



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship on February 1 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: Stu Eide, Patricia Eide

Home Communion: Alice Kelling

Preparing Deacons: Bob Young, Karen Griswold

Serving Deacons: *Carol Garbacik, Tom Garbacik, Susan Latham, Nami Choe

Flowers: Linda and Jim Stinson

Coffee Cart and Snack: /

Greeter: Vera Rush

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 1/20-177

Saturday, 1/24-140

Sunday, 1/25-na

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.

Attention Fellow Campers! *from Charlene Lincoln*

It's time to think about our annual Church Family Camp. This year's dates are June 25th – June 28th. We will again camp in the same area of Sunnyside Campground at Foster Lake. The cost is \$75.00 for 3 nights.

Get your reservations in early. Spaces are limited. Please contact the church office to make your reservation or if you have questions. Make your checks payable to First Christian Church with a notation that it is for family camp. Hope to see you there! It is always a fun time!



Sunday Service at Family Camp 2014

This Past Week...



Top left: Sunday School kids offered sample tastes of delicious handmade mustards crafted for sale. The proceeds fund their lunch and bowling party.

Left: At the Congregational meeting the 2015 budget was unanimously approved!

Above: Bill Thayer was hard at work repairing the molding on the church's damaged front door.



Matt's Minute

“What is most needed right now to inspire us as missionaries within secularity is a re-inflaming of the romantic imagination within religion.” -Ronald Rolheiser, Secularity and the Gospel

I was recently listening to someone bemoan the lack of commitment in our culture today. Their complaint was through their own historical lens, forcing them to conjure my least favorite cliché, “things just aren't what they used to be.” No kidding. File that under biggest understatement of the year. Truthfully, I see people's lives not a lack of commitment, but overcommitted. The level of busyness is often overwhelming. It is possible that levels of commitment are overflowing which then manifests itself into what seems like laziness. The overcommitted lifestyle leads often to gaps, mistakes, missed appointments, inconsistent behavior—all which can be either necessary or unintentional.

A concept that I often come back to in my own life is from Andy Stanley in a sermon I heard called “Choosing to Cheat.” He argues that our lives are so full of very important things and it is impossible to commit all of who we are to all that we have to do. What happens is we have to, at different times, choose to cheat. The most important question, then, is what (or whom) do we cheat? Do we cheat our job? Our marriage? Our church? Our soccer practice? Our kids? Our hobbies? Our physical exercise?

When we decide what to cheat, it is not without consequence. If I choose to go exercise instead of spending

dinner with my family, I have made a choice to cheat my precious time with my family. If I choose to eat dinner with my family instead of going to the lecture series on campus, I have made a choice to cheat relationships in my community, which then affect my job. Time, then, becomes our most valuable commodity.

Recently someone apologized for missing Sunday morning and I flippantly (and stupidly) remarked, “I hope you had a good reason.” It turns out they had a friend struggling and needed to be there for them. Open mouth, insert foot. After apologizing profusely I assured them that they were doing the right thing on Sunday morning by not showing up here. They were being church while we were practicing church.

If you are one of those people not overcommitted, not stressed out and have free time on your hands, consider volunteering your time to someone or someplace that needs someone just like you. If you are at a place of feeling like you do not have enough to do, call me and I would be happy to take you out of that place. I operate with the understanding that most of us are doing the best we can with what we have. Thank you all who commit as much time as you do to the church. It takes a village.

Peace, Matt



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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.

Sermons Online

2015 Sermons are now online, both text and audio. Look under the “About Us” tab on the website, heartofcorvallis.org. Please let the office know about any dead links or audio feed problems. Spread the word and tell your friends.



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.

In Sunday School... from Emily and Vicki

The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed... a couple of Sundays ago the older children came down and joined the younger children and listened to Ella tell the story of the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The younger children then read a story about Martin Luther King, Jr. about starting out small and growing to do great things. This provided a wonderful parallel to the Parable of the Mustard Seed! The children then drew birds, outlined them with glue, and added mustard seeds. The older children went downstairs to the basement and made homemade mustards with the mustard seed that Carol Garbacik donated to the class.

Last Sunday the older kids sold four kinds of mustard after church. They decided to sell the mustard in order to raise money for a lunch and bowling party that we have been talking about in Sunday School for a while! Thanks to your support we sold every jar of mustard.



Four types of yummy mustards.



The congregation enjoys sampling.

Michele Yarbrough Passes Away

from Vicki Young

Our church's stained glass repair woman, Michele Yarbrough, passed away from cancer on December 5, 2014, in Grants Pass. She was 49. Michele repaired several of our stained glass windows, rebuilt one of the large sanctuary windows, and placed the exterior tempered glass coverings on our stained glass windows. Michele was an excellent artist and crafts per-

son, as well as a loving caring woman. She gave so generously of her time and talents to us by donating her services on several occasions. One of Michele's last projects was to create more than twenty stained glass windows for the First Christian Church in Grants Pass. We thank you so much, Michele, for your lovely work. We will miss you.

In Our Prayers

Aleita had a bad fall and broke several bones. Prayers for her complete and speedy recovery

Michele Yarbrough passed away. Prayers for her and her family

Pat Malone's friend Susan is recovering from a broken neck and Linda is recovering from a stroke

Laurie Morris had dental surgery
Gen Erway has lung cancer

Friend of Mary's father has prostate cancer

Linda Shurtleff's sister in law's husband Chuck, who had liver cancer, died January 2

Maria Blalock

Christy Wright's mother is in hospice care

Sandy Landis' son-in-law continues to recover from throat cancer

Winnie Smiley

Homeless people that fall through the cracks of the system

Eli's mom and dad

Lynn Evans

Will Keim

Bill (Lefty) and Kathy Schaub

Peace on Earth

For those travelling:

Sandy Landis



Michele Yarbrough in 2007

Looking Ahead

February 1

- 6:00 p.m.-Group 4 meets

February 9

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

February 12

- 11:30 a.m.-Faith Study group

February 16

- President's Day-Church office is closed
- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

February 18

- Ash Wednesday

February 25

- 9:00 a.m.-Due Knots

Birthdays

1/27 - Steve Cline

1/28 - Rick Olsen, Tom Garbacik,
Charles Brunner

1/30 - Nami Choe

1/31 - Jeremiah Evans



Mustard and pretzels are the perfect pairing.

What's Happening...

Group 4 meets on February 1

Group 4 will meet at Doerksen's 2210 NW Elmwood Drive on February 1 at 6:00 p.m. We will provide a main dish, drinks and a place to gather. Please bring salads, desserts and veggies. Let us know if you plan to come. Any adult who would like to join us is invited. Group 4 is a social gathering and is usually a fun time to chat, eat and get to know others from the church. We enjoy getting to know friends, spouses and new people.

Faith Study Group

Faith Study meets on February 12 at Sandy Landis' apartment #18 at Samaritan Village. We will study "*Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith*" by Marcus Borg. This book is available from eBay or Amazon for less than \$10. If you are interested in joining us, please read the first chapter of the book before the next meeting in February. Let us know if you would like to participate. We would enjoy having you.

Due Knots Meet

Due Knots meet on Wednesday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m. in room 35. Come and help tie comforters for deserving kids. Also join us for tea time and treats.

Announcements

C.J.'s Throw Project

C.J. would like donations of yarn to make knitted throws for people who need some extra warmth at the Drop In Center. The yarn may be of any length or color. Please bring your donations of yarn to the church office.

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

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. Monetary donations are also appreciated to defer the costs of providing food. Make a notation on your check, "Disciple House Dinners."

Around Town...

Benton Hospice Service Bereavement Programs

Grief Education and Support Group: A 6-week series with two sessions to choose from. Pre-registration required a week in advance as seats are limited.

A variety of other programs and services are available to further support the bereaved in our community including: Family Grief Support Group and Community Grief Support Group. Ongoing Programs: Comfort Crafting Circle, Circle of Supportive Friends, Community Support

Visit our website <http://www.bentonhospice.org>. There is no charge for our services and anyone in Benton or Linn County is eligible. Please call or email us with questions, to let us know feedback you may have about our program offerings or times, or to alert us of any gaps in services we may be able to help fill.

January/February 2015


| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25  9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Folk Worship, no Sunday School After service -Congregational Mtg 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper | 26 7 pm -Program Meeting | 27 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep) | 28 No Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Practice | 29 | 30 | 31 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast |
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All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

Our Vision

