



# Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis      Disciples of Christ

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**Join us for Sunday Worship,  
March 1 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

## Called to Serve

**Elders:** Prill Zobel, Don Zobel

**Home Communion:** Michael Gordon

**Preparing Deacons:** Bob Young, Karen Griswold

**Serving Deacons:** \*Teanna McMahan, Myron McMahan, Tricia Martin, Ely Kimberlin

**Flowers:** Bill and Jean Thayer

**Coffee Cart and Snack:** na

**Greeter:** Vera Rush

## Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 2/17-150

Saturday, 2/21-137

Sunday, 2/22-135

## 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.

## Study Series Starts Tuesday, February 24

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-7:30: Rob Bell's NOOMA *What is the Kingdom of God?* Soup and Bread provided, room 24 on main floor. This will be an opportunity for exploring God's story, our story and the story of our community.

## This Past Week...



**Top:** Pallets of solar panels and rails—which the panels will sit on—are lifted onto the church roof.

**Middle left:** Not only are the solar panels made in the USA, they are manufactured north of us in Hillsboro, OR.

**Top:** Matt, Moses and James Reismiller from Abundant Solar look on as solar materials are delivered.

**Left:** Installation starts on the roof!

## Matt's Minute

### Communicating About Communication

This fall, we hosted a series of “cottage meetings” in homes and at the church. These conversations are helping to steer our directions for the future. One of the important, yet less glamorous topics is communication. I believe there was a desire for more communication, conversation about how we communicate and who is “in the loop” of communication.

Over the next few months, we will be trying to communicate more about what is happening in the life of the church. Our weekly Dispatch (newsletter) will continue to happen every week, but we will be trying to communicate more using our Facebook page and e-mail updates. What you might see is some duplication. For example, you might see the same information in the newsletter, then again on the Facebook, and perhaps on a group e-mail too. We are already using some

e-mail distribution lists to communicate directly with specific groups in the church, but will utilize this tool more as well. Another communication link that we will be exploring in the next few months are the possibility of using text messaging updates. This would be a “subscription” based service that people could opt-in or opt-out of.

All this means that we need your help communicating about communication. Like the three bears, we need your feedback to say too little, too much or just right. I must also say that I know some of you are not “wired” to the internet or checking your cell phone every five minutes. We also need your help in telling us how you are feeling connected or disconnected from the church. Are there better ways we can communicate with you?

*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.

## Serve and Study

New this year will be a study series on Tuesday nights during the season of Lent. This will be an opportunity for exploring God's story, our story and the story of our community. We will be using multiple resources including Rob Bell's NOOMA series, a conversation with Brian McLaren. There will also be an opportunity for some hands-on service through Stone Soup, our community meal program. The schedule will be as follows:

- Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-7:30: Rob Bell's NOOMA *What is the Kingdom of God?* Soup and Bread provided, room 24 on main floor

- Tuesday, March 3, 4:00-6:30: Stone Soup preparation and serving, 6:30-7:30: *What is Service?* Room 24 on main floor
- Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-7:30: A Conversation with Brian McLaren, *What is the Church?*
- Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-7:30: *The Narrative Braid: My Story, God's Story and the Story of our Community*

### About NOOMA

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to



search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in.

NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. It is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

*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

A couple of weeks ago in Sunday School, both classes had a wonderful time making a movie of the *Parable of the Sower*. The weather was beautiful, and we were able to shoot all of our scenes outside in Central Park and around Disciples House. Marc took the videos, Elias played the Sower,

and everyone else took on the roles of birds, rocks, brambles, flowers, and followers of Jesus. Our movie was shown last week during church. I hope you were able to be there to watch it and see how the scenes all came together to tell our own version of the *Parable of the Sower*.



*Above: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.*

*Top left: ...Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it...*

*Left: ...But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold..."*

## *Lenten Concert Series*

We want to invite everyone to experience our second annual Lenten Reflection concerts. Our intention is to provide a mid-week concert to keep us on the path towards Easter. Concerts will be the first three weeks in March on Wednesdays (March 4, 11 and 18) from 12:05–12:45 p.m. in our sanctuary. You are invited to bring a sack lunch with you. We kick off our concert series on:

- March 4- "Give Me Some of That Old Time Religion" with Allison Pfaff. Allison is back by popular demand to lead us through a hymn sing of some of the older, classic hymns.
- March 11- Enjoy music by Boismortier, Telemann, Handel, Albinoni,

de Fesch, and Quantz, performed by the Meadowlark Baroque Trio. This group has performed together at various venues in the Willamette Valley, Portland and the Oregon Coast over the last several years.

- March 18- Back again this year, "Out of Compliance" husband and wife team performs an eclectic mix of new, old and everything in between.



## *In Our Prayers*

Teanna's brothers struggling with health problems

Kimberly Hakes passed away. Prayers for her friends and family

Joe Borden passed away. Prayers go out to his family

Kim Free is being treated for typhoid. Pray for Kim and her husband Eric.

Steve Herb's colleague who suffered a stroke and heart attack. Prayers for the family.

Colleague of Christy's has cancer Aleita's complete and speedy recovery from her fall

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

Gen Erway has lung cancer

Friend of Mary's father has prostate cancer

Christy Wright's mother is in hospice care

Lynn Evans

Will Keim

Tina Rimov

## *Holy Week*

The week before Easter begins with our Palm Sunday celebration on March 29, where our children process down the aisles shouting "Hosanna!" as we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry on his way to Jerusalem

- **Maundy Thursday**-April 2, This simple service remembers the Last Supper. 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- **Good Friday**-April 3, A quiet, candlelit service to recall the story of Christ's crucifixion. 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday**-April 5
  - 7:00 a.m.-Easter Vigil and Walk- a silent, meditative walk
  - 8:00 a.m.-Sunrise Service
  - 9:00 a.m.-Breakfast
  - 10:00 a.m.-Easter Celebration!

## Looking Ahead

### February 24

- 6:30-7:30 p.m.- Study Series, room 24 on main floor

### February 25

- 9:00 a.m.-Due Knots

### March 3

- 4:30-7:30 p.m.- Stone Soup prep/serve and Study Series

### March 4, 11 and 18

- 12:05-12:45-Lenten Concerts

### March 9

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

### March 10

- 6:30-7:30 p.m.-Study Series

### March 15

- After service-Bowling Party

### March 16

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

### March 17

- 6:30-7:30 p.m.- Study Series

### March 29

- Palm Sunday

### April 1-April Fool's Day

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

### April 2-Maundy Thursday

- 7:00-7:45 p.m.-Service

### April 3-Good Friday

- 7:00-7:45 p.m.-Candlelight service

### April 5-Easter Sunday

### June 25-28

- Family Camp at Sunnyside Campground at Foster Lake

## Birthdays

2/24 - Pamella Doerksen

2/26 - Vicki Young

2/26 - Emily Herb

## What's Happening...

### 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. There will be no meeting in March.

### Sunday School Bowling Party!

On Sunday March 15 - right after church - everyone is invited to our bowling party. Lunch will be provided from 11:30-12:45, and then we will proceed to the Highland Lanes on 9th Street for bowling fun from 1:00-2:30 p.m. All parents and kids are welcome regardless of age! RSVP to Emily how many people plan to attend for lunch and lanes reservations. Please plan on joining us!

## Announcements

### Church Family Camp Time!

It's time for the 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. Better act quickly! There are only 2 spaces left! Contact the church office for reservations or questions. Make checks payable to First Christian Church with a note that it is for family camp. It is always a fun time! See you there.

### 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

### 2015 Regional Church Camps for All Ages

Ontario, Oregon-June 12-14: Kids Camp hosted by Ontario First Christian  
Cascade Camp, Idaho-June 15-19: Junior Camp / June 29-July 4: Middle School Camp / July 20-25: High School Camp

Suttle Lake, Oregon-July 26-July 31: High School and Middle School / August 10-14: Junior Camp

Go to [www.oidisciples.org](http://www.oidisciples.org) for more information

## Around Town...

### Memorial Service for Marcus Borg in March at Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Episcopal Church has scheduled a memorial service for progressive theologian Marcus Borg for 2:00 p.m. March 22. Trinity Episcopal Church is located at 147 NW 19th Ave. in downtown Portland. A reception will immediately after.

### The Music Man at Corvallis High School Main Stage Theater

Come and see Ella Gordon make her theatre debut as Amayllis in the *Music Man*, February 19-March 8. Opening Night: Thursday February 19 at 7:00 p.m.-All Tickets \$5! (Children 11 and under free) For more information on tickets and times go to: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?theatre=csl>



### CARDV's 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 SW West Hills Rd, Corvallis, OR 97333. Dinner is served buffet style. For more information go to: <http://cardv.org/spaghetti/>

# February/March 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>22</b>  <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study <b>10 am</b> -Inter-generational Folk Worship, no Sunday School <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep) <b>6:30-7:30 pm</b> -Study Series	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 am</b> -Due Knots meet <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study <b>7 pm</b> -Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
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<b>8 Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study <b>10 am</b> -Worship, w/Sunday School <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>9</b> <b>7 pm</b> -Finance Cabinet	<b>10</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep) <b>6:30-7:30 pm</b> -Study Series	<b>11</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study <b>12:05-12:45</b> -Lenten Concert <b>7 pm</b> -Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>10 am</b> -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*

