orchard.

Larry Duncan comes to Seattle from Dallas, Texas. He is married to Randy Shepherd, and they live in North Bend. Larry loves to sing and is in the Sanctuary Choir. He is a retired psychiatric nurse.

Randy Shepherd is from Cheyenne, Wyoming, and recently came to Seattle with Larry. He works in the communications industry and shares his husband's love of singing and membership in the church choir.

Rita Hibbard, a native of Vancouver, Washington, has a background in journalism, and worked at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in its hard-copy days as a reporter and editor. She also founded and led a regional investigative reporting organization. She began volunteering at Companis in 2009, and joined the staff in 2013.

Raised Catholic, Rita came to know the SFBC community through her work at Companis, both in the office and through her 2012 placement through the agency as Interim Executive Director with Compassionate Action Network. Married to Roger Neale, she has two sons: Jacob lives in Bellingham, where he is studying to be a teacher; Sam currently teaches English in Korea.

Barbara Bell was born in Seattle, and attended SFBC before living in La Conner in recent years. She has lived in Rochester, New York, and has grown children and grandchildren. Barbara is a retired counselor and has a passion for connecting with people. She is concerned for families who are homeless and for foster children. Barbara is partnered and lives with Bill Malcomson.

Hannah Elder was born in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India, and has lived in a variety of places, including India, Japan, United Arab Emirates, and Oman. Since moving to the United States, she has resided in Orange City, Iowa; Chicago, Illinois; and Spokane, Washington. She recently moved to Seattle with her husband, Justin, after living and teaching English abroad. She sings in the choir and is involved with social justice at SFBC. Her other interests are cooking, writing, and arts and crafts. Hannah is a Companis volunteer and teaches English as a Second Language. She currently serves on the Commission for Children, Families and Young Adults.

Justin Elder has deep roots in Washington: He was born in Tacoma, went to school in Pullman, and has resided in Spokane. He has also lived in Iowa, as well as in Japan with his wife, Hannah, where he taught English. An attorney with his own Seattle practice, Justin specializes in immigration law, probate, and estate planning. He is on the Hilltop House Board of Trustees and is involved with social justice ministries at SFBC.

Summer Camps Are A'Comin' Soon

by Gordon Harper

We're rapidly approaching two important annual peace and justice conferences that members of our community have attended over previous years. The one to which we normally send people, sponsored by the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, this year is in Ontario, near Toronto, July 14th through the 19th. Its theme is "One Creation" and will focus on the relationship between our environment and peace and justice issues. If you might be interested in attending, go to bpfna.org. Roxana Harper also has information as well as voucher information for first time attendees.

The second conference--and the one I suspect more of us are likely to consider this year--is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, with the venue our very own backyard--the wooded Seabeck Conference Center, near Bremerton on the shore of the beautiful Hood Canal. It runs from July 3rd through the 6th, and its theme is "Take Back the Fourth: Speak Truth to Power." This one is of course much more affordable than the one in Ontario. For more information, check out: wwfor.org. — Seabeck Conference 2014. Attention Seniors! Wonderful Program Opportunities

A Senior Luncheon

by Pastor David Kile

How to maximize opportunities to obtain the best sleep possible —presented by Dr. Carol Landis
May 25, 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Carol Landis is professor in Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems at the University of Washington. She completed nurse's training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, earned a BSN at University of Pittsburgh, and completed MS and PhD degrees in nursing science at the University of California, San Francisco. She completed postdoctoral training at the University of Chicago. Her research interests concern sleep and the health consequences of disturbed sleep. She has conducted basic science studies of effects of sleep deprivation and clinical studies of sleep disturbance in arthritis, fibromyalgia, and insomnia. Recently, she completed a clinical trial of valerian effects on sleep in older women with insomnia and a sleep study of children with juvenile arthritis. She has been a Co-Investigator with the coordinating center for a multi-site study evaluating treatments to reduce hot flashes and improve sleep in menopausal and post-menopausal women. Currently, she is Co-Director for the Biobehavioral Tools Core for the University of Washington Center for Research on Management of Sleep Disturbances.

You should attend this session if you wish to have healthful and restful nights. Lunch is \$5 and reservation with the office is appreciated.

A Senior Retreat—"Aging With Grace" — presented by Rev. David Kile
July 9th-11th

We will view the movie "The Exotic Marigold Hotel" to get the ball rolling. Special guests for this retreat include the Rev. Gwen Anderson, Hospice Chaplain and Dr. Stephen Smith, discussing 'end of life issues. Also Dr. William Malcomson, will talk about "The Legacy We Want to be Remembered For" and Michelle Pleasant will lead us in movement exercises. It's a great mid-summer 'getaway.

Used Candles

by Sharon Hunley

Do you have some used candles at home that you don't know what to do with? If so, bring them to the Church and put them in the box underneath the Companis mission worker's photos in Fellowship Hall marked "For L'arche Community." They make beautiful new candles from the recycled wax & sell them for the benefit of the residence, which is a community for the developmentally disabled.

Adult Learning Opportunities in May

9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

by Sandra Jones

Sunday, May 4th, Lynne Peebles continues our conversation about Eco-Justice with Salmon, Stewardship and *Our Shared Survival: Swimming Sentinels of Human and Environmental Health*. Our Northwest identity is deeply shaped by salmon. The revered creature has long been central to our food, culture, economy and spirituality. At the May 4th Adult Learning gathering, Lynne Peebles, environmental health reporter at The Huffington Post, will highlight another significant role for salmon: living barometers of the state of our environment and our health. Salmon, it seems, have a lot to teach us about toxic chemicals, fossil fuels, social justice and earth stewardship. Lynne is happy to have recently moved back to Seattle and renew her love of the Pacific Northwest environment. Lynne has worked as a journalist for four years, writing for other media outlets including Scientific American and Audubon Magazine. Read Lynne's stories at:

www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/30/northwest-coal-exports_n_4611021.html

www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/11/japan-tsunami-plastic-debris-toxic-danger_n_1335158.html

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www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/11/17/water-pollution-regulations-fish-seafood_n_1090928.html

Sunday May 11th and 18th, Rev. Harriet Platts offers a series, Mapping Your Spiritual Journey. A chaplain, artist and teacher, Harriet has led retreats for us and joins us now for two Sundays of personal spiritual exploration. Harriet's lively engagement and deep listening will provide an opportunity to listen more deeply to our own spiritual lives.

Sunday, May 25th, with a representative from the **Interfaith Worker Justice** program, we will consider the Intersection of Immigration and Worker Justice.



Lynne Peebles

May's Special Guest Authors

by Pastor Tim Phillips

Join us for these evenings of conversation with current authors writing about spirituality and contemporary culture.

Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. Diana Butler Bass in the Sanctuary. Hosted with Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, this event "Tinkering with the Future of the Church," brings one of the nation's most astute religious observers to Seattle. Her previous book, *Christianity After Religion: The end of the church and the birth of a new spiritual awakening*, has been often quoted from the pulpit of Seattle First Baptist Church. Please note that this event is free but is a ticketed event through dianabutlerbass.brownpapertickets.com.



Diana Butler Bass



Barbara Brown Taylor

Friday, May 9, 7 p.m. Barbara Brown Taylor in the Sanctuary. As part of our ongoing Spiritual Synthesis Series with Elliot Bay Books, we welcome the author of several books including the recent *Learning to Walk in the Dark* which appeared on the cover of the recent Time Magazine. This is free event. No tickets required.

The Penny Project Jar Fundraiser through June 1st

by Shirley Wilkinson

Pockets Too Heavy? Not many of our coins are finding their way to the Penny Project jars this year! Is the way fraught with distractions like coffee cups and cookies? But, it is not too late! The Penny Project jars will accept coins (and currency) until June 1st. Let's not disappoint Youth Chaplaincy Coalition and Mary's Place. Thank you for your support!

Thank You!

Dear SFBC Friends,

Thank you for the many expressions of concern offered to our family over these past few months since the illness and death of our mother, Hilda Grace Adams Darling. The loving energy coming our way sustained us through many sad and exhausting weeks. We want to highlight our deep gratitude, in particular, to Gary Davis & Rod Shutt, Betty Reid, Genoa Caldwell, Autumn Franger and Amber Joy for their tireless, daily acts of loving kindness. Our mother's unconditional love was always our surest bet. Thank you for being a church that mirrors that same value of grace and acceptance – it is a comfort beyond words. PEACE LOVE JOY —*Craig & John Darling and Dawn Darling Boyd*



Hilda Grace Adams Darling

Seattle Jazz Vespers Presents: The Steve Griggs Ensemble

Sunday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m.

by Kellie Whitlock

What does a fictional 1940's recording by Seattle jazz pianist sound like? That is a question Steve Griggs pondered while proposing a 4Culture Historic Site Specific grant for Seattle's Panama Hotel. The hotel and a song "The Alley Cat Strut" are featured in Jamie Ford's historical novel *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. Steve's challenge was to invent this music. The resulting program was awarded an *Adventurous Programming Award* by Chamber Music America and the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers.

The basement of the Panama Hotel still contains unclaimed belongings from Japanese American families deported to the Puyallup Fairgrounds and later to Jerome, Idaho. Following the Pearl Harbor bombing, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 to declare areas of the United States as military zones, denying civil rights and due process to people of Japanese ancestry, including American citizens.

Steve became fascinated with stories of this dislocated community and the people who shared the neighborhood surrounding the Japanese-owned Panama Hotel. Feelings of loyalty, distrust, hope, and despair can open portals for compassion. Humane treatment of government enemies during war endures as a concern for citizens today.

Please join us for a program of music and narration about the Panama Hotel for this evening of Seattle Jazz Vespers.

The ensemble will include saxophonist Steve Griggs, trumpeter Jay Thomas, vibraphonist Susan Pascal, guitarist Milo Peterson, and bassist Phil Sparks.

MAY EVENT CALENDAR

FRI MAY 2 7:30 p.m. **Bet Alef in Sanctuary / Oneg in Parlor**

SAT MAY 3 7:30 p.m. "Life is Like a Mountain Railroad," Drama performance in Fellowship Hall

SUN MAY 4

Worship and Communion

8:45 **Contemplative Worship in the Chapel**

9:30 **Adult Learning:**

- **Lynne Peeples, an environmental editor for Huffington Post, will be speaking on "Salmon, Stewardship and our Shared Survival."**

- **Explore series begins with session II: Engagement**

11:00 **Tim preaching on Luke 24.13-35 (the road to Emmaus)**

1 p.m. Drama Presentation, "Life is Like a Mountain Railroad," in Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. Seattle Jazz Vespers presents: The Steve Griggs Ensemble

MON MAY 5 6:30 p.m. Diana Butler Bass in the Sanctuary co-sponsored with SU/STM; free tickets required from dianabutlerbass.brownpapertickets.com

WED MAY 7 6 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

7 p.m. Theology Table Program: Bill Malcomson series on Bonhoeffer, "The Cost of Discipleship – part two."

FRI MAY 9 7 p.m. Barbara Brown Taylor in the Sanctuary. Free and open to the public. Sponsored with Elliot Bay Books.

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SUN MAY 11

Mother's Day

8:45 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:30 Adult Learning:

- Mapping Your Spiritual Journey with Harriet Platts in the Parlor.
- Explore series continues with session I: Explore

11:00 Catherine Fransson preaching on John 10.1-10 (the Good Shepherd)

WED MAY 14

6 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

7 p.m. Program: Bill Malcomson concludes series on Bonhoeffer with "Life Together."

FRI MAY 16

7:30 p.m. Bet Alef in Sanctuary / Oneg in Parlor

SUN MAY 18

Worship

8:45 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:30 Adult Learning:

- Mapping Your Spiritual Journey with Harriet Platts in the Parlor.
- Explore session III: Belong

11:00 Ned preaching; Diverse Harmony singing in Worship

12:15 p.m. Diverse Harmony Benefit Luncheon

5 p.m. Jewish Chorale Concert

WED MAY 21

6 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

7 p.m. Program: The premier of the Palmer Grant Video with images of this year's "Simply Love Served with Food" events.

SAT – SUN May 24 & 25 Jensen Lectures on Immigration

SAT MAY 24 6:30 p.m. Dinner (in Fridell) with Dr. Miguel de la Torre from Ilif Seminary in Denver speaking on immigration and immigration reform from a biblical-ethical perspective. Please reserve a free ticket with brownpapertickets.

SUN MAY 25

Worship

8:45 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:30 Adult Learning: local organizing around immigrants and worker justice by SAGE

11:00 Dr. de la Torre, preaching

12:15 p.m. Senior Luncheon

MON MAY 26

Memorial Day (Office Closed)

WED MAY 28

6 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

7 p.m. Program: Game Night!

SAT MAY 31

8 p.m. Joyful Noise! Concert in the Sanctuary

Special Sundays in June: Pentecost Sunday celebration with our MUSIC programs on Sunday, June 8th. Our youth lead us in worship on June 15th and we celebrate GLBTQ Pride on June 29th – contact Pastor Ned Allyn Parker to march with SFBC in the Pride Parade.

