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GOOD NEWS

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Thanks to the Santiam Brass who enlivened our worship on July 5. Rich Isted, our custodian, plays tuba with the group.

SUMMER WORSHIP

There's a lot to enjoy this summer in our 10 a.m. interactive worship. We are learning about heritage hymns and some of our favorite songs and how they came to be. We are hearing from our liturgists about how they came to this church community and why they stay here. We are lighting candles of joys and concerns. We are feeling free to move around as we give our gifts and receive communion. We have the opportunity to experience Reiki healing prayer. We are taking time to have conversations with each other about our faith and lives. It's a rich sharing. Don't miss it!



During our summer worship services, there are opportunities to light a candle for a prayer concern or joy.



Church Family News

In Our Prayers

Family of Cheryl Hersom,
who died June 16

John Phillips
Neta Couron
Mary Lou Estes
Fern Dixon
Ray Lindley
Joan Miner
Jen Collins
Linda Bricker
Jan Goby
Nancy Robb's brother
Lynnie Evans
Harrayette Anderson
Sarah Mack's stepmom

Attendance and Giving

Sunday, July 5

Attendance 70
General Fund giving \$6,323
Building Fund giving \$975

Sunday, July 12

Attendance 74
General Fund giving \$6,181
Building Fund giving \$960

General Fund giving in July \$12,504
Amount needed monthly \$24,322

Building Fund giving in July \$1,935
Amount needed monthly \$8,950

Year-to-date deficit: \$10, 271

OUR MISSION

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

SUMMER GIVING NEEDS A BOOST

We're having a wonderful summer at First Christian, with everything from stirring sermons and singspiration to ice cream socials and other fun activities that are bringing people together.

A successful Red Cross Blood Drive was held in Fellowship Hall in June, and our excellent Community Meal continues to hum along each Tuesday. Later this month, we'll send off nine kids and three adults to summer camps at Suttle Lake.

To keep the programs and ministries of the church running this summer, we all need to stay current on our giving.

While the church continues to operate as normal and meet its financial obligations, giving dropped off significantly in June. General fund income was down \$4,394 for the month, leaving a deficit of \$10,271 for the year to date. The building loan offering also was down, by \$5,201 for the month.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the church and for your attention to our current budgetary needs. We always get through these bumps in the road.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Graham Kislingbury
Church co-board chair

DEACON TEAM C GATHERING

All members of Deacon Team C are encouraged to attend a brief meeting with Douglass Anne following worship on Sunday, Aug. 9, 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 September and how communion and offering will be handled. Please make every effort to attend.

Deacon Team C: Debbie Campbell, Cathy Feeney, David Fryer, Dale Gray, Vicky Heintzman, Cherie Holverson, Larry Holverson, Linda Lawrence, Dena Minato, Cam Shuck, and Tina Shuck.

MINDFULNESS GROUP TO MEET IN AUGUST

The next meeting of the Mindfulness group will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. This group is open to anyone who has taken the training in Mindfulness and is interested in an ongoing practice.

Trainings will be offered again in the fall. If you are interested, contact Terry Wood, 541-924-0976.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

July 26

10 a.m. Singspiration and
Brunch in the Fellowship Hall
Bring a potluck dish to share.

Aug. 5

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

Aug. 10-14

Grade School Camp

Aug. 16

Pet Blessing service at the Bry-
ant Park shelter near the river

5:15 p.m.

Swim Party and Potluck at Otter
Beach with Corvallis First Christian

Aug. 21-23

Family Camp at Tumalo in the
Bend area.

Sept. 6

Labor Day worship with the
Presbyterian Church on the
courthouse lawn

TRUE COMMUNITY

JULY 18 IRON MOUNTAIN HIKE WITH BOB ROSS

Here is Bob's plan: Leave from the church parking lot at 8 a.m. and hope to return by 5 p.m. The weather will determine if we go and how much hiking we will do. If below 75°, we are apt to do a five-mile loop. If warmer, we are apt to do a one-mile up and back. If above 90°, or if there are high chances of a lightning storm, we will not go. This is a somewhat strenuous hike, so good walking shoes are essential. Bring lots of water, your lunch and snacks. Use sunscreen and a hat. Please contact Bob Ross to RSVP. The primary theme will be natural communities: how they develop and function — and the implications for human communities. Science, religion, politics and philosophy are all rolled into one conversation.

JULY 22 ICE CREAM SOCIAL at Doug Killin Park at 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 2 BIKE RIDE LED BY GRAHAM KISLINGBURY

Kids and adults are welcome on our third annual After-Church Bike Ride, set for Sunday, Aug. 2.

Here is Graham's plan: We'll leave from the church parking lot at noon and follow the Dave Clark Path through Monteith Riverpark and east along the river. At Bowman Park, we'll continue on the river path to Simpson Park, then head up Cox Creek to Waverly Lake and Pacific Boulevard, stopping at Subway for lunch. After lunch, we'll ride through Talking Water Gardens, then out and back on the Simpson Park Trail. We'll make one final stop, at Hasty Freez for ice cream, then head back to church by about 2 p.m.

Please bring your bike, a helmet and money for lunch at Subway. Bike locks and chains will be helpful at Subway.

For more information, contact Graham Kislingbury at 541-974-2075 or g.kislingbury@comcast.net.

AUGUST 5

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

AUGUST 16

Swim party and potluck dinner at Otter Beach with Corvallis First Christian Church from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Bring a potluck dish to share and your swim gear.

AUGUST 21-23

Family Camp at Tumalo State Park

AUGUST 28-29

Harry Potter-themed Lock-in for Youth



DEEP CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

CAMPERS FOR 2015

On Sunday, July 26 we will send four 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 10, we will send five of our younger children to grade school camp.

Our regional camps at Suttle Lake are staffed by volunteers from Disciples congregations. Nadine and Bailey Wood will be counselors at middle school camp and Douglass Anne will be directing it.

We hold these young people and those leading them in our prayers. Mail can be sent to them at 29551 Suttle Lake Road, Sisters, Oregon 97459.

Middle school campers

Anica Ortiz Kendall Weir
Allison Jackson

High school campers

Haley Weir

Grade school campers

Henry Catlin Grace Catlin
Riley Bond Lucy Rouse
Beth Rouse

REIKI HEALING PRAYER

You are invited to experience the peace and calmness that 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 upstairs (Contact: Terry Wood 541-924-0976)

9-11 a.m. 4th Saturday upstairs (Contact: Deb Burchfiel 541-974-2012)

Reiki is also being offered during the 10 a.m. worship. If you would like to experience it, go the back row of chairs where there will be two willing givers.

Dear Friends,

Summer seems to be flying by! Can you believe we're already halfway through July?

These next few weeks will be busy ones for me! This week, I'll be traveling to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Columbus, Ohio. I will be serving as stage manager for all of the worships and business sessions, and I will also be representing all of you and FCC, Albany!

On July 25, I'll be heading to Suttle Lake, our regional campground near Sisters, to serve as the director for Chi Rho (middle school) camp.

While I am gone, you will have some wonderful worship opportunities. On **July 19, Rev. Dr. Noel Phillips** will be preaching about "Seeds of Faith." Noel and his wife, Myrna, are both ordained ministers and have been members of FCC, Albany, in the past. Noel has served churches in Texas and in Oregon: First Christian Church in Forest Grove, OR; Garden Road Christian Church and (as Associate Minister) First Christian Church, both of which are in Salem. Since 1990, he has been serving as a chaplain at Salem Hospital and earned his doctorate from San Francisco Theological Seminary. I know you will be blessed as he shares God's Word with you!

Sunday, **July 26**, will be our second **Singspiration! Sunday, plus brunch**. Please bring a brunch dish to share, and come for a fun worship, filled with singing!

I am looking forward to being back in worship on **Aug. 2**, when we'll have another wonderful guest preacher, **Zane Ridings**. Some of you may already know Zane, as he is a Oregon native and was an active member of the Salem congregation as he grew up. Now he is currently in his second year at Brite Divinity School and working as the Minister-in-Training at Midway Hills Christian Church in Dallas, Texas.

On **Sunday, Aug. 23**, our 10 a.m. worship will be **our first Pet Blessing Sunday at Bryant Park**. Our own Renee Windsor-White will be preaching. All leashed and/or caged pets and their two-legged friends are welcome. More information will be coming soon about this exciting worship service.

Plan now to be present for all of these activities! FCC Albany is such a delightful place to be and an incredible community with whom to share the journey!

With joy,
Douglass Anne

PASSION FOR JUSTICE



On our behalf, the church elders (pictured above) sent a beautiful wooden chalice and plate made by Chet Houser and a letter of support and comfort to the church of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, South Carolina.

We reach out in love to those whose lives have been torn apart by the racism that led to the killing of nine of their members.



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.



Children act out the scripture during the Children's Moment on July 5.

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. Saturday, 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!



GRAND OPENING OF JACKSON ST. YOUTH SHELTER

Jackson Street Youth Shelter invites you to join in celebrating the opening of the new 24/7/365 youth shelter in Albany – an important expansion of services for runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth in Linn County.

The Grand Opening Celebration event will be **Thursday, Aug. 6 from 12-2 p.m.** Rep. Andy Olson will share remarks at 12:30 p.m., and the house will be open for tours from 1-2 p.m. The Albany shelter is located at 1240 SE 7th Ave, across the street from Eleanor Hackleman Park.



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