



# Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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**Join us for Sunday Worship,  
October 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

- 9:00 am-Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am-Service (with Sunday School)
- 5:30 pm - Stone Soup Supper  
(prep at 3:30)

### Called to Serve

**Elders:** na

**Home Communion:** na

**Preparing Deacons:** Sylvia Baarstad,  
Marcene Stuart

**Serving Deacons:** \*Nami Choe, Beth Baird,  
Ely Kimberlin, Lisa Luthy

**Flowers:** na

**Coffee Cart and Snack:** Sandy Landis

**Greeter:** Vera Rush

### Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 9/22-150

Saturday, 9/26-109

Sunday, 9/27-141

### 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.

## Wonderful 2015 Craft Fair Weekend!

Ah, the smell of kettle korn in the air and the feeling of camaraderie and community around FCC; what a weekend! We can't thank **you** enough for contributing yourself, in so many different

ways, to Craft Fair. Everyone felt it. One craftsperson said, "Great festival. Everyone was in such good spirits." All chipped in to make the 2015 Craft Fair the best Craft Fair ever! **Thank you so much!**



## Matt's Minute

### 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)

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for making this weekend great! There are so many of you to thank for the countless hours of time before and during this Craft Fair weekend. We did some initial counts this morning and although we do not have official numbers yet, it is safe to

that this will be a record year for Craft Fair proceeds.

One comment, I heard over and over again was, "your church is amazing." I heard this from our vendors, volunteers, and community members. As a pastor, you never get tired of hearing this. As your pastor, I wholeheartedly agree. What we showed this week was an incredible outpouring of love and hospitality. The Spirit was so alive this weekend. There are so many of you pitched in to make this weekend happen. Thank you church!

Please watch you newsletter for information about our upcoming celebration dinner. At that time we will report on our financial numbers, have an opportunity to receive feedback and also celebrate the victories of the weekend. Dinner will be provided and you do not have to bring anything! I will keep you posted.

*Thanks,  
Pastor Matt*



**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.

### Sermons Online

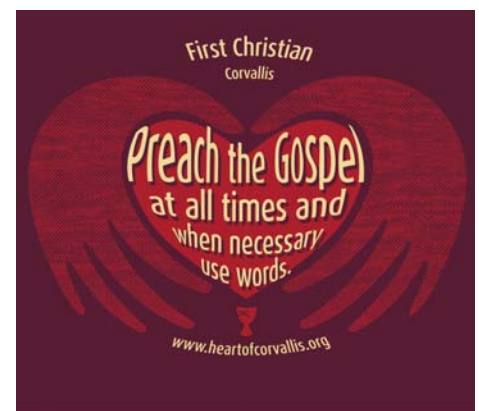
<http://heartofcorvallis.org/recent-sermons/>

## 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. Sample sizes will be available this week for you to look at and try on.



*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

The children continue to learn about Nepal and why we are sending the proceeds of the Craft Fair to help with earthquake relief.

The middle class learned more about Hinduism as a way of studying the people and culture of Nepal. They learned specifically about "rangoli" which is a folk art where one creates a sacred welcoming area on living room floors or courtyards by drawing patterns with colored rice, dry flour, colored sand, or flower petals. In the picture Nina and Lily are making a rangoli outside of Disciples House.



For the first time this week the older class left for Sunday School directly after the first song in worship and had an extra long class. This allowed much more time for conversation and snack eating! They continued to discuss why we help other people, how we decide who to help, and how we figure out the best way to help. We also had enough time to discuss homework, allowances, and other subjects that naturally came up in our conversation.

### **Room Reminders**

Preschool through first grade meet in room 26 which is the room just past the nursery on the main floor. Teacher: Vicki Young.

Grades two through five meet in room 35 upstairs on the south end of the building. Teacher: Leah Gordon.

Middle school and high school meet in room 36 upstairs which is the last room on the south end of the building. Teacher: Emily Herb.

### **Dia de Los Muertos Party**

Our annual Dia de Los Muertos party will be held this year on Thursday, October 29, 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*

Marcie Gilbert, daughter-in-law of Mary Stewart

Jim Stinson

Jim's sister, Wanda, had a stroke

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



## Looking Ahead

### 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

### November 18

- 9:00 a.m.-Due Knots

## Birthdays

10/1 - Donna Davis

10/2 - Mildred Evans, Betty Critchfield

10/6 - Jeff Bradshaw



## 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

### All Church Retreat

A time for spirit, fun and fellowship next summer. Save the date for "The Gathering" at Belknap Hot Springs on the McKenzie River, June 23-26, 2016. Keep watching your Dispatch for more details.



Belknap Hot Springs photo by Terry Richard, OregonLive

### Update Staff Email Addresses

The email addresses ending in fcc-covallis.org will soon be going away. Please note the new e-mail address:

Matt	<a href="mailto:matt@heartofcovallis.org">matt@heartofcovallis.org</a>
Charlene	<a href="mailto:charlene@heartofcovallis.org">charlene@heartofcovallis.org</a>
Irami	<a href="mailto:irami@heartofcovallis.org">irami@heartofcovallis.org</a>
Jill	<a href="mailto:jill@heartofcovallis.org">jill@heartofcovallis.org</a>

### 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.

### 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 Pamela at [apdoerksen@comcast.net](mailto:apdoerksen@comcast.net) or Bill at [bandjmaier@comcast.net](mailto:bandjmaier@comcast.net)

## Around Town...

### 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](http://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
<b>27</b>  <b>Craft Fair!</b> Canceled-Adult Study <b>9 am</b> -Worship, no Sunday School <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> -Board Meeting	<b>29</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	<b>30</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study	<b>1 October</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
<b>4</b> <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study <b>10 am</b> -Worship, w/ Sunday School <b>5:30 pm</b> -Group 4 <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>3:30 pm</b> -FCC's turn to prep/serve Stone Soup Supper <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>7</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study <b>5:30 pm</b> -Listening Series: dinner and program	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
<b>11</b> <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study <b>10 am</b> -Worship, w/ Sunday School <b>11:30 am</b> -Discover FCC Day <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> -Finance Cabinet	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	<b>14</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
<b>18</b>  <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study <b>10 am</b> -Folk and Intergenerational Worship, w/Sunday School <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> -Program Cabinet	<b>20</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	<b>21</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>10 am</b> -Stone Soup Breakfast
<b>25</b> <b>9 am</b> -Adult Study <b>10 am</b> -Service Sunday, no Sunday School <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	<b>28</b> <b>10 am</b> -Bible Study	<b>29</b> <b>12:30-3:00 pm</b> -Dia de Los Muertos	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>10 am</b> -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*

