



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship on February 4 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: Ann Smart, Tom Garbacik

Home Communion: Alice Kelling

Preparing Deacons: Bob Young, Pat Malone

Serving Deacons: Jim Stinson, Linda Stinson, Kathy Crawford, Sue Schulz*

Coffee Cart and Snack: na

Flowers: na

Greeter: Lynda Shurtleff

Sunday Worship Accessibility

Large print bulletins and hymnals available.

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 1/23 - 105

Saturday, 1/27 - 100

Sunday, 1/28 - 120

Staff

Rev. Matt Gordon..... Senior Minister

Matthew Clark.....Choir Director

Eric Qian Pianist

Jill Shinkawa.....Communications Manager

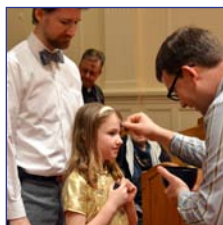
Kevin Weaver..... Paladin

Lucas Teeter ..Disciples House Resident Advisor

Christa Schmeder..... Director of Youth Ministry

Ruth Chadd..... Office Manager

Ash Wednesday Meal and Service



Join us for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 14. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in McLean Hall. Our youth will fix a soup supper for the congregation. The service of ashes starts at 6:30 p.m. The imposition of ashes marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of intentional introspection, prayer, and contemplative practice.

Your Permanent Fund Income (PFI)...



Photo: Matt asked, "What institution receives the largest endowment in the world?" The answer is Harvard.

You can contribute anytime to the Church's permanently endowed funds and the interest is distributed annually - a gift that keeps giving.

Green Valentine *From Green Chalice*

In care of the earth, here is a thought to consider from Green Chalice:

Skip the card: Opt for a hand-written letter or poem on recycled paper. Or better yet, create a long list of all the things you love about the person.

If your kids are obligated to give a Valentine's Day card to every child in their classroom, help them make their own out of recycled paper. They can even include on the card one genuine thing they like about the person.

Flowers: Choose potted plants and organic or local whenever possible. Or spend the extra time on origami roses.

Do. Not. Buy. Perfume: Try to find an essential oil that reminds you of them or some other all-natural fragrance.

Chocolate: Fair-trade and organic chocolate.

Instead of a restaurant: A homemade, homegrown, local and/or organic meal is a great (and more affordable) alternative to eating out. Organic wine is an easy find. Using beeswax candles will add the romantic touch without breathing the fumes.

Something unique: Plant a tree together to symbolize your relationship's strength and endurance or support a tree planting organization.



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Matt's Minute

Time and Talents

Did you get a time and talent worksheet? Need a new one? There are extra copies in the narthex, pick one up and help us know your passions and interests.

Lenten Season

I am looking forward to the Lenten season that begins on February 14. The season of Lent invites us to wrestle with our discontent. We look inwardly at those dark places in our lives. We pray, contemplate, and ask God to meet us in all the places of our lives—light and dark. Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the year because it is intentionally introspective. This year during the Lenten season, I will be examining some of those light and dark themes through music. Each Sunday in Lent, we will explore the theological and biblical themes in some of those “older” hymns that many of you grew up loving. This Sunday we asked for submissions of your “favorites” and got many responses.

Lent and Easter Schedule 2018

- **Wednesday, February 14** - 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service- Ash Wednesday draws on an ancient tradition of recalling our own mortality and examining our own separation from God and each other.
- **Sunday, February 18** - “Great is Thy Faithfulness” – Scripture focus: Lamentations 3:22-23. Why don't we call God Father anymore? Should we?
- **Sunday, February 25** - “How Great Thou Art” – Scripture focus: Psalm

104:1-6. Can we still believe in an all-knowing, ever-present God when the world is such a mess? Has the world always been a mess?

- **Sunday, March 4** - “Just As I Am” – Scripture focus: John 17:20-24. The Billy Graham Effect. The hymn was a call to unity, but in many ways it was a hymn of division and separation.
- **Sunday, March 11** - “In the Garden” – Scripture focus: John 20:11-17. What does a personal relationship with Jesus really mean? Does the resurrection really matter?
- **Sunday, March 18** - “Blessed Assurance” – Scripture focus: 1 John 3:19-24. Sacrificial atonement and the blood of Jesus.
- **Sunday, March 25** - Palm/Passion Sunday, “Old Rugged Cross” – Scripture focus: Matthew 27:15-44. What is our understanding of the cross? How does it inform our faith?
- **Thursday, March 29** - Maundy Thursday, Seder Meal at 6:00 p.m. We will share a meal that connects us to our Hebrew story through a traditional Passover meal.
- **Friday, March 30** - Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. Together, with First Presbyterian Church and First Congregational Church we will remember the crucifixion of Christ



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Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

on this Holy Friday. Service at First Presbyterian this year.

- **Sunday, April 1** - “Easter” Join us for our day of Easter Celebration.
 - 6:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning 5K walk/run
 - 8:00 a.m. - Easter “Sunrise” Service with Folk Musicians
 - 9:00 a.m. - Easter breakfast
 - 10:00 a.m. - Easter Worship, a full morning with baptisms, special anthems from the choir and a message of resurrection and hope.

Peace, Pastor Matt



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*

Preschool - 1st Grade, with Christa

The kids are obsessed with superheroes. This week, Addie, Neil, and I talked about what we would do if we became "superheroes" for God. What powers could we come up with that would be kind, or helpful, or healing? It was quite the conversation. Neil decided that he wanted special, **huge** band aids that could heal **any** pain or ouchies, even hurt feelings. Addie decided she wanted laser eyes that could build anything that people needed.

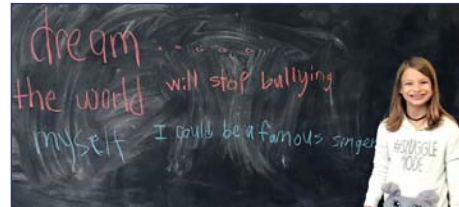
2nd - 5th Grade, with Leah

"I have a dream." We celebrated Martin

Luther King. We discussed the famous speech and talked about our dreams for the world and the dreams we have for ourselves. We continued to write in our journals.

Middle and High School, with Emily and Miranda

This week, we made peace beads. Emily kneaded some mason stains into a light colored clay body to produce a variety of colors. Then the students got to go through the meditative process of making the beads. I can't wait to see how they turn out!



Thank You Card from Disciples House!

Dear Members of the First Christian Church,
 The Disciples House would like to express their gratitude for the generous gifts of kitchen supplies, front matt, & sweets that individuals from the church. Thank you very much & we wish you all a happy new year. ♥



Photo from Trang Thi Huyen Nguyen

Left: A thank you card from Disciples House for all the generous gifts from the giving tree.

On Sunday, February 4 Christa will invite youth to cook dinner for Disciples House!

In Our Prayers

Mary Cotton's mother broke her hip
 Lynnne Evans is receiving hospice care. Prayers for her and her family
 Prill's mother, Betty
 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.

Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center Count

Second quarter Report 2017-2018

Unique Visits - Total: 169

October: 63

November: 61

December: 45

Overall Visits - Total: 5784

October: 1902

November: 1971

December: 1911

The CDDC's Homeless Employment Launching Project (HELP) continues to provide work opportunities each week to individuals who have been vetted by our two Workforce Coordinators. During the second quarter, HELP has provided 410 hours of work to 7 workers.

Looking Ahead

February 7

- 9:00 am - Due Knots Meet

February 11

- After Service - "Optimizing Brain Health"
- 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
- 5:30 pm - Meal
- 6:30 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

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- After Service - "Optimizing Brain Health"

March 11

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- Palm Sunday

March 29

- 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

March 30

- 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian Church

April 1

- Easter Sunday!

Happy Birthdays!

- 1/30 - Nami Choe, Caitlin Alexander
- 1/31 - Jeremiah Evans
- 2/12 - Linda Stinson
- 2/13 - Christa Schmeder
- 2/19 - Lilly Marchbanks
- 2/24 - Pamella Doerksen
- 2/26 - Emily Herb, Marjorie Jackson, Vicki Young

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 women's event planned each month in 2018 and a "get to know you" sharing time at each. In February we are having lunch at Applebee's at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14.

New Adult Education Opportunity - Optimizing Brain Health

Classes continue on Sundays, February 11, 25, and March 11, after worship in room 35. We will discuss the effects of diet, exercise, social contacts, and loneliness. We will 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.

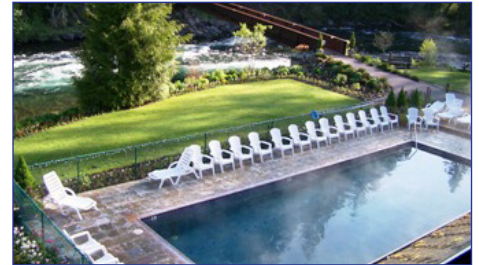
The Smarts Host Group 4

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...

2018 Gathering at the River at Belknap Hot Springs

This Sunday, February 4 registration begins for Gathering at the River at Belknap Hot Springs - June 28, 29 and 30. Registration forms and information will be available before and after service. Cabins, lodge rooms, tent sites and RV sites have been reserved. This year we have options near the upper pool and lower pool. For information contact Linda Stinson at 541 753-2714 or lindassewing66@comcast.net.



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.

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
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

