



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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**Join us for Sunday Worship,
May 10 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: Ann Smart, Teresa Shaw

Home Communion: Linda Stinson

Preparing Deacons: Teanna McMahan,
Mona Gerig

Serving Deacons: *Lisa Schulz, Kathleen
Eide, Mary Cotton, Tricia Martin

Flowers: Ruth Chadwick

Coffee Cart and Snack: Teanna McMahan

Greeter: Vera Rush

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 4/28-125

Saturday, 5/2-102

Sunday, 5/3-84

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.

This Sunday is Mother's Day from Matt Gordon

Just a few sentiments on this year's greeting cards: mothering, being a mother, having a mother, acting like a mother, being a foster mother, losing a mother, finding a mother, loving a mother, hating a mother. On Mother's Day, we celebrate **all** the women of the church and the role of raising and loving others. Hope to see you there!



Roses on Mother's Day 2014.

FCC: Powered With Help from the Sun



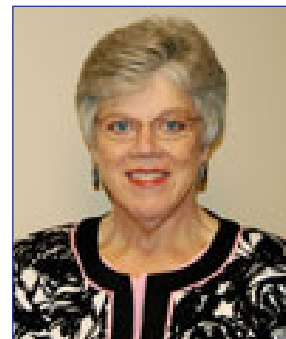
We have finally seen the first bill including solar generation from the power company. The May electric bill (from March 16 to April 15) was \$835.89 less a \$78.57 credit for the electricity we produced. Additionally, in about 30 days we will receive a check for \$376.95 which will be our incentive payment for the period.

According to our energy tracking website, as of May 4 we have produced 2.27 megawatt-hours. This is roughly equivalent to planting 41 trees. (Planting a tree offsets the same amount of CO2 as 55.3 kilowatt-hours of clean energy production.)

A Day of Celebration on May 24 in Albany

On Sunday, May 24 at First Christian Church in Albany, Rev. Patricia Evans will preach her last sermon as their pastor. The Albany church will celebrate her years of ministry before they launch her off into the rest and relaxation of retirement.

Following worship, there will be a spring salad buffet and a program with tributes to Patty—a time of appreciation for all the ways she has inspired and led in ministry. If you have questions, contact Nancy in the office.



Matt's Minute

We are so thrilled to announce a new addition to our staff team! After months of searching, we finally found a great addition to our church family and Disciples House. We are pleased to welcome Bonnie and Irami Osei-Frimpong and their two little ones, Ren and Gray. They will join our staff team on June 1. They will serve as Resident Directors at Disciples House and have a role in our youth work here at the church.



Irami and Bonnie Osei-Frimpong and their two kids, Ren and Gray.

Bonnie currently serves as the XPLOR project director for the National Benevolent Association (NBA). The XPLOR program is a new program that the NBA launched to link young adults and congregations in a year-long, service learning environment. She will continue her work with NBA. She has experience working with Church World Service, American Red Cross and Week of Compassion. She has a Master of Divinity from University of Chicago and is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Irami is currently serving as a stay-at-home dad. He has experience as a teaching assistant, student tutor, academic advisor and was an intern for Senator Barack Obama. He has a Masters in Philosophy from Brandeis University. He will take the lead role as Resident Director at Disciples House.

Both Bonnie and Irami bring the experience of living in an intentional, cooperative living house. They are passionate about living in community and are very active in social justice work. They are passionate about working to build bridges in communities and speaking the truth against systems of oppression.

We are still working on the details of their contract and moving arrangements, but expect them to begin serving here June 1 or shortly thereafter. Stay tuned for more details! This is an exciting time in the life of our church!

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.

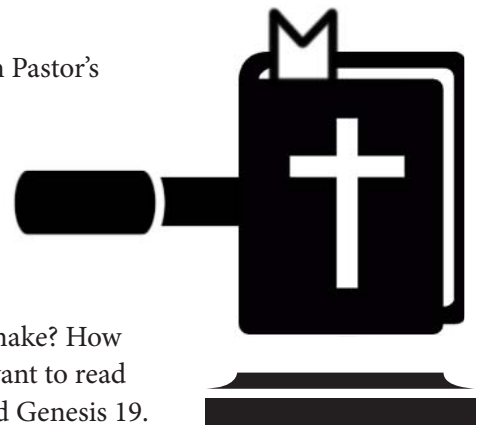
Sermons Online

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

New Adult Forum Study

On Sundays at 9:00 a.m.– Adult Forum in Pastor's Conference Room

The Clobber Passages: Scriptures that are used (abused?) to shame and exclude in the church. Discover the Story of Scripture—critical, historical, spiritual and literary issues. Why is this significant? What difference does it make? How does this story impact our story? If you want to read ahead, we will be looking at Genesis 1 and Genesis 19.



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 Sundays ago was an intergenerational Sunday and the children stayed in the service. During the children's moment Matt talked to the children about metaphors and their use in the bible. He told the children that during the sermon time they would hear him talk about the wilderness, and that the wilderness is used in the bible as a metaphor several times.



Last week in Sunday School we began a new time of focusing on Jesus stories and sayings from the gospels. We went about this in our usual way of story telling, hands on activities, discussions, and movie making!

Promotion Sunday is coming up soon. Mark that day on your calendar as that is when we take time in the service to recognize our children and honor their end of the year promotions.

In Our Prayers

For all the people in Nepal affected by the earthquake

LaVon Guneyli in hospice care

Joyce Miller

Beth's friend, Stephanie

Stinson's family friend, Joy

Janet Chenard's family

The homeless community

Gen Erway

Lynn Evans

Will Keim

Loreli and Bluebell

Joys

Thank you Linda for cleaning the thresholds on the elevator.

Thank you for your donations to the people of Nepal through Week of Compassion.

Earthquake in Nepal from Rev. Vy T. Nguyen

Dear Friends,

Our hearts and prayers have been with the people of Nepal after a 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck west of Nepal's capital of Kathmandu this past Saturday. The earthquake was also felt and caused significant damage in the neighboring countries of India, Tibet, Bangladesh and China. This is the most powerful earthquake to hit the region in over 80 years.

Week of Compassion is providing emergency aid through our partnership with ACT Alliance. Your support through Week of Compassion allowed us to be on the ground in these communities within hours of the earthquake to help with relief efforts. We are working with other relief teams and providing support to the many affected and displaced

individuals as they seek assistance and hope. We will continue these efforts in the upcoming weeks and months, working alongside the people in Nepal and accompanying them as they recover and rebuild.

If you would like to put your **Compassion into Action** and donate to the earthquake relief efforts in Nepal, please go to our website and select "Nepal Earthquake" in the designation. 100% of your contribution will go toward helping the relief efforts in Nepal.

Week of Compassion continues to seek your prayers and support as we work with our trusted partner organizations to provide both immediate relief and long-term support to people of Nepal in the next few weeks and months.



Tents in Nepal.

Photo Credit: ACT Alliance

The church office also accepts donations for the Nepal Earthquake victims. Please note on your check that this is for "Week of Compassion" or use the Week of Compassion envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

Looking Ahead

May 11

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

May 13

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study is canceled

May 14

- 11:30 a.m.-Women's Faith Study Group gathering

May 15

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

May 18

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

May 21

- 7:00 p.m.-Long Range Planning

June 1

- Board 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

5/6 - Donna Mason

5/9 - Stuart Eide

5/12 - Beth Dyer



What's Happening...

Women's Faith Study Group

The Women's Faith Study Group will meet at Karen Griswold's home on May 14 at 11:30 a.m. We continue the discussion around the Marcus Borg book, *Meeting Jesus Again For The First Time*, chapter 3.

Due Knots Meet on Friday

Friday (a different day of the week), May 15 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us as we tie comforters for kids at risk in our community. Come share tea time with us.

Announcements

Graduates in the House?

Celebrate an important milestone in a person's life by announcing their 2014 graduation. We would like the following information: name, the school from which they are graduating, degrees or certificates, other awards and a photo of the happy grad.

Church Family Camp Time!

Act quickly, time is running out to sign up for Family Camp, June 25-28! There is only 1 space left. We 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.

Silent Meditation/Contemplative Prayer Group

Starting Sunday, May 17, 8:30-9:00 a.m. in room 36 there will be an opportunity for silent meditation. Chairs and sitting cushions will be available. Contact Jill at the church office for more information or questions.

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."

Around Town...

Jammin' for the Hungry Needs Fruit!

Jammin' for the Hungry is out of fruit! If you have some of last years berries or other frozen fruit that you would be willing to part with, that would be really wonderful. If not, we'll get started back up when we do get some fruit. Contact saragpower@gmail.com or 541.231.6772

Les Misérables in May 2015

See Kelley, Aaron and Lilly Marchbanks in the Majestic Theatre production of Les Miserables. Performance Dates: May 8, 9, 13-16 and 20-23 at 7:30 p.m. May 10**, 17, and 24 at 2:30 p.m. Ticket Prices: Student/Member/Senior: \$20 Adult: \$25

**Special Mother's Day Pricing, May 10: Student/Member/Senior: \$25 Adult: \$30 Includes a complimentary dessert bar and drinks.

May/June 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School 11:15 am -Special Board Meeting 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper 6 pm -Group 4	4	5  3:30 pm -FCC's turn to prep Stone Soup Supper 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	6 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Practice	7	8	9 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
10 Mother's Day 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	11 7 pm -Finance Cabinet	12 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	13 10 am -Bible Study is Canceled 7 pm -Choir Practice	14 11:30 am -Faith Study at the Griswold's	15 9 am -Due Knots meet	16 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
17 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	18 7 pm -Program Cabinet	19 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	20 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Practice	21 7 pm -Long Range Planning	22	23 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
24 Pentecost 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	25 Memorial Day Church office is closed	26 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	27 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Practice	28	29	30 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
31  9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Folk and Inter-Generational Worship, no Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	1 June Board Meeting	2  3:30 pm -FCC's turn to prep Stone Soup Supper 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	3 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Practice	4	5	6 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

