



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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**Join us for Sunday Worship,
May 17 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: Don Zobel, Prill Zobel

Home Communion: Steve Herb

Preparing Deacons: Karen Griswold, Christy Wright

Serving Deacons: *Teanna McMahan, Sylvia Baarstad, Ely Kimberlin, Chris Clausen

Flowers: na

Coffee Cart and Snack: Prill Zobel

Greeter: Lynda Shurtleff

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 5/5-120

Saturday, 5/9-112

Sunday, 5/10-111

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.

How Can We Support You?

We are extending an invitation to families with school age children to join us for brunch on Sunday, May 17. We want to know how the church can support you and your children. How are things going? How could they be better? Do you have new ideas?

Thanks,

Matt and the Long Range Planning Team



This Past Mother's Day Sunday... *from Matt's sermon*



“On this Mother’s Day, may we re-commit ourselves to the vision of peace as more than an idealistic vision and more than an impossible dream. May we see peace as a process—a long process—but a process nonetheless, one that begins with a foundation built on love, respect and justice... that each progression of peace, each movement of grace slowly builds our pathway. That the connections and decision we make are all towards this ultimate goal of peace. May our prayers, our actions, our thoughts be re-committed on this Mother’s Day to Peace.”

Matt's Minute

Welcome to the Osei-Frimpong Family

I am excited to welcome the Osei-Frimpongs in a few weeks. Their first Sunday will be May 31. I hope you will make an effort to be a part of our hospitality team that welcomes them to First Christian. They will be moving from Chicago to Corvallis earlier that week. This is a big move for their family and a big move for our church family. We would like to welcome them with open arms and open hearts. We would like to help cover the costs of their move. You can contribute to their moving costs by dropping a donation off at the church office or put one in the offering plate the next three Sundays. They are not coming with many possessions. The costs involved in their move are plane tickets and the cost of shipping a few items. Thank you in advance for your contributions.



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

Pagitt calls "speeching." A speech is something given that requires little more than listening. A speech can be eloquent and inspiring. A speech is almost always a monologue. Preaching, on the other hand, should be dialogue. Preaching ought to require a response and reaction. Preaching is meant to inspire and should be eloquent, but it should also be provocative. Preaching ought to illicit a strong response. I like the word homelitics because it calls us to a deeper conversation. I am excited about my upcoming conference. Thank you to the church that provides continuing education resources for my journey. I will back in time to share a homily on Sunday!

Peace, Matt

Festival of Homelitics

I am out of the office this week at the Festival of Homelitics. Homelitics refers to the art of sermon writing and preaching. It comes from an old Greek word that means converse or conversation. My impression is that preaching can often become what Doug



Memorial Service for LaVon Guneyli

On Saturday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the church we will hold a memorial service for LaVon Guneyli, daughter of Iris Pratt. LaVon passed away on May 8 in Federal Way, WA. Reception follows after the service.

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.



Rev. Matt Gordon Senior Minister

Church phone: 541-753.2671
Email: matt@heartofcorvallis.org

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

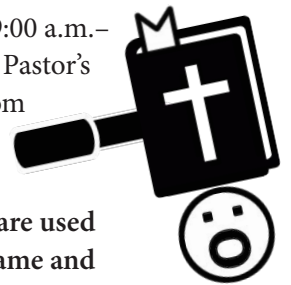
On Sundays at 9:00 a.m. - Adult Forum in Pastor's Conference Room

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.



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 couple of weeks ago in Sunday School both classes began a study of some of the Gospel Jesus stories. The younger class learned the stories of Jesus Calming the Storm and the Feeding of the Five Thousand. The older class studied those stories as well as the stories of Zaccheaus and Jesus Blessing the Little Children.

The older class read the four stories out of different Gospels and then compared the versions and talked about what they thought were the essential parts of the stories. This helped them in their brainstorming for the upcoming movie making of these four stories.

Last Sunday the younger class learned the stories of Zaccheaus and Jesus Blessing the Little Children. The older class focused on completing the plans for the movie making with the four stories.

Exciting Sunday School News!

As some of you might have noticed, our Sunday school classes have been growing and developing in exciting ways over the past few years. This year especially we have found ourselves in the delightful situation where we have enough children of all ages coming regularly that we have felt the need to add another class.

We are very excited to announce that Leah Gordon has agreed to be our new Sunday School teacher for this class. Leah has been a regular helper in Vicki's class and has agreed to teach the new 2nd-5th grade class that we will be starting after promotion Sunday on June 14. We will now have a younger (preschool-1st grade), middle (2nd-5th grade), and older (middle school and high school) class! We really believe that the addition of this



middle class will provide more diverse and age appropriate lessons for all of the children. We are very grateful to Leah for committing to being another consistent teacher for our children.

Because of the addition of this class we will be setting up a new Sunday School room in the next month and we will also be needing another helper every Sunday to help Leah in this new class. If you would like to help with either room set up or by being a Sunday helper please feel free to talk to Vicki, Leah, or Emily.

In Our Prayers

LaVon Guneyli passed away. Prayers for her friends and family
Harold Jensen is in hospice care
Lisa Luthy's brother is having surgery
Angel grieving the loss of her mother
For all the people in Nepal affected by the earthquake
Mary Cotton's sister moving to Corvallis
Joyce Miller
Beth's friend, Stephanie
Stinson's family friend, Joy
Janet Chenard's family
The homeless community
Gen Erway
Lynnie Evans
Will Keim
Bluebell passed away. Prayers for Loreli and family and friends.

Joys

Thank you for your donations to the people of Nepal through Week of Compassion. So far we have raised \$1275.00!



Moses and Leah collecting seeds.

Looking Ahead

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

May 25-Memorial Day

- Church office is closed

June 1

- Board Meeting

June 21

- 10:30 a.m.-Father's Day Car Show & Chili Cook-Off

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

5/13 - Elliana Berry

5/15 - Luke Cotton

5/19 - Mary Stuart

First Christian Church of Corvallis
Father's Day Car Show & Chili Cook Off

"No Separation of Church and Street"

Antique Cars
Classic Cars
Hot Rods
Motorcycles
& More



Come and taste
the many
varieties of
delicious
Home Made Chili

Father's Day

Car Show and Chili Cook off

June 21, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Madison Ave. and 6th St, Corvallis OR
Participants should arrive at 10:00 a.m.
for registration. For more information
on participating or attending contact
Jim Stinson 541 753-2714.

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

Final Notice: Church Family Camp Time!

May 31 is the final day to make a reservation 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!

Graduates in the House?

Celebrate an important milestone in a person's life by announcing their 2015 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.

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...

Les Misérables in May 2015

See Kelley, Aaron and Lilly Marchbanks in the Majestic Theatre production of Les Misérables. 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.

The Corvallis Folklore Society Presents

Hargreaves, Grisman, Leslie & Smith, Friday, June 5, at 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis. Advance tickets now on sale at GrassRoots Bookstore. Ticket prices: \$23 adults/ \$20 cfs members and seniors 65+/ \$15 for children highschool age and under. Prices go up 3 dollars on the day of show. For more info call 541 740-9633.

May/June 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 8:30 am -Silent Meditation 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
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Disciples in the Heart of Corvallis

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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

