



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us February 19 for Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. - Service (w/Sunday School)
- 5:30 p.m. - Stone Soup Supper
(prep at 3:30)

Called to Serve

Elders: Ann Smart

Home Communion: Lauri Morris

Preparing Deacons: Teanna McMahan,
Stephanie Ottusch

Serving Deacons: *Tricia Martin, Sandy
Landis, Rick Olsen, Sherry Sisson

Coffee Cart and Snack: na

Flowers: na

Greeter: na

Sunday Worship Accessibility

Hearing assistance devices, large print
bulletins and hymnals are available.

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 2/7-85

Saturday, 2/11-100

Sunday, 2/12-88

Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon Senior Minister

Matthew Clark Choir Director

Eric Qian Pianist

Charlene Lincoln Church Secretary

Jill Shinkawa Communications Manager

Kevin Weaver Paladin

Lucas Teeter .. Disciples House Resident Advisor

Christa Schmeder Director of Youth Ministry

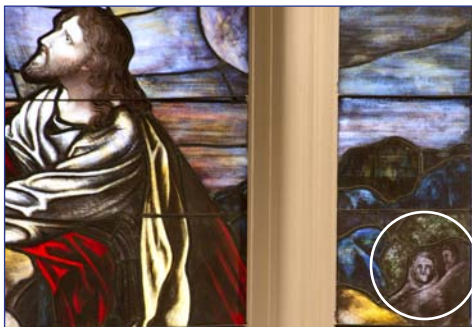
Join Us for Ash Wednesday Meal and Service



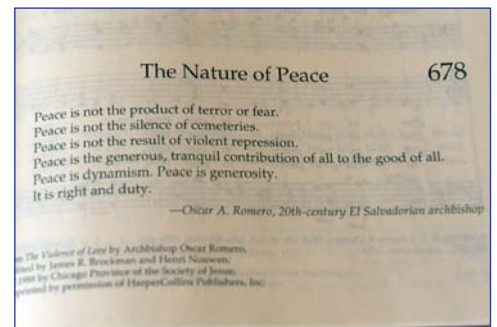
Ash Wednesday,
2014

Join us for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 1. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. at McLean Hall and service of ashes start at 6:30 p.m. The imposition of ashes mark the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of intentional introspection, prayer, contemplative practice, and fasting for some Christians. The ashes remind us of our mortality. The ashes remind us of our suffering and mourning. The ashes remind us of our need for repentance, forgiveness and grace.

From the Past Sunday...



One may never notice the two small people in the corner of the large stained glass. Could they symbolize us?



Below the closing hymn, "Let There Be Peace On Earth," was an amazing and relevant quote.

Week of Compassion Special Offering - February 19-26

In the next couple of weeks, Disciples congregations across the United States and Canada will be taking up the special offering to support Week of Compassion. This year's theme is "You are here" and represents the way that your partnership puts you on the ground when Week of Compassion is called. By giving to Week of Compassion, you are present with communities and families when

they go through a disaster that changes their life completely. You are here, in the heart of the work being done every day in Jesus's name.

Through your support to Week of Compassion, in 2016 alone, we were present in many places where communities were impacted by disaster.



Matt's Minute

Do people ever really change? Are we formed and molded as a kid, as an adolescent, and then who we are gets fixed in that state for the duration of our lives? We change locations, meet new people, start and leave jobs, gain and lose weight, move to new locations, start new adventures, but those are our circumstances changing. But, who we are as individuals—does this change?

Our hearts, our behavior patterns, our desires, our deepest, truest selves. Does this change? Do we experience genuine transformation in our lives?

I think most of us would probably say that we have changed. Surely, I'm not the same as 10, 20 or 30 years ago? Have I somehow evolved? Grown? Adapted?

Sometimes there are reminders of how

different I am. Sometimes when I see a mother with soothing a baby in a café, it reminds me of how much our life has changed.

What would my best friends say? Or what would my mother say? The season Lent begins at the end of this month. Lent is a Latin word that means 40. It is the 40 day period prior to Easter. It begs some questions:

What do you need to change? What do we need to change as an institution? How about our relationships? What about our habits and behaviors? Lent is still a few weeks away, but we could use a head start to begin thinking about the change we want to see in ourselves and in the world.

Peace,
Pastor 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/>

Christian Church in Indiana Regional Board Addresses Refugee Concern

By Middle East & Europe - Global Ministries on February 06, 2017

The Christian Church in Indiana has been proud to support our local congregations who have resettled refugees from around the world in years past. As this vital ministry is being threatened by government action, we, the Regional Board, feel the need to speak out, to offer our voices against new policies that go against our country's tradition of providing protection to people seeking safety.

Disciples throughout the United States have served over 40,000 refugees since World War II. Although we pray for the day when all violence comes to an end, we hope to continue doing this important part of our ministry, of living out God's call to welcome the stranger who is need, a call deeply rooted in our scripture and our history. By halting refugee resettlement for 120 days, refugee processing has ground to

a halt. Each step of the refugee security check process is time sensitive, so a pause in processing has meant that refugees are pulled off of planes, families who are anticipating their loved ones are devastated, and communities that have planned for refugees to arrive are left in limbo. Such an interruption in processing will force refugees who were set to arrive in the United States today to wait months—and even years—to go through fingerprinting, interviews, health screenings, and multiple security screenings yet again, all while their lives are in danger.

By reducing refugee admissions from 110,000 to 50,000, President Trump, with the support of some members of Congress, is going back on America's promise to refugees and abdicating America's leadership role on human rights and refugee protection.

By stopping the resettlement of Syrian refugees and narrowly preferencing religious minorities,

this announcement is tantamount to the religious test that President Trump threatened during his campaign. This is a clear case of discrimination against the Muslim community and must be decried as such.

Many of our congregations have experienced the joy of growing through helping refugees. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that by showing hospitality, "some have entertained angels without knowing it." We hope that our leaders will reconsider their decisions, so that we may continue to welcome new angels, new neighbors, and new citizens of the United States.



In Sunday School... From Christa Schmeder

Storytime, bookbinding, and bird feeders.

A couple of weeks ago in Sunday School, the younger elementary classes continued with the "For Everything There Is A Season" theme. We focused on birds in wintertime. We read stories and looked at pictures of Oregon birds. We made bird feeders from popsicle sticks, so our birds have food during winter months when there is less food available.

The middle school and high school youth stayed after church last Sunday

to work on a bookbinding project that was started during Sunday School. Lunch was provided and kids stayed until 1:30 p.m.

If it has been a week, a month, a year, or it's your first time to visit Sunday School at First Christian Church, your kids are welcome to join in the fun. We always have room, snacks, and supplies for your children to be involved however often they can be here. If you have any questions about the different classes, ask any of our teachers or email christa@heartofcorvallis.org.



Women's Pray and Play Events

This year's theme for Pray and Play events for women is "Use What Ya Got!" The events will introduce ways to explore how to use whatever we have to create a faithful life with prayer, witness, and spiritual practice.

A small book sale will be a part of the event and a fair trade sale of items from Ecuador, with all money collected from the crafts helping to move us closer to the goal with our FEDICE Romerillos project.

Pray and Play is a 3 hour mini-retreat for women and girls of all ages. Cost

is \$10.00 and pays for supplies and a gift for you to take home. Registration form can be found at www.oidiscples.org and in church offices. Hope to see you there. Invite your friends!!

- Keizer Christian - 2/18/17
- Parkview Meridian - 3/4/17
- Pendleton - 3/18/17



In Our Prayers

Ely's parents are struggling with illness

Teanna's family is going through grief and loss

Jim Stinson is waiting to hear from medical insurance. Prayers for a quick and positive response.

Bill Baird

Beth's neighbor

Jim and Linda's friend is having surgery

Bill Smart's brother, Jim

Carol Bailey's back problems

Craig is having medical issues

Carol Brown with a group of educators are travelling to Guatemala. Prayers for their safety

Cherie is doing great! Continued prayers for the Reynolds.

For all the people from the 7 countries affected by the travel ban

Roger Weaver and his family

Thayer family

Viv Ellsworth

Teanna McMahan

Lynn Evans and family

Joyce Miller

For our country and leaders

Joys

Ely has a new job

New Pastor at Keizer Christian Church

Congratulations to the Keizer Christian Church on calling Pastor Erik Free. He will start on March 15.

Erik and Kim Free were most recently missionaries in Mozambique.



Looking Ahead

February 15

- 7:00 pm-Pastor/Parish Committee Meeting

February 17-19

- Men's Cold Weather Shelter - FCC volunteer nights

February 20

- President's Day-Church office is closed
- 7:00 pm-Program Cabinet

February 26

- After Service-Life's Last Quarter

March 1 - Ash Wednesday

- 5:30-Meal
- 6:30-Service

March 3

- 10:00 am-Due Knots meet

March 5

- 5:30-Group 4 at the Doerksens'

March 12

- Daylight Saving Time Starts-Spring ahead 1 hour
- After Service-Life's Fourth Quarter

March 13

- 1:00 pm-Women's Lunch at Evergreen
- 7:00 pm-Finance Cabinet

March 20

- 7:00 pm-Program Cabinet

March 26

- After Service-Life's Fourth Quarter

April 9

- Palm Sunday
- Group 4 at the Smarts'

April 13

- Maundy Thursday

April 14

- 7:00 p.m.-Good Friday Service at FCC

April 16

- Easter

February Birthdays

- 2/9 - Stephen Chenard, Eric Eide
- 2/12 - Linda Stinson
- 2/13 - Christa Schmeder
- 2/19 - Lilly Marchbanks
- 2/21 - Mary Lou Wirfs
- 2/24 - Pamella Doerksen
- 2/26 - Emily Herb, Vicki Young

What's Happening...

Pastor/Parish Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. the Pastor/Parish committee meets. This committee is designed to enhance communication, evaluation and support between the congregation and the minister and the minister's family. If you have any feedback contact one of the following members: Lee Mason, Sue Schultz, David Sisson, Jim Stinson, Carol Garbacik, Dawn Lasater, Amy Berry, Christa Keim Schmeder, and Neil Reynolds

Due Knots Meet

Next Due Knots meeting is Friday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Group 4 in March

March 5 you are invited to Doerksen's (2210 NW Elmwood Drive) for Group 4 at 5:30. Pamella will prepare pulled pork and have barbecue sauce and buns to make sandwiches. You are welcome to bring potluck salads and desserts or whatever you want to go with the sandwiches. If it is a busy weekend for you just come. Let Pamella know you will attend. (apdoerksen@comcast.net or 541 753-5268) Anyone who would like to get to know us is welcome to join Group 4.

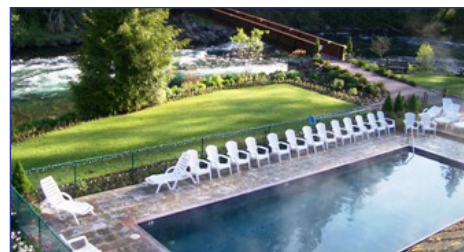
Adult Education Class: Life's Fourth Quarter

On March 12, we will have a guest speaker from McHenry's Funeral Home. Margie will talk and answer questions about making arrangements for the last celebration of our lives. Making arrangements in advance of our death, is a wonderful gift to the family you leave behind. In addition to grief, there is the stress about making decisions without all the information your family may need. Come join us as we continue to learn together. Snacks will continue to be available. Please RSVP to Prill (541-753-8309 or leave message) so that we can be sure our speaker has enough hand outs of information to give to all who are interested.

Announcements

Gathering on the River at Belknap Hot Springs

Looking ahead to an enjoyable three nights at the Gathering on the River at Belknap Hot Springs Resort? This is an event that adds fun, connection, and relaxation with the church family. Dates: June 29 to July 2, 2017. Put this date on your calendar in red! To register, contact Linda Stinson.



Disciples House Dinners

We are looking for people to provide Sunday night meals for Disciples House. Dinners should be ready around 6:00 p.m. and serve 15 people. Monetary donations are also appreciated to defer the costs of providing food. Note on your check "Disciples House Dinners". Contact Amy Berry (berryland4@msn.com) with questions or to sign up. There will also be a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Around Town...

The Taizé Prayer Service

Taizé services are held on the first Sunday of the month through June. Future services in 2017: 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan. This ecumenical service, led by the Corvallis Taizé Ensemble, includes meditative singing, short readings, and a quiet time for prayer. Any questions, contact Kathy, 541-753-2528, kathyfarnsworth@comcast.net

February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School After Service -Adult Education 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	13 7 pm -Finance Cabinet	14 1 pm -Women's Luncheon at Applebee's 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	15 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Pastor/Parish Committee Meeting 7 pm -Choir practice	16	17 Volunteer at Men's Cold Weather Shelter	18 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast Volunteer at Men's Cold Weather Shelter
19 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper Volunteer at Men's Cold Weather Shelter	20 President's Day -Church office closed 7 pm -Program Cabinet	21 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	22 10 am -Bible Study	23	24	25 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
26  9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Folk Worship, no Sunday School After Service -Adult Education 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	27	28 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	1 March 10 am -Bible Study Ash Wednesday 5:30 pm -Meal 6:30 pm -Service 7 pm -Choir practice	2	3 10 am -Due Knots meet	4 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
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All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

Our Vision

