



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship, June 11 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. - Service (w/Sunday School)
- 11:15 a.m. - Toxic Charity Study Group
- 5:30 p.m. - Group 4 at the Yarbroughs'
- 5:30 p.m. - Stone Soup Supper
(prep at 3:30)

Called to Serve

Elders: Ann Smart, Tricia Martin

Home Communion: Ann Smart

Preparing Deacons: Lisa Yarbrough

Serving Deacons: Tim Ottusch, Janet
Chenard, Kathy Crawford, Carol Garbacik*

Coffee Cart and Snack: na

Flowers: Marion and Sarah

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, 5/30-156

Saturday, 6/3-100

Sunday, 6/4-82

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

Portrait Taking - this Thursday and Friday

We are working with Lifetouch for professional portraits of our members for a new directory. Lifetouch will be at the church to take your portrait this Thursday, June 8 and Friday, June 9. To sign up go online at: <https://goo.gl/lyu5c4> or call the church office. There will be no additional portrait times.

Father's Day Car Show and Chili Cook-Off!

On Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. start your engines! Tell your friends and even strangers who own cool, unique antique and classic vehicles to be a part of the fun! For more information on participating contact Jim Stinson at 541 753-2714.

Volunteers are needed for setup, take down, contributions of potluck side dishes, and desserts. Enter the chili cook-off with 2 gallons of your most "chili-cious" pot of beans! Contact Linda if you'd like to help out.



Moments from the Past Sunday...



Top left: We marked Matt's 5 year anniversary as pastor of the church.

Above: Carol accepts her t-shirt for participating in our 5K run/walk - a Disciples Home Mission fundraiser.

Left: On Promotion Sunday our kids and teachers were honored for a job well-done.

Matt's Minute

We honored our students and teachers this past Sunday, but I feel compelled to say more thanks. Thank you to all our Sunday School teachers and helpers. Our teachers are so thoughtful, so kind, and so committed to making a difference in the lives of our kids. Our Christian education ministry is one of the best for several reasons and I want to share a few.

First, we create a curriculum that is more than kid-focused, but focused on the kids who are a part of our community. Planning efforts always consider the personalities and talents of those who are an active part of our community. There is no such thing as one-size fits all and we are constantly evaluating and restructuring our classrooms to meet the kids where they are at, not where we think they should be.

Second, our classroom looks nothing like a traditional classroom. Our teachers are thinking outside the box and often outside the room to connect our faith with life. Our classrooms reach beyond a didactic environment where kids are listening to a teacher. The conversation is always multi-dimensional and often led by the kids themselves. We are using multi-media in our classrooms, we are going outside, we are using art supplies, we are using

chalkboards, we are using the Bible, we are using literature, we are using food, we are using music, and so much more to tell the story of our faith. This summer, several of our classrooms will be spending time cooking in the kitchen.

Third, our focus is on questions, not answers. As Rainer Maria Rilke says, "Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now." Our classrooms embody this.

Fourth, our teachers are awesome. Borrowing a quote from the movie *Good Will Hunting*, they are "wicked smart." They are digging deep into their experience and education to open richness into the hearts of our kids. Together, we are sharing our experiences and knowledge to create the best possible environment for our students. Our kids will be coming out of high school with a more sophisticated understanding of the Bible than many first year seminary students.

Finally, we have the best kids in town. They are talented, smart, witty, inquisitive, and highly engaged in the life of the church. Thank you to our students for guiding and directing us. I am certain the teachers share my sentiment that often I learn more from them than they do from me.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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.

Summer Picnics Start on June 28!

Summer picnics in the park starting soon! We will meet up at 6:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, June 28. Bring your own dinner and if you wish, a dessert to share. This year we are switching over to Avery Park because of available space. Shelters are first come, first serve, so we will grab the first available shelter on the upper end of the park next to the playground, near the railroad track. All are welcome! Come and bring a friend.



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.

Congratulations Graduates!

Bob Young and family are celebrating two graduating granddaughters' this year. Congratulations to these and all graduates! Have a fun and safe summer.



Bob Young's granddaughter, Madeline Young, will be graduating from Cheldelin Middle School. She will be attending Crescent Valley High School in the fall.



Also, Bob's granddaughter, Allison Young, will be graduating from Crescent Valley High School. She will move on to Willamette University in the fall.

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.



Disciples Dispatch Summer Schedule

The Disciples Dispatch is moving to its summer schedule. Starting on Tuesday, June 13 the newsletter will be sent every other week for the rest of the summer.

Announcements or articles received by noon on Monday prior to the newsletter's release will be included. Please include "Newsletter" in the subject line. Email the text to jill@heartofcorvallis.org

Thank you!

In Our Prayers

Merritt Jensen is having his pace-maker replaced.

Carolyn Ordway broke her shoulder.

Pat Eide is recovering nicely from her surgery.

Sandy's son-in-law, Paul

Prayers for the Wright family

Sandy Landis' brother-in-law passed away.

Teanna McMahan and her family
Margaret Coon

Charlene's friends, Bud and Arlene

Mona Gerig's family

Two of Bud's friends passed away

Roger Weaver and his family

Lynn Evans and family

Joyce Miller

For our world, our country and leaders

Joys

Tim successfully defended his dissertation!

Shannon's sister had a baby!

June Anniversaries

6/01 - Jeanette and Bill Maier

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 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

- 10:30 am - Father's Day Car Show/Chili Cook-off

June 19

- 7:00 p.m. - Program Cabinet

June 28

- 6:00 p.m. - Wednesday Picnic at Avery Park Start

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. - Picnic at Avery Park

July 9

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

July 20

- 7:00 pm - Women's group 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'

Group 4 dinner is scheduled for June 11 at the Yarbroughs'. We will be serving pizza, salad and fresh strawberries. Refreshments include: 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. The address is: 33977 NE Colorado Lake Drive (off Hwy 34, 1st house on the right). Anyone is welcome of course!

Year End Choir Celebration

After church on Sunday, June 11 we will be having our end of the year choir celebration directly after church service at Papa's Pizza in Corvallis! Come one, come all and bring the family if you can!

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

Summer Special Music Sign Up

Sign up to share special music with our church this summer! This is open to all members of our church and community! It is a great opportunity to gain performance experience with an amazing and supportive audience! If possible, sign up 2 weeks in advance of the Sunday you wish to share, and no later than the Wednesday before so that we can get it in the bulletin! If you need 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>

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.

Around Town...

Symphony on the Land

Sunday, June 11 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The 6th Annual Symphony on the Land awaits you at Bald Hill Farm! Greenbelt Land Trust and the Corvallis-OSU Symphony invite you to come and enjoy the beautiful scenery at Bald Hill Farm and an amazing musical line-up. Tickets: \$20 for General Public; \$15 Greenbelt Land Trust Members and Student Rate; 16 and under - Free! Tickets are available to purchase online or for sale at the event. For tickets or more information: <http://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/symphony-on-the-land-2017/>

Pride Corvallis - Picnic in the Park

Pride Corvallis - Picnic in the Park takes place on Saturday, June 24 from noon to 4:00 p.m. in Bruce Starker Arts Park. Art, music and the queervallis community. Contact Emily Faltesek (Facilitator of the Justice and Witness Ministry Circle at ekfaltesek@gmail.com if you have questions.

June/July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 10:30 -Car Show and Chili Cook-Off 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	19 7 pm -Program Cabinet	20 First Day of Summer - Summer Solstice 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	21	22	23	24 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
25  9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Folk and Intergenerational Worship, no Sun- day School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	26	27 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	28  6:00 pm -Picnic in Avery Park	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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All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

Our Vision

