



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship October 19 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 am - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Worship and Service Sunday (no Sunday School)
- 12:30 pm - Lunch
- 2:00 pm - Pumpkin Patch meet at Disciples House
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)

Called to Serve

Elders: Alice Kelling, Pamella Doerksen

Home Communion: Alice Kelling

Preparing Deacons: Teanna McMahan, Christy Wright

Serving Deacons: *Amy Berry, Nami Choe, Beth Baird, Janet Chenard

Flowers: Georgann Taylor, Marcene Stuart

Coffee Cart and Snack: /

Greeter: Louise Hayden

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 10/7-105

Saturday, 10/11-114

Sunday, 10/12-107

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.

Service Sunday: Jesus Leaves the Building

This Sunday, October 19, we will worship God through service to our community. We will gather for a **brief** service (no Sunday School) and the go out to our community and serve. We

will reconvene at the church at 12:30 for lunch and sharing. Several projects are lined up for all ages and abilities to serve. More details under *Matt's Minute* on page 2.

Lilly's Lope for Hope: Turning Tears into Outreach



It rained earlier in the morning but by the time the 5k started the sun was out and the pavement was dry - a beautiful day. City Park in Philomath was buzzing with activity - packet pick-up, registration, raffles, live music and balloons on which to write and release personal messages. It was an energizing event for a much needed service - suicide counseling. Linda said that there are plans to have this event again next year!



Top: Team FCC ready to lope!

Left: Approximately 300 people were pre-registered and a 'guesstimated' 100-200 more signed up that morning.

Bottom left: It was great to see the Benton County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

Below: Those who placed in the 5k were given medals, a meaningful memento.



Matt's Minute

I woke up this morning completely exhausted, but it felt great. Here is what my Sunday looked like. I got here to church around 6:45 a.m. and found one of my house-less friends cleaning up around the building. I asked him what he was doing and he said, "getting ready for Sunday morning." Sunday School class at 9 a.m. was a lesson on Wisdom from a series called For The Life of the World (FLOW). It challenged me to examine the way I see education and teaching. We had some great discussions. Sunday worship was fantastic. Has anyone else noticed how amazing our new pianist is? Thanks, Eric, you are awesome. Did I mention the choir? What amazing voices! After worship, we had a newcomer lunch at Disciples House. 20 of us squeezed around the Disciples House table and were treated to an amazing lunch prepared by about 10 volunteers. We

talked about our histories, our present and our future together. Then, I lead the group on the tour of the church. It was wonderful to tell our story. I went home and played trains with my four year old for awhile. Then, we headed back to church to serve dinner to the students at Disciples House. We served mostly leftovers from the lunch. What a great bunch of students. We talked about our highs and lows of the week and it was so great to hear the stories of their challenges and their accomplishments. It was inspiring to see how much they care for one another and how much life they have. What an amazing ministry we have going, thanks to the vision and generosity of so many people.

Thanks, church. Keep up the good work. We are living abundantly!

Peace, Matt



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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: Opportunities to Serve

Some important reminders about this Sunday. We will have a short service at 10:00 a.m. and then go and serve our community.

1. Wear your work clothes (jeans and t-shirts)
2. Come ready to work.
3. Plan to come back to the church around 12:15 for lunch and sharing
4. There are four projects **on-site**, so if you have mobility concerns or do not feel like working outside, you can stay here.

On-Site Projects:

- **Flower Pots of Love:** Designing and filling planter pots to distribute to our homebound people.
- **Lunch Prep:** We need 8 dedicated people to make lunch for about 75 people.
- **Thank You Cards:** Designing and writing thank you cards to send to our service men and women.
- **Stuffing Envelopes:** 5 people needed for some good old fashioned assembly line work, stuffing and preparing envelopes for United Way

Off-Site Projects:

- **Sage Gardens:** Clean-up, harvesting, weeding, winter preparation. A good, hands-on, get dirty project. Lots of people needed.
- **South Corvallis Food Bank:** Deep Cleaning, behind shelves, behind refrigerators, up high, in the corners.
- **Heartland Humane Society:** Kitty Caretaker, work with cattery staff to clean, sanitize, water, feed and set-up all cats in the Front Cattery Window

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 Elias and Ella told The Flood story to the younger class. The older class also made Arks that they floated.

Dia de Los Muertos Party! Thursday, October 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Children and youth are invited to the Evans Herb home to decorate sugar skulls, make turkey handprints, watch a movie, and eat lunch! More info in *What's Happening...* on page 4.



In Our Prayers

Jane Byrne and family

Vivian Rutledge and Sam Sollers

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

Winnie Smiley

Carolyn Dyer Ordway

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

Praise God!

The Remodel Loan was Wrapped Up on Oct. 1.

We started the Capital Campaigns in the spring of 1995 and took out a construction loan eighteen months later. In phase two, we increased the loan to remodel the sanctuary. In total we borrowed \$450,000 from Church Extension and together we have paid it off!

For those of you who missed out on the rickety wooden stairs on the back of the building, the lack of an elevator and accessible bathrooms, buckets on the third floor to catch all the leaks, yellowed coverings on the stained glass windows, unreliable fuel oil furnace, worn carpet of various colors, small narthex, and a small kitchen that couldn't pass the Health Dept. regulations to allow us to do Stone Soup, it is probably hard to visualize what the church was like 20 years ago. The re-

models have allowed us to increase our programming and truly be a church that welcomes all.

With a building built in 1924-25 there are always plenty of project to do, but hopefully nothing as major as moving all the stairways, exterior doors, and most of the bathrooms again. During this last campaign we paid off the loan, painted the exterior of the church and repaired the outside window sills on the west. There is a little more work to do on the internal west window sills and the remaining pledge payments will be for that. The Capital Campaign 7—Wrapped Up ends Dec. 31. Thank you for all your faithfulness.

Ann Smart,
Capital Campaign Treasurer

Jane Byrne: April 21, 1924 - October 6, 2014

Jane Byrne passed away on October 6 at the age of 90, in Cannon Beach. Some of you in the congregation may remember her from years passed. She attended First Christian regularly for a number of years.

Looking Ahead

October 19

- Service Sunday (no Sunday School)
- 12:30 p.m.-Lunch and Sharing
- 2:00 p.m.-Pumpkin Patch

October 20

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

October 23

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

October 26

- Cottage Meetings

October 30

- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-Dia de Los Muertos Party

November 10

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

November 16

- Harvest Dinner

November 17

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

November 23

- Cottage Meetings

November 30

- Advent Season begins!

December 3

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

Birthdays

10/15 - John Marc Chenard

10/16 - David Clark (V)

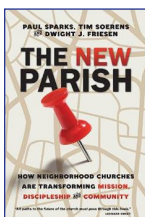
10/20 - Richard Cooley

10/21 - Ruth Chadwick

Anniversaries

10/15 - Chris and Dan Williams

10/17 - Janet and Steve Cline



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...

Service Sunday

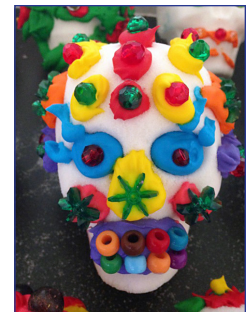
On October 19 we will gather for a **brief** communion and commissioning service (no Sunday School) then go out to our community and serve. We will reconvene at the church at 12:30 for lunch and sharing.

Pumpkin Patch

On October 19 around 2:00 p.m. you are invited to join the students from Disciples House on a trip to the pumpkin patch. We will gather on the steps of the Disciples House, then head to Arlie Hills Farms off Highway 99.

Dia de Los Muertos Party!

Thursday, October 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Children and youth are invited to the Evans Herb home to decorate sugar skulls, make turkey handprints, watch a movie, and eat lunch! Invite your friends and RSVP to Emily at esmeherb@comcast.net or call/text Emily at 541-231-5721. Also, let Emily know if you need directions to her house, 1555 NW Buchanan Ave.



Due Knots News

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

Announcements

The Pastoral Counseling Center's "Harvest"

The Pastoral Counseling Center, in covenant with your church, serves as a "community resource" offering service to all, based on need for care rather than ability to pay. Because 80% of our clients pay reduced fees, we are asking you to help us help them by contributing to our annual Harvest Appeal. A gift of \$200 will help a family for a month; \$100 a couple for two weeks, \$50 an individual for a week. Please make your check payable to the Pastoral Counseling Center of the Mid-Willamette Valley, 602 SW Madison Ave. Corvallis, 541-753-9217 <http://www.pastoralcounseling-oregon.org> All donations tax-deductible. Thank you!

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...

Share in a Unique Experience

We are looking for friends to assist in the production of the **Annual Christmas Play** presented by the ecumenical intellectually and developmentally disabled community and friends. Our first practice is on Sunday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m., Dennis Hall, First Presbyterian Church. Call Judy Winkler at 541 753-8628.

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.

October/November 2014


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 9 am -Adult Study Group 10 am -Worship After service: Discover FCC Lunch 5:30 pm -Group 4 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
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26  9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Folk and Intergenerational Service Cottage Meetings 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	27	28 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3:30)	29 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	30 10 am-1 pm -Dia de Los Muertos Party!	31	1 November 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	3	4  3:30 pm -First Christian's turn for Stone Soup prep 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	5 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	6	7	8 10 am -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

