

# Yuma United Church of Christ

An *Intentional* Justice and Peace, Open and Affirming Community  
Where God is Still Speaking



Our Vision Statement

*We are committed to doing God's work through learning God's will.  
Haciendo el trabajo de Dios aprendiendo su voluntad*

Pastor  
Reverend Bonnie McNair

June 25, 2017  
60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United Church of Christ



**Welcome!** Yuma United Church of Christ welcomes you, whoever you are and where ever you are on life's journey. Our doors and hearts are open to you. WELCOME!



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June 25, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Prelude Greg Mulkey  
Welcome Dolores Messer  
Welcoming Song # 35 vs 1-2 SPP

“No Matter”

\* Call to Worship Stephanie Greeley

One: The sun shines more brightly. Its warmth stays with us for so many more hours.

**Many:** So we shake free of our routines.

One: We wander about the wilderness:  
Hoping God will open our eyes  
Praying God will make us worthy  
Wanting to grow with God.

**Many:** Let us grow together in the wild ways of our God.

Video Song Kari Jobe  
“The Garden”

\* Invocation In Unison

**All:** *Wild God, you do great and wonderful things. It's what makes you our God. There is nothing else in this world like you. There's nothing else like your love. Wild God, come and worship with us. Help us to grow in your love. Amen!*

Preparing Our Hearts & Minds Matt Murdoch  
“One Body”

Psalter Lectio Divina Sacred Reading

**Psalm 86:1** Amplified Bible

Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am distressed and needy [I long for Your help].

**Psalm 86:2** New International Version

Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God.

**Psalm 86:3** The Living Bible

Be merciful, O Lord, for I am looking up to you in constant hope.

**Psalm 86:4** International Standard Version

Your servant rejoices, because, Lord, I set my hope on you.

**Psalm 86:5** Common English Bible *adapted*

I know you are good and merciful, full of faithful love for all who cry out to you.

**Psalm 86:10**

For You are great and do wondrous works! You alone are God.

Encouraging Faith to Grow

Rev. Bonnie

Lectio Divina Reflection

**Lectio Divina Reading:**

Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am distressed and needy [I long for Your help]. Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God. Be merciful, O Lord, for I am looking up to you in constant hope. Your servant rejoices, because, Lord, I set my hope on you. I know you are good and merciful, full of faithful love for all who cry out to you. For You are great and do wondrous works! You alone are God. Amen!

**First Reading:** What is one word or phrase that stands out for you? Meditate on that.

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**Second Reading:** Enter into the Scripture passage. What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

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**Third Reading:** What is God’s personal **invitation for you from the Scripture?** You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or rest quietly in God.

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Community Responds

\* Preparing for Joys/Concerns & Prayer:

Taizé Song

“You Are My Hiding Place”

Joys/Concerns & Prayer

Candy Mulkey

\* Response to Prayer

(Sing Twice)

Worship in Giving

Erica Messer

Offertory Invitation

One: Our Wild God has helped and comforted us. And it is so good! We will not be distressed. Not anymore! We will work in this goodness to mend every broken branch on our family tree. We will use our gifts, tithes and offerings to rebuild the body of Christ. Let us give to the family that nurtures us in new growth. Let each of us give according to our gifts of time, talents, or finances.

Gifts & Acts of Kindness Received

\* Doxology

(sing once)

\* Offertory Dedication

In Unison

***All: Grow these gifts in your love, Wild God. Bless our offerings, our hearts and our hopes in your love, to make us worthy of your work in this world. Fill these gifts and each of us with your goodness. Amen.***

\* Closing Hymn

Sabastian Temple

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

\* Benediction

Rev. Bonnie McNair

One: Beloved in Christ, into your hands, God gives strength and worth.

***All: Let us go into this wild world full of God’s steadfast love. We know we are your servants, and were made for this love. Let us go in this deep peace.***

***All: Amen! Shalom! Salaam!***

\* Announcements

Stephanie Greeley



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Worship

Pianists

Music Leaders

\* Please stand if you are able.

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Greg Mulkey, George Partlow

Stephanie Greeley, Candy Mulkey

## Our Mission Statement

**We the fun loving people of the Yuma United Church of Christ seek to be faithful with mind and heart to the example of Jesus.**

**We aim**

- *To love and serve all people*
- *To promote peace and justice*
- *To be a community that welcomes all people with no exceptions*
- *To help one another in joy and sorrow*
- *To cooperate with people from other faith groups and traditions*
- *To help people overcome their alienation from God and*
- *To live in harmony with all God's world*

**Because we love God.**

Adopted April 29, 2007

## Mission Moment

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

### Matthew 10:24-39

### Daring Discipleship

Lose your life? Find your life? Do not be afraid? What is there to fear? Jesus did lay out very clearly the hard work, the commitment, and the fearlessness required of his disciples. If nothing else, you couldn't follow Jesus and not end up a little braver. It would, at least, require some daring and fearlessness. Discipleship still does.

In a few days, the 31st General Synod of the United Church of Christ will convene in Baltimore, Maryland. They will gather under the bannered theme of "Make Glad." "Make Glad" is what a river in Psalm 46:4 does; it "makes glad the city of God." For the thousands of people descending on Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the theme will make immediate sense when they see the Patapsco River flowing through Baltimore harbor into Chesapeake Bay. "Make Glad" will also make metaphorical sense when we consider our baptism by water into a life of discipleship. And, ultimately, discipleship is what all our General Synods are about. They're about what it means to follow Jesus as a big organization trying to stay true to the Gospel. A Gospel that calls us to follow Jesus no matter where that may lead us.

The very first lines of Psalm 46 begin: "God is our refuge and strength/a very present help in trouble/Therefore we will not fear . . . ." "Make Glad," then, is not a simple call to be happy for happiness' sake but to know that in the midst of everything that might make us afraid, God is present breathing bravery. After all, bravery begins in fear. Only when you are afraid can you be brave. We are called to follow God into service – wherever that may lead. If our discipleship leads us into difficult and fearful places we can remember that the river that bears the water of our baptism "makes glad" the city of God. As we prepare to gather in Baltimore let us also remember that on this day, 60 years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, at its first General Synod, the United Church of Christ was born.

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**Announcements**  
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**Special Offerings:** Yuma UCC supports the **Yuma Food Bank, Crossroads Mission; Casa Del Migrante** – Migrant Center in San Luis, Mexico, and **Immigration Hospitality Ministry** when women and children are dropped off locally after being detained. Each would appreciate your prayers, financial gifts, labors of love, or donations.

**Please mark your giving envelope** if in addition to your support of the Yuma UCC ministry you will be giving a special offering to any of those above. Yuma UCC thanks you in advance for giving your time, talent, and finances to support the Yuma UCC vision and active mission.

**Taizé & Prayer Service on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm.** Greg and Candy Mulkey lead this weekly time of Taizé and prayer.

**Today, Sunday, June 25, 2017 is the birthday of the United Church of Christ.** Let us celebrate and thank God for 60 years of welcoming all with God's love.

**Today, Sunday, June 25, 2017 Lectio Divina Sunday.** We will experience a prayerful worship through contemplating the Scriptures.

**Sunday, July 2, 2017 Communion and Common Union Meal.** All are welcome at the table of grace. Plan on staying for our community meal after worship. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share with others. There is always plenty of food and fellowship.

**Tuesday, July 4, 2017 Holiday.** Enjoy a safe day of celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence in which the United States of America was born.

**Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations.** Please see Erica Messer so she can update the birthday and anniversary lists. Erica will be facilitating a monthly celebration. The celebration will be after worship the last Sunday of the month, in which we honor the important dates in our lives. Thank you Erica.

Thank you Candy Mulkey for always creating a beautiful Altar.

Thank you Greg Mulkey for blessing us with your music ministry.

Thank you Erica & Dolores Messer for updating and refreshing the front windows and door.

*INVITE SOMEONE TO COME, SING SONGS, PRAY, AND HEAR STORIES -  
BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU ON SUNDAY.*

**Spring/Summer Attire:** Casual. Enjoy the spring/summer and stay cool in appropriately cool clothing.

Happy  
60<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday  
United Church of Christ



## Encouraging Faith to Grow

<http://faithformation/journeys.org>



Along time ago some people decided it would be a good idea to write down stories of our faith. So they wrote down the stories and made a book. Just like any of our books that we like to read, we can pick up the Bible and read some of the stories that were written a long time ago. God helped people write down what was important to remember. Today we are able to read those stories and think about what those stories mean to us.



Lectio Divina is a form of hearing and thinking about what God inspired someone to write many years ago. So we listen to hear how God is still speaking to each one of us today. We can think about what was said and later written, like some of the words from King David. He said even when we don't feel good, God is nice and kind, and loves us.



Let's pray:  
*God of love, we are grateful for the many stories in the Bible. We are thankful that Your love shines through in the many stories that are written there. We are also thankful for the ways we can understand what You inspired others to write. Thank you God for the times we can just think about what was written to show us Your love. Amen.*

