

News to share from the Church Council, 6/27/2017 Meeting

*"Faith does not need to push the river because
faith is able to trust that there is a river.
The river is flowing. We are in it." --Richard Rohr*

BIG NEWS Coming On Sunday, August 20, 2017

We invite you to be in church that day to honor 130 years of CUC's legacy AND to embark on the our mission/challenge to build towards another 130 years and beyond! As a result, we hope our hearts will be on fire as the Holy Spirit fired up the disciples on Pentecost.

"When ^fthe day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like ^aa mighty rushing wind, and ^{bit}it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues ^{ias}of fire appeared to them and rested^l on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all ^lfilled with the Holy Spirit..." .(Acts 2: 1-4)

JOINT MINISTRY MEETINGS

The council supports a new initiative, called "CUC Joint Meeting" of ministries, which essentially brings all ministries together monthly when they can meet as one large group and then divide into their respective ministries to plan their mission work as they normally do.

Be looking for the letter from the ad hoc committee of Carolyn Bell-Tuttle, Carolyn Jean David, and Suzie Schulberg. It explains the purpose, objectives, and details of this new meeting structure. Designated council members will meet with ministries in July and August to explain the structure, to answer any questions, and to get feedback.

This initiative has the potential for galvanizing our congregation to "seek to embody Christ" and transform lives—ours and others in our larger community.

NARRATIVE BUDGETS

The council supports the implementation of a **narrative budget** from each ministry.

To complement the traditional line item budget, ministries will create narratives or stories about the impact those line items have in real lives touched by the ministry. It links dollars expended to the difference they make in human lives.

Through those narratives, contributors and others will more fully understand the relationship between their gifts and the lives being transformed.

Church controller Brittany Hopkins and a council member will meet with our ministries in the next two months to explain this concept and give specific examples from other churches which are sharing their inspiring stories through narrative budgets.

Council's Goal 4: To nurture Spiritual Formation in all aspects of church life

The council is also focused on its spiritual formation. The following are haiku that three groups created to fulfill Rev. Rivers' task, "Express the presence of God in your life in haiku form: three lines with 5-7-5 syllables." We share the results. **OVER→**

Gathered together
God's Spirit with us always
Love never faileth

God's presence with us
Tugs heart, comforts, and forgives
Brushes us with peace

Source of gracefulness
Make us faithful in your sight
Leads to grateful hearts

CUC's Values: What we *do* as we act on our faith

- Mana'o'i'o** (Faithfulness) God is faithful in bringing love to life; therefore we live with hope .
- Kaunana** (Discovery) We prayerfully contemplate the Scriptures to discover God's direction for us as individuals and a church.
- Loli 'ana** (Transformation) We reflect the continual transformative work of the Holy Spirit through our life and our service.
- Kaulike** (Justice) Inspired by courage and conviction of the saints of our church's history, we continue to act on God's love and justice for all.
- .Malama** (Care) As an ohana of Christ, we joyfully accept ALL by caring for one another
- Aloha** (Love) As disciples, we follow the way of Jesus Christ by loving God and loving others.

Mission/Vision: *We engage and embrace ALL as we seek to embody Christ*