



Disciples Dispatch

First Christian Church of Corvallis

Disciples of Christ

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Join us for Sunday Worship on February 18 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: Bruce Cotton, Christy Wright
Home Communion: Christa Schmeder
Preparing Deacons: Allan Doerksen, Lauri Morris (clean-up only)
Serving Deacons: Tom Frederick, Mary Frederick, Kelley Marchbanks, Aaron Marchbanks*

Coffee Cart and Snack: Mona Gerig

Flowers: na

Greeter: Vera Rush

Sunday Worship Accessibility: Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.

Stone Soup Meal Count

Tuesday, 2/6 - 96

Saturday, 2/10 - 97

Sunday, 2/11 - 80

Church 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
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Ash Wednesday Meal and Service



Join us this Wednesday for Ash Wednesday, February 14. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in McLean Hall. The service of ashes starts at 6:30 p.m. The imposition of ashes marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday draws on an ancient tradition of recalling our own mortality and examining our own separation from God and each other.

Moments from Sunday...



Far left: Matt used archived photos to contrast how the church's architecture was updated to reflect a new understanding of our relationship with God and each other. Left: Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday and Valentines day. Here are some words to use everyday. (Photo: Teresa Shaw)



More Than We Can Imagine

February 18-25, 2018

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

The contribution we make today through the Week of Compassion offering—the seedling we help plant—has effects that ripple far beyond our imagination and spread beyond what we can conceive.



After a tornado caused damage to hundreds of homes in Northern Illinois, Week of Compassion helped provide support for recovery through the Disaster Recovery Support Initiative. (photo: DRSI)

Matt's Minute

Why Ashes?

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate by sharing a meal together and then services of ashes. The imposition of ashes harkens back to a Hebrew tradition of spreading ashes on oneself as a sign of repentance. It also was a sign of mourning. Throughout the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) there are references to those mourning and those repenting by wearing sackcloth and ashes as a way of showing their community what was happening. The tradition continued in the early church and later it was modified in the 11th century as a marker for the season of Lent. It is a reminder of our fallibility and our mortality. All are welcome and we hope to see you there. 5:30 p.m.-dinner, 6:30 p.m. - service.

Generous Living

Below is an excerpt from "Art and Eileen Olson" by Don Sarton from *Generous Living: Lasting Legacies of Faith and Witness, A History of the Christian Church Foundation*:

"Tell me about how the Foundation is doing!" Invariably those were the first words from Art Olson when a Foundation staff member would arrive for a visit. He and his wife, Eileen, were deeply interested in the mission of the Foundation and stories on how the Foundation was serving the church.

An ardent supporter of the Foundation from the beginning, Mr. Olson fondly recalled the trip with Jim, "the young president," around Oregon to introduce

him to pastors, congregations, and potential donors. Mr. Olson always wanted others to learn about and experience the Foundation's ministry on behalf of the whole church.

The Olsons utilized the services of the Foundation to make their legacy gift, including multiple charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities—giving them payments to live on while leaving an eventual gift to the church.

At their deaths in 2007, the residuals from those deferred gifts went into their named permanent fund at the Foundation which distributes to Disciples Mission Fund, Northwest Christian College—where Mr. Olson had once served as trustee—and their home congregation in Oregon.

Their support of the church continues on long after their earthly journey was complete."

Our church continues to be the beneficiary of the Olson fund. Their legacy wish was that their gift to the church would continue to support our general fund each year. Essentially, they would be giving an annual tithe in perpetuity. If you want to learn more about planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, the Christian Church Foundation, including the church in your will, feel free to contact me. I can also connect you with Jerry Lang, our Foundation representative to help you explore your options.

*Peace,
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.

Check Your Directory Information

Take a moment to check your information in the new church directory. We made every effort to get things right, but things do change. Is your name spelled correctly? Correct address? Phone number? Email? Send any updates to Ruth, our office manager, at: ruth@heartofcorvallis.org

Want access to the directory online? Ruth can send you the website address and the 5-digit security access code that you will need to view the directory online. Send your request to: ruth@heartofcorvallis.org

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

This Sunday, we read and watched a couple versions of "The Good Samaritan" story. We talked about how the Good Samaritan showed lots of love toward someone who would not usually be a friend to the Good Samaritan. We can show love towards all people. We used glue, salt, and watercolor to create hearts.

2nd - 5th Grade, with Leah

This month, we are focusing on love. Coming up in Sunday School on February 11th, we are going to see how

many words we can come up with that have to do with love. The catch: we have to think of words that start with the letters, L O V and E! If you have a child in 2nd - 5th grade, they can start thinking now about the words they want to contribute!

Middle and High School, with Emily and Miranda

This week in Sunday school, we continued working on our prayer beads. We discussed how some of the aims of mediation like clear seeing and attending to the present can help us be more compassionate to ourselves and others in our lives.



Permanent Fund Income Dollars at Work in the Community: Habitat for Humanity

As I sat here this morning opening the mail, I came across your generous donation. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your support of the work of Benton Habitat for Humanity. We bring people together to build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter in our community.

Because of you, Gilberto Garcia and Sofia Navarro and their three children look forward to living in a home of their own next holiday season. Thanks to your support, Benton Habitat was able to purchase a lot in south Corvallis, which will soon allow another family to achieve decent, affordable housing. Your partnership allows our Home Repair program to help people such as:



- *Diana, whose only bathroom was inoperable for many months. The Home Repair team flew into action, leaving her with a functioning sink and shower...*

With your gift of \$638.00 on January 25, 2018, you joined a community of givers who are working together to create affordable housing solutions throughout Benton County...

*With gratitude,
Karen Rockwell, Executive Director*

In Our Prayers

Jean Thayer and her family
Chris Clausen's friend, Bill
Mary Cotton's mother, Doris, is recovering from a broken hip
Lynn Evans is receiving hospice care. Prayers for her and her family
Prill's mother, Betty
Bud's former wife, Maryanne
Viv Ellsworth
Carol Bailey
Charlene Lincoln
Leonard Higgins and family
Don Zobel's sister
Georgann Taylor
Marcene Stuart
Teanna McMahan and her family
Doris Montgomery
Margaret Coon
Ryan Frederick is interviewing at Intel. Best wishes for a successful outcome.
Our nation, our leaders, and community.

Joys

Shannon got the job!
The Red book has been returned!

Purse and Bag Drive

During the month of February, we are collecting new and gently used purses and bags in good condition. These will be filled with hygiene supplies and donated to several organizations in town that are supporting women and women's health.

Bring your donations to church on any Sunday in February and give them to Christa. For more information, contact Christa. (christa@heartofcorvallis.org)

Looking Ahead

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 Offering

February 19

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

February 25

- Week of Compassion Offering
- After Service - "Optimizing Brain Health"

March 11

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March 25

- 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!

- 6:30 am - Sunday Morning 5K walk/run
- 8:00 am - Easter "Sunrise" Service
- 9:00 am - Easter breakfast
- 10:00 am - Easter Worship

Happy Birthdays!

- 2/9 - Stephen Chenard, Eric Eide
- 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...

New Adult Education Opportunity - Optimizing Brain Health

Classes continue on Sundays, February 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 consider strategies to fend off cognitive decline. Light snacks will be provided. Classes are led by Christy Wright.

Women's Group Events

A women's event is planned for 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. Please come and share a memory about Valentine's Day from the first quarter of your life.

Due Knots Meet

On Friday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m. in room 35. Please come and help us tie quilts for at-risk kids in our community. We take time to have tea and conversation. Please join us, especially if you can operate an iron or tie square knots!

Announcements...

2018 Gathering at the River at Belknap Hot Springs

Register for Gathering at the River at Belknap Hot Springs - June 28, 29 and 30. Registration forms and information will be available 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. 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>

Around Town...

Fourth Annual March to Oak Flat with Yakama Christian Mission

The March to Oak Flat is February 15-18, 2018. This two-day march is to support the San Carlos Apache effort to protect the Oak Flat region from Resolution Copper, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto. Just east of Phoenix, AZ, YCM encourages you to join us at the Oak Flat march—for one day or all three. For more information go to: <https://yakamamission.org/march-to-oak-flat-2017/>

Marion County Community Homeless Connect

Tuesday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Salem First Baptist Church, 395 Marion St NE, Salem. Community Homeless Connect is a one-day resource and health fair connecting homeless and those at-risk of homelessness with much needed services and resources.

Want to volunteer? Volunteers are asked to attend an orientation the evening before, on Monday, March 26 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Salem First Baptist Church.

For more information and to register go to:

<https://signup.com/group/307694084080>

February/March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 9 am -Bible Study 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School After Service - "Optimizing Brain Health" 5:30 pm -Group 4 at the Smarts' -Stone Soup Supper	12 7 pm -Finance Cabinet	13 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Meal (3:30 pm prep)	14 10 am -Bible Study 1 pm -Women's Lunch at Applebee's 5:30 pm -Meal 6:30 pm -Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17 10 am -Stone Soup Breakfast
18 9 am -Bible Study Week of Compassion (WOC) Offering 10 am -Worship, w/Sunday School 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Supper	19 Presidents Day - Church office is closed 7 pm -Program Cabinet	20 5:30 pm -Stone Soup Meal (3:30 pm prep)	21 10 am -Bible Study	22	23	24 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

