



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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*Join us for Sunday Folk
Worship, November 26
at 10:00 a.m.*

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

Called to Serve

Elders: Rick Olsen, David Sisson

Home Communion: Alice Kelling

Preparing Deacons: Carol Garbacik,
Pat Malone

Serving Deacons: Hugh Olsen, Maya Herb,
Marc Chenard, Lilly Marchbanks*

Coffee Cart and Snack: Linda and Jim
Stinson

Flowers: na

Greeter: Vera Rush

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, 11/14 - 103

Saturday, 11/18 - 118

Sunday, 11/19 - 121

Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon..... Senior Minister

Matthew Clark.....Choir Director

Eric Qian Pianist

Jill Shinkawa.....Communications Manager

Kevin Weaver Paladin

Lucas Teeter ..Disciples House Resident Advisor

Christa Schmeder..... Director of Youth Ministry

Getting Ready for Harvest Dinner...



Top: The Sunday school kids set the table with care and placemats they made themselves.

Top: Vicki is the hostess with the mostest - organizing the meal and doing most of the cooking with help from Leah, Linda, Emily, and Teresa.

Above: Working hard on the mashed potatoes - add another pint of half-n-half.

Above Also a feast for the eyes!

Then Enjoying the Bounty!



Matt's Minute

"Please. Please. Please. Please, my friend.

Let us bring about change in the world.

I didn't make this mess.

And you didn't make this mess, either.

But it's our mess, nonetheless.

Nevertheless, let us love. Let us stand up and do that which is loving, even if we are mocked for it... We need to clean up this mess with love."

-Rabbi Brian

Our family recently adopted a dog. We were married almost 18 years ago, we have 3 kids, and now for the first time, a dog. Bailey was a rescue from the fires in California. She is eager to please and has a very sweet temperament. She gets me up early in the morning and is eager to go for a run/walk. She does not care if it is pouring rain; she still wants to get out in the morning.

We had some conversations about the dog before getting Bailey. Animals need love, animals need consistency, animals need care and attention. Animals are dependent on their caregivers for all these things. It is up to all of us to care for the dog, pick up after her, make sure she is happy, and so on and so forth. She is making us more responsible and healthier in many ways. Now that I said all those things, I will say that I was resistant to getting the aforementioned dog. I was resistant because of all of the care and all of the responsibility. How were we going to

find time and energy to take care of something else? We can barely keep up with our laundry demands? Is there space in our yard and our lives to care for a living thing? Somehow, despite my grumbling and apprehension, I love this dog. There is room in my day and in my heart to love this animal and she is helping me exercise more.

All this is to say, go get yourself a dog. I am kidding of course, unless you are inclined and in that case there are many dogs that need rescuing. I will say that we all need to find a way to open our hearts and love more. There is something or someone who needs your love and attention. There is a family member, a friend, a stranger, and organization, or a social cause that could use your heart. This is not another task to add to your list, but a request as we get close to Christmas. Open your arms, your heart, your life, your time, your talents, and your treasures to others. You will be a better, happier person, I promise.

*Peace and love,
Pastor Matt*

Christmas Schedule

Make time to be with your church family during this holiday season. More details will be in next week's newsletter, but here is a snapshot of the season:

- **Saturday, December 2** - Deck the Halls, 9:30 a.m., decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas
- **Sunday, December 3** - First Sunday of Advent and Hanging of the Greens



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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.

- **Sunday, December 10** - Second Sunday of Advent, Choir "Vespers" during service followed by appetizers and reception
- **Sunday, December 17** - Third Sunday of Advent, Advent Fair for the children and youth of the church 5:00 p.m. - Advent Lantern Walk at Bald Hill
- **Sunday, December 24** - Fourth Sunday of Advent:
10:00 a.m. - Sunday worship, Christmas Pageant in service
4:00 p.m. - Family Folk Christmas Eve Service
7:00 p.m. - Traditional Christmas Eve Service with choir
- **Sunday, December 31** - Lessons and Carols

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.

Love Gift Project for Homebound and Church Staff *From Pat Malone*

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to honor our homebound members and church staff. Could you help this year with the annual project the Elders and Deacons have spearheaded in the past—a project to remember homebound members and recognize church staff with “love gifts” at Christmas?

As we did last year, we have ordered 6.5-inch poinsettias from Peoria Gardens. You can help in two ways: (1) by assisting Elders and Deacons with deliveries and/or (2) by donating to defray their cost. Choose either option—or both if you are able. Your help is needed to make this project happen! To help, please contact Pamella Doerksen as soon as possible. If you can deliver, let Pamella know whose name(s) you would like to take, if you have a preference. The deadline to contact Pamella is November 26. Poinsettias will be available for pick up in the nar-



thex on Sunday, December 3, and will have homebound members’ names and addresses on them. By agreeing to deliver, you would be expected simply to take the plant to the member within a day or two and explain that it is a love gift from the church. Visiting longer would be at your discretion.

To help cover the cost, make your check out to the church and note that it is for poinsettias. We have ordered 30 plants in 6.5-inch plants, each costing \$7.58.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamella Doerksen (541 753-5268) (apdoerksen@comcast.net) or Pat Malone (541 757-0600) (e-mail pat.malone.1@comcast.net).

Stone Soup Volunteers - “Community volunteers feeding the hungry in Corvallis.”

Fall seems to be the perfect time to take on new challenges and opportunities. Stone Soup Corvallis, an all-volunteer non-profit, has been feeding the hungry in Corvallis for more than 30 years. It takes many hands to prepare and serve a meal 365 days each year and we’re looking for some new folks:

Compliance Manager: We operate under the guidance and regulation of Linn-Benton Food Share and the Benton County Health Department. We need to ensure that all comply with their requirements.

Meal Manager: First Christian Church, Saturdays (8:00 a.m.-noon) or Sundays (3:00-7:00 p.m.) plus some preparation time. Manages volunteer

cooks, servers and clean-up folks, plans and organizes meals.

Mop and Lock: First Christian Church, Sundays (6:30-7:30 p.m.). General clean-up after a meal - vacuum and mop, take out the trash.

Cook: Thursdays at St. Marys Church (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Other Positions: On-going needs for most days and both locations.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions about these opportunities, email our Volunteer Coordinator at stonessoup@help@gmail.com. If you would like to find out more about Stone Soup Corvallis, see our website, www.stonessoup.org, or call 541-757-9725.

In Our Prayers

Leonard Higgins and family

Don Zobel’s sister is receiving cancer treatments

Beth Crawford’s dog passed away

Georgann Taylor

Marcene Stuart

Charlene is recovering from knee replacement surgery

Teanna McMahan and her family, especially her mother in law

Crystal’s mother injured herself falling out of her wheelchair

Bud’s friends that have passed away

Jim Stinson

Doris Montgomery

Prill’s mother, Betty

Margaret Coon

Roger Weaver and his family

Lynn Evans and family

Homeless families

For the victims of shootings around the country

Our world, country and leaders

Joys

All the people who contributed, in one way or another, to Harvest Dinner!

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.

November 17, Tween and Teen

Movie Night at First Presbyterian - *Goonies* (PG). Doors open at 5:30-7:30 p.m., movie starts at 6 p.m. Open to 5th - 12th graders.

Looking Ahead

November 23

- Happy Thanksgiving! Church office is closed

December 2

- 9:30 am - Deck the Halls

December 3

- First day of Advent, Hanging of the Greens

December 8

- 9:00 a.m. - Due Knots meet in room 35

December 10

- Choir Vespers (During service)

December 12

- 1:00 p.m. - Women's lunch at Delicias Valley Cafe

December 17

- During service - Advent Fair
- 5:00 pm - Advent Lantern Walk

December 24

- 10:00 am - Sunday worship, Christmas Pageant
- 4:00 pm - Folk service
- 7:00 pm - Traditional service

December 31

- 10:00 am - Lessons and Carols

Happy Birthdays!

- 11/1 - Jackie Chester
- 11/3 - Paul Chenard
- 11/10 - Lee Mason
- 11/13 - Martin Burrus, Hannah Keim, Jefferson Keim
- 11/15 - Amy Berry, Brittney Clark, Irene Herbert
- 11/17 - Bob Schulz Jr.
- 11/18 - Beth Crawford
- 11/23 - Frank Griswold, Dow Yeh
- 11/26 - Cullen Wright
- 11/27 - Joyce Miller, Ann Smart

Happy Anniversaries

- 11/9 - Sue and Dick Cooley
- 11/29 - Linnie and John Evans

What's Happening...

Deck the Halls

Join the festivities and be a part of your church's *Deck the Halls* on Saturday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m. *The more the merrier!* Circle the date in red and encourage others to join us. Contact Rick Olsen or Cherie Reynolds.

Due Knots Meet in December

Due Knots will **not** meet in November. Our next meeting is Friday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. in room 35. Please come and help us tie comforters for at-risk kids in our community. Join us for tea and conversation.

Announcements...

Food Box Collection

The food collection box will be in the Narthex until December 31. Food donations go to the local Food Bank. Items that can be used are canned goods, breakfast foods, boxed meals, and paper needs.

We also collect donations for the Drop-In Center. Items such as soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, fingernail clippers, deodorant, toothbrushes/paste, lotions, band aides and sewing kits are appreciated. Items placed in the white box will be delivered the following week.

Gone Missing

The big red book of names is missing. Have you seen it? Did you move it somewhere? Did you take it home for research? If you know its whereabouts, contact the church office.



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. To sign-up to be a liturgist, you can give me a call or sign up here: <https://goo.gl/bx51Q7>

Around Town...

24th Annual Corvallis Nativity Festival

We invite you to the 24th annual Corvallis Nativity Festival. This is a community event intended to promote peace and joy during the holiday season. We are trying hard to spread the word so that everyone can participate by attending, displaying their own nativities, or volunteering. The Nativity Festival will be open December 1-5 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 4141 NW Harrison Boulevard in Corvallis. December 1-4: 11:00 – 8:30 p.m., December 5: 11:00 – 8:30 p.m. This free event includes near-continuous live music in addition to beautifully arranged nativity displays depicting the first Christmas.

Mental Health and You

Want to learn more about mental health? There is an app for that. Mental Health and You (MHU) is a mobile app designed to help you learn about mental health and link you to local and national resources. Download the MHU app today! Available at the iTunes app store and Google Play. Visit our website at mhuapp.org

November/December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School, Thanksgiving Offering After service -Harvest Dinner 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	20 7 pm -Program Cabinet	21 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	22 10 am -Bible Study	23 Happy Thanksgiving! Church office is closed.	24	25 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
26  10 am -Folk/Intergenerational Worship, no Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	27	28 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	29 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Rehearsal	30	1 December	2 9:30 am -Deck the Halls 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
3 First Day of Advent 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, Hanging of the Greens, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	4	5  3:30 pm -FCC's turn to prep/serve Stone Soup 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	6 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Rehearsal	7	8 9:00 am -Due Knots meet in room 35	9 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

