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# GOOD NEWS

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (*Disciples of Christ*) 432 Ferry St. SW, Albany, OR 541-926-8606

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## BRING FOOD BY OCT. 17

During October our church has been collecting food for Fish of Albany and will participate in the citywide food drive on Saturday, Oct. 18. Bring non-perishable, canned, boxed and packaged food that will help fill the Fish food pantry and be disbursed throughout the year to hungry families and individuals. If you can bring your donations to church by this Friday, Oct. 17, we can add them to the food drive on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Our youth will be going house-to-house on Saturday, Oct. 18 with adult drivers and helpers. There is a sign up sheet for youth participants so we can plan the transportation. If your child (middle school and high school) is planning to help, please sign up or tell Douglass Anne. We want to have enough drivers for everyone who wants to collect food.

Our group will meet for breakfast at 8:30 at St. Mary's Church before heading out.

## BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON IN OCTOBER

Christian Women's Fellowship will hold its annual Birthday Luncheon at noon Monday, Oct. 27. The speakers for the event are Dena Minato and Dave Kullowatz, retired teachers, who will share travel stories and pictures. All are invited for a salad lunch followed by birthday cake. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Laverne Bilyeu at 541-926-8068 or to the church office at 541-926-8606.



### *Defining the Indefinable*

Gary & Karen Ruppert

First Christian Church – Albany

432 S. Ferry St.

Sunday, October 19, 2014

3:00 p.m.

This lecture-performance is designed to help listeners understand what distinguishes jazz styles and makes music sound "jazzy."



Benefit for the music program at  
First Christian Church

# Church Family News

## In Our Prayers

Chet Houser who fractured his ankle

Laverne Bilyeu

Tom Cochran

Linda Bricker

Jan Goby

Nancy Robb's brother

Jack Miner

Lynnie Evans

Harryette Anderson

Sarah Mack's step mom

Doreen Hildebrand

For those in hospice care:

Betty Rea

Phyllis Silsbee

Cheryl Hersom

Nadine Wood's mom

## Attendance and Giving

Sunday, Oct. 5

Attendance 116

General Fund giving \$9,576

Building Fund giving \$1,745

Sunday, Oct. 12

Attendance 156

General Fund giving \$5,229

Building Fund giving \$940

General Fund giving in Oct. \$14,805

Amount needed monthly \$24,537

Building Fund giving in Oct. \$2,685

Amount needed monthly \$8,925



Welcome to Amber Churchill and Douglass Anne Cartwright who joined our church on Oct. 5.

## NAME TAGS HELP US GET ACQUAINTED

For the next few months, we will be encouraging people to wear name tags on Sunday mornings. This gesture of hospitality helps us all to learn each other's names but will be especially helpful to our new associate pastor, Douglass Anne, as she gets to know us.

Be sure to stop at the table on your way into the sanctuary to fill out a name tag to wear.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

At the end of October, the Budget Committee will begin putting together the proposed budget for 2015. The proposal will be voted on at the congregational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7. Budget Committee members are David Fryer, Cam Shuck, Nadine Wood, Sarah Mack and Patty Evans.

## TREE REMOVAL SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 15

We have been notified that the city plans to remove the four trees at the west end of our property on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Due to the noise of saws and chippers, the Wednesday Morning Book Study will not meet that morning.

The West End Committee is meeting to make plans for future enhancements of that area. When they are ready, they will present their suggestions to the congregation.

### OUR MISSION

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

Thanks to Chet Houser for the beautiful wooden gavel that he made to accompany the bell given as the McCorkle Legacy Award on Oct. 5. The Community Meal received the award for its open and inclusive welcome to all.

Thanks to Rowland Gaal who took the photos that are on the kiosk. The pictures will be a great help in getting to know each other.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Oct. 18**

8:30 a.m. Fish Food Drive starts with breakfast at St. Mary's

**Oct. 19**

Jazz piano program by Gary Ruppert at 3 p.m. in our sanctuary

**Oct. 27**

noon- CWF Birthday Luncheon

**Nov. 16**

Jackson St. Youth Shelter Reader's Theater fundraiser in our sanctuary at 3 p.m.

**Nov. 27**

Thanksgiving Dinner potluck at 1 p.m.

**Feb. 7-8, 2015**

Women's Weekend at Silver Falls Conference Center

**July 18-22, 2015**

General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio



# TRUE COMMUNITY

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE STARTS ITS WORK

As the year comes to an end, our 2014 Nominating Committee is beginning its work of creating a slate of church officers for the new year. That slate of officers will be reviewed and voted on at the Dec. 7 Congregational Meeting and a new year of service begins on Jan. 1.

This is the time for the congregation to consider the gifts, skills, and talents that God has invested in each one of us and prayerfully ponder how those gifts might be put to work in the great mission of the church to proclaim God's transforming love in word and deed in our community and around the world.

The congregation depends on creative visionaries to share their gifts in the program development work of the Program Cabinet. We look to people with organizational and policy-making gifts to share their time and talents on the Church Board. We look to people with deep and growing spirits to share their faith and active love as elders. Those with gifts for humble service are needed as deacons. The Open and Affirming Advocacy Team, the 2016 Nominating Committee, and Board of Trustees are groups that have clearly defined and focused tasks to accomplish each year that don't require monthly meetings but are essential to the strong spiritual health of the congregation. The Nominating Committee will be adding members to each of these vital teams this year.

Each person in the congregation can be sure that God has gifted and called him/her into service of some kind. What gifts do you have to share? How is God calling you to serve?

This year's Nominating Committee includes Ruth Sellon, Kris McLaughlin, Ross Jackson, and Vicki McClanahan. These hard-working folks, along with our pastors, will be very happy to share information about the many ways to serve Christ and His Church as an officer of the congregation. Contact any one of them if there is an area of service in which you would like to invest your gifts or if you would like to recommend someone for a church office.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2014

Ruth Sellon  
Kris McLaughlin  
Ross Jackson  
Vicki McClanahan

# DEEP CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

## YOUTH LOOK AHEAD

This past Sunday, the Chi Rho (middle school) and the CYF (high school) groups brainstormed about things they would like to do and be part of this coming year.

They organized their ideas into four categories:

### 1. Mission and Service:

Opportunities for the youth to serve others in the community or in the church

### 2. Sprituality and Worship:

Ways the youth can grow their own faith and spirituality as well as participate in and create worship experiences

### 3. Bible Study and Discussion

Talking about faith questions and the Bible and how they interact with our everyday lives

### 4. Fun & Fellowship

Time to gather and learn more about one another and to grow our relationships as a group

They came up with some great ideas, but would love to have help from the congregation! If you've got an idea (or a few) that would fit into one or more of these categories, email them to Douglass Anne at [fccrevda@gmail.com](mailto:fccrevda@gmail.com)!



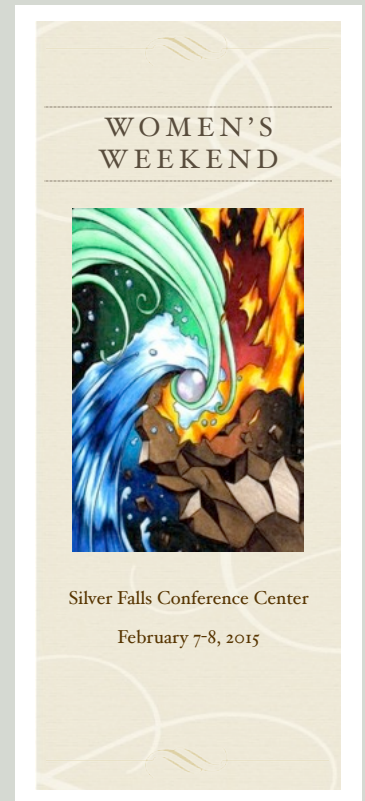
## WOMEN'S WEEKEND – FEB. 7-8, 2015

Women's Weekend is a time for 36 women of the church to rest, hike, play, reconnect with friends, make new friends and experience Christian community at beautiful Silver Falls

Conference Center. The group enjoys four meals at the conference center, beginning with lunch on Saturday and ending with Sunday lunch.

The theme of the 2015 retreat will be "The Sacred Landscape." The group will prayerfully, creatively and experientially explore the intersection of the natural elements of air, water, fire and earth with the spiritual landscapes of our souls.

Cost of the retreat is \$90. To reserve your place at the retreat, please complete a registration form in the office and leave a \$25 deposit no later than Monday, Dec. 1. The reservation cannot be confirmed without a deposit.



Thanks to the Nelson family for the donation of an air hockey table to the youth room.

## HEALING MINISTRY THIS FALL

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)

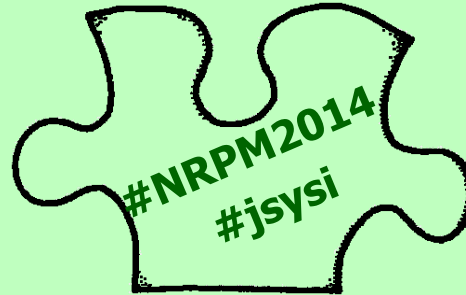
This month the fourth Saturday is Oct. 25.

# PASSION FOR JUSTICE

## November is National Runaway Prevention Month

Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc.  
invites you to get involved!

Together, we can  
**END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.**



**"No Matter How Loud I Shout"**  
A Readers Theater Performance



**Sunday, November 16**  
3:00-4:30pm  
Albany First Christian Church  
432 SW Ferry St, Albany

Free event - Donations accepted



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### CONGRATULATIONS, COMMUNITY MEAL!

On Oct. 5, we celebrated World Communion Sunday and the anniversary of becoming an Open and Affirming church. The McCorkle Legacy Award was presented to the Community Meal for its inclusive welcome to all people on Tuesday evenings. On behalf of the Community Meal, cook Gordon Kirbey received the award.

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

## **SUNDAY, OCT. 26**

### **4:30 p.m. CORN MAZE (All Youth)**

All youth are invited to go on an adventure through the Corn Maze at Bose Family Farms. Meet at the church at 4:30. The group will be back by 6:45 p.m. Participants need to sign up by Sunday, Oct. 19 (either on the rolling cart on Sunday morning or at youth group), have a current permission slip filled out, and bring \$6 on Oct. 26. To order discounted tickets, we need to know how big our group will be. (Be sure to wear closed-toed shoes as this is a farm!)

### **6:45 p.m. FAMILY DINNER (All Youth and Parents)**

All youth and parents are invited to dinner at the church. If you plan to come, please RSVP by Oct. 19 (541-926-8606). Volunteers are needed to bring bread, salad, lasagna, drinks, and desserts. The sign-up sheet for food is on the rolling cart.

### **7:00 p.m. MISSION TRIP MEETING (CYF Youth and Parents)**

High school youth interested in going on the mission trip this year and their parents are invited to come learn about two possible mission trip ideas and help choose where to go for spring break 2015. The group will also talk about fundraising possibilities and deadlines for registration.

## **SUNDAY, NOV. 16**

**Jackson Street Youth Shelter Reader's Theater** – Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3:00 p.m. Come to hear the stories of local homeless youth. Discussion, pizza and fun after the event. This is for Chi Rho and CYF.

