



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Called to Serve

Elders: Christy Wright, Bruce Cotton

Home Communion: Christa Schmeder

Preparing Deacons: Stephanie Ottusch,
Pat Malone

Serving Deacons: Tom Fredericks, Mary
Fredericks, Kelley Marchbanks, Aaron
Marchbanks*

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, 6/6 - 102

Saturday, 6/10 - 104

Sunday, 6/11 - 104

Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon Senior Minister

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Charlene Lincoln Church Secretary

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Lucas Teeter ..Disciples House Resident Advisor

Christa Schmeder..... Director of Youth Ministry

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

This Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. ladies and gentlemen 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.



Matt's Minute

"The compassion industry is almost universally accepted as a virtuous and constructive enterprise. But what is so surprising is that its outcomes are almost entirely unexamined."

-Toxic Charity by Robert Lupton

I want to thank everyone who participated in our Toxic Charity discussion group over the last few months. The conversations were animated and enlightening. I appreciated everyone's honesty and willingness to do critical examination. I wanted to share with everyone a summary of our conversations

and anticipated next steps.

In week one, we introduced some concepts from the book. We explored elements of Toxic Charities and looked for potential anecdotes to toxicity. We also looked at some case studies of real-life organizations. Some solutions we

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From Patricia Eide

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, and other expressions of love and caring you've shown Stu and me during my recent surgery and my continuing recovery. They have made such a difference! We have experienced God's grace at every turn. Special thanks to Pamela Doerksen who sent one of her prayer shawls to wrap myself in and remember all the love that surrounds me.

- Patricia (and Stu) Eide

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worked for included:

- Measuring results on outcome, not rewards we receive
- Focusing on relationships, not needs
- Always calculating the costs
- Always focusing on the long-term solutions, not short-term fixes
- Controlling the lake: "Feed a man a fish and he'll eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he'll eat for a life-time. It's conventional wisdom. | But what happens when the fish disappear from the lake due to pollution or overfishing? | Then it's time for a change of strategy. Someone has to figure out how to get control of the lake: stop the pollutants, issue fishing licenses, put wildlife-management policies in place. Teaching a man to fish is an individual matter; but gaining control of the lake is a community issue."

Week two focused on the Oath for Compassionate Service, which is worth stating again:

- Never do for the poor what they have (or could have) the capacity to do for themselves.
- Limit one-way giving to emergency situations.
- Strive to empower the poor through employment, lending, and investing, using grants sparingly to reinforce achievements.
- Subordinate self-interests to the needs of those being served.
- Listen closely to those you seek to help, especially to what is not being said — unspoken feelings may contain essential clues to effective service.

- Above all, do no harm.

Week 3 focused on the question: How are we doing? Using a model from charitynavigator.com we gave ourselves a grade on our charity work. We got a 75%. Passing, but not excelling. The reasons are multi-faceted, but primarily our low score had to do with spending percentages. We spend a high percentage of our resources on personnel costs and not enough on program costs. This is very typical of non-profits, particularly churches. There was a healthy conversation about what constitutes program and administrative costs. We have administrative staff and program staff, how is this calculated? We excel at transparency and information sharing. Our long term focus should be on increasing transparency, building up our endowment program, thanking our donors more often and building up our program budgets.

Finally, week four focused on what is next. This was our most fruitful conversation. The conversation focused much on our outreach partners (Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center and Stone Soup). We would like more transparency and communication from these organizations. We also discussed how we might have more control and agency on their work. This is challenging because our relationship is, at least in part, that of being a property owner to a tenant paying rent. However, we need to be more aware of our responsibility and complicity. We discussed how to handle lease violations. We also discussed our own engagement (and in some cases lack of engagement) with our partners.



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We also discussed forming a committee to work on these issues. We left the conversation with more questions.

Now, we are thinking about next steps. An immediate next step is a conversation with pastor/parish committee about my role and position in handling concerns and issues related to our partner organizations. That meeting is on Tuesday, June 12. We will also figure out how to take this conversation to the congregation at large sometime this summer or fall.

These are difficult, but essential conversations. Decisions and solutions are challenging. Partnerships and roles are not clearly defined. We are working through this and welcome your feedback and perspective. Again, thank you to everyone who is engaged in this critical conversation.

Peace, Pastor Matt

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.

Bears Ears 2017 *From Yakama Christian Mission*

The Inter-Tribal coalition of the Diné, Ute Mountain, Hopi, Zuni, and Ute was successful in creating Bears Ears National Monument, with President Obama signing it into existence in December 2016. However, forces are currently at work to change the makeup of the monument. During the fall 2017 gathering, participants will have an opportunity to hike a portion of the monument, speak with Tribal leaders on why the monument is important, and learn how to best become an advocate for this public landscape.

This new national monument bumps up against Canyon Lands to the north and includes Arches National Monument to the south (more info at Grand Canyon Trust). To preserve ancient people's sites and preserve the landscape, Bears Ears maintains this sacred western land for tomorrow's children.

In an effort to enhance a re-awareness of sacred landscape and humanities deep relationship with the American land, Yakama Christian Mission will host five days in the Bears Ears landscape. Over the course of those days, participants will have the opportunity to backpack and/or day-hike a region of the proposed monument. Participants will also sit and converse with the peoples whose lives are historical bound to the landscape.

While an exact place and schedule for this pilgrimage is being worked out, the gathering is likely to be in a rural area without a major airport. Therefore, plan on flying into Salt Lake

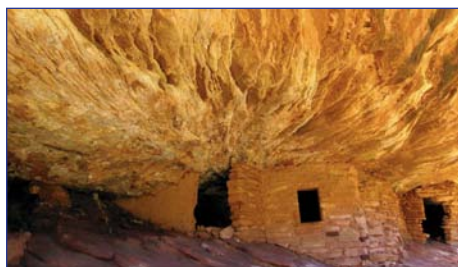


Photo by David Kelly-LA Times

City and driving the 5.5 hours to the Bears Ears landscape. Participant will receive a list of registrants two weeks before the event so folk can set up carpools. Work is going on to find the trails and campsites we will use during our stay. Much hiking will occur during these days, however Yakama Christian Mission's goal is to make this accessible to all folk who would like to attend, so when you register speak to your abilities—there is much to do for non-hikers! Of critical importance, we want our elders to attend! Yakama Christian Mission will work with our elders to attain adequate housing so as to include their presence in this critical conversation!

Please give this prayerful thought. The American landscape needs voices who intimately know her curves and ridges and are willing to lend their voice to her wellbeing.

The date has been updated to the week of October 15-21 — exact dates in the months to come. While changes are sure to come in the next few months, please go ahead and sign up. We will keep you updated! To sign up go to: <https://goo.gl/qRZJvj>

In Our Prayers

Sandy Landis is recovering from a bad infection

Vicki and Bob Young

Merritt Jensen

Carolyn Ordway

Pat Eide is recovering nicely

Sandy's son-in-law, Paul

Prayers for the Wright family

Teanna McMahan and her family

Margaret Coon

Charlene's friends, Bud and Arlene

Mona Gerig's family

Roger Weaver and his family

Lynn Evans and family

Joyce Miller

For our world, our country and leaders

Joys

Teanna's son, Andrew, is graduating high school!

Congratulations all graduates!

Ruth and George Chadwick's Address

The Chadwicks have moved to Lebanon. Their new address is:
36700 Honey Sign Drive
Lebanon, OR 97355

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

Disciples Dispatch Summer Schedule

The next Disciples Dispatch will be released Tuesday, June 27. Announcements or articles received by noon on Monday prior to the newsletter's release will be included. Email the text to jill@heartofcorvallis.org
Please include "Newsletter" in the subject line. *Thank you!*

Looking Ahead

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 24

- 11:30-1:30 - Capital Campaign Workshop

June 28

- 6:00 p.m. - 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 - 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 12

- 9:00 a.m. - Due Knots meet
- 6:00 p.m. - Picnic at Avery Park

July 20

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

July 19

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

July 26

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

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...

Summer Sermon Series

This summer we will explore themes of creation in our Sunday morning messages. Drawing from the richness of Genesis, Psalms and the book of Job, we will explore the beauty, power, and mystery of creation. We begin this Sunday, June 18 with the opening pages of the Hebrew Scriptures, which recounts the 7 days of creation. We will then move to the Psalms telling of creation. Eventually, we will examine how Job uses the wonders and mysteries of creation to tell the story of God. We hope to see you in church this summer! If you want to read ahead, here our Scripture selections for the next three weeks.

- Sunday, June 18 - Genesis 1:1-2:3
- Sunday, June 25-Psalm 96 (especially 11-12)
- Sunday, July 2-Job 12:1-16 (especially 7-16)

Join Due Knots to Make Comforters

Due Knots meet Tuesday, June 20 and Wednesday, July 12 (note the different day) at 9:00 a.m. in room 35. Please join us as we tie comforters for kids at risk in our community. We stop for "tea time", bit of snacks, and spend time catching up with each other and news we have to share... so come and help us keep a kid warm this winter.

Wednesday Evening Picnics in the Park

We will meet 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.

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! Sign up 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>

Around Town...

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.

SAGE Summer Concerts

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Bruce Starker Arts Amphitheater 4485 SW Country Club Dr. Concert dates: July 13, July 27, August 10, August 17. Local musicians will be playing and local businesses will be selling food and drinks, with alcohol available for sale on site. Free parking is available, plus the park is easily accessible by bicycle. Admission is **free**, suggested donation of \$10 per family.

June/July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Group 4 at the Yarbroughs' 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	12 7 pm -Finance Cabinet	13 1:00 pm -Women's Lunch at Tommy's 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	14 10 am -Last Bible Study of the Summer	15	16	17 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
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 9:00 am -Due Knots Meet 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 Worship, no Sunday School 11:30 am -Capital Campaign Workshop 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
2 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	3	4  Independence Day - Church office is closed 3:30 pm -FCC's turn to prep/serve Stone Soup 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	5  6:00 pm -Picnic in Avery Park	6	7	8 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

