



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Folk Worship, September 27 at 9:00 a.m.

- Canceled: Adult Sunday School
- 9:00 am-Short Folk Service
(no Sunday School)
- 10:00-5:00 pm-Craft Fair!
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper
(prep at 3:30)

Called to Serve

Elders: Neil Reynolds, Tom Grabacik

Home Communion: Lauri Morris

Preparing Deacons: Sandy Landis,
Doris Modderman

Serving Deacons: *Stephen Chenard, Marc
Chenard, Hugh Olsen, Maya Herb

Flowers: na

Coffee Cart and Snack: none

Greeter: Vera Rush

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 9/15-144

Saturday, 9/19-126

Sunday, 9/20-135

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.

Craft Fair Weekend- September 26 and 27!

Signup sheets are available in church to help with set up, tear down and work shifts in the Food Booth, Bistro Below, Book Sale and Information Booth. Please help out wherever you can – there are jobs that can be done at any ability level. There are many other ways you can help support this event! We also need donations of:

- Name brand sodas, waters, iced teas.
(Watch for sales and pick up an extra for the Craft Fair).
- Baked cookies and goodies – bake ahead and freeze

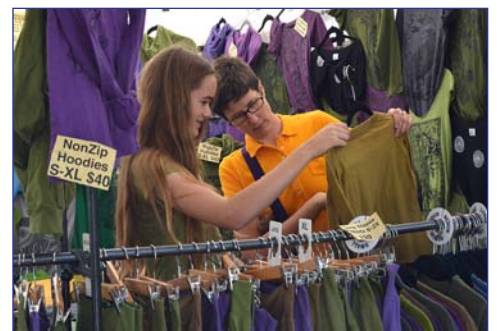
- Goodies for our vendor packets - 1 pound M&Ms and 1 pound mixed nuts (6 lbs. total of each needed).
- Slightly used or unwanted books, video, DVD's and CD's.

(Food items needed between September 23-25. Beverages and book sale items can be dropped off now.)

Call the church office if you can donate something, want to signup, or have questions (541) 753-2671 or email charlene@heartofcorvallis.org

A big thanks for your donations and for signing up to volunteer!

A Look Back at Craft Fair 2014



From Steve Herb

Dear church members and friends,

The members of the Finance Cabinet propose removing the church building from the Corvallis Local Register of Historic Landmarks. By having the church building on the local historic register, we receive the benefit of being listed as a historic building. We do not receive any tax benefit or other incentive.

Because of our historic listing, each time we want to make changes that affect the exterior of the building, we are required to go through the Corvallis Planning Division and, often, the Historic Resources Commission (HRC). This process can add about 90 days to the permit process. Our permit may even be denied, because the Corvallis Planning Division or the HRC deems the proposed changes would make the appearance of the church historically inaccurate. There was concern in the congregation that the building permit for the solar panels installation would be denied by the HRC. However, the panels were installed in a way that they were not readily visible from the ground and

were approved for installation rather easily.

The application to remove the church building from the register is an administrative procedure done through the Corvallis Planning Division. The application requires a \$100 deposit and a \$2508 non-refundable fee. The Finance Cabinet believes the application process and fees are worth the effort and expense in order to streamline the permit process for exterior projects as we strive to maintain and improve our building through the many years ahead.

If you have thoughts about this proposal, please contact one of the Finance Cabinet members, or join us at our next Finance meeting.

Sincerely,

Steve Herb

V.P. Finance, FCC Corvallis



Rev. Matt Gordon

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.



Sweatshirt Season Approaching

Fall is almost here and winter is around the corner. You have an opportunity to stay warm and show your FCC pride simultaneously. We will take orders for FCC sweatshirts starting this Sunday until October 4. To encourage people to order sweatshirts, we will subsidize some of the cost from our Outreach Fund. The cost to

you is \$20. Order one today and order one for a friend tomorrow. Sweatshirts will be delivered by October 17, giving us time to show off our sweatshirts at our Community Service Sunday on October 25.

These full-zip hoodies are available in two colors: maroon and chocolate; sizes S-XXL.



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

A few weeks ago in Sunday School all the classes discussed Nepal and why we are donating money for earthquake relief. The older class wrestled with the ideas of why we help other people and if there are reasons, as Christians, that we are called to help others.

The middle class learned about the culture of Nepal, including Hinduism, and also talked about how a natural disaster, like an earthquake, would change a person's life.



The younger class focused on the Tihar Festival of Lights annual celebration in Nepal. They made saguns (fruit and candy bags for each family member) and flower garlands (given to family members during Tihar). They also ate sel roti, a fried bread made by Leah, and listened to festival music.

Sunday School Registration

We have a new Sunday School registration form for everyone to fill out. Please take a few minutes to fill out one of these forms when you next pick your child up from Sunday School.

They are available in the all Sunday School rooms. The information on the forms will help us to have accurate, up-to-date information on your child.

Dia de Los Muertos Party

Our annual Dia de Los Muertos party will be held this year on Thursday, October 30, from 12:30-3:00 p.m. at the Evans-Herb house on Buchanan St. Lunch will be provided along with decorating sugar skulls and playing with Lego in the basement!



Ecumenical Youth Group

A new ecumenical youth group for middle school and high school students that has a focus on community service will be starting soon! Area churches, which includes the First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalist, Grace Lutheran and our church, have come together to plan and host events for the combined youth of these churches. The first event will be a "progressive dinner" on October 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. that will include meal stops at the First United Methodist Church, the First Presbyterian Church, and Disciples House! This will be a fun way to meet and greet the youth from other churches, whom many of our kids probably already know from school, soccer, and other Corvallis activities. Please add this event to your calendar and stay tuned for more specific information!

In Our Prayers

Jim's sister, Wanda, had a stroke
Kid's transition back to school

Eli's brother

Donna's sister, Brenda has health concerns

Sue Schulz

Joyce Miller

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

Gen Erway

Viv Ellsworth

Lynn Evans

Will Keim and family

Worship in the Park



Offerings to this year's ecumenical service in Central park went to **We Care**. A total of \$1,492.11 was collected for this invaluable service.

We Care was established to allow the resources of several faith communities to share in providing the structure needed for judicious assistance to those seeking aid. We Care provides one-time financial assistance to residents of Benton County in emergency situations when no other help is available from public or private sources. Also, when it appears that recipients will be able to manage successfully after a single assist.

*Thank you for all that you give!
Your contributions make a positive difference in our community.*

Looking Ahead

September 26 and 27

- Craft Fair!

September 28

- 7:00 p.m.-Board Meeting

October 4

- 5:30 p.m.-Group 4 at the Young's

October 7

- 5:30 p.m.-Listening Series: Dinner and Program

October 11

- 11:30 a.m.-Discover FCC Day

October 12

- 7:00 p.m.-Finance Cabinet

October 19

- 7:00 p.m.-Program Cabinet

October 25

- 10:00 a.m.-Service Sunday

October 29

- Dia de Los Muertos

November 11

- 5:30 p.m.-Listening Series: Dinner and Program

November 15

- Harvest Dinner

Birthdays

9/22 - Lisa Schulz

9/28 - Jim Stinson, Hugh Olsen

9/29 - Carolyn Ordway, Sylvia Baarstad,
Beth Baird

Fall Listening Series

Mark your calendars today! Plan to attend. More information coming soon. Wednesday, October 7: *Homelessness and First Christian: Our Past, Present and Future*

- 5:30 - 6:00 Dinner provided
- 6:00 - 7:00 Program (dinner will be served until 6:30 for latecomers)

Wednesday, November 11: *Our Legacy: A Plan to Sustain our Future, with guest Jerry Lang from Christian Church Foundation*

- 5:30 - 6:00 Dinner provided
- 6:00 - 7:00 Program (dinner will be served until 6:30 for latecomers)

What's Happening...

Group 4 Meets October 4

Bob and Vicki Young will host a Group 4 potluck on Sunday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. Vicki will prepare the entrée. Please RSVP if you plan to come. We will make cider this year. Bob has a limited quantity of apples on hand. If you have apples, plan to bring them for processing at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Due Knots Next Meeting in November

No meeting in October. Next meeting will be Wednesday, 18 Nov. at 9:00 a.m.

Announcements

Update Church Staff Email Addresses

The email 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

Sleeping Bags and Tents Needed

We have a high demand for sleeping bags, tents, tarps and socks. Please consider donating one of these items or contributing to the minister's discretionary fund to purchase these items.

Around Town...

Free Screening of the Documentary *The Homestretch*

Jackson Street Youth Services and The Pix Theater are bringing you a free screening of the award-winning documentary film *The Homestretch* on Sunday, September 27 from 7-9 p.m. The film chronicles the lives of three homeless youth and provides powerful insight into issues facing this vulnerable population – issues we see every day in our own community. This one-time event is free and open to the public, though some serious themes may not be appropriate for children under 12. Join us at The Pix Theater (321 SW 2nd Ave, Albany) and become an advocate by learning more!

Lilly's Lope for Hope - 5k Race/1k Walk for Suicide Awareness

Saturday, October 10, 2015, 10:00 a.m. Race proceeds will help to provide families with financial support for youth in need of mental health services, such as: suicide prevention education, school assemblies, and counseling services. For more information and registration, go to: www.lillyslope.com

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.



September/October 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 9 am -Adult Study 10 am -Worship, w/ Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	21 7:00 pm -Program Cabinet	22 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	23 10 am -Bible Study	24	25	26 Craft Fair! 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
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All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

Our Vision

