

July 16, 2014



GOOD NEWS

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SUMMER FUN

JULY 23

Ice Cream Social
Doug Killin Park
4990 Deer Run St. SW
6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 6

Ice Cream Social
Takena Park
1101 Lawnridge St. SW
6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 8-10

Family Camp at Honeyman State Park
at the Oregon Coast

AUGUST 16

Hike led by Bob Ross
There will be a sign up sheet in August.

AUGUST 24

Swim party/potluck dinner
5:15 to 7 p.m.
Otter Beach in Corvallis



ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON JULY 23

Thanks to Jim Somppi and Jim Schulte (pictured above) who made the delicious ice cream for our first ice cream social on July 9. Thirty people enjoyed an evening of fellowship and dessert. The next ice cream social will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23 at Doug Killin Park.



Church Family News

In Our Prayers

Maura Wilson recovering from surgery on her neck

Jan Hagemeister recovering from shoulder surgery

Joan Miner

Tom Cochran

Linda Bricker

Jan Goby

Betty Rea

Linda Morse's brother Gil

Nancy Robb's brother

Sarah Mack's step mom

Traci Egan and Kym O'Hare's sister-in-law Angi who had a brain hemorrhage

For those in hospice care:

Phyllis Silsbee

Cheryl Hersom

Nadine Wood's mom

Dale Gray's dad

For those who are battling cancer:

Rollie Bilyeu

Jack Miner

Lynnie Evans

Harryette Anderson

Attendance and Giving

Sunday, July 6

Attendance 100

General Fund giving \$8,235

Building Fund giving \$1,340

Sunday, July 13

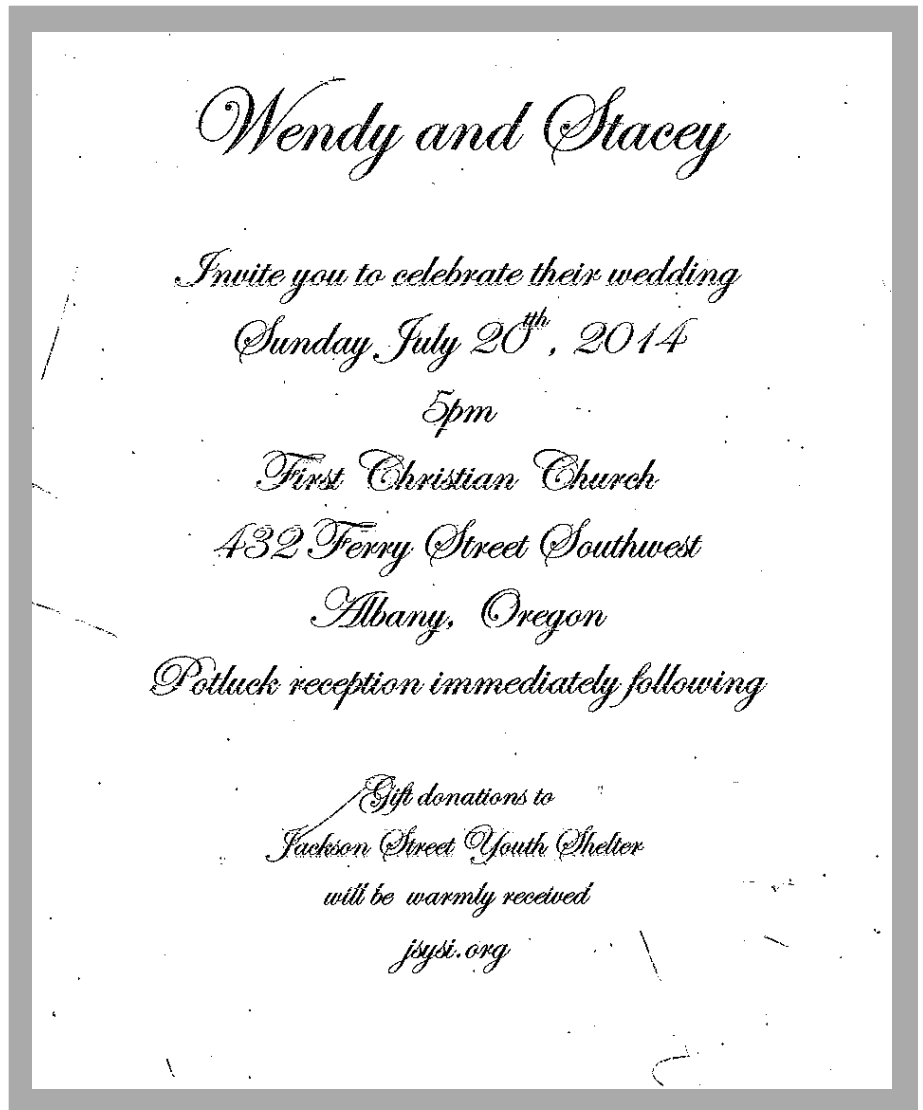
Attendance 106

General Fund giving \$4,493

Building Fund giving \$908

OUR MISSION

is to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice.



Congratulations to Wendy Peterman for the successful completion of her doctorate degree from Oregon State University.

STAFF VACATION SCHEDULE:

July 24 to Aug. 3 – Nancy gone

July 25 to Aug. 2 – Patty gone

Please be sure to make arrangements if you need access to the church. The office is open only in the mornings in the summer.

LOOKING FOR WORK

Shanna Jenne is looking for work and is available this summer for house, pet and baby sitting, light housekeeping, errand running and care giving assistance. If you need a helping hand this summer, call Shanna at 541-928-0203.

LOOKING AHEAD

July 23

Ice Cream Social at Doug Killin Park at 6:30 p.m.

July 27 - Aug. 1

High school and middle school camp at Suttle Lake

Aug. 6

Ice Cream Social at Takena Park at 6:30 p.m.

August 8-10

Family Camp at Honeyman

August 11-15

Grade School Camp at Suttle Lake

Aug. 24

Swim party at Otter Beach with Corvallis FCC

Sept. 7

Kick off fall programs



TRUE COMMUNITY

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

It is wonderful to report that the Search Committee is moving right along in its effort to find a new associate pastor for our congregation. The committee met a number of times this summer and have reviewed the profiles of several very exciting candidates. The search has narrowed to one primary candidate who will have a second interview later this month. The committee is feeling very hopeful and excited and will keep the congregation posted on its progress.

HEALING MINISTRY

You are invited to experience the peace and calmness that a session of reiki can provide, either seated in a chair or lying on a comfortable, portable massage table. If you wish to receive healing touch, please contact the leaders in advance.

1-3 p.m. Thursdays in Cornerstone Room

(Contact: Terry Wood 541-924-0976)

9-11 a.m. Fourth Saturday in Cornerstone Room

(Contact: Deb Burchfiel 541-974-2012)

REIKI SUMMER GATHERINGS

Healing Ministry students are invited to share Reiki at these summer gatherings:

9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Saturday, July 26

in Cornerstone Room at the church

9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 23

at Patty Evans' home, lunch follows



MISSION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 31

The church has a mission grant fund for projects outside of the budgeted/funded mission projects. Those funds are available to support members of the congregation who are interested in participating in a mission project; to provide a one-time grant for an ongoing mission project or to help develop a mission project. Guidelines and an application are available in the church office. Applications for receiving funds are due by July 31. You can turn them in to the church office or to Paula Moore.

DEEP CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUMMER

We still have opportunities available for special music during the summer. If you are interested in singing or playing a solo, duet, small group, etc. please contact Gary Ruppert, Caren Luckenbill, or Patty Evans.

FAMILY CHORUS ON JULY 20 AND AUG. 17

Do you enjoy singing but are unsure about your ability? Have you sung in a choir in the past and would like to enjoy that experience again?

This summer we have two Sundays where you can discover the joys of singing in a chorus without a long-term commitment.

On July 20 and August 17 we will have the First Christian Family Chorus. All you need to do is pick a date (or both if you want) and show up at 9:00 a.m. We will rehearse a simple song to sing at the 10:00 service. That's the only commitment you need to make.

A "family" chorus can be defined in many ways, just as we define family in many ways at our church. The idea is for you, and maybe some of your family members, to join with the family of the church to enjoy singing, fellowship, and offering voices together in praise. This opportunity is open to anyone from age 10 upward. Wouldn't it be fun to have thirty or more people coming together to celebrate singing as a Family Chorus? Please consider joining us.

SAYING THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS

We are blessed to have a number of people in the congregation who are dedicated to helping our children learn and grow in their Christian faith. They have shared their time, gifts and faith by serving as Children Worship and Wonder storytellers and greeters and Young Disciple teachers and helpers.

They have volunteered their time as youth group leaders and helpers and have chaperoned

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Each Sunday morning, following the Children's Moment our elementary-aged children head upstairs for an adventure in learning with our Interim Children's Coordinator Renee Windsor White. This summer they have been learning about the friends of Jesus through music, crafts, stories and games. Something exciting happens every week. Children from age 3 to 12 are invited to join the fun.

Summer Sunday school for children will take a hiatus in August and the children will remain in worship. We will make sure that there are plenty of activity sheets on the children's table at the back of the sanctuary to help occupy busy minds and hands. The worship services in August will be more "child friendly" than usual with a shorter sermon, more music and opportunities to interact with the day's gospel message in creative ways.

Children are always welcome to work at the children's table or bring a clipboard and crayons to their seats. Also, the deacons are delighted to have the help of any of the children when the offering is received and communion is served. Children who would like to help should go to the back of the sanctuary during the song after the sermon.

If any one has ideas that would help our children feel more at home in worship, please give Patty Evans a call.

youth trips and outings. We are grateful for all their help and will honor these wonderful people in worship on Sunday, Aug. 3.

If you are one of these volunteers but will be out of town that Sunday, we want to take this opportunity now to share our gratitude. Thank you faithful servants for all you have done and given to support the children and youth of this congregation. Your love makes a difference in their lives and in our congregation. We appreciate you!

PASSION FOR JUSTICE

COMMUNITY MEAL NEWS

You are invited to share a delicious dinner with church and community friends every Tuesday between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The meal is free, but donations are always gratefully received to off set the cost of this important ministry.

Volunteers are always needed too – especially dishwashers and veggie choppers! Give Sharon Gisler a call at 541-928-7013 if you'd like to help out. See you at supper!



COMMUNITY MEAL
First Christian Church

NEEDED:

VOLUNTEERS ON A HOSPITALITY TEAM

We could use a few more folks to help with one of our hospitality teams. If you are not currently serving on a team and would be willing to help, please see Nancy in the office.

On Sunday mornings, hospitality teams are the folks who make sure that the beverages and goodies are set out and the dishes cleaned up after fellowship time. The teams serve once every eight weeks and the hope is that each team has enough members that even if some one is sick or away, the team can carry on. One of our teams is so small and missing helpers due to an injury and travels that it needs more help to carry on.

Thanks to all who have served this year in this important ministry to extend a warm welcome to all on Sunday mornings.

CAMPERS FOR 2014

On Sunday, July 27 we will send five of our middle and high school youth to summer camp at Suttle Lake for a week of stories, crafts, games, skits and music. On Monday, August 11, we will send seven of our younger children to grade school camp.

Our regional camps at Suttle Lake are staffed by volunteers from Disciples congregations.

We hold these young people and those leading them in our prayers.

Middle school campers

Anica Ortiz
Kendall Weir
Allison Jackson

High school campers

Haley Weir
Atalie Marshall

Grade school campers

Emma Ortiz
Rhyson and Chrystopher Houser
Neil and Brayden Morse
Grace Catlin
Ellie Norman

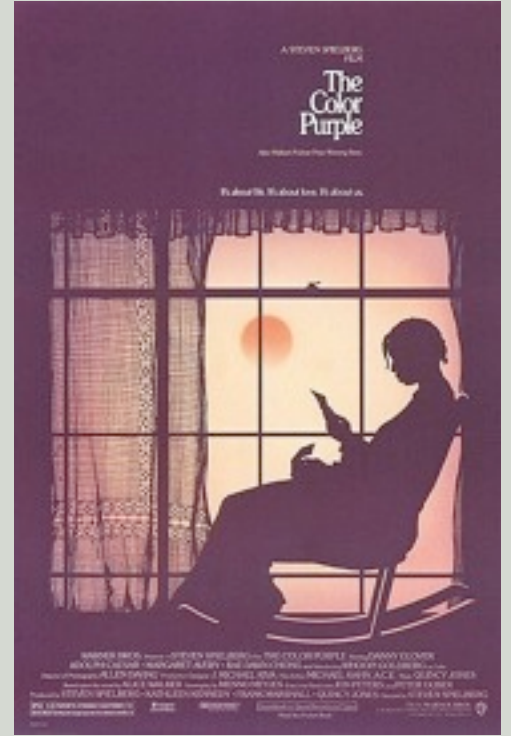


MOVIE NIGHT ON TUESDAY, AUG. 26

The Open and Affirming Advocacy Committee is hosting a church family movie night on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:45 p.m. They will show the classic movie, “The Color Purple” which is rated PG-13.

Everyone is invited to attend the Community Meal that night and then move into the cool of the sanctuary for the movie.

More information will follow in the August newsletter, on the church website (www.fccalbany.com) and the church’s Facebook page.



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GOOD NEWS

Join us @ the Otter Beach Party



You are invited to join us for the annual...

Beat the Heat @ Otter Beach Party

Everyone welcome! Bring your towel, swimsuit and sunscreen. Be ready to have fun and cool off in the pool.

Bring some food to share: Last Names A-H: bring main dish or sandwiches

Last Name: I-R: bring salad or chips

Last Name S-Z: bring a dessert

Water, Lemonade, & tableware provided. Feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic beverages (no glass containers).

There is no cost for this event, but donations gladly accepted.

Sunday, August 24th - 5:15 to 7pm

Osborn Aquatic Center - 1940 NW Highland Dr., Corvallis