



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship on January 14 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Called to Serve

Elders: Bruce Cotton, Tom Garbacik

Home Communion: Teresa Shaw

Preparing Deacons: Carol Garbacik, Mary Cotton

Serving Deacons: Prill Zobel, Don Zobel, Lauri Morris, Kathy Crawford*

Coffee Cart and Snack: Teresa Shaw and Rick Olsen

Flowers: na

Greeter: Lynda Shurtleff

Sunday Worship Accessibility

Large print bulletins and hymnals available.

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 1/2 - 102

Saturday, 1/6 - 130

Sunday, 1/7 - 126

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

Ruth Chadd..... Office Manager

Board Meeting This Sunday!

The first Board meeting of the year convenes immediately following Sunday service on January 14. At this meeting we will discuss the budget, Outreach/

PFI Distributions, the Nominating Committee, and other topics. If you are interested please plan to attend.

Moments from Unhanging of the Greens...



Photos: The expression, "Many hands make light work," couldn't have been more true than at last Sunday's Unhanging of the Greens. Thanks to all who helped unhang, untie, unwind, disassemble, fold up, box up, and tuck away Christmas for another year.

Left: Eric provided the live soundtrack to the wrap up.

Matt's Minute

"We never get to the bottom of our selves on our own. We discover who we are side by side with others in work, love, and learning."

-Brandon Hatmaker, Barefoot Church

Alexander Campbell, one of our denomination's founders, frequently made use of the term, "priesthood of all believers." The concept most likely originated with Martin Luther and it is meant to convey the idea that we are ministers of the gospel. That is, if we call ourselves Christian, then we are commissioned to do ministry in the world. If we accept that all of us are ministers, then the next question is: what does it mean to be a minister of the gospel? I have wrestled with this question for 20 years now. Truthfully, I am still wrestling, but I have some ideas.

I used to think ministry was being a prophet. I used to think ministry was being a preacher and author. There was a time that I thought ministry was being an executive. Sometimes, ministry feels like being a shepherd—of feral cats. Ministry is often about being a chaplain. I still think all of these things are true, but after 20 years in ministry in various contexts, not one of them encapsulates what ministry is.

Ministry is about building community, but not just any community. There are social groups, fraternal groups, sports teams, clubs, and other places that are building community. Ministry is about building the beloved community, sometimes called the kingdom of God. Ministry, in its most effective and faithful way is building a community that lifts up, honors all, draws out the

gifts and resources of every individual, and helps everyone see their place in the body of Christ.

This is where prophecy, preaching, authorship, leadership, chaplaincy, and shepherding are all helpful, but their intentions should all point in the same direction. We must live our prayer, to create "the kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven." This is what Jesus kept pointing towards and it must be at the center of all that we are doing. The hard part is that building that kind of community forces us to love everyone. That can be challenging. That can be messy. That can be vulnerable. Building a beloved community means recognizing, validating, and finding a place for everyone. It means resisting the American way of rugged individualism and mass consumerism in favor of community, hospitality, and generosity. If anyone asks you what we are doing around this place, let that be your answer. We are building a beloved community.

*Peace and love,
Pastor Matt*



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.

Regional Assembly in Portland, May 18-19, 2018

The 2018 Regional Assembly will be May 18-19, hosted by First Christian Church in Portland. Timothy James and Sandhya Jha will be the featured speakers. Timothy James is the Associate General Minister with primary responsibility for the National Convocation. Sandhya Jha directs the Oakland Peace Center. Brenda Mikota of Portland FCC is the chair of the Regional Assembly Planning Committee. We have arranged for a convenient and affordable housing arrangement with University Place Hotel, in downtown Portland. Assembly goers will be able to reserve their weekend housing at a special event rate. We encourage you to make your reservations early and directly with University Place Hotel.

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.

2018 Gathering at the River at Belknap Hot Springs

It is time to begin thinking about The Gathering At The River at Belknap Hot Springs. Save the dates June 28, 29 and 30. We will begin registration some time in February but it is not too early to be thinking about attending. We have reserved cabins, lodge rooms,



Photo by Teresa Shaw



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tent sites and RV sites. This year we have options near the upper pool as well as the lower pool. For information contact Linda Stinson at 541 753 2714 or lindassewing66@comcast.net. Below are a few photos from last year's Gathering at the River.



Photo by Andrew McMahan



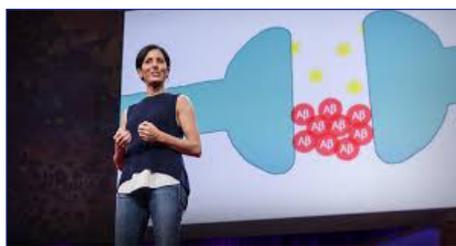
New Adult Education Opportunity - Optimizing Brain Health

Every one over the age of 50 knows the sudden concern with decreasing name recall and a reduction in the ability to multi-task. But while it's true that some functions decline, scientists have discovered that many other brain functions remain stable or even improve as we age. They are also finding that nurture plays an important function as nature to protect against declining function.

Optimizing Brain Health is another offering in The Last Quarter adult Sunday School Series. We are going to briefly discuss causes and then spend time considering strategies to fend off cognitive decline. We'll discuss diet and activity, stress reduction and the importance of maintaining a vibrant

social life.

The first class is Sunday, January 28 in room 35, approximately 10 minutes after Sunday service. The class continues every other week for three or four sessions. Light snacks will be provided. These sessions will be facilitated by Christy Wright.



Lisa Genova gives a TED Talk: What you can do to prevent Alzheimer's. This will be featured in the first class.

In Our Prayers

Jim Reeb passed away. Prayers for his family.
Mark McClees passed away. Prayers for his family and friends.
Lynn Evans is receiving hospice care. Prayers for her and her family
Prill's mother, Betty
Linda Stinson is having cataracts surgery
Viv Ellsworth is in the hospital
Carol Bailey
Charlene Lincoln
Crystal's grandmother
Leonard Higgins and family
Don Zobel's sister is being treated for cancer
Georgann Taylor
Marcene Stuart
Teanna McMahan and her family
Doris Montgomery
Margaret Coon
Roger Weaver and his family

Joys

Shannon's job opportunities
Thank you to everyone who helped "deconstruct" Christmas!

Jim Reeb Passed Away

Jim Reeb's family, his wife Dee, and children Melissa and Brian, attended FCC during the '90s.

Here is a member's remembrance of him, "Jim always said his name was beer spelled backwards."

He will be deeply missed.

CYC Events

Friday, February 2 (no school) - Hoodoo sledding trip, the cost for sledding if \$15 (due by January 14 with permission slip). We plan to meet at 7:00 a.m. and be back by 4:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, snow gear, and boots!

Looking Ahead

January 14

- After Service - Board Meeting

January 15

- Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. - Church office is closed.

January 18

- 1:00 pm - Women's Group meets for lunch at Eats & Treats

January 21

- After Service - Congregational Meeting

January 22

- 7:00 pm - Program Cabinet

January 28

- After Service - "Optimizing Brain Health"

February 7

- 9:00 am - Due Knots Meet

February 12

- 7:00 pm - Finance Cabinet

February 14

- 1:00 pm - Women's Group meets for lunch at Applebee's
- Ash Wednesday

February 19

- Presidents Day - Church office is closed
- 7:00 pm - Program Cabinet

Happy Birthdays!

- 1/1 - Max Glenn
- 1/2 - Merritt Jensen
- 1/8 - Kasey Burns
- 1/10 - Betty Claypool, Susan Potter
- 1/11 - Kacy Born
- 1/12 - Sean Paul Mills
- 1/20 - Pat Malone, Matthias John Doerksen-Goldwater
- 1/22 - Matt Gordon
- 1/24 - Viv Ellsworth
- 1/25 - Don Baarstad
- 1/28 - Tom Garbacik, Rick Olsen, Charles Brunner
- 1/29 - Madeline Watkins
- 1/30 - Nami Choe, Caitlin Alexander
- 1/31 - Jeremiah Evans

Happy Anniversaries

- 1/15 - Kelley and Aaron Marchbanks
- 1/26 - Lisa Luthy and Ely Kimberlin

What's Happening...

Board Meeting this Sunday!

On Sunday January 14 after service, the Board meets to discuss the budget, PFI Distributions, the Nominating Committee, and more. Please plan to be there.

Women's Group Events

Based on survey results and 2017 attendance, there will be a daytime women's event planned each month in 2018 (no evening events) and a "get to know you" sharing time at each. A magnet with all events will be handed out soon.

1. **Thursday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m.** Lunch at Eats & Treats in Philomath. Come prepared to share about the coldest day you remember. After lunch there will be an optional side trip to see the temporary exhibit from the Smithsonian titled "Things Come Apart" at the Benton County Museum. Admission is free.
2. **Wednesday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m.** Lunch at Applebee's.

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Announcements...

The Giving Tree Continues

Wishlist tags will be moved from the tree to a basket in the church office. You still have the opportunity to fulfill a gift tag through the middle of January. There are gift wish tags on the giving tree from Stone Soup, We Care, Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center, West M, Hope and Wholeness Counseling, and Disciples House. Please help one or more of these partner organizations.

December Regional Newsletter

Oregon and SW Idaho Disciples newsletter: <https://goo.gl/Y8kZSz>

Gone Missing

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

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...

Interfaith Potluck

Interfaith Potluck meets on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. We are pleased to take this one-year-old tradition into the new year.

Corvallis Friends Meeting, 3311 NW Polk St. (There is parking on Polk St.)

This will be a vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences; label your dish to indicate gluten or dairy content if you can. Bring your own plate/cup/silverware. We will also have some available. For more information contact Laurie Childers 541-908-4518.

Arioso Chamber Players at FCC

Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Guest soloist, David Gustafson, tenor joins the Arioso trio in a set of Italian songs. The program begins with Chaminade's Trio No. 1 and concludes with Beethoven's "Ghost" trio. Adults - \$12, Seniors and Students - \$10, Youth (0-12) FREE

January/February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School, Unhanging of the Greens 5:00 pm -Group 4 at the Stinsons' 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	8 7 pm -Finance Cabinet	9 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	10 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
14 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School After Service - Board Meeting 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	15 Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Church office is closed	16 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	17 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Rehearsal	18 1 pm -Women's Group meet at Eats & Treats	19	20 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
21 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School After service -Congregational Meeting 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	22 7 pm -Program Cabinet	23 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	24 10 am -Bible Study	25	26	27 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
 28 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Folk Worship, no Sunday School After Service - "Optimizing Brain Health" 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	29	30 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper (3:30 pm prep)	31 10 am -Bible Study 7 pm -Choir Rehearsal	1 February	2	3 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

