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GOOD NEWS

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SUNDAYS AT NINE

On Sept. 27 and Oct. 4, Beth Hogeland will lead us in conversation about transitions during Sundays at Nine. The discussion is based on the book, "Transitions," by William Bridges.



The conversation began on Sept. 20 and will continue for two more weeks. If you have questions, feel free to contact Douglass Anne Cartwright or Beth Hogeland.

On Oct. 11 and running for six weeks, there will a study of the book "Whole: A Call to Unity in Our Fragmented World" by our General Minister and President of the Christian Church, Sharon Watkins. We are looking for lay people to share the leadership of this study. Contact the church office if you are willing to take a turn.



Associate Pastor Douglass Anne Cartwright and Interim Pastor Eric Dale

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SEPT. 27

Plan to attend our congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, Sept. 27. Come hear an update of what's ahead in the life of our church, a financial report and an open mic time.

FIVE TASKS OR STEPS OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD

In my sermon on Sept. 13 I spoke about five developmental steps or tasks that are normal for all churches undergoing a change of pastors. They are not necessarily chronological and each individual church attends to each step in a fashion appropriate to its circumstances.

Briefly put they are as follows. We will explore them in more detail in the future.

- Coming to terms with your history
- Discovering a new identity
- Renewing linkages (with the larger church)
- Leadership shifts and development
- Committing to a new future

One crucial thing to remember in this interim or transition time is that **change** is inevitable, it is indeed the very nature of reality, of our life in this world. We can't change that. What we do have a say about is the nature of the **transition**, that is, how we deal with the change(s), *how* we get from "A" to "B." A dynamic and positive transition leads, through the grace of God, to **transformation**.

Blessings,
Eric

TRANSITION TEAM AT WORK

Our six-member transition team will hold its first meeting of the fall season with regional minister Cathy Myers Wirt on Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m. Now that our interim pastor, Eric Dale, has started work, the team will talk about what comes next.

Members of the transition team are Chet Houser, Ross Jackson, Graham Kislingbury, Linda Lees, Paula Moore, and Nadine Wood.

Church Family News

In Our Prayers

Family of LaVira Wines, who died
Family of Bob Soleman, who died
Tony Wilson, who injured his knee
Steve Etzel, who fractured his wrist
Larry Stothoff in hospice care
Laverne Bilyeu, recovering at home
Leon and JoAn Widmer
John Phillips
Neta Couron
Mary Lou Estes
Fern Dixon
Joan Miner
Jen Collins
Linda Bricker
Jan Goby
Nancy Robb's brother
Harrayette Anderson
Sarah Mack's stepmom

Attendance and Giving

Sunday, Sept. 13

General Fund giving \$5,772
Building Fund giving \$1,860
Attendance 106

Sunday, Sept. 20

General Fund giving \$4,133
Building Fund giving \$465
Attendance 100

General Fund giving in Sept. \$13,666
Amount needed monthly \$24,322

Building Fund giving in Sept. \$2,965
Amount needed monthly \$8,950

Net income: \$1,003

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 our pastors following worship on Sunday, Oct. 18 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 November 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, and Maura Wilson.

MEMORIAL SERVICE SET FOR OCT. 3

A service to celebrate the lives of Bob and Barbara Soleman will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, in our sanctuary. Both Bob and Barbara were active members of our congregation for years before they moved to Alabama. In August Bob died and his son would like to have a service to celebrate the lives of both parents. Barbara died in 2000.

The service will be followed by a finger-foods reception in fellowship hall. If you are willing to help provide food, serve at the reception, or clean up, please contact the church office.

CORN MAZE OUTING FOR YOUTH

All youth are invited to go on a trip to Bose Family Farm in N. Albany for a corn maze, hay ride, and a campfire with s'mores. Our group will be joined with the youth from United Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to go, RSVP to Douglass Anne or the church office by Oct. 4.



MEET WITH DOUGLASS ANNE AT RED DAISY

Douglass Anne will have office hours at Red Daisy on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. Youth are invited to come hang out after school (on those early release days) and parents, children, and church members are welcome, too. Red Daisy is at 115 Ellsworth St. S.W. in downtown Albany.

(No Red Daisy office hours on Sept. 30, Nov. 4, Nov. 25, and Dec. 30.)



LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 11

Youth outing to Corn Maze

Oct. 16

Regional Women's Retreat at Murray Hills Christian Church

Oct. 24

8:30 a.m. Fish Food Drive at First Assembly of God Church

Oct. 25

2-4 p.m. Children's Pumpkin Decorating and Cookies

5-7 p.m. Youth Pumpkin Carving and Soup Supper

Oct. 31

Trunk or Trick hosted by our youth for the community

Nov. 19-21

Reiki training led by Rev. Elaine Andres

Nov. 26

1 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Dec. 13

Christmas Musical presented by our children and youth

Dec. 20

Christmas Cantata by our choir

TRUE COMMUNITY

NAME TAGS HELP US GET ACQUAINTED

For the next few months, we will encourage 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 interim pastor, Eric Dale, as he 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.

POTLUCK & GAMES NIGHT

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 • 5-7 P.M.

Join your church family for an evening of fellowship and fun. Bring a potluck dish to share, your favorite board games and your own table service. Beverages will be provided.

We'll start by enjoying dinner together and then have a time of playing games. It will all be wrapped up in time for kids to get home and get ready for bed or to finish homework.

YOUTH TO HOST TRUNK OR TREAT ON HALLOWEEN

On Saturday, Oct. 31, FCC Albany youth will host a Trunk or Treat carnival in our parking lot. Trunk or Treat is a fun and safe place for children to enjoy Halloween festivities and will be another opportunity for our church to reach out to the Albany community.

The name "Trunk or Treat" comes from the set-up of the carnival. Imagine our parking lot filled with cars whose trunks are open and decorated with Halloween fun - some have games and lots of candy. Children from our church and the community will be invited to go trick or treating from trunk to trunk, and



participate in other fun activities around the parking lot.

We will need YOUR help to make this Trunk or Treat as awesome and fun as it can be. Stay tuned for the ways you can help, whether you decorate a trunk, lead a carnival game or activity, or donate candy!

DEEP CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

WAYS TO GIVE AT FCC

- **Share during worship.** Give the old-fashioned way, with cash or check, when the offering plate comes your way.
- **Mail a check.** Your bank probably does it for free if you include the church in your regular “bill pay” schedule online.
- **Set up an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).** Money goes from your account directly to the church, repeating on the schedule that you set.

- **Donate stock or other assets as a one-time gift.**
- **Use the new Donate button on our website.** Recently we set up a donate button for receiving donations on our website (www.fccalbany.com).

Here are the steps: (If you would like more detailed instructions with photos of the actual screens, please stop by the church office.)

Step 1

Go to the church website: www.fccalbany.com.

Step 2

Scroll down and click on the Donate button (on the right side of the page, above “Upcoming Events”).

Step 3

- a) Fill in the “Purpose” with the designated fund (General Fund, Building Fund, Youth, etc.).
- b) Fill in the “Donation Amount.”
- c) If you have an PayPal account, log in with your email and password. If you do not have a PayPal account, click the link that says “Continue.”

Step 4

Fill in the your credit card information and then click the “Review Donation and Continue” button.

Step 5

Make sure your information and donation amount are correct and then click the donate button. Once your gift has been made, we get a receipt and you get a receipt via email.

Note: PayPal charges 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction, so the church doesn’t receive 100% of what you give through PayPal.

REIKI TRAINING & BOOK STUDY

Rev. Elaine Andres will offer Reiki training on Nov. 19-21 at our church. If you are interested in this 12-hour training, contact Deb Burchfiel. Cost is \$225. Former students may audit the class at no charge. Registration forms are available in the church office and must be returned a week before the first session.

Deb Burchfiel and Kris McLaughlin are also planning to start a book study on “God’s Touch – Faith, Wholeness, and the Healing Miracles of Jesus” by Bruce Epperly. If you are interested, you can sign up on the clipboard on the rolling counter on Sunday morning.

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. Here are the times and days:

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.

REGIONAL WOMEN’S RETREAT

Our regional church is offering its annual Women’s Retreat on Oct. 16-17 at Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton. The theme this year is “Lift Every Voice!” and the speaker will be Rev. Sandhya Jha.

To register, go online to www.oidisciples.org. The deadline to register is Oct. 9.



Christian Women’s Fellowship
will meet at 1 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 28, in the Cornerstone Room.
This will not be a potluck.

PASSION FOR JUSTICE



FISH FOOD DRIVE

The church will participate in this year's Fish Food Drive during October. Please bring non-perishable canned, boxed and packaged food to worship with you each Sunday. Let's fill the front of the sanctuary with food!

This food will fill the Fish food pantry and be disbursed throughout the year to hungry families and individuals.

The youth will be going house-to-house on Saturday, Oct. 24 and will need adult drivers and helpers. Please call the church office if you can help.

If you can bring your donations to church by Friday, Oct. 23, we can add them to the food drive on Saturday, Oct. 24. You can start bringing donations in October.



Douglass Anne is offering a new opportunity for FCC youth to gather once a month for conversation about faith questions while eating delicious frozen yogurt.

The next Faith & FroYo gatherings will be 7-8 p.m. Oct. 13, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 at Yogurt Extreme in the Fred Meyer shopping center.



HOMESTRETCH

7-9 P.M., SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

THE PIX THEATER

321 SW 2ND AVE., ALBANY

The Homestretch is an award-winning documentary film about youth homelessness. The viewing is free and open to the public, though some serious themes may not be appropriate for children under 12. A short discussion after the film will address local youth homelessness and ways to make a difference.

This free event is sponsored by Jackson Street Youth Shelter and The Pix Theater.

Jackson Street Youth Shelter is one of the organizations that our church supports in its ministry to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth in our community.

WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING

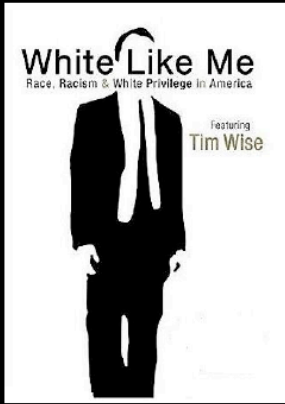
If you are interested in resuming the yearlong book study of "We Make the Road by Walking" with a small group that will meet once a month, please contact Graham Kislingbury at 541-974-2075.

Linn-Benton Community College
Department of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and
Community Action for Racial Equity (C.A.R.E.)

FILM SCREENING

"White Like Me is a phenomenal educational tool in the struggle against racism... Tim Wise cogently shows whites receive systemic privilege and forcefully challenges the nonsense that by being color-blind, Americans can get beyond the nation's racial hump."

—Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Ph.D.
Author of *Racism Without Racists*



When:
October 11, 2015

Location: Albany Public Library
(2450 14th Ave. SE, Albany)

Time: 4-6 PM

Questions: 541-917-4461

ABOUT THE FILM *WHITE LIKE ME*:

An exploration of race and racism in the US through the lens of whiteness and white privilege. It reassesses the American ideal of meritocracy and claims that we've entered a post-racial society. An examination of race-based white entitlement programs that built the American middle class.

Tim Wise's live lecture October 14, 2015 in Albany at LBCC's Forum Lecture Hall: F104 at 2:00 P.M. and in Corvallis at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center at 7:00 P.M.

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ANTIRACIST SPEAKER IN OCTOBER

The King Legacy Committee of Corvallis, LBCC's Department of Equity, Diversity (EDI), and Inclusion, Oregon State University, and the Linn Benton Partnership for Diversity will co-host one of the country's foremost antiracist essayists, educators and authors, Tim Wise. You are invited to Wise's lectures at LBCC and OSU on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The LBCC lecture will begin at 2 p.m. in the large Forum Lecture Hall F104.

The OSU lecture will begin at 7 p.m. at LaSells Stewart Center. This is a tremendous opportunity to expand your understanding if you have ever been engaged with issues or debates that touched on topics of race, white privilege, or the notion of color-blindness in the U.S. This presentation will stimulate a lot of internal thought and reflection or perhaps even motivate you to continue your learning about the subject.

TIM WISE
antiracist essayist, educator, author of:
WHITE LIKE ME & COLORBLIND

Two Mid-Willamette Valley Lectures: October 14, 2015
◆ **Albany:** LBCC Forum Lecture Hall F-104, 2 P.M.
Questions: 541-917-4461. For special accommodations 541-917-4789
◆ **Corvallis LaSells Stewart Center, OSU 7 P.M.**
Questions 541-737-3665

"The story of American history is the tendency of good white Americans to presume racial innocence. Ignorance of how we are shaped racially is the first sign of privilege. In other words, it is a privilege to ignore the consequences of race in America."
—Tim Wise

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