



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for All Saints Sunday Service, November 2 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 am - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Worship (Sunday School available)
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)

Called to Serve

Elders: Patricia Eide, Stuart Eide

Home Communion: Patricia Eide

Preparing Deacons: Karen Griswold, Teanna McMahan

Serving Deacons: *Danny Aynes, Susan Peterson, Mary Frederick, Tom Frederick

Flowers: /

Coffee Cart and Snack: Jill Shinkawa

Greeter: Vera Rush

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 10/21-162

Saturday, 10/25-98

Sunday, 10/26-149

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.

This Sunday, November 2...

Daylight Saving Time Ends

This Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 a.m. (officially) daylight saving time comes to an end. Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour. (Although, I don't usually wake up at 2 in morning to change the clock.) Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

All Saints Sunday

We are celebrating the saints of the church and our lives this week in church. You are invited to bring photos of and/or items that belonged to your deceased loved ones. There will be an altar for display and candles in the front of the church. The children and youth will be creating sugar skulls for display on the altar as well.

Moments from Last Sunday...



Artwork for the advent booklet.



Kids play Legos in the Narthex.



Members send fond wishes to Meggie.



Cullen adds a bit of banjo to the service.

Matt's Minute

Let me paint a picture for you. Imagine sitting around a table with a music teacher, a few computer engineers, a biochemist, a mechanical engineer, a few soil and crop scientists, a zoologist, a minister, an occupational therapist and three rowdy kids. They are from three different countries. Now imagine them carving pumpkins, some of them for the first time.

Hopefully you have a picture in your head by now and no, this is not the beginning of a bad joke, but the scene at Disciples House last night. First Christian decided a little over a decade ago to purchase the historic house next door with the vision of it being an intentional co-housing, service-based learning community for students. Even though leadership has changed a few times, the church continues to support this intentional ministry. In the absence of a resident director, Miranda and I (and our kids) have been providing dinner and meeting with the residents over the last few weeks. It does make for a long Sunday, but it is truly inspiring to spend time with these young people. What a great group we have this year! Despite their busy schedules and many outside commitments, all of them are finding time to meet for dinner and put in their service hours (many of those service hours happening at Stone Soup). I feel like the church is connecting with the students, but more importantly, the students are connecting with each other and the Corvallis community. We have an opportunity to give and receive much from the Disciples House. We need help with the ongoing

maintenance work on a century old house. We need help with deep cleaning projects around the house. We need help providing meals for the students every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. You can either make food or give money towards the costs of food. In our experience, it takes about \$50 - \$75 to provide food for a Sunday evening meal. We need people who can engage the students in learning to cook. We need people to simply form relationships with our students by coming to dinner or providing a relevant program for our students after our meal. We need people to help coordinate service for our students by raising awareness of opportunities in our community.

This help is needed before we hire someone to serve as resident director at the house and after we hire someone. There is a real richness at Disciples House, a richness that I hope some people will step up and take part in.

Peace, Matt



Disciples House residents picking pumpkins at the Amity patch.



Rev. Matt Gordon **Senior Minister**

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Email: matt@heartofcorvallis.org

Open Office Hours:

Mondays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesdays: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Disciples House Wish List

We strive to make Disciples House a fun, engaging community. If you have any of these items or see them at garage sales, we would love your help.

Wish list:

- Sharp, good knife set
- Blender
- Food Processor
- Flat Screen TV, 20" or bigger
- DVD Player
- Pizza Stone
- Pizza Cutter
- Wall-mount spices holder
- New (or barely used) Bathroom Mats
- New (or barely used) Towels
- Floor Lamps (not table lamps)

Items can be dropped off at the church office or arrangements made to pick them up.

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.

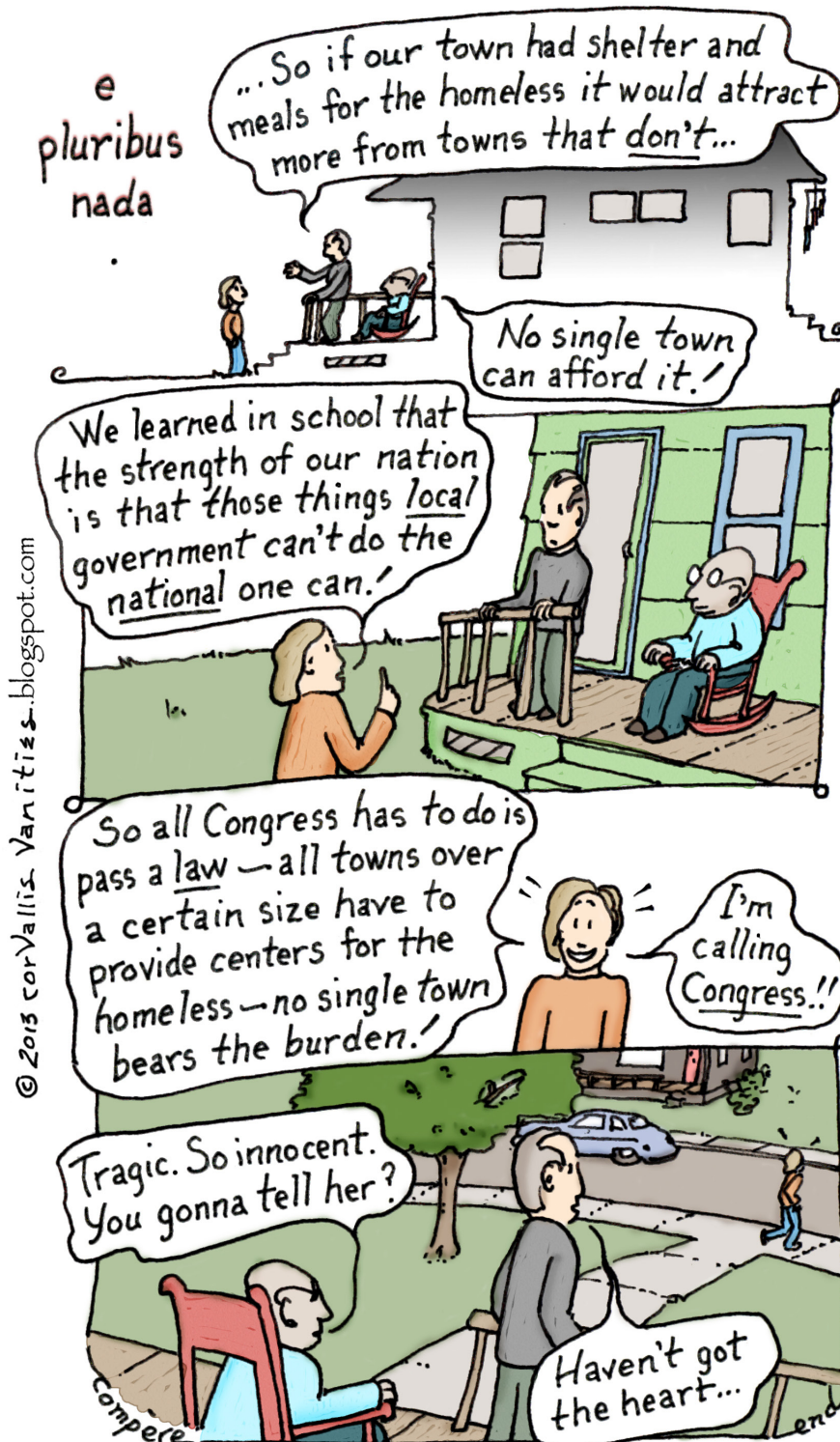
Your contributions and gifts allow us to continue to be a radically inclusive, justice-driven community of faith every day of the week. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

Call for Advent Booklet Submissions

We invite you to submit your contribution to the Advent Booklet that will be available November 23. The theme is *Walking With Our Neighbors, an Advent Journey*. The story/meditation you submit must be no more than 360

words and due Sunday, November 9.

You may email Patricia: pseide@comcast.net or Cherie: ncreynolds40@gmail.com. Also, you may turn it into the Church Office.



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In Our Prayers

Margaret Coon

Marcene Stuart

Jim, Bill Smart's brother, fell and broke his hip

Winnie Smiley

Carolyn Dyer Ordway

All young community members struggling with depression

Mary Cotton's father and family

Eli's father

Viv Ellsworth

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim

Joys

Thank you to the good samaritan who replaced my flat tire with the spare. With no thought of loss or gain - an act of generosity.

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to David and Sherry Sisson as new members of our church.

Food Box Collection

The white box will be in the Narthex for the next few months. We will collect food for the local Food Bank. Items that can be used at the food bank are: canned goods, breakfast foods, boxed meals, and paper needs. We will also collect items that are needed by those who use the Drop In Center. Some of those needs are: soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, fingernail clippers, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, band aides and sewing kits. Whatever appears in the white box will be delivered the following week. Thank you for your help.

Looking Ahead

October 30

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

November 2

- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 10:00 a.m.-All Saints Sunday

November 10

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

November 13

- 11:30 a.m.-Faith Study meets at the Griswold's

November 16

- After service: Harvest Dinner

November 17

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

November 23

- Cottage Meetings

November 29

- Hanging of the Greens

November 30

- Advent Season begins!

December 3

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

December 7

- Vespers

December 14

- Advent Fair

December 21

- During worship-Christmas play
- 5:00 p.m.-Advent Walk

December 24

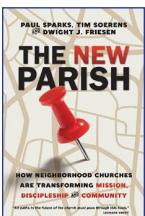
- 7:00 p.m.-Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Birthdays

10/28 - Jeanette Maier

11/01 - Jackie Chester

11/03 - Paul Chenard



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...

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.



Faith Study Meets at the Griswold's

Thursday, November 13, 11:30 a.m. Faith Study meets at the Griswold's. They are studying the 'Mission' section of the *The New Parish*. Please RSVP if you intend to participate.

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

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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!

Sunday Coffee House and Flower Sign-ups

Sign up to do snacks, coffee, or flowers for Sunday services. Sign up sheets can be found in the Narthex on Sunday or contact the church office. If you have questions email Pamella at apdoerksen@comcast.net or Bill at bandjmaier@comcast.net

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...

Taizé Prayer Service

The monthly Taizé Prayer Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 2, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan on the corner of 35th and Harrison. Everyone is welcome!

October/November 2014


| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26  9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Folk and Inter-generational 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 |
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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

