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GOOD NEWS

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Bob Ross, Tony and Maura Wilson, Marilyn Gryte, Derek Lawrence (grandson of Rollie and Laverne Bilyeu), Debbie Burchfiel and Paul Pritchard hiked Iron Mountain on July 18.

PET BLESSING WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, August 16, will be our first Pet Blessing Worship in Bryant Park. The Bible mentions many times that all creatures have the ability to give praise to the Creator and this Sunday will be a day to celebrate with our beloved pets and include them in our worship. The service will begin at 10 a.m. at the picnic shelter closest to the Willamette River in Bryant Park and will include an opportunity for pets and their families to receive an individual blessing for the year ahead.

All pets are invited, as long as they are on a leash, in a cage, or in a photo.

There are picnic tables, but lawn chairs are welcome. Parking is available right in front of the shelter. After worship there will be some small treats for animals and humans alike. Hope you will plan to join us for this fun and joyful celebration.

Worship in the Round will be held at its usual time, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bob Ross will lead the first of a two-part series on Genesis.

YOUR GIFTS CHANGE LIVES

Your giving in July supported these community activities which happened in our building. These are in addition to all the programs offered by the church, such as the Community Meal.

- Red Cross Blood Drive which collected 21 units of blood. With every unit of blood is the potential to save three lives so our support impacted 63 lives.
- Meals on Wheels on Thursday mornings to prepare food sent out to homebound seniors
- Weekly meetings of a support group through Linn County Mental Health to help those who struggle with mental illness
- Weekly meetings of two Narcotics Anonymous groups to help those who are struggling to be free of addictions.
- Weekly counseling sessions offered by the Pastoral Counseling Center counselors

OUR CHURCH REACHING OUT

During August school supplies are being collected and will be donated in early September to local school children. Suggested items notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers, erasers etc. Bring donations to the church and place them in the big basket by the office. We will bless these supplies in worship on Aug. 30.

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.

Church Family News

In Our Prayers

Larry Stothoff in hospice care
Laverne Bilyeu at Timberview
JoAn Widmer
John Phillips
Neta Couron
Mary Lou Estes
Fern Dixon
Ray Lindley
Joan Miner
Jen Collins, who had a
bone marrow transplant
Linda Bricker
Jan Goby
Nancy Robb's brother
Lynn Evans
Harryette Anderson
Sarah Mack's stepmom

Attendance and Giving

Sunday, Aug. 2

Attendance 114

General Fund giving \$5,008

Building Fund giving \$1,145

Sunday, Aug. 9

Attendance 91

General Fund giving \$4,054

Building Fund giving \$560

General Fund giving in Aug. \$9,062

Amount needed monthly \$24,322

Building Fund giving in Aug. \$1,705

Amount needed monthly \$8,950

Year-to-date deficit: \$5,186

OUR MISSION

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

INTERIM PASTOR HAS HOUSEHOLD WISH LIST

Eric Dale, who will join us as interim pastor on Sept. 7, made a two-day stop in Albany on July 28-29 after leaving Seattle, where he had served as interim pastor of a UCC church for 2 1/2 years.

Eric and his 13-year-old German shorthair pointer, Duke, were guests of Anne, Rich, Grace and Henry Catlin for two nights. Thank you, Catlins! He also got a tour of Albany and started searching for a place to rent. (The rental market in Albany, he discovered, is tight.) Eric is currently vacationing with his wife in California, and will return to Albany in early September.

In the meantime, he has some items on a household wish list:

- 1-2 bedroom rental apartment or house with a fenced area for a dog.
- Dresser
- Double bed
- Couch, 2 kitchen chairs, recliner or comfortable chair

If you have an item to loan or donate, Eric would greatly appreciate it. Please do not bring items to the church. Just contact Graham Kislingbury to make arrangements: 541-974-2075 or g.kislingbury@comcast.net.

Thank you to anyone who can help.

DEACON TEAM A GATHERING

All members of Deacon Team A are encouraged to attend a brief meeting with Douglass Anne following worship on Sunday, Sept. 20 in the Cornerstone Room. We want to assure that all the service spots on the schedule are filled, and we will review responsibilities. Deacons will also have the opportunity to hear and ask questions about the worship plan for October and how communion and offering will be handled. Please make every effort to attend.

Deacon Team A: DeeDee Blais, Jerry Blais, Anne Catlin, Rich Catlin, Joann Humphrey, Kym O'Hare, Evelyn Ranck, Stephan Selvage, Jim Somppi, Candice Muckey, Sue Stein

THANK YOU

Thank you to Nancy Marshall for purchasing a new stool for the Reiki room. It makes giving Reiki even more comfortable, and the gift is very much appreciated.

Reiki Group

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the cards, wishes, and joy that you surrounded me with on my birthday! I am so grateful to be in this wonderful community and I am very glad to be back in worship with you after several weeks away! Thank you for helping to make my birthday and my first day back with you so fantastic!

With joy,

Douglass Anne

LOOKING AHEAD

Aug. 16

Pet Blessing service at the Bryant 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.

Aug. 28-29

Harry Potter Lock-in for Youth

Sept. 6

No 8 a.m. Worship

10 a.m. Labor Day worship with the Presbyterian Church on the courthouse lawn

Sept. 13

Homecoming Sunday

Welcoming our interim pastor and showcasing our ministries at the church

Sept. 27

After Worship: Congregational Meeting

Oct. 17

Fish Food Drive

TRUE COMMUNITY

BIKE RIDE

Six riders turned out for the third annual After-Church Bike Ride on Aug. 2. From left are Rolland Gaal, Teralee Weir, Doug Weir, Paul Pritchard and Stephan Selvage. (Graham Kislingbury is not pictured). The 10-mile ride took the cyclists along the river trails in east Albany and Millersburg. They made stops at Subway for lunch and Hasty Freez for ice cream. Other than a few benign raindrops at the start, it was a perfect day for a ride.



OTTER BEACH PARTY

You are invited to the annual
Beat the Heat



Sunday, August 16, 5:15-7:15 p.m.

(two hour pool rental)

Osborn Aquatic Center, 1940 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis

Bring a food dish to serve at least 6 - 8 people

A - I: Dessert

J - Q: Salad

R - Z: Casserole or Main Dish

Table service and drinks are provided by FCC Corvallis

Important: Bring yourself, friends joy and laughter! See you there!

Donations accepted

Sponsored by First Christian Church of Corvallis and
First Christian Church of Albany



DEEP CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

The church's fall quarter launches on Sunday, Sept. 13 with a Homecoming Sunday Celebration. The morning starts with 8 a.m. Worship in the Round followed by coffee house at 9:30 and worship at 10 a.m.

A ministries fair, highlighting the ministries and activities of First Christian Church, will be held after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

This fall-kickoff event will introduce Interim Pastor Eric Dale (Sept. 13 is his first Sunday with us) and all interested people to the ministries we are offering.

We hope to have tables with representatives from Community Meal, Prayer Shawl Ministry, CWF, Elders, Deacons, Reiki Ministry, Youth Programs, Book Studies and a proposed Foundational Team, whose focus will be on membership, stewardship and welcoming/hospitality.

Instead of our traditional coffee hour set-up that morning, snacks will be available at each of the Ministries Fair tables.

We are looking for people to staff and provide information and displays for each of the tables. If you can help, please contact Graham Kislingbury at 541-974-2075 or g.kislingbury@comcast.net.

Parents will have the opportunity to fill out permission slips and information sheets for the new school year's programming for children and youth.

Below: Dalaynee Houser tells the congregation about the activities of her Brownie troop which meets at the church.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR

Our church is looking for new and returning choir members.

POSITIONS: are open in soprano, alto, tenor, bass, and even some in between.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.

EXPERIENCE: Successful participants are usually those who have sung, hummed, or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some time.

BEGINNING WAGE: Increased mental stimulation, satisfaction and joy in the service of God.

FRINGE BENEFITS: Social Security. We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members.

STARTING DATE: 9/9/15

HOURS: Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 & Sunday mornings. There is occasional opportunity for overtime.

We are an equal opportunity musical group!

Suggestions for singing in a church choir

1. It is usually recommended that everyone sing the same piece.
2. Become nervous at every repeat sign wondering whether to take the repeat this time or not.
3. If you sing a wrong note, give a nasty look to the person next to you.
4. Take your time turning pages.
5. If everyone gets lost except you, follow those who get lost.
6. If a passage is difficult, slow down. If it's easy, speed up. Everything will work itself out in the end.
7. When everyone else has finished singing, you should not sing any notes you have left over.
8. A wrong note sung timidly is a wrong note. A wrong note sung with authority is a musical interpretation.
9. God grants extra blessings for harassing the choir director.
10. If on Sunday morning you wonder if we actually practiced the piece we are singing, don't worry, everyone else is thinking the same thing.

PASSION FOR JUSTICE

GUITAR CONCERT TO BENEFIT FISH OF ALBANY

You're invited to a 3 p.m. concert on Sunday, Sept. 20 at Faith Lutheran Church in support of Fish of Albany. This concert by solo guitarist Jim Greeninger will help Fish as it continues to help the most vulnerable in our community with food boxes, clothing, bus tickets, gas vouchers and more.

Tickets are \$10 each. The limit is 200 tickets so get your tickets early.

Tickets are available at www.FaithAlbany.org.

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 5-10 minutes of Reiki, go the back row of chairs where there will be two willing givers.

"The Reiki Ministry members have enjoyed offering Reiki to the congregation during 10 a.m. worship. We appreciate the openness and the wonderful worship setting in which to practice. Many came to receive healing touch. I hope your experience was fresh and gave you a new worship experience.

From the giving side, I can speak only for myself - giving Reiki during worship offered a new perspective on everything during worship... the word, the music, the movement. I received much inspiration as I saw people willingly make their way to a Reiki chair. Being an active part of the worship experience was new and wonderful. We all receive blessings when we share touch." – Deb Burchfiel

**SAVE THE DATE:
FISH FOOD DRIVE
8:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCT. 17**

COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

Gordon Kirbey is resuming his responsibilities as "Food Production Manager" of the Community Meal. In this role he will oversee the management of the kitchen, including purchasing staples, facilitating week-to-week transitions, and general oversight. He will be the lead cook twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who stepped up so strongly during Gordon's recovery period.

- To Charlotte Smith, who took on the huge task of organizing volunteers to fill the many tasks, as well as serving as lead cook on many Tuesdays
- To Nancy Powell who is Charlotte's "right hand" and who also steps up to be lead cook as needed
- To Gary Ruppert and Joy Guttenberger, who both became lead cooks and will continue in those roles one Tuesday a month.
- To Don and Wilma Albright, already deeply committed CM. volunteers, who took on additional tasks in the food preparation area
- To Marge Wright, Kathy Butler, and Judy Ross, to name a few, who spent more time in the kitchen than their usual commitment

We are grateful to have Gordon back and for all the outpouring of support over these past months.

The spirit that drives and infuses the Community Meal is stronger than ever!

GRADE SCHOOL CAMP THIS WEEK

This week, we have five grade school campers at church camp at Suttle Lake: Henry Catlin, Grace Catlin, Riley Bond, Lucy Rouse, Beth Rouse.

Please hold these campers in your prayers. If you want to send mail, the address is: 29551 Suttle Lake Road, Sisters, OR 97459.

PRESCHOOL HAS OPENINGS

Our preschool still has a few openings in four of our classes. If you know someone who is looking for a preschool, please refer them to our director, Beth Morse.

Preschool starts after Labor Day. School orientation is Wednesday, Sept. 9, and classes start Sept. 10.



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. If you have questions, talk to Douglass Anne.



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