



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Folk and Inter-generational Sunday Worship, August 27 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 a.m.-Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. - Service (no Sunday School)
- 5:30 p.m. - Stone Soup Supper (prep at 3:30)

Called to Serve

Elders: Teresa Shaw, Susan Latham

Home Communion: Michael Gordon

Preparing Deacons: Allan Doerksen, Carol Garbacik

Serving Deacons: Maya Herb, Connor Williams, Holden Williams, Hugh Olsen*

Coffee Cart and Snack: Carol and Tom Garbacik

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, 8/8 - 76

Tuesday, 8/15 - 132

Saturday, 8/12 - 98

Saturday, 8/19 - 126

Sunday, 8/13 - 111

Sunday, 8/20 - 136

Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon Senior Minister

Matthew Clark Choir Director

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Christa Schmeder Director of Youth Ministry

Labor Day in the Park

Join us for our annual Labor Day in the Park service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 3 at the Central Park gazebo. This service is a combined effort of six congregations in Corvallis, coming together to celebrate unity. It is a tradition that goes back almost 30 years. Rev. Simon Justice from Good Samaritan Episcopal Church will be sharing the message for the morning.



Our communal offering will benefit Jackson Street Youth Shelter.

Otter Beach Party - A Splashing Good Time!



The weather was perfect for a Total Eclipse Eve pool party! First Christian Corvallis and Corvallis Youth Collective families and friends had a great time sliding, swimming, floating, eating



and lounging in and out of the water. Thank you to those who organized this event and those who contributed food - especially Teresa and Rick who made sandwiches for everyone.

Matt's Minute

One of the traditions I borrowed from Salem First Christian Church was the Fall Bible Study. Each fall, I take an in-depth look at a particular section of the Scriptures, using it as a focal point for study on Sunday morning sermons and throughout the week. This year, we will be looking at the book of Daniel. I have always loved Daniel, but things get a little strange in Daniel. His story begins as history and quickly becomes prophetic and eventually apocalyptic. Daniel is a unique figure in Scriptures, but also religious history. The stories of Daniel are popular in many other ancient traditions. It is a story of a gifted young man who followed his conscience and convictions despite threats on his life and well-being. The faith of Daniel is rewarded but at a cost.

Daniel is known for his ability to interpret dreams. He is a Hebrew living in a time that was deadly for the Hebrews, but his ingenuity and wisdom allowed him to serve at the feet of powerful kings in Babylon. Eventually, Daniel's reputation grows as a divine communicator, able to receive messages from God and angels. He is fearless and many in his nation fear him. He is able to be an advocate for the Hebrew people and has an important role in

the restoration of the Hebrew nation. In case you want to read ahead, my Scripture selections and sermon focus will be as follows:

- September 3- **Labor Day in the Park**, ecumenical service at the Central Park Gazebo
- September 10 - Daniel 1, "Boys in the King's Court"
- September 17 - Daniel 2, "Dreams and Opportunities"
- September 24 - Craft Fair Sunday
- October 1 - Daniel 3, "The Fiery Furnace"
- October 8 - Daniel 4, "The Tree"
- October 15—Daniel 5, "The Writing on the Wall"
- October 22 - Daniel 6, "The Lion's Den"
- October 29 - Daniel 7, "Daniel's Visions"
- November 5 - Daniel 9, "Daniel's Prayers"
- November 12 - Daniel 10, "Spirits and Princes"
- November 19—Daniel 12, "The End"

I am looking forward to our Fall Bible Study!

Peace, Matt



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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.

Newsletter Schedule

The next Disciples Dispatch will be released **Wednesday, September 6**. 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!*

Liturgist Sign-Ups

I need your help in creating and delivering 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 the 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. — *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.

It's That Time Again - Craft Fair!



First Christian Church Craft Fair

Hello, fellow church members! Your Craft Fair committee would like to remind you that Craft Fair weekend is rapidly approaching - just about 5 weeks away. Please be on the lookout for sales on cases of name-brand sodas and bottled water to be sold at the outdoor food booth and the Bistro Below. Also continue your donations of books, CDs and DVDs - we are accumulating many, but can always use more. We need donations of M&Ms, mixed nuts and raisins to

make trail mix for the vendors (we need 6 pounds of each, can be split between donors), as well as things like post-it notes and pens. **We need volunteers to help on the weekend of the Craft Fair, September 23 and 24.** Folks, this event cannot continue without your help. There are things that can be done that don't depend on being on your feet all day: sitting with the book sale and helping customers, sitting at the information booth to answer questions, being a cashier, or assistant at the Bistro Below are just a few examples. Please prayerfully consider how you can help so that this important fundraiser can continue to happen.

Otter Beach Continued...



In Our Prayers

Doris Montgomery
Carolyn Dyer
Prill's mother, Betty
Teanna McMahan and her family
Margaret Coon
Roger Weaver and his family
Lynnie Evans and family
Joyce Miller
For Charlottesville, Barcelona, our world, our country, and leaders

Doris Montgomery has Moved

Doris' address has changed to:
516 NW Coronado
Corvallis Oregon, 97330



Looking Ahead

August 30

- Women's Trip to Albany
11:30 am - meet to carpool
12:00 (noon) - lunch at Frankie's Restaurant

September 3

- 10:00 am - Labor Day Sunday Service in the Park
- 5:30 pm - Group 4 at the Zobels'

September 4

- Labor Day - Church office is closed

September 12

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

September 13

- 9:00 am - Due Knots meet in room 35

September 23-24

- Craft Fair

October 17

- 1:00 pm - Women's group lunch at Zoup

November 16

- 7:00 pm - Women's Group meets at the Lasaters'

November 19

- Harvest Dinner

December 12

- 1:00 p.m. - Lunch at Delicias Valley Cafe

Happy Birthdays!

- 8/14 - Katie Eide
- 8/18 - Callie Anne Clark, Dan Williams
- 8/19 - Jean Thayer
- 8/20 - Bill Smart

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...

Womens' Excursion to Albany for Fun and Fellowship

On Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Meet to carpool at 11:30 a.m. at the Kings Circle Shopping center parking lot, 1965 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis, at the west end - near Little Caesars Pizza. Lunch at Frankie's Restaurant in North Albany at 12:00 noon. After, tour the new Albany Carousel Building and go for a ride on one of your chosen animals!

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.

Group 4 at the Zobels'

On Sunday, September 3 at 5:30 a.m. Group 4 meet at the Zobels'.

Due Knots Meet on Wednesday, September 13

On Wednesday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m. in room 35 come and help us tie the last of our comforters for our Craft Fair this fall. It should be a shorter meeting. We will have tea and conversation. These comforters are given to needy kids in our community.

Date Changes for Women's Meetings

Two dates for the women's gatherings of 2017 have changed. The 1:00 p.m. lunch at Zoup will be on October 17, **not** November 14 as previously announced. The evening gathering at Dawn Lasater's home will be 7:00 p.m. on November 16, **not** October 19 as previously announced. Please make changes on your calendar.

We look forward to seeing you at Gathering Together Farms for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on August 15.

Announcements...

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Around Town...

Fall Harvest Family Day at Greenbelt Land Trust

On Saturday, September 30, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. let's celebrate the fall harvest! At this free, family-friendly event, join GLT and the Corvallis Environmental Center for apple pressing and tasting, pumpkin decorating, guided nature walks, face painting, outdoor games, and more! For info/to RSVP, email Rebecca: rebecca@greenbeltlandtrust.org.

August/September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper 5:45-7:00 pm -Otter Beach Pool Party 	21 7 pm -Program Cabinet	22 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	23  6:00 pm -Picnic in Avery Park	24	25	26 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
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All are welcome to participate. Inclusivity is one of our most important values.

Our Vision

