



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Inter-generational Folk Sunday Worship, August 30 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 am-Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am-Service (no Sunday School)
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3)

Called to Serve

Elders: Kelley Marchbanks, Aaron Marchbanks

Home Communion: Prill Zobel

Preparing Deacons: Allan Doerksen,
Mona Gerig

Serving Deacons: *Maya Herb, Elliana Berry,
Tyler Berry, Sue Schulz

Flowers: The Stinsons

Coffee Cart and Snack: Sherry Sisson,
Linda Stinson

Greeter: Mona Gerig

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 8/11-90

Saturday, 8/15-115

Sunday, 8/16-117

Tuesday, 8/18-137

Saturday, 8/22-na

Sunday, 8/23-130

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.

Making Waves at the Otter Beach Party



Top: Scary fast waterslide excitement!

*Above: The opposite of 'scary fast water-
slide excitement!'*



Top: Seriously enjoying a popsicle.

*Above: Summer practice for the tandem
bobsled team.*

Labor Day Service in the Park



Labor Day Service in the Park is an open air Sunday worship that brings together churches from around the Corvallis area. This interdenominational service meets on Sunday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. at Central Park.

For our part we need to provide 6 dozen cookies. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex.

Matt's Minute

Minister's Discretionary Fund

Many years ago, a fund was developed at the church called the "Minister's Discretionary Fund." This fund was established to help individuals in need and cover immediate expense needs outside the church budget. This fund is completely outside our general operating budget and depends on your donations. One of our regular contributors is a formerly homeless individual who gives back to the church every month. Occasionally the church receives donations from community members outside the congregation because of the work we are doing in the community. Often checks come in to the office "for the homeless" or "for the needy." The daytime drop-in center reimburses the church for using the church van and the money is placed in this fund. Some of the ways this money was used in June and July:

- Tents for the homeless
- Sleeping bags for the homeless
- Van rental fees to help the Osei-Frimpong's move
- Bus tickets for individuals to get back home, close to family or to jobs in other parts of the country

- Bike tire and tube for someone working at Stahlbush Farms
- Fees for a parenting for a young woman who recently regained custody of her children
- Several overdue power bills (after individual has exhausted We Care and energy assistance services)
- A used battery and alternator for a woman living in her car
- Gas for the church van
- Oil change and radiator flush for church van
- Lunch for Habitat for Humanity

As you can see, there is much need in our community. Right now, these funds are depleted. I hope that you will consider making a contribution towards this fund. Any size gift is contributed. Thank you in advance.

Fall Kick-Off

We hope you will mark your calendars for the fall kick-off on Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m.! This is the Sunday we celebrate returning to school, return of the choir and the beginning of a new season in the life of the church. Come one, come all and bring a friend or two!

Peace, Matt



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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/>

Update Your Address Books!

Update your address books, phones, e-mail contact lists and all other devices you use to contact the church. About a year ago, we redesigned our website and changed the domain name. We held on to the old domain name for a time, but this is will soon be expiring. The addresses ending in fcc-corvallis.org will soon be going away. Please note the new e-mail address:

Matt	matt@heartofcorvallis.org
Charlene	charlene@heartofcorvallis.org
Irami	irami@heartofcorvallis.org
Jill	jill@heartofcorvallis.org

From Charlene

Dear Church Family,
I am truly humbled and overwhelmed by the outpouring of kindness and generosity during my recent surgery. Thank you all so much for the prayers, calls, visits, cards, flowers, the delicious food and the special Love Offering. A special thank you to Beth, Jill and Matt. What a blessing it is to belong to such a loving and caring congregation. Thanks again.
Hugs and Love,
Charlene

PS. I am sure that I will be healed in time to do some snow dancing!

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, Vicki, and Leah

Sunday School Dye Party!

Last week in Sunday School all the classes came together to tub dye the napkins that we have been working on



for the past month in Sunday School. The kids and volunteers helped with the whole tub dye process which included a lot of stirring! We had six different tubs of dye so that we could dye our six colors: plum, avocado, teal, daffodil, oxblood red, and deep orange. Thank you to everyone who came and made dyeing this many napkins at once possible!

We will be selling the napkins, in sets of four, during the craft fair. All the money we make will support earthquake relief in Nepal.



Thank you also to all the friends of Sunday School who are now ironing the napkins!

Due Knots News from Prill Zobel

We are busy preparing quilts for the Craft Fair. Each year, after the Craft Fair, we choose an organization whose focus is children. This year we chose Medical Teams International located in Portland with a Charity Navigator award of 4 Stars—the top rating. Our

check of \$500.00 was dedicated to their program called “Healthy Children and Safe Motherhood”.

We donate 5-6 quilts monthly to the Homeless School Project hosted in the old Harding School. And we also donate 5-6 quilts each month to the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Program).

Please continue to support our effort at covering needy children locally and beyond with a warm, snuggly quilt to warm their bodies as well as give reassurance that someone cares. We welcome your support, ideas, and donation of money, fabrics, and batting for our projects. Please stop by our Quilt Booth to help and/or buy a quilt.

Thank you.



2014 Craft Fair Quilt booth

In Our Prayers

Sue Schulz

Joyce Miller

For the people affected by the volcanic eruption in Cotapaxi, Ecuador

Wife of Jim's friend was diagnosed the Alzheimer's disease

Tricia Martin's brother going in for medical tests

Doris and Henry Coleman (Mary Cotton's parents) and Mary's grand-nephew

Gen Erway

Viv Ellsworth

Lynnie Evans

Will Keim and family

Dr. Alan Sugawara passed away. Prayers for his friends and family

Continued prayers for Nepal

Firefighters

Global Missions

Global Ministries thanks all who have given gifts in support of the missionary appointments of missionaries Kim and Erik Free, serving with the United Church of Christ in Mozambique. As of June 5, 2015, over \$110,000 has arrived of the total \$200,000 goal which provides \$50,000 each year for the Frees' four-year term in Mozambique.

Global Ministries invites you to give a new gift by check or online in support of the Frees' missionary appointments so we can reach our goal even more quickly. Go to: <https://goo.gl/JG6VLp> Many of you are giving recurring gifts monthly or quarterly by credit cards or through your bank account for this purpose. To explore your options to make recurring gifts, go to <http://goo.gl/IJRDIC>.

To keep up with the Frees, join Erik and Kim's Facebook page.

Looking Ahead

August 26

- 6:00 p.m.-Picnic at Willamette Park

August 30

- Name Tag Sunday

September 1

- 3:00 p.m.-FCC's turn to prep/serve
Stone Soup supper

September 2

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

September 6

- 10:00 a.m.-Labor Day Service in the Park
- 6:00 p.m.-Group 4 meets at the Zobel's

September 7

- Labor Day-Church office is closed

September 9

- 10:00 a.m.-Bible Study resumes

September 13

- Fall "Kick-Off" Sunday

September 14

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

September 20

- After service-Disciples House Open House

September 26-27

- Craft Fair!

September 28

- 7:00 p.m.-Board Meeting

Birthdays

8/29 - Mary Holloway

9/01 - Irami Osei-Frimpong

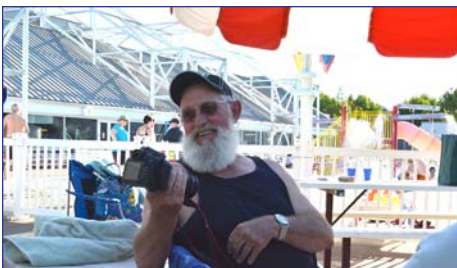
9/03 - Georgann Taylor

9/07 - Frances Younger

Anniversaries

8/31 - Janet and Paul Chenard

9/11 - Jean and Bill Thayer



The camera lens tide was turned.

What's Happening...

Name Tag Sunday

We encourage folks to wear their own special name tag which could help conversation when meeting people in worship service.

Group 4 Meets

Group 4 meets at the home of Don and Prill Zobel on Sunday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact them if you plan to come.

Summer Picnics at Willamette Park

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

Announcements

Update Church Staff Email Addresses

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Sleeping Bags and Tents Needed

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.

Around Town...

Central Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) Summer Picnic

Our neighbors Martha Wilson and Dan Burleson have kindly offered to host the CPNA Summer Picnic and potluck in their beautiful garden at **206 NW 8th Street**; the big blue house on the corner of 8th and Jackson. The picnic will be held Tuesday, September 15, starting at 5:30 pm, taking the place of our regularly scheduled September meeting. Please bring:

- food to share
- your favorite beverage—beer and wine are welcome
- plates, cups, and utensils
- chairs

Please add September 15 to your calendar and plan to join us for what promises to be a most pleasant late summer evening.

Make a Joyful Noise!

This is an invitation to our **10th Annual Make A Joyful Noise** choral extravaganza scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 8, in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis. The past nine years have provided us a wonderful opportunity for the gathering of church musicians and members of our congregations from the mid-valley area for this celebration offered in support of our shared campus ministry through United Campus Ministry at Westminster House and Oregon State University.

Make a Joyful Noise!
A Choral Celebration



August/September 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 8:30 am -Silent Meditation 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	24	25 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	26  6 pm -Picnic in the Park	27	28	29 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

