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# GOOD NEWS

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## INSTALLATION SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 23

The Rev. Douglass Anne Cartwright will be installed for her ministry in our midst during the 10 a.m. worship celebration on Sunday, Nov. 23. Our Thanksgiving Sunday worship will be all the more celebratory as we give thanks for and bless the many gifts and deep spirit that Douglass Anne brings to our life together. A reception in her honor will be provided by the Personnel and Search Committees.

## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Under the leadership of Douglass Anne, the children and youth will be presenting a special Christmas musical during worship on **Sunday, Dec. 14**. Please plan to join us as we uncover the true meaning of Christmas with music, dance, and drama! Rehearsals for "The First Leon" are already underway during worship on Sunday mornings.

A final rehearsal will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 13, followed by a lunch for all participants and their families!

Adult volunteers will be needed to help with the rehearsals, the simple costumes, the lunch and whatever else comes up in preparing for this musical which is sure to delight us all. Please tell Douglass Anne if you are willing to help.



# Church Family News

## In Our Prayers

Don Rea and family  
Brett Muckey, recovering from surgery  
Chet Houser  
Marcia Stevens who took a bad fall  
Nadine Wood whose mom died  
Tom Cochran  
Linda Bricker  
Jan Goby  
Nancy Robb's brother  
Jack Miner  
Lynnne Evans  
Haryette Anderson  
Sarah Mack's step mom  
Doreen Hilderbrand  
For those in hospice care:  
Phyllis Silsbee  
Cheryl Hersom

## Attendance and Giving

### Sunday, Nov. 2

Attendance 114  
General Fund giving \$5,391  
Building Fund giving \$1,870

### Sunday, Nov. 9

Attendance 112  
General Fund giving \$5,273  
Building Fund giving \$205

General Fund giving in Nov. \$10,664  
Amount needed monthly \$24,537

Building Fund giving in Nov. \$2,075  
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.

# IN LOVING MEMORY

ELIZABETH ANN REA

AUGUST 10, 1925 - OCTOBER 20, 2014

On Nov. 9, we held a memorial service to celebrate the life of Betty Rea. Betty joined our church on Sept. 23, 1973 and was a tireless volunteer at First Christian Church. She was always busy helping on programs of the church and serving in whatever ways she could.



She was also active in the community, serving Fish, Habitat for Humanity, SMART reading, Albany Peace Seekers, and Friendship Force.

Her faith was not a stagnant, boxed-in thing. It lived, breathed, stretched, grew and gave. At the Wednesday Book Study when the group would get into deep conversations about the theological implications of this or that, Betty always cut to the chase at some point in the conversation saying, "What really matters, you know, is L-O-V-E. How do we love?" Love was Betty's ultimate truth and greatest motivating force. It was her theology. It was God. She saw God in all things – family and friends, nature, her church and in all the joys, sorrows, challenges and everydayness of life.

Please hold her family in your prayers in these days of grief.

## IT'S THAT TIME!

As we roll toward the close of the year, it is time to remind people of the ways we can be a blessing to our community of faith by supporting its wide reaching ministry with an extra, beyond-regular-giving love gift to the General Fund. Our General Fund is the strong financial foundation beneath all the vital ministries of the church. Typically, as we near the end of the year, the General Fund is in deficit. This year we are operating with a small deficit that can easily be met as generous hearts respond. What a gift it would be to start 2015 with not only no deficit but an already healthy balance that will inspire and support new ministries! We can make that possible!

## THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, delicious food, and the comforting prayer shawl. Falling off a ladder, this time, has been a very painful experience, and one I hope to never repeat. I'm glad to be able to be back in worship even though I have another two weeks on crutches.

Chet Houser

## LOOKING FOR WORK

Shanna Jenne is still looking for work and is available for elder care, house sitting, pet care, and housework. You can reach Shanna at 541-990-2441.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Nov. 16

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

### Nov. 23

Installation of Douglass Anne

### Nov. 27

Thanksgiving potluck at 1 p.m.

### Nov. 30

Wreath fundraiser by youth 7 p.m. Evensong "Lighting the Way" (kids prepare at 6:30)

### Dec. 7

9:30 Presentation/discussion of the proposed budget for 2015 After worship - Fourth quarter congregational meeting to vote on budget and nominees

### Dec. 14

Musical "The First Leon" by children and youth in worship

### Dec. 15

6:30 p.m. Leader Appreciation Dessert

### Dec. 21

7 p.m. Choral Vespers

### Dec. 24

7 p.m. Christmas Eve service

### Feb. 7-8, 2015

Women's Weekend at Silver Falls Conference Center

# TRUE COMMUNITY

## 'NO MATTER HOW LOUD I SHOUT'

### READERS THEATER PERFORMANCE

Join your church family and the community in this fundraiser for the Albany overnight shelter for homeless youth which will open in 2015.

Jackson St. Youth Shelter board members and readers from the community will read writings by past teen residents of the Corvallis shelter. The presentation contains themes that are not appropriate for young children.

This will be an opportunity to learn about the challenges, hopes and joys faced by young people in our community, especially those who are runaway or homeless.

The performance is free but donations will be accepted.



*Above: Stacey Peterman and Becky Evans stand in front of the new Albany overnight youth shelter on Seventh Ave. SE.*

## THANKSGIVING DAY POTLUCK DINNER

Join your church family at our annual Thanksgiving Day potluck dinner set for 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27. Bring your favorite holiday foods to share. This is an easy way to enjoy the holiday without having to clean your house and do all the cooking!



In order to know how many places to set around the tables, we ask folks to sign up on the clipboard.

## TAKE A BREAK FROM TURKEY PREP

The Nelson family will be offering a free Woodwind Quintet recital at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26 in the United Presbyterian Church sanctuary. Colleen and Andy will play clarinet, Ryan, bassoon, Alyssa, French horn and Andy's dad, Don, oboe.

Light refreshments will follow. A donation basket will be available to receive funds to send Alyssa and Ryan to music camp next summer.

# DEEP CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY



## ADVENT EVENSONG – “LIGHTING THE WAY”

Celebrate the beginning of Advent in creative worship and fellowship at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. All are welcome to usher in the season as we bring the lights, sounds, tastes and spirit of the season into our worship space and hearts. This will be an opportunity to sing through the carols, connect with the symbols of Advent and prepare room in our hearts for the gift of Christ. This is a joyful event for all ages. Come, light the way!

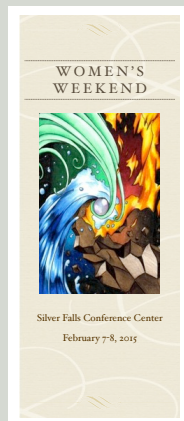
The evensong service will be followed by a festive reception. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite holiday finger food or treat to share.

## WOMEN'S WEEKEND

### DEADLINE TO REGISTER: DEC. 1

Women's Weekend is a time to rest, hike, play, reconnect with friends, make new friends and experience Christian community at beautiful Silver Falls Conference Center. 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 by Monday, Dec. 1. The reservation cannot be confirmed without a deposit.



## ADVENT STUDY

### WHILE WE WAIT

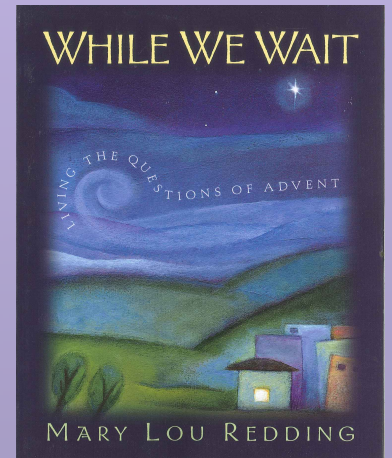
All adults and youth are invited to attend “Sundays at Nine” each Sunday from Nov. 23-Dec. 21 and engage in rich conversation and reflective study as we explore Mary Lou Redding's Advent devotional and study book, “While We Wait – Living the Questions of Advent.”

This study “will help people who don't want to gloss over their own questions about the Christmas story. It looks at Advent as a journey in which God seeks us at many levels of our understanding and spiritual willingness. It allows for real-life struggles and questions as a legitimate part of Advent's spiritual exploration.” (*from the back cover*)

“While We Wait” is now available for purchase (\$11) in the church office. Some copies are available on loan.

Participants are invited to sign up for the class by calling the church office or signing the clipboard on the table in coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

To prepare for the first class on Nov. 23, participants should read the introduction and first chapter before class. The in-home reading will take about 15 or 20 minutes, five days of the week. This will be an excellent opportunity to establish or renew a daily prayer and study discipline and explore the journey of Advent in community.



# PASSION FOR JUSTICE



## WREATH FUNDRAISER ON NOV. 30

Get your Christmas wreath and swag and help support the youth mission trip! The sale will begin Sunday, Nov. 30 and will end when they are all gone! If you would like to donate pinecones, greenery, or bows, please contact Douglass Anne.

Thanks to Don and Wilma Albright for hosting the youth.

## MISSION TRIP TO JUSTLIVING FARM

Our church has a tradition of sending our high schoolers on a learning and service trip during the week of spring break. In 2015 the high school youth (CYF) will be going to the JustLiving Farm outside of Toppenish, WA. They will be looking at this mission experience as a pilgrimage (a journey to a sacred place, a quest) where they will be learning more about themselves and relationships they have with the Creator and the world around them.

Each day they will have opportunities to serve the community in and around the farm, as well as opportunities to learn and engage with topics such as human justice, issues of race, culture, ethnicity, dominant culture, privilege, economics, sustainable agriculture, and ecological responsibility.

The trip will be Sunday, March 22 to Friday, March 27.

The estimated cost per person will be \$325 and the participants will be working to raise money to cover at least half of their costs. Registration forms should be completed and returned to the church office by Dec. 7 along with a \$50 deposit. A second \$50 deposit will be due by Feb. 1 and any remainder of the cost which is not covered by fundraising will be due by March 1. Donations to the youth mission trip are always welcome. Checks can be written to FCC with a designation of youth mission trip.

## GIFTS TO OUR COMMUNITY MEAL

Instead of shopping at the malls this holiday season, you have an opportunity to honor family or friends with a gift to the Community Meal. We have cards that you can send to them noting the gifts made in their honor. Starting Nov. 30 and continuing to Dec. 14, look for the table with volunteers to help you purchase cards.

## SPOON COLLECTION

Do you collect spoons? Jim Schulte has pieces of his mother's spoon collection that he would like to pass on to someone who would appreciate them. Contact Jim at 541-926-2542.



### To Honor You

A gift in your name has been made to the Community Meal.

The mission of the Community Meal of First Christian Church is to foster a spirit of inclusive community that nourishes bodies and spirits, encourages and strengthens friendship, shares kindness and inspires hope through the simple act of providing and sharing a free, nutritious weekly meal to all in a welcoming and safe environment.

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## YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, NOV. 16 • 3-6 P.M.**

Jackson St. Youth Shelter Fundraiser Readers' Theatre followed by all youth discussion and broom hockey upstairs

### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26 • 6 P.M.**

Recital by the Nelson family at the United Presbyterian Church  
Come hear Alyssa on French horn and Ryan on bassoon!

### **FRIDAY, NOV. 28 • 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

Wreath making at the Albrights / fundraiser for the mission trip  
Wear work clothes and layers because it might be chilly!

**SUNDAY, NOV. 30** - Plan to sell the wreaths and swags on Sunday morning both before and after worship.

6:30 p.m. Meet at the church to prepare for Evensong service  
(youth and children)

7:00 p.m. Evensong and Tree Lighting

### **SUNDAY, DEC. 21 • 5-7 P.M.**

5-7 p.m. All Youth Christmas Party

### **NURSERY POSITION OPEN**

The church has an opening for weekly nursery attendant. The nursery attendant works from 9:30 to approximately 11:45 each Sunday morning and is paid minimum wage. Applicants must love children, be at least high school age, have child care skills and able to commit to a weekly job. Applications are available in the church office or applicants can email the church office and an application and job description will be sent.



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