



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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**Join us for Sunday Worship,
April 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

Called to Serve

Elders: Cherie Reynolds, Neil Reynolds

Home Communion: Lauri Morris

Preparing Deacons: Teanna McMahan,
Mona Gerig

Serving Deacons: *Danny Aynes, Susan
Peterson, Kathleen Eide, Beth Baird

Flowers: na

Coffee Cart and Snack: Christy Wright

Greeter: Louise Hayden

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 3/31-na

Saturday, 4/4-98

Sunday, 4/5-114

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.

Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning at the church! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18. We want to invite you to come down and participate in our spring cleaning event. Cleanup starts at 9 a.m. and ends around 2 p.m. There will be inside and outside projects. Brunch will be served

(Stone Soup) from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Snacks, coffee and water will be available too. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex this Sunday if you have particular interest in mind. Come for an hour or come for the whole day. **We need your help!**

Easter Sunday in Pictures...



Matt's Minute

The carpet is littered this morning with cookie crumbs and flower scraps. I found a suspicious brown mark on the front steps of the church this morning and realized after investigation that it was a half-eaten chocolate bunny. Several of the Disciples House students reported last night at dinner that they found plastic Easter eggs around the house. The hymnbooks and Bibles are all disorganized in the sanctuary. The conference room has bass marimbas and we will not even talk about the mess in my office. I am certain that the cleaning crew will wonder what happened. Thank you to everyone for the mess! Honestly, it was like physical evidence of the whirlwind of activity in the last week.



It is a privilege to be a part of this church with so many dedicated people. There was so much joy and excitement all around us. Thank you to the tireless volunteers who made this Easter special. One of the things I noticed on Sunday especially was how many people were helping to make things happen. What you do for the church may seem small or insignificant, but I can assure that it makes a huge difference.

Thank you to all who contributed from their "storehouses" on Sunday.

Our offering numbers were amazing. Thank you to those who contributed to Disciples House operations account. Thank you to the many of you who donated towards tents, tarps and sleeping bags for the homeless. As your pastor, I make a conscious decision to not know who gives what financially, but I do look at our total numbers every Monday morning and this week was very encouraging.



Thank you to the many of you who brought friends and family to church on Sunday. I would say that if you know that your friends or family are intrigued or interested in knowing more about the church, invite them to Discover FCC in two weeks (see article in this week's newsletter).

With much gratitude and thanksgiving!
Matt

Discover FCC

You are invited! I wanted to extend a special invitation to you to be a part of Discover FCC (First Christian Church). This is a welcoming luncheon for newcomers around the church.

The luncheon will follow services on Sunday, April 19, next door at Disciples House, around 11:15. Lunch is provided, but we do need RSVPs to prepare enough food.



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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.

Sermons Online

<http://heartofcorvallis.org/recent-sermons/>



We hope that you will spend an hour with us this Sunday to learn more about our history, our present and our future story as well. This will also be an opportunity to get to know some new and long-time members. This will be a casual environment where questions are expected. At the end of our time together, you will get the official tour of the church.

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 few weeks ago in Sunday School Vicki held a special Palm Sunday class for the younger children. They took home the grass Emily grew in her greenhouse. The kids chose small toy animals to hide in their grass. We read an Easter story and returned to the sanctuary for communion and the benediction.



The older children decorated bags that were used as gift bags on Easter Sunday. All the children received a bag of goodies as a special Easter gift from church. After church some of the children had fun trying out both the bass marimba and the banjo.



More Easter Sunday in Pictures...



In Our Prayers

Stinson's family friend, Kristian, has leukemia
 South Albany High School community
 Christy's family
 Beth, Bill and Anele
 Neil's sister-in-law recovering from surgery
 Tom Sluznis passed away. Prayers for his family and friends.
 Sandy's neighbor passed away.
 Zobels' safe travels
 Hugh's recovery from a dog attack
 Thomas' recovery from surgery
 The homeless community
 Viv Ellsworth
 Aleita's continued recovery
 Gen Erway
 Linnie Evans
 Will Keim
 Loreli and Belle

Joys

Linda Stinson for putting together Easter breakfast along with a team of great volunteers.

Looking Ahead

April 9

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

April 12

- After service-Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m.-Group 4 meets at the Smart's

April 13

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

April 15

- 6:00 p.m.-2015 Craft Fair Meeting

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

May 15

- 9:00 a.m. on Friday, Due Knots meet

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

4/08 - Leah Gordon, Lauri Morris

What's Happening...

Faith Study Group Meets

Faith Study Group meets on April 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Doerksen's. 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. Let Pamella know if you plan to attend so lunch can be prepared. 541 753-5268 or apdoerksen@comcast.net.

Group 4 Meets at the Smart's

Group 4 at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12. We will make Cioppino. I'd like to have an idea of how many can come. Please let me know you will be able to join us.

Date Change: 2015 Craft Fair Meeting

2015 Craft Fair meeting on **Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 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.

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 and men is closed. We 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...

"Collaborative Consignment Project" between ARC and PCC

Spring cleaning can benefit two important nonprofits. Here is how it works:

1. Take your donated items to the ARC on Beca Street, Corvallis or Main Street, Philomath.
2. Attach the PCC group tag #72 to each item.
3. When the item sells, ARC and PCC will split the proceeds.

Drop by the church office for #72 tags.

The Pastoral Counseling Center has received several hundred dollars through this project. Every dollar helps low income and uninsured people receive the mental health counseling and psychotherapy.

April/May 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Easter 7 am -Vigil/Walk 8 am -Sunrise Folk Service 9 am -Breakfast 10 am -Easter Celebration! 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	6	7  5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	8 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Practice	9 11:30 am -Faith Study Group 7 pm -Long Range Planning Meeting	10	11 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
12 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School After service -Board meeting 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper 6 pm -Group 4	13 7 pm -Finance Cabinet	14 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	15 10 am -Bible Study 6 pm -Craft Fair Meeting 7 pm -Choir Practice	16	17	18 9 am -Spring Cleaning Party 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

