



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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**Join us for Sunday Worship,
March 22 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: Bud Graham, Emily Herb

Home Communion: Linda Stinson

Preparing Deacons: Bob Young, Mona Gerig

Serving Deacons: *Amy Berry, Tricia Martin,
Lisa Schulz, Myron McMahan

Flowers: na

Coffee Cart and Snack: Sandy Landis

Greeter: Lynda Shurtleff

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 3/10-75

Saturday, 3/14-98

Sunday, 3/15-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.

Out of Compliance Duo

Join us this Wednesday, March 18! Back again this year, "Out of Compliance," the husband and wife team of Stephen Hermenze and Katherine Gaeta performs an eclectic mix of new, old and everything in between. You are invited to bring a sack lunch with you.



Last Week in Pictures...



Top left: Prill presented the Global Missions message during Sunday Service. She reminded all of us that we could have easily been born anywhere in the world.

Above: During the "passing of the peace" people were asked to say from where their family line originated.

Left: Without Vera and Louise the Disciples Dispatch could not be 'dispatched' in a timely manner. Thank you Louise and Vera for all your hard work!



Left bottom: Part of the Lenten concert series, the Meadowlark Baroque Trio entranced us with their music.

Matt's Minute

Good things that happened last week:

On Monday morning, one of our frequent visitors to the Daytime Drop-In Center was reunited with their child after finishing their treatment program. Also on Monday, we had a video conference with potential candidates for the resident director opening at Disciples House, a very promising conversation that you will be hearing more about later

On Tuesday night, a small group gathered to talk about what it means to be the church. We talked about hospitality as central to our faith. We discovered three areas of focus for the church: the planet, poverty and peace.

On Wednesday, the conference room was full of people studying the book of Isaiah. We also hosted the MeadowLark Trio for a concert of Baroque music—a beautiful and meditative 45 minutes in the middle of a busy day.

On Thursday, Ticor Title let us know that all our title documents for the short term loan for our solar panel installation were received. This is

another opportunity for me to say that any donations towards the solar fund will help us pay this loan off quicker and avoid interest payments. We have already received donations in excess of \$5000 towards our solar fund.

On Friday, something good happened that I didn't know about because I took the day off.

On Saturday, there was a memorial service for Kimberley Hawkes and many snacks and cookies were provided by church folks. Thank you church for stepping out to help this family in their time of need.

On Sunday, worship was awesome and our Sunday School department hosted a pizza and bowling party afterwards. There were about 20 of us at the bowling alley. On Sunday night, we hosted some very tired college students at Disciples House and provided soup. (Say a prayer for those kids as they are entering dead week and finals)

*Peace,
Matt*



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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.

Lenten Study Series

This is an opportunity for exploring God's story, our story and the story of our community. We use multiple resources including Rob Bell's NOOMA series, a conversation with Brian McLaren. This Tuesday evening:

- Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-7:30: *The Narrative Braid: My Story, God's Story and the Story of our Community*

Lenten Concert

We invite everyone to experience our second annual Lenten Reflection concerts. Wednesday, March 18 from 12:05–12:45 p.m. in our sanctuary. You are invited to bring a sack lunch with you.

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

Holy Week Schedule

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!

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



Last week in Sunday School both classes made pretzels for Lent. The older class focused on producing enough pretzels for the entire congregation. They had a fun time in the kitchen talking and baking.

The younger class made gluten-free pretzel dough and then formed it into shapes. The dough was quite sticky, but with water on their hands and persistence the children won out and got the pretzels made! The class talked about pretzels and Lent and then read a story about the invention of the pretzel.

The class also appreciated the thanks they received from the Drop-In Center clients for the snack bags we made.



In Our Prayers

Dr. Fred Craddock passed away. Prayers for his family.

Peter and Carol Webster

The Stinson's brother-in-law passed away

Alice's cousin, Joyce, is facing end of life decisions

The Lincoln's neighbor, Paul Wilson, is recovering from back surgery

Julie Wrazel passed away. Prayers for her friends and family

The homeless community

Teanna's brothers struggling with health problems

Viv Ellsworth

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

Christy Wright's mother is in hospice care

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim

Sylvia Silver

Abigail

Joys

For all the people who contributed to Kimberley Hawkes' celebration of life service

Installation of the solar panels

Ecuador Presentations in Junction City and Medford from David Eggleston

Last July, I joined with ten other Disciples from the Oregon and SW Idaho region on a trip to Ecuador. You are welcome to come and learn about our Region's work in Ecuador with our partner ministry, Fedice:

- Saturday noon, March 21, for lunch with Medford First Christian Church. They are located at 1900 Crater Lake Ave. Medford, OR 97504. Call 541-772-8030 if you plan to attend so they may include you in the lunch count.

- Sunday morning, March 22, Junction City First Christian Church in their 10:00 a.m. worship, with a potluck to follow. Their address is 1250 Nyssa, Junction City, OR. Call 541-998-2364 to let them know you plan to come.

To find out more about Fedice and its work in Ecuador, go to <http://www.fedice.org/>. You may also find more information at our Region's Global Ministry page at <http://www.oidisciples.org/#!about1/cyxc>.

Looking Ahead

March 17

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

March 18

- 12:05-12:45-Lenten Concert-Out of Compliance Duo

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

3/20 - Mike Dyer

3/21 - Cherie Reynolds, Bruce Cotton,
Aaron Marchbanks

3/23 - William Baird

Anniversaries

3/18 - Sylvia and Don Baarstad

3/21 - Amy and Jon Berry

What's Happening...

Lenten Concert: Out of Compliance Duo

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Due Knots Meet

Wednesday, April 1 (no fooling) at 9:00 a.m. Come and help tie comforters for deserving kids.

Announcements

Church Family Camp Time!

Act quickly, time is running out to sign up for Family Camp! There is only 1 space left. This year's dates are June 25th-June 28th. We will camp in the same area of Sunnyside Campground at Foster Lake. The cost is \$75.00 for 3 nights. Contact the church office for reservations or questions. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and note that it is for family camp. It's always a fun time!

Sleeping Bags and Tents Needed

The overnight shelter for women closes on March 31 and the overnight shelter for men closes on April 15. We will soon have a high demand for sleeping bags, tents and tarps. Please consider donating one of these items or contributing to the minister's discretionary fund to purchase these items.

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. Note on your check, "Disciple House Dinners."

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 for more information

Around Town...

A Celebration of Marcus Borg's Life at OSU

A celebration of life honoring Marcus Borg is set for 3:30 p.m. Friday in the Horizon Room of the Oregon State University Memorial Union, 2501 SW Jefferson Way. The community gathering will remember and honor Borg's life and work, share both sadness and joy, and tell stories of his importance to many lives.

Be a Superhero Dash Volunteer

Community Action Superhero Dash-June 13, 2015. Your local Community Action Agency is fighting poverty and we need your help to bring prosperity to all citizens! Volunteer for the The Superhero Dash, which is a 10K, 5K, and 1K in Riverfront Park. Volunteers are needed to be course monitors, direct runners, check in runners and more. Join us! For more volunteer info: http://www.handsonw.org/HOC_Special_Event_Details_Page?id=a0M1200000SIEdOEAV

For info on participating in the Dash: <http://www.mycommunityaction.org/Superhero%20Dash%20Flyer%202015.pdf>

Community Action
Superhero
Dash



March/April 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School After service -Bowling Party 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	16 7 pm -Program Cabinet	17 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep) 6:30-7:30 pm -Study Series	18 10 am -Bible Study 12:05-12:45 -Lenten Concert 7 pm -Choir Practice	19	20	21 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
22 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	23	24 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	25 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Practice	26	27	28 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
29 Palm Sunday  9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Inter-Generational Worship, no Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	30	31 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	1 April 9:00 am -Due Knots meet 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Practice	2 7 pm -Maundy Thursday Service	3 7 pm -Good Friday Candlelit Service	4 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

