



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship, October 15 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 a.m. - Adult Study Class
- 10:00 a.m. - Service (w/Sunday School)
- 5:30 p.m. - Stone Soup Supper
(prep at 3:30)

Called to Serve

Elders: Alice Kelling, Bud Graham

Home Communion: Michael Gordon

Preparing Deacons: Mary Stuart, Sue Cooley

Serving Deacons: Charlene Lincoln, Mary Frederick, Tom Frederick, Dick Cooley*

Coffee Cart and Snack: Mary and Bruce Cotton

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, 10/3 - 100

Saturday, 10/7 - 95

Sunday, 10/8 - 105

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

Who Stole the Cookies?

We are hosting an all church and friends luncheon and deliciously sweet mystery right after church on October 29. McLean Hall will be transformed into a library, where all sorts of book characters meet to dine and dish out clues. Can you figure out who stole the cookies before everyone else?

For this event, you have a couple options. You can join for the lunch and be the “audience”. This means you wouldn’t have to dress up but you would get to eat and enjoy the fun. You can even guess who stole the cookies! If you want to come dressed as a character and help distribute clues, we have many disguises to choose from. We need about 15 more people to make sure we have enough clues to solve the mystery.

Please contact Christa Schmeder, Beth Crawford, Dow Yeh, or Christy Wright if you would like to sign up to be a character. There will also be sign ups at church on October 15 and 22.



Last Sunday...



Did Neil steal the cookies? No, he didn't steal the cookies. Pastor Matt stole the cookies! But, did he?



A little addition to the choir. Is Beth's grandson trying to hit a high C or just needing more oxygen?

Matt's Minute

I am not sure you are having as much fun as I am, but I am enjoying this sermon series on Daniel. We are four weeks in and have five more weeks in Daniel. I received a great compliment on Sunday from someone who said, I read that chapter before I came today and had no idea what it was about, but somehow you managed to make it into something relevant. The compliment is not my preaching prowess, but the fact that some of you are engaged in the Scripture, before showing up on Sunday morning. You are reading ahead! I love that. For those of you reading ahead in Daniel, do not be discouraged. Daniel gets confusing. There are more twists and turns, metaphors, visions and dreams to unpack.

This coming week is Chapter 5, where we encounter the writing on the wall. Once again, Daniel is summoned to interpret, but this time for King Nebuchadnezzar's son, Belshazzar. In the middle of a grand party, writing appears on the wall. Naturally, everyone is disturbed. The phrase, "the writing on the wall" shows up in our vocabulary in reference to missing

something that seems obvious. We see the impending doom that lies ahead or the opportunity in front of others, but the individuals or institutions miss the "writing on the wall."

Daniel 5 is a reminder to pay close attention to the signs and lessons all around us. We call it "intuition" or "premonition." Where is the writing on the wall in your life? Are you attentive and mindful enough to see the writing? What are the signs you are dismissing or ignoring? We will explore more on Sunday, but these are some thoughts to get you started.

*Peace and love,
Pastor Matt*

Sermon Series Schedule

- October 15—Daniel 5, "The Writing on the Wall"
- October 22 – Daniel 6, "The Lion's Den"
- October 29 – Guest Preacher
- November 5 – Daniel 7 and 9, "Daniel's Visions Prayers"
- November 12 – Daniel 10, "Spirits and Princes"
- November 19—Daniel 12, "The End"

Charlene's Retirement Lunch

This Sunday we will collect cards and notes to celebrate Charlene. Bring cards for our card tree!

We are celebrating 15 years of Charlene's commitment and work at First Christian Church. You are invited to attend her retirement lunch celebration on Wednesday, October 18 at 12:15 p.m. at Eats and Treats Café in Philomath. **Everyone is welcome, but if you are coming, we need your RSVP by October 11. E-mail or text Matt if you have not signed up already!** This is a no-host lunch.



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.



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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.

Advent Booklet

"Come Share the Lord" is one of our regular hymns and I especially like: "No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs. Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs."

I like it because it is how I see our church.

The Advent Booklet is a way for us to continue that sense of belonging as we welcome Christ into our hearts with the daily readings. Many people today said they had ideas for their piece. If you are stuck about what to write I would suggest an option is to do an internet search about Advent. Something might spark your imagination.

This year's theme is: "***In This House: Sacred Places and Spaces.***" Submit your thoughts to Teresa at: ggroomers@hotmail.com Deadline for submissions is Sunday, November 12.

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*

The first Sunday School of October, our middle/high school classes started their conversations about identity and how to be a good advocate and friend. Our little ones talked about sharing and how you can feed 5000 people with just a couple fish and loaves. After church, a group of our youth went to the MU bowling alley with youth from three other churches.

Classroom Updates

Preschool - 1st Grade, with Vicki

This past Sunday, Vicki did the story



of Feeding the 5000. Then, we swirled food coloring in a shaving cream and glue mixture. We are letting it dry this week, and we'll cut out our fish shape from it this coming Sunday.

Middle and High School, with Emily and Miranda

This week, we talked about our identity as the first step to talking about privilege and justice. It was a good foundation for the lessons that we will share throughout the season before Advent.



Week of Compassion - Puerto Rico, 10/5/2017

Several ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada are collaborating to come alongside our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico who have endured the ravages of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Given our close relationship with the Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) in Puerto Rico, Week of Compassion has been coordinating with various partners to provide relief. We are still waiting for assessments to take place, a process made particularly difficult because communication and power are down and will not be back up for months.

Within the last several weeks, Week of Compassion have provided over \$100,000 for emergency needs just to the Caribbean, and over \$300,000 to communities impacted by hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. And we are just getting started. This is great news. Thank you for your generosity, which

makes this possible.

We are deeply thankful for the support received so far. However, based on initial assessments, much more will be required as we continue to comprehend the extent of the overall damage. Currently, we have only received about a half of the donations needed to fully respond. When you consider a year end gift, I encourage you to give now - don't wait until December 31 - and designate it for Hurricane Relief so we can rebuild these communities for the long term. Remember, 100% of your designated gifts will go towards rebuilding and reestablishing many of these communities.

Will you join me and stand compassionately with these communities by giving a designated gift to Week of Compassion?



In Our Prayers

Jim Stinson

Christa's student, Eli, was hit by a car on highway 34. He is in an induced coma.

Doris Montgomery

Chris Clausen

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 all affected by the fires in California

For all the victims of the Las Vegas shooting

All those affected by the earthquake in Mexico

Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and all affected by hurricanes

Our world, our country and our leaders

Corvallis Youth Collective (CYC) Events

The Corvallis Youth Collective is a collaboration between our church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran, and First Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC). It is a wonderful opportunity for our young folks to meet other youth group students in Corvallis.

October 29 and November 12, 4-6 p.m. - Clay night at CHS ceramics studio. For middle and high school students.

November 17, Tween and Teen Movie Night at First Presbyterian - *Goonies* (PG). Doors open at 5:30, movie starts at 6 p.m. I believe this one is open for 5th - 12th graders. I will double check as it gets closer! And more... stay tuned.

Looking Ahead

October 17

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

October 18

- 12:15 pm - Charlene's Retirement Luncheon at **Eats and Treats Cafe** (Philomath) - RSVP by October 11

October 29

- After worship - *Who Stole the Cookies?* Luncheon and Mystery-solving Game

November 5

- Daylight Saving Time ends - Fall back one hour

November 16

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

November 19

- Harvest Dinner

December 2

- Hanging of the Greens

December 3

- First day of Advent

December 10

- Choir Vespers

December 12

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

December 17

- Advent Lantern Meditation Walk

Happy Birthdays!

- 10/2 - Mildred Evans
- 10/7 - Karen Griswold
- 10/8 - Lexi Carrillo, John Evans
- 10/15 - Marc Chenard
- 10/20 - Richard Cooley, Jill Shinkawa
- 10/21 - Ruth Chadwick
- 10/26 - Bill Thayer, Prill Zobel
- 10/27 - Cheryl Zobel
- 10/28 - Jeanette Maier

Happy Anniversaries

- 10/1 - Beth Crawford and Dow Yeh
- 10/6 - Vicki and Bob Young

What's Happening...

Celebrate Charlene

This Sunday bring cards and notes for our card tree for Charlene.

You are also invited to join us for Charlene Lincoln's retirement luncheon on Wednesday, October 18 at 12:15 p.m. at Eats and Treats in Philomath. Charlene has worked for First Christian for 15 years. Come celebrate her! Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, October 11 so we can call ahead with reservations.

This is a no-host lunch.

Announcements...

Corvallis High School Volunteer Opportunity!

Do you love to read? Are you interested in volunteering at CHS? Our English Workshop needs reading partners on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 9:45 until 10:30. The work is easy—we match you with one of our students and you read back and forth to one another, stopping to discuss what is happening in the book as needed. If interested, please contact Charlyn.ellis@corvallis.k12.or.us.

FREE Community College

Want **free** Community College even if you have struggled in high school to get good grades? The Post Graduate Scholars program is for graduating seniors with a GPA less than 2.49 that pays for tuition and fees for one year at Linn Benton Community College. Should you have questions about this opportunity please contact Cathy Wright at cathy.wright@corvallis.k12.or.us

Liturgist Sign-Ups

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 I will use a variety of resources dependent on what my sermon is that week. To sign-up to be a liturgist, you can give me a call or sign up here: <https://goo.gl/bx51Q7>

Around Town...

Qigong in Nature

Saturday, October 14, 10:00 - Noon. Come outdoors for a Qigong class with Greenbelt Land Trust and certified instructor, Dr. Peter Eschwey of Soma Clinic for Natural Medicine. Enjoy the beauty of Bald Hill Farm while you stretch your body, increase blood flow, improve mental clarity, and reduce tension. No experience necessary. For info/to RSVP, email rebecca@greenbeltlandtrust.org

Lovin' Lincoln Fun Run!

Seventh Annual Lovin' Lincoln Fun Run - 10k and 5k! Please consider coming out on Saturday, October 21. All proceeds will go directly into classrooms, as well as help our students participate in field trips. Information about the event and volunteering could be found here: bit.ly/lovin-lincoln-run

Make a Joyful Noise – A Choral Celebration

Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. Featuring choirs and ensembles from Mid-Valley churches and partnering congregations. First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe. Free will offering in support of United Campus Ministry at OSU.

Interfaith Potluck

We would like to invite everyone for the Interfaith Potluck on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Upper Social Hall of St. Mary's Church, hosted by the St. Vincent dePaul Society Thrift Shop. The Upper Social Hall is adjacent to the first parking lot on 25th Street just North of the sanctuary.

October/November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	9 7:00 pm -Finance Cabinet	10  5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	11 10:00 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
15 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	16 7:00 pm -Program Cabinet	17 1:00 pm -Women's lunch at Zoup 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	18 10:00 am -Bible Study Noon - Office Closed 12:15 pm Charlene's Retirement Luncheon - RSVP	19	20	21 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
22  9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Folk Worship, no Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	23	24 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	25 10:00 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
29 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School After worship- <i>Who Stole the Cookies?</i> 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	30	31 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	1 November 10:00 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
5  Daylight Saving Time Ends 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	6	7 3:30 pm -FCC's turn to prep/serve Stone Soup 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	8 10:00 am -Bible Study 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 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

