



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship, July 30 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: Christa Schmeder, Tricia Martin

Home Communion: Michael Gordon

Preparing Deacons: Mary Stuart,
Carol Garbacik

Serving Deacons: Tim Ottusch, Lee Mason,
Donna Mason, Don Zobel*

Coffee Cart and Snack: Mona Gerig

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, 7/11 - 93

Tuesday, 7/18 - 159

Saturday, 7/15 - 109

Saturday, 7/22 - 160

Sunday, 7/16 - 132

Sunday, 7/23 - 120

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

All-Church Bike Ride and Picnic!

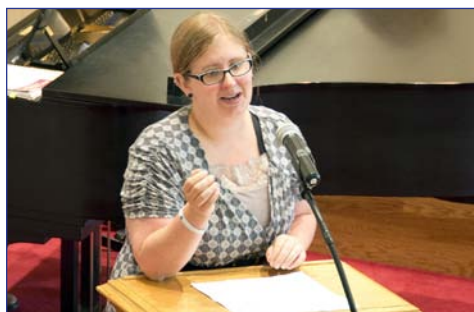


Everyone is invited to our annual bike ride and picnic at Avery Park on Sunday, August 6. Our children and youth will prepare lunches for everyone. Lunch is \$5. Order forms will be available in the Sunday bulletin, or you may order lunch through the church office, or online: <https://goo.gl/zpDdPu>



Lock your bike, or other human powered vehicle, out front or bring it in the narthex. We will gather in front of the church after worship and ride at a leisurely pace to Avery Park. You are also welcome to just meet us at the park for lunch. We meet at Fire Side Shelter. Remember to bring your helmet!

Moments from the Past Weeks...



Top left: Christa shared her stories and insights collected on her trip to Germany.

Above: Mary and Nancy lent us their vocal talents for special music.

Left: It was one of Tim and Stephanie's last Sundays at FCC. Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm and we wish you the best in your endeavors!



Matt's Minute

A note from the Pastor/Parish committee:

Our committee meets quarterly with Matt to 1) share and discuss feedback from the Congregation with Matt, as well as 2) listen and provide support to Matt relative to his experiences with the church.

We wanted to say thank you to all of you who took the time to reflect upon Matt's strengths and growth opportunities and provide excellent feedback. Twenty-three members of the church and staff provided feedback, representing a broad swath of the congregational demographic. We received feedback from members of the Board, Finance Cabinet, Program Cabinet, newer members, long-time members, etc.

Kathy Crawford, Janet Chenard, and Lee Mason read all the evaluations and compiled a summary, which was presented to Matt at the June 27 Pastor Parish Committee.

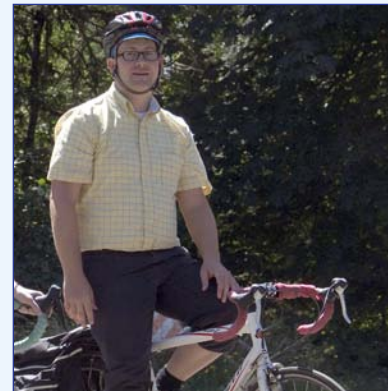
FCC Pastor Parish Committee: Neil Reynolds (Chair), Amy Berry, Carol Garbacik, Dawn Lasater, Lee Mason, Sue Schulz, David Sisson, Jim Stinson

One of the topics considered in my evaluation process was worship. Attitudes on worship were overwhelmingly positive, but there were many who expressed a desire to hear more voices and get more people involved. There were some comments that articulated concern that I was doing it all and not making room for others to be participants. I appreciate this feedback and hope to make some changes to make room for more voices and participation.

I need your help in creating and de-

livering some additional liturgy in the service. I hope to develop a schedule of worship liturgists for Sunday and special worship services. A worship liturgist would be reading a call to worship, call to offering and prayer after offering is received. Liturgy is based on lectionary texts and I will use a variety of resources dependent on what my sermon is that week. If you would like to sign-up to be a liturgist, you can give me a call or sign up here: <https://goo.gl/bx51Q7>. I will send you that week's liturgy to review no later than Thursday.

I also welcome you to submit liturgical resources via e-mail to be included. These resources might include quotations from books, poems, your own creative musings, or liturgical resources from other faith communities. I will do my best to include those resources in the weekly liturgy as they connect with that week's scripture and sermon.



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.

Thank you in advance for your contribution to our worshipping community!

Peace,
Pastor Matt



is for Otter - Otter Beach that is!

You are invited to the annual all church pool party at Otter Beach on **Sunday, August 20 from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. at Osborn Aquatic Center, 1940 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis**

This is a special time for families and friends to gather for fun and food. This year we are doing it a little differently. The church will provide sandwiches, along with refreshments and tableware. We are asking folks to donate snacks. We expect about 70 people. You can contribute:

- 6 people - 2 dozen cookies each
- 6 people - 1 extra large or 2 small

bags potato chips

- 4 people - 1 large seedless watermelon

Please call Dawn Lasater at 541 231-8839 and tell her how you want to help out.

Important: Bring yourself, friends joy and laughter! See you there! Donations accepted

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... *From Christa Schmeder*

A message from Christa

Summer Sunday School is in full swing. The kids are building their “adulting” skills in the older classes and continuing our work to feed the community in our youngest class. All students in the middle/high school classes should remember to bring their aprons all Sundays, except for Folk Service Sundays, just in case there is a



meal to be cooked and food lessons to be learned.

Preschool - 1st Grade with Vicki

A few Sundays ago, we read two books about Jesus feeding the 5000 people. Then, we put together trail mix to take home to our families. We read a story and put together snacks for the Drop-in Center.

Middle and High School with Emily and Miranda

The students continued the Herb-Gordon Culinary School training. We made cabbage and okonomiyaki. Okonomiyaki is a Japanese savory pancake that means, “grilled as you like it.” We also learned how to make rice and turn it into fried rice. Start bringing your aprons again on July 30.



Caribbean Initiative Launched - Embrace the Spirit *From the Regional Newsletter, August Edition*

Every two years, Global Ministries names a new initiative to focus on one of the areas of the world where we engage in mission partnerships. For the next two years our attention will be focused on the Caribbean nations of Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Colombia. Recent pilgrimage visits have taken church leaders from North America to these countries and people from Caribbean churches to North America to prepare for this season of celebration.

At the website below you can find music, stories, Bible studies, and more. As the months go forward, more resources will continue to build the site. You can use these resources for classes, sermons, worship, and events. Remember there are people in our regional church that can serve as speakers about their experiences in these countries. <http://www.globalministries.org/caribbeaninitiative>



In Our Prayers

Doris Montgomery
The Garbaciks (including Sandy)
Prill's mother, Betty
Sandy Landis' son-in-law, Paul, is receiving cancer treatment
Charlene's neighbor, Burt, passed away. Prayers for their family
Teanna McMahan and her family
Margaret Coon
Mona Gerig's family
Roger Weaver and his family
Lynn Evans and family
Joyce Miller
For our world, our country and leaders

Solar Eclipse Information Sessions

A total solar eclipse is coming August 21, 2017! Join the Heart of the Valley Astronomers to learn about the eclipse, including how to best enjoy it while staying safe. This free class is suitable for teens and adults.

August 5, 1:30-3:00 p.m. – tickets available starting July 29

All classes take place in the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Main Meeting Room. Because of the high demand for these programs, free tickets are required for entry and will be available online beginning at 10:00 a.m. one week before each class. Two tickets per person, first-come first-served. For more information, contact Heather Maisel at 541-766-6993.

Newsletter Schedule

The next Disciples Dispatch will be released **Tuesday, August 8**. Announcements or articles received by noon on the Monday before the newsletter's release will be included. Email the text to jill@heartofcorvallis.org Include “Newsletter” in the subject line. *Thank you!*

Looking Ahead

July 26

- 6:00 pm - Picnic at Avery Park

August 2

- 6:00 pm - Picnic at Avery Park

August 6

- After service - All-Church Bike Ride
- 6:00 pm - Group 4 at the Lasaters'

August 9

- 9:00 a.m. - Due Knots meet in room 35
- 6:00 pm - Picnic at Avery Park

August 15

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

August 16

- 6:00 pm - Picnic at Avery Park

August 20

- 5:45-7:00 p.m. - Otter Beach Party at Osborn Aquatic Center



August 21

- Total Solar Eclipse!

September 3

- Labor Day Sunday Service in the Park

September 12

- 1:00 pm - Women's group lunch at China Blue

September 23-24

- Craft Fair

October 19

- 7:00 p.m. - Women's Group meets at the Lasaters'

November 14

- 1:00 p.m. - Women's Group lunch at Zoup

Happy Birthdays!

7/26 - Teresa Shaw, Mike Vanderford

7/29 - Gwen Borden

7/30 - Maya Herb

Happy Anniversaries

8/5 - Beth and Mike Dyer

8/8 - Emily and Steve Herb

8/9 - Mary and Tom Frederick

8/12 - Ruth and George Chadwick

8/15 - Janet and Len Libbey

8/16 - Ann and Bill Smart

8/16 - Brittney and Matthew Clark

8/18 - Mary and Bruce Cotton

8/31 - Janet and Paul Chenard

What's Happening...

All-Church Bike Ride to Avery Park

On Sunday, August 6 bring your bicycle or human-powered vehicle to church. After service we will ride to Avery Park for lunch that will be provided by our children and youth...

Group 4 Meets at the Lasaters' - August 6

On Sunday, August 6, at 6:00 p.m. Group 4 meets at the Lasaters'. We will have barbecued chicken... Mmm! Bring a favorite summer dish to share.

Due Knots Meet - August 9

Wednesday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m. in room 35. Come and help us tie comforters for kids at risk in Corvallis and beyond. We take a break for tea, crumpets, and "catching up" time.

Wednesday Evening Picnics in the Park

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for picnics in Avery Park. 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. Bring your own dinner and, if you wish, a dessert to share. All are welcome! Come and bring a friend.

Announcements...

Submit Your Directory Photo

We are in the final stages of completing a new church directory. If you did not have your photo taken by Lifetouch but would like to have your photo included, submit your own photo to the church office. **The deadline to submit your photo is July 31.** Let us know if you have any questions.



Don't let this happen to you.

August Edition of the Oregon/SW Idaho Newsletter

The latest edition of the Disciples Regional newsletter can be found here:

<https://goo.gl/92D47i>

Around Town...

SAGE Summer Concerts

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Bruce Starker Arts Amphitheater 4485 SW Country Club Dr. Concert dates: July 27, August 10, August 17. Local musicians will play and local businesses will sell 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.

2017 Pacific Northwest Interfaith Peace Walk

For a Nuclear-Free World - In Respect for All Life From Laurie Childers

The 2017 Pacific Northwest Interfaith Peacewalk begins in Corvallis. On Monday, July 31, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a potluck dinner in Central Park. If you eat dinner earlier, I hope you will at least come for dessert. Contact Laurie Childers if you have any questions: childers@peak.org You can read more about them here: <http://www.gzcenter.org/tag/interfaith-peace-walk/>

Sing with the OSU Summer Choir

You are invited to sing in the 2016 OSU Summer Choir. The rehearsals begin Wednesday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Benton Hall! For more information or to register go to: <http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/summer-choir>

The registration fee is \$33. The final concert will be on Saturday, August 13 and will include a chamber orchestra. Come to sing!

July/August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23  9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Folk Worship, no Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	24	25 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	26  6:00 pm -Picnic in Avery Park	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

