



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.

- 7:00 am-Easter Vigil and Walk- a silent, meditative walk
- 8:00 am-Sunrise Folk Service
- 9:00 am-Breakfast (menu on pg. 2)
- 10:00 am-Easter Service (with Sunday School)
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)

Called to Serve

Elders: Pamella Doerksen, Teresa Shaw

Home Communion: Bud Graham

Preparing Deacons: Carol Garbacik, Tom Garbacik

Serving Deacons: *Janet Chenard, Susan Latham, Nami Choe, Chris Clausen

Flowers: na

Coffee Cart and Snack: na

Greeter: Louise Hayden

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 3/24-120

Saturday, 3/28-130

Sunday, 3/29-155

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.



Easter 2014, the Flower Cross.

Holy Week Activities

Join us this Thursday, April 2, 7:00-7:45 p.m. for **Maundy Thursday service**. This simple service commemorates the Last Supper.

- **Good Friday**-April 3, 7:00-7:45 p.m.
A quiet, candlelit service to recall the story of Christ's crucifixion.
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Fresh Flowers Needed

Donations of fresh flowers are needed for the Easter morning flower cross. Flowers may be brought to McLean Hall on Easter morning.

Last Sunday in Pictures...



The kids passed out palm leaves to the congregation. Instructions were on hand on how to fold them into crosses.



Don researched the ways of harvesting the palm leaves to make sure that we are good stewards of our palm trees.

Matt's Minute

I was at a gas station the other day that did not have a “pay at the pump” option. The gas pumps were archaic and you actually had to get out of your car and go inside to pay. The woman ran my credit card four times before the connection was successful and the card was approved. She was dialing in to her credit card processing machine with that “dial-up-fax-machine” sound that used to accompany every time someone connected to the Internet or sent a fax.

After the second time, the connection “timed out,” I thought maybe I would be getting free gas that day. I also had the overwhelming urge to see if I can run technical support for this gas station attendant who looked like she was maybe 12 years old (I’m sure she was older). She would slide the card and the machine would light up the same sequence—“dialing... connecting... processing... connection failed.”

It got me thinking about how we relate to one another and how sometimes our connection fails. Sometimes our attempts, however genuine and however honest, sometimes fail. That failure often happens because we are not listening or processing fully what the other is saying. Sometimes our response is determined before we hear what the person has to say. Sometimes our desire to control the situation or promote our own agenda gets in the way of really honoring and hearing the person on the other end of our connection. The only problem, then, is that we do not always realize that the connection failed because we do not

always have a clear “read-out” of what just happened.

This happens in the church sometimes. I talked with someone recently who felt a real loss of connection with some other church members. They felt hurt and angry by what was an apparent power struggle. This was hard for me to hear, but a valuable lesson for me to take off my “rose-colored-church glasses” for a minute and realize that we have work to do in our communication.

I want to invite all of us to be aware of the way we talk to each other, but more importantly aware of how we listen to one another. How can we live better with each other? How can we love each other? How can we seek to understand before we seek to be understood? How can we practice being a servant to one another?

Towards the end of his ministry, Jesus got into an argument with his disciples about leadership and communication. I think his words from Matthew 20 are words we should take to heart:

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Hope to see you all for Easter Sunday!
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
<http://heartofcorvallis.org/recent-sermons/>

Easter Sunday Breakfast Menu

Join us for a continental style breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

- A variety of breakfast breads—muffins, scones, hot cross buns (gluten-free available)
- Boiled eggs
- Peach, strawberry, and blueberry yogurt
- Yummy granola
- Oatmeal with brown sugar and raisins
- Fresh fruit
- Coffee, tea and milk

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 Vicki prepared and served a Passover meal or Seder to all the children. They learned about this ritual and were willing to try some of the interesting foods that are eaten at a Seder, like horseradish.

Easter Sunday School

April 5: Easter! 8:00 a.m. "Sunrise Service" with Folk Musicians, 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School: Easter Story, hot cross buns, flower cross, and Easter egg hunt.

Flower Donations Needed!

Please bring donations of fresh flowers to church with you on Easter to help decorate the flower cross! All flowers are welcome! Bring your flowers down to McLean Hall Easter morning for the children to use in the cross.



Sunday School kids prepare the Flower Cross for the sanctuary, 2014.



Last Sunday, marimbas in the house! Elias adds some bass to folk worship.



Remember the delicious hot cross buns from last Easter? Mmm!



Ann and Bill are back from their Vietnam trip. Above, one of their postcards.

In Our Prayers

Lisa's complete recovery from surgery

Bud's friend passed away. Prayers for his friends and family

Hugh's recovery from a dog attack

Thomas' recovery from surgery

The homeless community

Viv Ellsworth

Aleita's continued recovery

Gen Erway

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim

Loreli and Belle

Joys

Solar Energy!

A Big Thank You to Teanna!



Thank you so much for your invaluable help at the Drop-in Center and the church.

Hue, Vietnam



The Citadel with a huge complex for the Emperor including a Forbidden City was fascinating. Most buildings were Vietnamese style, but two were French. It was heavily bombed after the Tet offensive, but as a UNESCO World Heritage site it is getting restoration funding. The tombs outside the city are beautiful--full of mosaics. But as you can see, we love the children. Ann & Bill

Looking Ahead

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

April 7

- 6:30 p.m.-2015 Craft Fair Meeting

April 9

- 11:30 a.m.-Faith Study Group Meets

April 12

- After service-Board Meeting

April 13

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

April 18

- Spring Cleaning Party

April 19

- After service-Discover FCC Lunch

April 20

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

April 26

- After service-Congregational Meeting

June 25-28

- Family Camp at Sunnyside Campground at Foster Lake

July 26-July 31

- Suttle Lake, Oregon-High School and Middle School

August 10-14

- Suttle Lake, Oregon-Junior Camp

Birthdays

4/03 - Allan Doerksen, Will Keim, Carol Garbacik

Community Action
Superhero
Dash



What's Happening...

Due Knots Meet

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

2015 Craft Fair Meeting

An important 2015 Craft Fair meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you are interested in being a part of this great event, plan to attend. Your input and participation is greatly appreciated.

Faith Study Group Meets

Faith Study Group meets on April 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Doerksen's, 2210 NW Elmwood Drive. Read the first two chapters of Marcus Borg's book "*Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*" if possible and bring your thoughts to our discussion. New people are always welcome. Perfect attendance is not mandatory to be in the group. We meet the second Thursday of the month. Let Pamella know if you plan to attend so lunch can be prepared. 541 753-5268 or apdoerksen@comcast.net.

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...

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. 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>

March/April/May 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 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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All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

Our Vision

