

# 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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 2, 2017



**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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July 2, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Prelude Greg Mulkey

Welcome Dolores Messer

Welcoming Song # 35 vs 3-4 SPP

“No Matter”

Opening Song Matt Murdoch

“One Body”

\* Call to Worship <sup>^</sup> Stephanie Greeley

**One:** God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God’s holy people.

**Many:** **We answer this call by the grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of God’s own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**All:** **Let us worship God.**

Video (Remembering lasting freedom comes through Christ) Dara Maclean

“Free”

\* Invocation In Unison

**All:** *Holy One, we welcome your prophets and messengers. We welcome those that know that they are gifted and those that want to be. Let us find your reward in the welcome we hear together. Satisfy our thirst to feel your love here and now. Amen!*

Psalter Chris Jones

Psalm 13 # 626 NCH

Sacred Reading Good News Translation

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes God’s messenger because he is God’s messenger, will share in his reward. And whoever welcomes a good man because he is good, will share in his reward. You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these my followers because he is my follower, will certainly receive a reward.”

Preparing Our Hearts & Minds Rene Collective

“Simplicity”

Encouraging Our Faith to Grow Rev. Bonnie

Reflection Rev. Bonnie McNair

Community Responds

- \* Preparing for Joys/Concerns & Prayer: Taizé Song  
"You Are My Hiding Place"  
Joys/Concerns & Prayer Candy Mulkey  
\* Response to Prayer (Sing Twice)  
"On Eagles Wings"

Worship in Giving Erica Messer  
Offertory Invitation

One: We know the reward of God's welcome. The Holy Spirit has blown through us so that we sing of God's steadfast love continually. Now, gathered here as prophets of welcome, we respond to what God has done. We give our gifts of tithes and offerings in the certain hope that God's welcome will continue in the ministry we offer. 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: Welcoming One, bless these gifts with your Spirit Transform these gifts into the balm that your world needs. In these gifts, may we welcome in a new world of love. Amen.**

Worship through Communion ~ Jesus Christ Invites **ALL** to the Table of Grace  
Communion Hymn Candy and Greg Mulkey  
"I'm Gonna Sing"

ONE: ... Let us pray together... Rev. Bonnie McNair

**ALL: At this table, all are welcome: the saint and the sinner, the poor and the rich, the men and the women, the married and the single. At this table all may eat: the privileged and the marginalized, the gay and the straight, the powerful and the powerless. At this table, all may drink: the young and the old, the infirm and the well, the slaves and the free.**

**For God's mercy is wide, God's blessing is kind, and God's reward is great. The cup of cold water, the cup of the new covenant, the bread of life are ours to take and ours to share in your name, Savior of the world Amen.**

ONE: Christ welcomes all to the table of grace.

*We say together before we come to the table of grace.*

**ALL: We come to the table of grace to celebrate the transfigured Christ, the suffering Christ, and the risen Christ as we eat and drink together.**

ONE: Come and partake.

*Come forward to receive the bread and the cup. We will partake by intinction: tear off some bread, dip it in the juice, and then eat.*

After all have partaken, giving thanks we respond:

**ALL: Give us, O God, the courage to live a life of faith and trust, of welcoming and receiving, of grace and holiness. Let us go from this table renewed, to do your will on Earth. Amen**

\* Closing Hymn

# 594 NCH

“How Beautiful Our Spacious Skies”

\* Benediction

Rev. Bonnie McNair

**All: Whoever welcomes you welcomes me. Quench our thirst for love, satisfy our need to be known, assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome. Let us go to proclaim this peace in God’s name.**

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

Before Preparing for our Common Union Meal

Common Union Meal Prayer

(In Unison)

**Dear Lord, thank you for this food and for Your hospitality. May Your peace and love now rest upon the table and with all who gather there. May the food fill our bellies, and our hearts with “want to” love, mercy, and compassion. In the name of the Speaker, the Word, and the Breath. Amen**

\* Announcements During Meal

Stephanie Greeley

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Worship

Pianists

Music Leaders

\* Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Send full worship citation requests to Rev. Bonnie at: [pastorbonnie@uccyuma.org](mailto:pastorbonnie@uccyuma.org)

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

#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Matthew 10:40-42

#### Holy Welcome

It isn't all dancing and shouting and singing and greeting old friends at General Synod. The delegates in Baltimore will also be going into the community to perform acts of service for the people of Baltimore, as well as attending eye-opening first hand encounters with the faces of homelessness.

Delegates will participate in what is being called an "Injustice Walk." At the end of such a walk, UCCers from around the country will understand better the reality of being homeless in a big city like Baltimore. They will hear from representatives of of Earl's Place, United Ministries, a UCC Council for Health and Human Services Ministries member, and 20-year provider of supportive housing to the homeless. In addition, the Central Atlantic Conference of the UCC has asked attendees of General Synod to bring hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets and small pillows for distribution to the over 26,000 estimated homeless people in the geography covered by that Conference. All those items collected will be distributed during winter months.

Another project, that should inspire the delegates and create goodwill will include some urban forestry and volunteer gardening in the city with a program called "Blue Water Baltimore." In addition, people will be able to donate toys and supplies to a no kill animal shelter.

Giving and receiving a holy extravagant welcome is what the United Church of Christ is all about. In addition, our spirit of mission and service undergirds everything we do – even a rollicking convention hall filled with many thousands of church folks is going to spread that welcome throughout the city. Attendees will bring back to their churches stories of effort and hope and a deeper sense of the ties of service and faith that bind us together.

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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, 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.

**Sunday, July 16, 2017 Music Sunday.** We will worship through music videos that have touched our hearts. Please send music and links you would like to see and hear to Rev. Bonnie at [pastorbonnie@uceyuma.org](mailto:pastorbonnie@uceyuma.org) by Sunday, July 9, 2017. Greg and Rev. Bonnie will create a musical liturgy that will touch all our hearts as we worship the Speaker, the Word, and the Breath. Please send three songs that are meaningful to you. The songs can be any song that touches your heart and gives you a connection to God.

**Sunday, July 30, 2017 Movie Sunday.** We will worship through the movie “*The Shack*”. Worship will be longer than normal as we will have a time of response to how the movie touched our hearts.

**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.



## Encouraging Our Faith to Grow

<http://faithformation./journeys.org>



When we think about eating together we want to make sure everyone feels like they are included. Today we will recreate the last meal Jesus ate with the disciples and other followers. Jesus wants us to be generous to others when we see they may not have enough food or water. God loves us and wants us to be helpful to those who do not have as much as we have.



In the Scripture reading for today Jesus tells the disciples that being nice to others is the most important thing they can do. Because God loves all of us. Jesus reminds the disciples and all of us to remember that everyone needs kindness at one time or another. We can remember kindness can come in the simplest of forms, including a drink of water.



Let's pray:

*Dear Jesus, we thank you for the times when we can be kind to others, even if it is just with a drink of water. We also thank you for the times others are kind to us. We are glad that God loves each one of us. We thank you for the meal that allows us to be near you in our hearts. Amen.*

