



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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*Join us for Sunday Worship,
July 19 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)

Called to Serve

Elders: Neil Reynolds, Linda Stinson

Home Communion: Alice Kelling

Preparing Deacons: Teresa Shaw, Rick Olsen

Serving Deacons: *Janet Chenard,
Nami Choe, Beth Baird, Chris Clausen

Flowers: na

Coffee Cart and Snack: The Stinsons,
the Yarbroughs

Greeter: Mary Stuart

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 6/30-127

Saturday, 7/4-78

Sunday, 7/5-100

Tuesday, 7/7-88

Saturday, 7/11-100

Sunday, 7/12-90

Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon..... Senior Minister

Irami Osei-Frimpong..... Director of
Community Development

Matthew Clark.....Choir Director

Eric Qian Pianist

Charlene Lincoln.....Church Secretary

Jill Shinkawa.....Communications Manager

Kevin Weaver..... Paladin

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

Past Sundays...



Versatility and virtuosity on the clarinet and the tenor sax, Eric's performances were an absolute delight.



Rev. Amber Churchill, our guest minister last Sunday, reminds us that we are all three-seed, sower and soil.

2015 Tour de Corvallis: Bike and Picnic



Matt's Minute

If you were at church this past Sunday, then you know I was taking time off. Special thanks to Amber Churchill for filling the pulpit. Special thanks to Tom, Ann and Teresa for leading worship. I was riding my bicycle, for two days. Since 2008, I do an annual organized weekend bicycle trip on the second week in August. After doing this many years in a row, I can predict that the last two hours will be miserable, but crossing that finish line is euphoric. What began as a challenge among friends has now become a testimony to my own health. In other words, what started as "this sounds fun" has become "I can still do this."

On the second day of the ride, about halfway in, we sat down with woman who was celebrating her 70th birthday. She was celebrating her birthday by riding her bicycle what seems like a million miles. You could tell that her euphoria had already kicked in and she was so delighted to be doing this bike ride, she seemed to have more energy than what I was experiencing at that moment. It gave me courage and motivation to keep moving. For the next several miles, I kept thinking about the motivation of all of these riders on the ride. Why did they choose to take a whole weekend to pedal for two days? Why not just go to the beach?

Truthfully, the weekend ride is a symptom of something much larger. It is a motivator to get up earlier than I want to on Saturday mornings. It is the disciplinarian when I want to go for the second helping of French fries. Cycling makes me a better person, I am much happier and more in touch with



photo by Steve Herb

my own spirit when I carve out time to ride my bicycle, whether that be in my daily commute, an early morning ride through the back roads, an evening group ride or the coveted century rides of the spring and summer.

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic Priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.), describes spirituality as the fire within us, that thing that keeps us awake at night and that which is our deepest desire. Everyone is spiritual in this way. Cycling is often that unquenchable fire for me, there is always a desire to ride longer, go further and climb just one more mountain so I can experience its descent, even if it means I have to turn around and do it all over again so I can be home in time for dinner with the family.

In the gospels, Jesus says the most important commandment is that we "love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and that we love our neighbor as yourself." I feel more in touch with my Creator when I am riding my bicycle. There is a meditative quality to pedaling through the countryside, witnessing the glory of all the things around me. When I am on my bike, I



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am more in touch with my neighbor and my neighborhood; I see the people, the buildings, the houses and reflect on how I am a part of the whole. Cycling is a spiritual experience for me. It is a prayer in of itself and it is often when I offer my best prayers.

Psalm 139 says, "I can never escape your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there! If I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me and your strength will support me."

King David never rode a bicycle, but he knew something about the highs and lows of life, the peaks and the valleys, the climbs and the descents and through it all he gave thanks to God.

Peace, Matt

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 all the classes helped make the sack lunches for the All Church Bike Ride and Picnic.



Our summer Sunday School theme is Fruit of the Spirit. The younger class watched a *Fruit of the Spirit* video, made fruit cereal wristbands, and then helped with the lunches.

Last week in Sunday School all the classes learned about the first Fruit of the Spirit; love. The older Sunday School class was taught by Irami and Christy Wright.



Many thanks go to the Sunday School for creating perfect picnic lunches for the bikers and picnickers.

Sunday School Summer Craft Fair Project

This year the Sunday School children will spend part of their summer Sunday School time working on a contribution to the First Christian Church Craft Fair held September 26 and 27—the same time as the Corvallis Fall Festival. This year all money raised

through the Craft Fair will be donated to earthquake relief in Nepal. The children will be decorating and dyeing sets of cloth napkins to sell and contribute toward this church effort. We will also be learning more about Nepal and world mission in September.

Ways to Help!!!

Dyeing napkins to sell is a big undertaking for our Sunday school and we can use all the help we can get! Here are ways you can help now!

1. Buy Elmer's Blue Gel School Glue. This blue glue can only be found at



In Our Prayers

Tricia Martin's brother going to the doctor for tests

Charlene's complete and quick recovery

Doris and Henry Coleman (Mary Cotton's parents)

Pat Eide

Cathryn Gay Studley-Allan Studley's wife-passed away. Prayers for her family and friends.

Jerry Lasater's brother

Chris and Dan Williams

Ely's father

For all the people in Nepal affected by the earthquake

The homeless community

Gen Erway

Viv Ellsworth

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim and family

Joys

Oregon in the summer



An example of the hand-dyed napkins that the Sunday School kids will make and sell at the FCC Craft Fair.

Michael's and Jo-Ann's locally or on Amazon online. Please buy as much of this glue as possible and give it to Emily, Miranda, Leah, or Vicki. If they are sold out at Corvallis stores, request that they order more!

2. Volunteer to iron napkins. We will be needing lots of ironing during the course of this project. If you are willing to iron napkins, please let Emily or Miranda know. We will deliver napkins to your home! This is a big need **right now!**

3. Bring your children to church on the tub dye days. We have two Sundays set aside for dyeing all the napkins—August 16 and September 13. We can use your help and your children's help to stir and complete the dyeing process

Looking Ahead

July 15

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

July 20

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

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

September 26-27

- Craft Fair!

What's Happening...

Due Knots Meet

Wednesday, July 15 at 9:00 a.m. room 35. Join us help tie comforters for kids at risk in our community... and enjoy tea and conversation with us.

Summer Picnics at Willamette Park

Get together at Willamette Park at 6:00 p.m. for a picnic fun and games. Bring your own meal. Activities for all ages.

Announcements

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...

Grand Opening of 24/7/365 Youth Shelter in Albany!

Jackson Street Youth Shelter invites you to join us in celebrating the opening of the new 24/7/365 youth shelter in Albany—an important expansion of services for runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth throughout Linn County. The Grand Opening Celebration event will be held Thursday, August 6 from 12-2 p.m. Representative Andy Olson will share remarks at 12:30 p.m., and the house will be open for tours from 1-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 1240 SE 7th Ave, in Albany, across the street from Eleanor Hackleman Park.

Birthdays

- 7/15 - Peyton Clark
- 7/17 - Don Zobel
- 7/18 - Christopher Eide
- 7/20 - Steve Herb
- 7/21 - Cheryl Fuller
- 7/22 - Gen Erway
- 7/23 - Fred Lincoln
- 7/24 - Larry Holder, Ryan Frederick
- 7/26 - Mike Vanderford, Teresa Shaw

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.

Sunday Morning at Family Camp photos by Dawn Lasater



Shall We Gather at the RV



The Sunnyside Singers.



Linda's Sunday best hat and gloves.

July/August 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 -Finance 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
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All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

Our Vision

