



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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**Join us for Sunday Worship,
July 5 at 10:00 a.m.**

- 9:00 am - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Worship (w/Sunday School)
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)
- After service - Tour de Corvallis

Called to Serve

Elders: Patricia Eide, Stu Eide

Home Communion: Christy Wright

Preparing Deacons: Marcene Stuart,
Christa Schemeder

Serving Deacons: *Dick Cooley, Sue Cooley,
Ely Kimberlin, Lisa Luthy

Flowers: na

Coffee Cart and Snack: na

Greeter: Mary Stuart

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 6/16-106

Saturday, 6/20-114

Sunday, 6/21-116

Tuesday, 6/23-130

Saturday, 6/27-123

Sunday, 6/28-142

Staff

Rev. Matt GordonSenior Minister

Irami Osei-Frimpong.....DH Resident Director

Matthew Clark.....Choir Director

Eric QianPianist

Charlene Lincoln.....Church Secretary

Jill Shinkawa.....Communications Mgr.

Kevin WeaverPaladin

Church staff meets every Monday, 10:00-11:00
a.m. We are not available during this time.

Tour de Corvallis

Everyone is invited to our annual bike ride and picnic at Avery Park this Sunday. Our children and youth will be preparing lunches for everyone. Please submit your order, by mail, by phone or via the online link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DX79RP6>

Lock your bike out front or bring it in the narthex. We will gather in front of the church after worship and ride at a slow pace to Avery Park. You are also welcome to just meet us at the park, we will meet at Fire Side Shelter. Remember to bring your helmet!

Father's Day Sunday...

People were lined up and down the alley for a taste of chili and other delectable dishes at the car show and chili cook-off. It was fun to see all varieties of vehicles on the lawn and along the street.



Huge thanks go out to Linda and Jim Stinson who organized and worked many hours make this event a success! Also, thanks to all that volunteered their time and edible talents.



Top left: This studly Studebaker won the pastor's pick trophy.

Above: The chili chef line-up. Aaron won the chili cook-off despite erroneous rumors of a secret ingredient-nutria.

Left: Smiling faces and great food.

Matt's Minute

"How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted."

-Habakkuk 1:1-4

Habakkuk is my man. Why? He begins the conversation with frustration, anger and impatience. He shakes his fist at God and demands action, not tomorrow, but today. He demands that something be done, swiftly. When I read and hear reports of hate crimes destroying lives, it is the words of Habakkuk that wring in my ears. I want something done, today. Truthfully, what I want is not justice, I want vengeance. I want retribution. I want people to go to prison, I want Confederate flags destroyed, and I want all guns taken away, including the ones holstered to our police force.

The Lord responds to Habakkuk, *"Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."* (1:5) Then, the Lord continues to tell the story of justice and injustice and that the answers will come when the world recognizes God and the people are still and silent before God. (1:20)

What I know we cannot make the world a better place through vengeance or retribution. Making the world a

better place requires creating conditions in which all of God's creation can thrive. Finding and creating justice requires we take responsibility not just for our own lives, but for the created world. We must look at the systems and the decisions we participate in on a daily basis if the world is to ever change. The words stewardship comes to mind. We must be good stewards of our earth, our finances, our children and our institutions.

What is justice? To quote The Funky Academic, "Justice describes the collaborative conditions for a community." (for more on this see www.thefunkyacademic.com) This puts the responsibility on all of us, the entire beloved community, inside and outside the walls of the church. The problem is when we leave justice up to one person or a small group of people because they cannot possibly represent the entire community. I thank God that justice is not solely up to me, but as the great hymn beckons us, "let it begin with me."

*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/>

Church Picnic and Weenie Roast

Come on down for the **Church Weenie Roast and Picnic** on Sunday, July 12, 5:00 p.m. at the Stinson's home. The Stinsons will furnish the hot dogs for grilling. (Special diets - bring own selection for grilling. Potluck contributions are assigned by last name.

A-H - bring a main dishes

I-Q - Salads

R-Z - Desserts

But do not stress if you forget what you were supposed to bring; just bring whatever and join in some great fellowship !!! Also bring lawn chairs if you have a few. See you there!



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

Welcome to summer Sunday School! A few Sundays ago all three Sunday School classes studied the Beatitudes. The older class talked about how Jesus was a wisdom teacher who taught a radically different approach to life, and how his message continues to be challenging! They also compared the Beatitudes with Buddhist and Taoist sayings on the same theme.

The younger class talked about how Jesus wants us to be kind, caring, and loving. We made bees to help remind



us of the Beatitudes.

This week at the picnic we played a fun game called Kubb. Come join us next Wednesday for another fun evening of eating, fellowship, and games!

Images from the past few weeks...



In Our Prayers

All those traveling during the summer

Jerry Lasater's brother

Chris and Dan Williams

Ely's father

For all the people in Nepal affected by the earthquake

Joyce Miller

The homeless community

Gen Erway

Viv Ellsworth

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim and family

Macs

Joys

Oregon in the summer

Happy Birthday Vera!



On Saturday, July 11 at 1-3 p.m. you are invited to Vera Rush's 90th birthday party! Come by and celebrate the happy occasion with cake and goodies at the Northstar Mobile Home Park clubhouse, located at 2601 NE Jack London St. Corvallis.

Looking Ahead

July 1

- 6:00 p.m.-Wednesday evening picnic

July 5

- After service-Avery Park Church Bike Ride and Picnic

July 6

- Independence Day - Church office is closed

July 8

- 6:00 p.m.-Wednesday evening picnic

July 12

- Weenie Roast at the Stinson's

July 15

- 9:00 a.m.-Due Knots meet
- 6:00 p.m.-Wednesday evening picnic

July 22

- 6:00 p.m.-Wednesday evening picnic

July 26

- Community Service Sunday

July 26-July 31

- Suttle Lake, Oregon-High School and Middle School

July 29

- 6:00 p.m.-Wednesday evening picnic

August 12

- 9:00 a.m.-Due Knots meet

August 16

- Otter Beach w/Albany First Christian

September 2

- 9:00 a.m.-Due Knots meet

September 6

- Labor Day Service in the Park

Birthdays

7/2 - Doris Modderman

7/4 - Bud Graham

7/5 - Mary Cotton, Ely Kimberlin

7/9 - Donna Keim

7/12 - Tom Frederick, Jon Berry

7/13 - Vera Rush's 90th Birthday!

Anniversaries

7/9 - Prill and Don Zobel

What's Happening...

Bike Ride and Picnic Lunch at Avery Park, aka Tour de Corvallis!

After service on Sunday July 5, you are invited to a bike ride and picnic lunch! Place your lunch order at the office or online this week. The children will make and pack lunch orders during Sunday school and deliver them to Avery Park. Everyone is invited to come to the picnic by whatever mode of transportation you choose. Come join us for this fun summer event!

Church Weenie Roast and Picnic

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Announcements

Celebrate Vera Rush's 90th Birthday!

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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.

Sunday Coffee House and Flower Sign-ups

Sign up to do snacks, coffee, or flowers for Sunday services. Sign up sheets can be found in the Narthex on Sunday or contact the church office. If you have questions email Pamella at apdoerksen@comcast.net or Bill at bandjmaier@comcast.net

Around Town...

PCC and the ARC Group Consignment Project!

The Pastoral Counseling Center and ARC working together to raise funds. Here's how to do it:

- Take a list of acceptable items and a set of No. 72 price tags
- Bring your items to one of the ARC Thrift Stores: 928 NW Beca St. in Corvallis or 936 W. Main St. in Philomath

For a list of acceptable items contact Ed at 541-908-2481 or email at www.pastoralcounseling-oregon.org. Thank you for supporting the Pastoral Counseling Center!

Summer Music Sign Ups!

Hey everyone! Sign up at the link below to provide the church with awesome special music this summer! Please feel free to share this sign up link with any of your family/friends who might be interested in sharing music with our congregation this summer. Sign up link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0549a4a62ea2fe3-summer>

Note: Please sign up as early as possible and no later than the Wednesday before the service you wish to perform for so that we can get the info in the bulletin.

June/July 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Family Camp at Foster Lake 8:30 am -Silent Meditation 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	29	30 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	1 July  6 pm -Picnic in the Park	2	3	4 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
5 8:30 am -Silent Meditation 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School Avery Park Bike Ride and Picnic 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	6 Office is Closed	7  3:30 pm -FCC's turn to prep 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	8  6 pm -Picnic in the Park	9	10	11 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
12 8:30 am -Silent Meditation 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School Weenie Roast at the Stinson's 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	13 7 pm -Program Cabinet	14 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	15  9 am -Due Knots meet 6 pm -Picnic in the Park	16	17	18 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
19 8:30 am -Silent Meditation 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	20	21 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	22  6 pm -Picnic in the Park	23	24	25 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
26 8:30 am -Silent Meditation 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School Community Service Sunday 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	27	28 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	29  6 pm -Picnic in the Park	30	31	1 August 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

