



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship, December 3 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Called to Serve

Elders: Don Yarbrough, Pat Eide

Home Communion: Christa Schmeder

Preparing Deacons: Mary Stuart, Lauri Morris

Serving Deacons: Prill Zobel, Don Zobel, Cherie Reynolds, Sue Schulz*

Coffee Cart and Snack: Mary Frederick

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, 11/21 - 105

Saturday, 11/25 - 120

Sunday, 11/26 - 150

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

Christmas and Advent 2017

“In this house we gather a family, gather as sisters and brothers of Christ; welcomed by God, our Mother and Father, welcomed by God as children of light.”

-In This House, MaryLou Hill

The Christmas and Advent season is a great opportunity to bring a friend to church. Our theme for Advent and Christmas is “Sacred Spaces and Places.” Throughout Scripture, the people of God designated places as sacred. In these places, God was present and alive in extraordinary ways. Together, we will explore the sacred spaces and places of our lives. We hope you can join us. We sincerely hope you will find time this holiday to be a part of our festivities. Below is a schedule of our upcoming events. All are welcome!

- **Saturday, December 2** - Deck the Halls, 9:30 a.m.-noon, preparing the sanctuary for our hanging of the



greens. Trees, garlands, lights, banners, and so much more. We need your help!

- **Sunday, December 3** - First Sunday in Advent. Worship Gathering at 10:00 a.m. “Hanging of the Greens” This service will be an interactive experience where we prepare our

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From Last Sunday...



Rev. Rob Kirby from WestM spoke about “Ubuntu” - we are only human through the humanness of others.



There was a new but familiar face performing with the folk musicians this Sunday. Good to see you Chris!

Matt's Minute

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sanctuary and our hearts for the season of Advent and Christmas.

- **Sunday, December 10** - Second Sunday in Advent. Choir Vespers at 10:00 a.m.

Experience the music of Advent and Christmas with anthems and special music from our choir. Drinks and desserts to follow.



- **Sunday, December 17** - Third Sunday of Advent.

Advent Fair - an interactive and hands-on crafting event for children and youth during worship. Lunch is served afterwards.

Advent Walk at 5:00 p.m. - Join us for a traditional German/Bavarian Christmas lantern walk. It is a time for quiet reflection on the coming of the Christ. We will begin our walk at the Bald Hill parking lot on Oak Creek. A 30 minute walk and gathering at the barn. Bring a lantern that provides a soft light, such as a candle or kerosene lantern. Bright lights, such as Coleman type lanterns and large flashlights are discouraged. Please plan to join us on this special walk and for refreshments in the parking lot after.



- **Sunday, December 24** - Christmas Eve

Worship Gathering at 10:00 a.m. - Our children and youth (along with the help from some kids at heart) will be presenting the Nativity Story through a dramatic presentation. All youth and children are invited to participate. Be there at 9:30 a.m. if you want to be in the play.



Candlelight Family Service at 4:00 p.m. - The folk musicians will be playing this service. It is an informal, relaxed celebration service. Bring the whole family.

Candlelight Traditional Service at 7:00 p.m. The church choir and the organ working together to sing the carols and announce the miracle of Christmas! In-laws, out-of-town guests and friends are invited to celebrate with us at this special service.



- **Sunday, December 31** - 10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols. A relaxed, informal service designed to hear and sing the story of Christmas. Come in your pajamas, bring your new stuffed animals.

Day of Remembrance

A Day of Remembrance service is on December 6 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. at McHenry Funeral Home. This is



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.

Craft Fair Proceeds, Gift to Jackson Street Youth Services

We are excited to announce that our Craft Fair proceeds this year go to Jackson Street Youth Services. The donation to Jackson Street is \$8700. Thank you to all who volunteered their time, talent, and treasure to such a worthy cause.

a service set aside to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones lost. Pastor Matt will be officiating and delivering the message and there will be a luncheon following.

AmazonSmile

Just a reminder that First Christian Church has a Amazon Smile account. If you are using Amazon and want a portion of your purchase to come back to us, shop at <https://goo.gl/ntq1Ns>

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 narthex 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).

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
Jim Stinson
Doris Montgomery
Prill’s mother, Betty
Margaret Coon
Roger Weaver and his family
Lynnie Evans and family
Homeless families
For the victims of shootings around the country
Our world, country and leaders

Joys

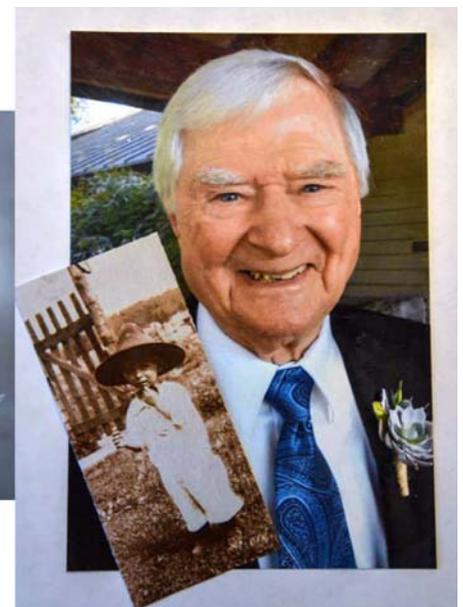
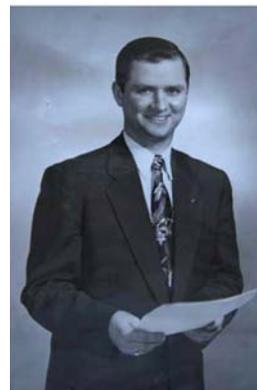
All the people who contributed, in one way or another, to Harvest Dinner!

Merritt Celebrates 100... Spanning the Years! *From Kelly Jensen*

The Jensen family invites you to celebrate Merritt Jensen’s 100 years of love, laughter and life on January 2, 2018. Birthday Brunch from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Stoneybrook Lodge, second floor, Commons Area, 4700 SW Hollyhock Circle, Corvallis Oregon.

Extra! Extra!

We are creating a “101 Reasons to Love Merritt” poster during the brunch. If you are unable to attend, please email or mail your special reason for loving Merritt, and we’ll add it to the poster with your name. Email address for responses or questions to: 13blackrabbits@gmail.com



Looking Ahead

December 2

- 9:30 am - Deck the Halls

December 3

- First day of Advent, Hanging of the Greens

December 6

- 11:00-1:00 pm - Day of Remembrance at McHenry Funeral Home

December 8

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

December 10

- Choir Vespers (During service)

December 11

- 7:00 pm - Finance Cabinet

December 12

- 1:00 pm - Women's lunch at Delicias Valley Cafe

December 17

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

December 18

- 7:00 pm - Program Cabinet

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!

- 11/15 - 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
12/4 - Sue Cooley
12/6 - Miranda Gordon
12/12 - Teri Doerksen
12/13 - Linnie Evans
12/16 - James Mohr

Happy Anniversaries

- 11/29 - Linnie and John Evans
12/4 - Peggy and Steve Fuller
12/8 - Linda and Jim Stinson
12/16 - Cherie and Neil Reynolds

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.

2017 Advent Books

2017 Advent books are available for you to pick up in the narthex.

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.



December Regional (Oregon and Southwest Idaho) Newsletter

The December regional newsletter can be found at: <https://goo.gl/Y8kZSz>

Liturgist Sign-Ups

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
26  10 am -Folk/Inter-generational 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 11-1 pm -Day of Remembrance at McHenry Funeral Home 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

