



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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*Join us for Sunday Service,
November 9 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: Steve Herb, Alice Kelling

Home Communion: Linda Stinson

Preparing Deacons: Karen McMahan,
Teanna McMahan

Serving Deacons: *Susan Latham, Tricia
Martin, Lisa Schulz, Kathleen Eide

Flowers: Pamella Doerksen

Coffee Cart and Snack: Teanna McMahan,
Ely Kimberlin, Lisa Luthy

Greeter: Karen Griswold

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 10/28-152

Saturday, 11/1-110

Sunday, 11/2-120

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.

Harvest Dinner - Sunday, November 16

Sunday, November 16 after worship we will hold our Harvest Dinner in McLean Hall. While there is no fee for this special event we would like to know how many people will attend. Let us know by signing up on the attendees list. If you would like to help with Harvest dinner put your name on the sign up sheet. Sign up sheets for both can be found in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or contact the church office.



Cornucopia at the 2013 Harvest Dinner.

A donation basket will not be available at the dinner but contributions can be made at anytime. Thank you!

Moments from All Saints Sunday...



Made during Dia de los Muertos party.



Candles and sugar skulls for the saints.



Past and present pastors.



Mementos of loved ones passed.

Matt's Minute

"In the Christian community thankfulness is just what it is anywhere else in the Christian life. Only he who gives thanks for little things receives thanks in the big things... we pray for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts. How can God entrust great things to one who will not thankfully receive from God the little things?" -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Do you remember going around the Thanksgiving table to say one thing you are thankful for on Thanksgiving Day? This is a great practice and I know now it provides me with a platform to talk about how much I love my children. We practice something similar around our dinner table where we share our "highs" and our "lows" of each day. It gives everyone an opportunity to share their struggles, but also an opportunity to practice thankfulness in the small things. Apparently, November is the month of thanksgiving, so I am practicing giving thanks each week in November.



I do not recall if he insisted we call him by his full name or if we simply ascribed the honor out of respect, but Reverend Bobby Wayne Cook was one of the more persuasive and influential professors of my higher education experience. I can recall many of his lec-

tures because of what he said and how he said it. He was passionate about the church and ministry. He loved the church and he loved his students. He told us that at the end of class almost every week. Reverend Bobby Wayne Cook's lectures often turned into sermons, he spoke with a sense of urgency and passion. If the church was to survive, it was up to the 11 of us in that small classroom in Beasley Hall. "You have to love every moment of ministry or you have to get out of ministry," he said, "and you have to love every person you minister with. Now, don't get me wrong, you don't have to like every moment or like every person, but you do have to love with of your heart. You must be grateful for every opportunity that comes to you, because it is all opportunity." Grateful for every opportunity. I am pretty certain that these words of advice could be applicable to everything in life, finding gratitude in all things, even the hard things.

This year, as Thanksgiving approaches, I have so much to be thankful for. For today, I will be thankful for the words and witness of Reverend Bobby Wayne Cook who reminded me that all life is an opportunity to love more and to live better. Thank you.

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

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)

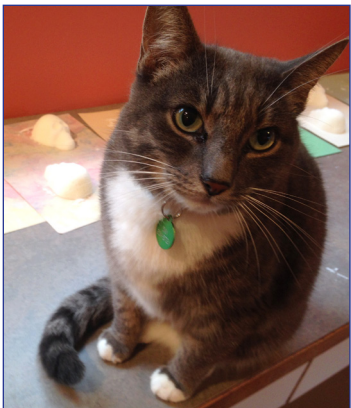
Items can be dropped off at the church office or arrangements made to pick them up.

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.

This Week at Sunday School

We had a great time at our Dia de Lose Muertos party. We decorated Sugar Skulls, played Lego and train, watched a movie, and ate lunch. We used the Sugar Skulls during worship on Sunday to celebrate the Saints of the church and of our lives. We made an altar with Sugar Skulls, candles, and flowers. In Sunday School the younger class finished the story of Noah's Ark and the older class moved on to the story of Abraham and Sarai.



Top: Sugar Skulls on the decorating assembly line

Above: Dia del Gato

Top: Admiring everyone's skill with skulls.

Top: Lego was also on the agenda.

Left: Mmm... a delicious burrito bar for lunch with a choice of chocolate or pumpkin cake at the end!

In Our Prayers

Janet Chenard's father

Gen Erway

Lauri Morris

Bob Young

Margaret Coon

Marcene Stuart

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

Winnie Smiley

All young community members struggling with depression

Mary Cotton's father and family

Eli's father

Viv Ellsworth

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim

Kathryn Schaub

For those traveling...

Ann and Bill Smart

Gift Giving Appreciated Equities

It is the time of year to consider gifting appreciated equities to the church. Appreciated stocks and mutual funds can easily be transferred to the church account. The giver receives the full value of the appreciated equity as an itemized deduction on their income taxes without having to pay any capital gains taxes on the appreciated amount. If you have any interest in considering this option, please contact Financial Secretary, Bob Young at hryoung@comcast.net or 745-2048. He can provide you with the details on making a gift. This process can take some time, so please plan to initiate any action prior to December 1 if the intent is to take the deduction for 2014.

Looking Ahead

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

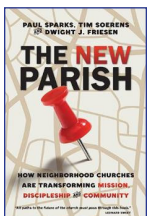
Birthdays

11/05 - Charlotte Lee

11/10 - Lee Mason

Anniversaries

11/09 - Susan and Richard Cooley



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...

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 Meet

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. to work, celebrate, and decide where to donate our quilt money.

Announcements

Call for Advent Booklet Submissions

Submit a story/meditation for the Advent Booklet. The deadline is Sunday, November 9. Booklets will be available November 23. The theme is *Walking With Our Neighbors, an Advent Journey*. Submissions must be no more than 360 words. Email Patricia Eide, pseide@comcast.net or Cherie Reynolds, ncreynolds40@gmail.com or turn it in to the church office.

Food Box Collection

The food collection box will be in the Narthex for the next few months. Food donations go to the local Food Bank. Items that can be used are canned goods, breakfast foods, boxed meals, and paper needs. We will also collect donations for the Drop-In Center. Items such as soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, fingernail clippers, deodorant, toothbrushes/paste, lotions, band aides and sewing kits are appreciated. Items in the white box will be delivered the following week.

Dinners for Disciples House

We are looking for people to help provide meals for Disciples House on Sunday nights. Dinners should be ready around 6 p.m. and serve 15 people. If you are unable to prepare food, donations are also appreciated to defer the costs of providing food. Make a notation on your check, "Disciple House Dinners."

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!

Free Christmas Storybook Land- December 5-19

A Christmas event for all ages to enjoy. A simulated walk through the woods to view over 85 scaled down Mother Goose scenes and characters, fairy tales, two model trains and more! At the end visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Visitors are encouraged to bring commercially packaged food that will be donated to a local food bank. It is located at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center, Cascade Livestock Pavilion, Albany, OR

Monday-Friday 6:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday/Sunday 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12, 2 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Friday December 19, 1 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

November/December 2014


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -All Saints Sunday Worship w/Sunday School 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
9 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	10 7 pm -Finance Cabinet	11 Veteran's Day Church Office is closed 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	12 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	13 11:30 am -Faith Study	14	15 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
16 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship w/Sunday School After service: Harvest Dinner 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	17 7 pm -Program Cabinet	18 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	19 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	20	21	22 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
23  9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Folk and Inter-generational Service Cottage Meetings 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	24	25 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	26 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	27	28	29 Hanging of the Greens 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

