



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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*Join us for Sunday Worship,
April 19 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: Aaron Marchbanks, Kelley Marchbanks

Home Communion: Linda Stinson

Preparing Deacons: Bob Young, Sylvia Baarstad

Serving Deacons: *Amy Berry, Chris Clausen, Tom Frederick, Mary Frederick

Flowers: na

Coffee Cart and Snack: Tricia Martin

Greeter: Dick and Susan Potter

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 4/7-108

Saturday, 4/11-100

Sunday, 4/12-92

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 at the Church!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18. We could use a lot of elbow grease for our spring cleaning event - starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends around 2:00 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. Come for an hour or come for the whole day. *We need your help!*

You are Invited to Discover FCC

We want 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.

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 in a casual environment where questions are welcomed. At the end of our time together, you will get the *official* tour of the church.

Congregational Meeting-Sunday April 26



The Congregation Meeting is fast approaching - Sunday, April 26 after service. At this **short** meeting we will vote on board members and update the congregation on anything new around the church. The slate of proposed officers is on page 2 and 3 of this newsletter. Please plan to be there!

Matt's Minute

"Cleanliness is next godliness." -John Wesley (circa 1791)

Contrary to popular opinion, this idiom did not come from your grandmother or the Bible. In his sermon preached to his congregation, John Wesley invoked the phrase "cleanliness is next to godliness" to entice his parishioners to be more motivated and more intentional about how they see themselves in the world. He used the phrase to contradict what he saw as the behavior of his congregation. In his words, their "slovenliness" was getting in their way of understanding the heart of God.

A contemporary synonym for slovenliness might be laziness, sloppiness or even carelessness. Cleanliness for Wesley, then, might have something to do with not being dirty, but more so referenced intentional and careful attention to one's actions and behavior. The wisdom, as I see it, in this phrase is about mindfulness, which I believe is much of the challenge of living in the 21st century world. The problem in our contemporary context is not slovenliness, but hyperactivity. There

are so many options and opportunities, so many things to do and so many people asking for your time, energy and money. We are asking for a small portion of your most precious commodity: your time.

This Saturday is our spring clean up day. We will be cleaning, raking, scrubbing, weeding, dusting, polishing and small maintenance projects around the church and at Disciples House. There will be plenty to do for every age and skill ability. We hope that you can carve out some space to give back to the church, a place that provides space for about 1500 people every week. Cleanup starts this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and ends around 2:00 p.m. There will be inside and outside projects. Brunch will be served (Stone Soup) from 10 to 11. Snacks, coffee and water will be available too. Come for an hour or come for the whole day, we need your help

*Peace,
Matt*



Rev. Matt Gordon
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/>



Proposed 2015-2016 Slate of Officers

Congregational meeting and vote: Sunday, April 26 after services. Note: there may be additions before the vote takes place.

Executive Officers

President (1 year): Teresa Shaw

Vice Presidents (one year)

Steve Herb: Finance

Beth Baird: Personnel

Tricia Martin: Assistant

Cherie Reynolds: Program

Clerk of the Board (1 year): Tom Garbacik

Financial Secretary (1 year): Bob Young

Co-Treasurers (1 year): Alice Kelling, Ann Smart, Lauri Morris

Program Cabinet (1 year): Aaron Marchbanks, Mary Frederick, Dawn Lasater (clerk), Linda Stinson, Sue Schulz, Prill Zobel

Church Board (1 year): Kathleen Eide, Allan Doerksen, Sandy Landis, Doris Modderman, Ann Smart, Don Zobel

Trustees (3-year term): Karen Griswold (First year) Election Required, Kelley Marchbanks

(Second year) No election, Lee Mason (Third year) No election

Elders (First 2-year term ends 2017) Election Required: Bruce Cotton, Tom Garbacik, Susan Latham, Christy Wright

Elders (Second 2-year term ends 2017) Election Required: Steve Herb, Aaron Marchbanks, Kelley Marchbanks, Lauri Morris, Linda Stinson, Don Zobel, Prill Zobel

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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

Easter! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us last Easter Sunday. We had a wonderful Easter celebration in Sunday School with over 30 children in attendance. The children ate hot cross buns for snack and heard Easter stories. They decorated the flower cross with fresh flowers. They hunted for Easter eggs on the Disciples House lawn. They brought the flower cross back into the sanctuary at the end of service for the congregation to enjoy.

Every child was given a special Easter gift bag as a present from the church. Last Sunday the children explored the Emmaus Road story which we'll tell you about next week.



In Our Prayers

Stinson's family friend, Kristian, has leukemia
 South Albany High School community
 Beth, Bill and Anele
 The homeless community
 Gen Erway
 Lynnne Evans
 Will Keim
 Loreli and Bluebell

Joys

Everyone who crossed the finish line at the Corvallis Half Marathon. Way to go!



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Note: there may be additions before the vote takes place.

Elders (Continuing First 2-year term ends

2016) No election required: Pamella Doerksen, Patricia Eide, Stuart Eide, Michael Gordon, Alice Kelling, Neil Reynolds, Ann Smart

Elders (Continuing Second 2-year term ends

2016) No election required: Bud Graham

Deacons (First 1-year term ends 2016) Elec-

tion Required: Dick Cooley, Sue Cooley, Allan Doerksen, Sandy Landis, Lisa Luthy, Donna Mason, Lee Mason, Doris Modderman, Jim Postell, Christa Schmeder, Sue Schulz, Jim Stinson, Marcene Stuart

Deacons (Second 1-year term ends 2016)

Election Required: Sylvia Baarstad, Beth Baird, Nami Choe, Mona Gerig, Ely Kimberlin, Tricia Martin, Teanna McMahan, Rick Olsen

Deacons (Third 1-year term ends 2009) Elec-

tion Required: Janet Chenard, Chris Clausen, Mary Cotton, Kathleen Eide, Karen Griswold, Myron McMahan, Tom Frederick, Mary Frederick

Youth Deacons: Elliana Berry, Tyler Berry, Marc Chenard, Stephen Chenard, Maya Herb

Emeritus

Minister Emeritus:

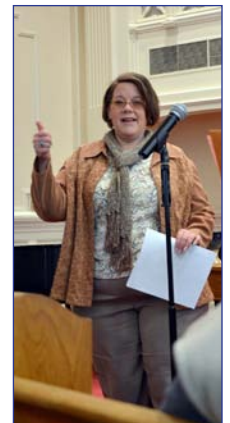
Dr. John Evans

Elder Emeritus:

Viv Ellsworth, Bill Maier, Jeanette Maier, Carolyn Dyer Ordway

Deacon Emeritus:

Margaret Coon, Gen Erway, Louise Hayden, Doris Montgomery, Mary Stuart



Looking Ahead

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

4/17 - Len Libby, Stephanie Mason

4/20 - Alice Kelling

What's Happening...

2015 Craft Fair Meeting

2015 Craft Fair meeting on **Wednesday, 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.

Vacation Church Workshop/CAPS BBQ

Bible learning for those 18 and older who experience a developmental disability. Enjoy group dancing, singing, bible lessons and Christian fellowship. Monday, June 15-Friday, June 19, 2015, Monday-Friday, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VCW. Free CAPS BBQ dinner with VCW-Thursday 6-7 p.m.

To sign up call Sarah at Calvin Church 541 757-8021. If you have questions about the BBQ or wish to help with that meal, call 'laine Heathcote at 541 230-1133 or 541 602-9303. Calvin Presbyterian Church, 1736 NW Dixon St., Corvallis OR 97330

April/May 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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

