



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Folk and Intergenerational Sunday Worship on January 28 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Called to Serve

Elders: David Sisson, Susan Latham

Home Communion: Tricia Martin

Preparing Deacons: Bob Young, Pat Malone

Serving Deacons: Connor Williams, Holden Williams, Lilly Marchbanks, Marc Chenard*

Coffee Cart and Snack: Tricia Martin (coffee)

Flowers: na

Greeter: Lynda Shurtleff

Sunday Worship Accessibility

Large print bulletins and hymnals available.

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 1/16 - 114

Saturday, 1/20 - 106

Sunday, 1/21 - na

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

Congregational Meeting



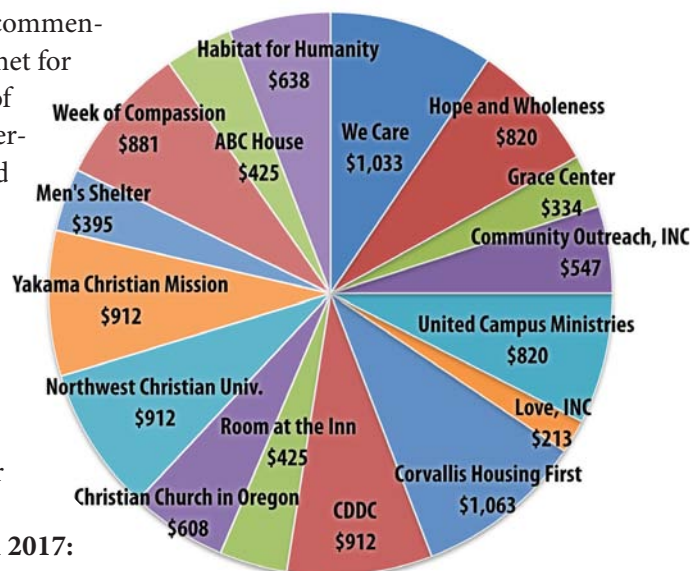
Above: The eyes have it! The 2018 budget was easily passed. Thank you to all who worked on it and thank you to the congregation for passing it.

Left: Eric graciously started taking hymn requests. I'm only guessing that Dow is offering some assistance.

Permanent Funds Income Distribution... You Voted and We Listened

The board approved the recommendation of the program cabinet for the following distribution of dollars. Interest from the Permanent Funds is distributed annually. Fifty percent of the interest income goes to support outside mission. With more than 35 congregational responses to our survey, we were able to distribute checks to the following organizations, for the following amounts.

Mission funds available in 2017:
\$10,938.00



Matt's Minute

"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

-Romans 12:4-5

I was reminded of this Scripture on Sunday. If you missed it, we had an unexpected medical emergency during our service. I was incredibly grateful that we are a downtown church and the response time for the emergency medical team is so quick. I was incredibly grateful for their professionalism, their knowledge and their skills. I was also incredibly grateful to the doctors and nurses in our congregation who responded quickly while we were waiting. I also must say thank you to the congregation for responding with grace and love. While the EMTs were assisting and working on transfer, the congregation facilitated an impromptu hymn sing.

The way you responded, cared, and worked together was the message on Sunday. It was one of the best sermons I've witnessed in awhile. Thank you for being church, thank you for embodying the gospel. Preach the gospel always, if necessary use words.

Thank you to the church for passing our 2018 budget, which included cost of living increases for all staff and incremental raises where appropriate. Your hard work and your sacrifice make it all possible. It takes all of our time, all of our treasures, and all of our talents to continue to be the church we are and yesterday was a day I was so thrilled to be a part of this community. If that was not enough, I came to dinner last night at Stone Soup. Our regular employee, Kevin, usually attends

meals to help and assist with any conflicts that might arise, but since he was out of the state, I filled in. That meal is truly a miracle in so many people's lives. I passed out socks donated by one of our members. Dry socks save lives! A woman came up to me during the meal and was obviously worried. "Where's Kevin?" she asked frantically. I ensured her that his return would be soon, but she was upset because she was moving to Montana and wanted to have an opportunity to thank him for his kindness and love to her. She gave me a big hug and said, "you give that hug to him." She made me promise. I ensured I would.

It was a great day to be church!

Peace, Pastor Matt

A Note From Dick Potter...

There was a major commotion during church service on Sunday, January 21. I'm sorry I shut down things. When the medics were working on me, I'm sure some thought I had a heart attack, but no, I passed out due to dehydration which caused my blood pressure to drop to 60.

After a battery of tests at the hospital and an IV of water, two hours later I was back to norm.

I wish to thank everyone attending for their concern and for their ability to keep on singing.

Love you all.



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.

Sermons Online

<http://heartofcorvallis.org/recent-sermons/>



Dick (left) and Jerry (right) clowning around at the 2014 Craft Fair.

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.

Youth Education... *From Christa Schmeder*

Classroom Updates

Preschool - 1st Grade, with Vicki

We read a story and watched a video about Martin Luther King, Jr. Then, we folded origami peace birds.

2nd - 5th Grade, with Leah

Happy New Year! We made journals to be used throughout this year. Talked about our new year expectations, what we are looking forward to. What was the best thing about last year!

Middle and High School, with Emily

and Miranda

In Youth Sunday School we continued our year long study of identity, privilege, and what that has to do with Christianity. We explored the ideas of self compassion and compassion and how these acts are critical to living a life of love and kindness towards all people. Next week we will begin making prayer beads as we explore how prayer, mindfulness, and meditation might help us in living that life as well.



A Disciples House Residents' Christmas Postcard

Happy New Year and many thanks for your generosity to Disciples House! We deeply appreciate everyone who fulfilled a wish from the Christmas giving tree. We are truly grateful for the gifts. (And don't they look cute with their new stuff.)



Photo from Trang Thi Huyen Nguyen

In Our Prayers

Dick and Sue Potter

Lynnie Evans is receiving hospice care. Prayers for her and her family

Prill's mother, Betty

Linda Wood

Viv Ellsworth

Carol Bailey

Charlene Lincoln

Leonard Higgins and family

Don Zobel's sister

Crystal's family

Georgann Taylor

Marcene Stuart

Teanna McMahan and her family

Doris Montgomery

Margaret Coon

Roger Weaver and his family

Our nation, our leaders, and community - we have work to do.

Joys

Ann Smart was announced as the winner of Senior First Citizen at Celebrate Corvallis!

Thank You From Stone Soup!

From Susan Dunham

Thank you for your generous contribution (\$1700.00) to Stone Soup Corvallis, Inc., and special thanks for your partnership throughout the year.

Today, as each day this year, we will serve a meal to hungry people in Corvallis. We serve almost 40,000 meals a year at a cost of a little over a dollar per meal...

On behalf of our diners and our more than 200 volunteers, thank you. We promise to use your gift wisely.

Looking Ahead

January 28

- After Service - "Optimizing Brain Health"

February 7

- 9:00 am - Due Knots Meet

February 11

- 5:30 pm - Group 4 gathers at the Smarts'

February 12

- 7:00 pm - Finance Cabinet

February 14

- 1:00 pm - Women's Group meets for lunch at Applebee's
- 6:00 pm - Meal
- 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service

February 18

- Week of Compassion Special Offering

February 19

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

February 25

- Week of Compassion Special Offering

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...

Women's Group Events

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.

New Adult Education Opportunity - Optimizing Brain Health

Beginning on Sunday, January 28 after worship in room 35. Classes continue every other week for three or four sessions. We are going to briefly discuss causes and then spend time considering strategies to fend off cognitive decline. Light snacks will be provided. Classes are led by Christy Wright.

The Smarts Host Group 4

Group 4 will be at the Smarts' on Sunday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. We will make Cioppino and hope that you can bring salad, bread or dessert. Let us know if you can come so that we can borrow enough tables and chairs.

Announcements...

FCC 2018 Directories Available!

Hot off the presses! The 2018 First Christian Church, Corvallis directories are available for you. If you haven't already received one drop by the church office to pick one up.

2018 Regional Women's Pray and Play Dates

Pray and Play Days are "mini-retreats" scheduled 4-5 times per year around the regional church for Disciples women and their friends to come and meet their sisters from nearby communities. Dates: Glenwood - 2/17, Medford - 3/3, Red Rock Boise - 3/10, LaGrande - 3/17, Salem First - March 24. To register go to: <https://goo.gl/ia8ABR>

Frances Younger's New Address

Frances' new address is: Waverly Place, 2853 Salem Ave SE, Apt 176, Albany, OR 97322. Roger, her son, mentioned that Frances no longer has a phone, but would still love company and enjoys visiting with people in person.

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, 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.

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>

January/February 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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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

