



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Service, November 16 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: Neil Reynolds, Cherie Reynolds

Home Communion: Stewart Eide

Preparing Deacons: Mona Gerig, Rick Olsen

Serving Deacons: *Janet Chenard, Beth Baird, Ely Kimberlin, Myron McMahan

Flowers: /

Coffee Cart and Snack: /

Greeter: Karen Griswold

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 11/4-112

Saturday, 11/8-112

Sunday, 11/9-128

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.

You Are Invited to the Harvest Dinner!

Sunday, November 16 after worship you are invited to the Harvest Dinner in McLean Hall. For those who are sensitive to gluten we will have gluten-free options, including pie. Contact the church office if you would like to join in or would like to help in the kitchen.

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



2013 Harvest Dinner at McLean Hall.

Images from last Sunday...



Combined service of choir and folk musicians; from If I Needed You to Amazing Grace.



A phalanx of clipboards and folders; opportunities to participate and volunteer.



Have you ever made a mistake? No. Me? Never...

Matt's Minute

We often refer to this coming Sunday as "Commitment Sunday." Trust me; it is not as scary as it sounds. It is the Sunday we ask people to consider to make an estimate of their gifts to the church for the coming year. We ask you to consider your time, talent and treasures and how out of your abundance, you can give back to the church. Your commitments are important because they help us plan for the coming year both financially and programmatically. We collect pledge cards (estimates of giving) and collect our time and talent sheets. Both of these tools are useful for our future planning.

We also refer to this Sunday as "Celebration Sunday." In many ways, the church year starts with the season of Advent, so this is a natural way for us to consider how we gave of our time, talents and treasures of the last year. What did we accomplish and how did we accomplish it? We have many gifts to celebrate and many people to thank. Without you, we could not accomplish all that we do. Your time, talent and treasure made this year a great success.



Kelley encourages us to give with a goal in mind - "intentional giving."



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I believe these two concepts are mostly clearly defined in the word harvest. Not coincidentally, we are having a Harvest Dinner after church this Sunday. Harvest time is a time where you celebrate the harvest; reap the benefits of a hard earned production. Harvest time is the fun part of planting, but you cannot take a nap when you are finished. Immediately after the harvest, you begin preparing to plant next year's crops, the cycle begins again.

There are elements of this year that will match last year, but what I see on our horizon are some new and different things. 2015 will be a year marked with new things, new ideas and new people. I hope you will join us this Sunday for an amazing lunch provided for you. This Sunday will be a day of commitment, celebration and transformation. We want as many people who can to be there. If you need a ride to church, please contact the church office. See you then!

*Peace,
Matt*



Rev. Matt Gordon
Senior Minister

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Open Office Hours:

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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...



In Sunday School this week the younger class finished up learning about Noah's Ark and made beautiful rainbows out of tissue paper. The older class heard "The Great Family," a story about Abraham and Sara. Then they made about 150 handprints that will become the place mats for the Harvest Dinner on November 16.



In Our Prayers

Ely's brother passed away

Beth Baird's friend has breast cancer

Alice Kelling's sister-in-law, Charlotte, broke her hip

Janet Chenard's father

Bud's grandson

Gen Erway

Lauri Morris

Margaret Coon

Winnie Smiley

Homeless children and at risk youth

Mary Cotton's father and family

Eli's father

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim

Kathryn Schaub

Gifting 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.

From the Aloha Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

"Recognizing that the legacy of the Aloha Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will go on, we are closing the formal ministry of our congregation on December 31, 2014 after forty years of rich life and ministry.

The Oregon and SW Idaho Region is invited to a 40th Anniversary Celebration of the life and ministry of the Aloha Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Saturday, November 22, from 2-4 p.m. The address is 2020 NW Aloclek Dr. Suite #121, Hillsboro, OR or directions may be found at Aloha's website at www.alohachristianchurch.org.

A Little of Aloha's story:

In early 1974, the Oregon Region began a new church start in the Aloha area, west of Portland between Beaverton and Hillsboro. Under the leadership of founding Pastor Elry Jeffries together with his wife Norma, the core of the new congregation first met in their home. From their home to the present day in 2014, literally, Aloha's ministry has touched hundreds and thousands of lives.

Looking Ahead

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

- 9:00 a.m.-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

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

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 pm on Sunday, December 7, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan on the corner of 35th and Harrison. Everyone is welcome! Except for April 12, future services will be held on the first Sunday of the month through June.

This ecumenical service, led by the Corvallis Taizé Ensemble, includes meditative singing, short readings, and a quiet time for prayer.

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.

Birthdays

11/12 - Anna Chase

11/13 - Martin Burrus, Hannah Keim,
Jefferson Keim,

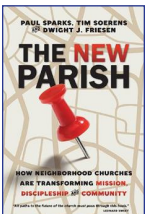
11/15 - Irene Herbert, Amy Berry,
Brittney Clark

11/17 - Bob Schulz Jr.

11/18 - Steve Fuller

The New Parish

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



November/December 2014


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Thanksgiving Church Office is closed	28	29 9 am -Hanging of the Greens 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
30 Advent Season Begins!	1 December	2  3:30 pm -First Christian's turn for Stone Soup prep 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	3 9:30 am -Due Knots meet 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	4	5	6 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
7 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship w/Sunday School Vespers 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	8	9 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	10 10 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Practice	11	12	13 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

