



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Pentecost Sunday Worship, June 4 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: David Sisson, Don Yarbrough

Home Communion: Alice Kelling

Preparing Deacons: Stephanie Ottusch,
Bob Young

Serving Deacons: Mary Frederick, Tom
Frederick, Lee Mason, Donna Mason*

Coffee Cart and Snack: na

Flowers: na

Greeter: Vera Rush

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, 5/23-138

Saturday, 5/27-119

Sunday, 5/28-128

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

Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday

This Pentecost Sunday celebrate the gift of the Spirit! We encourage you to wear red or flame-orange clothes to worship to symbolize the fire of God's love within us.

Right: Sunday School displays its visual representation of Pentecost, 2012



New Portrait Directory

We are growing! We need a new directory and are working with Lifetouch for professional portraits of our congregation members. Lifetouch will be available at the church to take your portrait

on Thursday, June 8 and Friday, June 9. Schedule your appointment online at: <https://goo.gl/lyu5c4> or call the church office. Sign up soon. There will be no other additional times.

Summer Special Music Sign Up *From Matthew Clark*

Sign up to share special music with our church this summer! This is open to all members of our church and community! If you know anyone who is interested in sharing their musical talents during the summer, please encourage them to sign up! It is a great opportunity to gain performance experience with an amaz-

ing and supportive audience! If possible, sign up 2 weeks in advance of the Sunday you wish to share, and absolutely no later than the Wednesday before so that we can get it in the bulletin! If you are needing Eric to play for your piece, it is your responsibility to get him the music and schedule a rehearsal with him ASAP! If you have questions please email choir.disciples.church@gmail.com or call the church office at 541.753.2671 To sign up, visit: <https://goo.gl/gWJXiO> Available Sundays: June 18, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 30, August 6, August 13, and August 20

We had 100% Sundays covered last year! Let's get 100% again this year!



Matt's Minute

"Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit..."

— Acts 2:3-4

This Sunday, June 4 is Pentecost. For many reasons, Pentecost holds a special place in my heart. As a kid, we celebrated Pentecost as the birthday of the church (which meant cake before lunch). It was on Pentecost as a young adult that I made a public declaration to commit my life to Christian ministry. It was on Pentecost many years later that I was ordained to Christian ministry. It was on Pentecost five years ago that I began my service here at First Christian Church.

This Sunday will be a celebratory day. In addition to being Pentecost, it is Promotion Sunday. We will celebrate our teachers, our middle school graduates, our elementary school graduates, our high school graduates and all of our kids. Yes, there will be cake. Be there and bring a friend!

Last Sunday...



*And we're created to be one: sister,
brother, daughter, son; whether Jew or
Greek You love us all the same;
And we're created to be one, so may all
our work be done in the Spirit who has
called us in Your name.*

"Created to be One." Words and Music by Jim Manley.
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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.

Pentecost celebrates the rich history of the church. The church was born on the day of Pentecost. The early followers of Jesus began forming house churches and began formulating the early belief systems of the church. The 11 disciples began telling the stories of Jesus and soon afterwards, Paul, Silas, Timothy and others began travelling around the Mediterranean region to share the good news.

Pentecost is also a celebration of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit represents the living, breathing manifestation of God in the community. The Holy Spirit is often presented as being like fire or like wind. Both images conjure up feelings of energy and boldness. Pentecost is a reminder that things are always moving, always changing and that God is always doing new things in



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the life of the church. Pentecost is an excuse to shake things up and try some new things. Another way to put it is that Pentecost is a reminder to embrace the Spirit of God in our lives more.

Peace, Matt

"No Separation of Church and Street" **FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW & CHILI COOK OFF**

**Antique Cars
Classic Cars
Hot Rods
Motorcycles
& More**



**Come taste
the many
varieties of
delicious
Home Made Chili**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CORVALLIS

Madison Ave and 6th St, Corvallis, Oregon

Sunday June 18, 2017 10:00am

For information on participating or attending contact: [Jim Stinson 541-753-2714](mailto:Jim.Stinson@heartofcorvallis.org)

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... *From Christa Schmeder*

Classroom Updates

Preschool - 1st Grade with Vicki

We switched mediums this week and had the opportunity to try pastels. We talked about how sometimes people say, "God is love" or "Jesus is love". We talked about why love is so important to us. Each kid had the opportunity to talk about what love means to them while they were making their work of art.

2nd - 5th Grade with Leah

In the upper elementary class, we talked about being good shepherds. The kids did a great job coming up with very sincere, real-life examples for a group project.

Middle and High School with Emily and Miranda



This week the middle and high school class finished up their three week series on the post-Easter Jesus. They discussed Jesus and his message of radical compassion that was in direct opposition to the purity system of the day. They also talked about the early Christian movement and the path or

"the way" that those early Christians set out to follow and how it is still relevant today.

Corvallis Youth Collective

The "Live Clue" at the ecumenical youth event was so fun! We were represented by Conner, Holden, and their friend. There were youth from four different churches. It was fun to see such a large group of kids running around the church. They ended the evening with a shared meal and some outdoor "flamingo ball". It was a lot like baseball but a lawn flamingo was used in place of a bat. It seemed to make sense to the kids! The next middle/high school CYC event is on June 4, after promotion Sunday.

Cookie Jar Sale Fundraiser



Cookie jars are for sale to raise funds for the Corvallis Youth Collective water barrels that will adorn our "hobbit house" at the Sage Garden. Our goal is to raise about \$150. Cookie jars are \$7 each, 2 for \$12, or 3 for \$15. To purchase contact Christa at christa@heartofcorvallis

Pentecost Special Day Offering - June 4 and 11

Churches Change the World... Start

More! is the theme for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 2017 Pentecost Offering, which will be celebrated Sundays, June 4 and 11.

I encourage you to help actively change the world by supporting the Pentecost Offering Sundays, June 4 and

June 11. Each year, half of the offering is designated to your local Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

In Our Prayers

Pat Eide - prayers for a successful surgery and a complete and rapid recovery

Prayers for the Wright family
Sandy Landis' brother-in-law passed away. Prayers for their family

Teanna's Aunt Judy passed away. Also, her cousin Sammy died from a falling tree. Her Uncle is traveling to Europe. Prayers for her family.

Margaret Coon fell and broke her hip and is now at the Regency in Albany

Charlene's friends, Bud and Arlene

Mona Gerig's family

Teanna McMahan

Roger Weaver and his family

Lynnie Evans and family

Joyce Miller

Bud's friend passed away.

For the three Portland good samaritans and their families - two were killed and one is still in the hospital

For the city of Manchester England

For our country and leaders

Joys

Bill Smart is a great granduncle again

June Anniversaries

6/01 - Jeanette and Bill Baird

6/10 - Miranda and Matt Gordon

6/14 - Pamela and Allan Doerksen

6/17 - Karen and Frank Griswold

6/19 - Marian and Mike Vanderford

6/21 - Beth and William Baird

6/24 - Dawn and Jerry Lasater

6/25 - Patricia and Stuart Eide

Paulette and James Postell

6/28 - Donna and Lee Mason

6/30 - Anna and Tom Chase

Susan and James Mohr

Looking Ahead

June 4 - Pentecost

- Pentecost Special Day Offering
- Promotion Sunday

June 8 and 9

- Lifetouch portrait taking

June 11

- Pentecost Special Day Offering
- 11:15 am - Toxic Charity Study Group
- 5:30 pm - Group 4 at the Yarbroughs'

June 12

- 7:00 pm - Finance Cabinet

June 13

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

June 18

- 10:00 am - Father's Day Car Show/Chili Cook-off

June 29 - July 2

- Gathering at the River (check out is Sunday 11:00 a.m.)

July 4

- Independence Day - Church office is closed

July 5

- 6:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Picnics in the Park Start

July 9

- 5:00 p.m. - All-Church Weiner Roast at the Stinsons'

July 20

- 7:00 pm - Women's group meet at the Sissons'

Happy June Birthdays!

- 6/02 - Mary Frederick
- 6/06 - Harvey Schmeder
- 6/07 - Carol Bailey, Hannah Doerksen-Goldwater, Charlene Lincoln
- 6/09 - Rachel Amity
- 6/10 - Rica Amity
- 6/11 - Susan Schulz
- 6/13 - Chris Clausen
- 6/14 - Nina Gordon
- 6/16 - Adeline Schmeder
- 6/20 - Myron McMahan
- 6/21 - Patricia Eide
- 6/22 - George Chadwick
- 6/23 - Ashley Mason
- 6/25 - Chris Williams

What's Happening...

Group 4 at the Yarbroughs'

The next Group 4 dinner is scheduled for June 11 at the Yarbroughs'. We plan to order pizza and salad from Cibelli's. We'll have iced tea, lemonade, water, and coffee. If anyone coming is gluten intolerant, email Lisa, and there will be an option for them available. We plan on eating about 5:30 p.m. It will be very casual. Hopefully the weather is good. Anyone is welcome of course!

Toxic Charity Discussion Group

Sunday, June 11: "Changes" Where the rubber hits the road. What do we need to change about our understanding and approach to mission and service work? Are our "service partners" actively working to become non-toxic charities?

Announcements

Call for Graduation Announcements

Are you or someone special in your life graduating in 2017? Share the achievement with the church community in the Dispatch and during Promotion Sunday. Send us the following information: the graduate's name, the institution from which they are graduating, degrees or certificates, other awards and a photo of the happy grad.

Corvallis Youth Collective Event

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. CYC events are open to any middle and high school students from our church.

Disciples Pastoral Installation in Keizer

Rev. Erik Free will be installed on as Pastor of Keizer Christian Church on June 4, at 3:00 p.m. *You are invited to this installation service!*

Rev. Tim Stover Retirement Celebration

Tim is retiring after four decades in ordained ministry. Join us in wishing him well and giving him a grand send off! We'll gather for celebration on Saturday, June 10 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center at First United Methodist Church (1165 NW Monroe). Please RSVP to Rae by June 1 at osuwestm@gmail.com or 541-753-2242.

Jen Butler's Pastoral Installation

On Sunday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m. you are invited to the Installation Service of Reverend Jen Butler as Pastor and Senior Minister of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Corvallis, Oregon, 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis. Come and celebrate with First Congregational UCC!

Around Town...

Get Outdoors Day is Coming!

Saturday, June 3, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Peavey Arboretum. This annual event seeks to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. Bus transportation will be provided.

Arioso Chamber Players

The Arioso Chamber Players are performing two concerts; Saturday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Chapel, Albany and on Sunday, June 4 at 3:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Corvallis. Adults - \$12, seniors (65 and over) and students - \$10, youth - (0-17) free. Tickets at the door.

May/June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28  9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Folk, Intergenerational Worship, no Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	29 Memorial Day - Church office closed	30 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	31 9 am -Due Knots Meet 10 am -Bible Study	1 June	2	3 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
4 - Pentecost Special Offering Promotion Sunday 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	5	6  3:30 pm -FCC's turn to prep/serve Stone Soup 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	7 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir practice	8 Lifetouch Portraits taken at the church	9 Lifetouch Portraits taken at the church	10 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
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18 Father's Day 9 am -Bible Study Car Show and Chili Cook-Off 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	19 7 pm -Program Cabinet	20 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	21 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir practice	22	23	24 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
25 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	26	27 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	28 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir practice	29 Gathering at the River - Belknap Hot Springs	30 Gathering at the River - Belknap Hot Springs	1 July Gathering at the River - Belknap Hot Springs 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

