Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to you, and because we will be doing ministry together over the next 12 months or so, explain a little about what is going on now, and what is going to be happening in the months of transition to come.

I officially began my ministry at University Lutheran on Monday, July 11. I am an experienced interim pastor having served eight other congregations in our Northwest Washington Synod. I am certified as a “Professional Transitional Specialist” by the National Interim Ministry Network. I value highly the opportunities and challenges of transition ministry.

I have lived in Redmond for almost 38 years with my wife Susan who is a member and organist at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Sammamish, Washington, and a private piano teacher in the home. Son Steven is a 1999 graduate of Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), is married to Jennifer who works for the Tacoma Parks Department, lives in Tacoma and works for Honeywell, Inc. in Redmond (he telecommutes from his home several times a week). They have a 2 ½ old son, Ezra and a daughter Miriam who is 1½. Daughter Sara is a 2001 graduate of PLU, and a 2007 graduate of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, is ordained, and serves as pastor of The Salt House in Kirkland. She is married to Jason Bendickson who is the Music Director of The Salt House. They are the parents of a 6 y.o. granddaughter, Junia (June) and son, Levi who is 2. They live in Woodinville. Son David graduated from PLU in 2005, lives in Duvall with his significant other, Steph who is a Social Worker. David works and for the Anake Wilderness Awareness School helping youth and adults discover and survive the great outdoors.

My first priority as your pastor is to continue the established ministries of this congregation that have been a regular part of your life together. In other words, ministry doesn’t stop or slow down during the transition process. Ministries may be reevaluated during this time. The ministries that will be my primary focus includes priorities in worship, preaching, pastoral care, the transition/call processes and working with the leadership of the congregation in their efforts to further the congregation's ministries. I will be involved extensively in the transition work that needs to be done in this congregation. This will involve a Transition Team that will soon be established. You will be learning more about the Transition Team and the transitional process as time goes on.

This transitional period will also be a time for me to begin to listen to anyone who wants to share about their lives, including their concerns, frustrations, and their sadness, as well as their joys, dreams and feelings of hope. And throughout our time together each of you as members, as well as friends of University Lutheran Church will be part of the transition process. You will be provided with information, your input will be sought, and you will be invited into discussion on all matters. This leads to the question, What is Interim Ministry?

What is interim ministry can be described as,

- a time to reflect on where we have been
- a time to discover some things about ourselves
- a time to heal and renew ourselves
- a time to map new journeys, devise new challenges, dream dreams
- and it is a time to reclaim who we are and proclaim WHOSE we are!

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**SINGERS WANTED!**

The ULC Choir will start rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. If you have never sung in a choir but thought you might like to try it - Come! There are many physical and emotional benefits to singing in a choir. (I recommend reading “Imperfect Harmony” by Stacy Horn, to learn about this.) There is no audition and no experience required. Come, sing, laugh and be part of the joyous praise to God.

Mari Mitchell-Putnam, Singer
An interim pastor does most of the things that are valued in pastors and also:

• preaches the Word of God to situations of change
• brings the sacrament of the presence of Christ in changing times
• guides the congregation with counsel and encouragement through some very exciting and maybe even difficult decisions
• brings wisdom and knowledge for the renewal of ministry.
• prepares the congregation for the arrival of the new pastor

The period of Interim Ministry is very important for at least four reasons:
1. The interim time allows a congregation to rediscover its own identity and purpose.
2. It gives a congregation time to address unresolved matters.
3. It assists the congregation with special skills most pastors don’t develop in long-term calls.
4. It enables a congregation to become more deliberate in the selection of its next pastor.

Two things an interim pastor will NOT do:
1. Not assist in the finding of the new pastor. (That’s the work of the Call Committee)
2. Not become the permanent pastor. (That would defeat the purpose of interim ministry)

I want to assure each and every one of you that during this interim time, we as a congregation:

• will continue to support, pray, share our stories, and fellowship with one another.
• will continue to worship together, share the sacraments, and hear the spoken words of forgiveness and reconciliation.
• will continue to strive for justice and peace in our communities and the world.
• will continue to bring and live the message of God’s saving act through Jesus Christ to this part of God’s world.

In other words, ministry will continue to take place at University Lutheran Church.

I look forward with joy to serving with you in this interim time. May our lives and our labors and our celebrations be to the glory of God in Jesus Christ our Savior! §

Pastor Tim Wolbrecht,
Interim Pastor

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

September 4 - 16th Sunday of Pentecost - Latino Liturgy
Deuteronomy 30:14-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11 - 17th Sunday of Pentecost - WOV Setting 4
Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 18 - 18th Sunday of Pentecost - WOV Setting 4
Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 25 - 19th Sunday of Pentecost - WOV Setting 4
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31 §
ADULT FORUMS

The Adult Education Forums for the fall will resume on September 11. On that Sunday, Pastor Tim will lead a forum that will provide an overview of the transition and the call process for our church. On September 18, as part of our celebration of the 100th anniversary of ULC we will begin a five part video series on the planting of Lutheranism in America. The first session is titled: “On New Soil: The Colonial Lutherans.” On September 25, the video will be “In times of Trail: Arriving in Waves.” This is a good chance to learn about the Lutheran history and heritage in the United States.

PASTOR TIM TO BE INSTALLED

On Sunday, September 11, we will officially install Pastor Tim Wolbrecht as our Interim Pastor. Pastor Tim started working at ULC on July 11, and is getting to know us through worship and various committee and council meetings. Please join us for worship on September 11, to welcome him to our congregation. Together we can move to the future and prepare ourselves for a new settled pastor.

RALLY SUNDAY

We are so excited for Sunday School beginning in September! September 11 is Rally Sunday and we can’t wait for all the kids to join us at 11:00 for the kick off! This is going to be a great year with our new and returning children. We will be covering some great Bible stories as well as participating in service projects in the community.

The Sunday School Staff will be installed during the worship service. Please join us in celebrating their ministry. We can always use more teachers to help foster this wonderful group of kids, please e-mail Jennifer Eveland (jeneveland@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more about this amazing opportunity to work with some of the best kids in Seattle.

SPECIAL OFFERING

September is the month that we designate Elizabeth Gregory Home for our special offering. In its 10th year of operation, EGH now has everything a person would have in their home: food, showers, a place to sleep, and “family.” There can be up to 60 or more women who access the services at EGH each day! If you would like to contribute to EGH through the congregation, you may make out a check to ULC and earmark it for EGH, use a special offering envelope in the pew, and make your contribution this month. Otherwise, you may make a gift directly to EGH by sending your contribution the EGH, 1604 NE 50th St, Seattle, 98105.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry and in helping the women of EGH as they transform their lives and pursue a place of their own to call “home.”

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

Our Stewardship Drive is coming quickly upon us. That means the Committee Chairs need to be thinking about their articles for the Stewardship Book and thinking about their budgets for next year. These articles should describe what the committee does and describe what the committee plans to do in the coming year.

Proposed budgets need to be received by Treasurer, John Massman, by October 9 in electronic form. Stewardship articles are also due October 9 to Church Administrator, Mari Mitchell-Putnam.

If you have a question about the budget process, please contact Van Hutton at ivanhutton71@gmail.com. Questions about the articles can go to adminmari@universitylutheranseattle.org.
ULC STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As we begin the fall, Council would like to relay to the congregation that we have an immediate need on our Stewardship Committee. We have a few dedicated members who have taken turns each year to draft the annual Stewardship booklet. After many years operating this way, it is time for a few new members to volunteer to serve the congregation through working on this committee.

The time serving on the committee can be a four months’ time in support of the Stewardship Campaign, or it can be longer in addressing the goals of our Long Range Plan of looking after that the financial health of the congregation or in engaging in the stewardship of our national church body.

Most of us think of stewardship only with regards to the annual campaign. According to our Constitution though, the work of our Stewardship Committee should also focus on the big picture of our long-term financial viability and the care of God’s creation.

The Constitutions’ bylaws read as follows:

Stewardship: Responsible for raising the awareness of the congregation regarding the stewardship of resources, organizing and coordinating an annual stewardship campaign, overseeing the ministry of the Endowment Committee, and keeping the congregation informed about ways of caring for God’s creation.

In the near term, our congregation needs a few volunteers to develop the annual stewardship campaign. This work essentially entails communicating to our congregation the financial and volunteer needs required to do the work of our own church here at University Lutheran. As a member of the Stewardship Committee, one would work with our other committees and our staff to identify the priorities for the year. It entails collecting and tallying the pledges in both contributions to the congregation for the next year and for time and talents in working in-service. We would also like to have enough members on the committee to provide a timely follow-up to the time-and-talent sheets.

With the adoption of the Mission Endowment Fund by the Council in April this year, we as a congregation have taken one action on our Long Range Plan in support of the goal of creating a sustainable financial plan in support of our mission. The Stewardship Committee is specified within the plan to market and administer the Fund. The Mission Endowment Fund is intended to be available to our members who wish to make a gift of their estate to support the long-term mission of this congregation.

Stewardship also entails our commitment to the larger goals and objectives of the ELCA. As a part of a larger national and international church body, we are also called to be stewards in the national and international mission of the church. In the past, we have participated in the ELCA’s Malaria Campaign. As of now though, the ELCA currently has need for funds in its Campaign for the ELCA to build new churches, transform existing churches to meet the needs of changing communities, and to finance the education of future pastors and lay leaders. Members of the Stewardship Committee would be asked to communicate these needs to the congregation and building relationships with those who benefit.

Stewardship also entails our churches’ ongoing commitment to the care of creation for generations to come. As described above, there is a need both for a commitment over a limited time on the stewardship campaign and for longer term to establish a vision for the congregation. So I would request that you consider whether you might be able to support the work of this committee.

Jeff Berner,
President of the Council
CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

At the end of worship service on Sunday, September 18, the ULC Centenary Project Ad Hoc Committee will invite those present to participate in a preference survey to identify a legacy project for the 100th Anniversary that aligns with the church’s mission. Prior to completing the survey on September 18, congregation members will receive a more detailed letter about legacy project options for their consideration. The purpose of the survey is to determine a focus project that will serve as the basis for the ad hoc committee’s recommendations to the Church Council later this fall.

At their October 2015 meeting, the Church Council appointed the ad hoc committee to identify a 100th anniversary legacy project for congregation wide support during the anniversary celebration. In recent months the committee has completed over thirty interviews with ULC staff, council members, committee chairs and ministry partners. These interviews have suggested over forty potential projects compatible with the church’s mission. The congregational survey this September will provide vital feedback about the membership’s present priorities and interests among these many options. This feedback will serve as the foundation for the committee’s recommendations to the council later this fall for a legacy project worthy of our hundred year heritage of Christian ministry that can receive the church’s timely support during the anniversary celebration.

Ad Hoc committee members are: Daniel Crowner, Mary Denny (chair), John Gienapp, Margoan Hunter, Andy Kopser, Janice Sorensen, & Lin Zurfluh. §

ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT

On Saturday, October 8, University Lutheran Church will finally hold its organ dedication service and recital. This will be the first of 3 events in the fall to kick off the first annual organ recital series being designed by organist William Fletcher Bryan. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a short Vespers service. Around 6:30 the main concert will begin. Works will include pieces by Bach, Bolcom, Mendelssohn, Franck, Vaugh-Williams, a complete performance of Widor’s 5th Symphony and the West Coast Premiere of William Bryant’s choral work “The Prayer of Saint Francis.” There will be a reception following the performance where pictures of the various stages of the organ project can be seen. This will be a great event to invite others from outside ULC to learn the history of our organ and to hear everything our wonderful new organ is capable of! §

QUILTER’S UPDATE & REQUEST

We received information for Luther World Relief (LWR) that our quilts have been delivered to Georgia as well as India, Serbia and Ukraine. LWR partners with the Union of Investments and Humanitarian Projects (UIHP) in Georgia, Church’s Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) in India, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IDCC) in Serbia and North Star Foundation (HSF) in Ukraine.

This year we have had to use money we normally use for batting to repair our sewing machines. So in order to complete our goal of 275 quilts for the 2016/2017 quilt year, we are asking for donations. If you are a Thrivent member, there is a way of getting a gift card valued at $250.00 through their program. If you are interested, please contact me at 206-329-4381 or bev.stevenson@comcast.net. Thank you, in advance, for all you do to support the quilters. §

Bev Stevenson
ULC Quilter
HOSPITALITY

Thank you to the people listed below who have been part of this ministry on Sunday mornings for the months of July & August:

Brian & Linda Maschhoff
Michael & Ruth Ann Rouse
Phil & Sheryl Lundahl
Mary Denny & Van Hutton
Kathy Lachata-Oakley
Andy Kopser & Kristi Maschhoff
Twig Mills & Alison Stamey
Van Ginger
Janice & Larry Gockel
Rick & Sharon Reuter
Clint & Maggie Pehrson

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OPEN LINK

- On Saturday, October 1, 2016, the University of Washington, City of Seattle, and Arboretum Foundation, will officially dedicate the John Wott Way pathway in the New Zealand Forest section of the Pacific Connections Gardens in the Washington Park Arboretum. Dr. Wott, director emeritus, has been affiliated with the University of Washington Botanic Gardens since 1981, including the founding and construction of the Center for Urban Horticulture, and the comprehensive Master Plan for Washington Park Arboretum (approved 2001) from which these new gardens (and new Loop Trail) have evolved. Although officially retired since 2006 from the University of Washington, he still continues an active role.

1ST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

We will resume our collecting food donations on the first Sunday of the month for the University Food Bank. On September 4, the food barrel will be placed in front of the baptismal font where you can deposit your contribution either as you enter the sanctuary or as you come up for Holy Communion.

The Food Bank is now located in their new building at 5017 Roosevelt Way NE, next door to the University Branch of the Seattle Public Library.

Please visit them and let them know you are a member of University Lutheran Church.

ELCA CREDIT UNION

The ELCA Credit Union opened June 6 to serve ELCA members, congregations and ministries. All it takes to become a member is to open a savings account with a $25 deposit. They have several products and services to offer. If you are interested visit elcafcu.org.

(Editor note: I have checked with them about the church having an account there. They aren’t quite set up to do that yet but should be by the beginning of 2017.)
**ULC NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME**

On Tuesday, August 2, ULC held its 3rd Annual Night Out. With the help of staff & volunteers of EGH we cooked up hamburgers and made macaroni salad and set up tables on the front lawn of anyone who showed up. The turnout was small (Jeff Berner and me from ULC, Michele Martin, Sandra Katowitz, Marilyn & Rose from EGH) but we had a good time. Evan Norberg, Director of Wellspring Choir and one of the singers, EJ, showed up for an early rehearsal and we invited them to join us. We also had a visit from Geri Morris, Legislative Assistant in Councilmember Rob Johnson’s office. This was very productive as we all talked to her about EGH and about wanting the WHEEL shelter back in our building.

I plan to do this again next year but hope to get word out about it to our neighbors earlier. I could use some help to do this. This event is a great way to increase our presence in the neighborhood and to let people know what goes on in our building. Plus, we always have a visit from some city official (police or council representatives) to help us build connections. I love doing this and I think it is always a success! §

Mari Mitchell-Putnam
Church Administrator
ULC CAMPING TRIP UPDATE

Over the weekend of August 5th-7th, a group of ULC members and friends went on a camping adventure to Mossyrock Park, south of Olympia. Weekend highlights included skipping rocks and squishing in the mud of Riffe Lake, hiking out to Mossyrock Dam (the highest dam in Washington State at over 600 feet and generating 150 MW of hydropower), picking wild blackberries, eating hamburgers and watermelon, making s’mores, and singing around the campfire accompanied by Brian Maschhoff on the guitar. Our thanks go to Sam Rennebohm for his efforts in planning and coordinating the trip, and bringing a carload of songbooks. We hope you can join us as we continue this annual tradition next year, and we welcome your suggestions of new campgrounds to try out! §

YOUTH MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Sam Rennebohm, Hattie Branch, and three of our youth (Alan Oakley, Leah Swenson, & Aaron Maschhoff) participated in a very meaningful service learning trip to Wenatchee, August 19-22. They spent time learning from and building relationships with members of the Latino community in Wenatchee. Our host, Revered Misael Fajardo-Perez (wearing the stole in the center of this picture), leads a social justice ministry in the community. Our group worked long hours helping him publicize, set up, staff, and then clean up after a large health and wellness festival for the community. Nearly 200 community members attended. On Sunday morning we worshipped with Celebration Lutheran, an ELCA congregation, and on Sunday evening we joined Pastor Misael for a smaller worship with members of the Latino community. Over the course of the weekend, we were welcomed with open arms (and wonderful food!) by the many gracious folks we met. §
SHELTER AUCTION & DINNER

The Shelter Board of SHARE/WHEEL will be having their 14th Annual Harvest Auction and Dinner on Saturday, October 8, at the Mountaineers Club (7700 Sand Point Way NE) in Seattle. This event will have special guest speakers and the entertainment will be provided by the Seattle SeaChordsmen (Frank Gregory is a member).

SHARE/WHEEL was forced to close their indoor shelters at the end of March due to lack of funding. While they have been working very hard to secure financial backing to reopen they still have a large deficit to overcome and this event is extremely important to help them do that.

I would like ULC to donate a movie basket for their auction and I need your help. I’m looking for DVD’s, microwave popcorn, candy, etc. for a movie night in. I will provide the actual basket to hold everything. If you would like to donate an item, please bring it to the church office and mark “SHARE AUCTION” on it.

If you are interested in attending this event you can register online at www.seattleshelterboard.com or at the door. For more information e-mail shelterboardseattle@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page “Shelter Board Harvest Auction” Thank you for your consideration.

Mari Mitchell-Putnam
Church Administrator

ELECTION SEASON - WATCH WHERE YOU STEP

There is nothing like the great American quadrennial election cycle to make us all lament the dominance of mass media. Fortunately, with only a little effort on your part there, we’ll help you separate truth from clamor. Here is the short list of some upcoming social justice events to guide your steps:

FAN Cluster Gathering, September 11, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Our annual meet ‘n greet with Faith Action Network leadership and other U District congregants will meet at Temple United Methodist Church, 1415 NE 43rd Street. We’ll be hearing about upcoming legislative priorities and strategies for the coming year. You can preregister at www.fanwa.org.

Faith & Climate Action Conference, October 8, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Featuring workshops on a whole host of faith & environmental issues including a presentation by keynote speaker climate activist, Jay O’Hara. You can preregister through www.brownpapertickets.com. Suggest donation is $40; scholarships are available at ULC. This conference will be held at University Christian Church, 4731 15th Ave NE.

Ballot Preview October 23 & 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
ULC Adult Forum takes a look at candidates and initiatives to help you make informed choices.

“Chasing Heroin” Documentary November 6 & 13, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
ULC Adult Forum views and discusses this PBS Frontline episode set in Seattle focusing on America’s heroin crisis.

Ray Munger
Justice & Peace Committee
THANK YOU

From ELCA World Hunger

Thanks for your gift of $1,336 to ELCA World Hunger. Your support makes a difference in the lives of neighbors around the globe and next door. Thanks for your ongoing work with the local community caring for those who are homeless and hungry.

Laurie Stumme-Diers
Synod Hunger Team

TRANSFORMING RELATIONSHIPS

On Saturday, September 10 at University Christian Church (4731 15th Ave NE) there will be a workshop titled “Mental Illness, Homelessness, & Suicide: Engaging the Issues with Transforming Relationships.” Speaker Kae Eaton, of Mental Health Chaplaincy, and David Pina (suicide awareness and safeTALK intervention techniques) will help those on the front lines (like faith communities) trying to help the homeless, to move beyond feeding and sheltering to being able to help at a more meaningful level. The workshop is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is $20 per person by August 28 and $25 after that date and includes a sandwich lunch and snacks. (Registrations received after August 28 cannot be guaranteed a lunch.) This event is co-sponsored by the Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), University Christian Church and All Pilgrims Congregational Church. For more information visit www.disciplesnw.org.

STEPHEN J. PATTERSON

The Lecture Series at University Congregation UCC is featuring Stephen J. Patterson, George H. Atkinson Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University, Oregon. On October 7, 8, & 9, he will be speaking on “The Lost Way: How Two Forgotten Gospels are Rewriting the Story of Christian Origins.” He is also the author of “Beyond the Passion: Rethinking the Death and Life of Jesus”, and co-author of “The Fifth Gospel: The Gospel of Thomas Comes of Age”. Patterson is a leading Jesus Seminar scholar in the tradition of Marcus Borg.

In the “The Lost Way”, and during his Seattle lectures, Patterson will share his study and research revealing the story behind the modern discovery of the earliest gospels, accounts that do not portray Jesus exclusively as a martyr but recover a lost ancient Christian tradition centered on Jesus as a teacher of wisdom.

Tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com:  All Sessions (Friday & Saturday) $35; Friday only $20; Saturday Workshops only $20.

Friday Lecture, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. -
The Lost Way: How Two Forgotten Gospels are Rewriting the Story of the Origins of Christianity

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Lecture 1: The Lost Gospel of Galilee
Lecture 2: Plato’s Gospel in the Oasis of Odessa

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., free and open to all:
Christianity’s First (Forgotten) Creed

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UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION STATEMENT

• To live among God’s faithful people;
  • To hear God’s Word through the Spirit and share in the Lord’s Supper;

• To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
  • To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus;

• To strive for justice and peace in all the earth