



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship on April 30

- 9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. - Service (w/Sunday School)
- 2:00 p.m. - Corvallis Youth Collective Event, meet at FCC
- 5:30 p.m. - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3:30)

Called to Serve

Elders: Tom Garbacik, Lauri Morris

Home Communion: Michael Gordon

Preparing Deacons: Pat Malone, Allan Doerksen

Serving Deacons: *Lee Mason, Donna Mason, Carol Garbacik, Rick Olsen

Coffee Cart and Snack: na

Flowers: na

Greeter: Lynda Shurtleff

Sunday Worship Accessibility

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

Sermons Online

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

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 4/18-140

Saturday, 4/22-116

Sunday, 4/23-124

Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon..... Senior Minister

Matthew Clark.....Choir Director

Eric Qian Pianist

Charlene Lincoln.....Church Secretary

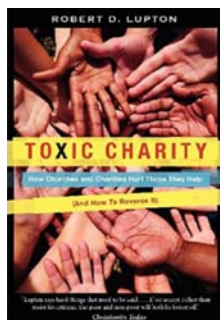
Jill Shinkawa.....Communications Manager

Kevin Weaver..... Paladin

Lucas Teeter ..Disciples House Resident Advisor

Christa Schmeder..... Director of Youth Ministry

Toxic Charity Discussion Group



Join us to talk about the book *Toxic Charity*.

Sunday, May 7: “The Oath” Lupton’s book outlines an oath for compassionate service.

Sunday, May 21: “How are We Doing?” Together, we will examine how we are engaged in “mission” work.

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Congregational Meeting *From Congregational Meeting Minutes*

Aaron, congregation president, called the meeting to order. He thanked the nominating committee: co-chairs Carol Garbacik and Patricia Malone; Tim Ottusch, and Teresa Shaw.

Members voted, the ballots were collected and tabulated by Kelley and Tim. There were 53 members present and 51 votes in favor of the entire slate of proposed office holders.



Moments from Last Sunday...



Nick Evans from WestM, thanked the church for their generosity.



Youth Deacons do their part during intergenerational worship.

Matt's Minute

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage."

-Psalm 16:6

"Not my circus. Not my monkeys."

- Polish Proverb

I remember one time in school, I did not get a paper finished on time. I had good reasons, really good reasons, but the one person who did not care was my professor. I explained to him my reasons, my really good reasons, with great passion and remorse. "Your lack of planning does not constitute an emergency on my part," he said.

His lack of sympathy in my situation, at the time, seemed cruel. The truth, in hindsight, was that I knew about the paper at the beginning of the semester and had all the resources to work on the paper well in advance and I chose to start the paper three days before it was due. It was completely my fault. What I learned was a lesson about boundaries and expectations.

It is not always this simple. Sometimes, we are not given the expectations and rules in advance. The boundary lines and due dates are not always clear. External circumstances are sometimes beyond our control. Life happens. We cannot always control, but we can stand ready and we can be awake.

On Sunday, I talked about Psalm 16 and the story of music, but another part of this Psalm is a conversation about the boundaries God places around David. In our adult Sunday school class that meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (end of commercial) we talked about boundaries. Particularly, we talked about our boundaries of re-

sponsibility. To whom and what are we responsible? What papers do we have to complete on time? What promises do we make to our families, our community and our world?

We get to choose what boundaries are best for us. By choosing these boundaries, we choose what to say yes to and sometimes that means determining what we say no to. Boundaries are great because they provide us with stability and purpose. I hesitate to claim to be in control, but I think it is worth our efforts to determine our intentions and desires to give us a roadmap. There are still wrong turns and closed roads. We will still have to re-calculate every now and then. The difference is that we will know what our destination is, even if it takes some time to get there.

Where are we going? What is God calling us to do? What are the boundary lines of our influence? To whom and to what are we responsible? What do we need to say no to, so that we can make room for what we want to say yes to?

Peace, 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.

Pastoral Installations in Albany and Keizer

*From the Regional Newsletter, April/
May 2017 edition*

Two congregations will be installing new pastors this spring. Rev. Tim Graves has served most recently as Pastor of Condon United Church of Christ. An ordained Disciple of Christ pastor, Tim joins Pastor Rev. Douglass Anne Cartwright on the staff of Albany First Christian Church. Installation is scheduled for May 27, 2:00 p.m.

Rev. Erik Free has served most recently on staff in Mozambique with Global Ministries of the Christian Church. Erik will be installed on as Pastor of Keizer Christian Church on June 4, at 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to these installation services!!

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.

Youth Education...

More photos of Sunday School Easter activities!



Corvallis Youth Collective Events

Sunday, April 30 from 2-4 p.m. We will meet at First Christian Church Corvallis then go to one of the community gardens. In collaboration with the Corvallis Environmental Center, we will build a water collection station, do some planting, discuss the benefits of growing food and caring for our natural resources.



Sunday, May 21 from 5-7 p.m., hosted at First United Methodist Church. We will play a live version of the board game, Clue. Once the players have solved the mystery, we will have dinner together in the dining room.

Sunday, June 4 from 5-7 p.m., hosted at First Congregational UCC. This will be a fun end of the year BBQ with lots of food, yard games, and water balloons. Together let's enjoy one of the last weekends before summer break.

Margaret Coon's New Address

Margaret Coon has moved to Brookdale in Albany. The address is: Brookdale Geary Street 2445 Southeast Geary Street Albany, OR 97322



In Our Prayers

John Evans' nephew, Isaac, is receiving hospice care

Patty Evans' friend, Joan, is in the hospital

Lynda Shurtleff's friend, Victoria Wingate, is recovering from back surgery.

Charlene broke her foot

Prayers for Linda and Jim

Teanna is having health problems

Bud's son-in-law, Larry, is doing better

Mona's two brothers are very ill and her brother-in-law is receiving chemo treatments.

Charlene's former neighbor, Burt, is recovering from heart surgery

Josh Bergh has a brain tumor

Roger Weaver and his family

Lynn Evans and family

Joyce Miller

School kids with colds, flus, and allergies

For our country and leaders

Joys

Beautiful weather on Earth Day!



Lucas, our Disciples House RA, hard at work battling the dandelions. The day before he also created mounds of grass clippings mowing the DH lawn. Nice work Lucas!

Looking Ahead

April 30

- 2:00 pm - Corvallis Youth Collective Event

May 5

- 9:00 am - Due Knots meet

May 7

- 11:15 am - Toxic Charity Study Group
- 5:30 pm - Group 4 at the Griswolds'

May 8

- 7:00 pm - Finance Cabinet

May 9

- 11:00 am - Craft Fair Meeting

May 13

- 2:00 pm - Mother's Day Tea Party

May 15

- 7:00 pm - Program Cabinet

May 21

- 11:15 am - Toxic Charity Study Group

May 29

- Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

May 31

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June 12

- 7:00 pm - Finance Cabinet

June 13

- 1:00 pm - Women's lunch at Tommy's

June 18

- Father's Day Car Show/Chili Cook-off

June 19

- 7:00 pm - Program Cabinet

July 20

- 7:00 pm - Women's Meal with a Topic at the Sissons'

August 15

- 1:00 pm - Women's lunch at Gathering Together Farm

Happy Birthday!

- 4/21 - Alice Kelling
- 4/22 - Sandra Landis, April Lewis
- 4/23 - Neil Reynolds
- 4/26 - Doris Montgomery
- 4/27 - Stephanie Mason Key
- 4/30 - Bob Young

Anniversaries

- 4/28 - Leah and Michael Gordon

What's Happening...

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Due Knots Meet

There will be no meeting in April. On Friday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 35. Come help us tie comforters for needy kids in Benton County and beyond. Come with a joke and stay for tea!

Ladies' Tea

Saturday, May 13 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in McLean Hall, tea, light refreshments and good conversation. Prill Zobel will be talking about her travels and issues that face women in other cultures. Women of the church and guests are invited. Cost is \$5.00. Sign-up in the Narthex on Sundays or email kareng@peak.org.

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Announcements

Oregon and Southwest Idaho Regional Newsletter

April/May regional newsletter can be found here: <https://goo.gl/EPCAOL>

Around Town...

31ST Annual OSU Holocaust Memorial Week - April 24-28

For further information about HMW 2017, visit holocaust.oregonstate.edu or contact Paul Kopperman (pkopperman@oregonstate.edu) or the OSU School of History, Philosophy and Religion (541 737-3421). All events are free and open to the public.

Take Back the Night - 4/27/17

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Student Experience Center, SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, Oregon 97331. Rally. March. Speak Out.

Oregon State University is committed to preventing all forms of sexual violence and providing a campus environment that fosters a culture of respect and healthy interpersonal relationships. We believe that every member of our university plays a role in creating a community where violence in any form is not tolerated.

Prescription Drug Take Back - April 29

Benton County Health is sponsoring the upcoming Prescription Drug Take Back event on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Benton County Fairgrounds. This is an important public health event as proper disposal of left-over medications prevents children and teens from getting a hold of them in the home, as well as avoids dumping extra medications into our water system.

Evita at The Majestic

May 5-28 at The Majestic Theatre. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$25. See Mary Cotton and Bill Maier perform in this musical!

April/May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23  9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Folk Worship, no Sunday School After Service: Congregational Mtg. 11:15 am -Toxic Charity Study Group 5:30 pm -SS Supper	24	25 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	26 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir practice	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

