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GOOD NEWS

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HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

The church's fall quarter launches on Sunday, Sept. 7 with a Homecoming Sunday Celebration. Coffee house at 9:30 will feature scones and marionberry jam! Worship at 10:00 a.m. will explore the theme "JAM – the Fruits of the Spirit" and everyone is invited to wear a name tag or make a new one.

Following worship there will be a finger food potluck and Homecoming Fair where the many ministries of the church will be featured with special exhibits.

Parents will have the opportunity to fill out permission slips and information sheets for the new school year's programming for children and youth. Potential leaders and volunteers for children and youth programming can fill out forms for background checks.

We will have a photo booth and encourage every family and individual to have a picture taken for our information kiosk and the picture book we hope to pass on to our new associate pastor.

So clear Sunday morning on your calendar and make plans now to be with your church family!

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Associate Pastor Search Committee is hard at work under the leadership of Ethel Ellingson. The committee is meeting frequently and is focusing its discernment on one primary candidate. They will have at least one more interview with this candidate before being ready to take the step of contract negotiations. They are hopeful, excited and doing their best to bring to the congregation a candidate who is a good match for our vibrant congregation and its far-reaching mission.

NEED HELP?

If you need help with house, baby or pet sitting; light housekeeping; or caregiving, call Shanna Jenne at 541-990-2441 and she will do her best to help you.

100 days of summer.
days of hope.
Choose your day to give.




First Christian Church Blood Drive

432 Ferry St SW

Monday, August 18
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact the Red Cross at (800-REDCROSS) 800-733-2767 or sign up online at redcrossblood.org using sponsor code: **BnGClub**

Blood is especially needed this time of year, so please schedule your donation today!

 American Red Cross | 1-800-RED CROSS | redcrossblood.org/100days

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Church Family News

In Our Prayers

Ann Ayers

Dale Gray whose father died

Donna Lamb whose husband died

Linda Morse whose brother died

Iris Johnson

Tom Cochran

Linda Bricker

Jan Goby

Betty Rea

Nancy Robb's brother

Angi Fisher

For those in hospice care:

Billie Watkins

Phyllis Silsbee

Cheryl Hersom

Nadine Wood's mom

For those who are battling cancer:

Jack Miner

Lynnie Evans

Harryette Anderson

Sarah Mack's step mom

Attendance and Giving

Sunday, Aug. 3

Attendance 102

General Fund giving \$4,315

Building Fund giving \$5,700

Sunday, Aug. 10

Attendance 109

General Fund giving \$6,721

Building Fund giving \$1,345

General Fund giving in Aug. \$11,036

Amount needed monthly \$24,537

Building Fund giving in Aug. \$7,045

Amount needed monthly \$8,925

OUR MISSION

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



AUGUST WORSHIP

Don't miss worshipping with your church family these lazy days of summer. Worship during this month is a little more child-friendly and interactive, but remains accessible and familiar for all people. Each week we will sing one or more of our "heirloom hymns" along with a new song here and there. We will spend time in deep prayer and let the scripture speak to us in new ways. The themes for the remaining Sundays in August include:

August 17 – Liberating Love!

We will explore how the love of God liberates us to fulfill God's call on our lives and liberates all who are oppressed. Learn about the "Thistle Project" and experience the soothing nature of thistle balm.

August 24 – Like a Child

Come and explore the deep goodness of child-like faith. What are the pictures you are supplying for the front of God's refrigerator?

August 31 – What the World Needs Now

We will be collecting items to support the work of the Jackson Street Youth Shelter as we focus on what the world needs from the church in these challenging days of the 21st century. Watch your email for the collection list!

FAMILY CHORUS ON AUG. 17

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

On Aug. 17 we will have the First Christian Family Chorus where you can discover the joys of singing without a long-term commitment. Show up at 9 a.m. and we will rehearse a simple song for 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 30 or more people coming together to celebrate singing as a Family Chorus? Please consider joining us.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 4-5

Pre-Primary School Orientation

Sept. 7

Homecoming Sunday Celebration

Sept. 10

Choir begins its fall season

Sept. 29

Back-to-School Night for our preschool families

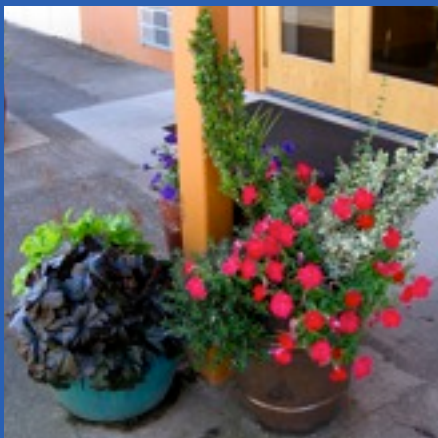
Oct. 5

Open and Affirming Celebration

Oct. 19

Jazz piano program by Gary Ruppert at 3 p.m.

Thanks to Charlotte Houser and Linda Lees who are watering our outside planters to keep them looking so beautiful.



TRUE COMMUNITY



HIKE TO MIDDLE PYRAMID

Bob Ross is leading a hike to Middle Pyramid in the Cascades on Saturday, Aug. 16. Hikers will leave the church parking lot at 8 a.m., and should be back by around 5 p.m. Participants will need a lunch and plenty of water. The trail is only 2 miles long, but there is an 1800' elevation gain, so this is a challenging hike. Wildflowers and scenery are fantastic. There might be a chance to enjoy eating huckleberries. The group will carpool to the trailhead. A Northwest Forest Pass is required for each car at the lot. Sign up by calling the church office at 541-926-8606.

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)

BACKYARD REIKI

Everyone who has been trained in the art of Reiki prayer is invited to a backyard Reiki Circle at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23. We will share Reiki prayer and then enjoy a light summer lunch and a time of fellowship. You are invited to join this special time even if you haven't practiced your Reiki training for years. Come and be refreshed by this time of hands-on prayer and friendship. Please RSVP to Debbie Burchfiel or Patty Evans by Aug. 20.



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

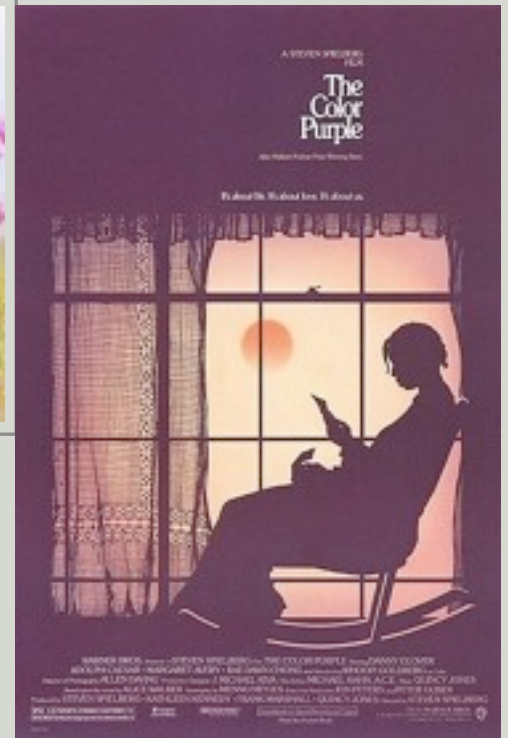
PASSION FOR JUSTICE



MOVIE NIGHT ON TUESDAY, AUG. 26

The Open and Affirming Advocacy Committee is hosting a church family movie night at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26. They will show the classic movie, “The Color Purple” which is rated PG-13. The movie is a 1985 American period drama film directed by Steven Spielberg, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name by Alice Walker. The film tells the story of a young African American girl named Celie Harris and shows the problems she faced during the early 1900s, including poverty, racism and sexism.

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



OUTDOOR SIGN UPDATED

Our sign has been updated with a rainbow and the words “Open, Caring, Loving” as suggested by the Open and Affirming team. Thanks to Gary Goby who got the job done.

The Open and Affirming team meet monthly to discuss the ways that we can continue to live out being an Open and Affirming community.

“We are an Open and Affirming congregation, rooted in Jesus’ great commandment to love our neighbors as we do ourselves. We welcome all into the full life and ministry of our church, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, marital status, physical ability, mental ability, economic status or faith background.”

THANK YOU



Left to right: Jim Schulte, Cherie Jackson, Allison Jackson, Mary Boucher Jackson, Simone Jackson, Lacey McLellan, Nancy Marshall, Nadine Wood, Simone Welsh.

In our August 3 worship service, we thanked the volunteers who have provided leadership to our children and youth programs. It takes many helping hands to run our programs and pass on our lively faith to younger generations. 29 people were honored for their contributions this year.



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