



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship September 28 at 9:00 a.m.

- 9:00 am - Worship (No adult discussion group)
- 10:00 am - **Craft Fair**
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)

Called to Serve

Elders: Emily Herb, Steve Herb

Home Communion: Alice Kelling

Preparing Deacons: Carol Garbacik and Tom Garbacik

Serving Deacons: *Stephen Chenard,
Marc Chenard, Ella Gordon, Maya Herb

Flowers: /

Coffee Cart and Snack: /

Greeter: /

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 9/9-155

Saturday, 9/20-140

Sunday, 9/21-na

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.

Craft Fair is Here! - September 27 and 28!



This coming Sunday -
Craft Fair Sunday - service starts at 9:00 a.m. and lasts about 30 minutes.

Reminders of things we still need for Craft Fair:

- Name brand sodas, waters, iced teas.
- Baked cookies and goodies. Please label baked goods. (Drop them off, downstairs on Thursday/Friday)
- Save apples from your trees (bring these by the church before Friday morning).

- Slightly used or unwanted books, video, DVD's and CD's. (We have quite a few already, but more is good.)

Food items needed between September 25-26. Call the church office if you can donate something, want to signup, or have questions (541) 753-2671. Thank you for your constant support!

Check out www.craftfairfcc.com for our list of vendors and musicians on stage!

Volunteers Beautify Our Church



Thank you to Dick and Sue Cooley, Fred Lincoln (Can you believe it even at 92 years of age?), Sam Sollers, David Grant, and Brooks for helping spiff up the outside of our church and Disciples House last Saturday.

- Jerry Lasater

Matt's Minute

Solar Panels and First Christian Church

Remember our conversation about solar panels? For a refresher course or if you are new to FCC, see graphs and read my article in the June 17th edition of the *Disciples Dispatch*: http://heartofcorvallis.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/fcdd_061714link.pdf. Copies are also available in the church office.

First, the good news: After much discussion on Monday, September 22, the church board recommends that the congregation move forward with the Oregon Solar Incentive Program and finance the initial cost through a loan from Church Extension. **We invite everyone to participate in a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 5 right after worship. We will need congregational approval for financing this project.** This will be a time to get members' votes and a time to answer any remaining questions about our solar panel project.

So, how did we get from our meeting in June to this recent decision? At our last congregational meeting, the finance team was charged with three tasks:

1. Explore financing options.

We examined borrowing from our permanent funds, fundraising, using Craft Fair monies and taking a loan from Church Extension. All of these options were discussed. The decision was made to not use Craft Fair money from this year's Craft

Fair (still an option two years from now). The finance team decided the best option was a loan from Church Extension. Thank you to Ann Smart for researching loan options from Church Extension, our denomination's lending arm.

2. Get two more bids.

Out of the two other local companies, only one did projects of our size. The one bid we had came out about 3000 over our initial bid from Abundant Solar.

3. Follow up on

Abundant Solar's references.

A special thank you goes to Aaron Marchbanks for making phone calls. The references were overwhelmingly positive. Based on comments and responses to specific questions, the consensus among the respondents is that Abundant Solar comes to us very highly recommended.

In the end, the finance cabinet decided it was best to bring the decision to the church board last night. The board passed a motion to move forward with our project. I am so proud of our community for taking on a project of this magnitude after such intentional discernment. Thank you to everyone who cares about FCC and its future. **Mark your calendars and be at our special congregational meeting on October 5, right after worship.**

*Peace,
Pastor Matt*



Rev. Matt Gordon

Senior Minister

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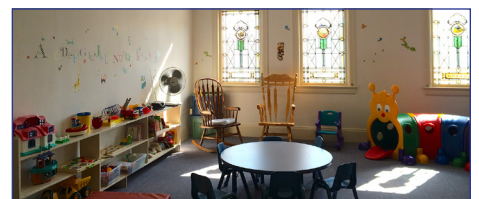
Mondays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesdays: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Kudos to our Nursery Attendants

from Lauri Morris

You may not use the nursery, but we just want to give a shout-out to all our hardworking nursery attendants. You often don't see them, but they are busy taking excellent care of the little children and babies during service. We now have 5 attendants that rotate Sundays. They are supervised by Kasey (Hooper) Burns. Several of them took time recently to come in on a Saturday to clean the carpets, toys, rearrange the play area and decorate the walls with fun characters and animals.



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 is our last with the creation story theme. The younger kids finished their Creation books and made cutout images of Creation from the shaving cream paper we made last week. The older kids made cookies for craft fair.

Snacks

We would love to have snacks donated to Sunday School. We would especially appreciate containers or individual servings of 100% fruit juice, healthy crackers, snack bars, or cookies. Gluten free and gluten full snacks are both welcome, but please no nuts of any kind as we have multiple kids with nut allergies. Put snacks in church office or give to Emily or Vicki. *Thank you!*



Delicious Saturday Breakfast at Stone Soup



Above: Sue and Michael mix it up over yummy potato hash.

Top right: Smiling faces greet morning breakfast diners.

Far right: Bill carefully takes a hot pan of baked eggs out of the oven

Bottom right: Bill keeps up with the dirty dishes - a thankless job.

Right: Jeanette serves up hot oatmeal.



In Our Prayers

Carolyn Dyer Ordway

Kevin Ross and his family

Katherine Davidson and her family

All young community members struggling with depression

Lauri W. whose husband Chaz experienced a medical event from which he will not recover

Margaret Coon

Dan William's grandmother

Mary Cotton's father

Eli's father

Gen Erway

Jean Thayer

Winnie Smiley

Janet Cline

Lynda Shurtleff

Viv Ellsworth

For those battling cancer:

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim



Looking Ahead

September 27-28

- Craft Fair

September 28

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

October 5

- After Service-**Special Congregational Meeting**

October 8

- 11:30 a.m.-Faith Study

October 12

- After Service-Discover FCC Lunch

October 19

- Service Sunday

October 26

- 5:00 p.m. -Cottage Meetings

November 16

- Harvest Dinner

November 23

- 5:00 p.m.-Cottage Meetings

November 30

- Advent Season begins!

What's Happening...

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 5 after church. We need your support and votes to move forward with our solar panel project.

Faith Study Group

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

Discover FCC

New to First Christian? Want to learn more about our church? Would you like to be the official tour of the building? Sunday, October 12 is a **Discover FCC** lunch at the Disciples House after worship. Lunch is provided and an RSVP requested.

Service Sunday

On October 19 we will gather for a **brief** communion and commissioning service and the go out to our community and serve. We will then reconvene at the church at 12:30 for lunch and sharing. Sign-up sheets will begin on Sunday, September 28.

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. Go to: www.lillyslope.com

FEDICE Volunteers to Speak on Oct. 25

Two Oregon women who have worked with FEDICE in Ecuador this year will share their experiences next month. Bethany Waggoner and Kelsey Hertel will speak and share photos on the afternoon of Saturday, October 25 from 3-5 p.m. at First Christian Church in Eugene.

The gathering on Saturday, October 25 will feature presentations by both Bethany and Kelsey. Desserts and beverages will be served. Items from the famous market in Otavalo will be raffled off. Free will gifts will be accepted for the FEDICE project at Romerillos, which has about \$6000 remaining to be raised for its goal. The Romerillos project provides small loans to women for raising onions, sheep, cattle and guinea pigs through FEDICE.

Taizé Prayer Service

The monthly Taizé Prayer Service is 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!

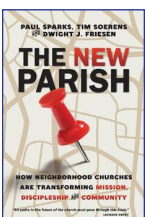
Birthdays

9/26 - Tiffany Rice

9/27 - Margaret Coon

9/28 - Jim Stinson, Hugh Olsen

9/29 - Carolyn Ordway, Sylvia Baarstad,
Beth Baird



The New Parish

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

September/October 2014


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 After service: Special Congregational Meeting 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 Pamela'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 After service: Discover FCC Lunch 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	13 7 pm -Finance Cabinet	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
19 9 am -Adult Study Group 10 am -Worship and Service Sunday 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	20 7 pm -Program Cabinet	21 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3:30)	22 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	23	24	25 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast



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Our Vision



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.

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