



# Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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## Join us for Sunday Worship September 14 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 am - Adult discussion in room 36
- 10:00 am - Worship
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)

### Called to Serve

**Elders:** Alice Kelling, Bud Graham

**Home Communion:** Teresa Shaw

**Preparing Deacons:** Sylvia Baarstad,  
Janet Chenard

**Serving Deacons:** \*Mary Frederick, Tom  
Frederick, Vivian Rutlege, Sam Sollers

**Flowers:** Linda Stinson

**Coffee Cart and Snack:** Teresa and Rick Shaw

**Greeter:** Georgann Taylor

### Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 9/3-107

Saturday, 9/6-114

Sunday, 9/7-101

### Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon... Senior Minister

Meggie Wright..... Youth & Young Adult  
Coordinator

Matthew Clark..... Choir Director

Eric Qian ..... Pianist

Charlene Lincoln.... Church Secretary

Jill Shinkawa..... Communications Mgr.

Kevin Weaver ..... Paladin

Church staff meets every Monday, 10:00-11:00  
am. We are not available in person nor on the  
phone during this time.

## Welcome Eric Qian!

We are happy to welcome Eric Qian as First Christian's pianist. His first Sunday on the job was August 23 and we have really enjoyed his inspired playing. Here is a bit of background on Eric.



Eric at the piano.

He is originally from Minnesota but moved to Corvallis before entering elementary school. He is currently a full-time student at Oregon State University and plans on pursuing a triple major in chemistry, biology, and biochemistry/ biophysics while performing as part of the college symphony-orchestra and wind ensemble. After graduating, he plans on applying to medical school. In his spare time, he enjoys playing a multitude of instruments, arranging music for a cappella, appreciating the outdoors, making chocolates, and video gaming.

Welcome again Eric! If you need any chocolate taste testers we are here to help.

## Is summer over already?



Linda takes on the water slide challenge.

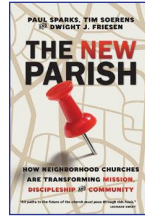


Peyton's first day in church.

# Matt's Minute

## Fall Study Series

This fall we will be guided by the parables of Jesus found in Matthew's gospel and the book, *The New Parish*. I hesitate to say the book is required reading, I will say I hope many of you will read it. Copies of the book are available in the church office and on Sunday for \$12 (scholarships available). I believe the book articulates much of what we are doing already and provides a vocabulary for doing the kind of intentional ministry that we are called to it. The parables of Jesus and the selected readings from *The New Parish* are deeply relational in its tone, calling us to re-imagine our community through the lens of God's intentions for the world.



We are going to kick-off our fall study series with a potluck lunch after services on Sunday, September 7. I encourage everyone to be a part of this important gathering as we look forward to praying and working our way through some intentional change and growth processes this fall. Our fall schedule is outlined below. I encourage you to attend when you can, but more importantly to engage in the process of visioning and dreaming together. Whether you are a life-time member or occasional visitor, your perspective is and important and desired part of our process together.

## Fall Schedule

**September 7:** Fall Kick-Off

Matthew 18:15-21

Sermon: "Can I Despise My Neighbor the 491st Time?"

**September 14:** Mission Sunday

Sermon: Reports from Ecuador

**September 21:** Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: "Everybody Gets Sixty Dollars"

Cottage Meeting Sunday (see article in Dispatch)

**September 28:** Craft Fair Sunday

Folk Music Sing-a-long

**October 5:** Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon: "Rejecting the Cornerstone"

**October 12:** Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon: "The Wedding Feast"

**October 19:** Service Sunday (see article in Dispatch)

**October 26:** Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon: "Still the Greatest Commandment and Greatest Challenge"

Folk Music Sunday

Cottage Meeting Sunday

**November 2:** Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon: "All Saints Sunday: Remembering the Saints"

**November 9:** Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "I Forgot the Extra Batteries, Again"

**November 16:** Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Interest Income"

Harvest Dinner Sunday

**November 23:** Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "For The Least of These"

Folk Music Sunday

Cottage Meeting Sunday

**November 30:** Advent Season Begins!



**Rev. Matt Gordon**

**Senior Minister**

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**Open Office Hours:**

Mondays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesdays: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## Service Sunday: Jesus Leaves the Building

On Sunday, October 19, we will worship God through service to our community. We will gather for a **brief** communion and commissioning service and then go out to our community and serve. We will then reconvene at the church at 12:30 for lunch and sharing. Several projects are being lined up for all ages and abilities to serve. There will even be some "service-to-go" projects happening at the church for anyone who has mobility issues. Keep watching your Dispatch for more information on project opportunities. Sign-up sheets will begin on Sunday, September 28.

Relying on the spirit and story of the gospels, First Christian Church is supported primarily by donations. There is no charge for any event. We rely on freely given offerings to support our various ministries and opportunities.

Your contributions and gifts allow us to continue to be a radically inclusive, justice-driven community of faith every day of the week. **Thank you in advance for your gifts.**

## Back by Popular Demand: Cottage Meetings

What is a cottage meeting? A few years ago, First Christian hosted “cottage meetings” to help determine their future outlook, so we decided to keep the terminology because of its history. Essentially, we are talking about small group meetings in homes. Each group would be 3 – 4 family units and would meet in September, October and November for about an hour.

### What We Need...

**Attendees** to show up and be a part of the conversation once a month in September, October and November. Your perspective is vital.

**Hosts** will provide space in their home or another location for three weeks. It is your prerogative to serve deserts, snacks or beverages for your guests. Hosts should have comfortable seating for all guests. Hosts will determine the number of people they can host.

**Facilitators** will ask the provided questions to the group and help guide the conversation. It is important that the facilitators be mindful of group dynamics and make certain everyone

has the time they need to respond to the questions. Facilitators will summarize responses and send them to Pastor Matt within a week of gathering with your small group. Facilitators and host should not be the same person, but could be in the same family unit.

**Facilitators will meet briefly with Matt after church on September 14.**

### When to meet?

It is up to you what time of day you are meeting. You could meet for lunch, afternoon, or dessert. We are aiming that all groups meet on September 21, October 26 and November 23. Can't meet those days? Your schedule is up to you, but try to find the time to meet once a month.

Everyone is invited! If you have not been contacted by a Cottage host but would like to participate (It does not matter whether you are a member or not) please call the church office at (541) 753-2671 or Cherie. Questions? Contact Pastor Matt at matt@heartof-covallis.org or 541-829-3003 (cell).

## In Our Prayers

Prayers for Joe Lee Cole, who passed away in August, and for his family

Gen Erway

Jim Davidson

Jean Thayer

Winnie Smiley

Janet Cline

Lynda Shurtleff

Charlotte Bates

Viv Ellsworth

### For those battling cancer:

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim

### For those travelling:

Patricia and Stuart Eide

## It's Craft Fair Time - September 27 and 28!



This year's Craft Fair proceeds will go to an in-house project - a long overdue landscaping makeover for the front of the church. The makeover includes new pavers to replace the old, uneven sidewalk.

A Craft Fair volunteer signup sheet will be circulated in church to help with setting up, tearing down and staffing shifts in the Food Booth, Bistro Below and Book Sale. However, there are many other ways you can help support this event!

We also need donations of:

- Name brand sodas, waters, iced teas. (Watch for sales and pick up an extra for the Craft Fair).
- Baked cookies and goodies
- Apples from your trees (no other fruit needed).

- Goodies for our vendor packets - 1 lbs M&M's & 1 lbs mixed nuts (6 lbs. total of each needed).
- Look around and gather up any unwanted or slightly used books, videos, DVDs and CDs for the Craft Fair Book Sale. Items may be dropped off at the church. Please email Mary at fredericktg@comcast.net or call 541-602-5977 if you have any questions.
- **We also need to borrow a propane BBQ this year for cooking hotdogs in the Food Booth.**

*Donated food items needed between September 22-26. Beverages may be dropped off now.*

Call the church office if you can donate something, want to signup, or have questions (541) 753-2671. [www.craft-fairfcc.com](http://www.craft-fairfcc.com)

## All the Best to Meggie...

I'm very excited to report that my partner Nate has started a new full time position with Concentric Sky, a software company in Eugene. He is working with them as they start a new not-for-profit, the Oregon Center for Digital Learning. Unfortunately, this means that we will be relocating to Eugene and I will be leaving my role at First Christian Church at the end of September. While I'm sad to be leaving friends, family, and coworkers, I'm pleased with the work that we've been able to accomplish since June 2013. I'm anticipating an exciting Fall for our children's Christian Education and Disciples House programs and I look forward to seeing you all on my future visits to the Corvallis area!



2013-2014 Disciples House residents.

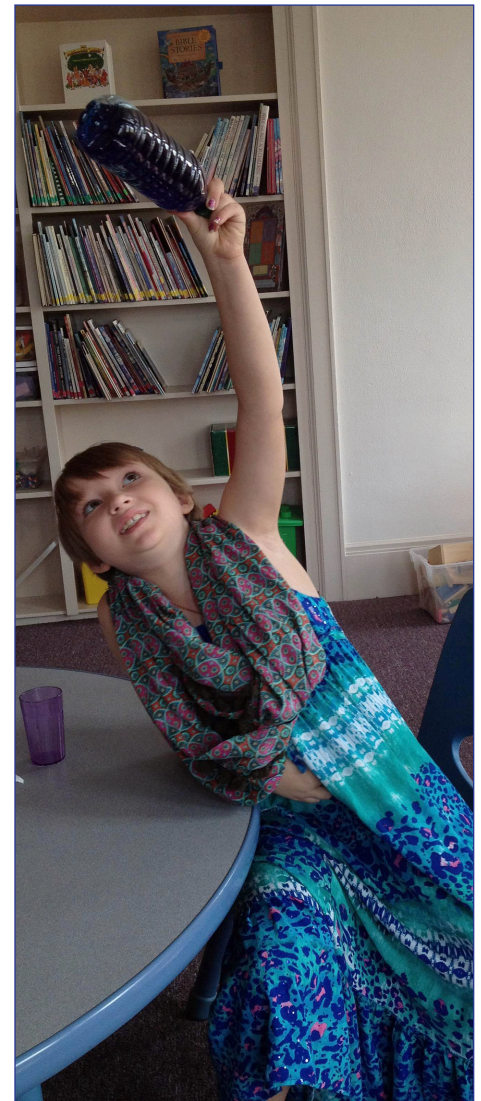
## This Fall in Sunday School...

Our children's Sunday School class had a fun and relaxing summer. Our classes joined forces for the summer months and we enjoyed doing crafts, learning lessons, and enjoying some nice weather while playing in the park. This fall, children's Sunday School will be going back to the beginning! In September we will start with Creation/Genesis, followed by the story of Noah and the Arc in October and the story of Abraham and Sarah in November. Other upcoming CE events for the fall include the annual Dia De Los Muer-

tos party at Emily's house on October 31st. We hope to see you at one of our activities soon!

**Right:** Our younger Sunday School class working on a craft project that reuses plastic bottles filled with water, corn syrup, food coloring, and silver star sequins to represent God creating the stars in the sky.

**Below:** The older group heard the creation story using the painted tiles pictured and then started designing our own creation cards.



# What We Did this Summer...



## Looking Ahead

### September 10

- 10:00 a.m.-Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.-Choir practice

### September 11

- 11:30 a.m.-Faith Study at Joanne Rose's

### September 18

- 7:00 p.m.-Long Range Planning

### September 15

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

### September 21

- 4:30 p.m.-Christy's 60th Birthday party
- Cottage Meeting

### September 27-28

- Craft Fair

### October 19

- Service Sunday

### October 26

- Cottage Meeting Sunday

### November 16

- Harvest Dinner

### November 23

- Cottage Meeting Sunday

## Birthdays

9/16 - Pauline Shields, Harold Jensen,  
Ramona Gerig

## Anniversaries

9/11 - Jean and Bill Thayer

## What's Happening...

### Faith Study Group

Thursday, September 11 at 11:30 a.m., Faith Study will be at Joanne Rose's house (which is down the sidewalk from Gen Erway's house) It is located directly across from the swimming pool on the end of a row of four townhouses. Please RSVP to Joanne by Tuesday, September 9.

### Cottage Meetings

Sunday September 21 at the group's chosen time. Everyone is invited! If you have not been contacted by a Cottage host but would like to participate (It does not matter whether you are a member or not) please call the church office at (541) 753-2671 or Cherie.

### Christy's 60th Birthday Party

Come and join us for dinner and music to celebrate Christy's 60th birthday! Sunday, September 21 at 4:30 p.m. RSVP at (541) 752-5986. No gifts please!

## Announcements

### Community Daytime Drop-In Center Meeting Participant Needed

A church member is needed to participate in the Community Daytime Drop-In Center meetings at 2:30 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This is a shared position; going 4 or 5 months out of the year. CDDC is the group that oversees the Drop-In Center in McLean Hall each week day. Please contact Dawn Lasater at 541-745-7703 for more information.

### Meals

Do you know or are you a church member that is in need of a meal or meals? Please contact Mary Frederick at 541-602-5977 or at fredericktg@comcast.net.

## Around Town...

### Lilly's Lope for Hope - Teen Suicide Awareness Run/Walk

October 11, 2014, 10:00 a.m. Proceeds go toward education and funding counseling services for the Philomath School District. For more information or to register go to: [www.lilyslope.com](http://www.lilyslope.com)

### Taizé Prayer Service

The monthly Taizé Prayer Service will be held every first Sunday of the month through June (except for April 12), at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan on the corner of 35th and Harrison. Everyone is welcome!

### Gear Up for Car Free Day!

Across the globe, Monday, September 22 is World Car Free Day – a great opportunity to leave the car at home and make use of other abundant transportation options. For more information go to <http://sustainablecorvallis.org/action-teams/transportation/project-world-car-free-day/>

### Eat and Drink for Mental Health

Tuesday, September 16, dine at Block 15 and they will donate a significant portion of its proceeds to the Pastoral Counseling Center. PCC delivers nearly 3,000 hours of therapy "based on need for care rather than ability to pay" each year. Block 15 is located at Third and SW Jefferson, and is open 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. For additional information, call 541-753-9217, ext. 6.



In honor of Car Free Day we encourage everyone to commute by **non-car** in the month of September. If you do take an alternate commuting method tell us about it!

# September/October 2014


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study Group <b>10 am</b> -Worship <b>11 am</b> -All Church Potluck <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>8</b> <b>7 pm</b> -Finance Cabinet	<b>9</b> <b>11 am</b> -Craft Fair Meeting <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>10</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study <b>7:00 pm</b> -Choir Practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
<b>14</b> <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study Group <b>10 am</b> -Worship <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>15</b> <b>7 pm</b> -Program Cabinet	<b>16</b> <b>11 am</b> -Craft Fair Meeting <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>17</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study <b>7:00 pm</b> -Choir Practice	<b>18</b> <b>7 pm</b> -Long Range Planning	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
<b>21</b>  <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study Group <b>10 am</b> -Worship <b>4:30 pm</b> -Christy's Birthday Party <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper <b>Cottage Mtg</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Car Free Day</b>	<b>23</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>24</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study <b>7:00 pm</b> -Choir Practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Craft Fair</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
<b>28</b>   <b>Craft Fair</b> <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study Group <b>10 am</b> -Worship and Folk Music Sing-a-Long <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>1 October</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study <b>7:00 pm</b> -Choir Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
<b>5</b> <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study Group <b>10 am</b> -Worship <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>3:00 pm</b> -Frist Christian's turn for Stone Soup prep <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>8</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study <b>7:00 pm</b> -Choir Practice	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast



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The First Christian Church of Corvallis is a diverse inclusive community providing a living witness to the compassionate Christ. From our central location in the heart of Corvallis, we seek out, develop, and support ministries to meet the human needs for physical and spiritual wholeness. On the basis of our Disciple heritage, we embrace the ecumenical movement, develop lay leadership, and promote intellectual freedom in the pursuit of truth.  
All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

## *Our Vision*

