



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship September 21 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 am - Adult discussion in room 36
- 10:00 am - Worship
- 2:00 pm - Cottage Meetings
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)

Called to Serve

Elders: Prill Zobel, Don Zobel

Home Communion: Bud Graham

Preparing Deacons: Bob Young,
Mary Frederick

Serving Deacons: *Kathleen Eide, Susan
Latham, Susan Peterson, Danny Aynes

Flowers: Ruth Chadwick

Coffee Cart and Snack: Teanna McMahan

Greeter: Georgann Taylor

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 9/9-93

Saturday, 9/13-147

Sunday, 9/14-128

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.

Cottage Meeting Reminders

Have you been invited to attend one of our cottage meetings? If you have not received a phone call or email from your host, please contact Matt and we will get you connected to a site. Some dates for your calendar:

- This Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m.
- Sunday, October 26 at 5 p.m.
- Sunday, November 23 at 5 p.m.

What is a cottage meeting? A small

group of people, around 8-10, gathered for a common purpose. Our hope is to get the whole church talking the same talk and asking the same questions.

What are we talking about? This week we will be talking about community.

October 23, we will talk about mission. November 23, we discuss discipleship.

Board Meeting - Monday, September 22 at 7 p.m.

Moments from Last Sunday...



Top left: The significance of a women's sash wrapped twice around the waist and other Ecuadorian dress customs were explained by Susan as a part of Mission Sunday.

Above: Lauri presents a plaque to Matt on behalf of the community of Cachiviro, Ecuador to First Christian Church.

Lower right: Aaron steps up to be the newest member of First Christian Church.

Matt's Minute

"War is not the absence of conflict; war is the inability to deal with conflict." - Peter Rollins.

"Understanding then, can lead to love. But the reverse is also true. Love brings understanding: the two are reciprocal."
- Huston Smith

It is overly simplistic to say we live in a deeply divided world. Our country is grounded in conflict, with others and with ourselves. One only needs to glance at the timeline of our young country to see much of it was spent fighting with one another or fighting an outside enemy. This brings us to our current global context, a beautiful and deeply disturbing reality, one that calls us into conversation with those who are different than ourselves more often than it used to. I enter into this conversation often, as many of you do. My hope, ultimately, is not to change anyone's mind, but to develop relationships and live more intentionally in a community, however challenging that might be. I was asked recently if I think Christians ought to be more pro-active against Islam. With that one sentence, the conversation is no longer a conversation, but a call towards fear and hatred.

The rise of Islamophobia in our country can be credited to our media and many Christian pastors. Taking a cue from the fundamentalists in the Middle East, many pastors are calling for Christians to take a stand against Islam. Our so-called battle for freedom is not about religion, it is about an unwillingness to enter into the conversation. Our first reaction is fear and

what quickly follows is a mobilization to fight. The anniversary of 9/11 is a reminder of a tragedy that took many lives. For that, the motto, "never forget" seems quite appropriate. The anniversary of 9/11 is also an unfortunate reminder of the unfortunate lack of progress in our country's understanding and sentiment towards Islam and anyone else outside our borders.

I remember much about that day. Like many of you, I remember where I was, what I was doing and the phone calls I made within minutes asking, "Are you watching this?" What I also remember was the almost immediate fear and hatred towards the other, masked in patriotism and defense of our great country. I cannot recall many seeking conversation, understanding or true justice. Before we even knew who we were fighting against, we pledged to destroy them. Certainly the terminology of justice was thrown around, but not true justice. We were talking revenge. We were talking retaliation.

What saddens me most is not how we reacted in that moment, but how little progress we have made towards understanding, conversation and cooperation. Xenophobia is still rampant and those voices that should be promoting tolerance, peace and reconciliation just keep going inside their shells, allow-



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ing the voices of hatred and fanaticism drown out any voice of reason.

I believe the gospel calls us toward love first. Love can find pathways towards conversation. Conversation leads to understanding. Understanding then leads us towards reconciliation and cooperation, which then brings us back to love. In the words of Huston Smith: "The only thing that is unqualifiedly good is extended vision, the enlargement of one's understanding of the ultimate nature of things... understanding then, can lead to love. But the reverse is also true. Love brings understanding: the two are reciprocal."

Peace,
Matt

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.

This Week in Sunday School...

This week in Sunday School we continued learning about the Creation story. Our older Sunday School class shared the story with our younger kids with a retelling by Marc using painted tiles by Miranda and Ella. Each tile represents one of the days of creation.



After the story, our younger Sunday School class worked with shaving cream and paint to make marbled

designs on sheets paper. We sprayed shaving cream onto our trays, added some drops of paint, and then swirled the paint and shaving cream with a butter knife. Once the design looked the way we wanted, we pressed a sheet of paper into the shaving cream. The paint swirls transferred onto the paper, leaving us with some awesome paper for a fun art project next week!



Paver Project Progress



In Our Prayers

Mary Cotton's father

Eli's father

Gen Erway

Jean Thayer

Winnie Smiley

Janet Cline

Lynda Shurtleff

Viv Ellsworth

For those battling cancer:

Lynn Evans

Will Keim

Thank you!

To the Church Family,

A very large 'Thank you' for the cards, food, phone calls and lovely Prayer Shawl. Oh, and the visits! It all has helped with the healing after my fall.

With Love and Thanks,

Janet Cline

2 Weeks Until Craft Fair - September 27 and 28!



Don't the new pavers look great out front! Proceeds from this year's Craft Fair are paying for those. Volunteer signup sheets look great from last week, but we still have a lot of empty slots so please

help us if you can. Reminders of things we still need:

- Name brand sodas, waters, iced teas.
- Baked cookies and goodies (you can freeze these ahead of time)
- Apples from your trees (no other fruit or berries needed).

- Goodies for our vendor packets - 1 lb. M&Ms and 1 lb. mixed nuts (6 lbs. total of each needed).
- Unwanted or slightly used books, videos, DVDs and CDs. Please email Mary at fredericktg@comcast.net or call 541-602-5977 if you have any questions.

*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. Check out www.craftfairfcc.com for a list of our vendors booths and guests on the music stage!

Looking Ahead

September 18

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

September 21

- 2:00 p.m.-Cottage Meetings
- 4:30 p.m.-Christy's 60th Birthday party

September 22

- 7:00 p.m.-Board meeting

September 27-28

- Craft Fair

September 28

- 9:00 a.m.-Sunday Worship starts
(no adult Sunday School)

October 8

- 11:30 a.m.-Faith Study

October 19

- Service Sunday

October 26

- 5:00 p.m. -Cottage Meetings

November 16

- Harvest Dinner

November 23

- 5:00 p.m.-Cottage Meetings

Birthdays

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

9/17 - Alayne Brunner, Matthew Clark,

9/18 - Marie Green

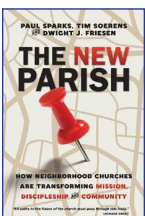
9/19 - Bill Maier

9/21 - Christy Wright

9/22 - Lisa Schulz

Anniversaries

9/21 - Jackie Chester



The New Parish

Just a reminder that copies of *The New Parish* are available in the church office for \$12 (scholarships available).

What's Happening...

Church Landscaping Help

We are looking for help this coming Saturday, September 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. to finish the front landscape project in preparation for the upcoming Craft Fair. We will be spreading bark mulch and giving a few bushes a hair cut. Bring gloves. *"Many hands make for light work."*

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!

Cottage Meetings

Sunday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m. 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.

Board Meeting

Monday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Faith Study Group

Thursday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m., Faith Study will be at Pamella's house. Please RSVP.

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.lillyslope.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/>

September/October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9 am -Adult Study Group 10 am -Worship 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	15 7 pm -Program Cabinet	16 11 am -Craft Fair Meeting 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	17 10 am -Bible Study	18 7 pm -Long Range Planning	19	20 9 am -Help with Landscaping 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
21  9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship 2 pm -Cottage Meeting 4:30 pm -Christy's Birthday Party 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	22 Car Free Day 7 pm -Board Meeting	23 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	24 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	25	26	27  Craft Fair 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
28   Craft Fair 9 am -Short worship and Folk Music Sing-a-Long 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	29	30 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	1 October 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	2	3	4 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
5 9 am -Adult Study Group 10 am -Worship 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	6	7  3:30 pm -Frist Christian's turn for Stone Soup prep 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	8 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	9 11:30 am -Faith Study at Pamella's	10	11 10 am -Lilly's Lope for Hope Run/Walk 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
12 9 am -Adult Study Group 10 am -Worship 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	13	14 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3:30)	15 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	16	17	18 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast