



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship October 12 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 am - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Worship
- After Service-**Discover FCC Lunch**
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)

Called to Serve

Elders: Ann Smart, Bud Graham

Home Communion: Ann Smart

Preparing Deacons: Mary Cotton, Bob Young

Serving Deacons: *Tricia Martin,
Vivian Rutledge, Sam Sollers, Chris Clausen

Flowers: Linda Stinson

Coffee Cart and Snack: Susan and Dick
Potter

Greeter: Lynda Shurtleff

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 9/30-144

Saturday, 10/4-98

Sunday, 10/5-91

Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon... Senior Minister

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
a.m. We are not available during this time.

First Christian Church Goes Solar!

We are excited to announce that the congregation voted to approve the board's recommendation of moving forward with the Oregon Solar Incentive Program (OSIP). I do not want to us forget that the OSIP enables us to recover the cost of install over a 15 year contract period with Pacific Power. Essentially, we will be receiving monthly checks based on the kilowatts of energy we are creating. We will be working with Pacific Power, Abundant Solar, and other contractors to set-up install dates soon. We will keep the congregation updated as we learn more.

I want to thank everyone who made a commitment to the hard work of getting us to this point. We will continue to up-

date you as we make progress. We have decided to finance our initial costs through a loan from

Church Extension and pay off the loan with our income from Pacific Power. This makes the project an income neutral during the first 12-13 years of our loan period and then for 2 – 3 years it is income positive. This is a great opportunity for First Christian Church. Any donations received that are designated towards the solar project will reduce our loan amount and increase our positive income from OSIP. If you have any questions regarding the solar project, please contact Matt.



Craft Fair Celebration Dinner



This was a record breaking sales year at the Craft Fair! So far we have collected 10,613.68 in sales (some money is still to come). Several areas had record income like the Food Booth, Book Sales and Booth Sales. (We won't know our net profit until all the expenses are tallied.) Matt was also especially happy with how everyone pitched in to make the Craft Fair a success in spirit. Put your hands together for everyone who helped out with even the smallest act - all those seen and unseen!

Matt's Minute

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." -Helen Keller

"Send your grain across the seas, and in time, profits will flow back to you. But divide your investments among many places, for you do not know what risks might lie ahead... Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest. Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things.

Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both." -Ecclesiastes 11:1-2, 4-6

One of my favorite metaphors in the New Testament is that of the body of Christ. The apostle Paul attempts to convince the members of the early church that everyone is a part of the same body, all with varying functions, but all functions being essential. A foot cannot say "I'm not as important because I'm not a hand" nor can an ear say, "I'm not an eye, so I'm less important." If your whole body was an eye or your whole body was an ear, things would really be cattywhampus. (1 Corinthians 12:14-17, MIV- Matt International Version)

Taking on the solar panel project was a big step for our congregation. I am elated at the outcome and continue to feel like this a giant step in the right direction for First Christian Church. I am impressed at a congregation willing to take a step in faith and embrace such a large scale project. For all the positive incentives involved in this project, I am also aware of some the risks involved.

Our Scripture reminds us that all of our voices are important. We need those who embrace the project without question and those who are skeptics. Yes, we voted with over 2/3 majority in favor of this project, but there were some who did not feel comfortable with this step. The church is not a democracy, we do not lose sight of those who still have questions and continue to raise concerns. We need your voice as to not enter anything blindly.

I am always committed to 100% transparency when it comes to church matters, particularly church finance matters. This means that what I know, you will know. I will keep the congregation informed every step of the way. I am depending on you to continue to ask questions, stay informed and ask when something is unclear. "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Peace, Matt



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Open Office Hours:

Mondays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesdays: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Craft Fair volunteers were treated to dinner and afterwards a discussion of the things we learned and any "Aha!" moments.

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 the older class heard ***The Flood*** (aka Noah's Ark) story and exploring flood stories from other cultures. The younger class received an introduction to Noah's Ark story and made their own arks to float!



September Bike/Walk/Bus Commute Challenge

As an expansion of Corvallis' Car-Free Day Matt threw down the *commute-to-work-without-a-car* gauntlet for the month of September. Four people around the office took up the challenge with round-trip commute distances ranging from 7.5 miles to .5 miles. Based on a free-wheeling (and often mystical) formula of consistency, distance/Co2 offset and bonus points, prizes are awarded.

Well, the points have been tallied and the winner is (trumpets please) Matt! I won't 'out' the last placer here but I'm still wondering where is my soda (or rather - 16 oz Americano). For just one month our little band of *alternative automobilers* made 69 trips at a rate of 90.79%. Our total mileage was 397.1 and together we saved 400 lbs of Co2!

In Our Prayers

Dan William's grandmother, who passed away Tuesday morning, and their family

Winnie Smiley

Carolyn Dyer Ordway

Susan Potter

Fred Dawson who recently passed away, Kay Dawson and family

Kevin Ross who recently passed away and his family

Katherine Davidson who recently passed away and her family

All young community members struggling with depression

Mary Cotton's father and family

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

Margaret Coon

Eli's father

Gen Erway

Janet Cline

Viv Ellsworth

Lynn Evans

Will Keim

Celebrate and Learn from Craft Fair Experience



Chef Matt shares some his own delicious cooking - Chicken Tikka Masala - for the dinner celebration.



Teresa looks over the vendor comments concerning the food, likes/dislikes and suggestions.



The kids made the best of hanging around with a roomful of talky adults.

Looking Ahead

October 9

- 11:30 a.m.-Faith Study

October 12

- After Service-**Discover FCC Lunch**
- 5:00 p.m. - Group 4 potluck at the Young's

October 13

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

October 19

- Service Sunday

October 20

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

October 23

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

October 26

- Cottage Meetings

November 16

- Harvest Dinner

November 23

- Cottage Meetings

November 30

- Advent Season begins!

December 3

- 9:00 a.m. - Due Knots meet

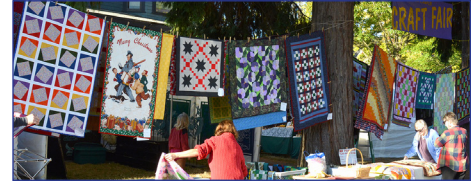
What's Happening...

Faith Study Group

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

Due Knots News

Our quilt booth sold many quilts. We made \$1840.00. A huge thank everyone who helped make this possible! **Next meeting is Wednesday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m.** to work, celebrate, and decide where we would like to donate our quilt money.



Discover FCC

*New to First Christian? Want to learn more about our church? Would you like to 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.*

Group 4-October 12

Group 4 will gather at Vicki and Bob Young's Sunday, October 12, at 5:00 p.m. Vicki will provide a main dish. There will be no cider pressing this year. Please RSVP to Bob or Vicki via email or phone.

Service Sunday

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

Announcements

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

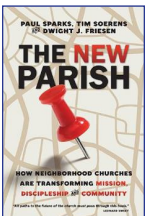
The monthly Taizé Prayer Service is held every first Sunday of the month through June (except for April 12), at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan on the corner of 35th and Harrison. Everyone is welcome!

Birthdays

10/8 - John Evans, Alexis Carrillo

10/11 - Macaela Williams

10/13 - Marci Sams



The New Parish

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

October/November 2014


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9 am -Adult Study Group 10 am -Worship After service: Special Congregational Meeting 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	6 5:30 pm -Craft Fair Dinner Celebration	7  3:30 pm -First 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
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All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

Our Vision

