



UniChu News – Late Summer 2008

University Church: The Church Home of
Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry at Stanford University
We Don't Have All the Answers. We Love to Ask the Questions. You Are Welcome Here.

Pentecost: As we continue in the very long, green season of Pentecost, the Gospel lessons include stories of miracles and parables, as well as a focus on discipleship and commitment. This season invites us to a place of abundance, with the Earth as our teacher. Our learning comes from paying attention to the agricultural metaphor that this season provides. We often speak of “making” our lives: making a living, making friends, making a difference, making love, making time. What would happen if we began to speak a different language and imagined the ‘growing’ of our lives?

News

Pr. Geoff Browning's Ordination!

On Wednesday, August 13th at 7:30pm, Geoff Browning, Campus Minister to the United Campus Christian Ministry (ELCM's closest partner), will be ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA! The ceremony will take place at First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto.

Summertime Travel Map

When you are at church, look for the map across from the Fireside Room & put a pin in the place where you're going or have been!

Remember, while you are on vacation, the church isn't! Please don't forget your offering.

Adult Forum (for lack of a better name)

For summer, we've taken a break but, in the fall, we'll return with a study of Job, Ecclesiastes, Psalms, or something else . . . Any ideas?

Writers and Assisting Ministers

The role of assisting minister is an important one in Christian theology and I'd like to revive it here. Maybe you have the gift of writing: Would you consider writing and leading the Prayers on Sunday morning? Would you like to be a communion minister? If so, please contact Pr. Greg at PrGreg@stanford.edu.

Prayer Concerns

Let's continue to remember:

- Those in our community who are traveling.
- Those who have left our community, including John and Tricia Donhowe.
- Those who are preparing to enter the Stanford and ELCM Communities.
- Those who lack healthcare.
- Those among us who are in need of prayer.

If you would like to include someone in prayer, CHECK WITH THEM FIRST & [drop a note to PG.](#)

Summer Worship and Community:

Worship/Eucharist: 10:00 am, Sunday at UniChu.

Lunch with Pr. Greg: See below!

Staff Lunch: See below!



Contact Info: Sometimes you just want to talk to your Pastor...

To chat with PG, drop a note to prgreg@stanford.edu

In an emergency, call his cell phone: 510.847.1475.

To chat with Pr. Corrie, email her at coryl@stanford.edu.

"In Other News..."

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**Staff Lunch:** Pr. Corrie and Pr. Greg invite all Stanford staff members to lunch on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, from 12 – 1 at the Faculty Club. We want to know: *What it's like to work here, How your faith is nurtured in this aspect of life, and How we can help.* You'll receive an invitation in your office soon.  
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Lunch or Coffee with PG:

Thank you for the time you are making to spend with me, show me around, and tell me some of your story. I count this as precious time. If we've not yet had the chance to get together, please go to <http://www.gracefultools.com/appointments/view.z?ID=1642> and sign up for a time.
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### Presiding Bishop Schori:

While reflecting on how she came to be Presiding Bishop of the ECUSA, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori mentions her time at UniChu while a student here. Listen at: <http://www.edsd.org/PBVisitArticle.htm>.  
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Yahoo! Search to help UniChu:

What if UniChu earned a penny every time you searched the Internet or a percentage of every purchase you made online?

www.GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate.

www.GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause!

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter University Lutheran Church as the charity you want to support!

PG on Vacation: Gwen and I will be taking some vacation in August to get rested up before the fall quarter begins. In early August, we are heading to Minnesota for her high school reunion and our annual visit to her family's farm! In mid-August, we'll head to Southern California to visit friends and family. This means I'll be gone from Campus from the 4th through the 18th. Pr. Cora Scheel will be here on Sunday August 10th, and Vicar Justin Baxter will be here on the 17th. I can be reached in an emergency on my cell phone.

Lutheran Student Movement: Students from across the country will gather in Chicago from December 31st to January 4th. This is a fun opportunity to connect with other students and with the workings of the national and global church. Think of this as a service project for the larger church. The conference theme is:

Transformed to Reach Out! – Romans 12:2

Wednesday, Dec. 31

1pm Registration
4pm Opening Worship with Bishop Hanson
5:30 Regional Social Hour
8pm New Years Eve Dance followed by fireworks

Thursday, January 1

Mid/Late Morning Book of Faith Bible Study groups
Regional Lunches
Afternoon Tracts
LSM Plenary
Evening speaker: Jay Gamelin, LCM Pastor, Ohio State
Small Group discussion in Book of Faith groups
Worship - Christine Thompson LCM pastor at UW-Milw.

Friday, January 2

Book of Faith Bible Study groups
LSM Plenary
Free Time - Noon til Dinner
Evening Focus: service-learning, church's role in justice
Evening Service Project
Midnight debriefing with Book of Faith groups

Saturday, January 3

Book of Faith Bible Study groups
Regional Workshops and Staff Meeting
Afternoon – Luth. World Federation: Global Perspectives
Small Group discussion in Book of Faith groups
Closing Banquet
Closing Gospel Worship
Closing Social Activities

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**Beautiful Art:** As you know, art has, throughout history, been one of the most powerful ways of communicating the Faith. The spoken word, the played note, and the graceful action are all augmented by the expressiveness of visual art.

One of my favorite artists (aside from Pr. Corrie!) is Kirsten Malcolm Berry. Her artwork is a kind of mosaic style coupled with Scripture verses in their original language. Go to <http://www.kirstenmalcolmberry.com> and click on Offset Prints to see some of her work.

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New Directory: Don't forget to be in touch with Mary Wisnewski about your entry in the New Directory! We don't want to miss anyone!

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**New Furnace Project:**

You already know that we are upgrading our 1960s-era natural gas furnace with a new, high-efficiency furnace and replacing the louvered single pane glass windows on outward-facing surfaces of the building with insulating double pane windows. What you may now know is that the total carbon reduction of 2400 pounds per year is so impressive to the City that we are featured on the Bring Light website as a notable cause to which people can make donations: [Lowering Carbon Emissions: University Church!](#)



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Peace in the Middle East

Join the Middle East Networking mailing list for regular updates on the Middle East: www.elca.org/peacenotwalls/

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**Other Announcements**

Remember to check the bulletin boards in the Seminar Building for important announcements and information . . . there is a lot to read!

# Quick Links

[University Church](#)

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ALSO NOTE: There's an ELCM Facebook Group . . . [check it out!](#)

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*ELCM @ UniChu* is a welcoming spiritual community, a place for people of any gender, race, national origin, and sexual orientation. Growing together in faith, we seek the unity for which God longs through learning, worship, service, and fellowship.

**To contribute to this newsletter, [contact us.](#)** I would love to include poetry, essays, updates, articles, announcements, questions, or stories.