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GOOD NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Our summer worship is off to a wonderful start! We've been sharing in conversation, answering some questions about our faith and our connections with FCC Albany, learning about the history of some beloved songs, and breaking bread together. I hope that if you have been able to join us, you felt welcomed and part of the celebration that is worship.

As we continue throughout the next few months, I wanted to let you know of some more exciting things coming up.

• On June 28, we'll be having a SingSpiration Sunday. This means that the service will be filled with songs, hymns, and other music that hold special significance to people within our FCC Albany community. (If you haven't shared the music that has a special spiritual



by B.B. Bartholomew

connection for you in worship, it's not too late. Fill out the form below and bring it to church with you.)

• On July 19, we'll have a guest preacher (TBA soon) as I will be in Columbus, Ohio for the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

• July 26 will be another SingSpiration Sunday as well as a Worship Brunch. Plan to come with a favorite brunch

dish and join in eating, singing, and worshipping together.

We're in a pretty exciting time as a congregation as we learn more about ourselves and where God is calling us in our future ministry at FCC Albany. Each week, we're talking to each other about some important questions that will shape and guide this future and your voice is important. I hope you will plan to come and join us in the weeks ahead.

With Joy,
Douglass Anne

Growing Changing

Our responses to the question:
How would you describe your faith?



Our Shared Musical Heritage

Music has a very special way of speaking to each of us. What music/songs have a special emotional/spiritual connection for you?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Your Name: _____

Church Family News

In Our Prayers

Family of Helen Wells, who died 6/15
John Phillips
Neta Couron
Mary Lou Estes
Fern Dixon
Gordon Kirbey
Ray Lindley
Joan Miner
Jen Collins
Linda Bricker
Jan Goby
Nancy Robb's brother
Lynnie Evans
Harryette Anderson
Sarah Mack's stepmom
Cheryl Hersom, in hospice care

Attendance and Giving

Sunday, June 7

Attendance 103

General Fund giving \$7,903

Building Fund giving \$1,020

Sunday, June 14

Attendance 87

General Fund giving \$5,961

Building Fund giving \$1,540

General Fund giving - June \$13,864

Amount needed monthly \$24,322

Building Fund giving in June \$2,560

Amount needed monthly \$8,950

Year-to-date deficit: \$5,678

OUR MISSION

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

DEACON TEAM B GATHERING

All members of Deacon Team B are encouraged to attend a brief meeting with Douglass Anne following worship on Sunday, July 12, in the Cornerstone Room. We will be assuring that all the service spots on the schedule are filled and will review responsibilities. Deacons will also have the opportunity to hear and ask questions about the worship plan for August and how communion and offering will be handled. Please make every effort to attend.

Deacon Team B: Mary Boucher and Simone, Andrew Cluver, Brigitte Cluver, Mike Dicianna, Rowland Gaal, John Hayes, Kathwren Hayes, Courtney Roberts, Angela Tarnasky, Maura Wilson

TRANSITION TEAM NEWS

At its May meeting with Cathy Myers Wirt, the Transition Team began planning for the next phases of work they will begin during the summer months. This work includes:

- Planning a welcome for Rev. Eric Dale on his first Sunday with us on Sept. 13.
- Making minor functional and aesthetic changes to the upstairs office.
- Looking at staffing models to present to the congregation.
- Assembling a Pastoral Care Committee for Douglass Anne.

The Transition Team will meet again on Tuesday, June 23.



WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING

Our congregational project of reading and reflecting on Brian McLaren's wonderful book "We Make the Road by Walking" continues.

The monthly discussion group will gather on Monday, July 13, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Graham Kislingbury. All are welcome to join this opportunity to read and discuss chapters 43-46.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Sundays at Nine discussion group that continues through June. This group will meet at 9 a.m. each Sunday through June 28 and will be discussing chapters 43-44.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Please call ahead to make arrangements if you need access to the church in the afternoons.

THANKS

- Thanks to Amber Churchill for preaching on June 14.
- Thanks to Ann Ayers for scheduling our liturgists every month.

LOOKING AHEAD

June 28

10 a.m. Singspiration!
5-7 p.m. Potluck & Games Night

July 8

6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social
at Eleanor Hackelman Park

July 22

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

July 18-22

General Assembly in Columbus,
Ohio (Douglass Anne will attend.)

July 26-31

High school and middle school
regional camps at Suttle Lake
Middle school camp director:
Douglass Anne Cartwright

Aug. 5

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

Aug. 10-14

Grade School Camp

Aug. 16

Swim Party and Potluck at Otter
Beach with Corvallis First Christian

Aug. 21-23

Family Camp at Tumalo in the
Bend area.

TRUE COMMUNITY



SUMMER FUN

The Program Cabinet has planned summer events to keep us gathering together for fellowship and fun. From eating ice cream to camping and swimming, there are plenty of ways to enjoy the great outdoors of an Oregon summer with your church family. Three ice cream socials, a hike, bike ride, swim party, and a weekend of camping are planned. These are family friendly, intergenerational events. As each event approaches, there will be more details coming but save the dates now!

JUNE 28

5-7 p.m. Potluck and Games Night at the church

JULY 1

6:40 p.m. A Night with the Knights at Goss Stadium, Corvallis
To reserve your seats, contact Douglass Anne by June 28.
Group tickets for the baseball game are \$8.

JULY 8

Ice Cream Social at Eleanor Hackleman Park at 6:30 p.m.

JULY 18

Hike led by Bob Ross

JULY 22

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

AUGUST 2

Bike ride led by Graham Kislingbury

AUGUST 5

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

AUGUST 21-23

Family Camp at Tumalo State Park

AUGUST 16

Swim party and potluck dinner at Otter Beach with Corvallis First Christian Church from 5:15 to 7 p.m.

AUGUST 28-29

Harry Potter-themed Lock-in for Youth

DEEP CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY



REIKI HEALING PRAYER UPDATES

At the end of May, our Reiki Healing Prayer Ministry moved back upstairs into the space it originally occupied. Above is a panoramic view of the room. Reiki sessions are available on Monday mornings 10 a.m. to noon (beginning June 29) and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Debbie Burchfiel or Terry Wood if you are interested in receiving Reiki.

Reiki is a technique that offers comfort, nurture and support, gently and powerfully promoting balance

for the mind, body and spirit. Used by a rapidly growing number of hospitals, Reiki complements medical treatment – it is not a cure, but a method of healing.

A training by Rev. Elaine Andres is being offered June 24-27 at our church. Registration forms are available on the rolling counter in the office. Please register one week before the class begins. Former students can audit the training as a way to refresh their experience.

MINDFULNESS OF GRATITUDE, FORGIVENESS & COMPASSION

Major religions teach that gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion are keys to happiness. But how do we manifest these keys in our daily lives? Mindfulness practice directed toward gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion offers one path to this goal.

You are invited to begin your journey along this life-changing path by exploring the nature of these three traits and how they are stimulated through mindfulness practice. Please join us for a two-hour workshop spread over two sessions. The sessions, led by Terry Wood, will run 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 14.

Prior to taking this class, participants must have established a mindfulness practice or completed the

introductory class, “Mindfulness for Healthy Living.” Cost is \$35 for two sessions.

Preregistration is required. To register, pick up a form in the church office or contact Terry by email at penhiguy@comcast.net.

MINDFULNESS GROUP TO ORGANIZE ON JUNE 28

An organizing meeting for those who would like to start an ongoing Mindfulness Group will be held after worship on Sunday, June 28. Terry Wood will be leading it and he would like input from anyone who is interested in this.

PASSION FOR JUSTICE

THANKS

Albany Peace Seekers group wants to express appreciation to First Christian Church for its support of the Peace Award through the gift of a Mission Fund grant.

For the past 6 years, APS has given a \$500 award to a graduating student from both West and South Albany High Schools for their actions and attitudes that foster a peaceful and just environment in their school and community.

This year Peace Seekers included Albany Options School, the alternative school that gives struggling students an opportunity to complete high school. On behalf of APS, Don Rea applied to our church's Mission Fund for \$250 to help fund this additional award. The first Peace Award at AOS was presented to Luis Garibay-Chavez by Sharon Gisler at his graduation on Monday, June 8. Thanks to FCC for its support, through the Mission Fund.

COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

The Community Meal continues to serve delicious and nutritious meals every Tuesday evening from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping and filling in as a substitute during the summer when people are on vacations, talk to Sharon Gisler who coordinates the volunteers.

Meals served and donations for the meal for June have been:

June 2 - 165 meals \$155
June 9 - 131 meals \$351



Thanks to our Community Meal volunteers:

Top: Wilma Albright

Bottom: Charlotte Smith, Don Albright

Right: Dena Minato, Dave Kullowatz



SUMMER CAMPS 2015

Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho
 Suttle Lake Camp • Sisters, Oregon

July 26-31
 CYF (High School) Camp
 (completed grades 9-12) \$355

Chi Rho (Middle School) Camp
 (completed grades 6-8) \$355

Aug. 10-14
 Junior Camp
 (Completed grades 3-5) \$320

First Christian Church of Albany will pay
 half of the fees for campers who are active
 participants in our youth programs.

Deadline to register
 in the church office: **June 22**
 \$10 late fee after June 22

2015 Theme: Say What?
 Campers explore the theme of the day in small
 groups led by two adult staff members.

Activities:
 group hikes
 crafts
 canoeing
 games
 swimming
 worship at campfire
 Bible study



Directors and staff are members of Disciples of
 Christ congregations and each of them have
 undergone a background check.

First-aid trained staff members and lifeguards will
 be on site.

HARRY POTTER LOCK-IN FOR YOUTH

All middle school and high school youth are invited
 to attend a Harry Potter-themed lock-in set for 10 a.m.
 Friday, Aug. 28, to 10 p.m. Satur-
 day, Aug. 29.

The group will watch all eight
 magical Harry Potter movies filmed
 from 2001-2011, play quidditch and
 enjoy other special treats. Details
 will come later but save the date for
 a Hogwarts experience!



Shanna Jenne is available this summer for house sit-
 ting, pet sitting etc. She can be reached at 541-990-2441.

Sign up for summer regional camps.
Forms are available in the church office.
Deadline: June 22

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